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Union Leaders Protest Rulings Of Price Board

Government's Latest Aid To The Profiteers Shows Need For Renewed Union Wage Fight

By Art Preis

The Price Decontrol Board's rulings have given another stiff jolt to the trade union leaders' policy of dependence on the capitalist government to prevent price rises. The government's latest aid to the profiteers and price gougers has posed squarely the need of renewed struggle for higher wages.

CIO leaders, who had concentrated all their efforts to get a "roll-back" of prices, were compelled to denounce the Decontrol Board's rulings.

Philip Murray, CIO President, charged on August 21 that the Decontrol Board's decisions mean freeing 50 per cent of all food prices from any regulation. The he said, has given a free hand to "speculators, greedy for profits, to push prices up."

John Thornton, Chairman of the CIO Cost-of-Living Committee, said that failure of the three-man Decontrol Board of bankers and businessmen to reinstitute price ceilings for dairy products and grains will bring "greater inflation to the American people."

"Soaring grain prices," he said, "will pull up the price of all products dependent on grain, such as flour, pork, milk and similar products."

POLICY BANKRUPT

It is clear from the CIO leaders' own admissions that their policy of relying on the Big Business government to "control" prices is bankrupt.

Yet, neither they nor the AFL leaders propose any real campaign of union action to win higher wages to protect the workers' standard of living from soaring prices.

The CIO leaders pay lip service to the "need for immediate wage increases." They propose nothing to win pay raises but an appeal to Truman to call another farcical labor-employer conference.

As for the AFL tops, their policy is best shown by the recent radio statement of Robert J. Watt, AFL representative on the National Wage Stabilization board. Watt called on American workers — his statement is published approvingly in the AFL Weekly News Service, August 6 — "to tighten their belts and work harder than ever before."

(More On Union Wage-Price Policy. See page 2). (See article on Page 3 and Editorial on Page 4).

Decontrol Board's Decisions Pave Way For Higher Prices

The Price Decontrol Board, composed of two bankers and an industrialist, on August 20 released its widely-awaited decision on five basic food commodities: meat, cottonseed and soybeans, grains, milk and dairy products. Of these, only meat, cottonseed and soybeans will go back under ceilings — but with major concessions to the price-gougers. Dairy products and grains, despite their soaring prices, will remain uncontrolled.

Immediately after this announcement, the OPA raised prices on fats and oils. It postponed the setting of meat ceilings to September 9, with the avowed intention of allowing dealers "to sell off the meats they have acquired at above-ceiling prices."

PACKERS THREATEN

While workers' families are being forced to pay top prices for meat still on the market, the meat packers are brazenly proclaiming their defiance of future controls. They threaten to divert supplies to the black market, as they did under the former OPA. And "they expect the pickings to be better than ever," as one New York meat dealer proclaimed.

George A. Eastwood, president of Armour & Co., threatened: "We can look forward only to a return of erratic meat distribution, of black markets. In Omaha, Stockyards President Harry B. Coffee, tried to pass the buck to "producers and feeders" who "won't sell their cattle at ceiling prices." In Washington, the U. S. Chamber of Commer-

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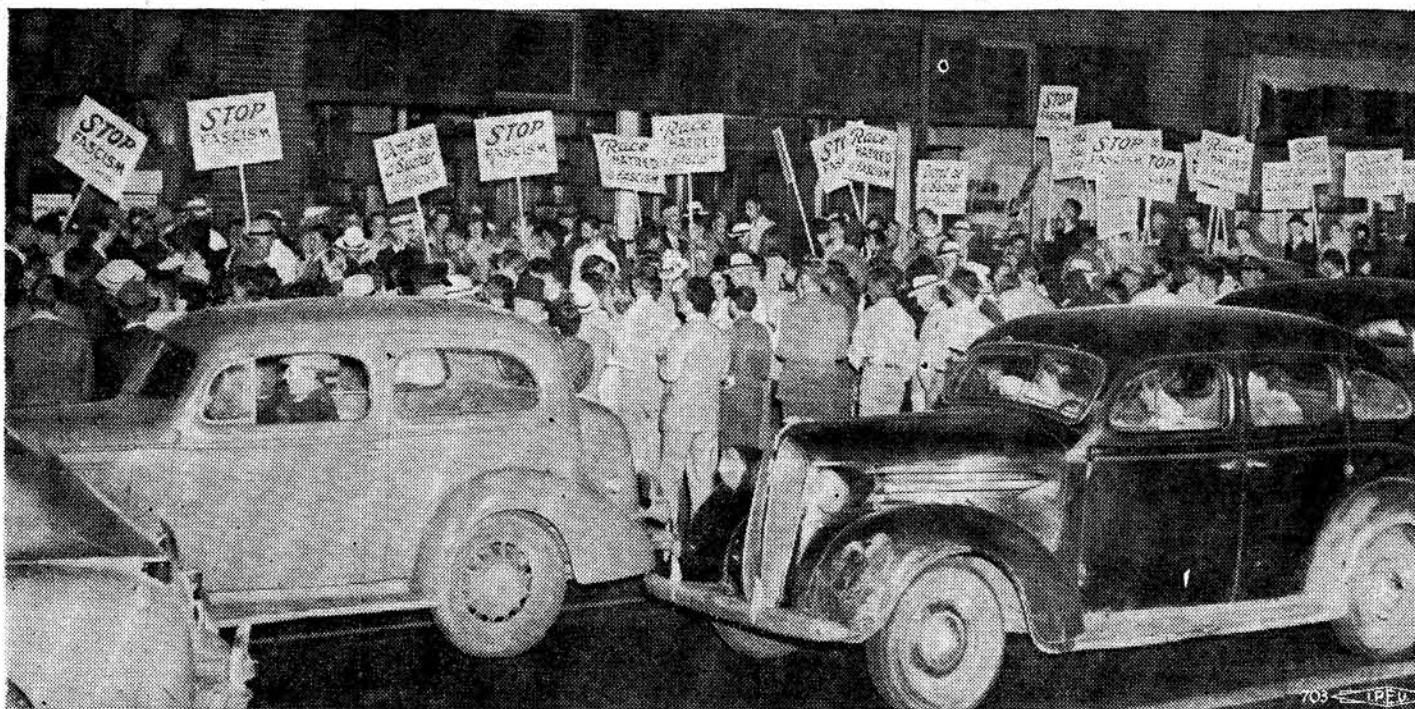
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MINNEAPOLIS PICKET-LINE SMASHES FASCIST RALLY

Hot Reception For Fascists In Minneapolis



Part of the united labor picket line in Minneapolis which demonstrated against Gerald L. K. Smith's fascist rally and then routed Smith and his gang in a pitched battle inside the Leamington Hotel on August 21. Participants in the picket

line included members of the AFL, CIO, Railroad Brotherhoods, Negro, Jewish and veterans' groups and working class political parties, including the Socialist Workers Party. (More pictures: See pages 2 and 6).

"Big 4" Meat Packers Receive Strike Notices

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Aug. 24 — The CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America has filed formal strike notice upon the "Big Four" of the meat packing industry — Armour, Wilson, Swift and Cudahy.

Carlson concluded: "There is no reason why we should not pull U. S. Marines out of China."

The August 24 Army and Navy Bulletin, however, opposes any withdrawal: "The Marines are in China because of the predatory policy of Soviet Russia."

This means that Wall Street wants the Marines held in China not only to bolster Chiang Kai-shek's despotic regime, but also to prepare for a thrust against the Soviet Union in the Third World War.

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Mississippi Lynch Posse Seizes 14 Negroes In Savage Man-Hunt

Legalized lynch gangs, led by police and deputies, are extending the reign of Jim-Crow terror and murders unleashed by the Southern white ruling class and its political agents like Talmadge, Bilbo and Rankin.

A Mississippi lynch "posse" of 300 race-hating whites, headed by county sheriffs, deputies and state police, early last week were combing the desolate swamplands near Magee with bayoneted packs of bloodhounds.

Their prey were 17 Negro men, women and children who had fled for their lives to hide out from a fresh lynch assault.

The savage man-hunt, recalling the days when the slave-masters tracked down escaped slaves, ended on August 21 when 14 Negroes were rounded up and confined in three Mississippi jails. The present fate of these Negro victims is unknown. Not even reporters have been permitted to see them. One of the victims is John Craft, 22, a Marine veteran.

The man-hunt began on August 18 after deputies and state police went to the Craft family's home to "investigate" an alleged dispute between Negroes and a white motorist on a highway nearby. The officers claimed they were "ambushed" and four whites shot.

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IN THE NEWS

There Is No Peace At "Peace" Parley

PARIS, Aug. 16 — "I don't know if diplomats are even disillusioned," a gloomy member of the British Commonwealth peace delegation said today, "but if this peace conference doesn't disillusion 'em they can't be disillusioned."

Then he added as an afterthought: "This is like no peace conference I ever heard about — in fact, I sometimes wonder if it's really a peace conference."

—Associated Press.

Bottom Drops Out Of UN Conference

In an effort to put pressure on 2,500 strikers at the Kroehler Mfg. Co. in Naperville, Ill., the company claims it will not be able to deliver 1,858 upholstered chairs for the new headquarters in Flushing, N. Y., of the United Nations General Assembly when it meets in September.

Forced to Scab, Can't Collect Pay

Army troops were forced to drive scab trucks in the Chicago truck-drivers' strike of May-June, 1945. Last week the Illinois Motor Truck Operators Assn. challenged a government claim for payment of wages due soldiers used as drivers during the strike.

Might Rub Polish Off The Big Brass

General Jonathan M. Wainwright on August 20 said he does not believe in "too much democracy" in the Army. "No one feels more kindly to the enlisted soldiers than I," he claimed, "but I do not believe in mixing too freely on terms of social equality."

Members of a white lynch mob who murdered John C. Jones, war veteran, in Minden, Louisiana, last week, were reported on their way to a Texas town to seize the only eye-witness of the crime, 17-year-old Albert Harris.

Harris was also shot by the lynch gang, but feigned death until they left the scene. It is reported that he boarded a bus out of Minden. When the bus arrived in Texas, about 200 miles away from Minden, Harris was not on it.

(More Lynchings Reported. See Page 6).

Workers Rout G.L.K. Smith; Shout, "No Fascism Here!"

By Barbara Bruce

(Special to The Militant)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 22 — A united labor movement stopped Fascist Gerald L. K. Smith from speaking last night in Minneapolis. More than 1,500 pickets from AFL, CIO and Railroad unions, along with members of veterans, Jewish, Negro and working class political organizations, including the Socialist Workers Party, rallied in a fighting mass demonstration against America's No. 1 fascist leader.

When Smith's goons assaulted several pickets outside the fascists' meeting place at the Leamington Hotel, the aroused workers stormed the meeting hall and routed Smith and his followers in a pitched battle.

Smith's talk was originally booked for the Hennepin County Republican club rooms at 703 Third Avenue South. Long before meeting time, an organized picket line was formed under the direction of Walter Frank, secretary of AFL Lathers Union, No. 190, and representative of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, who acted as picket captain.

