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# ANTI-LABOR LAW SURE, SAYS TAFT

## Greek Trotskyists Face Death As Terror Reigns

A May 23 dispatch from Paris to *The Militant* reports that 13 Trotskyists are among the victims of the reign of terror unleashed in Greece since the monarchy was assured of Washington's financial and military support. All 13 are members of the International Communist Party, Greek Section of the Fourth International.

Three of them, including one woman, face court martial in Salonika and a possible death sentence. Five were arrested in Athens and accused of breaking the "public order" measures decreed by the reactionary Maximos-Tsaldaris cabinet.

The remaining five were condemned to two months imprisonment in the notorious dungeons maintained under the Gluckberg dynasty. The "crime" for which they were condemned was distributing a leaflet.

### REACTIONARY DRIVE

The persecution of the Greek Trotskyists is part of the present campaign of the monarchy to suppress all popular resistance with the aid of arms and money furnished by the Truman Administration. Greek reaction took the vote of Congress to hand over a quarter of a billion dollars as the signal to get going. One of the first acts of the Greek government was to restore wartime censorship of civilian mail.

In the North government mercenaries are attempting to mop up the remnants of the partisan forces who resisted first the Nazi conquerors and then the British. But tight censorship screens the reports, and details of the struggle are meager.

American correspondents intimate that the monarchist forces are not advancing rapidly. The mountainous terrain hampers swift operations and the local populace offers no aid. Apparently their only interest in the fighting, one reporter writes, "is a hope that it will pass them by with the least possible damage." Nevertheless, the estimated "communism."

## New Jersey Layoffs Sound Warning Signal To Unions

By A. Stevens

NEWARK, June 2 — Unemployment is hitting many workers in the Greater Newark industrial area, and the unemployment compensation offices are congested now — as unusually large numbers are filing claims.

Last week the Central Foundry Company, Essex Division, laid off 200 workers and discontinued operations indefinitely. Over 150 were given their walking papers at the Phoenix Brass Company in Irvington, and production drastically cut. The same happened at the C. A. Goldsmith Foundry.

The electrical industry is the hardest hit. At the General Instrument Corporation in Elizabethtown, 500 have been given termination notices, and 200 were cut off the rolls at National Union Radio.

At the East Newark and Cliffon plants of Federal Telephone and Radio Corporation, an IT&T subsidiary, 5,700 were laid off indefinitely in a lockout because they resisted a corporation speedup. This was not a case of unemployment, but the corporation's attack on the union was made easier because of slackening production orders.

The district office of the CIO United Electrical Workers estimates that even before the Federal shutdown, between 15,000 and 20,000 electrical workers had been laid off in New Jersey, not counting the Camden area.

Layoffs amounting to 2,000 are also announced for the Western Electric plant in Kearny, and the big RCA plant in Harrison is reported to be preparing a complete shutdown for two weeks, after which wage reductions will be made.

The significant aspect of the shutdown at Central Foundry and the layoffs at Phoenix Brass is that these plants are manufacturers of essential materials

### Socialist Workers Party Calls For Picket Line At Consulate

NEW YORK, June 3 — Appealing to New York workers to join in a picket line protest demonstration at the Greek Consulate at 30 Rockefeller Plaza at noon Saturday, June 7, George Clarke, New York Organizer of the Socialist Workers Party stated:

"The wholesale arrests of Trotskyists in Greece and the savage sentences meted out for minor 'offenses' is just another illustration of the reign of terror now prevailing in Greece.

"Backed by American dollars, the corrupt regime maintains itself in power by a complete denial of civil liberties to all opponents—from revolutionists to moderate liberals.

"The Maximos government—upheld by Truman as an outpost of democracy—has filled the prison camps with trade unionists, militant workers and every honest democrat who has dared to voice a criticism of one of the most reactionary governments in the world. It has persistently rebuffed proposals for a general amnesty to political prisoners urged upon it by embarrassed supporters in Washington.

"The picket line," Clarke concluded, "will raise the demand for the release of the imprisoned Trotskyists, for a general amnesty to all political prisoners in Greece, for a cessation of all financial and military support to the reactionary Greek dictatorship which is jailing and murdering today at the behest of Wall Street imperialism just as it once did for the Nazis during the German occupation."

The demonstration is being jointly sponsored by the New York Locals of the Socialist Workers Party and the Workers Party.

army of 150,000 troops is being deployed to the best of the ability of the fascist-minded generals ordered to carry out the Truman "doctrine" in Greece. Villagers who go outside their homes risk being shot on sight. The government mercenaries are empowered to give "prisoners" a brief court martial and execute sentence on the spot. Hundreds of people suspected of being liberal or progressive ideas have been rounded up and thrown into prisons and concentration camps without so much as the formality of a trial.

In accordance with the Truman "doctrine" these brutal acts are labelled as a fight against communism.

Nevertheless, the estimated "communism."

## Cabinet Shifts In Italy, Hungary Are Truman "Doctrine" Product

By Joseph Hansen

Wall Street's intensive preparations for war against the Soviet Union have led to tense diplomatic squabbles, saber-rattling, the menacing deployment of military forces, "incidents" around the whole perimeter of the USSR, and finally the announcement of the war-mongering Truman "doctrine."

This brazen avowal of an "anti-communist" foreign policy of world-wide intervention in the internal life of other countries gave new life to reaction on every continent. In France, for instance, it encouraged the dictatorial-minded de Gaulle to come out of political retirement and the flabby Ramadier regime to

kick the Stalinists out of the cabinet.

Last week the Truman "doctrine" had two more new and important consequences. In Italy, Premier Alcide de Gasperi, who has retained power thanks to Allied bayonets, dared to name a cabinet that excluded both Socialists and Communists. And in Hungary, the Stalinists answered the Truman "doctrine" by pulling a coup d'état, ousting political sympathizers of Anglo-American imperialism from the regime.

### RESPONSE SWIFT

The response of Secretary of State Marshall to these developments was swift. On his own authority June 2, he ordered cancellation of the unused half of

\$30,000,000 credit to Hungary which had been made February 15 to buy American surplus property. At the same time he wished "every success" to de Gasperi, intimating that he will speed the \$100,000,000 loan for which de Gasperi has been negotiating.

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ALCIDE DE GASPERI

### Supreme Court Ruling Hit By CIO

The CIO last week re-heard the Supreme Court to rule on a case involving the right of police to search private dwellings without a search warrant. Despite the Fourth Amendment, which prohibits illegal search, the Court had approved such procedure in a 5 to 4 decision handed down last month in the George Harris case.

The CIO brief declared that "the destruction of any of the guarantees of the Bill of Rights constitutes a threat to the existence of that climate of democratic liberty which is essential to the functioning of free trade unions."

See editorial, Growing Unemployment, on Page 4.

