

# TRUMAN'S FOREIGN POLICY SPEEDS WAR MOVES AGAINST SOVIET UNION

## Ask Grand Jury To Investigate Trotsky Murder

Delegation Demands Probe of Stalin's Agents  
Who Plotted Assassination in New York City

NEW YORK, Mar. 17—District Attorney Frank J. Hogan was today urged to summon a special grand jury to investigate the conspiracy to murder Leon Trotsky, which was hatched in New York City by Stalin's secret police. A delegation headed by Socialist Party leader Norman Thomas, N. Y. City Councilman Louis P. Goldberg, and novelist James T. Farrell, held a 45 minute meeting with Jacob Grumet, assistant District Attorney, to demand action on the sensational revelations made by Louis F. Budenz in his recently published book, *This Is My Story*.

In his autobiography, the former *Daily Worker* editor and Communist Party national committee member, testifies from personal knowledge that GPU agents, aided by American Communist Party leaders, plotted their moves here which ended in the murder of Trotsky in Mexico City in 1940.

The delegation handed the District Attorney a statement signed by scores of prominent citizens, asking that "Earl Browder, Jack Stachel, Budenz himself, and all other Communist Party leaders, past or present, who are known to have been involved in the activities of the Soviet secret police in our community, or who are declared to have had knowledge of such activities should be subjected to official examination and such judicial action as the facts may warrant."

The statement pointed out that "Budenz adds new and

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## A Program Of Action To Halt The War Drive

An Editorial

Truman's ominous message to Congress shows how far down the road to World War III Wall Street has already gone in the short time since V-J Day. What can the working class do to oppose this headlong drive for another imperialist slaughter?

First of all, it is necessary to get a clear understanding of what Wall Street is after. The Second World War eliminated Germany and Japan as contenders for world mastery. France was knocked out of the running. Great Britain was dislodged as mistress of the seas. But Wall Street, while victorious in the war, did not gain unchallenged domination of the world. To establish its dictatorial rule over our planet, American Big Business must accomplish the following:

1. Smash the power of the working class in the United States. This is the objective of the current red-baiting hysteria and the anti-labor drive in Congress.

2. Crush the colonial and semi-colonial peoples who are fighting for their independence. This is the objective of Wall Street support to dictator Chiang Kai-shek, armed occupation of Korea, 99-year military bases in the Philippines, and so on.

3. Re-serve the Soviet Union as an obstacle to Wall Street's domination of Eurasia and open up the vast resources there to capitalist exploitation. As can be seen from Truman's speech, the war plans of U. S. imperialism are directed foremost against the Soviet Union.

To carry out this monstrous plan, Wall Street is using its monopoly of atomic energy to stockpile atomic bombs as rapidly

as they can be produced.

We must understand that the fight against war is world-wide. The workers in every land confront a common enemy in monopoly capitalism headed by Wall Street. American labor must therefore strengthen its bonds with the workers and colonial people overseas. This means active support of the anti-capitalist struggles of the European and colonial masses.

Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil! For the complete independence of the colonial peoples! Hands off Greece and Turkey! Let the Greek and Turkish people choose their own government.

Truman is trying to put over Wall Street's reactionary schemes abroad without consulting the American people. The American people should answer this brazen attempt by demanding that the war-making powers be taken away from Wall Street's Congress. Let the people vote whether they want war or peace!

The fight against capitalist conscription must be stepped up. The officer caste hopes to rush legislation through Congress in the next weeks to Prussianize American youth and convert the United States into the biggest peacetime military camp the world has ever seen.

To halt the anti-labor drive and Wall Street's war program, the workers must close their ranks and begin organizing their own political party. Put labor candidates in office! Throw out Wall Street's political representatives! Organize a Labor Party to put a Workers' and Farmers' Government in power!

Government spokesmen and the Big Business press took recognition of this trend of slow but rising opposition by altering the emphasis of their propaganda. They hastened to explain that the number of military men sent to Greece would probably not exceed 40; that the government had no interest in upholding the Greek dictatorship and would be only too happy to see the Greek government broaden, etc., etc.

Vandenberg, head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, promised a full and open hearing in an effort to satisfy reluctant Senators. And in an unprecedented move designed to put pressure on Congress, the Democratic National Committee asked the Republican National Committee to sign a joint statement endorsing Truman's program.

It means a tremendous increase of the intolerable economic burdens imposed on the American working people, already borne down by huge taxes and inflation caused by the 262 billion dollar federal debt from World War II.

Promptly following Truman's sabre-rattling speech, the Senate Armed Services Committee voted demonstratively to maintain the machinery of the Selective Service System. They rejected Truman's previous recommendation for immediate liquidation of the county draft offices, although conscription is formally scheduled to end March 31.

The retention of the draft machinery means that the ending of conscription is just a formality. In actuality, the threat that American youth will be dragged into the military machine is greater than ever.

NEW IMPULSION

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The latest move toward war has given a new impulsion toward the attempts of the Big Brass, with Truman's support, to Prussianize America through universal compulsory military training. This is the keystone of Wall Street's plan to militarize and regiment the American people. All prospects that the tax bur-

den will be relieved and that the monumental national debt will be lessened are thrown out the window. The American people are going to pay in sweat and blood for the intensified war preparations and financing of capitalist reaction throughout the world.

Republican Senator Styles Bridges, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, affirmed right after Truman's speech that "it knocks budget plans askew." John W. Snyder, Secretary of the Treasury, informed Congress that it would be impossible now to reduce federal expenditures in order to cut taxes. His reference was clearly directed to the ever-mounting cost of American imperialist aspirations, of which the Greek and Turkish ventures are but the beginning.

This need to regiment the workers for war and to foist on them new onerous economic burdens directly dictates the need for American capitalism to cripple the labor movement. The standard of living of the masses must be driven down still further to feed the omnivorous war machine.

Part of this drive is to destroy the political liberties of the American workers through anti-communist laws. Wall Street's war against the revolutionary peoples of other countries who are fighting capitalist reaction, is being waged simultaneously against any attempts of the American workers to break the rule of monopoly capital.

## Joint Statement On Unification Of The SWP And WP

In this declaration the National Committee of the SWP obligated itself to accept the decisions of an Extraordinary Party Convention projected for the coming fall.

This obligation was undertaken with the understanding that the WP, like the SWP, would have the right to participate in the pre-convention discussion and to be represented at the EPC with full rights and in proportion to its numerical strength; and that fusion of the two organizations into a united party would be achieved. On this basis, the WP pledged itself to abide by the discipline of the united party, politically as well as organizationally, even if the EPC should adopt decisions which would place the members of the WP in the position of a minority.

In recent days the question was opened again. New discussions between the leading committees of the two organizations have taken place. On February 10, the National Committee of the WP presented a written declaration in favor of unification.

Committee of the SWP, meeting in New York, February 15-16, accepted this declaration as providing a realistic basis for unity and unanimously voted in favor of unification on this basis. In view of the WP declaration, the plenum of the SWP on its part agreed that the WP should have the right to participate in the preparatory discussion of the EPC in a special discussion bulletin which will be distributed to the members of both parties. This discussion is to be completed in the branches of the separate organizations before the formal unification.

As to the specific forms of the proposed unification, it has been agreed by both sides that the members of the WP and the SWP, as of February 10, 1947, as well as all those recruited by each party subsequent to that as preliminary consultation in

date, shall be admitted into the ranks of the united party as a body, without prejudice or discrimination. However, while the unity negotiations are in progress, neither party will admit into its ranks any individuals or groups who are now or who have formerly been members of the other party, except by agreement. During the same period it is agreed that no exclusive measures will be taken by either party against any members or groups in its ranks in disciplinary cases arising out of the discussion on unity without consultation with the other party.

On the basis of the agreements and conditions outlined above, the two National Committees are recommending the unification of the two parties. If this recommendation is approved by the membership of the two parties, as preliminary consultation in

# UAW Briggs Local 212 Urges Mass Rally To Start Defense Against Anti-Labor Drive

DETROIT, March 16—CIO United Auto Workers Briggs Local 212, one of the largest UAW locals, this week called on the UAW International Union and Wayne County CIO Council to initiate a joint action conference of all local unions to stage a huge demonstration here in Cadillac Square against anti-labor laws.

This proposal was contained in a resolution adopted this week by the Local 212 general membership meeting. The resolution was introduced by Ernest Mazey, who warned that organized labor is "in the most dangerous position in the last decade."