Assistant picket captains were Henry A. Schultz, representing the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Lodge 102, and Earl Cluca, financial secretary of United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, representing the Hennepin County CIO Council.

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"Silent Parade" In Bay City Protests Against Lynchings

By Russell Morgan

(Special to The Militant)

SAN FRANCISCO — Solemn-faced pall bearers marching in the roll of muffled drums and carrying shrouded caskets symbolizing the death of "Freedom, Equality, Justice and Democracy" on August 11 led a "silent parade" of 5,000 Negro and white workers in protest against lynch terror in the South.

The protest was sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Among the organizations that marched were the CIO National Maritime Union; Ship-Scalers and Painters Union; CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards; AFL Miscellaneous Employees Union; CIO Longshoremen's Local 10; Socialist Workers Party; Communist Party and American Veterans Committee.

Bare-headed marchers, wearing black arm-bands, carried placards bearing such inscriptions as "Death to Georgia Lynchers," "Lynch Law is Fascist Law," "Save America from the KKK," and "Today Negro-Tomorrow You."

BRASS INTERVENES

An ominous note was struck by the military Brass Hats at the outset of the parade. Shore patrolmen removed four Negro navy enlisted men. It was learned later they were taken to Shore Patrol headquarters where they were lectured by a navy officer.

Richard Goggin, executive secretary of the San Francisco Area Council of the American Veterans' Committee, investigated this outrage. He was informed by a chief petty officer in charge of Shore Patrol that he "was acting on orders from the 12th Naval District." Goggin also said he saw shore patrolmen eject a WAC and five or six soldiers

from the line-up as the parade was forming early in the afternoon. These included three AVG members, he said.

The march went up Market Street to San Francisco Civic Center, where demonstrators assembled in the plaza before the steps of the City Hall.

Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, chairman of the memorial service and vice president of the local NAA CP, condemned the do-nothing policy of Washington. He said, "It is obvious that we cannot look to Washington for leadership in building democracy. We, the little people, regardless of race, color, or creed must build a movement which will fight for the equality of all."

SWP SUPPORT

Erwin Elber, trade union director of the California Labor School, said, "You have only two choices in this fight against fascism: terror. You can be terrorized or you can fight." He stated further that "these lynchings are manifestations of a south that is beginning to stir as a result of economic and political trends — Negroes are demanding the right to vote. Labor, both black and white, is beginning to organize. These are the reasons why the KKK is rising to fight the little people."

The Socialist Workers Party was successful in mobilizing enthusiastic support among its many militant readers. SWP leaflets were distributed and literature was sold.

Minneapolis Labor Pickets Smash Fascist Meeting, Drive G.L.K. Smith To Cover In Pitched Battle

(Continued from Page 1)

and the Minneapolis Jewish Action Committee.

Prominent in the picket line was the banner of the Socialist Workers Party proclaiming: "American Workers Do Not Want A Hitler—STOP Gerald L. K. Smith!"

MARCH THROUGH LOOP

A group of Smith's followers had gathered at the Third Avenue address, waiting for the door to be unlocked. Smith's secretary, Renata Legant, moved among the known Smith supporters in the crowd and told them to assemble in the ballroom of the Leamington Hotel.

When the picket captains gave the signal, the huge body of pickets marched down the street to the hotel three blocks away, singing "Solidarity Forever" and shouting "Down with the fascists!" As the picket line moved toward the hotel, the ranks swelled and the singing and shouting echoed throughout the loop.

STORMING THE HALL

As the first pickets reached the hotel, some of the Smith goons attempted to break up the line. Several of the pickets were attacked and knocked to the sidewalk. When the attackers fled into the hotel, the pickets stormed in after them.

Surging through the lobby, the pickets were met by a knot of fascists who attempted to bar the way to the ballroom where the meeting was to be held. With a mighty push, the Smith supporters were brushed aside and the pickets plunged on like a

great tidal wave toward the meeting hall.

Charging through a barricade of chairs which the fascists had thrown up to prevent the pickets from entering the hall, the shouting mass of labor anti-fascists made their way into the ballroom. In their frantic retreat, the fascists left broken chairs, tables, lamps and mirrors in their wake. Dozens of Smith's supporters fled through the windows. Those remaining in the hall scuttled to one corner of the room and huddled there.

WORKERS TAKE OVER

At the call of the picket captain, Walter Frank, all the pickets were seated. Frank's announcement that no Smith meeting would be held was greeted with resounding cheers. He reported that the hotel manager had refused to let Smith's meeting take place and ordered the fascists out, since the ballroom had been obtained under false pretenses. One of Smith's followers had rented the hall in the name of the "Northwest Pioneers."

The assembled pickets were then instructed to march in a body to the Minneapolis courthouse where an anti-fascist rally would be held. A rear guard of pickets was left at the hotel to see that instructions of the manager were carried out.

Smith came out of hiding only after the pickets left. He attempted to hold a meeting in the hotel lobby but only a handful of people remained. In one of his usual attacks on the labor movement and minorities, Smith declared to his followers that the demonstration was the work of "Jewish terrorists and Communists."

VICTORY MEETING

Following their captains' orders, the pickets marched to the courthouse, still singing, and chanting "Down with Smith!" Hundreds of workers, white and Negro, Jewish and gentile, Protestant and Catholic, along with veterans and students, poured into the hall. Here they cheered their picket captains who praised the conduct of pickets throughout the demonstration and their magnificent defense against the fascist attackers.

When Frank concluded a stirring address by stating that "the CIO, AFL, railroad brotherhoods, and independent unions must join forces in a common struggle against reaction in America," the hall rang with applause.

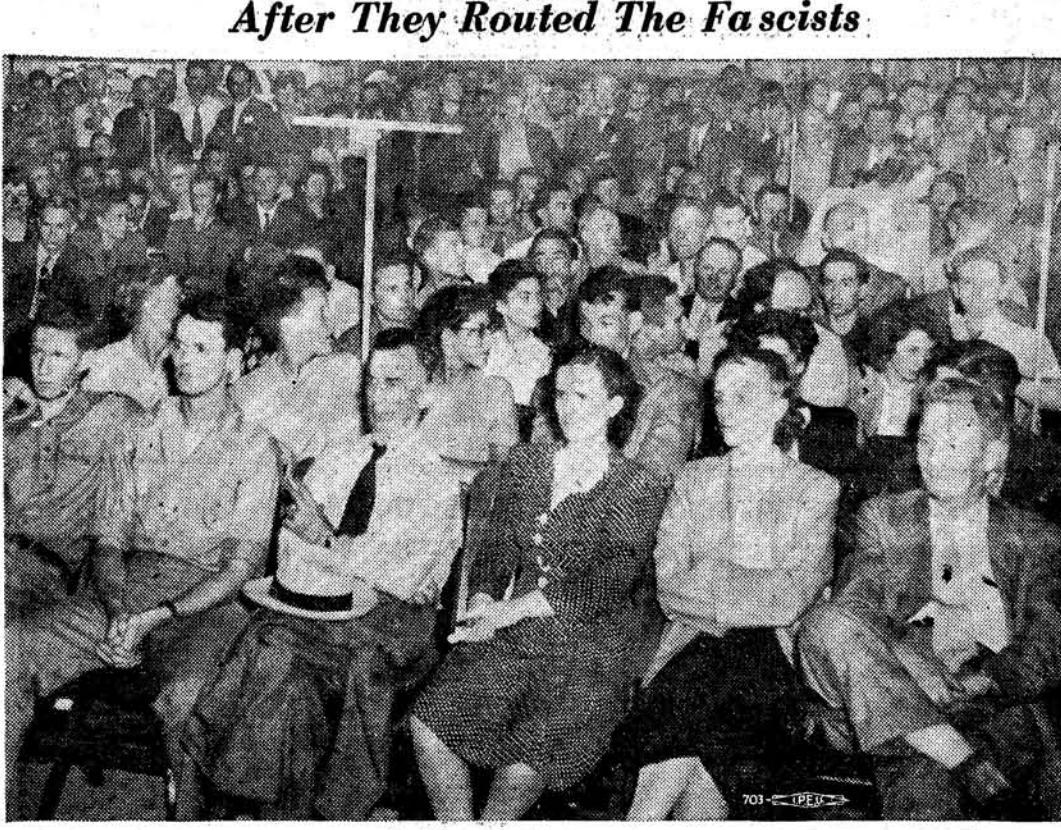
Others who spoke were Milton Siegel, Field Representative and Vice-President, District 2, of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers; Henry A. Schultz, spokesman for Lodge 102, Railroad Trainmen; Henry Piper, associate editor of *Labor Review*, official organ of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union; and Jerry Stoll, American Veterans' Committee representative. The meeting closed with a pledge to continue the organized fight against fascism in America. The crowd left singing "Solidarity."

GREAT TRADITION LIVES

This inspiring anti-fascist labor battle shows that the great tradition of working-class solidarity and militancy, built in Minneapolis during the thirties by the famous Minneapolis Drivers Local 544, is still alive. The spirit of labor struggle that the Roosevelt administration and AFL Teamsters President Tobin tried to crush during the war by the imprisonment of the Trotskyist leaders of Local 544, has survived.

Those leaders, like Vincent R. Dunn, played a prominent role in last night's anti-fascist fight.

In the 1941 Minneapolis Labor Trial, the basis of one charge against him and the other 17 defendants was their advocacy of union defense guards to defend labor meetings from fascist attacks.



After They Routed The Fascists

In the front row of pickets who assembled at the court house in Minneapolis after they routed fascist G. L. K. Smith, were the Trotskyist candidates in the forthcoming elections: Grace Carlson, candidate for Senator, fourth from left; and Dorothy Schultz, candidate for Congress, fifth from left. Next to Grace Carlson is V. R. Dunne, Socialist Workers Party national labor secretary. All were in the forefront of the anti-fascist struggle against Smith.

How Anti-Fascist Demonstration Was Organized In Minneapolis

By Barbara Bruce

(Special to The Militant)

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 22—The inspiring united labor anti-fascist demonstration that routed Gerald L. K. Smith's fascist rally here last night provided a real test of the different policies for fighting fascism advocated in the labor movement.

This demonstration was successfully organized despite efforts of the Communist (Stalinist) Party, which came to the aid of conservative members of the Jewish organizations in trying to prevent any kind of picket line.

In a so-called united front meeting on August 15, sponsored by Samuel L. Scheiner, secretary of the Minnesota Jewish Council, an attempt was made to put over a policy of "silent treatment" of Smith. Arguments for this do-nothing policy were made by Scheiner, representatives of the Round Table of Christians and Jews, the Mayor's Council on Human Relations, the Governor's Inter-Racial Commission, and the Urban League.

Grace Carlson and Elaine Roseland, Socialist Workers Party representatives at the meeting, led the attack against this policy and called for a vigorous mass demonstration against Smith.