### Put The Squeeze On!



## Time To Organize Powerful Protest Strike Grows Short

JUNE 3 — Wall Street's legislative drive against the labor movement is perilously near victory. So confident of success is the bitterly anti-union Democratic and Republican machine in Congress that Senator Taft and Representative Hartley yesterday issued a joint statement flatly predicting their slave-labor measure "will become law. We have no doubt of that."

The confidence of these Wall Street political henchmen stems from the failure of the top AFL and CIO bureaucrats to take effective measures against the legislation while it was under consideration in Congress.

Only mighty protest demonstrations such as a nation-wide 24-hour protest strike could throw a scare into Wall Street's political representatives and force them to retreat. Only the serious threat that labor would organize its own political party and kick out the Wall Street machine politicians could bring hard-bitten gangsters like Taft and Hartley to think twice before trying to cripple the union movement.

But the half-blind and completely paralyzed bureaucrats of the AFL and CIO have refused to take an energetic course of action such as that. They have ignored the demands for a 24-hour strike raised by international unions, councils and locals throughout the country. They have preferred to follow the cowardly example of the trade union bureaucrats in Italy and Germany who watched Mussolini and Hitler move toward power without lifting a finger even to save their own necks.

In the face of this criminal policy of the AFL and CIO bureaucrats, a handful of Democratic Senators who might have been pressured into voting against the measures were easily lined up by Taft. This handful who might have been persuaded to uphold a Presidential veto of the measure are now swinging still more solidly behind Taft.

Because really strong pressure for a veto has been lacking, Truman himself is weighing whether or not he should sign the measure. If a great protest movement had been organized by the CIO and AFL heads, this hesitation alone would have severely damaged his chances in the 1948 election. If a big enough fire were built under him, he would veto the measure but to use his influence as head of the Democratic party to line up the Senate votes needed to sustain the veto.

The final version of the Taft-Hartley bill as it emerged from the House-Senate conference is designed to smash the spine of the labor movement. It converts the National Labor Relations Board, for instance, into a judicial agency and gives the "general counsel" of this court dictatorial powers. Whoever is appointed to this post must be confirmed by the anti-labor Senate. He will have final authority without appeal on the filing of charges against unions or employers of unfair labor practices.

Government by injunction is established, since any employer faced with strike action can ask the Attorney General to halt the walk-out for 80 days. Crippling damage suits can be slapped on the unions for alleged "violations" of contract. The closed shop is outlawed, and union hiring halls are apparently to be ended. Collective bargaining is seriously restricted. Every union officer must swear that he is not a "Communist." Mass picketing, interpreted as "interference," is outlawed.

And these union-smashing provisions are only some of the main teeth in this measure that Wall Street counts on having on the law books very soon.

## Senate Votes Passage Of Bill Granting Rent Boosts Of 15%

On the heels of passage of the Taft-Hartley slave-labor legislation, Wall Street celebrated another major victory over the people on May 29 when the Senate by a

last year, when he first proposed the 15% boost, he claimed that tenants widely sympathized with landlords unable to raise rents because of controls. The real estate interests have insisted that because their profits during the war did not soar to such mountain-high proportions as the profits of other sections of the capitalist class they have been suffering "hardship."

Florence LaGuardia, head of the National Rent Committee, called the "voluntary" rent boost provision a "blackjack clause." Senator Taylor (D, Idaho), who opposed the increase, described the clause as "a pistol at the head of the little people to come across or else—." And Senator Charles Tobey (R, N. H.) said, "Real estate and landlords interests are singing a Te Deum and a Hallelujah over its adoption."

## Michigan State CIO To Meet At Height Of Labor Crisis

DETROIT, June 2 — The June 16-18 convention of the Michigan State CIO will meet at a time of supreme labor crisis. Not only is the whole labor movement threatened by the passage of the Taft-Hartley Bill; but right here in Michigan, the home of the country's most powerful industrial union structure, the State Legislature has had the temerity to put forward one anti-labor bill after the other, each bill more savage than the one before.

Thus far all attempts by the union militants to have the CIO leaders break with the bankrupt PAC policy of supporting the Democratic Party have been unsuccessful. These CIO leaders continue to cling just as tenaciously to a policy which has revealed its bankruptcy, as the AFL leaders cling to the policy of narrow craft unionism 12 years ago.

The coming Michigan CIO Convention, if these leaders have their way, will be dominated, not by a discussion of a program to hurl back reaction, but by the rotten clique fight between the Reuther and Thomas-Addes factions. The Reuther caucus leaders are busy lining up votes to retain the incumbent state leadership of August Scholle. The Thomas-Addes caucus leaders are busy lining up votes to oust the incumbent leadership.

On the basis of such a program of action the Michigan CIO Convention can reverse the present course of retreat and can show the whole labor movement the right road to progress.

### CALL FOR LABOR PARTY

A number of leading militants in Detroit have drawn the conclusion that it is up to them to get the ball rolling if the Michigan CIO is to be pushed out of its present rut and to take the high road that will lead to new advances. As an example of this development, the Budd Local 306 executive board passed a resolution condemning the present PAC policy and resolving as follows:

"That no more time be wasted and that the officers of the State CIO stand instructed to call within 60 days an extraordinary convention of all labor organizations in the state of Michigan and proceed there and then to launch a new political party of labor in this state as the initial step toward the formation of a nation-wide labor party."

The clause permits landlords to raise rents where tenants enter contracts "voluntarily."

Senator Hawkes argued that tenants will "welcome" the opportunity to pay 15% more rent.

## Notebook Of An Agitator

### Farewell To A Socialist Pioneer

An old socialist pioneer died in Rosedale, Kansas, the other day at the age of 89, and I went home to his funeral. I was bound to him personally by many different ties and indebted to him for many things of value beyond computation. He was the first to explain to me that truth and justice are important, and he proved to me, by his life-long example, that he meant what he said. He really believed in freedom, equality and the brotherhood of man, and thought those things attainable and worth striving for. That was his "principle," and he lived up to it.

It was from him that I first learned about socialism; he took me into the movement, 36 years ago, and thus shaped my life in pattern which has never been changed. Remembering and reliving all that on the long train ride to the old man's funeral, I thought of him not only as a friend and counsellor, but also as a true and worthy representative of that noble generation of pioneer socialists who went before us and prepared the way for us. We are here because they were there. We should never forget that.

His socialism—the predominant mid-western American socialism of his time—inspired by the great spirit and burning eloquence of Debs, was basically humanitarian, more ethical, perhaps, than scientific, and putting more emphasis on the goal than the road to it. But it was right in the essence of the matter, and there was a great driving force of conviction and inspiration behind it. In my opinion, the modern movement, with its more precise analysis and its necessary concentration on the struggle, would do well to infuse its propaganda with more of the old emphasis on the ultimate meaning of the struggle; speak out, as the old pioneers did, for human rights and human dignity, for freedom and equality and abundance for all. That is what we are really fighting for when we fight for socialism.