"We have gone beyond the stage of letter-writing and button-holing our Congressmen. Now we must bring our people by the thousands into the streets to demonstrate to our enemies that we will not tolerate any legislation that will rob us of our hard-won gains."

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS: it has become clear that Congress not only will not pass progressive legislation needed by the people such as a Federal FEPC Act, adequate housing legislation, etc., but is instead engaged in an all-out campaign to put through legislation which will cripple the labor movement, and

WHEREAS: The U. S. Supreme Court this past week handed down a decision upholding the injunction against the AFL United Mine Workers, which was a clear-cut strikebreaking act and one which has serious implications for the entire labor movement, and

WHEREAS: In spite of the great numerical strength of the organized labor movement, now more than 15,000,000 strong, the attempts to prepare action to resist the reactionary attacks have not passed beyond the talking stage, and

WHEREAS: The AFL has answered the CIO proposal for joint action to fight the anti-labor campaign with a proposal for organic unity, which at best will take a considerable time to achieve, and

WHEREAS: It has become clear if action is to be started to ward off this sinister threat to the life of organized labor, it will have to be started by the local unions and city organizations;

THEFORE, Be It Resolved:

That we call upon the International Union UAW-CIO and the Wayne County CIO Council to invite the Detroit and Wayne County AFL, the MESA and the Railroad Brotherhoods to a joint city-wide conference for the purpose of staging a monster mass rally at Cadillac Square. Such a rally would constitute a clear warning to labor's enemies that organized labor will not tolerate the lynch-labor campaign. Such action will furthermore inspire other localities to take similar action and will thus facilitate a campaign on a national scale.

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# Ohio Trotskyists Set Up State-wide Organization

CLEVELAND, Mar. 10 — The first convention of the Ohio branches of the Socialist Workers Party met here all day Sunday at the Cleveland Auditorium and set up a permanent state organization to plan and direct the activities of the Trotskyist movement in this key industrial region of the United States.

Large worker delegations were present from many of the principal cities of Ohio, including Youngstown, Akron, Toledo as well as the host city of Cleveland.

The convention adopted a program of action centering around three main tasks.

1. To build new SWP branches in a series of industrial centers throughout the state.
2. To double the membership of the state organization within the next year.
3. To run a state-wide ticket and place the SWP presidential candidates on the ballot in 1948.

This is the first state-wide body formed by our national party," said Ted Selander in his keynote speech on the tasks and perspectives of the Ohio SWP.

"Our impressive gathering here is not only a sign of the growth of revolutionary socialism in Ohio but also of the progress made by our political movement throughout the country. The entire party will follow our work with keen interest in an effort

to learn both from the successes and shortcomings of our pioneer.

"We aim to put the SWP squarely on the political map of Ohio," Selander declared. "We propose to participate in every progressive move on the vital social and economic problems affecting the working people of this state, and to initiate them where necessary. Our party must be in the front rank of the forces fighting for higher living standards, better housing, and beneficial legislation.

**SHOW IN ACTION**

"We must show in action that the SWP has the only program to guide the workers in their struggles against Big Business misrule, against all forms of injustice, against the countless evils of capitalism. To accomplish this, we must weld together our scattered branches. By collective, planned, state-wide work we can multiply the striking power of our forces and become the recognized champion of the working people in this great industrial and agricultural state."

The delegates engaged in a probing discussion of their problems in branch-building. Special reports were given on work among the high-school youth and in the Negro organizations. Fraternal delegates from Detroit and Pittsburgh reviewed recent developments in their localities.

"During the First World War Eugene V. Debs was railroaded to Atlanta prison for the anti-war speech he made in Canton. These facts show that socialism is no alien doctrine imported from abroad but a living growth of American soil. All these glorious traditions belong to us of the Ohio Socialist Workers Party. We are determined to add to them by our collective contributions in the coming struggles in this state for the socialist liberation of mankind."

## SWP Forum In Flint Hears NAACP Leader

FLINT, Mich., March 16—The Myth of Racial Superiority" was the subject of a lively public forum tonight at the Socialist Workers Party hall here.

A large audience of workers heard Harrison Johnson, a leading Flint unionist; Dr. J. L. Leach, State President of the Michigan NAACP, and Genora Dollinger, prominent unionist and local SWP leader, explain the false and unscientific basis for racial prejudice and discrimination.

Johnson gave a rousing speech describing how the capitalists promote racial divisions "to keep the workers from uniting to fight their main enemy—the capitalist class."

Dr. Leach said that from the time he started to study medicine he had learned that, minus the skin, there is no difference in men. He brought a laugh when he was asked why he spoke at the SWP Forum and replied: "Well—all we've got left is freedom of speech—and I'm going to take advantage of it."

Mrs. Dollinger traced the rich history of the Negro people in their heroic struggle for emancipation in this country.

## Ask Grand Jury Probe In Murder Of Trotsky

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that Juliet Poyntz was "liquidated" by the GPU.

Thomas further pointed out that the Anarchist leader, Carlo Tresca, who testified to a Federal Grand Jury that Juliet Poyntz was abducted and slain, was himself shot and killed by unidentified assassins in 1943.

### MANY MURDERS

"There are many others," Thomas added. "The so-called 'suicide' of Krivitsky in Washington—a phony if ever there was one! There is the murder of Ignace Reiss in Switzerland; the series of murders of Trotsky's

secretaries and members of his family. We think the situation is so grave that immediate action is imperative to halt these political murders."

Grummet admitted that the New York County District Attorney's office is "under an obligation" to uncover the perpetrators of murders in New York. He agreed that the Budenz book could "provide many leads." He stated that two kinds of examinations were possible: a grand jury investigation conducted in secret, or a "John Doe" investigation in which all witnesses would be questioned in public. Thomas and Goldberg said that either action would be satisfactory.

"A public warning has now been issued to the District Attorney," said James T. Farrell. "If harm comes to any more Americans, the responsibility must be placed directly on those who have thus been warned."

Among the signers of the statement calling for the special grand jury investigation are: Dr. John Dewey, head of the International Commission of Inquiry into the Moscow Trials; Dorothy Thompson; Oswald Garrison Villard; Frank R. Crosswaith, Negro Labor Committee; John F. Finerty; Varian Fry; Paul F. Bressenden; Dr. John Haynes Holmes; Professor Sidney Hook; Layle Lane; Ferdinand Lundberg. Also A. J. Muste, Professor Allan Nevins, Rev. John Paul Jones, Max Shachtman, George Novack, and many others.

## Our Program:

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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 to 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 strike-breaking!  
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!
9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war.  
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!
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# The Truth About Turkey And Greece

By George Lavan

The Turkish government, which is to receive financial and military support from U. S. imperialism, is a brutal military dictatorship by a tiny group of industrialists, large land owners and generals over millions of impoverished Turkish peasants and workers. Truman in his speech to Congress spoke of helping "free peoples maintain their free institutions." The Turkish people have no free institutions.

Kemel Pasha emerged in the early Twenties from the War of Turkish Independence as a dictator who set up a one-party system of government. This despotism and its official party, the "Republican Peoples' Party," still rule. For 23 years only this party was permitted to exist. Membership in this party was obligatory for all government and municipal employees, teachers, etc. All minority groups were excluded. This party was merely a facade and tool for the tiny inner clique of the militarists, industrialists and land owners. All candidates for office were appointed by the dictator.

## THOUSANDS EXECUTED

In 1926 Kemel Pasha used the occasion of the revolt of the Kurdi tribes, an oppressed minority, to purge the country and his own party of all possible opposition elements. So-called "Tribunals of Independence" were set up and thousands executed or exiled. In 1930 an opposition party was formally permitted to come into existence, only to be quickly suppressed.

Last year, to ease the internal unrest and to "qualify" as a democracy, Kemel's successor, Inonu, decreed a "free" election, the first in modern Turkey's history. A party representing a dissatisfied section of the owning classes quickly was formed.

The whole machinery of the government and army was used to assist the government party's campaign and to hinder that of the opposition. Local leaders of the opposition were murdered by policemen and government party gangs.

Finally the government announced that its party had won 346 seats out of the Chamber of 416. The opposition party protested 300 of the seats claimed by the government and produced documentary evidence. Needless to say, the protest was fruitless.

The new cabinet, formed immediately after the election, represents the most reactionary elements in the government party. Its first act was to alter the press and libel laws so that any criticism of the government is severely punishable by law.

## DESPOTS RULE TURKEY

In his speech to Congress, Truman denounced governments based "upon the will of a minority forcibly imposed upon the majority" and governments relying "on terror and oppression, a controlled press and radio, fixed elections and the suppression of personal freedoms."

