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U. S. Dragged Down Road To War

War Dept. Demands Draft, Navy To Go Where It Pleases

By George Breitman

The Truman administration, backed by both capitalist parties, last week announced plans for dragging the country further down the road to militarism and war. While Truman and Byrnes repeated the usual speeches about wanting peace, their Secretaries of War and the Navy came out with proposals for militarizing the U.S. and extending its domination into all corners of the earth.

Permanent peacetime conscription will be demanded of the 80th Congress, the War Department declared on Oct. 2 as Secretary Patterson sought American Legion support for the plan in order to provide 5,000,000 men in "combat readiness."

The conscription plan is essentially the same one turned down by the 79th Congress, although a few trifling changes have been made to win greater public support.

HITS ALL YOUTH.

Under this plan, all youth 18 to 20 years old would be conscripted; they would serve six months and then either enter the Army, the reserves or Army-controlled university courses or serve another six months. To make military rule more palatable, the brass hats promise the harsh Articles of War and Army regulations would not apply; the draftees would be ruled by new "Code of Conduct" administered by "trainee tribunals" and would be tried by civil courts for serious offenses.

The draftees would receive no pay — only a monthly allowance for necessities. Their families would receive no allotments except in cases of hardship. Even

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Different Court, Same Judge To Hear N. Y. Ballot-Ban Case

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 7 — The second act of the judicial farce being staged to throw the Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist), the Communist Party (Stalinist), the Socialist Party and Socialist Labor Party off the New York state ballot, opens here today in the State Supreme Court.

The proceedings were transferred from Troy to Albany, but by a slick sleight-of-hand operation the same biased judge will sit on the case here as in Troy.

The Appeals Court was petitioned for a change of venue, because Judge Murray was notoriously prejudiced against minority parties and because the case properly belonged in Albany County where the independent nominating petitions were filed.

By a vote of four to one, the Appeals Court ordered the case transferred to the Albany court — but saw to it that the case was postponed one week at which time the same judge Murray, tool of the Democratic Party which initiated the suit, will be sitting on the bench in Albany!

With this judicial legerdemain the Republicans attempted to clear their skirts of involvement in the Democratic conspiracy. (Four of the five Appeals Court judges are Republicans.) By transferring the hearings, the Republicans tried to create the fiction that they are guarding democratic rights. By leaving the case in Murray's clutches, they put the onus of the conspiracy on the Democrats.

PROTESTS MOUNT

Meanwhile protests against the Democratic conspiracy are beginning to mount in the labor movement. Under this pressure Hyman Blumberg, State Chairman of the American Labor Party, was finally compelled to condemn the action of the Democrats. (The ALP, however, is still supporting the Democrats, including Spencer Young, candidate for Comptroller, who instituted the court action.)

On Sept. 21 the SWP addressed

23 Negroes Win Acquittal In Tennessee Trial

A fighting defense by attorneys of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, backed by a nation-wide protest movement, on Oct. 4 won the acquittal of 23 of the 25 Negroes in the frame-up trial before an all-white Southern jury in Lawrenceburg Tennessee.

The jury convicted Robert Gentry, 24, and John McKivens, 26, of "attempt to commit murder" against four policemen, one of whom was wounded by gunfire of unknown origin. McKivens and Gentry were sentenced to 21 years in the State Penitentiary.

Even the all-white Southern jury did not dare to bring in a mass guilty verdict. However, they attempted to placate the race-hating Judge and State Prosecution by handing over two victims to the legal lynchers. The only testimony against these two was later repudiated by the witness who gave it.

The 25 defendants were among more than 100 Negroes seized at random on February 25 in Columbia, Tennessee. Two of the arrested men were murdered by guards inside the jail.

The mass arrests climaxed a night of horror when 500 state troopers, aided by an armed lynch mob, invaded Columbia's segregated Negro community, beat up and shot scores, and ransacked homes and businesses. This pogrom followed reports that some of the Negroes were preparing to defend their homes and families with arms after a lynch mob threatened a Negro mother and son, who had been arrested for resisting assault by a white man.

THEIR "THEORY"

Backed by Judge Ingram, District Attorney General Bumpus played on the jury's race prejudice in an effort to convict all 25 victims. Acting on the theory "when you have no case, smear opposing counsel," Bumpus called the courageous defense attorneys "carpethaggers, rabblerousers and traitors" engaged in a "well organized scheme to upset our government."

Testimony even of state witnesses proved that the defendants were threatened by a lynch mob. One of the four policemen admitted that none of the defendants could be identified as having fired the shots.

NAACP attorneys announced they will appeal the case of the two convicted men up to the highest court in the land.

New England Steelworkers Call For Sliding Wage Scale Clauses

(Special to The Militant)

BOSTON, Oct. 4 — The demand for an escalator clause in all CIO United Steelworkers contracts swept the Steelworkers District Convention here last week-end. Such a clause would provide automatically rising wages to meet rising living costs.

Rank and file delegates from five New England states voted 300 to 50 to instruct the District's four representatives on the National Wage Policy Committee to fight for adoption of this demand in forthcoming negotiations with steel and fabricating corporations. They also urged the Wage Policy Committee to adopt this proposal.

In adopting the escalator clause demand, the delegates overthrew a majority report of the Resolutions Committee opposing the escalator clause.

Joseph Kelleher, of Worcester, speaking for the Resolutions Committee majority, had proposed to recommend that the Wage Policy Committee merely ask for a flat wage increase to cover living cost rises in the past year.

Reporting for the Resolutions Committee minority that had been defeated 12 to 3 in committee, Sidney Rosenswieg, of Boston, declared that a wage in-

crease by itself would not answer the problem.

"The wage increase won in last January's struggle has been wiped out by price rises, and real wages, in terms of what our dollars can buy, have been reduced below the level that existed before we won our increase," Rosenswieg pointed out.

"What is needed is the escalator clause or automatic increase clause, which will protect our wage increase after it is won and protect us from wage cuts through price-gouging during the life of the contract."

Delegates from all sections rallied to defend the minority proposal. Even opposing factions in the Worcester delegation, from basic steel, united in its support.

The resolution adopted called for use of the CIO's own index to determine cost of living rises and that the escalator clause shall not be included as a substitute but in addition to other basic wage demands.

Riding High



Allied Verdict In Nuremberg Trial Conceals War Guilt Of Capitalism

By Art Preis

The most significant aspect of the verdict by the Allied tribunal in the Nuremberg trial was not its conviction of 19 Nazis, but its acquittal of three.

These acquittals of Hjalmar Schacht, Franz Von Papen and Hans Fritzsche were not determined by principles of abstract justice. They were a matter of calculated policy on the part of the American and British imperialists who dominated the prolonged juridical proceedings.

Schacht was the financial brains of the Nazi movement. As Hitler's Minister of Economics until 1937, Reichsbank president until 1939 and Minister without Portfolio in Hitler's cabinet until

Nelson Defends Detroit SWP In Fight On Eviction

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 4 — Walter Nelson, leading Detroit attorney and member of the American Civil Liberties Union, will represent the Socialist Workers Party in proceedings now pending to have the party ousted from its headquarters at 6108 Linwood Avenue.

Mr. Nelson's action has the support of every leading union official in the city, including Walter Reuther, President; George Addes, Secretary-Treasurer, and R. J. Thomas and Richard Leonard, Vice-presidents, UAW-CIO; August Scholle, President, Michigan State CIO Council; Frank X. Martel, President Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor, and Matthew Smith, head of the MESA.

The above officials, as well as scores of local union presidents, have issued strongly worded statements denouncing the ouster proceedings as a violation of the rights of free speech and assembly, and a menace to the entire labor movement.

In addition, over 250 residents of the immediate neighborhood of the Socialist Workers Party headquarters at 6108 Linwood Avenue, have signed a petition demanding that the Mayor and Common Council permit the party to continue to use its meeting hall.

DETROIT LOCAL PRESIDENTS URGE UAW WAGE CONFERENCE

(Special to The Militant)

DETROIT — A proposal for the immediate calling of a Detroit regional wage conference by the CIO United Automobile Workers was adopted by the presidents and bargaining committee chairmen of 24 East Side Detroit UAW locals who met on Sept. 25 to discuss the wage needs of the auto workers.

The East Side meeting was called by Thomas Cunningham, president of Chrysler Local 7, president of Chrysler Local 155.

A committee was elected to meet with the four Detroit area regional directors for the purpose of arranging an area-wide conference as soon as possible. This, in turn, is to be in preparation for the calling of a UAW national wage conference.

The committee to meet with the regional directors represents both the Reuther and Addes factions in the UAW and is composed of Tom Clampitt, president of Briggs Local 212; Mike Novack, president of Dodge Local 3; Tom Cunningham, president of Chrysler Local 7; and John Anderson, president of Amalgamated Local 155.

The East Side conference was significant as the first meeting

Nationalize Meat Industry, Demand Unions, Housewives

Labor and housewives' organizations are beginning to take aggressive mass action to halt the meat famine imposed on the American people by the profiteering meat packers and big live-stock speculators.

Reports from Chicago, Toledo, St. Paul and other cities tell of organized actions and demands for the government to take over the meat industry and release meat at reasonable prices to the meat-starved people.

Toledo housewives, organized in the Housewives' Emergency League, have advanced a particularly effective program in militant demonstrations at City Hall.

They have demanded that the Mayor and City Council wire Truman urging the government to nationalize the meat industry to be operated under union control.

They have demanded the right to conduct a housewives' inspection of packing houses, refrigerated warehouses, frozen food lockers and all other places where meat is being hoarded to force up prices. They are demanding an equitable distribution to the working people of all meat hoards.

Both the Democratic and Republican politicians are trying to use the meat crisis for election campaign ammunition. Each blames the other for the meat famine. Neither puts forward any program for ending the meat famine — except to yield to the meat trust's price demands.

While the meat packers deliberately withhold meat, shut down packing plants and divert live-stock to "feeder" lots, Truman does nothing to force the meat profiteers to release meat.

He talks for the record about

Toledo Housewives Put Heat On City Council, Demand Meat

By Harold Josephs

(Special to The Militant)

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 5 — Following up their action in storming the mayor's office last week, the militant Housewives Emergency Committee, headed by Mrs. Alice Patton, twice this week carried their demands for effective action to halt the meat famine before the City Council.

On Monday night seven leaders of the Housewives Emergency Committee (HEC), backed by an irate group of several score women and some men, confronted the City Council with the demand that wire President Truman to seize the meat industry and operate it under union control.

They also demanded of the started Councilmen that "you appoint an emergency committee of housewives with full authority to investigate every ounce of meat in the city of Toledo or coming into the city and guarantee that this meat will be equitably distributed with the bulk of it going to those who need it most."

Reading the housewives' demands at the start of the Council session, Mrs. Patton stated: "This is the second meat famine engineered by the big packers in the last four months. It is high time this vital industry was operated in the interests of the American people rather than in the interests of a few profiteers."

The committee who took the floor to speak for the housewives included Marjorie Walker, Ethel White, Theda Hitts, Chris Sutton, Doris Johnson, Gladys Askins and Mrs. Patton.

Two councilmen, Thomas Burke, a leader of the local CIO auto workers, and J. B. Simmons, a Negro independent, both endorsed the demand of the housewives for nationalization of the meat industry.