Ben Hanford, the great socialist agitator of an earlier day, once wrote an encomium of a collective comrade whom he called Jimmy Higgins—the man in the ranks who busies himself without ostentation, recognition or reward to do all the innumerable little and unnoticed things which have to be done to keep the "movement" going and keep the torch burning. Such was the old man. He was an old-timer from away back—a "labor man" from the days of the Knights of Labor and the eight-hour movement; a Debs man from the A.R.U. strike of '94 on; and a socialist activist all through the twenty-year rise of the Socialist Party after the turn of the century. He ardently sympathized with me in all my work and struggles, and gave all the prac-

tical help he could, up to the recent years when he was too old and tired to do any more.

An account of his quiet and sustained activity for socialism could stand, with only a few unimportant changes, as a composite biography of the whole fraternity of anonymous activists whose unrecognized labors and sacrifices, freely given with unfaltering faith, transformed an idea and a hope into a movement which lives after them and will yet prevail.

He was no "leader," but a simple rank and file man who "talked socialism" to all who would listen; hustled the subscriptions for the papers; arranged the meetings, rented the hall and drummed up the crowd for the speaker; and always had his hand in his pocket for a contribution he couldn't afford, to help make up the deficit. In addition, he could always be counted on to "put up" a traveling agitator at his home and thus save the party expenses, although his own financial means were all too narrow.

The old man was the friend and partisan of all good causes, always ready to circulate a petition, help out a collection or get up a protest meeting to demand that wrongs be righted. The good causes, then as now, were mostly the unpopular ones, and he nearly always found himself in the minority, on the side of the underdogs who couldn't do him any good in the tough game of making money and getting ahead. He had to pay for that, and his family had to pay, but it couldn't be helped. The old man was made that way, and I don't think it ever once entered his head to do otherwise or live otherwise than he did.

That's just about all there is to tell of him. But I thought, as I looked at him in his coffin for the last time, that's a great deal. Carl Sandburg said it this way: "These are heroes then—among the plain people—Heroes, did you say? And why not? They give all they've got and ask no questions and take what comes and what more do you want?"

That devoted band of pioneer socialists who lived and worked unselfishly for socialism, who did what they could for the "movement" and kept it alive so that a new generation coming along would not have to begin at the beginning, did not live in vain. They were far more important for the future of America and the world than they, with their modesty and their renunciation, could possibly realize. The old man was one of them, and I say farewell to him with gratitude and love. His name was John Cannon. He was my father.

J. P. C.

## Stalinist Grip On Buffalo UE Shaken By Militant Caucus

BUFFALO, May 31 — One of the hottest union election campaigns in the Buffalo area has been concluded at the new Westinghouse plant, which is organized by Local 1581 of the CIO United Electrical Workers.

Although the Rank and File Membership Caucus, whose slate was headed by Tony Marino, lost the election for president by a narrow margin

of 20 votes, (430 to 410), it nevertheless succeeded in electing the vice-president and three members of the executive board. Until now, the Stalinist machine that dominates the UE has been receiving opposition mainly from right-wing dissidents and red-baiters running on a program that does not differ much from that followed by Fitzgerald, Matthes and Co. But the election campaign in Local

## 10,000 Aircraft Workers Threaten Strike In Seattle

By C. Kaye

SEATTLE, May 28 — Ten thousand workers at the Boeing Aircraft Corporation's giant Northwest plant here, never before struck, will strike if the company does not revise its present contract offer in the next few days. At a jammed meeting of the Aero Mechanics Union, Local 751, IAM, on May 22, thousands of indignant unionists overwhelmingly voted to reject the bosses' offer.

In a second vote over 94% called for a strike. The union immediately petitioned the Machinists' International in Washington for strike sanction.

The continued arrogance of the bosses after three months of negotiations spurred the union membership to this militant action. All the company's offers are conditioned by their insistence on nullifying the present seniority agreement by excluding any 10% of the working force from seniority coverage. The workers are justly refusing to sacrifice this prime guarantee of their job security in the plant.

Other union demands are a

ten cent per hour wage increase; consolidation of the present ten labor grades into five to allow for swifter advancement and simpler administration; eight paid holidays; liberalized vacation plan; double-time pay for overtime work; greater shift differentials; paid sick leave; and official inclusion into the contract of minor conditions gained by the members during the past years (these include smoking time and extended lunch periods). A company proposal to institute a staggered work week is likewise strongly opposed by the union.

Boeing foremen and supervisors, organized into Lodge 1750 of the IAM, have similarly filed strike notice, as have the plant guards and Building Service Employees Union members working at Boeing.

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## Joint Labor Victory In Oakland Election Points Road For Workers In Other Cities

By Ed Davis

OAKLAND, Calif., June 2—The recent election campaign, in which the labor-backed Oakland Voters League won four of the five City Council seats being contested, merits the close examination of union militants throughout the country. While it is

true that there were some special circumstances in Oakland—a general strike last December, and a working

unity between the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods—conditions of this kind will appear elsewhere as the labor party movement develops.

Political action was the next step obviously indicated after the general strike. The retail clerk strike, which led to the general strike when the city administration gave police protection to professional strikebreakers, resulted in a stalemate. The picket lines were expensive, and even more important, labor could not

feel secure in the East Bay.

The critical and test case nature of the clerks' strike was recognized by everyone, as was the need for taking some positive action against the City Councilmen. As a result joint labor ac-

tion in the labor movement.

The program was similarly "respectable." The Voters League came out against the unjust taxation which favored the downtown merchants by low assessments. They came out vaguely for better housing, street improvements, parks, etc. Nothing concrete. On the labor angle, they promised "impartial" statesmanship.

### THEIR CHANCE

If ever a "coalition" slate had the chance of garnering in the middle class vote, this slate should have been the one. Not only were the candidates and their program middle class, but in Oakland for almost two decades the middle class has made repeated attempts to unseat the political machine which has run the city in the interests of the Downtown Merchants Association and the United Employers Association.

Yet the campaign was hardly begun before the Joint Committee realized that their coalition slate idea was doomed and that they would have to rely on their own strength. No significant section of the middle class leaders rallied to the support of the slate. With the exception of a handful of PCA people and some fellow-travelers of the CP, the middle class leaders made their choice in favor of the incumbents. It quickly became clear that the entrenched city machine was being challenged, for the first time in two decades, by labor—and labor alone.

Fortunately, the Joint Committee took up the challenge and proceeded to speak more openly in the name of labor—although never going as far as they should have. The candidates added the plank of "no strikebreaking" to their program and began to lay more emphasis on their union affiliations, meager as these were.