In an attempt to put a straitjacket upon those pushing for militant anti-fascist action, Talmadge Carey, a stooge of Republican Governor Thye, moved that those present be bound by "unit rule." The meeting broke

up, however, when the SWP spokesmen, joined by representatives of the Workers Defense League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), refused to allow 11 people to stifle the anti-fascist sentiments of the working masses of Minneapolis.

A resolution calling for a mass picket line was adopted by Lodge 102 of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen on August 18.

Publicity given in the daily press to this action of the Railway Trainmen smashed the conspiracy of silence.

At a follow-up meeting held on August 19, the united front was bolstered by representatives of AFL, CIO and Railroad unions. Vincent R. Dunne, Socialist Workers Party labor secretary, read the party's printed leaflet calling upon the labor movement to demonstrate against Smith.

The SWP leaflet declared that "Smith's Road Leads to Fascism! Because . . . like Hitler, Mussolini, Bilbo, Rankin and their kind, he uses prejudice and totalitarian methods against human rights and democratic liberties . . . Rats—even small rats—carry plague. The spread of the fascist plague must be halted. It would be criminal to underestimate the danger."

Many others also denounced the policy of "silent treatment" and delegates present voted for a mass picket line by an overwhelming majority.

Instructions given by the united front grouping to issue leaflets in the name of all participating organizations were violated by the Stalinists, who announced the following day that the name of the Communist Party could not appear on a leaflet with the name of the Socialist Workers Party. The Minnesota Jewish Council, the Mayor's Council for Human Relations and other such organizations also refused to sign the leaflet.

Despite this disgraceful sabotage, Walter Frank, speaking for the Minneapolis AFL Central Labor Union, was able to obtain considerable publicity in the Minneapolis and St. Paul papers on the day of the demonstration when he called for mass picketing of the Smith meeting. Hundreds of trade unionists were brought to the picket line by the AFL Teamsters.

Matthews' letter to Chrysler corporation said: "Drastic wage cuts which rising prices have imposed on the hourly-rated and salaried Chrysler employees leave them with no other alternative than to hereby serve notice on the corporation of their desire to reopen the matter of a general wage increase."

The UAW top leaders apparently do not intend a really serious campaign for higher wages, despite their approval of the Chrysler action. They intended this move primarily as pressure on the government to "roll back" prices.

Up to now, the UAW leaders, along with the CIO leadership generally, have placed their emphasis on efforts to get the Big Business government to "control" prices. This has been supplemented by so-called "buyers' strikes" which have proved futile.

Decisions of the Price Decontrol Board last week have further disillusioned the auto workers about relying on the capitalist government to regulate prices in the interests of the workers. The pressure of the ranks for a real campaign for higher wages is expected to grow very rapidly.

Big RCA Local Urges Formation Of Labor Party

By James Dolan

(Special to The Militant)

CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 13—CIO United Electrical Workers Local 103, with over 6,000 members in the big Radio Corporation of America plant here, today went on record for the establishment of an independent labor party.

The resolution, introduced by the Local 103 Political Action Committee, will be submitted to the UE International convention in Milwaukee next month. The committee is headed by Arthur Wolfe.

Local 103 voted by overwhelming majority "that we want an independent labor party NOW" and that "PAC be reconstituted at once, with full and equal rights to the entire trade union movement, into an active independent labor party supporting only its own worker candidates." The local's delegates are instructed to fight for the resolution at the coming UE convention.

TIME TO ACT

Pointing to the record of Wall Street's parties, the Republicans and Democrats, in attacking labor and its living standards, the resolution says that the workers' problems "can be remedied only by political action which lies within the disciplinary control of the working people through their own organizations—not by further faith in the parties of the very employers who interests are diametrically opposed to ours."

The resolution attacks as a "lame excuse" the arguments of labor leaders who say "the time is not ripe" for a labor party. "We are disgusted with our own leaders who keep finding alibis for postponing the break with both boss parties," says the resolution.

Fascist Smith



Routed by workers

Union Leaders Continue Stall On Wage Fight

By Art Preis

Despite their protests against the Price Decontrol Board's rulings, the union leaders are apparently determined to continue their policy of stalling or openly opposing any fight on the wage front.

The reaction of the AFL top leaders to the Decontrol Board's rulings was stated by Robert J. Watt, AFL member on the Wage Stabilization Board, in an AFL radio program on August 24. He complained that "the price squeeze is aggravated by the government's rigid freeze of wages" and that "the AFL has become completely disillusioned with bureaucratic control of prices and wages."

TIGHTEN BELTS

He said: "We look forward anxiously to the day when such controls can be wiped out entirely." Until then, however, the AFL leaders advise the workers only to work harder until "supreme meets demand." In a previous broadcast, Watt had told the workers to "tighten their belts," and he had echoed the standard propaganda of the employers that a fight for higher wages "would only delay production further and at the same time accelerate inflation."

The CIO leaders, on the other hand, have vigorously condemned the view that the only way the workers can protect their standard of living is by working harder and turning out "more production" — and profits — for the corporations. They correctly charge that the employers have raised the hypocritical cry for "more production" to conceal the responsibility of the profiteers for the rising prices and to sweat even greater profits out of the workers through speed-up and longer hours.

The CIO leaders apparently look with more favor on demands for higher wages than the AFL leaders. The CIO tops have been under greater pressure from the ranks. Leading CIO unions, like the United Packinghouse Workers and United Automobile Workers, have raised new wage demands or are reopening wage contracts.

But the CIO leaders are putting forward no real program of union action on the wage front. They merely use the threat of new wage demands to put pressure on the government to "roll back" prices. The futility of this

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ONE YEAR AFTER "V-J" DAY

Yenan Mobilizes For War; Wall Street Backs Chiang

By Li Fu-jen

The civil war in China, in which the Kuomintang government is fighting to retain power in face of nation-wide rebellion against its continued rule, entered a new phase on August 19 when the Yenan government ordered a full-scale mobilization of its forces to meet the stepped-up offensive which Chiang Kai-shek has launched against the areas under Stalinist control.

Despite the intensification and widening of the conflict, Stalinist negotiators are remaining in Nanking, the Kuomintang capital, endeavoring to reach an agreement with Chiang Kai-shek for the establishment of a coalition government and the institution of democratic reforms.

Wang Ping-nan, spokesman for the Yenan negotiators, declared that the Stalinists "have no desire to overthrow the (Kuomintang) government." The mobilization order issued by Yenan, he said, "was not a declaration of war. It was in no way a mobilization of troops, but merely a moral mobilization." All the Stalinists want, he said, is "unconditional peace and a resolution of all problems according to the decisions reached at the all-party conference last February."

WAR FOOTING

Nevertheless, the Yenan order placed all Stalinist-controlled areas on a war footing and warned city and village authorities in those areas to take "all necessary precautions" against air raids. It called for the pooling of all resources for war and the conservation of food. Also, as broadcast from the Stalinist radio station at Kalgan, in Inner Mongolia, the order "emphasized that not only troops but all of China's Communist population was being mobilized." (United Press dispatch, Aug. 19).

According to the latest estimates, the Stalinist-controlled areas now embrace a population of 130,000,000. Regular troops in these areas number 1,200,000, in addition to more than 2,000,000 guerrilla fighters under arms. Chiang Kai-shek's armies total some 8,000,000 men.

As a condition for forming a coalition government, Chiang Kai-shek demands that the Stalinists relinquish control of vital communications (railroad areas) in north China, that they "integrate their armies" with those of the Kuomintang, and "that the Communist Party change its policy of seizing power by military force and transform into a peaceful party." In other words—total capitulation.

CONFISCATE LAND

Under the stress of civil war, and feeling the need of widening their base of popular support, the Stalinists are resuming their long-abandoned policy of land confiscation in rural areas entered by their armed forces, according to reports which this writer has received from China. This policy, while winning for the Stalinists new allies among the peasantry, is widening the gulf between the Stalinists and the Kuomintang by arousing revolutionary class warfare in other rural areas of landlord-ridden China.

In mortal fear of working-class uprisings in the cities, Chiang Kai-shek is cracking down on the trade unions, newly-arisen since the defeat of Japan. A United Press dispatch from Shanghai on August 12 said that government agents and police seized the offices of the Chinese Association of Labor in Chungking, a workers' hospital and two welfare centers built for the CAL from a fund of more than \$250,000 contributed by the CIO and AFL. Twenty officials of the CAL were arrested and held without charge. Similar seizures and arrests were made in Hankow and in Kwangsi Province.

APEAL TO LABOR

Protesting these acts and appealing to world labor to come to the support of the Chinese labor movement, Chu Hsueh-fan, president of the CAL, declared: "Labor's existence is in danger. Free trade unionism is the object of attack everywhere. Liberal meetings are broken up and liberal leaders go in fear of their lives. Those who voice opposition to the government do so at grave risk."

Wall Street and its government continue to stand firmly



CHIANG KAI-SHEK

on the side of the Kuomintang regime in its reactionary offensive against the Chinese masses. While actual American armed forces in China are small (some 20,000 Marines in North China), Chiang Kai-shek is being given unstinted material aid by the U. S. Speaking for Wall Street, which aims to turn China into a colony for exploitation and a base for war against the Soviet Union, the N. Y. Times, in an editorial on August 18, urged increased American military intervention.

"We must decide," the paper declared, "whether to appease the Russians and their Chinese allies or to confront them on the ground they have chosen to stage the world issue of Soviet imperialism . . . It hardly seems likely that we can submit to Soviet dominance in China or retreat from our commitments to that unhappy nation. A firm attitude on our part there may be the best hope for continued peace. We stand now on guard at the cross-roads of the Orient."

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British Gunfire Mows Down Indians In Calcutta "Riots"

By Larissa Reed

Another crime was chalked up on the bloody record of British imperialism in India, as Calcutta counted the enormous toll of dead and wounded in the four-day street battle in which Hindu and Moslem "rioters" were mowed down by British gunfire last week. This terrible bloodbath in unknown numbers" to support the police, and opened fire "time and again." Infantrymen with fixed bayonets charged into groups. Trucks and jeeps carrying the forces of "law and order" skirted around piles of corpses in the streets, their vehicles covered with wire mesh. British planes flew over the seething city.

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FAMILIES SLAIN

Teeming monsoon rains beat down upon the strife-torn city as the conflict subsided. Sanitation squads and volunteer workers began clearing away piles of bodies from the streets. Whole families, including children, were butchered. Many of the bodies, lying in ponds and rivers, and in the streets, had been hideously torn by vultures. Hospitals were jammed with the wounded. Smashed stores, burned buildings, and looting account for property damage of millions of dollars. During the strife all transport stopped. Public services, including communications, were seriously hampered. Factories as well as homes went up in flames. Thousands of natives fled from the city, bearing their belongings away on their heads.

Many of the city's poor were without food for days, while fruits, vegetables and eggs rotted on railway platforms and in barrel stores. Some food stocks were burned.

BRITISH "ORDER"

The British attempted to conceal their own role in the conflict. At the height of the clashes, on August 17, an India Office spokesman in London said that the "matter was one for Indians themselves to settle, although of course British troops would help to restore order."