A turmoil was created in the midst of the council discussion by a reactionary retired businessman, J. W. Cunningham, who rose in the gallery to attack the housewives. He was jeered when he said that "woman's place is in the home" and that housewives should "not disturb the decorum" of the Council.

When Mrs. Patton offered him an open can of foul-smelling "vegetable cutlets," a so-called



MALCOLM WALKER
Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of Ohio demands action on meat famine. See Page 6.

meat substitute, as evidence of the meat famine, Cunningham hurled the can in the direction of the women. Its contents were splattered over several councilmen as well as the council chambers.

"Throw him out!" the women cried, beginning to surge in his general direction. Order was restored after two policemen were summoned and Cunningham was forced to apologize.

In an effort to side-track real action on the housewives' demands, the Councilmen directed the City Health Commissioner, Doctor Warren Hull, to conduct an investigation of the meat supplies in Toledo and report back at another Council session Wednesday night, October 2. They refused, however, to permit representatives of the housewives to accompany the investigation.

Last night, the City Health Director reported to the Council that after an eight-hour investigation in this city of 300,000 population he found "no meat" in the Toledo packing plants. He admitted that there were meat supplies stocked away by hotels and restaurants in warehouses, but he refused to state how much or to investi-

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Pittsburgh Powerhouse Workers Stand Firm In Strike; Trolley Men And Coal Truck Drivers Show Solidarity

By Eloise Gordon
(Special to The Militant)

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 5 — The power workers, entering the third week of their strike against the Duquesne Light Co., are stubbornly withstanding the vicious attack of the Wall Street controlled corporation. The "kept" press, acting as the whip hand of the utilities interests, is lashing out with fury to stir up anti-strike demonstrations. Thus far these efforts have brought little results.

The labor movement here is still solidly behind the strikers. It rallied to the defense of the independent union in beating down an anti-strike injunction cooked up by a Democratic city administration and judge. Efforts of a few top AFL and CIO labor

skates to assume the "defense of public interests" where the politicians and courts have muffed out, have been sharply rebuked by the ranks. Street car operators and coal truck drivers have voted to remain on sympathy strike with the power workers until their demands are met.

After the power workers, inspired by the great injunction victory and the solidarity of labor, determined to continue their strike, some rabbit-hearted labor "leaders" joined the employer chorus demanding that the strikers yield to arbitration.

REBUFF LEADERS

One sharp rebuff was dealt the treacherous labor bureaucrats yesterday by the AFL trolley operators. Called for the second time to a mass meeting where they were harangued by international union officials, members of Division 85, Street Car Men's Union, voted two to one against returning to work. They rejected a proposal to deliver an ultimatum to the power strikers "to yield to arbitration or mediation by midnight" or face a resumption of street car traffic through their picket lines.

Municipal bus drivers, whose busses are serviced by an affiliate of the Duquesne Light Co., likewise rejected appeals of their officials to cross the Duquesne workers' picket lines.

Last week CIO United Electrical Workers Local 610, employed at Signal Switch Co., repudiated a declaration against the strikers made by Anthony J. Federoff, CIO district director. The membership of Local 610 issued a declaration supporting the strikers and dissociating themselves from Federoff's reactionary stand. A few days later UE-CIO District 6 added a statement of its support to the power workers.

WON'T CROSS LINE

Last Thursday, truck drivers of Local 249, coal haulers for the Allegheny Steam Heating Company which provides heat for Pittsburgh office buildings, refused to cross power picket lines in spite of the insistence of their union officials. Union officers manned the first truck through the lines in an effort to start a picket crashing movement. But they found themselves on the inside looking out at rank and file teamsters whose class solidarity was stronger than the threats of the bureaucrats.

The company's drive to break the strike has been given full voice in local press and radio. The boss mouthpieces have tried everything from calling names to begging for sponsors of back-to-work movements that are nowhere in sight.

The latest scheme of the anti-union forces has been the organization of a "dissident" group in the union. Headlined in the press as a rift of major proportions in the independent union, this group has already been exposed as a handful of old-time company stooges who were opposed to the strike from the start. Although last week they

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When Pittsburgh Labor Killed Injunction



Thousands of workers thronged to Pittsburgh's City Hall on Sept. 26 to protest the injunction against the striking workers of the Duquesne Light and Power Company. On the picket line here is a contingent from District 18 of CIO United Steelworkers, giving its support to the struggle of the independent powerhouse workers' union. Labor solidarity International News Photo

Strike Of Maritime Officers Continues Tie-up Of Shipping

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 — American sea ports remain paralyzed as the third maritime strike within one month enters its second week.

Engine officers belonging to the CIO Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, and deck officers belonging to the AFL Master, Mates and Pilots, walk the picket line together. They are demanding some measure of union security and wage raises comparable to those secured by unlicensed seamen in the earlier strikes. The Atlantic and Gulf ship

refused to take this step.

An important achievement of the strike so far is the extension of union organization to wide sections of officers who previously had remained aloof to union organization. Many of these officers coming directly into the industry from various training services had little contact with union organization. They are now learning to respect the power of union organization. Walking a picket line is giving many of them a new understanding. Relations aboard ship between officers and men will be considerably improved through the solidarity that now exists on the picket line.

The MMP belongs to the AFL Maritime Trades Council and the MEBA belongs to the CIO Committee for Maritime Unity. The CMU has its major strength on the west coast because of the affiliation of the longshoremen there, while its AFL counterpart is strongest on the east coast because of the affiliation of the east coast longshoremen.

Each of these two powerful maritime union groupings stands behind the officers unions. Although the rivalry between the top circles of these two sections of organized maritime labor is sharp and bitter, the picket lines of one are respected by the other. This corresponds to the feeling of solidarity existing between all seamen regardless of affiliation.

However, this solidarity is threatened by the mutually hostile statements from leaders of both camps. This jurisdictional preoccupation endangers the genuine rank-and-file solidarity that has come out of the general strikes of the past month. This solidarity must be preserved for the inevitable struggles ahead.

Roberts Scores Police Brutality In Studio Strike

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 3 — Steve Roberts, Socialist Workers Party write-in candidate for Governor, in a statement issued today protested against anti-labor attacks of police on strikers at both Hollywood's movie studios and the E. R. Squibb and Sons warehouse.

"These actions by the police are part of a consistent campaign against labor being conducted by the Merchants and Manufacturers Association with the city administration as a close accomplice. The police have acted in the role of hired thugs against both AFL and CIO recently. The only protection they have given to anybody has been for Gerald L. K. Smith, the fascist."

Democratic and Republican politicians are united in their backing of this open-shop campaign. Labor must break from these politicians if it is to retain the fundamental right to strike. It must form its own party. I call upon all who wish to defend the right to strike to write in the names of Mrs. Cynthia Rogalin for State Senator, Robert Chester for State Assembly from the 20th District, and myself for Governor this November."

The resolution states that "Big Business, through the use of its Democratic and Republican agents in Washington, is engaged in an all-out offensive to rob us of the wage increases recently won by militant, independent action."

"Whereas the trend of rising prices is bound to continue in the future for the benefit of the Wall Street monopolists," says the resolution, "we must find some means to defend our lowering living standards."

DETROIT

Sunday Forum
'Trade Unions Under This Government'
Speaker: Al Cummings
Oct. 20, 3 p.m.
Socialist Workers Party
6108 Linwood Ave.

CIO Leaders Challenge Tobin On Brewers

By V. R. Dunne

ST. PAUL, Sept. 29 — Fullerton Fulton, CIO regional director, today hurled a vigorous challenge at Daniel J. Tobin, reactionary head of the AFL Teamsters Union. Speaking before a mass meeting of over a thousand CIO brewery workers in the St. Paul Auditorium, Fulton stated that the CIO will launch a national teamsters union unless Tobin backs down on his widely-publicized plan to force the brewery workers back into the AFL.

Accusing the teamsters officials of "Hitler tactics," Fulton declared that unless the drivers union retreats, Tobin is "in for the worst licking in the history of the labor movement." National

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Greenthal, International Brewery Workers representative; Otto Wagner and John Wyant, Minneapolis and St. Paul Brewery Workers representatives.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

Every proposal to fight Tobin was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm by the assembled brewery workers. They voted unanimously to resist all AFL encroachments upon their industrial union and to remain with the CIO.

The St. Paul Auditorium rally was organized in defiance of a mounting wave of threats and intimidations against brewery workers by Tobin's highly-paid and well-armed henchmen. Sidney Brennan, the Tobin-appointed head of Minneapolis drivers union, Local 544, has been placed in charge of this latest assault upon the Brewery Workers Union.

Not a new hand at the game of raiding industrial unions, Brennan is well known to Minnesota brewery workers for his disruptive activities in 1941. At that time, Tobin appointed Brennan as receiver over the Minneapolis General Drivers Union.

Brennan and the teamsters now have the promise of the full support of state AFL officials in their plot to take over the CIO Brewery Workers. In response to directives from the AFL Executive Council, state AFL leaders last month forced a motion through the Minnesota AFL convention to line up all unions in the state behind the drive of the teamsters.

In spite of this convention action, widespread support for the CIO Brewery Workers is being heard in the ranks of the teamsters, as well as in other AFL unions. One thing is certain, Minnesota's brewery workers are standing firm!

Uneasy Truce Marks Akron Central High Student Strike

(Special to The Militant)

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 4 — The Washington State CIO convention held here last week, declared that its long-range program would include the creation of a new political party "comprising all sections of the labor movement . . . working farmers, professional workers, consumers, members of minority, racial and religious groups, and all people advocating a progressive and liberal program."

For the present, however, the Stalinist-controlled convention declared that the CIO-PAC should "endorse and support liberal and progressive candidates of the existing parties."

The stress of the convention resolution was on the present bankrupt policy of continued support to Wall Street's Democratic Party. Two-thirds of the convention's time was taken up with speeches by prominent Democratic office holders.

SUPPORT LABOR PARTY

Opposing the Stalinist line of continued dependence on the "favors" of so-called progressive Democrats, two delegates spoke strongly in favor of a labor party based on the unions. A National Maritime Union delegate

stressed the fact that it was necessary immediately to build an independent party of labor and end the policy of supporting candidates of the boss class parties.

A longshoremen's delegate, declared that any new party must be a class party of labor.

The chief gain of the convention was the unifying of the CIO movement in this state. Numerous locals, comprising half of the CIO strength in the state, will enter the Washington CIO Council at a new unifying convention next month.

These include the large locals of the International Woodworkers of America in the Columbia River area and locals of the United Steel Workers.

STORMY MEETING

Last Monday night over 500 persons, including members of the Board of Education and CIO leaders, attended a stormy meet-

ing called by the parents' committee to air the entire case. Student speakers defended their right to democratic participation in activities and demanded the right to express their opinions. An overwhelming majority of the parents supported them.

Faculty members spoke in defense of Principal Stine. Stine agreed to give his side of the case only if the students would leave the hall. This they finally consented to do in order to smoke him out.

VIOLENT ATTACK

Stine launched a vicious personal attack on Chomalou. When Paul Fessenden, Executive Secretary of the CIO Council, protested, the teachers present got up and left the hall muttering that the "Reds" were here. The meeting ended in confusion with small groups arguing in all parts of the hall.

The Beacon Journal, only daily paper in Akron, has published an editorial raising the "red scare." This is designed to scare off supporters of the students and to forestall an investigation of conditions in the schools. However, the number of people interested in reforming the entire school system is constantly growing and these forces may yet be able to force an investigation on the city authorities.