### SHOT IN THE ARM

The primaries, which the Voters League slate carried by big pluralities, served as a shot in the arm to the whole labor movement. Nothing had so captured the workers' imagination since the beginning of the CIO. Volunteer precinct workers appeared from almost everywhere.

The Voters League had little or no access to the daily press and the important radio stations.

## Chicago Packing Unions Decide To Cooperate

By Art O'Brien

YOUNGSTOWN, June 1—An unholy alliance between the small steel fabricating companies in a tri-state area in this region appears to have been formed against the union contract terms signed by Big and Little Steel.

These fabricators seem disposed to grant the 12½% increase won from both Big and Little Steel.

But on the questions of retroactive pay, paid vacations and other fringe demands they are stalling in the hopes that an early passage of the proposed anti-labor legislation will give them an injunction club to wield against the union. They are also putting up a solid front against the union shop demand which many union locals in the fabricating part of the industry are making.

The union made a small crack in the anti-union front by defeating three small fabricators: Hill-Hubbell, Trim Edge and Mackenzie Muffler recently. But these are very small companies and do not carry very heavy weight.

The larger concerns such as

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but that made little difference in its present footing. A dinner is planned for all precinct workers and a victory dance is scheduled for the night the candidates are sworn into office.

But what the AFL bureaucrats want is to tie the League to the Democratic Party, even though the local Democratic Committee came out the day before the election in favor of the incumbents. The Stalinists for their part are not too sure what they want, although they are satisfied with things as they are, and are inclined toward a "people's" committee with labor unions represented by individual participants.

Three things were done to get out the vote. First, the wide distribution of three leaflets—a general one for mailing, a trade-union leaflet, and one addressed to the large Negro population.

Second, a real precinct organization recruited from the trade unions. And third, an election day drive to get out the vote, with cars made available to take voters to the polls.

### DELEGATED BODY

The union militants, on the other hand, are pushing for a delegated body through which unions can call for an account by the candidates. Some have already initiated a resolution drive in the unions built around the central idea of continuing the Voters League as a delegated body with labor leadership predominant.

Working class interest did not die down after the election, nor has the Knowland machine accepted the defeat. It has dropped the red-baiting and now is trying to buy out the candidates by one means or another. These tactics will become more persistent. Labor won a victory whose effects are far-reaching. Locally, the campaign has resulted in the successful end of the clerks' strike, and in the soft-pedaling of police brutality towards strikers.

Statewide, the victory was responsible for the defeat of an anti-full-crew law for railroad workers. Inquiries are coming in from all over the state and from other states asking the CIO Council how it was done in Oakland.

The big question is what next—what becomes of the Oakland Voters League? Plans are in the making to keep it alive on election next fall.

## 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 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!

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

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

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## How German People Are Being "Re-educated For Democracy"

By Ernest Germain

All the plagues which have struck Germany—the dismembering of the country, plundering of its industrial equipment, stagnation of its production, disintegration of its economic and cultural structure—all these are justified, according to the occupation powers and their advocates, the legal German parties, by the "collective guilt of the German people" in starting and "barbarically conducting" the war. The occupation has to be continued, they say, in order to "re-educate" the German people and make them "fit for democracy."

A recent manifesto of the Fourth International exposed the detestable lie of this myth about the collective guilt of the German people; we don't need to go into it again here. (See June 1947 issue of *Fourth International*.) It could also be pointed out that the frightful misery existing in Germany today is hardly a favorable environment for such "re-education." But let us not linger over these general considerations; let us look more closely at the kind of "democracy" the Big Four have brought the German workers after their emergence from twelve years of brutal fascist dictatorship.

The political regime which rules Germany today is one of military dictatorship. It begins by denying the German masses their most elementary democratic right: the right of free self-determination. It then thrusts them into the dismembered and outmoded framework not only of the four zones but of two dozen states ("Laender"), each with its own "parliament" and its own government.

### FRAUDULENT FREEDOM

True enough, these "parliaments" are "elected" by the population. But in the elections only those parties which have accepted the Potsdam agreement can participate, that is, parties which accept the military dictatorship!

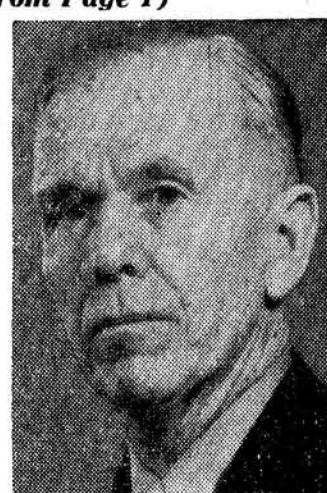
Even these parties, however, are "free" only in appearance. The American newspaper, *Neue Zeitung*, issued for the German population, puts it to them bluntly in its issue of August 19, 1946: "... AFTER THE ELECTIONS FOR THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLIES ALSO, THE GOVERNMENTS (of the various states) WILL CONTINUE TO BE, AS PREVIOUSLY, DEPUTIES (Chargés d'Affaires) OF THE OCCUPYING POWER, AND NOT PARLIAMENTARY ORGANS OF POPULAR REPRESENTATION . . ."

This is by no means simply a juridical formula, but the precise expression of what actually goes on every day. The occupation powers change the governments, flout "parliamentary" decisions, remove "elected" representatives from their posts, and intervene in all German affairs as they please.

The British authorities, under cover of "progressive" and "humanitarian" phrases of the Labor Party leaders, showed what they understand by democratic freedom.

## Italy, Hungary Cabinet Shifts Truman "Doctrine" Product

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GENERAL MARSHALL

gamble. After two world wars in a quarter of a century and more than two decades of fascism, the Italian masses want no more of capitalism. Under revolutionary leadership they would already have set up a Workers' and Farmers' Government. But a provocative shift in the direction of open reaction such as de Gasperi has just undertaken can likewise precipitate revolutionary action.

The Stalinists and the Social Democrats, however, are helping de Gasperi win his gamble. They have done their utmost to head off revolutionary developments. They have restrained and curbed the masses, blocking every rank and file attempt to end rotting capitalism with its horrors and unendurable misery.

Even after the announcement of their exclusion, the Stalinists and Socialists still clamored for posts in the cabinet. And rather than call on the masses to take action against the mounting threat from the right, they limited themselves to calling for a general election — next October.

### IN HUNGARY

In Hungary, where the masses have decisively rejected and repudiated the Stalinists, the coup d'état was engineered behind the scenes. The Stalinist bureaucracy dominates Hungary by virtue of the occupying Red Army. A government can rule there, consequently, only with Moscow's approval.

The leaders of the Small Landholders' Party won a majority in the last election and took office. The Stalinist bureaucracy soon began preparations to remove them in a typical Moscow manner. Last December the Russian military authorities announced

and Mannesmann remain in the good graces of the "Labor Party" moguls.