Heavily-armed, steel-helmeted

Dutra Regime Suspends Press Of Brazil CP

(Special To The Militant)

MEXICO, D. F., Aug. 16 — The Dutra government of Brazil yesterday ordered the suspension for 15 days of *Tribuna Popular*, organ of the Brazilian Communist (Stalinist) Party.

In reporting the action, an August 15 Reuter dispatch from Rio de Janeiro quoted the order as stating that the police will use the period of suspension to investigate the general activities of the party. Brazilian political observers believe the order for suspension forbodes a more decisive step, possibly complete banning of the Brazilian Stalinist party.

Minister of Justice for the Dutra regime said he had issued the order for the suspension of *Tribuna Popular* because of information furnished by the Brazilian Police. He made no mention of the nature of the information.

Although suspension of its paper is the most drastic legal measure taken by the Dutra government against the Stalinist party, which was legalized about a year ago, it follows a whole series of hostile police actions. Dutra's police have fired on Stalinists outdoor meetings and used force to break Stalinist-led strikes.

Despite these despotic actions and despite the well-known reactionary character of the Dutra regime, Carlos Prestes, head of the Brazilian Stalinist party, has repeatedly offered his party's support to President Dutra. Only a few months ago Prestes begged permission to stage demonstrations supporting Dutra's regime as he had previously done for the Vargas dictatorship. This fawning servility to the reactionary Brazilian government is being repaid, as might have been expected, with repressive measures against the Brazilian Stalinist party.

Looking Forward To World War III



THERE IS NO PEACE!

One year ago, on September 1, the Japanese Government signed the articles of surrender that brought an end to the Second World War. But there has been no peace since then.

Today, on the first anniversary of the close of the most terrible slaughter in all history, the capitalist rulers are preparing a still worse slaughter. They are jockeying for position in a Third World War that can mean the end of civilization and even the extinction of mankind.

In China, Wall Street is feeding the flames of civil war. The Chinese people are gathering their forces to rid themselves of the hated, bloody, despotic regime of Chiang Kai-shek. But American imperialism wants to keep this dictator in power. Consequently Wall Street is throwing its vast financial, economic, and military power squarely behind Chiang Kai-shek in the ever-widening civil war.

In Yugoslavia, Wall Street has precipitated a crisis of such tension that in any previous decade it would have meant the outbreak of war. Why were American planes flying over distant Yugoslavia if not to provoke an "incident"? Such incidents are used by the war-mongers to whip up propaganda in preparation for war and for no other reason.

In Palestine, the Allied powers have deliberately torn up all the promises made the Jewish people. Instead of a land of their own, the Jewish immigrants have found only concentration camps. The crimes of Hitler against these people are being repeated by the Allies.

India is rumbling and seething like a volcano before it erupts. The Indian people want the freedom they were promised. They want to be rid of the hated foreign ruler. But the British maintain their troops in India in the face of the most bitter resentment and protest of the Indian people. Last week 4,000 victims were killed in Calcutta as the result of Britain's deliberate policy of divide and rule.

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struggle of the proletariat and of all the oppressed of the world for liberation. They offer a spotless banner."

—Leon Trotsky

Let Labor Beware!

The Nazis had no monopoly on atrocities. Here in the United States the storm troops of capitalist reaction show they are capable of bestial cruelty no different than that of the Nazis.

A description of one of the many recent Negro lynchings was made public last week by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The NAACP investigators tell what happened in Minden, Louisiana to John C. Jones, 26-year-old war veteran.

Jones was burned about the face and body with a blow torch after a horrible beating at the hands of the mob. The mutilated veteran's head had been struck repeatedly and his hands severed by a cleaver. The excessive heat and beatings caused his eyes to pop from their sockets.

We will spare the reader further guesome details of what the white ruling class is doing to terrorize the Negro people. It is being repeated again and again in the South—and in the North, as witness the murder of the Ferguson brothers in Freeport, N. Y., and the lynching of a Negro soldier recently in Seattle.

Who is really responsible for these atrocities? Are they just the spontaneous acts of "poor, ignorant crackers," as the capitalist press would have us believe?

The responsibility lies with the entire capitalist ruling class of America and all its political agents, from the top Federal administration on down.

They are deliberately maintaining and fostering the Jim-Crow system. One of the main props of Democratic administration is the Southern white ruling class of rich landowners and industrialists. They exploit the Negro as a source of cheap labor power. They sow division and race prejudice among the Negroes and poor whites—the better to make profits from both.

Big Business in the North welcomes this system. The low standards of the South help to pull down wages in the North. Racial division is a mighty threat against unionism. It is the most sinister weapon in the arsenal of the capitalist-financed native fascists, like G. L. K. Smith.

The German Nazis started with the Jews—and ended by demolishing the entire labor movement. America's ruling class is starting with another oppressed racial minority, the Negro people! Let organized labor beware!

The Wage Front

Just before the Price Decontrol Board issued its decision last week, the CIO leaders announced in a policy statement that: "We cannot accept a situation in which wages are frozen while the cost of living soars."

If this statement really means what it says, the CIO leaders would be urging a militant union campaign for higher wages.

But they have put forward no such proposal. They have merely proclaimed the "need for immediate wage increases," while offering no program to win wage raises.

The actual program of the CIO leaders consists of repeated futile appeals to the Big Business government to "roll back" prices. At the same time, they are trying to divert the workers' discontent into useless actions like the "buyers' strikes."

This program is bankrupt. This was again demonstrated sharply when the Price Decontrol Board last week issued the latest government price rulings to aid the profiteers. The CIO leaders themselves denounce these rulings as manning higher prices than ever. (See story on Page 1.)

If the CIO leaders do not organize and lead a real fight for higher wages, all their talk about "not accepting" frozen wages and higher prices is empty bluster.

The truth is they accepted this situation and will continue to accept it so long as they fail to fight for a program that can change the situation.

That effective program, as more and more CIO workers are coming to realize, is first and

foremost an organized union struggle for wage increases.

The union militants must insist that their top leaders cease begging the government of the capitalists to "roll back" prices. Instead, the slogan of the hour must be: Reopen All Wage Contracts!

A real fight must be launched on the wage front. And not just for fixed wage increases that can soon be wiped out by further price rises.

The one demand that will give immediate and effective protection against steadily rising prices is for wages that rise automatically and in direct proportion to rising prices. Into every union contract must be written a clause for a sliding scale of wages that provides automatic wage increases, above a fixed minimum, for every increase in the cost of living.

Bring Them Home!

The United States Marines held against their will in China have again managed to indicate in no uncertain terms that they want to come home. They succeeded in breaking into the ultra-conservative columns of Wall Street's mouthpiece, the N. Y. Times, with this demand. (See page 1.)

They were backed by Brig. Gen. Evans F. Carlson, who was stationed in China for many years. Carlson was widely publicized during the war for the spectacular activities of the Raiders under his command in the Pacific. At a mass meeting of veterans this authoritative military figure openly accused Wall Street interests of wanting the Marines held in China.

At first, spokesmen of the Truman Administration claimed the Marines were stationed in China to disarm the Japanese forces. When this excuse wore thin, Truman's propagandists claimed the Marines were needed to "guard" railway lines.

But Wall Street's real aims are more sinister.

First, Wall Street wants to prevent the Chinese people from ousting dictator Chiang Kai-shek. Huge quantities of war material have been turned over to this despot. His armies have been equipped with American-made arms. His officers have been trained in modern tactics by American instructors. American ships have been diverted to ferry his troops into strategic areas. And the American Marines in China have been stationed precisely where they can do the most good for Chiang Kai-shek.

Wall Street's second aim is preparation in the Far East for the war it plans against the Soviet Union. As the Army and Navy Bulletin blurts out, the withdrawal of the Marines would "be nothing more than the signal for Russia to extend its 'iron curtain' influence over the vast areas of the Chinese mainland." This double-talk constitutes the usual diplomatic camouflage that precedes war and that is designed to throw the blame on the "enemy."

Thus China constitutes a vast beach-head in Wall Street's blue print of the Third World War. In its drive to dominate the entire earth, Wall Street envisages the continent of Asia as a major battlefield. In preparation for this carnage, it insists on an all-out manufacture of atomic bombs at home while holding the Marines in advance positions in China as pawns in the chess moves leading to the projected war against the Soviet Union.

In the struggle against Wall Street's war aims, the labor movement should back the Marines to the hilt in their wish to get back home.

Withdraw the troops!

Stalinist Treachery In Palestine

New light has just been shed on the perfidious, double-dealing role of Stalinism in the struggle against imperialism in Palestine.

T. Cliff, Palestine Trotskyist and student of Middle East politics, reveals the full scope of the Stalinists treachery against the Jewish and Arab masses, in his article, "A New British Provocation in Palestine," published in the September Fourth International.

During the recent united Arab-Jewish strike, the Stalinists supported extreme nationalists in both the Jewish and Arab groups who were opposed to a united struggle against the British imperialists. Comrade Cliff writes:

"The Stalinists' habit of dragging after the 'nationalists' was displayed in its ugliest form during the last few days. While the Jewish Stalinists launched a struggle against the British White Paper and demand free immigration and settlement, one of their groups going so far as to join the world Zionist Organization, the Arab Stalinists sing laudations to the Grand Mufti, reactionary leader of Arab bourgeois nationalism."

In an article entitled "The Grand Mufti," Al-Ittihad, the Arab Stalinist weekly, wrote on June 23, 1946, in honor of the Mufti's arrival in Egypt: "Our struggling nation honors those who sacrifice themselves. The Arab nation in Palestine has shown vitality and faithfulness to its interests and those who work for them. Arab Palestine from end to end celebrated the good news... Arab Palestine expressed its feelings in its celebrations and demonstrations for every man who it is sure served his country faithfully."

The Stalinists support the Zionists, who aid British imperialism by opposing the rights of the Arab masses in Palestine. They praise the Grand Mufti, who aids British imperialism by urging a vast Arab slaughter of the Jews. This is nothing but double-dyed treachery to both the Jewish and Arab masses, whose only salvation lies in united struggle against their common imperialist oppressor.

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"Goodness—just look at those Communists, feeding the Russian bears!"

Workers' BOOKSHELF

BUILD A LABOR PARTY NOW

by George Clarke, Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y., 16 pp. 10c, 1946.

With recent facts fresh in the memory of every worker, this little pamphlet sums up the paradox of labor's position today—victories on the picket lines but defeats in politics—and outlines a road out. In vivid and forceful style it clinches the arguments to *Build a Labor Party NOW!*

Reviewed by Jeff Thorne.

MARCHING BLACKS

by Adams Clayton Powell, Jr., 1945, Dial Press, 214 pp.

The author of this book, formerly a member of N. Y. City Council and today a Congressman, aims to be a leader of the Negro people. He is opposed to the old form of subsidized black nationalism which "sanctioned Jim Crow and kept the South safe for white dominance." He is not only against the caste system of whites over blacks, but against caste divisions within the Negro population itself. He is enthusiastic about the growing present-day movement of the Negroes to unite with their white brother workers in common struggle.