Stalin Frameups Bared In The Nuremberg Trial

While the 22 Nazi leaders sat in the dock at Nuremberg, there was another criminal also on trial—Stalin. He was being tried on a different charge before the court of world public opinion.

The cross-examination and testimony of the Nazis, the hundreds of tons of Nazi documents seized, provided the conclusive test of the truth or falsity of Stalin's charges in the notorious Moscow Trials against the Old Bolshevik leaders, especially Leon Trotsky.

In Stalin's purge trials between 1936 and 1938, the key charge against the leaders of the Russian Revolution was that they had conspired with the Nazis against the Soviet Union. The main link between Trotsky and the Nazis, it was alleged, was Rudolph Hess, Hitler's right-hand man before World War II. It was charged specifically that Trotsky was in direct contact with Hess.

This was the one concrete piece of testimony offered in the Moscow trials to bolster the allegation of conspiracy between Trotsky and the Nazis. If this allegation were proved false—the whole elaborate structure of charges against Trotsky and the Old Bolsheviks would collapse.

NO EVIDENCE

The Nuremberg trial is concluded. But with all the Nazi documents available, with Hess himself in the dock for cross-examination, with a battery of Russian prosecutors on hand to question and probe the top Nazi leaders—not an iota of evidence was brought out about the alleged complicity of Trotsky with the Nazis, and, above all, his direct contact with Rudolph Hess.

It is inconceivable that the Stalinist prosecutors would let slip any opportunity to confirm the charges against Trotsky. If there were one shred of evidence in the Nazi archives or if Hess had actually had contact with Trotsky, the Stalinist prosecutors in Nuremberg would have brought such evidence out. They with Hitler.

THE REVOLUTIONARY POSITION ON THE FRENCH REFERENDUM

In the referendum on the proposed constitution to take place on Oct. 13, the French Trotskyists are calling on the workers to place in the ballot-box a slip of paper inscribed with the slogan: "For a Workers and Peasants Government."

The Trotskyists have taken this position because they reject the stand of the Popular Republican Movement, Communist Party and Socialist Party. These parties, which remain in a coalition, are urging the people to vote YES on the constitution, which perpetuates capitalist rule and colonial slavery.

The Trotskyists equally reject the position of de Gaulle, the Republican Liberty Party and other right-wing groups. These organizations advocate a NO vote because they want an even more reactionary constitution than the one being presented to the voters.

The referendum will be followed within a few weeks by a general election to elect a new parliament if the constitution is adopted on Oct. 13, or a new constituent assembly if it is rejected then.

Peasants Take Militant Action To Divide Mexican Estates

MEXICO, D. F., Sept. 29—Armed farmers have invaded about 50 large estates and ranches in the state of Tlaxcala and demanded the land be turned over to them as "ejidos" or communal holdings. These estates are devoted mainly to raising choice bulls.

After the Madero Revolution of 1910, many large haciendas were broken up and parceled out as ejidos to agricultural communities which farmed them on a collective basis. With government aid for the purchase of seed and equipment, the ejido plan was one of the most progressive projects of that revolution.

Thus when the peasants in Tlaxcala petitioned the government for the division of neighboring estates into ejidos, they were following an established precedent.

However, the government decided that the estates in question were excluded from the law providing for division into ejidos. It promised to make land grants elsewhere in the country. Since no action had been taken to implement this promise, the peasants took matters into their own hands and simply invaded the estates.

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Canadian Families Move In



Taking a lesson from the "squatters" in London who moved into vacant homes and defied eviction, these Canadian families solved their housing problem. They took over government buildings as temporary homes. The former air force officer standing on the van, was later arrested on charges of "forcibly entering government property." But he is continuing to fight for the right to live there.

Federated Pictures.

Rising Unrest In Italy Marked By Strikes And Land Seizures

(Special to The Militant)
ITALY, Sept. 26—The impatience of the Italian masses, tried beyond all human endurance, continues to explode in scattered but violent action. The strike of government employees in Northern Italy began as an isolated action on Sept. 6. But it spread rapidly through the whole Po province and produced related actions of extremely radical forms.

In Venice, 3,000 demonstrators attacked the police. In Mestre, near Venice, demonstrators blocked all traffic, while hundreds of strikers and unemployed smashed into provocative black-market shops, until armored cars were called. In Milan, so widespread was the indignation that even the personnel of the law

courts, including the frightened judges, went on strike.

The industrial workers are demanding wage increases of 100 per cent, because of the galloping inflation. Thousands of unemployed are demonstrating too.

CGT leader Giuseppe di Vittorio pleaded with the government, lest strikes "spread all over Italy." The Italian capitalists are trying to offset with clamorous territorial claims abroad, the increasingly obvious ruin and collapse of the economic structure at home.

SEIZE LAND

Significantly, the poor peasants have not been far behind the workers. In the Roman campaign, landless peasants seized some 50,000 hectares, posted them as "occupied land," and set up strong picket forces to hold off police and carabinieri rushed in from the capital.

Even in the more backward South, the same process is going on. In the area of Anzio, the entire population of Genzano swooped down on 1,750 acres belonging to two rich landowners. Even the village priest and the Stalinist mayor were swept along in the movement. The names of 1,000 Genzano families who wanted to render the land fertile and productive were nailed up.

The carabinieri of Genzano, a town of 12,000, where 1,500 are permanently unemployed and more than 30 per cent of the children admitted tubercular through undernourishment, dared not even try to stop the movement, but "went along to watch."

Everywhere in Italy the revolt of the landless peasants is smoldering. At Bracciano, north of Rome, the prince-proprietor declared some 1,500 acres under cultivation. Actually, as an American journalist, Barrett McGurn, put it: "The only thing raised on it was the rumpus caused by galloping foxhunters."

COWS IN WHEAT

Landless peasants planted wheat on the idle land. The prince sent cows to graze in the growing grain. The peasants drove off the cows with pitchforks. Such incidents point up the situation which is that only 150,000 of at least 2,000,000 acres of unused productive land held by the latifundists have been declared divisible.

The article declared "conditions of the hospitals of Mexico constitute for the patients almost the same danger as their homes, which are the sources of infection."

IMPURE MILK

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Poverty And Filth In Mexico Spell Early Death For Masses

By Betty Douglass
(Special to The Militant)

MEXICO, D. F., Sept. 28—The effect of imperialist exploitation deprives the average Mexican of 25 years of his life. A campesino (farmer) or worker in Mexico can expect to live less than 40 years; in the U. S. today the life expectancy is over 62 years.

Mexico has one of the highest death rates in the Western Hemisphere. In Mexico City it is nearly two and a half times as high as it is in New York.

HOSPITAL INSANITARY

An article on hospital conditions in one of the Mexican daily papers reported on Aug. 28 a miserable lack of sanitation in the care of the sick. The bedding was changed every eight days, and the clothing of one of the patients interviewed had not been changed since he entered 11 days previously. The operating table was old and dirty, covered with a torn and blood-spattered rubber mat. Food was badly prepared and insufficient. One doctor and an assistant, and one nurse and an assistant must care for 50 patients. Moreover, the wage of a doctor is only 6 or 8 pesos (\$1.20 to \$1.60) a day.

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Dutch Soldiers And Workers Strike In Defense Of Indonesian Struggle

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 27—Widespread indignation against the Dutch government's suppression of the Indonesian struggle for independence led last week to organized protest movements of soldiers culminating in mass demonstrations last Saturday and a general strike in this city which began on Monday and lasted until Tuesday night.

During the second week in September, the soldiers at the Harderwijk camp near Amsterdam were informed that they were to embark for Indonesia. According to the Dutch constitution, only volunteers may be shipped overseas for military duty. The soldiers, protesting the government order, which was issued under a wartime emergency decree, bluntly refused to go.

TREMENDOUS IMPRESSION
Both leaflets created a tremendous impression in the city, particularly when they were distributed by rank-and-file soldiers and placarded on the walls of the city.

Street meetings were held throughout the city under the auspices of the soldiers' committee. Soldiers and workers responded with a mass sentiment of sympathy. In the course of demonstrations Saturday night, one soldier was killed in clashes with the military police.

FORM COMMITTEE
They formed a committee, representing 150 men at the beginning, and went to the Communist (Stalinist) Party headquarters to get aid in protecting their constitutional rights, particularly since some of them were members of the CP. The Stalinist leaders—whose only program of action to aid the Indonesian struggle has been a campaign of writing letters to Parliament—refused all help. The soldiers' committee thereupon turned to the other workers' organizations.

Last week the soldiers' committee issued two leaflets—one addressed to their fellow soldiers and the other to the workers of Amsterdam.

The first leaflet called on the soldiers for action against shipment to Indonesia, but urged them to refrain from individual actions of resistance to government orders, explaining that it was the duty of class-conscious worker-soldiers to stay with their comrades and persuade the majority of their views.

This leaflet urged the soldiers, if they were sent to Indonesia, to fraternize with the workers and peasants of that country fighting justly for independence itself.

The second leaflet called on the world to rally to the defense of Tan Malakka and his comrades, the best and most valiant fighters for Indonesian independence, just as it should rally to the fight for Indonesian independence at home.

RCP SUPPORT

The Revolutionary Communist Party, Dutch section of the Fourth International, was the first workers' organization and the only one among the political parties to openly proclaim its sympathy with the views of the soldiers and for fraternization between them and the workers.

**Greek Stalinists Forced
To Debate Trotskyists**

(Special to The Militant)
The leaders of the Greek Communist (Stalinist) Party have been compelled to agree to the organization of public discussion in Athens between the CP and the Trotskyists (Internationalist Communist Party), according to a recent issue of the Trotskyist paper, *Ergatiki Pali*.

For many months the general secretary of the CP has filled columns with arguments about the correctness of the Stalinist policy in comparison with the policy of the Fourth International. But these articles did little to convince the members of his own party.

That fact, and the growing influence of Trotskyist ideas among the members of the Stalinist Party, and the well-known valiant record of the Trotskyists in the fight against capitalism, compelled the Stalinist leaders to agree to the open and organized discussions.

In August the Central Committee of the CP accepted the proposal, and representatives of the two parties met formally. The Trotskyists proposed:

1. That the text of the discussions be published in the newspapers of the two parties—*Rizospastis* and *Ergatiki Pali*.
2. That the meetings be open to all workers.
3. That the Archimorakists (a centrist party) be permitted to participate in the discussions.

AGREEMENT SIGNED

The above propositions were rejected by the CP representatives, but on Sept. 11 an agreement was nevertheless signed along the following lines:

The first subject of the discussion will be "The internal situation of Greece and the position



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"Today it is no longer a question, as was the case in the nineteenth century, of simply assuring a more rapid and more healthy development of economic life: today it is a question of saving mankind from suicide."

—Leon Trotsky

War Guilt

The long, elaborate trial staged at Nuremberg by the Allied powers had one main aim: To throw the whole blame for World War II on the German Nazis and to conceal the guilt of the Allied imperialists.

It was a foregone conclusion that the conquering powers, acting as judges, prosecutors and jury, would find their war rivals to be alone responsible for the war.

But was World War II caused merely by the ambition and lust for power of the Nazis? Did this carnage on a world scale result only from the wickedness and evil designs of the leaders of the Nazi regime?

The Nazi regime has been crushed. The power of the German nation to make war has been destroyed. Yet the threat of world war remains. American imperialism in particular is engaged in a diplomatic offensive and military preparations for war against the Soviet Union.