The picture is hardly better in the American zone. In Bavaria, the minister for denazification is himself a former Nazi! When a German denazification tribunal declared the designated Prime Minister of Bavaria, a certain Mueller, to be unfit for the post, Mueller took a plane for Berlin, saw General Clay and was promptly cleared! In the French zone a vast number of fascists have reassembled.

As for the Soviet zone, much more noise has been made about "denazification;" but many a Nazi officer is today being used by the GPU as police spy in the universities, and the bureaucracy has taken Nazi technicians and inventors into its service by the hundreds.

**STRICT CENSORSHIP**  
Strictest censorship exists. A newspaper cannot be published without a government license, and of course the government grants such licenses only to those who give satisfactory "guarantees" of their submissiveness. No attack upon any act of the occupation forces is permitted. The editor of a Coburg daily got six months in prison for some completely innocuous remarks which the German military tribunal considered "insults."

Demonstrations and strikes are strictly forbidden and punishable by law. Just as in the countries which Hitler occupied, the death penalty hangs as a threat over anyone possessing arms. The workers are still denied the right to a national trade union organization!

Can all this be explained by the fact that the Big Four have no "confidence" in the Germans because they are still "pro-Nazi," as the imperialist and Stalinist propaganda tries to maintain?

But the worst of the comedies staged by the occupying forces has been the so-called "denazification." A few scapgoats have been hanged. A whole crowd of smaller fry have lost their lives.

But for every Nazi the Allies have removed, they have put three into their service. This comedy has been partly hidden from public knowledge by mutual blackmail among the four occupying powers: "If you denounce my Nazis, I will denounce yours." From time to time a big scandal breaks, but with far from the whole story being told.

The British zone is generally considered the Nazis' paradise. The head of the iron and steel sector in Dusseldorf is a Dr. Dinkelbach, former director of the "Vereinigte Stahlwerke," which was Hitler's most consistent financial backer. During the war Dr. Dinkelbach was the Nazi looter-in-chief of Holland, Hitler's former banker Pfeiderer, has become a functionary for the British in Cologne. The steel magnates Kloekner,

ed in and concerned with the Stalinists only insofar as they control the masses. If they can't control the masses, the Stalinists are worthless for the capitalists. The Renault strike was strong enough to weaken the Stalinist position in relation to the capitalists.

But the spread of the strike to other plants and industries can have the effect of forcing the capitalists, willy-nilly and quickly, to agree to the participation of the Stalinists in a new government, in order to hold the strike movement within limits.

The Stalinists, on the other hand, cannot permit themselves to be outflanked on the left and consider it necessary to stay out of the government long enough to strengthen their weakened influence over the workers, and thus be in a position to control the strike movement, which has spread further than was expected. And of course, they hope their position in the next government will be considerably stronger.

### UNDERSTOOD MANEUVER

It is thus that the departure of the Stalinists from the government was a parting that took place without great acrimony on either side, since each understood the maneuver perfectly. The capitalist press and parties did not hesitate to praise the moderation of the Stalinists and the "understanding" attitude of Thorez in relation to the government. The seeming paradox of a left push of the masses and a governmental turn to the right becomes clear.

This is a magnificent example for those imbued with parliamentary cretinism, who don't understand the contradictions produced by the class struggle in the government machinery of the capitalist state.

This is also a magnificent example against those who incorrectly equate Stalinism with the working class. Stalinism has been

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## The Position Of Stalinism After The Renault Strike

By Pierre Frank

PARIS, May 15. — As a result of the governmental crisis developing from the Renault strike, the French Stalinists find themselves, for the first time since the "liberation," outside the governmental majority and, except for

the brief interlude of the "all-Socialist" Blum government, for the first time out of the government itself.

Thus, paradoxically, a militant working class action in a left direction has resulted in a governmental turn to the right. How can this be explained?

The Stalinist party has been behind it the majority of the working class and effective control and leadership of the CGT. But its active collaboration in the policy of freezing wages, in the fallacious hope of stabilizing and lowering prices, has resulted in a certain deterioration of the Stalinist hold over the working class.

This fact is strikingly attested to in the recent elections of the administration of the social security program in France. While the Catholic trade unions groups received more votes than they have members, this was not true for the CGT, which received less votes.

### SPLIT THEIR VOTES

What is even more important is the fact that many voters split their tickets, refusing to vote for some Stalinist bureaucrats who had been placed at the head of the list. In the Seine region, for example, the Stalinist secretaries of the CGT unions, Raynaud and Henaff, came out at the bottom of the list, while the Stalinist deputy, Costes, secretary of the metal workers union — who for years had had the Renault plant at Billancourt under his thumb — was defeated.

The working class dissatisfaction had ended by outflanking the Stalinists in France's largest factory to which the workers have always looked for leadership in times of struggle. For eight days at the Renault plant the Stalinists chased after the workers, changing their slogans from day to day in a vain effort to capture the leadership of the action.

Under present conditions, however, the capitalists are interested in a bad humor, but the "action" they propose does not go beyond a two-hour walkout demonstration, which can only lose two hours' wages without bringing any results, while several days of an energetically conducted strike could assure victory for the workers' demands.

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CHINA, May 15. — The Trotskyist organization, the Communist League of China, was cut to pieces in the first year after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Every local unit had to rely on its own initiative and courage to meet the emergencies. Only common ideas and traditions continued to bind us together. No news, no communication could be exchanged.

Even after the war, we had to wait another year and a half to draw a complete picture of our organization on a national scale. Everywhere that we had a group of comrades of a unit, we had glorious epic too. We say that without any exaggeration. Let us give you some brief sketches now.

### SHANGHAI STRUGGLES

Our comrades in Shanghai maintained the official organ, *Tao Tsing Pao* (Struggle), even under the most difficult conditions. They continued the revolutionary activities among workers and students. Our young student comrades served in the Tam Car Company and other factories as workers. They successfully contacted the ranks of the Communist Party and made some headway among them.

One of our women workers led a series of strikes in several weaving factories and was finally put under arrest by Japanese policemen. A girl student comrade paid a careless visit to the prisoner and was taken into custody at once. Completely terrorized by the brutal torture, she went mad and betrayed everything she knew. A group of young comrades were arrested soon. Comrade Liu Chi Liang, who just left the hospital after a serious operation removing a tubercular kidney, was a narrow escape.

Comrade Peng also escaped from the deadly hands of the Japanese butchers. It is difficult to adequately describe the heroism of this old Bolshevik who not only showed his great abilities and resourcefulness in meeting a series of emergencies, but went hand in hand with us even under the most dangerous conditions of wartime. In spite of the fact that our enemies knew his name very well, he bravely lectured in two universities under a pseudonym, and converted a group of Stalinist students to our cause.

After the wholesale arrests and raids, our Shanghai organization almost broke down. Other responsible comrades were forced

to hide, and Comrade Liu lay paralyzed in the sick bed again. Yet Comrade Peng boldly and calmly stuck to his post.