Powell exposes in his book the role of so-called labor parties that fail to offer labor candidates but only endorse candidates of Wall Street's two old parties. He blasts the "lesser evil" theory of those who "keep postponing the labor party to some time that never comes." The "lesser evil" policy he points out, has given us Truman and his slave-labor proposals, and the most reactionary Congress since the end of the First World War.

Clarke shows how a national labor party, could at the very least, rally more than a third of the votes and easily elect a third or more of Congress. Any President, Democrat or Republican, would then think twice before proposing slave-labor laws.

At the end of the pamphlet is

an impressive list of candidates of the Socialist Workers Party in five state elections, from New York to the State of Washington. These candidates are running for Congress, U. S. Senate and for state offices, as "the only candidates fighting for an independent Labor Party."

The Socialist Workers Party is using this new pamphlet as part of its campaign literature, not only on behalf of its candidates but to advance the slogan which is the title of the pamphlet, *Build a Labor Party NOW!*

Reviewed by Jeff Thorne.

through preaching and reform. He admits, in his book, that when World War II broke out, "fifteen million black Americans found themselves politically disfranchised, economically exploited, socially ostracized and educationally underprivileged..." He admits that the same conditions prevailed all through the "War for Democracy." He admits that race hatred would grow fiercer after the war—already borne out in actuality.

Yet Powell still supports the capitalist system responsible for the enslavement of his people. He supports the Wall Street wars to enslave the rest of the world.

As a consequence he whitewashes the crimes of the American ruling class. In 1944, when the white rulers provoked the bloody massacre in Detroit which ended in the slaughter of 25 Negroes, Powell repeated the capitalist lie that "the Axis maneuvered the riot."

Powell's political program is hopeless. He wants only to reform the capitalist system, which today is thoroughly rotten and incapable of reform.

Powell proposes in his book that the "Marching Blacks"—all of them—should evacuate the South and move North. At the same time he admits that the "intolerant, anti-democratic, fascist prejudice concentrated in the South" is "spreading rapidly... into every section of America." Thus, he proposes an absurd and impossible "escape."

Powell's proposal is not the answer. The answer is to abolish the capitalist system which breeds discrimination and slavery. Only then will the "Marching Blacks" and the white workers wipe out the Lynch Law of the north as well as the south, and win their emancipation.

Reviewed by Larissa Red.

Peace-Makers At Work

By Bill Morgan

Flash! Staggering reports of inhuman working conditions imposed upon delegates at the Paris "peace" conference have finally leaked through the bunghole of official secrecy!

The facts, long suspected by people on the inside, have been uncorked by delegate Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, who blew his top when he realized that world peace was being endangered by the assembly-line pace at which delegates are driven.

Not since the Congress of Vienna (1814-15) have delegates been so overworked, said Mr. Masaryk, complaining that the total of official dinners, receptions, cocktail parties and other social functions have reached a head-splitting average of one and three-quarters parties a night! "Not even a debutante could stand it much longer," he gasped and then added, "It shows no sign of slackening..."

These official parties and receptions are mandatory and grave implications are found if a Foreign Minister or Finance Secretary absents himself from the dinner table of another. People whisper, "M. Masaryk's not here tonight. Is there a boundary problem between China and Czechoslovakia?"

After the conference closes for the day at the Palace of Luxembourg, the delegates are driv-

be prevented, according to the men who prevented World War I and World War II by secret diplomacy, the business must be transacted in an atmosphere of comfort and privacy. Hence the endless social whirl.

But the saturation point has been reached. The original strategy is being submerged by an epidemic of "delegates-fatigue"—an occupational hazard not to be confused with combat-fatigue or convoy-fatigue.

He shows further that price rises, unemployment, loss of overtime and downgrading have drastically reduced even these incomes in 1946.

Shishkin reminds us that in making comparisons of wages and profits we should note that "wages are the wage earners' gross income before he meets all of his costs. Profits, on the other hand, represent the net income of a firm or corporation, after all of its costs have been met."

At the end of World War II, the top 30 per cent of the income brackets controlled 15 billion dollars of personal savings—70 per cent of the national total. "Between 1939 and 1943, average corporate profits rose 128.2 per cent" and "war profits remained at an extremely high level for five years."

Shishkin then shows the net profits of 446 corporations in the first three months of 1946 as compared to the first quarter of 1945. For industry as a whole, he reports, "here, for the period which was supposed to be the worst for American business, we find that for the majority of key industries profits after taxes are higher in 1946 than in 1945."

Shishkin's article tells what a union committee can answer a boss who says, "A wage increase? If I granted the wages you ask for, the increased cost would run me out of business." The workers can tell him "who's making all the money."

PAC's "Box-Score" On 79th Congress

By Ruth Benson

The CIO Political Action Committee (PAC) has published a "box-score" on the 79th Congress, whose election in 1944 the PAC leaders hailed as "a great progressive victory." This same Congress, PAC now shows, actually voted 92 per cent of the time against PAC-endorsed measures and for laws bitterly opposed by labor!

The PAC lists the voting records of every single Senate and House member on 12 issues considered most important by the CIO. The House chart includes the Hobbs "anti-racketeering" Bill which subjects unions to judicial frame-ups; the anti-labor Case Bill; Truman's veto of the Case Bill; the Dirksen amendment for state control of the U. S. Employment Service; the Patman Housing Bill; the Elliot rider barring farm workers from Wagner Act benefits; Atomic Energy Bill; the Un-American Activities Committee; and four OPA-crippling amendments.

The Senate chart substitutes Truman's Draft-Labor Bill, FEPC, the Minimum Wage Bill, British loan, and the vote to close debate on the poll-tax, for the Case bill veto, Dirksen, Elliot, Atomic Energy and Un-American Activities bills.

In both cases, the votes of individuals considered favorable by the PAC are shown by a plus sign; unfavorable votes by a minus sign; failure to vote, by a zero. Each chart is a sea of minuses, faintly broken by other symbols.

Revealing as it is, however, this "box-score" doesn't tell the whole story. PAC admits it "does not show what a Congressman or Senator voted in committees or talked in debate. It does not show whether he fought aggressively for or against a particular issue, or whether he merely went along. Frequently they play for the record in the same way that a ball player 'plays for the grandstand.' Therefore, the total picture would be even worse than 92 per cent reactionary!

What PAC Doesn't Tell

It is significant that nowhere has the PAC listed specifically the records of Congressmen the PAC supported for election in 1944. That's the "box-score" which would reveal the true results of the PAC's policy of backing candidates of the capitalist parties, Democratic and Republican.

For instance, take the Truman draft-strikers bill—called the most vicious anti-labor bill ever sponsored by a President. The measure was rushed through the House in 40 minutes, by a 306-13 majority. **90 CONGRESSMEN ENDORSED BY PAC IN 1944, ONLY 7 VOTED AGAINST THE BILL.** Fifty voted for it; 33 were prudently absent. Two of "labor's friends," McCormack of Massachusetts and Voorhis of California, even fought for it on the floor! And the author himself—Truman—was PAC-endorsed in 1944. PAC's "box-score" doesn't even include this action!

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.

Dutch Reader Tells How Anti-Labor Drive In U. S. Affects All

It is of greatest interest that we in Europe should know what legislative measures have been brought into effect by Truman against the labor unions in case of strikes.

In my own circle, nobody could give a clear answer about the steps taken by the legislators—Congress and the Senate. You all know and are aware that what happens AGAINST the workers in the United States is an example for the European capitalist rulers. What was once the role of Germany for the ruling class, that is during the Hitler period, is now the role of U. S. big business and its anti-strike legislation in every form. The prime role of U. S. economy makes it the experimental laboratory for action against the world proletariat.

From Dutch papers we could not extract information about this subject. Be so kind as to inform us about the matter. If you have issued pamphlets, leaflets, papers, etc., concerning this, please send them. Cordial greetings.

B. M.

Amsterdam

Supports Program of Socialist Workers Party

I am not a member of any political party, since I am not an American citizen, but I want to send my moral support to anything done for the good of the people of the ear' who do the work. As I am as poor as "a needle without thread," there is not much financial support which I can send.

With the best wishes for the Socialist Workers Party.

M. M.

Minneapolis, Minn.

The Role of H. G. Wells

The death of H. G. Wells has provoked a lot of discussion among bourgeois critics as to his literary role, and stature. There were two Wellises—the early, orudising Wells whose novels demolished moth-eaten Victorian concepts in the field of education, marriage and politics. That was in his Utopian Fabian days. Then there is the more recent Wells, a pessimist, who predicted devastating wars which could destroy civilization, and thrust mankind back into barbarism.

When I was at the Mid-West Camp, I heard William F. Ward analyze the role of Mark Twain, another bourgeois writer of approximately the same period. I believe his analysis of Twain holds good for Wells also. For Wells, like Twain, wrote and developed in the Nineteenth Century, when capitalism was in ascendance not only in the U. S. but England, too. Wells, like Twain, became a literary captive of the capitalist system, the former in its period of decline. In his writings Wells was able essentially only to reflect the cynicism, despair and hopelessness of a ruling class grown decadent and reactionary. He could provide no answers to the burning questions of the day.

Today only writers who reflect capitalism and its cancerous ideology, only those who are clear and courageous enough to march arm in arm with the working class in the struggle for Socialism — are capable of playing a vital and significant role, and thus attaining truly great literary stature.

H. Daniels

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Trinidad Workers Mourn Antoinette Konikow

Editor:

The news reached us on August 7 of the death of Comrade Antoinette Konikow, one of the most steadfast and devoted to the cause of the working class, not only of America, but of the entire world.

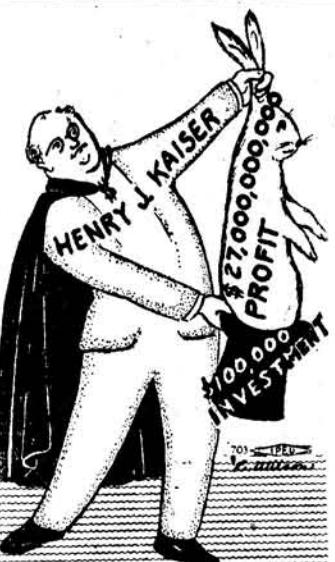
We, the members of the Negro Cultural and Social Association, mourn the loss of so valiant a woman; we therefore pledge to follow in her footsteps to achieve the victories for which she so valiantly fought.

We therefore on behalf of the members of this organization extend our condolence and trust that her place may be filled by one worthy of her name.

Fraternally yours,

Rupert Hannibal, sec'y.

Port of Spain
Trinidad, August 19, 1946



Henry Kaiser—A Force for Good?

Editor:

Some time ago The Militant published the "Saga of Henry Kaiser," telling of some of his mistakes.

In spite of this, I believe the aims of this industrialist are closely allied to what we socialists want, and they would furnish an intermediate step from now to true socialism.