The coming war, if it is not prevented by the revolutionary action of the world working class, will have the same basic cause as the last war. Its roots, like the first two world wars, are buried in the soil of world capitalism.

The capitalist system is in a stage of advanced decay. It is torn by insoluble economic contradictions and social crises. Its productive capacity has long since outrun the market permitted by private profit. To find outlets for goods and capital, to bolster up their profits, the capitalists of every country are forced to seek foreign markets, colonies, expanded spheres of influence.

It is the bitter competition for these foreign markets, colonies and spheres of influence that causes modern war. Monopoly capitalism caused World Wars I and II, and is paving the way for World War III.

American monopoly capitalism is the mainspring of world capitalism. Despite its victory in the last war, American capitalism is being driven, by incapacity to solve its economic problems, into a still more horrible war adventure.

The Allied imperialists have tried to show that the last war was the personal responsibility of a gang of ambitious maniacs. At the same time, they absolve the capitalist system and the capitalists as such.

But the truth remains: ALL the capitalist powers were equally guilty for World War II. ALL of them will be equally guilty for the next imperialist world war.

Warning To Labor

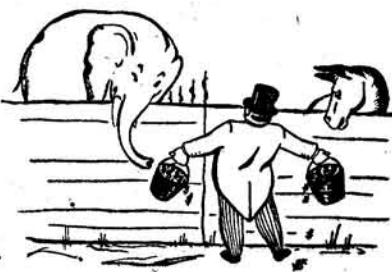
After the first World War and the postwar upsurge of labor, the Department of Justice spearheaded a savage drive to suppress civil liberties, terrorize organized labor and silence any who dared oppose the policies of Big Business and its government.

Last week J. Edgar Hoover, anti-labor head of the FBI, gave sinister warning that the persecutions and violations of civil rights during the Palmer "red-raid" days are about to be repeated.

In a speech before the American Legion convention, Hoover delivered an attack on "reds" and "communists" that had ominous implications for all labor. "Let us no longer be misled by their sly propaganda and false preachers on civil liberties," said Hoover of the "reds."

Democratic rights and civil liberties, Hoover makes clear, will be the first victims of the government's anti-red drive. And by "reds" he also meant "their satellites, their fellow-travellers and their so-called progressive and phony liberal allies." In short, any one or any group the reactionaries choose to label "communist."

The Truman administration, acting for Wall



Build The Labor Party!

Street, is turning to repression and witch-hunts as a means of dividing and curbing labor. Unable to break the labor movement by direct assault, the American capitalists are seeking to weaken and undermine it by legal persecutions of its most militant elements.

At the same time, American imperialism is planning to silence all progressive opposition to its schemes to plunge this country into another world war.

Some union leaders, both CIO and AFL, are giving aid and comfort to Wall Street's drive to crush civil liberties and suppress opposition. These narrow-minded union leaders are conducting their own red-baiting drives against those of radical views inside the unions.

Such red-baiting must be vigorously condemned and fought. It is playing right into the hands of the Big Business reactionaries who plan to destroy all democratic rights and smash the unions.

Forewarned is forearmed! The American labor movement must mobilize all its forces and prepare to lead a real fight to preserve its democratic rights and liberties.

Aid To Reaction

Stalinist-led goons last Monday morning physically assaulted two young workers distributing *The Militant* to seamen entering the CIO National Maritime Union hall on 17th Street in New York City.

One of the distributors was struck on the head by a weapon and knocked unconscious. More than 500 copies of *The Militant* were stolen from the distributors and torn up in a typical Stalinist imitation of the Hitlerite book-burnings.

The issue of *The Militant* that the Stalinist hoodlums tried to prevent the NMU members from reading featured an account of the Democratic Party's conspiracy to throw the Communist (Stalinist) Party's candidates, as well as the Socialist Workers Party ticket, off the New York ballot. Prominently displayed on the front page was an editorial calling for a united fight of all labor and liberal forces against the plot of the Wall Street politicians to deprive the minority parties of their rights.

Another editorial attacked the red-baiting drive of reactionary elements inside the CIO—a drive aimed in the first instance against the Stalinists themselves.

The Communist Party, together with all working-class organizations, faces a fearful attack from the reactionary red-baiters, as J. Edgar Hoover, FBI head, revealed last week. Stalinist leaders who inspire hoodlum attacks on *Militant* distributors are simply encouraging the fascists and reactionaries to attack the Communist Party members. The Stalinists are setting the example for the red-baiters and fascist hooligans.

As we point out in another editorial, the drive which the government is preparing to launch against "communists" is designed to terrorize the whole labor movement and destroy the workers' democratic rights. When the Stalinists try to prevent other working-class organizations from distributing their literature, they are lending support to anti-democratic attacks on the whole labor movement.

The members of the NMU have the right to read whatever they please. The Stalinists use gangster methods in an attempt to deprive them of that right. It is up to the genuine defenders of democracy in the NMU to put a halt to the actions of the Stalinists which are discrediting their union.

Road To War

The danger of war arises not because "any responsible official of any government wants war," but because "nations may pursue policies or courses of action which lead to war," said Secretary of State Byrnes in Paris last week. This was a reference to the Soviet Union, an inference that Stalin's policies will lead to war no matter what Stalin says in his public statements about wanting peace.

But how about the United States government—what kind of "policies or courses of action" is it following?

What does permanent peacetime conscription lead to?

What is the meaning of the Navy Secretary's declaration last week that in effect the Navy will go where it pleases, including the Mediterranean, even though it isn't "invited"? What would happen if some other nation announced such a policy about the waters around the U. S.?

Why does the government want a super-espionage service for "foreign activities never before provided and not countenanced in existing law"?

What is behind the frenzied activity to build up military bases in every part of the world?

Why are they still producing atomic bombs every minute of the day?

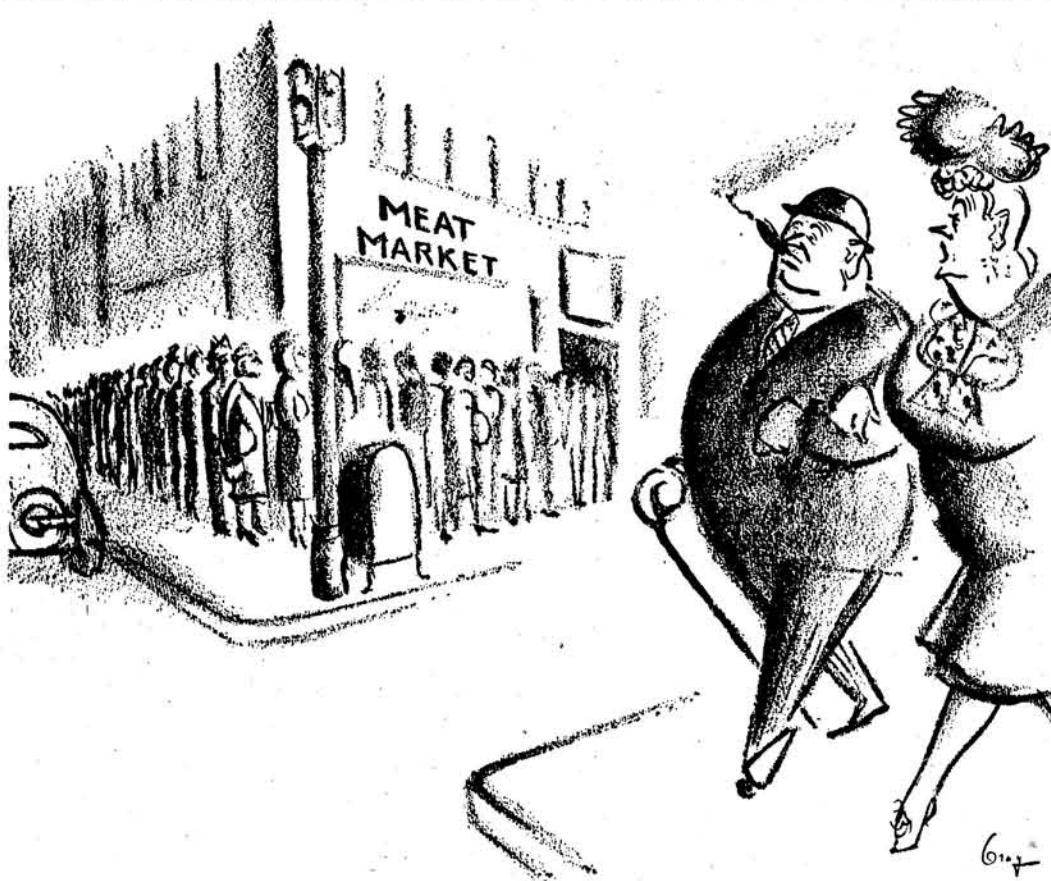
Why does more than 50 cents of every dollar spent by the government go to the military budget?

Why does the government violate its promises to withdraw the troops from China and other "non-enemy" countries?

All these and many other "policies or courses of action" not only "lead to war" but show that the present government is preparing for a war that may destroy civilization. And yet the people who have to do the fighting and suffering in such wars have no voice in deciding whether or not they should be waged.

The decisions are made by a small group in Washington acting on the basis of the often-mentioned "bipartisan foreign policy"—a fancy name for agreement by the two parties of Wall Street not to interfere with Wall Street's program for world domination.

Before it is too late, the people must make their opposition to war known and felt. They must take the war-making powers away from Wall Street's political agents. They must demand that the Congress elected on Nov. 5 adopt legislation providing for a referendum by the people on the most crucial question of all—war or peace.



"Why don't they just phone?"

Workers' BOOKSHELF

THE LAST FRONTIER by Howard Fast, World Publishing Co., 1946, 301 pp., \$1.

In this historical novel, Fast strikes another blow against the myth of the "peaceful" development of American capitalism. This book is a history of one of the many heroic, though defeated, revolts of the American Indians against the brutality of the reservation system—equivalent to present day concentration camps.

It was not necessary for Fast to draw the obvious parallel between Nazi methods in Poland and the methods by which Yankee capitalism stole a continent from its original inhabitants. To secure this "lebensraum," the Yankees destroyed culture and almost exterminated an entire people.

The narrative begins in the arid wastes of Oklahoma, which in 1878 were called "Indian territory." Into this desert the survivors of many once-great Indian tribes had been driven, to live under the prison-camp authority of the Federal Agent.

Among the tribes driven into this dusty tract were the Cheyennes, who were forced out of their ancestral homes in the green valleys of Wyoming. The lands in Wyoming had been guaranteed to them in perpetuity by a solemnly executed treaty with the U. S. government. This treaty became a scrap of paper when it against him. But in telling of

stood in the way of Yankee aggrandizement.

Faced with starvation, this small tribe, numbering only 300, mostly women and children, sought permission of the Federal Agent to return to Wyoming. When this was refused, they began a migration back to their native areas, hundreds of miles distant. A force totaling 12,000 seasoned U. S. troops were dispatched against them. The natives fought 10 pitched battles against overwhelming odds. Half the original 300 reached their destination.

The author brings to light in this book, a long-concealed bloody page of American capitalism's rise to power.

Reviewed by
Phil Clark

THE ADVENTURES OF WESLEY JACKSON by William Saroyan, Harcourt, Brace and Co., 1946, 285 pages, \$2.75.