Not long before the Mikado's surrender, our comrades in prison were set free. They went through a heroic struggle in the iron grip of Japanese policemen and they could and did stand all kinds of cruel threats and torture. Without their heroism and self-sacrifice, we could not even dream of the revival of the Trotskyist movement in postwar China.

### SHANTUNG WARFARE

Our comrades in Shantung Province became the best fighters in the guerrilla war. Some comrades fought in the Stalinist Eighth Route Army. But as soon as they were discovered as Trotskyists, they were shamefully shot one after another. One of our young comrades died an especially heroic death. Before the first Stalinist bullet stilled his voice, he made a revolutionary speech to his fellow-fighters attacking Stalinism and upholding the revolutionary slogans to his last breath.

How many comrades lost their lives at the criminal bloody hands of Stalinist murderers? We cannot yet give an exact account.

We met the same fate in the Kuomintang-controlled area. For instance, Comrade Cheong Tzi Ching, one of our leading comrades in north China, was brutally killed by the Kuomintang.

Immediately after his release from Nanking prison in August 1937, Comrade Cheong had formed a guerrilla detachment in his native country in Shantung. But the guerrilla detachment was no sooner formed than it was disarmed and wholesale imprisonment took place in a special concentration camp. Cheong tried to escape, but was recaptured and shot. He also "drank the bullet" with a smile.

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## International Notes

The Colombian Federation of Labor is the second trade union federation to be "suspended" in South America this year on charges that it is "controlled by Moscow." The Brazilian Workers Federation was arrested. The next day Colvin R. de Silva, general secretary of the BLPI, was picked up on his arrival at Madras airport from Calcutta to address a mass meeting called by the Madras Labor Union. Dr. de Silva, a practicing barrister, tried to escape, but was recaptured and shot. He also "drank the bullet" with a smile.

General Anastasio Somoza, military dictator of Nicaragua and for many years a stooge of Washington, permitted the election of a president last February and overthrew him last week. Other American governments protested, but the U. S. State Department is still studying the latter.

The London organization of the Revolutionary Communist Party, section of the Fourth International, held a successful demonstration as part of the procession organized by the London Trades Council on the first Sunday in May. The Labor Party was absent from the procession and the Stalinist forces much smaller than last year. The demonstration marched to Hyde Park under slogans demanding "Nationalization Without Compensation," "Workers Control of Production," "For a Workers' Militia," etc. Along the route German prisoners of war joined the RCP demonstration in singing the "Red Flag" and marched alongside the contingent.

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The Revolutionary Socialist Party of Ireland, section of the Fourth International, held a big public meeting in Belfast on May 11 in memory of the revolutionary socialist martyr, James Connolly. More than 600 attended the meeting, the largest held by the Irish Trotskyists during the last two years. The RSP has just published the first number of its paper, *Workers Republic*.

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### NEWS FROM INDIA

MADRAS — After arresting S.C.C. Antony Pillai, prominent Trotskyist strike leader, on March 28, the Madras Provincial Congress Ministry has set in motion the whole machinery

ment on the border of Kiangsu and Anwei. They had to conduct their guerrilla war not only against Japanese armies, but also resisting the murderous attacks of Kuomintang and Stalinist armies. They, however, successfully overcame all obstacles and managed to win their way to eastern Chekiang. There, their small detachment rapidly swelled to an army of two thousand and fighters. Comrade Cheong Li Ming was elected a commander.

### STALINIST MURDERS

Even the native Stalinists held a mass meeting to welcome "the most loyal anti-Japanese fighter — Commander Cheong." Comrade Cheong's army attacked Japanese armies frequently. Its dynamics made a deep impression on the peasants. And its popularity caused a great envy in the top ranks of the Stalinists, who ground their teeth in rage. Only the unfavorable position bound their murderous hands.

But when Cheong's guerrilla army suffered a fatal defeat in the battle of Tzin Hwa, the Stalinists seized their golden chance. Comrade Cheong and his wife were captured in the Stalinist-controlled zone. Together with them, a wife and a small son of another comrade, a Formosa revolutionary who had recently been converted into a devoted Trotskyist, and several women, were all placed under arrest.

At first, the Stalinists tried to get a denunciation of Trotskyism from Cheong's mouth. When they found out that it was hopeless to bend his will, they mercilessly beheaded him. His wife and all other captives were shot wholesale. Even the six year old innocent boy was not spared by the Stalinist beasts. He was thrown into the sea and drowned.

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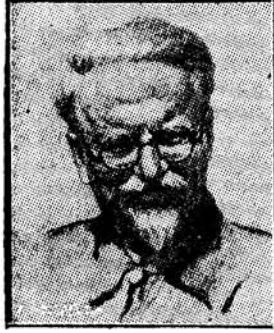
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"Only the world revolution can save the USSR for socialism. But the world revolution carries with it the inescapable blotting out of the Kremlin oligarchy."

Leon Trotsky

## Growing Unemployment

In the midst of all the talk about the coming depression, not enough attention is being paid to the fact that unemployment has been steadily rising since April. Almost one out of every ten workers in this country is now without a job, through no wish or fault of his own. For these workers, the effects of a depression are already here, even though prices remain at all-time high levels.

What is being done about this unemployment, whose rapid spread represents a dire warning of the speed with which a depression can strike?

The government does nothing at all; it does not even take care to properly report the full figures. The employers do nothing too; terrified by the prospect of a crash, they are looking around for ways and means of reducing all costs, that is, of reducing the number of their employees. The trade union bureaucrats are hiding their heads in the sand, afraid to "antagonize" the anti-labor Congress by fighting for anything. It is clear that if anything will be done, the militant workers in the unions will have to initiate action themselves.

The problem can and must be approached from many angles. Among the most urgent is the need to raise unemployment insurance allowances. In no state is the allowance adequate; in March the average payment was \$17.72 a week. The workers must begin to fight now for upward revisions in these allowances, with the aim of bringing them up to the level of trade union wages during the entire period of unemployment.

A second demand should be for a shorter work week, without any reduction in weekly pay. The CIO Packinghouse Workers Convention last month pointed the way by calling for a 30 hour week at 40 hours pay.

Nothing illustrates the insanity and anarchy of the capitalist system so well as the incident reported on Page 1 of this issue about the shutdown of an important pipe manufacturing foundry in Newark last week. The country is faced with the worst housing crisis of its entire history, with men able and eager to build houses, with factories equipped to produce housing material, with plenty of raw material to supply the factories. And what happens?

The pipe manufacturing foundry has to close down because the construction business doesn't see enough profits to be coined in building homes this year. Houses are not built, the housing crisis worsens. And more workers are thrown out of their jobs.