One might have thought that Truman was denouncing the dictatorship of Turkey — but no. For a capitalist politician on the road to war it is customary to palm off an authoritarian dictatorship like Turkey as a "free people" with "free institutions."

The Turkish despots maintain a standing army of about one and one-half million. This expense consumes 50% of the state budget. And Turkey has one of the lowest national incomes in the world.

The impoverished peasantry, who compose three-fourths of the population, are ground down by the double burden of landlordism and super-taxation. Officially it is admitted that at

least 50% of the peasants own no land, but impartial observers put this figure much higher. Taxes are high and varied; there is a tax even on hens.

## WORKERS POLICED

The working class of Turkey is young and small. It is very carefully watched and policed by the government. Revolutionary Marxist parties are, naturally, forbidden by law. So are any trade unions with international affiliations. While local unions have been formed in the face of terrific obstacles, the government has prevented the formation of unions, on a national scale. Strikes are forbidden by law and severely punished.

During the war the Turkish ruling class reaped enormous profits. While the Nazis had the upper hand, the Turkish capitalists established close and profitable bonds with the German capitalist class. The Turkish leaders found that their philosophy of government had much in

common with the Nazis. Ninety per cent of Turkish exports went to Germany.

When the Allied imperialists began seriously to challenge the Nazis, the Turkish rulers found themselves in an even more favorable position. Both sides courted them with favors and bid against each other for their products. As the Nazis began to lose, the Turkish ruling class discovered that its philosophy of government was, after all, more "democratic" than fascistic.

Today Turkey is in the throes of an economic crisis. Wartime prosperity has vanished. Inflation has increased the cost of living to five times what it was in 1939. The workers and peasants are in ferment. It is significant that the government met with the greatest opposition and lost most seats last year in urban proletarian sections. To maintain its rule and its enormous army it is indeed in urgent need of "outside assistance." U.S. imperialism now proposes to rush to the rescue, killing two birds with one stone, gaining a strategic military and naval base against the Soviet Union and strengthening a bankrupt despotism in the explosive Near East.

## Truman Foreign Policy Speeds Moves To War

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is only in this light that one can understand Truman's contemptuous bypassing of the United Nations, a procedure which defaces the prestige of that body's fatal blow.

Truman reported to Congress that Britain's economic crisis necessitated withdrawal or reduction of her "commitments" in many countries, including Greece and Turkey. He therefore asked for 400 million dollars to be used in propping up their governments and armed forces until July, 1948. He also asked for the authority to send American military and civilian personnel to supervise the use of this money and to train Greek and Turkish personnel.

He made no bones about his unqualified support of the Greek and Turkish governments. Disregarding the well-known facts about the brutal dictatorships in these countries, he went out of his way to paint them up as free and democratic regimes.

## IMPERIALIST LIES

The Greek partisans' struggle for democratic rights, which is supported by the overwhelming majority of the population, was dismissed as the "terrorist activities of several thousand armed men." The rigged election that gave the monarchists control of Parliament was endorsed as a "fair expression" of the Greek people's views.

Truman particularly saddened his liberal critics by refusing to even request some democratic reforms in these governments as a condition for U.S. aid. Both the Greek and Turkish tyrants expressed their unbounded delight over the speech.

To strengthen support for his new foreign policy, Truman then took up a discussion of some of its "broad implications." The world is engaged in a struggle between totalitarianism and freedom, he declared, and the U.S. government should "support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressure."

This should be carried out "primarily through economic and financial aid" — but not by

unmasking the real plans and purposes of the Wall Street gang who dictate Washington's foreign policy and who now proclaim their readiness to useleash World War III in their drive to subjugate the world.

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## Which Side Are You On?



This mother and her starving, barefoot children (left) are typical of the suffering masses in Greece. They want bread and freedom, and they are denied both by the monarchist police dictatorship headed by King George II (above).

British money and troops have helped to keep the monarch and his anti-labor regime in power, but because of trouble at home the British imperialists will have to reduce this "commitment" after March 31. Truman wants the American government to take over this job then. Those who want to continue to prop up King George's dictatorship will support Truman's plan. Those who want to help the starving Greek masses will oppose it.

## Stalinists Find 'Bitter Taste' In Truman's Sabre-Rattling

By Joseph Hansen

Truman's warmongering speech left a "bitter taste," according to the March 14 Daily Worker. "It is a feeling of hangover," says the Stalinist editor, "when things that happened the day before suddenly become brutally clear."

But the real author of Stalinist wartime policy was not Browder — he was never anything more than one of the Kremlin's front office boys. The real designer of Communist Party strategy in the war was Joseph Stalin.

## STALIN'S POLICY

Here, for instance, is how Stalin himself characterized Wall Street's war aims in a speech on Nov. 7, 1942:

"Abolition of racial exclusiveness; equality of nations and integrity of their territories; liberation of enslaved nations and restoration of their sovereign rights; the right of every nation to arrange its affairs as it wishes; economic aid to the nations that have suffered and assistance to them in attaining their material welfare; restoration of democratic liberties; destruction of the Hitlerite regime."

Under the delusion that it would help the defense of the Soviet Union, and help end fascism and war, the Stalinist rank and file supported Wall Street in World War II. They were the loudest hucksters of the no-strike pledge. Where workers were forced to defend their standard of living and their hard-won union gains from the attack of arrogant capitalists raking in the lush profits of war, the Stalinists even went so far as to engage in strikebreaking.

The Stalinists became a by-word throughout the labor movement as Wall Street's most blatant and shameless apologists.

## PAVES WAY FOR WAR

The Stalinist ranks discount ed this ignominy as a necessary sacrifice in a worthy cause. Now Truman's "undeclared declaration of war" on the Soviet Union, as one Congressman puts it, makes the results of Stalinist policy during the war "brutally clear."

Far from bringing an end to the danger to the Soviet Union, this policy has paved the way for an atomic bomb assault. Far from uprooting fascism, this policy has given world reaction a new lease on life. Wall Street, mightiest capitalist power on earth, has replaced Italian and German capitalism as the principal bulwark of political reaction. And far from securing enduring peace, Stalinist policy has helped prepare for a Third World War that can extinguish civilization.

How did the Stalinist ranks happen to find themselves supporting the second imperialist slaughter the way the Social Democratic renegades from Marxism supported the first one? The official answer of the Kremlin's American lieutenants is — Earl Browder. It was this Judas goat, they explain, who led them from the straight and narrow path of Marxism into the crime of supporting Wall Street's war.

The sacrifice of Earl Browder as a scapegoat undoubtedly satisfied the more gullible sheep in the Stalinist fold. Today they are trotting behind Foster and Dennis with the same touching trust they displayed in the war years following "enemy of the

## U. S. Imperialism Climaxes Series Of Greek Moves

The present crisis over Greece is only the latest in a series since the British invaded Athens in 1944. In each flare-up, Washington has become more deeply involved.

Only six months ago, for instance, when Greece was holding a plebiscite on the return of King George II, a 45,000 ton aircraft carrier and six other warships steamed off the Greek coast in a stirring display of military power.

"Bull" Halsey, in command of the fleet, responded to criticism about this imperialist political move with the notorious remark: "It's nobody's damn business where we go. We will go anywhere we please."

Besides the revealing declaration of this Prussian-minded Admiral, other utterances at the time indicate how Wall Street was deliberately moving down the road to a Third World War. The Aug. 30 U. S. News, which is widely read in business circles, called for attack on the Soviet Union:

"We know when we are threatened. We know what is needed now to assure our own defense. We must take those steps now . . . Let us prepare to finish the job if need be . . . There can be no nobler cause for which to die than in defense of the ideal of world peace. Let us not shirk the task."

Truman's message to Congress indicates how far Wall Street has gone in its preparations to finish the job.

## TROTSKYIST POLICY

Contrast the policy followed by the Trotskyists during the war: We told the truth about Wall Street's war aims. American Big Business, we said, was after profits, colonies, and eventual domination of the world.

For opposing imperialist war and advocating socialism as the only road to enduring peace, 18 of our leaders were sentenced to federal prison during the war. We were isolated and persecuted. But we continued to tell the truth about the war. We repeated thousands of times that an imperialist conflict could only undermine civilization and pave the way for barbarism and still worse conflicts.

In our defense of the Soviet Union as a workers' state we opposed Stalinism because it was responsible for the degeneration of the USSR, for weakening the defense of the USSR, for alienating the sympathies of the masses of the world for the USSR, and above all for blocking the development of socialist revolution in other lands.