He differs from other Big Business men in several important respects. Where others selfishly urge that government controls be abolished, he advocates a closer cooperation between government and industry. He is one of the few industrialists who have had a decent concern for the welfare of the workers, their medical care and housing. He has publicly deplored the plight of the homeless veterans and has spoken for mass production of attractive housing, for which he has plans. He has spoken for, not against, price controls.

Most business men have been very cold toward full employment, realizing that if jobs were guaranteed, their position with labor would not be as master to slave. Henry Kaiser is concerned about giving full employment with adequate pay. He has stated many times that the huge facilities for production that were utilized to the hilt during war times must and can be continued for peace.

If men and events are viewed with perspective, there is a discernible trend that promises a new socialism for an old capitalism. In my opinion, Henry Kaiser is a definite force for the good.

Enclosed is a dollar. Please renew my subscription.

Lillian M. Hostetler
Spokane, Wash.

Editor's Reply: Kaiser's aims, far from being "closely allied to what we socialists want," are allied completely with what all big capitalists want — to grow bigger and pile up more profits

from the labor of the workers. Kaiser is naturally for "closer cooperation between government and industry" — didn't the war government hand him nearly half a billion dollars in contracts and loans? Didn't it give him the huge publicly-financed Willow Run plant for a song? Didn't he make more than \$27,000,000 net profits out of just two government-built West Coast shipyards, in which his personal investment was only \$100,000?

Kaiser is a typical capitalist who had an "in" with the Roosevelt administration and became super-rich from government hand-outs.

During the war, the necessities of getting labor and avoiding labor trouble led him to adopt a "friendly" attitude toward trade unions.

After the war, when the big steel companies were putting the squeeze on him, he tried to use some return pressure by signing the first postwar contract with the CIO Steelworkers and getting their support in a bid for control of the new western steel plants built by the government.

Miss Stewart called a policeman to aid her in getting transportation home. Patrolman Carmello Perconti of the 28th Precinct instead pulled her out of the cab, kicking her and beating her with his night stick. The defenseless woman was severely beaten, her lip split, a tooth knocked out, and four teeth shattered. The cop then took her to Sydenham Hospital where seven stitches were necessary to sew up the cut on her face, and medical attention had to be given to her bruised stomach and rectum. Next he took

Miss Stewart's purse containing \$32, throwing back \$1.84. When she bent over to pick up the money, she was severely kicked. Finally she was thrown into jail.

Meanwhile her friends notified her husband, and went with him to the precinct station. There the two women were arrested on charges of assaulting an officer. Let us have this more illustrative method: I shall use milk for an example:

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Arthur Young
New York, N. Y.

How to Show Price-Rises

Editor:

I should like to see in your paper a more dramatic presentation of price increases down through the years. Instead of saying, "The advance in prices last month was three per cent," let us have this more illustrative method: I shall use milk for an example:

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D. B.

Oakland, Calif.

Army Banned Book Satirizing Brass Hats

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300 NEW YORK CITY WORKERS PAY TRIBUTE TO LEON TROTSKY AT DEATH MEMORIAL

NEW YORK, Aug. 21—Joseph Hansen, Socialist Workers Party candidate for the U. S. Senate, gave an inspiring address tonight to more than 300 party members and readers of *The Militant* at the Trotsky Memorial Meeting held in Webster Hall. Hansen was

secretary to Leon Trotsky at the time of the assassination of the great revolutionist six years ago.

"The greatest intellect of our age was extinguished by the blow of a Stalinist assassin," said Hansen. "Trotsky was the greatest product of the best that is in mankind. He was struck down by the bloodiest Cain in history. But no one can kill great ideas. Trotsky's program lives on and he has left behind him a movement that lives and grows."

VIVID GRAPH

Hansen traced the history of the great leader of the working class, his heroic achievements, the unparalleled persecutions he suffered at the hands of the enemies of the toilers and oppressed peoples. "The whole course of Trotsky's life is a vivid graph of the development of the working class toward a new, socialist society. His ideas are today being borne out in the class struggle all over the world. His ideas will flame through the working class like a fire. His spirit will move along with the conquering ranks of the Fourth International."

Sylvia Blecker, SWP candidate for Attorney General in New York, spoke about her experiences in Minsk, her home town in Russia, after the October Revolution, during the period of the civil war and capitalist intervention.

"The waves of the revolution washed away all traces of prejudice and discrimination," she stated. "From all the corners of this city of 200,000, the working people flocked to the railroad station when they heard that Trotsky was coming through on a train. They wanted to see and hear this heroic leader and organizer of the Red Army. His name was associated with freedom, with the struggle against all oppression."

George Clarke, New York SWP organizer and chairman of the meeting declared: "We commemorate Trotsky's anniversary in the way that he would have wanted. We have dedicated ourselves to follow the example of his life and to carry on his program and his work. In our election campaign, the most ambitious undertaking in the history of our party, we prove that we are not a movement of talkers—

Flint Memorial Opens New Headquarters

By Douglas Snyder

FLINT, Mich., Aug. 18—The Flint branch of the Socialist Workers Party tonight commemorated the sixth anniversary of Leon Trotsky's death by opening its new headquarters at 215 E. Ninth St. to carry forward the ideas to which Trotsky dedicated his life.

William F. Warde spoke on "The Meaning of Trotskyism to the American Working Class." He described how Trotsky organized the Fourth International to continue the struggle for world socialism after Stalin had betrayed it. In stirring words he told how Trotsky, mortally wounded by a GPU assassin, gave his final message: "I am sure of the victory of the Fourth International—Go Forward!"

TWO JOIN SWP

The meeting was one of the largest ever held by the SWP here, with many new friends present. A worker and a housewife joined the Socialist Workers Party, and \$51 was contributed to the further work of the Flint branch.

The successful meeting tonight marks the beginning of expanded activity for the branch. On September 22, a public meeting will be held on "Will the Government Succeed in Hosing the Workers in the United States."

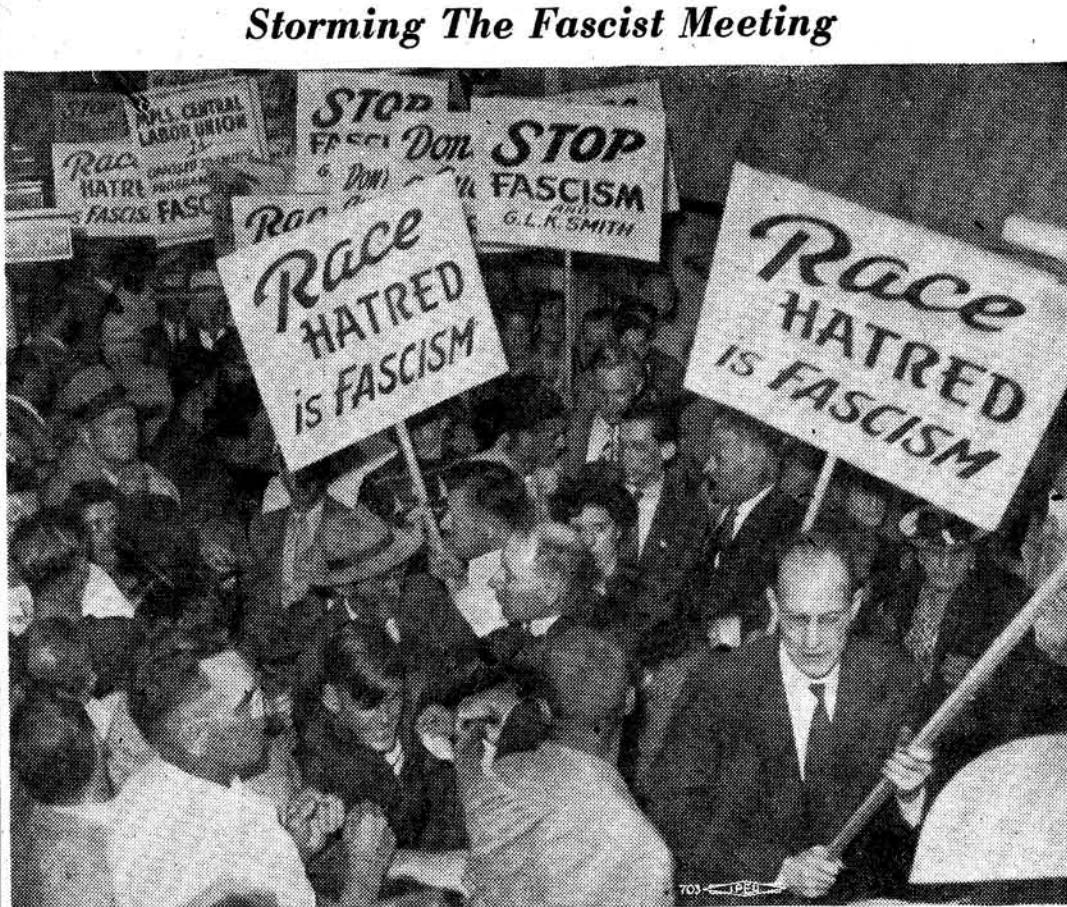
Trotsky's Life Told In Detroit

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 22—The Detroit Branch of the Socialist Workers Party held a Trotsky Memorial meeting, Wednesday evening, August 21.

Opening the meeting, Jack Gaynor spoke on the aspects of Leon Trotsky's life. Recalling various personal incidents, Comrade Gaynor described a typical day spent by Trotsky.

The main speaker of the evening was Richard Kirk. Evaluating Trotsky's great contributions to the world, Comrade Kirk pointed out that the greatest was the formation and building of the Fourth International.

The meeting concluded with the singing of *The Internationale*.



Militant labor pickets in Minneapolis as they break through a barricade of chairs and screens to rout G. L. K. Smith and his fascist gang from their meeting place in the ballroom of the Leamington Hotel.

Two Veterans, One Soldier Die At Hands Of Race-Hate Lynchers

Last week more Negro victims were added to the rising toll of lynch murders. Two Negro veterans, Richard F. Gordon, 31, and Alonzo Brooks, 25, were lynched in Marshall, Texas, according to an NAACP press release on August 22.

Local police are trying to whitewash the crime by claiming that Gordon's death was caused by a hit-and-run driver.

But one of the people who saw his body lying on the road before it was taken to the morgue, stated that his throat had been slashed from ear to ear; that his head and body were horribly cut and bruised, and that prints on the road leading to the spot where he lay, showed evidence that he had been dragged through the streets tied to the rear of an automobile.

Negro residents in the vicinity of the killing said they were awoken early in the day by two automobiles containing

gangs of white men, making a great deal of noise. They remained on the scene of the killing until the police arrived, leading to the conviction that the lynchers and police were in a conspiracy together.

Several days before his death, Gordon had been falsely accused of stealing whiskey from his wealthy white employer, who thereupon fired him. Two days later he was rehired by this same employer, and was killed at dawn the next morning.

Alonzo Brooks, the second victim, was found dead in the woods near Marshall, three days after he had left home in his car to visit friends, after driving his family to church. His autopsy revealed death from blows on the nape of the neck, and strangling.

Residents suspect there is some connection between the deaths of these two veterans and the recent primary elections on July 27, when Negro veterans took steps to insure their voting rights.