Love, love, love—soft and squishy, it covers the world (or should) and it's the only thing that counts. In approximately these terms Mr. Dooley described William Jennings Bryan's pacifist philosophy during the first world war. They also seem to fit the philosophy of William Saroyan, especially in this novel which numerous critics have handled rather sharply.

Saroyan as a writer is not a realist, and no one holds that he is. The author brings to light in this book, a long-concealed bloody page of American capitalism's rise to power.

Reviewed by
George Breitman

Progressives' Block The Road

By Ruth Benson

At a conference of "Progressives" in Chicago on Sept. 28-29, more than 300 delegates were present from labor and liberal groups to discuss the course to follow in the 1946 elections. Among the speakers were CIO President Philip Murray; CIO-Political Action Committee Director Jack Kroll; Walter White, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; former Interior Secretary Ickes, and former Treasury Secretary Morgenthau.

They issued searing blasts against the 79th Congress, 90 of whose "liberal" and "progressive" members were elected with PAC support. Murray charged that "repeated forays" were made in Congress against the labor movement, "at the insistence of a well-organized and financed conspiracy." He pointed out that "organized employers" are "depressing real wages and diluting workers' real earnings through price increases."

Why not? Because "Not long before he died, Wendell Willkie told me that . . . it would take a minimum of six years to get a third party listed on the ballot of all the states."

And so, it's better to shove the task aside until 1960 or 2000 A.D., when it will still take six years to accomplish, perhaps, but these self-styled progressives won't have to take part in the job.

Morgenthau agreed with White and added, "If we are to be effective, we must continue to work largely within the ranks of the Democratic Party. . . . Any talk of a third party at this particular moment in America's political history is in my opinion impractical and visionary and can well serve the purposes of reaction instead of progress."

"PRACTICAL" IDEA

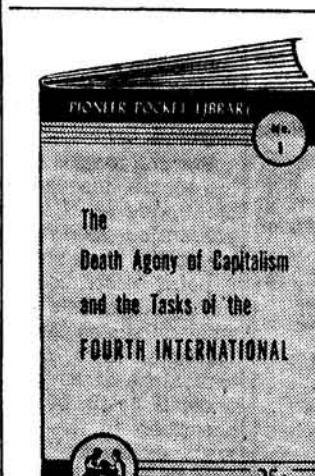
In the opinion of the "Progressives," it is only "practical" to support the Democrats, who are hand-in-glove with the Republicans in every anti-labor, anti-Negro, anti-Soviet drive. It will be hard to interest the workers in electing these notorious reactionaries, of course, but the National Citizens Political Action Committee, participant in the conference, has the methods worked out.

Its program of action calls for a full-fledged schedule of hard work, activating 500,000 workers to volunteers staffs. They'll have to set up committees in

every precinct and ward, send out speakers to address clubs, forums, veterans' groups, etc., and ring doorbells in neighborhoods throughout the country, in an effort to get out some 50,000,000 votes.

This program means using the same energies that would be needed to set a labor party into being. But a labor party for which workers would gladly struggle, is "visionary." The hard-headed "realists" would rather try to persuade, half a million men and women to squander their time and energy "purifying" the rotten Democratic Party.

The "Progressives," who mouth liberal phrases, have again revealed their real purpose: to put obstacles in the path of the working people who need and want an independent labor party.



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Democrats Seek Votes On A Program Of Lies

The election program presented by the Democratic Party's National Committee on Sept. 26 is nothing but the same old smelly package of lies and promises made by this Wall Street party before every election.

The resolution endorses the domestic policies of the Democratic Party over the past years, and promises to continue these policies in the coming period. It hypocritically puts labor on the head and promises to advance and protect gains made by labor.

On this score, the workers can ask some embarrassing questions, particularly about the strike-breaking actions of Democratic politicians in federal, state and local office—from President Truman down to city mayors like O'Dwyer in New York and Lawrence in Pittsburgh.

With homes desperately needed by 4,000,000 veterans and their families alone, the resolution cynically declares that the Democratic Administration has made substantial progress toward providing adequate housing.

With a dollar that today buys only about half what it used to, and a staggering national debt, the resolution declares that the fiscal policy of the Democratic Party has left the country in a financially stable condition. While the cost of living keeps mounting, the Democratic Party assures the victims of high prices that it is holding down the cost of living.

The very hot question of the meat shortage, however, was not mentioned at the very brief public meeting. It was "fully and completely" debated only at a private luncheon given by Robert E. Hannegan, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

The most impudent lie in the resolution was the statement that the Democratic Party was securing equal rights for all races, colors and creeds—in this, in the face of a wave of lynch terror sweeping the whole country, not only the Democratic South.

Although on the domestic front, the election program is nothing but a pack of lies, it does tell the truth on one point—foreign policy. Here the Democratic Party voices its real program. It promises to "back to the limit" the American delegation now laying down U. S. imperialist law to the world at the Paris "peace" conference.

Thus the Democratic Party which, under Roosevelt, dragged the country into World War II, now supports Truman's policy of getting tough with the Soviet Union in the drive toward World War III.

Two of the nation's basic food commodities, butter and milk, hit new high price levels last week, right in the midst of the Democratic Party's bid for re-election on the lie that it was interested in holding down the cost of living.

Butter went up to \$1 a pound, climaxing a rise of 7½ cents a pound in less than two weeks. Milk went up to 22 cents a quart and higher, after five price hikes since last May. And the people were warned that milk will continue to rise at the rate of a cent a month in the coming period.

Roy Thompson, Chairman of the Price Control Board which removed all price ceilings from dairy products, promised that prices of dairy products would not go above the old ceilings, plus the amount of government subsidies.

But the former government subsidy amounted to 1.7 cents per quart, while milk prices have gone up from 3 to 6 cents a quart, or two to four times the amount of the subsidy. Butter under ceilings was 56 cents per pound. The subsidy was 18 cents a pound. But today butter has jumped to \$1 a pound—a rise of 18 cents, but 44 cents.

National Dairy Products, one of the big monopolists, robbed the people of \$11,802,554 in profits after taxes for the six months ending July 30. This was almost double the \$6,977,276 in profits for the same period in 1945. But just doubling profits isn't enough. With the aid of the Democratic and Republican politicians they aim to do lots better.

No Meat Is Hot Potato For Democratic Party

Meat-starved millions in New York City got the good news last week that they can now buy buffalo steaks at one shop for \$2.50 a pound. New York's Health Commissioner Israel Weinstein also raised the value of horsemeat and urges dealers to horsemeat to open up shop. Meanwhile Roy Thompson, of the price control board, advocates two meatless days a week for the country, although we already have seven.

The reason for the scandalous meat famine is not in the lack of livestock. There is

Jim Crow Record Of Republican And Democratic Parties Is Exposed By Alan Kohlman At NAACP Convention

Text of the address by Alan Kohlman, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of New Jersey, before the State Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Trenton, N. J., Sept. 26, 1946.

Today, when the list of lynchings grows longer and longer, every man—not just office seekers, but every man—must take a stand. I take my stand, and our Party takes its stand, squarely on the side of the Negro people. We say: death to the lynchers! Full and complete economic, political and social equality for the Negro people!

I come here today to make no election promises, nor to engage in airy and high-sounding abstractions about "justice." As your President, Reverend Hardge, has correctly remarked, you must be careful of election promises. I feel under no compulsion to make any, because the record is clear, because actions speak louder than words. I'm going to talk about the record, the record of actions of the Socialist Workers Party, as contrasted to the record of the Republicans and Democrats.

All four representatives of the Republicans and Democrats who have spoken to you have said they oppose lynching. I ask you to remember that it is not a question of what individuals say, but of what their parties say and do. Let me give you some examples.

Some months ago, out in Fontana, California, under the Republican regime of Governor Warren, a Negro named O'Day Short moved into a white neighborhood. Somebody sneaked up in the dead of night and set fire to that house. O'Day Short, his wife and two small children were burned to death. The Republican administration did nothing.

Our party threw its entire resources into the fight to bring the murderers to justice, and to organize united action against this crime. Our Los Angeles organizer, Myra Tanner Weiss, took a leading part in investigating this crime. She toured up and down the West Coast from Seattle, Washington to San Diego, California speaking and mobilizing against this Jim Crow terror. Here is a copy of the widely distributed pamphlet she wrote, *Vigilante Terror in California*.

But the Republican administration did nothing.

Example number two: in Chicago, Illinois under the Democratic regime of Mayor Kelly, some one threw a fire bomb through the window of Mrs. Grace Hardy, seriously burning her and the house. Our Chicago organizer, Mike Bartell, began an investigation. The police just listed it as a fire. But our Party discovered it was an arson bomb. And more than that, when we checked into the records, our Chicago organizer discovered that there were 59 such bombings and beatings within the past two years! I repeat: 59 such crimes against the Negro people—and the Democratic administration did not make a single arrest or conviction. It did nothing!

Took the Lead

Our Party took the lead in organizing a broad united front with the NAACP and unions on the Grace Hardy case. To raise funds to pay the mortgage and repair the house, to pay Mrs. Hardy's hospital bills, and most of all: to organize against Jim Crow terror and the do-nothing Democrats.

More evidence: right in the next state, in Freeport, N. Y., under a Republican local and state administration, all of you know of the vile murder of the Ferguson brothers by a policeman this past February. Senator Smith has spoken to you of the Ives-Quinn bill as an example of Republican legislation. But I say to you that Republican Governor Dewey white-washed the murderer and the crime.

Our party in New York threw its full resources into this fight, and submitted to the Ives-Quinn committee petitions signed by tens of thousands demanding a full investigation. Governor Dewey's

administration ignored these petitions and gave an official white-wash to the murderer. We organized large protest meetings in New York, and here in New Jersey too.

I have here a copy of a leaflet announcing a protest meeting that was held in Newark on March 18; we held one in Jersey City too. Here is more evidence: a copy of my letter, as Newark Organizer of the SWP, sent out to all unions, Negro and working-class organizations on February 18. This was the first action on the Ferguson murders in New Jersey.

I spoke at this meeting together with representatives of the CIO, Rev. Charles Jackson, a former NAACP official, and Mr. Fred Martin, who is sitting out here as a member of your State Executive Board.

What Happens In The South

Is it necessary to give further evidence against the Democrats? All of you know what is happening in the South where under Democratic regimes they gouge out the eyes of Isaac Woodard, chop off the hands of John Jones, shoot, beat and lynch one Negro after another. And the Bilbos and the Rankins use public office to incite these monstrous crimes! All my opponents on the platform here, including the two Democratic candidates, have spoken against Bilbo. But individuals' statements are not enough. These two candidates remain in the same party with Bilbo and run for office for this party.

We say: impeach and prosecute the Bilbos and Rankins and drive them out of Congress! And there is a world of difference when the SWP says this, because we have a record of actions in this struggle, the record that I have cited here.

It is a question of party against party. The record shows that the SWP stands in the forefront of the fight against Jim Crow terror. The record equally shows that the Democrats and Republicans are to be condemned! (Prolonged applause.)

Now let us take up the important matter of legislation. You have correctly submitted a list of bills to the Republicans and Democrats and asked them to answer in writing where they stand.

I listened to my four opponents here and each one of them has answered "yes" to every single question you have asked. It is good that you have their answers in writing. Our party didn't just send a single reply for your files. We published your questions and our answers. I have here a copy of the August 10 issue of *The Militant* which contains the answers of our nine Congressional candidates in five states. So you see how we printed and publicized the questions of the NAACP, and our replies.