Because we fought for the revolutionary program of Leninism, the Kremlin joined the imperialists in persecuting us. The Stalinists howled for harsher penalties when the Roosevelt regime sentenced our leaders to prison. And in the first days of the war, a GPU assassin drove a pick-axe into the brain of Leon Trotsky, co-founder with Lenin of the Soviet Union.

"We know when we are threatened. We know what is needed now to assure our own defense. We must take those steps now . . . Let us prepare to finish the job if need be . . . There can be no nobler cause for which to die than in defense of the ideal of world peace. Let us not shirk the task."

In examining the fruits of Stalinist policy, the rank and file members of the Communist Party should compare Stalin's declarations during the war with those of the Trotskyists. Then they can judge for themselves in the light of the present world situation who defended and applied Marxism and who betrayed the working class.

A lie that will rank with any of Hitler's falsifications was Truman's designation of the present Greek government as "democratic." Truman needs this lie because the truth about the blood-stained police dictatorship in Greece exposes the reactionary character of his plan to bolster the Greek government with American dollars and military forces. Here, in order to show why it is necessary for the labor movement to energetically oppose Wall Street's new foreign policy, The Militant reprints excerpts from a number of dispatches from Athens:

## A Barbarous Program

Shortly before the Sept. 1, 1946 plebiscite on the return of King George II, the Greek Trotskyists issued "An Appeal to the Workers of All Countries," describing conditions in Greece and calling on the world working class to come to their aid. The following is taken from this appeal, which was printed in its entirety in The Militant, Sept. 28:

In unhealthy transfer prisons and jails, workers and poor peasants of both sexes and of every age are piled in together in an unbreathable atmosphere. The desert islands of the Aegean Sea are once more receiving their loads of deportees.

Those who are arrested, if they are not assassinated outright, are submitted to torture which makes one shudder.

The trade unions are practically dissolved, their offices forcibly occupied by police and provocateurs. Labor printshops are daily attacked by the savages. The labor newspapers are hit by the unbridled repressions of the state and fascist gangs.

A barbarous pogrom is unleashed against the entire working class, against the poor peasants and the national minorities. There is not the slightest exaggeration in this appeal. On the contrary, no written report can come anywhere near describing the terrible situation in which we are living . . .

## Trade Unions Smashed

Fully corroborating this report was an eyewitness account from Athens by Jean Paul Martin on Aug. 23 (The Militant, Sept. 7 and 14):

In this small, terribly ravaged country, the Greek capitalists and the British imperialists collaborate with cold determination to consolidate their "order." The series of measures that have undertaken to terrorize the people of the world have already been prepared. Under the pretext that the leadership of the CGT (General Confederation of Labor) was irregularly elected in its recent Eighth Pan-Hellenic Congress, the government replaced it and the elected leaders of the individual unions by a leadership named by the Minister of Labor.

The Tsaldaris government, which came to power last March through rigged elections that were boycotted by all left-wing parties, on June 6 decreed a series of exceptional laws. These laws in effect legalized the white terror waged up until then in an extra-legal way by the police, army and fascist-like groups . . . Recently the Tsaldaris government gave one more proof of the "democratic" guarantees and conditions in which the plebiscite for the king's return is being prepared. Under the pretext that the leadership of the CGT (General Confederation of Labor) was irregularly elected in its recent Eighth Pan-Hellenic Congress, the government replaced it and the elected leaders of the individual unions by a leadership named by the Minister of Labor.

The strawmen of the pro-monarchist government were called on to "temporarily" take the leadership of the trade union movement, and in reality to build it into the state apparatus under the direct control of the police . . .

Under these conditions a plebiscite on King George II was held on Sept. 1. With large numbers of British troops in the country, Washington showed where it stood by dispatching a fleet of seven American warships into Greek waters just before the plebiscite and announcing that American war planes would stage a flight over Athens after it. The government of course announced that the voters had favored the return of King George. An American newspaperman, Robert Conway, sent the following dispatch to the N. Y. Daily News (Sept. 17), describing how the plebiscite was conducted:

Not only Communists, but democrats, socialists, liberals and republicans were disfranchised. Some were forced to flee into the mountains before the elections, while some lived in districts where the polls were never opened.

The greater number were intimidated and terrorized when the officers of the Greek army told the inhabitants that only those who vote for the king can escape being classified as Communists . . .

These were the conditions after the plebiscite, according to Conway's report:

The Greek government's army and gendarmes are waging a pitiless war on scores of thousands of Communists . . .

## British Imperialist Role

In "An Appeal to the Workers of England and Europe," the Executive Committee of the Fourth International together with the British and Greek Trotskyists gave the following report (The Militant, Oct. 19):

A terrible repression, reminiscent of the methods that Mussolini, Hitler and Franco used to crush the labor movement, has been smashing down on Greece of the troops of British imperialism, and thanks also to its financial help, to the arms it delivered, and to the instructors who took in hand the organization of the army and police.

In the struggle to starve all anti-monarchs into submission, UNRRA food, trucks, shoes and clothing, as well as UNRRA malaria-fighting planes are being unscrupulously used, not only by Greek army gendarmes and civil officials, but also by royalist bands composed of former Nazi collaborators . . .

The fact that the present British Labor Government supported in Greece — by the presence of British occupation troops, by its material and technical aid, by its diplomacy — the forces of the reaction against the exploited masses of the country, will remain on its record as a stain of blood that nothing can efface.

In order that Greece may serve as a springboard in the Balkans of the Anglo-Saxon policy against the USSR, in order that it may remain a strategic and military base of British imperialism in the Eastern Mediterranean Basin, protecting the route of Middle Eastern petroleum and the route to the Indies via Suez, the Labor Government has undertaken to consolidate a new dictatorship in Greece.

Since then the Greek capital

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Leon Trotsky

## Defend Labor Month

Every worker and every labor organization should respond wholeheartedly to the "Call To Action" issued by the CIO National Executive Board meeting in Washington on March 13.

The CIO has designated the month of April as DEFEND LABOR MONTH. It has addressed an urgent appeal to the entire labor movement to unite in mass action to halt "the grave threat that pending anti-labor legislation represents not only to the continued existence of organized labor but to the whole well-being of the American people."

This appeal includes a program calling for mass labor demonstrations and rallies; shop and plant gate rallies; plant gate and neighborhood leaflet distributions and petition campaigns; delegations to public officials, local, state and national; a campaign of resolutions, letters and telegrams to Washington.

Such a program, if taken up eagerly by every local union, could provide a splendid beginning for a resolute and militant nationwide labor struggle to stop Wall Street's anti-union offensive.

This program should be regarded as an important first step toward an even broader program of labor unity in action. It should help pave the way for a National United Labor Conference, with delegates from all local unions, to map out a program of nation-wide mass action and independent labor political action. The most effective answer to the anti-labor drive would be the launching of labor's own party to clean the capitalist rascals out of Washington and put real representatives of the workers in Congress.

We are mindful that too often the top CIO leaders have put forth good programs that remained on paper. It is up to the rank and file in the local unions to take the CIO's program for DEFEND LABOR MONTH and put real life into it. They must set up committees, invite in the local AFL and railroad unions, work out careful plans and preparations.

The local AFL unions should reject the criminal refusal of the AFL top leaders to undertake joint action with the CIO. They must take the initiative by joining the CIO workers in a mighty demonstration during DEFEND LABOR MONTH.

## The 'Truman Doctrine'

Wall Street's cynical publicity experts are buttering up Truman's demand to take over Greece and Turkey with all the slick technique they used in selling the "Four Freedoms" and Roosevelt's Atlantic Charter to a dubious public.

Remember how they compared the Atlantic Charter with the Magna Carta? Roosevelt's name, they said, would ring down the corridors of history for what he proclaimed in that document.

Now they have baptized Truman's message to Congress, giving it the resounding title of the "Truman Doctrine." They connect it with the Monroe Doctrine. Wall Street's authoritative mouthpiece, the N. Y. Times, says it will take its place "in the niche of history once reserved for the Atlantic Charter." And its author, the graduate of the corrupt Kansas City Pendergast machine who hit the White House jackpot, is being molded in a "brand-new image" to use the lyric phrase of Anne O'Hare McCormick, well-known commentator on foreign affairs.

The comparison between the Atlantic Charter and the Magna Carta ended in the wastebasket along with the "Four Freedoms." But the association of the "Truman Doctrine" with the Monroe Doctrine happens to contain a grain of truth.