A huge federal housing program is needed to provide millions of low cost homes and employment to the workers who can make and build those homes. The time to start fighting for it is right now. The place to begin discussion of these problems is at your union meeting.

## Make It A Crime

**Business Week**, one of Wall Street's influential mouthpieces, carried a wrathful editorial in the May 31 issue over the recent dumping of 50 tons of surplus potatoes near Foley, Alabama. However, the temperature of **Business Week's** editors did not rise because kerosene was poured over a mountain of food to render it useless. That's normal under capitalism.

What disturbed these Wall Street propagandists was the wide publicity given the incident in the capitalist press. Especially the vivid picture of the potatoes piled high in an open field by the government.

"On the very days when the picture, thanks to wirephoto, was being featured in picture sections from coast to coast," complained **Business Week**, "the front pages of the same newspapers were reporting the desperate hunger in Europe and the hurried emergency steps to stave it off. The nations' newspaper readers were thus left with the clear and dramatically underlined impression that, while Europe cries out with hunger, we destroy fine food-stuffs in order to keep up the price. Certainly it would be hard to conjure up a more damning portrayal of hopeless confusion and frustration in our own house."

Such publicity, **Business Week** mourned, is "doing the communists' work for them" and "with tremendous effectiveness . . ."

This Wall Street magazine does not openly suggest that the capitalist press should have "killed" the damaging picture of capitalism

at work and buried the story. The editors contend only that it should have been "explained" why these potatoes could not be shipped abroad.

They also suggest a program to avoid future unfavorable publicity like this. Their proposal is to stop government support of farm prices because it "encourages excess production of the wrong things." With production curtailed sufficiently there won't be any surpluses—so dangerous to their profits—to destroy.

We think a different proposal is in order. Deliberate destruction of surplus food supplies, in our opinion, should be made a capital crime.

The curtailment of production while people lack basic necessities should likewise be made a criminal offense. To prevent food and other necessities from being produced is just as brutally inhuman in the face of world need as the more sensational destruction of food already produced.

## Why Veterans Join

The application blank for membership in the Socialist Workers Party asks among other things why the applicant decided to join. In San Diego the other day a 23 year old veteran of the U.S. Navy, now unemployed, wrote his answer: "Disillusion with the postwar 'new world'; Decision to do something about it."

That 12-word sentence sums up concisely the experience and political conclusion of the entire generation who were railroaded into World War II. They were drafted, most of them against their will, told they were fighting for an "Atlantic Charter" and "Four Freedoms" and thrown onto the battlefields of Europe, Asia, and Africa.

The capitalist propagandists let loose tens of thousands of tons of propaganda about the wonderful postwar world that would be theirs come V-E and V-J Days. It would be a world of freedom and of plenty, a decent world, bright with hope, a world worth risking one's life for.

That propaganda turned out to be a lie. Almost two years after V-J Day, a stable peace has not even been achieved. The former Allies are at each other's throats. World War III is clearly in preparation. And it is a war that threatens to annihilate civilization, perhaps all humanity.

There is not even the guarantee of a breathing space as long as the one between the first and second world wars. The invention of atomic weapons has speeded up developments beyond comparison with previous decades.

Moreover the real victor in the war turned out to be Wall Street. America's 60 ruling families reaped profits from the war never before seen in history. The bankers and industrial tycoons seized vast new holdings in distant lands, and at home fell heir to plants constructed by the government at the cost of billions of dollars pumped from the public treasury.

Instead of the extension of democracy abroad, Wall Street is bolstering up rotten dictatorships and moth-eaten monarchies. In America Wall Street has launched a savage anti-labor drive that threatens to wipe out gains secured in generations of struggle. And another depression reminiscent of the Thirties is now on the horizon.

Small wonder the war veterans are filled with "disillusion," and want to "do something about it."

In joining the Socialist Workers Party such veterans show that they have reached the correct conclusion: only by ending capitalism and building a socialist society can enduring peace and unlimited plenty be guaranteed; only the program of the Socialist Workers Party can lead to that kind of post-war world.

## "Unanimous" Report

The "Advisory Commission on Universal Training" appointed by Truman December 19 to make "recommendations" on peacetime conscription of American youth submitted its report June 1. The Commission "unanimously" decided in favor of conscripting 18-year olds and turning them over to the brass hats for one year's training (six months "basic" and six months "advanced.")

Readers of **The Militant** will not be surprised at this "recommendation." In our issue of February 8 we predicted that the report of the Commission "will be nothing but a rubber-stamp approval of Wall Street's plans for converting America into the greatest peacetime military camp in history." It required no crystal ball to make this prediction. Most of the hand-picked members of the Commission were already active champions of peacetime conscription.

Chairman Karl T. Compton, for instance, testified before the House Military Affairs Committee on November 21, 1945, in favor of universal military training. Daniel E. Poling on April 10, 1945, declared his support of this "principle" because of his "faith as a Christian." Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric, insisted that "the role of Congress is limited to voting the necessary funds." And John Ohly, the Executive Secretary for the Commission, was in charge of all the work, although not an official member. Ohly happens to be Special Assistant to the Secretary of War, who has spear-headed the brass hat campaign for peacetime conscription.

Six months ago these advocates of Prussian-like militarism claimed that the proposed training program had nothing to do with militarism. Apparently they decided, as a result of their "study," that the pretense was too flimsy, and so they took the course of brazening it out, now boldly admitting the "training" program is part of a general military plan.

The Commission viewed with "horror" the "staggering" cost of the scheme it proposes but apparently felt no horror whatever over the frightful perspective of the new war into which Wall Street is coolly planning to plunge America.



"They really ought to be glad to get laid off; it gives them a nice long vacation after their hard war work."

## Workers' BOOKSHELF

## A ROOM ON THE ROUTE

by Godfrey Blunden, J. B. Lippincott Co., 327 pp., 1947, \$3.

In a limited sense, **A Room On The Route** is a political novel—that is, to the extent that the characters created by the author half-pose and discuss many vital questions which affect Russian life.

These discussions, however, come to no conclusion, except in the case of the young Communist, Karl. He returns from the battle front where he lost his bearings and became an individual terrorist. He dies in an abortive attempt to carry out his erroneous philosophy.

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"I will give you a formula for a great State. First you seize power . . . After that you maintain an efficient and ruthless police system and divide your people into groups, each group having privileges above the other" so that there is always "a group below you which is really starving. No man likes to lose his privileges, however slight they may be. Thus you begin a class system in which privilege is the reward of loyalty."

Nobody counters this definition

of a class, nor does the author

make any comment on it.

# 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.

## Wants More Articles On Basic Questions

Editor:

Some time ago you published a series of educational articles on basic Marxian economics which were a success.

I request that a similar series of basic educational articles on the class struggle and the state be written. Every time the state intervenes in the every day struggles of the workers, special attention should be paid to its role. This will help the workers to learn to understand how the government affects their interests.