In Spokane, Washington, Pri-

All-White Jury Sought In Trial Of 25 Negroes

The state's intention to pick an all-white "hanging jury" to try 25 Negroes who stood their ground against a Columbia, Tennessee lynch attack last February, began with the acceptance of W. Stagg as one of the jurors. The 64-year-old white farmer admitted that he is biased against Negroes.

Stagg flatly stated that he believed in separate trials for Negroes and whites. He declared that some of the principles of the Ku Klux Klan were good. Circuit Judge Joe M. Ingram repeatedly overruled each request of defense attorneys for rejection of the prejudiced juror.

For more than a week the 25 defendants have been driven from their homes 66 miles away to Lawrenceville, to appear in court. Judge Ingram ordered one of the defendants, Clarence Brown, who is seriously ill and failed to arrive in time at a court session, to forfeit his bond of \$5,000. New bond was fixed at \$10,000.

The Judge ordered Brown, who is suffering intense pain and whose physician had ordered him to remain in bed, to be brought to court in custody, where he has to sit on a hard chair. Brown is taken by the Sheriff to a local doctor every two hours for hypodermic injections.

The 25 Negroes face 20 years in prison if convicted on the charge of "attempted murder." This frame-up is the outgrowth of the savage assaults by a white lynch mob and 1,000 state police upon the Negro population in Columbia, on February 25. Two Negro men were lynched in cold blood by guards in the local prison.



Where Profit Is Made

By V. Grey

The capitalist makes no profit on the raw materials he buys. He makes no profit on his buildings, his land, or his machinery. He makes a profit only on the money he invests in labor power—the money he pays in wages.

That's why we call the money he spends on wages "variable capital." All the rest is "constant capital."

When \$100,000 is invested, say \$90,000 goes into constant capital and \$10,000 into variable capital. The workers get \$10,000 in wages. If they produce twice as much value as they get paid, then they produce a "surplus value" of \$10,000. They produce 100 per cent more than they get paid.

That's \$10,000 profit for the capitalist—a 100 per cent surplus over what he paid for the labor power. "But wait!" he says. He invested \$100,000, didn't he? And he only got a profit of \$10,000. So he made only 10 per cent, not 100 per cent. He figures his profit on his whole investment. It is not his fault that cold machinery and lifeless plants do not make profits out of themselves like rabbits, which come out of silk hats. He pays enough for them, he thinks. A good deal more than he pays for these troublesome laborers.

And what is the difference whether we say that the capitalist has made a surplus value of 100 per cent over what he paid the workers—or that he has made a 10 per cent profit on his whole investment? The sum of money, \$10,000, is the same in both cases.

First, it is more correct to say that a "surplus value" of 100 per cent has been squeezed out of the workers because it is a scientific description of what takes place. It strips bare the secret of "profits."

Second, it helps us understand the growth and decay of the capitalist system. It helps us to see why it takes more and more money to be a capitalist, as machinery and production grow ever larger.

When capitalism was young, a budding capitalist didn't have to own much capital to exploit labor. The tools of the laborer were still small—out of reach of the laborer's purse, to be sure, but within the reach of many a little capitalist. A capital of, say \$30,000 for materials, equipment and machinery; \$10,000 for labor. If the capitalist squeezed 100 per cent surplus out of the laborers there was a "surplus value" of \$10,000, exactly the same as in the case above.

But then and now the workers might produce about the same value and surplus value. (They produce more things—that is, more use values today—but not necessarily more exchange value.)

The capitalist regards the surplus value produced by the workers, as the profits on his total capital. The capitalist of years ago who made \$10,000 on a total capital of \$40,000, figured he was making a profit of 25 per cent. But the capitalist today has to invest more than a \$100,000 to get \$10,000 in surplus value. For him this is only a 10 per cent profit.

Declining Rate of Profit

In other words, the more machinery comes into general use, the more constant capital it takes for normal production, and the lower the rate of profit on the total capital. And since this is continually going on, there is a constant decline in the rate of profit.

Now the capitalist is aware of this situation in a sort of way. At least he reacts to it. He can temporarily slow down the decline of the rate of profit by squeezing more surplus value out of the workers.

This can be done by lengthening the working day. But under modern conditions, the more practical method is to intensify the work—the speed-up and the stretch-out, conveyor-belt systems, assembly-line techniques and so on. Here the machine comes to its owner's aid with a device to insure the laborer's working sixty seconds to the minute, and thus yielding more surplus value—more profit to the owner.

And so, the machine which should do our work for us, and give us more time to live, read, dance and enjoy ourselves, compels us to do more work. As Marx said, "The most powerful instrument for shortening labor time, becomes the most unfailing means for placing every moment of the laborer's time at the disposal of the capitalist."

The fact that capital has a "constant" part and a "variable" part—the fact that these parts are changing their relations to each other—the fact that the rate of profit is declining—these facts lead to the ever more furious onslaughts against the working class. But even more important, they lead the capitalists themselves into a series of blind alleys which doom their own system.

Not that the capitalists are becoming poorer. But they become fewer—fewer and richer. A tremendously greater heap of constant capital is needed today to set labor, the value-creator, into motion. This leads to monopolies.

The ever-growing billions of constant capital and the declining rate of profit breed monopolies, economic stagnation and imperialist war.

GENERAL EISENHOWER SEEKS HEMISPHERIC ARMED CAMP

(Special to *The Militant*)

MEXICO, D. F., Aug. 19—, ported an "authorized source" as saying that during his visit General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, completed his junket to two of the key Latin American countries—Brazil and Mexico. Although he was officially announced as no more than a "Good Will Ambassador," sources close to the presidents of both countries revealed that serious business was discussed behind the guarded doors of the presidential offices.

During a long conference with the President of Brazil, Eurico Gaspar Dutra, and his Minister of War, General Padre Aurelio de Góes Monteiro, a long-term plan of military cooperation between Brazil and the United States was approved. INS reports that under the provisions of this plan, bases operated by the U. S. Army and Navy during the war will be returned to Brazil for supervision and maintenance. However, American technicians and advisers, who will cooperate closely with the Brazilian Army, are to remain in the important bases of Natal and Belém.

Explaining the importance of Eisenhower's mission to Brazil, a Brazilian military official declared: "The United States and Brazil are laying the basis for an organization of the continent never dreamed of before the war."

Wages, Prices And Profits

What Becomes Of Surplus Value?

By Warren Creel

The share the workers get out of the total value they produce depends on how strongly they bargain against the employers. It is often said that wages are controlled by the cost of living, and while that is not strictly true it is true in a loose way—through an indirect process. The cost of living influences the bargaining power of the workers, and through that the level of wages.

When wages go too low for living, the workers must refuse to take them. At that point their organization and action become strong, in spite of all the employers can do to oppose or mislead them.

This does not mean that wages tend to stay near a proper standard of living. We might say instead that wages tend to stay near a fighting standard of living, meaning a standard below which the workers are forced to struggle. Experience shows that this standard which forces struggle is below the proper living standard. The average wage received by workers in America has always been below the figure of the U. S. Labor Department's Budget of Health and Decency. Many studies of living levels have all shown the same thing: that wages tend to go up and down more or less in step with the cost of living, but they always remain below a decent standard of living.

Wages rise nearer to a decent standard when the workers add to their bargaining power. Through unions, and especially through independent political action, they gain more strength and raise the standard for which they can organize a struggle.

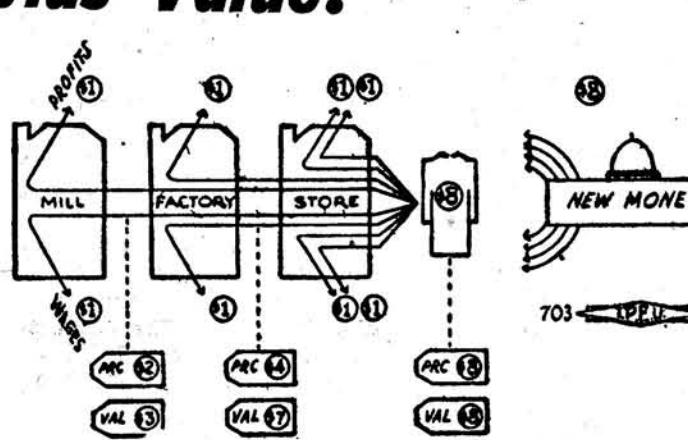
We have already sketched the process that controls the share the workers get. All the rest of what is produced in industry goes to the workers, and we call it "surplus value." We have seen that surplus value is going up with increasing productivity. What is the effect of this?

To answer that we must look at the working of the law

of wages, prices and political structure, and how socialism will come to the United States.

Reservations with full or part payments should be made immediately to insure your attendance at the encampment. Please use the blank provided for this purpose on Page 5.

For further information write to the West Coast Vacation School, Room 2, 316½ West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 15, or call Richmond 4644.



of labor value in the economic system as a whole. Through this analysis we can test out such questions as whether raising wages will raise prices, and so on.

Figure 3 is a useful diagram for the analysis which we will undertake in the next few installments of this series. It is a simplified plan of the flow of commodities and money in a capitalist system. It pictures the story of what happens to the income from one commodity, a coat, which is taken as a token for the output of all industry. Through this we can trace what happens to all income, including what happens to surplus value. The coat is sold for \$8 and the eight lines going back from it show what becomes of the money.

For our present purpose we suppose that production of the coat starts in a textile mill which makes the cloth. In real life the mill would have to buy wool or cotton for raw material. But going back for other steps would not change the point for which we are using the chart, so we can keep it simple.

The mill makes the cloth and sells it to the factory for \$2. The mill gets \$2, which we suppose it pays out as the arrows show: \$1 goes to owners for all types of profits, including rent and interest, that is, all types of income from ownership. The other dollar goes to workers for making the cloth.

The factory buys the cloth, makes it up into a coat, and sells it for \$4. The cloth cost \$2, so that leaves \$2 for the factory. We suppose they are paid out as the arrows show: \$1 to owners for profit, rent and interest; \$1 to workers for making the coat.

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Next week: Production and Income

GPU Book 'The Great Conspiracy' Rehashes Moscow Frame-Up Trials

By Joseph Hansen

(Fourteenth in a series on the Moscow Trials and their significance.)

The Kremlin undoubtedly hopes that the recently published book, *The Great Conspiracy*, will divert the attention of rank and file Stalinists from the failure to bring up the Moscow Trials at Nuremberg.

But unfortunately for the Kremlin frame-up machine, this book only succeeds in further exposing the falsity of the Moscow Trials. To unravel all the lies and distortions of the authors, Sayers and Kahn, would require a shelf of books the size of the Encyclopedia Britannica. However, consideration of a few paragraphs in the first chapter will show precisely how the Stalinist lie machine operated in composing this latest piece of Kremlin propaganda.