Enunciated in 1823, the Monroe Doctrine called for America to keep clear of entangling alliances in Europe and for the European powers to stay out of the Western Hemisphere. This foreign policy covered the aims of American capitalism up to the turn of the century. The robber barons who amassed the great fortunes needed a free hand to seize and monopolize the resources of our continent. They wanted no interference from the European capitalist powers.

Under the Monroe Doctrine, American capital then established its domination over Latin America. By the time of the Spanish American war, however, the drive of U. S. imperialism passed beyond the frame of the Monroe Doctrine. The seizure of Hawaii and the Philippines, indicated the explosive pressures

accumulating in American Economy.

Roosevelt could still use the Monroe Doctrine to cover Wall Street's moves into Greenland and Iceland, but by the end of the Second World War the realities of American foreign policy were obviously in outright contradiction to their formulation by President Monroe in 1823.

Truman's declaration fits closer to Wall Street's present-day aims. That policy is now avowedly one of consolidating their power over Europe, Asia and Africa.

Under the banner of the Monroe Doctrine, Wall Street extended its grip over two continents. Now the imperialist rulers of America have nailed a new pirate flag to the mast. Under the "Truman Doctrine" they are setting out to subjugate the earth.

## A Real Success!

The three-month Emergency Fund Campaign of the Socialist Workers Party came to a successful conclusion this week with a total of \$19,438.17. This is 97% of the \$20,000 goal.

For a while the campaign lagged quite a distance behind schedule. However, the comrades and friends of the Socialist Workers Party were mindful of the task. In the last week, letters and telegrams sending the final contributions poured in from all over the country. The Trotskyists had a deadline to make!

The raising of this fund bears witness to the capacity of the advanced workers in America to make sacrifices for the advancement of revolutionary socialism. Almost every cent of that total came from workers and sympathizers in the lowest-income brackets. It is this group which has been squeezed the hardest between sky-rocketing prices and wages that remained stationary or lagged far behind the rising cost of living.

To contribute to the Emergency Fund meant in most instances scraping pennies together and giving up even necessary things. The Trotskyists and their friends were willing to do this because they understand that humanity has no other hope of escaping atomic destruction in a Third World War outside the victory of the SWP.

The contributors also understand that the socialist reorganization of economy will lay the basis for a decent world for our children to live in. And the great goal of building a new civilization of enduring peace and plenty inspired them to give all they could from their modest budgets.

We want to especially congratulate those branches that made their goals and even went over the top. We know what this meant in the way of persistent effort. That's the spirit which will guarantee the final victory of socialism against all odds.

We consider the campaign a real success. It provides funds necessary to take the Socialist Workers Party across another stretch of the difficult road leading to a Socialist America.

## Anti-“Red” Laws

Red-baiting and labor-baiting are Siamese twins. They are linked organically and always travel together.

Such bloody butchers of capitalist totalitarianism as Hitler, Franco and Chiang Kai-shek sought to wipe out the revolutionary opponents of capitalism as a first great step toward obliterating organized labor and all progressive movements and ideas.

Here in America after the first imperialist world war, the open-shop drive was spearheaded by a brutal reign of terror against radical workers. Many a union was wrecked, many a union man was murdered under Wall Street's war-cry: "Smash the Reds!"

Today again, as the American capitalist rulers hurl their legislative assault against labor and prepare to drag the nation into a war of world-conquest, they simultaneously wage an offensive against the "reds" that daily mounts in ferocity.

Wall Street's Congress is rushing to enact additional anti-“red” laws, including an outright ban on all political parties that can be labeled “communist.” These proposed bills directly violate constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech, press and assembly. They would pave the way for abrogating the civil and political rights of any group that dares to raise its voice against Wall Street's anti-labor and pro-war conspiracy.

The Communist Party, an agency of the Stalinist bureaucracy in the Soviet Union, is directly named in these anti-“red” bills. This party is not revolutionary; it does not fight for socialism. But the American ruling class is trying to ban the Stalinists because they are servants of the Kremlin, against whose policies and influence American imperialism is fighting all over the world in preparation for war against the Soviet Union.

These anti-communist bills are also aimed against the real anti-capitalist fighters for international socialism, the Trotskyists of the Socialist Workers Party. The Trotskyists are recognized as the consistent working-class opponents of imperialist war. Eighteen SWP leaders were imprisoned by the Roosevelt administration during the last war for opposing the war and militantly defending labor's rights.

But it would be wrong and extremely shortsighted for the labor movement to regard the anti-communist bills as aimed exclusively at the Stalinists or real revolutionaries like the Trotskyists. Working-class political minorities may be the first victims—but the final victim will be the whole labor movement.

That was the case in the countries where fascism, the naked dictatorship of the capitalist class, triumphed. That was the case in 1919-21 during the post-war persecutions of American labor radicals. It is the case today.

Any law that abridges the rights of any working-class organization is a law to undermine the rights of all workers. Such anti-democratic laws must be fought with utmost vigor and militancy by an aroused labor movement.

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## Workers BOOKSHELF

### THIS IS MY STORY

by Louis F. Budenz, Whittlesey House, \$7.50.

This autobiography by the ex-editor of the Daily Worker who deserted to the Catholic Church should not be taken as objective self-portrayal. It is of interest to the social scientist — that is, the Marxist — as the case history of one type of soul-sick petty-bourgeois.

Budenz was warped in childhood by religious superstition. In his youth, he was drawn away from the Catholic Church "not only from the weakness of my heart, but also from a rising impatience with the slowness of reform." But his mind had already been shaped beyond change in the Catholic mold.

Through all the years when he participated in the labor movement, flirted with socialism and served the party of Stalinism, he felt the pull of the Church. In every crisis of his life, his mind turned back to the "peace" of his childhood; he longed for the escape offered by religious mysticism from the complex social conflicts of our times and the demands of the class struggle.

He is, as he shows himself in this book, a classic example of the Jesuit boast: "Give us your child until he is eight years old, and it does not matter who has him thereafter."

But he is also an illustration of what Stalinism can do to complete the conversion of a radical intellectual into an open agent of American imperialism and a peddler of reactionary superstition.

Explaining his relapse to Catholicism, Budenz writes: "My return to the Church was not a negative act. I was not a Catholic because I was anti-Communist; it was the other way around." It was the grip of religious obscurantism on the mind of a self-centered petty bourgeois which made Budenz a consistent opponent of the scientific doctrine of Marxism.

That does not prevent him from referring to himself as a

"communist" when he was a Stalinist. He speaks of the press heralding his abandonment of Communism. But he could not abandon what he never believed. And this he confirms when he emphasizes with great heat: "I have never been a Trotskyite" — that is, a real communist.

He describes his futile efforts in 1934 to prevent a fusion of the American Workers Party, of which he was a leader, and the American Trotskyists, then organized in the Communist League of America. Budenz vehemently asserts: "In the Trotskyites I saw crudely expressed those evils which only later I discovered were also present in the Stalinists." Budenz never had any doubts about the uncompromising Marxism of the Trotskyites. He spent ten years with the Stalinists before he began to fight them on the grounds of their "communism."

Thereby he continues to serve Stalinism by upholding the very fiction it uses to cloak its anti-communist and counter-revolutionary crimes against world labor.

Indeed, what mainly attracted Budenz and the leaders of the American Communist Party to each other — what they still have in common today — is their mortal hatred of the real communists, the Trotskyists.

For the purpose of smearing and discrediting the very idea of communism, this "moral" man now stoops to lie about the nature of communism by identifying it with traitorous, totalitarian Stalinism.

How is it this anti-communist could serve Stalinism so long, through all its twists and turns, as an admitted accomplice of its GPU murder machine? He himself asks the question, why in 1935 "did I persist in finding ways and means to work with the Communists?" He claims it was his "desire for unity," "the desire not to be labeled a 'Red Baiter,'" and "the constant breast-beating of the Reds, which took me in pretty badly."

But he was not taken in by

the Stalinists' self-applied label of "Communist." This he confirms when two pages later he tells his real reason for joining the Communist Party. "The more I recoiled from the Trotskyites . . . the more I inclined toward conciliation with the Communists" (Stalinists). He joined the Stalinists — and they embraced him — to fight the real communists.

The Stalinists accepted Budenz and used him because he was also an American jingo who could be counted on to carry out their line of conciliation with American imperialism. And ten years later, when the Communist Party leaders turned on Browder as a "revisionist" and rejected his proposal that they pledge to "support the development of American markets in the world scene," Budenz made his definitive decision to break with the Communist Party. He determined to continue his service of American imperialism as an avowed enemy of communism.