Among our candidates is George Breitman, for U. S. Senator, well-known to thousands of New Jersey Negroes as an organizer of the unemployed Workers Alliance during the depression years. And in the 11th Congressional District, our party is running a Negro worker for Congress, William E. Bohannon. He is sitting out there in the audience and I shall ask him to stand up so that you will know him. (Bohannon rises and is greeted with applause.) And in the 13th District, Arlene Phillips is our candidate for Congress. As an active member of the Bayonne branch of the NAACP, she has already spoken today during your business session of the Mike Choice case.

Now I am not going to read our answers to all these questions because copies of the August 10 *Militant* (and other literature) will be available to you after this meeting. We too have answered "yes" to every question and I think you know that we mean what we say.

These four individual candidates, my opponents here, have answered "yes." I shall not question their sincerity here, but let us look at the record of their parties, because the Democrats and Republicans run Congress, and they have a record, a bad record. All of you have seen the August-September issue of your national organ, the *NAACP Bulletin*. You know that this contains the roll-call record of all the congressmen on 11 important bills, such as the poll tax, FEPC, price control, anti-lynching, etc. Now

what does this record compiled by the NAACP show?

The record shows that less than one-tenth of the Republican and Democratic congressmen voted as the NAACP wanted them to! Nine-tenths voted against!

"By the record so shall ye be judged." (Applause.) And by the record the Republicans and Democrats stand condemned! (Prolonged applause.)

You see it is not a question of individual candidates but of party against party, because the party machines control the individuals. So I must say to these four individual candidates here who promise "yes" when nine-tenths of both their parties vote "no": "I congratulate you gentlemen, upon being among the liberal one-tenth of your respective parties." (Laughter and applause.) Again I say, individual promises are not enough. By the record both the Republicans and Democrats stand convicted of opposing the interests of the Negro people and workers. (Applause.)

Now, since all four opponents spoke about their personal record and told you how many Negro friends they had, I shall also say a few words about my personal record.

I would not presume to repeat what they said about "some of my best friends being Negroes." But I have dug ditches with Negroes and helped to organize Negro and white WPA workers. As far back as my 16th year, I helped organize the Workers Alliance, one of the first inter-racial organizations of workers in the Southern city of Louisville, Ky.

And having told you that I was born and grew up in the South, I must make a bit of a confession. They raised me to be a "cracker." Yes, you are looking at a made-over "cracker." (Laughter.)

They crammed Jim Crow prejudice into my head, as they do into the heads of all white Southern children. I had to learn about this matter the hard way. (Applause.) Yes, I learned in unemployed and union organization that white and Negro workers must stand together.

And most of all, it was the Socialist Workers Party which cleared my head, which taught me why Jim Crow was a trick of the bosses to divide the workers and why we must have full equality in the common fight.

In Steel Mills

Recently I have also worked in the steel mills, where I served as union grievance-committeeman and educational director for thousands of Negro and white workers in the Crucible Steel plant which was during the war the largest CIO steel local in our state. I have worked with Negroes, organized with Negroes, stood shoulder to shoulder with them on the picket line. So I shall put my personal record alongside of that of Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Hansen, and let you judge for yourself.

So I say to you: First, study the record and then vote as your intelligence and conscience tell you how to vote. Second, remember that this fight will not be won on Election Day, that we must carry on the fight 365 days a year.

Therefore, in addition to voting for the party which has proved itself against those that stand condemned, I say to you: Build! Build the NAACP! (Applause.) Yes, where there now exist 50 members, make it 100. Where there now are 100 members, make it 1,000. Build your organization and forge a united front with the unions and working class organizations to fight Jim Crow—this means more than all the promises of all the Republicans and Democrats. (Applause.)

Toledo Housewives Storm Mayor's Office



Led by Mrs. Alice Patton (at far right), Chairman of the Housewives Emergency Committee, angry women invade Mayor's office in Toledo, O., to demand action on the meat famine. They demanded that the city administration wire Truman to nationalize the meat industry and operate it under union control.

Toledo Housewives Storm City Council, Demand Meat

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gate the 3,000 private lockers in this city.

The HEC spokesman announced their dissatisfaction with Hall's report and dismissed it as incomplete.

However, the local chairman of the Communist (Stalinist) Party, Nat Cohen, defended the white-wash report and tried to blame the meat crisis solely on the Republican Party which he claimed engineered the meat famine to make campaign propaganda against the Democrats.

After the council meeting, Mrs. Patton announced that the Housewives Emergency Committee will seek broader labor support for an intensified campaign behind their program to end the meat crisis.

The committee has already sent copies of its program, embodied in a resolution, to all local unions for adoption. The Champion Spark Plug UAW-CIO local adopted the resolution today. Ethel White, a Champion worker and member of the HEC, spoke on the resolution before the union meeting.

Other unions are expected to adopt the resolution shortly.



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Wages, Prices and Profits

Capitalist Waste And Profits Keep Living Standards Down

By Warren Creel

The employers have said that even modern industry is not able to produce enough to give a good standard of living for all the workers. Now history has answered this old excuse for low wages.

Marxists have proved in theory that industry could produce abundance for all right now. Then, as we saw in the last installment of this series, American war production proved that the Marxist theory was correct. American industry turned out goods at the rate of 200 billion dollars worth a year. It didn't provide a high standard of living because half the nation's output was taken for the war, to be burned up or sunk. But the same labor and machinery could produce the same amount for peace.

That level of production, 200 billion dollars worth of goods a year, is the proven capacity of American factories and farms. If production goes below that, the reason must be that the profit system is holding production down. It isn't because American labor and equipment can't produce.

It is true that part of the total war production is counted at high war prices, so the statistics are not quite the same as peacetime prices. But offsetting that is the fact that the war output was reached while a fourth of the labor force was drafted into the armed forces. Twelve million workers going back to industry and agriculture from the Army and Navy ought to raise the nation's capacity to produce to a far higher level than it reached when their labor was withdrawn. It would under a rational economic system. But we'll leave out that increase, and see what would happen to wages if capitalism could even allow industry to produce in peacetime at the level that it actually reached under the handicaps of war.

There are about 135 million people in the nation. So 200 billion dollars of production is enough to pay an income of \$7,500 a year to every worker who is the head of a family of five. Or, counting the same thing another way, it means \$1,500 a year for every man, woman and child in the United States. Such an income, \$7,500 a year per family, is a moderate luxury income at a business and professional level. It is far beyond what even skilled workers are paid under capitalism. Yet the level of income for everyone is the actual output of American industry. That's not what the output could become, but what it is.

The government figures on employment show that industry reached this high production during the war by shifting only a small part of the working force from unproductive labor to productive labor. A sensible control of industry could raise the output of goods even higher, and give even better than this "business and professional level" of income for everyone, and at the same time shorten hours and increase leisure. That's what will happen under socialism, when industry is controlled by mankind, instead of being controlled by capitalist anarchy.

Exorbitant Profits

There are two costs that make capitalism expensive, that cause low wages and high prices. These two, in the words of *The Death Agony of Capitalism*, are: "the exorbitant profits of the capitalists and the overhead expenses of capitalist anarchy." Or, briefly, the two costs are profit and waste.

The most important cost is capitalist profit, because it controls the capitalists. They do the wasting to get their profit. But the larger cost, although not controlling, is the waste, the overhead expense of capitalist anarchy.

We can compare these two costs at the level of production reached during the war. On the average through the years about one-fourth of the national output each year goes to the capitalist class as income from ownership. That's the total of all rent, profit and interest.

Suppose we took incomes at the 200 billion dollar level of production and we merely cut them down by paying a fourth of all production as profit to the capitalist class. Paying that enormous profit would lower every worker's income a fourth. Instead of \$7,500 a year it would go down to only \$5,600 a year for each working class family. Yet that still would be in the luxury level.

The mere cost of profit is a small part of the cost of the profit system. The fact is that capitalism never allows peacetime production to reach such levels. The average income for working class families has been kept below the health and decency level, averaging about \$1,500 a year per family. The heaviest cut in the standard of living comes from capitalism's low level of production, caused by capitalist waste of human labor.

Labor Squandered

Yet it would be wrong to look at these as two separate costs, one the cost of profits and the other the cost of competitive waste. The capitalists are compelled to do the wasting in collecting their profits. Rather it is true that every dollar collected in profits by the capitalists costs society an additional five dollars or more in lost production. In the words of *The Death Agony of Capitalism*, the waste is "that unconscionable squandering of human labor which is the result of capitalist anarchy and the naked pursuit of profits." (Emphasis added.)

In the world scene today this process takes place under conditions of monopoly. Capitalism now is in the monopoly stage. As the next step in analyzing wages and prices we will take up the nature of monopoly.

Next week: *Competition Makes Monopoly*.

Vote For Candidates Of The Socialist Workers Party

California

Steve Roberts, Governor
Cynthia Rosalin, State Senate, Los Angeles County
Robert Chester, State Assembly, 20th District

Minnesota

(Ballot Name: Revolutionary Workers Party)
Grace Carlson, U. S. Senate
Warren Creel, Congress, 3rd District
Dorothy Schultz, Congress, 4th District

New Jersey

George Breitman, U. S. Senate
Alan Kohlman, Governor
William E. Bohannon, Congress, 11th District
Arlene Phillips, Congress, 13th District

New York

Farrell Dobbs, Governor
Milton Richardson, Lt.-Governor
Joseph Hansen, U. S. Senate
Sylvia Blecker, Attorney-General
William Kitt, Comptroller

Ohio

Malcolm Walker, Governor
Washington
Charles Swett, U. S. Senate
Daniel Roberts, State Senate, 31st District

CIO Publication Explodes Myth That High Wages Force Up Prices

A devastating reply to the employers' lie that "wage increases necessitate price increases" is given in the September CIO Economic Outlook. The entire issue is devoted to a single article, "Exploding the 'High Wage-High Price' Myth."

Average hourly earnings of all manufacturing workers increased less than five per cent between April, 1945 and July, 1946, the CIO shows. Yet prices soared 13 per cent between April, 1945 and August, 1946, according to the government's own conservative estimate, and are still climbing.

The hourly wage increases could not raise prices even five per cent, the article makes clear. For "although the proportion of labor costs to total costs vary from industry to industry, wages and salaries average about 25 per cent of all costs in manufacturing . . . This means that even if higher wages did necessarily raise prices, every 10 per cent wage raise would increase the total production cost only 1/4 as much, or by two and a half per cent."

In reality this meager increase in hourly wages did not raise production costs. Added costs have been more than compensated for in the same period by "great increases in productivity resulting from the use of new and improved machinery and the return of millions of young workers, plus the repeal of the excess profits tax."

PROFITS ARE CAUSE

The CIO Economic Outlook concludes that "the drive for higher prices has not arisen from the pinch of rising costs. It stems from management's seemingly unquenchable thirst for ever-higher profits."

These profits are exposed with figures and charts. The six-month period of January-June 1945, one of the fattest in corporation history, is contrasted with the six-month period of January-June 1946. Today, of course, with prices even more unbridled, the corporations are raking in even more loot.

Textile profits rose 250 per cent over 1945. Meat packers' profits went up 200 per cent. All

1,000 Picket Meat Convention In Chicago

By Leigh Ray

(Special to *The Militant*)

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—Protesting the artificial meat famine and the loss of jobs for more than 40,000 packinghouse workers, more than a thousand unionists here picketed the national convention of the American Meat Institute yesterday afternoon.