LIE MACHINE

The lie machine opens its "colorful tale" by introducing Raymond Robins, whom they make out to be a kind of Ambassador Joseph E. Davies in the days of the Bolshevik revolution. This man with an "outdoor mind" and a "passionate concern for the welfare of the common man" sees facts straight even if he does favor capitalist exploitation over the Soviet system. And so begins the "carefully documented evidence" with which the lie machine constructed the book.

Immediately after the Bolsheviks took power, declare Sayers and Kahn, "Robins wasted no time. He drove out to Smolny and asked to see Lenin." Get that!—Lenin.

"I was for Kerensky," said Robins frankly, "but I know a corpse when I see one and I regard the Provisional Government as dead. I want to know whether the American Red Cross can serve the Russian people without injury to our national interests. I am against your domestic program, but it is none of my business what happens in domestic Russia. If Kornilov, or the Czar or anyone else had the power I would be talking to him!"

Now here is how it was told in *Raymond Robins' Own Story*, as printed in 1920: "Robins went to see Trotsky shortly after the Bolshevik revolution had put Trotsky into office." Get that!—Trotsky.

The original source then describes how Robins had been "in support of Kerensky and therefore against the Bolsheviks."

"When Robins came to Trotsky's door, there were soldiers



Picture printed in "Raymond Robins' Own Story." In the back seat of the automobile are Robins' secretary, the famous Bolshevik journalist Karl Radek (with pipe), Mrs. Radek, and Leon Trotsky's sister (wife of Kamenev). Robins' book contains very interesting information about Lenin, Trotsky and Radek. Robins as "unofficial" representative of Woodrow Wilson's Administration, visited the government offices almost daily, buttonholing prominent leaders of the Bolshevik regime. He mentions Dzerzhinsky, Ryazanov, Krylenko, Kamenev, Podvoysky, Elizarov, Chicherin, Sverdlov and other outstanding figures. However, Robins does not mention Stalin in this book. Apparently he never happened to stumble across the then completely obscure bureaucrat who was later to betray the Bolshevik cause, seize power and murder Lenin's comrades as fascist "dogs gone mad."

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"They say I am a dictator," Lenin declared. "I am for the moment. I am a dictator because I have behind me the will of the mass of the peasants and workers. The moment I cease to do their will, they will take the power from me, and I would be as helpless as the Czar."

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Did Sayers and Kahn present Lenin as a personal dictator because that would please Stalin more than Lenin's real explanation about the new regime? Are they afraid to print anything that would reveal how far Stalin has gone in betraying Leninism?

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are repeated without any change. Other blunders are not to be found even with the most diligent probing into these pages of Kremlin sewage. Pyatakov's airplane, for instance, is still flying in *The Great Conspiracy*. Yet it was proved nine years ago that Pyatakov never landed in Oslo in an airplane and consequently lied about talking with Trotsky! This airplane crashed with Trotsky! This airplane crashed through the structure of the frame-up in the Second Moscow Trial while Pyatakov was still on the stand. That didn't stop Stalin from shooting Pyatakov, or Sayers and Kahn from repeating his anti-labor stand on the Case Bill."

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By Joseph Hansen

Socialist Workers Party Candidate for U. S. Senator from New York.

Backing candidates of the capitalist political machines betrays the interests of the workers. This is the main lesson to be drawn from the results of the New York primaries.

The Stalinist strategists who control the policy of the American Labor Party made a "coalition" with Wall Street's political machines. This meant: (1) running ALP candidates in the Republican and Democratic primaries; (2) handing over the ALP line on the ballot to Wall Street politicians.

The ALP candidates took a terrific beating from the Democratic and Republican machines. Marcantonio, Baldwin, Connolly, and Powell were all defeated in the Republican primary. In the Democratic primary, Connolly and Geo. Rooney were defeated by a crushing majority. Marcantonio and O'Toole won by extremely narrow margins in the Democratic primaries—and to do this they had to rely on the backing of the Tammany machine. Leo Isaacson lost in both primaries. One of the "victories" claimed by the Stalinists was the success of O'Toole in the Democratic primary in the 13th Congressional District. The Daily Worker once branded him for "his anti-labor stand on the Case Bill."

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The NEGRO STRUGGLE

By William Bohannon

The Fight Against Lynching

Lynching is an extreme, sudden, more violent form of Jim Crow. It cannot be separated from the Jim Crow system, because it is a bloody continuation of that system.

The whipping post and the

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

—KARL MARX

gallows were constantly held before the eyes of the Negro when he was a slave; they were intended to frighten him so that he wouldn't even dare to think about running away or rebelling for freedom. The lynchings and the threat of lynchings are the swords they hold over our heads today to serve as warnings of what will happen to us if we continue the fight to end Jim Crow and secure equality.

But I don't think they have succeeded in frightening us this time.

On the contrary, they have only angered us and made us more determined to punish the lynchers and the government officials who protect and incite the lynchers. Instead of frightening us so that we will be content with a Jim Crow life, they have further aroused us to do away with the Jim Crow system altogether.

With the support of the labor movement — and we count on that, not the hypocritical promises in Washington—we cannot fail.

A federal anti-lynching law, and a strong one, is needed. Such a law and its strict enforcement would undoubtedly discourage a lot of Ku Kluxers. And that is why the Bilbos and Rankins and their friends in the White House do their best to keep such a bill from being enacted.

But such a bill would not by itself put an end to the barbaric practice of lynching. The lynchers are concerned not with the law, but with violating it. To abolish lynching, more is needed than a law.

DEFENSE GUARDS

What is also needed is the will to fight the lynchers—to fight them so well and beat them so badly that they will retreat into the rat-holes where they belong. This means that we must have defense guards to lead and organize the struggle.

By defense guards we don't mean Negro defense guards, because they can have only a limited effect. We mean workers' defense guards—organized by the labor movement and made up of both white and Negro workers. The mixed composition of these defense guards would guarantee that the fight against lynch mobs could not be turned into the appearance of a fight between white and Negro, but would plainly be a fight between the workers and their class enemies.

Many unions in the north already have flying squads, which are the same as defense guards in form and only need to take on the added function of fighting Jim Crow. The unions as they are formed in the south should also organize such squads or guards. Only united labor action will end lynching.

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Diary Of A Steel Worker

Yesterday . . . And Today

By Theodore Kovalesky

There comes a time when the anger dies. There comes a time when the fire burns out and the red embers turn black. It takes time, but it happens.

The moon was full, and the night was quiet. I sat on the back step smoking my pipe and thinking.

The night was peaceful, and my pipe was just right. Out of the darkness, sailing through the air like a bat, came the wall of an engine. You always hear them at night when they pull the ingots to the soaking pits. It is a lonely sound, a sad sound, filled with memories of all kinds.

"Why do you say 'brother'?" It was a blond kid who asked. He was getting taller, and his eyes were serious as he asked the question.

"We call each other 'brother,' Joey, because we're all related," I said. "We're brothers because we need and want the same things, and we get together and fight for those things side by side, like brothers."

"You see, son," I went on, "the poor people all over the world are brothers and sisters. It makes no difference whether they're white like you and me, or colored like Mr. Brown and young Jimmy down the street, whether their grandfathers came from Poland like yours, or from Italy like Angie diRosa's. We all work in the factories and mines and mills or on ships, all over the world; and whatever our race or nationality may be, we're all brothers in the working class . . ."

Later on, the blond kid was a sandy-haired young man with broad shoulders poking at the seams of a sweat-stained denim shirt . . . a young man, but a MAN!

"I just signed Dick Mahoney up in the union, dad," he said. "And look, I think you're all wet about calling that meeting for Tuesday. I was talking to Terry O'Day over in Emil's place,

A New Use For

"Truth Serum"

By Grace Carlson

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Don't Play With Rattlesnakes

By Farrell Dobbs

Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of New York.

The American Labor Party lost the election in the 17th Congressional District of New York by supporting one of the capitalist candidates in the Republican primaries.

First the ALP nominated Rep. Joseph Clark Baldwin as its own candidate. Then the ALP endorsed Baldwin to run in the Republican primaries against Frederick Coudert.

The Stalinist strategists who determined ALP policy did not do this through ignorance of Baldwin's views. They knew from the beginning precisely where he stood. Thus Marcantonio, A.L.P. chairman, admitted July 9 that Baldwin "is by no means a laborite or a liberal, but definitely an honest and patriotic conservative." To underline how well they understood that Baldwin is against labor and for the profiteers, they acknowledged he had long been "a sincere defender of free enterprise."

Just to make everything double sure, Baldwin gave the Stalinists fair warning like any honest, conservative rattlesnake, emphasizing July 10 that he "was a Republican who believed the only hope for national liberalism lay in the Republican Party."

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Veterans' Problems

Oppression Of Negro Veterans

By Alvin Royce

War has been declared on the Negro veteran. Wall Street has been apprehensive about veterans as a whole, but has had to proceed with some caution so as not to antagonize the 14,000,000 vets too abruptly. Against the Negro vets, however, the moneybags have unleashed a campaign of violence. A few items that have reached the press show how wide-spread this violence is:

January, 1946: Birmingham, Ala. — Four Negro veterans killed in cold blood.

February 5, 1946: Freeport, L. I. — Two Negro vets killed and a third wounded while the police man goes unpunished, still walking his beat.

February 13, 1946: Aiken, S.C. — Isaac Woodward, three hours out of the Army separation center — his eye gouged out by a cop.

February 25, 1946: Columbia, Tenn. — Two Negroes, including one vet, killed in a mob invasion of the Negro community after a Negro (vet came to the assistance of his mother, who was also assaulted).

July 17, 1946: Taylor County, Ga. — Macio

and we figured Thursday would be a lot better . . ."

I drew on my pipe and almost felt his hand tugging on my arm that day the cops started shooting at our pickets, when Joey had pulled me out of the way. I looked up at the moon and the light gray clouds. It was on a night something like this that he had said, "Say, dad, Helen and me . . . we're going to get married."

The memory wasn't quite clear. Was he in uniform yet when he told me that? I couldn't recall. But thinking about the uniform reminded me of one of our last talks. "I'm not getting into this with my eyes closed, dad," he had said when he was drafted. "You and I've known each other for a long time, and you've taught me a lot of things. I'm getting into this because I have to. They're drafting me, so I've got to go. But I know the real fight is back home in the labor movement. You keep punching, dad, and when I come back again, I'll be there swinging alongside of you."

Yes he went with his eyes wide open. He felt no hatred for the German and Japanese workers who had been forced into uniform like him. He had learned that all workers are brothers and he longed to come home again to reenter the common fight.

They drafted him, and God knows what happened. The telegram only said "missing."

A furnace roared over in the plant, and the sky was tinged with orange. I thought of all the other kids that had gone away and hadn't come back. The anger dies in time. What is done is done, and anger can't change it. It takes work to change it, long, hard, disappointing work like organizing a union in bad times. "But we'll do it," I muttered aloud. "Yes, socialism, peace and plenty for all, can be won if we work and fight for it . . . and we'll do it."

That's what I was thinking when Mary came quietly out of the kitchen door and said, "It's eleven-thirty, dear, and you've got to get up at five. You've got a union meeting in the afternoon and a party meeting tomorrow night."

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