Budenz claims that his "final" decision to break was dictated when the CP leaders rejected his proposal for a "commission on democracy" in the party. But one has the right to suspect the democratic aspirations of a man who obediently collaborated with Stalin's secret police for 10 years and then jumped to the camp of the Catholic hierarchy that supports Fascist Butcher Franco in Spain and is a main prop of capitalist reaction and monarchism in European Stalinism.

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## Dictatorships Hail Truman's New Axis

Fascist, militarist and monarchist dictatorships everywhere have hailed Truman's latest move toward war against the Soviet Union in order to establish what he called a "way of life . . . based upon the will of the majority."

Among the regimes of blood-drenched capitalist reaction that have answered "present!" to U. S. imperialism's roll-call for a new axis against "Bolshevism" are Franco's Spain, Kuomintang China, Greece, Turkey, and Hirohito's Japan.

Naturally, King George II and Premier Maximos of Greece have expressed "profound satisfaction" and "sincere thanks" for Truman's offer of economic and military aid in suppressing the Greek workers and peasants. They are proceeding with renewed vigor to massacre, imprison without trial and otherwise extend the blessings of "democracy" to the Greeks.

Premier Recep Peker in militarist-ruled Turkey proclaimed that Truman has been "inspired by a point of view both realistic and fully humanitarian." The regime that has outlawed all working class political parties and organizations is ready to do its bit for "democracy."

In Spain and China, the fascist butchers have taken Truman's pronouncement as a signal for renewed atrocities and repressions.

Chiang Kai-shek, who has slaughtered millions of revolutionary Chinese workers and peasants, two days after Truman spoke announced total war against "the Communists." The dictator whose atrocities rival Hitler's greeted Truman's message as the go-ahead signal for new "democratic" frightfulness against the Chinese people.

In Madrid, "President" Truman's speech aroused enthusiasm here as no American public utterance has evoked in Spain for a very long time . . . The press, which may be taken as official reaction, leaped on the speech as one of the rare cases where an Anglo-Saxon statesman's views coincided with Spain's." (N. Y. Times, March 14.) Franco's enthusiasm was expressed concretely by new arrests and executions of "communists."

The old allies of Hitler in Italy and Japan have welcomed Truman's speech. Robert P. Martin reports from Tokyo in the March 15 N. Y. Post: "Japanese officials are quietly jubilant over the implications of President Truman's request for aid to Greece and Turkey . . . One official said, 'Truman is doing now what we tried to do years ago with the anti-Comintern pact with Italy and Germany.' Emperor Hirohito, kept in power by MacArthur's bayonets, is no doubt pleased to find U. S. imperialism adopting a program so much after his own heart."

Mussolini's old followers in Italy have expressed their gratification. The Monarchist and fascist press approved Truman's speech. "Right-wing newspapers are openly jubilant," reports the March 15 N. Y. Times. "The Rightist Corriere della Nazione says the United States has established its frontiers at all points where the freedom of peoples is in danger." This is praise indeed, coming from experts on "freedom of peoples."

## Mass Of State Laws Menace Labor Unions

A steel web of anti-labor laws is being woven around organized labor in at least 35 states, including the major industrial areas.

Every state legislature now in session is speeding through special bills to throttle the rights of labor. Last week two more states, New York and Delaware, rushed through drastic anti-union laws.

New York's legislature in Albany pushed through in two weeks, without public hearings, a bill prohibiting public employees from striking. It affects several hundred thousand civil service employees, including school teachers who are fighting for higher wages.

Delaware's House of Representatives adopted bills barring the closed shop, forbidding the "prevention of work" in a struck plant, requiring state incorporation of unions and prohibiting the union dues check-off system. Both New

# WORKERS' FORUM

The Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

## Wishes Negroes Could Win Rights

**Editor:** I am glad to get this opportunity to say I have read a lot about the Southern states and know every word you say is true, because I live in Mississippi where the Negroes can't have a chance to speak for their rights.

Why don't they have any rights? The Negroes went into the Army and fought. Still they can't have their rights. I wish that the Negroes could have their rights in the South.

Likewise in the North, they don't have any rights to speak of. Living under terrible conditions.

Can you tell me, will there ever be a chance for that to come to pass?

Eddie R. New York



STALIN

## Praises "Militant" For Exposing Stalin

**Editor:** Received The Militant today reporting Budenz's confirmation that it was Stalin who organized the assassination of Leon Trotsky.

A bang-up issue with some solid anti-Stalinist material which makes this Old Bolshevik's heart feel good.

As we chant at college football games: "Hit 'em again, harder, harder!"

S. T. Wisconsin

## Lauds Robeson As Great Artist

Paul Robeson came to our town last night. The moving quality of his voice together with the superb intonation of a veteran artist brought encore after encore.

Aside from the grace and charm he lent to the standard classics, his rendition of the Negro spirituals gave dignity seldom achieved to the consciousness of an oppressed and great race. Generally spirituals serve to put the Negro in a ridiculous light.

Robeson's expressive interpretation of "Four Insurgent Generals," a Spanish-Loyalist battle hymn, and "Joe Hill" brought an ovation never before heard in the Russ Auditorium. In this degenerate capitalist society where the greatest of the arts is prostituted, such a rare performance by a great artist was refreshing and cleansing.

However, his unstinted praise of Stalinism and its stooges, Wallace and Pepper, in the face of the Stalinist betrayal of the working class, lately seen in the part the French Stalinists have taken in the oppression of colonials, manifested an unfortunate petty-bourgeois political blindness.

I hope this reflects pretty well the thoughts of all of us San Diego comrades; but as for myself I can only say: Paul Robeson came to our town last night.

D. M. Steelquist San Diego

## Send Financial Aid To Trinidad Strikers

**Editor:** The following is a copy of a letter we have just sent to Rupert Hannibal; Secretary, Negro Social Cultural Workers Union; 1, St. Paul Street, Port of Spain, Trinidad, B. W. I.

"Dear Comrades and Brothers:

We read your appeal for financial aid in The Militant of March 1 to help defray expenses in your defense struggle in the courts of Trinidad. As a result of a special collection at our branch meeting of March 8, in which 20 comrades participated, we enclose \$16.80 toward your cause.

Long live the unity of the persecuted striking workers of Trinidad.

L. Becker, Organizer Bronx Branch, Socialist Workers Party.

## Youth Activities

AKRON. — Socialist Youth Club meets Fridays, 7 p.m. Followed by refreshments, dancing, 8 South Howard St., 2nd floor.

CHICAGO. — Youth meeting Fridays at 7 p.m. Discussion on pamphlet Socialism On Trial. Games and refreshments. 777 W. Adams, 2nd floor.

LOS ANGELES. — Socialist Youth Club meets every Tuesday, 8 p.m., at SWP headquarters, 316½ W. Pico Blvd. Educational after every meeting. Refreshments served.

NEW YORK. — For information on the Trotskyist Youth Group send name and address to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3.

Open Forum. Every Friday 8 p.m., 116 University Pl., Danci, refreshments.

Saturday Nite House Parties: call GR 5-8149 for information.

For information about Queens Youth Group, write M. Kevin, 116 University Pl., N. Y. 3.

PHILADELPHIA. — For information call ST. 4-5820, from noon to 6 p.m.

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BOSTON 30 Stuart St. Open Saturdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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CHICAGO—777 W. Adams (corner Halsted). Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except Sunday. Tel. Dearborn 4767. Library, bookstore.

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## THE MILITANT

# SWP National Fund Reaches 97% Of Total In Final Week Of Campaign For \$20,000

By William F. Warde

National Fund Campaign Director

The \$20,000 Emergency Fund Campaign for the Socialist Workers Party has closed with a magnificent show of strength. Contributions amounting to \$3,547.45 poured in during the final week of the three-month campaign. The grand total collected from December 15 to March 15 is \$19,443.17. Although a little short of the goal, the attainment of 97% must be considered a noteworthy achievement for the American Trotskyist movement.

Telegrams and special delivery letters from the branches containing jubilant reports of the fulfillment of quotas streamed into the national office during the past week. Here was powerful evidence of the determination of the SWP members to make personal sacrifices for the cause of Socialism. 27 branches, three-quarters of the list, met or surpassed their obligations!