The American Meat Institute is the organization of 450 packers who are engaged in interstate commerce and thus subject to federal regulations. The "Big 4"—Swift, Armour, Wilson and Cudahy—control the policies of the Institute, although statements of such policies are usually issued in the name of one of the smaller concerns.

Pickets began to gather before the Stevens Hotel, where the AMI was meeting, long before the starting time. It was a cold fall afternoon. Men and women, Negro and white, those still working and those who had been laid off, marched two abreast in a double line on the block-long lake frontage, chanting such slogans as: "We want meat and want jobs," and "Give us pork chops, not baloney!"

BANNERS PROMINENT

Banners were prominently displayed by CIO packinghouse, auto, electrical, transport, farm equipment and mine, mill and smelter locals, as well as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, American Veterans Committee, Chicago Committee on Price and Rent Control, National Negro Congress, Independent Voters of Illinois, and International Workers Order.

Among the slogans carried on the banners were: 100% CIO for Guaranteed Annual Wage; 100% CIO for Cost of Living Bonus; Investigate the Sitdown Strike of the Meat Trust; 100% CIO for \$1 Minimum Wage; More Beef, Not Higher Prices; More Jobs, Not Higher Prices; and Meat Trust Policy—Pay Our Price or Starve.

Picketing continued for one hour. Delegates to the Institute thronged the sidelines watching the demonstration.

Minnesota SWP Candidates Hit Meat Profiteers

ST. PAUL, Oct. 5.—Socialist Workers Party candidates are pledged to fight for the expropriation of the meat profiteers, the nationalization of the meat industry and its operation under workers' control.

Grace Carlson is Minnesota SWP candidate for U. S. Senate, Warren Creel for 3rd District Congressman, Dorothy Schultz for 4th District Congressman. Because of state regulations, they will use the ballot name, Revolutionary Workers Party.

MASS MEETING.

At a mass meeting on the question of violence against Negroes in the West Chesterfield and Burnside Community areas, committees were organized for the purpose of investigating the Tuley Park incident; to investigate conditions causing the conflict among Negro and white students at the Burnside School; to take action for the removal of John Morris, the park supervisor; and to investigate the Burnside police who have been notably lax in the situation.

At Calumet High School on Friday an attack on Negro students by white students under the leadership of Edward Hickey, an amateur boxer, led to Hickey's arrest on a charge of malicious and disorderly conduct. While none of the Negro students were harmed, they were driven out of the school district.

GANG ATTACKS

The white gang assembled on Wednesday night armed with sticks, bricks and other weapons in front of Carruthers' home, smashed windows and hurled threats of: "Let's lynch the nigger-lover!" The mob gathered after letters had been sent out by the Auburn Park Improvement Association, whose members are supporters and signers of restrictive covenants.

A gang of white youths attacked Negro youths playing football in Tuley Park. The hoodlums, with knives, sticks and bricks, chased the Negro boys from the park and then burned some of their clothes left in the playground lockers.

Two of the mothers of the attack victims, in the park to see the football game, were threaten-

Chicago Workers Flay Meat Trust

MEAT TRUST POLICY:
"GYP THE FARMER"
"BUST THE RETAILER"
"STARVE THE WORKER"
"SOAK THE CONSUMER"



Scene at the demonstration of Chicago workers when the meat packing trust held its recent conference. The placard reads "Meat Trust Policy: Gyp the Farmer, Bust the Retailer, Starve the Worker, Soak the Consumer."

Federated Picture

Chicago SWP Backs Fight Of CIO Packinghouse Workers

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—The Chicago Local of the Socialist Workers Party this week issued a leaflet calling on the Chicago workers to support the CIO United Packinghouse Workers in their fight to put an end to the artificial meat famine and to get back to their jobs and secure a living wage. This leaflet was distributed on the union picket line demonstrating yesterday before the convention of the American Meat Institute, association of big packers.

The SWP leaflet stated that: "There is no meat because the greedy, profit-hungry meat monopolists (Swift, Armour, Wilson and Cudahy) have deliberately and cold-bloodedly halted production in order to break all price ceilings and to undermine the Union . . . The conspiracy of these ruthless criminals can be stopped only by a united labor movement with bold program of militant action."

The SWP leaflet advocated the following program to meet the critical situation facing the workers:

1. Government Ownership of the Meat Industry—Operated under the Control of the Trade Union and Working Farmers.

2. A Rising Scale of Wages—For the Cost-of-Living Bonus.

3. Open the Books of the Meat Trust—Consumers Committees to Control Prices.

4. Repeal the Tax Rebate Law.

5. Full Back Wages for Un-

Blecker Supports Toledo Women

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Sylvia Blecker, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Attorney-General, today demanded nationalization of the meat industry under workers' control. Speaking over Station WLIB, she declared that Republicans and Democrats are doing "nothing at all" while the packers' trust imposes a meat famine upon the country.

"Everybody knows there is plenty of meat. It didn't just vanish into thin air the day after price ceilings were reinstated," she pointed out. "The meat packing trust, the big cattle dealers and speculators are deliberately withholding meat supplies." Their slogan is "Pay us extortionate prices we demand—or go without meat!"

"The way to get meat is to take action on a NATIONAL scale like the militant group of housewives took last week in Toledo," she said. "They organized the women and stormed the Mayor's office demanding that he call on the federal government to take over the meat industry and operate it under the control of the unions."

"The only solution to this problem is the expropriation of the meat profiteers, the nationalization of the meat industry and its operation under workers' control."

Carlson Speaks In Minneapolis On Wallace Ouster

By Elaine Roseland

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 3.—"Wall Street is driving desperately toward a war with the Soviet Union." This charge was made by Grace Carlson, Socialist Workers Party Senatorial candidate, at an election rally here last Friday.

Speaking on "Wallace, Wall Street and World War III," Comrade Carlson pointed out that the dismissal of Wallace means that the American capitalists who want war with the Soviet Union now, are the dominant power in Washington today. Wallace, she said, represents that section of American capitalists whose business interests would best be served by making a "deal" with Stalin at the present time. He is no sincere anti-war fighter or friend of the USSR. His differences with Truman-Byrnes are purely tactical.

"In some parts of the world, the dead bodies of some soldiers haven't been laid to a resting place and yet World War III is already being planned," she said. Wallace, by exploiting the anti-war sentiment of the vast majority of American workers, "is attempting to build up his own political prestige and to hold the labor movement within the framework of capitalist politics," she added.

In the face of the capitalist encirclement of the Soviet Union and the threat of the atomic bomb, Stalin based his defense of the USSR on building a "strategic bulwark." Comrade Carlson contrasted this with the policy of Lenin and Trotsky who placed their confidence in the working class of the world, the "only real allies of the workers" in the long run."

V. R. Dunne, well-known to Minnesota workers as a militant trade unionist and revolutionary fighter, was chairman of the meeting. He stressed the serious meaning and intent of the Socialist Workers' Party entrance to the election campaign. "We enter the campaign to win."

The large audience contributed generously to the campaign fund to elect Comrade Carlson for U. S. Senate, Warren Creel for Congress, 3rd District, and Dorothy Schultz for Congress, 4th District.

Electoral posters in the meeting hall carried the slogan: "Vote for Labor Candidates—End 'Company Unionism' in Politics" and "Strike a Blow Against Jim Crow—Vote SWP."

From Truman we get the same kind of old deal that we got from Roosevelt and the Republicans before him. Except that Truman is not as shrewd a politician as Roosevelt was; he is cruder and says things Roosevelt was too smart to give away.

Take the case of Truman's statement to an anti-lynch delegation headed by Paul Robeson last month. Asked to make a

The NEGRO STRUGGLE

By William Bohannon

SWP Candidate for Congress, 11th District, N. J.

Truman's Brand of "Sympathy"

The Democratic administrations since 1933 have done more to secure equal rights for every race, creed and color than was accomplished by all the preceding

Republican administrations combined. The sympathetic attitude of the Roosevelt and Truman administrations to these problems stands in sharp contrast to the unperformed promises of Republican politicians."

The above is a statement made on Sept. 26 by the executive committee of the Democratic National Committee in Washington.

Most of this statement is a lie—a big fib lie of the kind practiced by Hitler. When the Democrats talk about the shabby record of the Republicans, then of course they are on safe ground. But when they start glorifying their own record, they have to lie as hard as they know how.

What are these remarkable achievements of the Negro people in this country ought to ponder this little incident very carefully. They should remember it as they go to the polls on Nov. 5. And they should think about it after Election Day too. Here is what it adds up to:

Lynching is connected very closely with "political matters." So is the poll tax, and so is the fight for equality in employment and everywhere else. These are all political questions which cannot be solved within the confines of Democratic and Republican Party politics.

Our fight for equality is a political fight. It is a fight against the politics and politicians of the capitalist parties which benefit from Jim Crow and divisions along color lines among the working people.

You cannot successfully fight a war unless your weapons are as good as those of your enemy. In the same way we cannot win our fight against the Jim Crow parties unless we have a party too—a party of our own, a party that fights in our interests.

This means that beginning right now and continuing after Election Day, the Negro people must fight for the creation of an Independent Labor Party based on the trade unions and the Negro organizations. Without a party such as this we will face only frustration, discouragement, setbacks and defeats in the political fight for our second emancipation.

Come and meet other 'Militant' Readers At these Local Activities of

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BALTIMORE — For information write Box 415, Baltimore 3, Md. Monthly forums to be announced.

BAYONNE — SWP headquarters, 62 W. 23rd St. Open house 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

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Diary Of A Steel Worker

A Hollywood Tragedy

By Theodore Kovalesky

"There are some terrible people in this world," Jimmy told me in a voice that was deep with solemnity and quivering with suppressed emotion. "Yes some terrible people!"

I could see Jimmy was shocked. "Tell me about it, Jimmy," I said sympathetically.

"What," asked Jimmy, "would you think of a man who would steal pennies out of a blind man's cup?"

I could think of no reply but "Tsk, tsk," because such a man would be very low.

"What," continued Jimmy, "would you think of a man who would steal candy from a baby?"

I cracked my tongue again. It was a shameful thing to think about. "Jimmy," I said slowly, "you're not trying to get anything off your chest, are you? You haven't been doing any of these things?"

Jimmy reached into his pocket, an expression of scorn on his face that I should suspect such things of him. Carefully he drew out a clay-spattered old blue bandanna handkerchief, unfolded it and took out a battered wallet, from which he extricated a torn, dirty newspaper clipping.

"Here it is," Jimmy said, holding the clipping. "It happened out in Hollywood. Some rotten son of a . . . went and stole a poor girl's purse. He just sneaked up and stole it, and there she was left with no money, no keys, no nothing . . ." His voice trailed off into silent pity and righteous indignation.

I looked at the clipping which told of one Hazel Forbes, who got up in a night club to dance and left her purse on the table. When she got back, it was gone, gone forever. And gone with it were \$500, a diamond-studded gold lipstick and perfume set, a solid gold memorandum pad and pencil, a diamond-studded gold

Mothers And Sons

By Grace Carlson

It was a rainy Sunday, so the children had to play indoors. My sister and I were trying hard to concentrate on our coffee and our con-

versation, but we finally had to give up. Jimmy was running around the house, yelling "Wham" and giving a four-year old's idea of a soldier, sticking an imaginary bayonet into imaginary enemies.