First a message from Chicago: "Over the top. \$332 in mail." Organizer Mike Bartell writes: "I think a special note should be made of the fact that the Calumet branch has contributed \$414.25 toward our quota, which is remarkable considering the size of the branch." The Chicago Youth keeps in step by mailing in the rest of its \$25 quota.

From the West Coast, San Francisco telegraphs: "We have made our 100% just in time." Oakland across the bay sends in the final payment on its \$250 assignment.

Los Angeles through Julie Miller, Fund Director, declares: "Oversubscribed quota. \$1,517 has been raised. Check will go into mail tomorrow."

Seattle comes through with \$800 to its credit. Under great handicaps, Tacoma manages to make 75% and Portland 50% of their quotas. San Diego was the first West Coast branch under the wire in the campaign.

St. Louis encloses another \$6.50 which keeps this banner branch at the head of the country. But the pacemaker is hard-pressed by the New York Youth and by Cleveland. Thanks to an exceptionally generous donation and excellent response from its other members, Cleveland doubled its \$300 pledge. "I can assure you that we are all quite proud of this record," writes Almeda Kingsley.

Several of the smaller branches deserve special commendation for their achievements in going over the top. Among these are Pittsburgh, Reading and Allentown-Bethlehem. This puts all Pennsylvania in the 100% class. Rochester also put on a burst of speed and finished the job.

Connecticut State wires: "Can finish paying. Money on way." From Milwaukee Carol Andrews writes: "Enclosed is a money order for \$16 which completes our pledge of \$200. I am truly sorry we couldn't make over 100% as promised."

"It looks like rank discrimination to place New York so far down on the scoreboard when it has been responsible for collecting so much money," declared a leading member of the local. We admit that percentages, like appearances, are deceiving. So we herewith pay due tribute to the New York local which not only went beyond its \$6,000 quota by \$346.18 but accounted for almost one-third of the national total.

Akron mailed in \$170 on the last day, but fell somewhat short of the mark. The Philadelphia Youth Group, however, surged forward and took its place with the Los Angeles and Chicago Youth.

M. Jones of Youngstown writes: "Last week we sent a check for \$50 which gave us a total of 110% of our quota, but this does not tell the complete story of our campaign. When we accepted our \$500 quota, we also set ourselves the goal of raising an additional \$200 for local needs. I am happy to report that at our last meeting we went over the top, with \$702.22."

"The largest amount of this was of course contributed by the comrades, but we also had a very successful banquet and New Year's Social which helped us make that sum."

Warmest thanks to the many supporters who came to our aid in this financial emergency. And congratulations to all the comrades on work so well accomplished!

## CHICAGO

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Candidate for Mayor

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Speaker:

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March 15

## SCOREBOARD

Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
ST. LOUIS	\$ 50	\$ 110.00	220
NEW YORK YOUTH	25	53.00	212
CLEVELAND	300	606.00	200
ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM	75	87.00	116
YOUNGSTOWN	500	550.00	110
LOS ANGELES YOUTH	25	27.00	108
ST. PAUL	330	358.00	108
NEW YORK LOCAL	6,000	6,346.18	106
MILWAUKEE	200	210.00	105
FLINT	200	206.57	103
LOS ANGELES LOCAL	1,500	1,517.00	101
MINNEAPOLIS	670	675.00	101
NEWARK	300	302.00	101
BOSTON	400	400.00	100
BUFFALO	700	700.00	100
CHICAGO LOCAL	1,500	1,500.92	100
CONNECTICUT STATE	120	120.00	100
OAKLAND	250	250.00	100
PHILADELPHIA	500</		

## An Item Truman Left Out

By Joseph Hansen

One of our hobbies on *The Militant* is running a fine-tooth comb through Presidential messages to Congress. It's surprising what you can sometimes pull out of the verbiage put together by the professional ghost-writers on the White House payroll. In the latest message we even found a red herring, smell and all. But our patient work failed to find a single hint about the relation of Greece and Turkey to the fabulously rich empire in the Middle East staked out by the American oil trust as spoils of victory in World War II.

Our disappointment was all the sharper because we've been waiting since March 1944 to see if a prediction we clipped out of the newspaper about these oil holdings would come true. This prediction was made by Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State under Woodrow Wilson and an authority on oil policy.

When Roosevelt cooked up a project in 1944 to spend \$165,000,000 of the taxpayers' money building pipelines and refineries for the oil trust in Arabia, Colby sounded off: "If such policies are pursued in oil and other fields our country appears committed definitely to future wars in bewildering places and to constant maintenance of American armed forces all over the world."

Truman didn't say anything about oil, but he did mention military forces going into Greece and Turkey.

A headline in the March 16 N. Y. Times is more explicit: "Oil is big factor in aid to Greece." In 1940, it seems, when the British were held down by Nazi bombs, Standard Oil raced with the Texas Company to grab up as much as they could in the Middle East where half the world's known oil resources are located.

### The Negro Struggle

## Greece And The Negroes

By William E. Bohannon

In my opinion the overwhelming majority of the Negro people will condemn and reject Truman's big step to war which is camouflaged under the title of a defense of democracy against communism. We haven't forgotten how the Negro fared in and after the first two world wars, which also were designated as wars for "democracy" and the "four freedoms." Twice in one lifetime is enough, thank you.

The thing that must have struck most Negroes who heard or read Truman's speech to Congress was its utter and complete hypocrisy. Especially when he said there were two ways of life which every nation had to choose between, and described them as follows:

"One way of life is based upon the will of the majority and is distinguished by free institutions, representative government, free elections, guarantees of individual liberty, freedom of speech and religion, and freedom from political oppression. The second way of life is based upon the will of a minority forcibly imposed upon the majority. It relies upon terror and oppression, a controlled press and radio, fixed elections, and the suppression of personal freedoms."

If Truman really wanted to fight against this second way of life, then instead of helping the Greek monarchy and the Turkish dictatorship, he would be trying to overthrow them. Because in both these countries the ruling class is a small minority which is forcibly imposing its will on the majority of the people by the most

## The Drive Toward War

By George Breitman

In his war-like speech last week, Truman promised to call on Congress for "further authority" if it was needed to carry out his new policy. Everyone understood that such "authority" will include a demand, when the time is ripe for it, for a declaration of war.

When will that be? How close is the world to a new war? Will the time interval between Truman's speech and World War III be as short as it was between Roosevelt's "quarantine of the aggressor" speech in 1937 and the outbreak of World War II? Nobody can give a final answer to these questions—not even Truman or Stalin—because it depends on too many unknown factors.

Truman's speech is a declaration of readiness to resort to war; its most immediate purpose is to force further concessions from Stalin. How will Stalin react?

It is well known that the Soviet Union, devastated by the war, is in no position to wage a major war at this time. This is one factor which drives Stalin to seek new compromises with the imperialists.

But Stalin—despite his public reassurances that the Soviet can live in peace in a capitalist encirclement—knows that world imperialism, faced with the breakdown of European economy and the upsurge of revolt in Asia, hopes to stave off its downfall for a time by

## Notes From The News

David Dubinsky, ILGWU president, was the first labor lieutenant of capitalism to endorse Truman's new war program. The Social Democratic *New Leader* begged its readers to write Truman, "giving him the praise he deserves for his courageous stand." Most union leaders, knowing what the workers thought about it, preferred to remain silent.

Delegates to the CIO National Education Conference in Columbus this week staged an 8½ hour sit-in at the Neil House's coffee shop to protest discrimination against Negro delegates.

The Communist Party last week demoted Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach to the status of a "FORMER Roosevelt supporter" after his demand that the CP be outlawed.

When they ran into a British snag in Arabia, they went crying to Roosevelt, and he gave the matter his "personal consideration," probably calling Churchill on the phone to "discuss" whether the British really needed all that lend-lease.

Eventually the American monopolists got about 40% of the holdings. On Sept. 24, 1945, Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes, with spokesmen of six oil companies to "advise" him in London, negotiated an oil treaty between the British and American governments, putting the official seal of approval on joint exploitation of the black gold in the Middle East.

This was followed last December by what the N. Y. Times called "one of the biggest oil transactions of all time." Standard of Calif. and the Texas Co. cut Standard of N. J. and Socony Vacuum in their Arabian-American Oil Co. Socony and N. J. then agreed to buy oil from the British-held Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. "State Department officials welcomed news of the transactions," said the Dec. 26 N. Y. Times. Investments of hundreds of millions of dollars were earmarked for refineries, docks and two pipelines, each the size of the Big Inch.

Now we come to the British notice about having to withdraw troops. In 1925 when the concessions were first obtained in Iraq, declares the March 18 Times, one of the company heads "said that it could be held only so long as British soldiers remained." Once "British" soldiers leave the area, "it would be difficult for the present owners of the concessions to hold them."

The "present owners" are the same outfits who ran to Roosevelt in 1940 for help against the British. Truman didn't say so; but we wonder—can it be that the oil trust, now sinking drills in the richest fields in the world, wants American troops within shooting distance to safeguard the company flag?

brutal and obvious kind of terror and oppression. If the British would get out of Greece, the masses would overthrow the government inside of a month.

But leaving aside the question of Greece and Turkey, there is another test, much closer to home, of how much Truman wants to fight against the second way of life. And that test is the status of the Negro here in the United States.

You don't like terror and oppression. Mr. Truman? Then why haven't you done anything to stop it when it is directed against the Negro people? Why haven't you called Congress together to give you special authority to do something about lynchings, the way you ask for special authority in the Mediterranean?

You didn't fix elections. Mr. Truman? Then how come you haven't even spoken out against the efforts of your Southern Democratic comrades to fix elections by depriving Negroes of their right to vote?

You are opposed to the suppression of personal freedoms, Mr. Truman? Then how about the city you live in now, the capital of the country, where Jim Crow is the official pattern? What have you ever done to preserve the Negro people's personal freedoms there?

Just to pose these questions is enough; the answers aren't necessary. Truman's actions speak louder than his most pious words. The new world war they are getting ready to drag us into has nothing to do with preserving democracy. On the contrary, the only way we will gain recognition of our democratic rights is by fighting for them unrelentingly against the very same people who are trying to drag us into a new war.

## MEET THE SWP CANDIDATE

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# Detroit Tenants Demand City Freeze All Rents

## CIO Pickets Defy Arrests



While picketing the Brooklyn YWCA, these members of CIO Local 19, United Office & Professional Workers were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. The union immediately announced another picketline for the following day and intends to continue picketing until the YWCA settles.

—Federated Pictures

## Trotskyists Commemorate Revolt Of Royal Indian Navy

BOMBAY, India, Mar. 8—Under the initiative of the Bombay Unit of the Bolshevik-Leninist Party of India (Trotskyist) and the Forward Bloc (Subhas Bose's Party) a fitting program was chalked out to celebrate the first anniversary of the Royal Indian Navy Revolt and to commemorate the 300 martyrs killed in Bombay one year ago.

It was Feb. 23, 1947. The Congress Ministry got panicky and banned all demonstrations, processions and meetings. In defiance of this action by the so-called "Popular" Ministry, the Bolshevik-Leninist Party militants, who had initiated and helped in the formation of the RIN Revolt Day Celebration Committee, took up the challenge along with other groups and some of the ex-RIN cadets discharged from the Navy for their heroic role in the mutiny.

gave, with injuries to many, including a woman militant of the Forward Bloc. In all, 18 persons were arrested, including the secretary of the Bombay Unit of the BLPI. They have been released, but are to appear for trial next week.

It is worth noting that they have all been arrested under the notorious Goonda ("Ruffian") Act passed by the Congress government recently to check communal riots. While communal rioters are scot-free, the Act has been consistently used against all Leftists, including the Congress Socialists, Stalinists, Forward Blocists and Trotskyists.

### ROLE OF STALINISTS

Another point to be noted is the attitude of these above groups and parties toward the RIN Day celebrations. The demonstrations were staged against the wishes of the Congress bosses, against the directions of the Congress Socialist Party leaders and the Stalinists. The Congress Socialists did not want to embarrass their capitalist masters.

The Stalinists openly stated that they could not come into the Committee for fear of illegalization of their party. They called upon the Bombay working class to "OBSERVE" the day. How? No directions . . . or rather

LOUIS KISNER  
Candidate for City Council, District 15  
In Los Angeles

Louis Kisner has been active for 16 years in the struggle for a socialist world. Born in 1913, he has spent most of his life in Los Angeles.

Upon graduating from Roosevelt High in 1930, Kisner, who was then an ardent Zionist, went to Palestine. After three months in Palestine his Zionist aspirations vanished, and instead he joined the Marxist Circles, an international socialist youth movement.

Returning to the U.S. in 1932, he joined the Young Communist League. His first shock came when a YCL leader held an "education" on Leon Trotsky, which Kisner knew was a falsification of history. Then, on the day that Hitler took power in Germany, without opposition from the C.P. of Germany, he bought his first copy of *The Militant*.

Disappointed in the Third International, Kisner decided to revisit Palestine. On his way through New York he visited the offices of Pioneer Publishers and asked for every piece of Trotskyist literature available. "It all amounted to only five

dollars and some cents," he says, "but I studied it carefully on my trip. I was convinced and inspired."

For the next two years, he worked with the Marxist Circles in Jerusalem and Haifa, and immediately upon his return to the U.S. in 1935, he joined the Trotskyist movement where he has worked steadily in many capacities ever since.

During the war years Kisner shipped out as a seaman. He has worked in an aircraft plant and at present is an auto worker and organizer of the San Pedro Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

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DETROIT, Mar. 13—At a hearing today with Acting Mayor George Edwards, a group of 50 aroused tenants representing the housing projects of Detroit, as well as UAW-CIO representatives, local UAW officers, housewives and their children, demanded that the City Council pass legislation which would immediately freeze rents locally, regardless of any decision which Congress would make regarding the OPA.

Attempting to break into the Mayor's chambers and disrupt the hearings.

The hearing was the climactic point of the organization of tenants throughout Detroit, especially in the housing projects. Last night a mass meeting was held under the auspices of the Wayne County CIO Council, the UAW-CIO Housing Department, and the Detroit Joint Projects Tenants Committee.

At this meeting, chaired by Brother Lesnik of Local 306, R. J. Thomas, National UAW housing director, pointed out that the real estate interests were attempting to destroy rent control. He quoted statistics which proved that the real estate owners are making more money than they ever did before.

### MEAN BUSINESS

Thomas was followed by Ernest Dillard, chairman of the Brewster Project Rent Committee. He said, "If necessary, we will stop traffic to show these people that we mean business. The time is here for militant action." Dillard also stated that the tenants of his project were wholeheartedly behind the program of the Joint tenants council.

Patrick MacNamara, Detroit City Councilman, and Sam Sage of the Wayne County CIO Council, also made brief addresses.

The same group of organized landlords under the leadership of Atherton, representative of Gerald L. K. Smith, attempted to disrupt the meeting. The chairman announced that they would be evicted from the hall if they didn't stop their disruption.

The meeting went on record unanimously in support of the three point program of no evictions, no rent increases and more low-rent housing, which was presented to the Acting Mayor today.

## Rubber Union Sets Deadline For Strike Against "Big 4"

By Milton Gencin

AKRON, March 17—A nation-wide strike of rubber workers affecting 42 plants of the "Big Four" rubber corporations was set for midnight of Sunday, March 23, as negotiations between the union and the companies collapsed.

The time for the strike was set by the union when the corporations stubbornly refused to offer anything better than a 10 cent an hour increase in wages.

The CIO United Rubber Workers demanded a 26-cent an hour increase to make up for the steep rise in the cost of living during the past year. However, URW President L. S. Buckmaster stated today after negotiations collapsed that the union negotiators had offered "to shave 10 cents an hour off our original wage demand . . . The best company offer was for 10-cent increases, which we couldn't accept."

Other demands were reported to have been withdrawn or modified in an effort to reach an agreement on the wage question.

Buckmaster accused the corporations of "stalling and delaying" which began last Oct. 28 when we first informed the companies of our request for a wage increase to meet the rise in living cost."

The four corporations involved in the current negotiations are the Goodrich, Firestone, Goodyear and U. S. Rubber companies. These four corporations control virtually the entire rubber industry in the United States. Together they showed a huge profit of 102 million dollars for the year 1946, an amount more than twice as great as that of any other year in the history of the industry.

In anticipation of the strike, the Akron plants of the corporations have been scheduling short work-weeks so that the workers would feel the pinch as soon as they walk out. The unyielding attitude of the corporations is undoubtedly due to the fact that they feel the entire governmental apparatus, the President, the Congress and the courts, to be on their side leading a sustained and vicious anti-labor drive.

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## Urge Mass. CIO To Set Up Joint Action Committee

BOSTON, Mar. 15—A State CIO Legislative Conference, attended by 350 delegates here last Sunday, unanimously adopted a resolution calling for joint action by all sections of the labor movement against the vicious anti-labor legislative drive.

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