This seemed like a pretty grisly business to us so Dorothy tried to persuade Jimmy to play some other game. But Jim was having lots of fun playing "soldier" — all the more, now that he had an audience! His bayonet work increased in speed and vigor; so did his yelling! Dorothy was just getting set to end the "war" when Jimmy stopped playing to say, "Mama, when real soldiers use these, they have to be careful where they stick people so they won't hurt them, don't they?"

After we had Jim safely started on a quieter game, we laughed a little over his childish notion of war, but not for long. Dorothy's face sobered and she said in a half-embarrassed way, "Remember that old song, 'I Didn't Raise My

Veterans' Problems

Vets' Homes Can't Survive Peace

By Alvin Royce

Speaking about "war marriages" a spokesman at the Veterans Center in New York reported the other day that "For more than 60 per cent of this group, peace brought not reunion, but disruption."

Their marriages had survived the war but could not withstand the peace."

The figures are very impressive. In the country as a whole, there are 31 divorces for every 100 marriages in 1945 — the highest rate in the history of the United States. In Los Angeles, where divorces are relatively easy to obtain, there are 3,000 monthly. In Oklahoma City and several other cities in the Midwest and Southwest there are more divorces than marriages.

We can not say that this problem hasn't achieved wide publicity in the capitalist press. Headlines have been shrieking such captions as RETURNED VET STRANGLES WIFE OR WAR HEROES CAUGHT IN LOVE TANGLE. To the scandal sheets of the bosses these social tragedies make wonderful copy. None of these papers has the slightest interest in explaining the reasons for these tragedies. If they can get some woman to pose with her dress above her knees, the story is good enough for the front page.

It's not very often that we refer to an "Advice to the Lovelorn" column for any sort of enlightenment but this week we saw a question sent to one of the professional cupids that we can't resist restating here. A young housewife wrote to the "love expert" in the N. Y. Daily News stating that her husband was continually griping about the housing shortage and she didn't know how to patch things up. They have a young

money clip, a diamond-studded gold cigarette lighter, a diamond-studded gold compact, a diamond-studded gold coin purse, 40 solid gold keys, and a diamond-studded pill box.

"What's the poor girl going to do now?"

I looked over the clipping once more. It certainly was pathetic. With her 40 gold keys gone, how would this poor toothpaste heiress ever be able to unlock those 40 gold locks and get into gold houses, gold automobiles, gold safe deposit boxes, and what-have-you?

And without her diamond-studded pill box, how would she ever be able to take a diamond-studded aspirin to get rid of the diamond-studded headache that the theft would cause her?

"What's she going to do now?" Jimmy asked again.

"Maybe get a job washing dishes or scrubbing floors."

"Might get married if her boy-friend still wants her."

"He won't want her anymore, Jimmy. The diamond-studded gold lipstick and perfume set are gone."

"O.K.!" Jimmy tightened his jaw in determination. "I'm going to take up a collection up and down the blast furnace line. These fellows around here don't need \$40 every week just to take care of their wives and kids . . ."

"Swell, Jimmy," I interrupted enthusiastically. Here was a way that this great wrong might be righted. "We'll get a couple of dollars from every man on the line!"

"Hell," snorted Jimmy, "that won't get us but around a thousand dollars. We better get a week's pay from everybody. They don't use it for nothing but food and clothes and rent."

"Think they'd give a whole week's pay?" I asked a little dubiously.

"Well," Jimmy said, "if they got no more sympathy than that . . ." He lapsed into morose silence again. Then he muttered, "Sure are some terrible people in this world!"

Draft Denounced By Bohannon

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 7—William E. Bohannon, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Congress in the 11th Congressional District, denounced compulsory military training plans advanced by the War Department as further preparations for another World War. Bohannon's full statement is as follows:

"The War Department plans for compulsory military training are a deliberate jingoistic effort to militarize the country," he said. "The brass hats are serving the dictates of Wall Street in preparing World War III."

"These dastardly military plans press doubly hard upon the Negro youth. At a time when they are lynching the Negro veterans of World War II, the bosses and brass hats want to make cannon fodder out of the Negro youth for World War III."

"In World War II they promised us that we were going to get 'democracy' and 'equality.' The Socialist Workers Party opposed the war as a capitalist war and explained how the bosses were deceiving the Negro people and workers. Now, every lynch-murder proves how we told the truth, and how vilely the bosses and their political henchmen lied."

"I am unalterably opposed to compulsory military conscription under control of Wall Street's brass hats, and particularly am I opposed to Jim Crow segregation in the armed forces. It is necessary to take the war-making powers away from Wall Street's Congress. Let the people vote on the vital matter of war or peace! End Jim Crow in the armed forces!"

We didn't have time to finish the conversation then because it was already eleven o'clock and the twins had to be bathed before lunch time. But the words of "I Didn't Raise My Boy To Be a Soldier" have been running through my mind ever since. Sure, it's sentimental! But the relation between mothers and sons is sentimental. What's really sad about this anti-war song is that it has no effective anti-war program.

Dorothy isn't raising Jimmy and Vincent and Raymond to be soldiers! But she isn't depending upon capitalist nations "to lay the sword and gun away." She's a Trotskyist fighter against war!

After we had Jim safely started on a quieter game, we laughed a little over his childish notion of war, but not for long. Dorothy's face sobered and she said in a half-embarrassed way, "Remember that old song, 'I Didn't Raise My

MEET THE SWP CANDIDATES

Steve Roberts

Candidate for Governor of California

Steve Roberts was born on the lower East Side of New York City in 1898, shortly after the Spanish-American War. His entire life parallels the growth of American imperialism. He was in the armed forces in World War I. Two of his sons are veterans of World War II. He has good reason to be opposed to World War III.

Educated at City College of New York and Yale University, Roberts learned also from the world around him, drawing con-

clusions from the triumph of Hitler in Germany and the devastation of the depression that led him to join the Trotskyist movement in 1936.

Roberts has had a long history in the California labor movement. In the forefront of the initial organizing drive of the CIO in Southern California, he played a leading role in the now famous sit-down strike of the Douglas Aircraft workers. He has been a participant in the many class struggles in Los Angeles, where he led the great anti-fascist demonstration organized by the Socialist Workers Party in front of the Deutsche's House in 1940.

Roberts campaigned actively in the Los Angeles mayoralty election of SWP candidate Myra Tanner Weiss last year, and is himself a capable exponent of the program of the party, having served on the Los Angeles section executive committee for the past ten years.

Arlene Phillips

Candidate for Congress, 13th District, N. J.

Arlene Phillips was born in a working class family in Richmond County, N. Y., in 1921.

While a high school student, she became an active member of the American Student Union. She belonged for a time to the Young Communist League and then in 1938 joined the Young Peoples Socialist League, affiliated to the Socialist Workers Party. When she started working, she became a member of the party itself.

She has been a member of various locals of the AFL Foodworkers International Union during the past eight years. At present she is a member in good standing of Local 16, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, CIO and of Local 575, Waiters and Waitresses Union, AFL.

Mrs. Phillips, who is the mother of a five-year-old boy, moved to Bayonne, New Jersey, in 1942. Here she is active as Organizer of the Socialist Workers Party and chairman of the local branch of the American Committee for European Workers Relief and the Bayonne Consumers Committee.

Recently she has played an important part in the defense of Mike Choice, a young Negro railroaded to jail on a phony "intention-to-rape" charge. She is also an active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which is conducting the Choice defense case.

Cynthia Rogalin

Candidate for State Senator, Los Angeles County, Calif.

Born in a family keenly interested in social problems, Cynthia Rogalin participated in her first picketline at the age of 15. Since then she has been active in many battles of the labor movement. She first became a union member in 1939 when she joined the UAW-CIO while working in an aircraft plant.

As a shipyard welder during the war, she was a member of Local 92 of the AFL Boilermakers Union where she fought for admitting Negroes into the union on the basis of full equality, and for the abolition of Jim Crow practices. At present she is a cannery worker and member of the Cannery Workers and Fishermen's Union.

She joined the SWP in 1943 at the age of 20. Her brother, a well-known unionist in Buffalo, who had contemplated joining the party after his discharge from the army, was killed while serving in the air force.

Only the working class has no interest in conquering other lands and no interest in profits. Consequently in the hands of the working class atomic energy would be used for peaceful purposes. A Workers' and Farmers' Government for instance, would turn the development of atomic energy into industrial, medical and scientific channels.

TRADE PROPOSALS

The great cause of modern war is the inability of the capitalist system to expand without violence. Confined within narrow national boundaries, it develops explosive tendencies, first through trade wars and then through armed conflict. The capitalist powers come to blows over markets, natural resources and colonies. No international trade proposals can soften the rapacious, bloodthirsty greed of the modern capitalist powers. Such proposals can only favor one of these powers at the expense of others.

Peaceful exchange of the products of all nations is possible only if capitalism is ended. Under a socialist economy, planned on a world scale for the needs of the earth's inhabitants, every nation will be able to develop to the full extent of its natural capacities.

"TRUSTEESHIPS"

The "trusteeship principle" is simply a diplomatic phrase meaning imperialist domination. The Pacific island bases obtained du-

"What should be the role of the United States in the United Nations? In particular, what should be our stand regarding international trade proposals, application of the trusteeship principle to the Pacific island bases?" These were questions addressed to the Socialist Workers Party candidates in New York by the League of Women Voters. And these were the answers of the SWP candidates:

ring the war now figure in virtually every proclamation of the warmongers as essential in the preparations for the Third World War. The wishes of the inhabitants of these islands bother the warmongers least of all.

The imperialist powers should get out of the Pacific islands and all other places they have seized against the will of the inhabitants. We stand for the right of all peoples, especially those in colonial lands, to choose their own form of government.

Farrell Dobbs
Milton Richardson
Joseph Hansen
Sylvia Blecker
William Kitt

SWP Candidates Give Support To California FEPC

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct.

4—"A vote by every worker for FEPC, Proposition 11 on the ballot, is an absolute necessity," declared the California District Committee of the Socialist Workers Party in a statement issued today.

"Our candidates," the statement continued, "will put every effort into gathering support for this proposition which seeks to prevent unfair discrimination against workers because of color or religion. This is a continuation of the work in which our organization obtained thousands of signatures required to place the measure on the ballot.

"We are well aware of the limitations of any measure whose enforcement is placed in the hands of Democratic and Republican politicians who are opposed to its very spirit. That is why it is extremely important that support be given to the candidates of the SWP: Steve Roberts for Governor, Cynthia Rogalin for State Senator from Los Angeles County, and Robert Chester for Assemblyman from the 20th district in San Francisco."

Seattle Election Rally and Dance Sat., November 2

Orchestra . . . Refreshments Socialist Workers Party Campaign Headquarters 1919½ Second Ave. 8 p.m. Admission Free

Our Program:

1. Defend labor's standard of living!

A sliding scale of wages—an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living! Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging! Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' control!

2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!

For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours—reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment! Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control! Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!

3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking!

No restrictions on the right to strike and picket! No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!

4. Build an independent labor party!

5. Tax the rich, not the poor!

Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes! No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!

7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!

End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!

8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!

Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace! Against capitalist conscription! Abolish the officer caste system! Full democratic rights in the armed forces! Trade union wages for the armed forces! Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!

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

For the complete independence of the colonial peoples! Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

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