M. S.  
Los Angeles

## Wants Material On Socialist Party

Editor:

I am collecting materials for a history of the Socialist Party and would welcome any aid that your readers might give me. I am especially interested in files of inner party bulletins, factional documents, minutes, correspondence and any relevant material on the Socialist Party. These materials would be returned in good condition and the writer would pay all expenses and insurance charges on them. If any readers have any material they would care to loan me, they can write to the address listed below.

Daniel Bell  
Faculty Exchange  
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## Stalinists "Aid" Victim Of Police Brutality

Editor:

Members of the San Diego Committee Against Police Brutality held a meeting at the Logan Heights Elementary School May 20 to discuss the case of Raymond Brasher who was shot by a cop last March.

Besides being a victim of police brutality, Brasher faces a frame-up charge of "felonious assault." The Committee seeks dismissal of this charge.

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# ACEWR Begins Cabling Relief Packages To Hunger Stricken Workers In Germany

NEW YORK, June 2—The American Committee for European Workers Relief announced last week that it had started cabling relief packages to hunger-stricken Germany.

Since it is now apparent that the food crisis in Germany will last for many months, it is making a special appeal for contributions so that it may increase the volume of parcel-post packages it has been sending.

Excerpts from letters received recently from the hunger zones of Germany are as follows:

From Hamburg, a worker writes that the packages he received "prove that in spite of 12 years of Nazi terror the feeling of international solidarity is alive and we German workers are not alone in our struggle for the final establishment of peace in the world. We will never slacken in this struggle."

Another letter from Hamburg states, "The package is doubly useful to me because of my 72 year old mother. After two severe operations in November and February she has contracted hunger edema due to the lack of food. You can imagine how happy we were under these circumstances to receive your package. It means for my mother

The New York chapter of the

ACEWR announces that the program held May 17 is already slightly over \$400, with some money yet to come in. Successful benefit showings of movies were held by the Newark and Los Angeles chapters of the ACEWR. The final tally on these affairs has not yet been received.

The food crisis in Europe will continue throughout the summer. German workers whose wages do not allow them to buy foodstuffs on the black market will find it impossible to feed their families on the official ration. Former concentration camp prisoners whose health has been destroyed by as many as ten years of imprisonment and torture will speedily succumb to tuberculosis and other diseases.

This will happen unless you act to prevent it. Make a donation today no matter how small. All money orders and checks should be sent to American Committee for European Workers Relief, 130 West 23rd Street, New York 11, N. Y. Please note the change of address and help the starving workers of Europe today.

## THE MILITANT ARMY

### Week At Camp Is Akron Award For Most Subs



The winner in Akron's 6-week campaign to get subscriptions to The Militant will be awarded a week's vacation in Mid-West Vacation Camp, according to a letter from Milton Genecin, organizer for that branch. This information accompanied 6 subs, "three of which came in before our campaign started."

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Subscriptions are pouring in from Chicago. This report from Miriam Roberts came with 49 subs received during the week:

"Everyone here is sure enthusiastic about the campaign. The race is becoming a close one since a lot of us are catching up with some of the others who have high scores. We don't wait for Sunday to roll around before we go out for subs. Sunday, however, is the big day when we all go out, and after we return to the headquarters, there is the excited comparing of notes which we always enjoy. We'll have more subs for you . . ."

Good results were obtained by the comrades in the Twin Cities branches. The St. Paul branch sent in 7 subs, several of them from railroad workers.

The Minneapolis comrades sent in 12 subs to The Militant, most of them being "the result of Sunday's mobilization."

The Lynn comrades are making sure that the readers in their area continue to get The Militant regularly by getting renewals of expired subs. Six renewals, four new subs, resulted from this week's work.

Buffalo is as regular as clock-work in mailing its weekly batch of subs to The Militant. This week it is 11 subs "sold in the various shops where the comrades work." Keep up the good work, comrades. Your consistent subscription work is adding scores of new readers to The Militant.

Will you join these friends of The Militant in sending what you can? A pledge for any amount—no matter how small, or how big—will help The Militant.

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## The Truth Will Out

By Theodore Kovalesky

"Truth will out," they say. And they say, "You can't keep a good man down."



It sounds good, doesn't it, the idea that "good" must triumph over "evil"? It sounds good, and, believe it or not, it is good. We kind of get the idea that just the opposite is true as we go along seeing all sorts of crooks in politics and in the union movement getting life's gravy while the worker gets the dirty end of the stick. We get the idea that "evil" must win out over "good," and that that is the way of the world.

But look at the case of Rocky Bellotti. He's only one man, and only a few hundred, maybe a thousand, other people in the world have ever heard of him. But he's an example and worth talking about.

Rocky works in a small steel fabrication plant. He's a union man; he's been a union man ever since the USA-CIO was born. He was a strong union man in the days when it was dangerous to be one, and he's a strong union man today.

But the trouble with Rocky was that he was too honest, too courageous, and too blunt. He didn't know how to make deals. He couldn't lie or keep his mouth shut when he figured it was time to sound off about what he deeply felt was good or bad for the union. He couldn't be scared off, and he couldn't be bought off with what is known in the rarified atmosphere of Washington or Tammany Hall as a "political plum."

So Rocky didn't get along any too well in the union movement locally. Of course he was on the organizing committee from the beginning, where he did a wonderful job; and of course he's been a steward for years (and the boys in his department swear by him). But that was about as far, it seemed, as Rocky would ever get. He

wasn't tactful enough, conciliatory enough. He lacked the qualities of a "labor statesman."

"Why," people said, "some people, that is, 'that guy don't recognize the company's rights. You gotta fight for the workers, but you gotta remember the company's got rights too, and you can't call the boss a liar or things like that when you go in for a grievance. You got to take it easy.' Rocky never took it easy."

As far as I'm concerned, there is a little to what they say about Rocky . . . just a little. He could be a little more careful. Instead of jumping up on the union floor and launching an all-out fight on the spur of the moment whenever anything comes up that he disagrees with, he could hesitate a little and organize the fight so he'd get more support. He could win more, and take a few less beatings. But Rocky's a man who can and does learn, and he'll learn that too.

But what I wanted to say was this: You can't keep a good man down, and the truth will get out sooner or later. And some proof for that is that Rocky has just been elected financial secretary of his local.

There was a man named Green, who beat Rocky in the last election for that post, just as a lot of other men had been nosing him out pretty consistently in previous elections. Green was his opposite. He could get along with people, and he could make deals and keep quiet about a lot of things in the union. But the boys found out about one of his deals that "earned" him \$300 out of the union treasury . . . and Green was tossed out of office. And Rocky won the post.

But the reason he won is that the truth finally got out. It took time, but his union brothers finally recognized him as a good man, one they wanted as a leader.

This isn't much of a story, but remember it. There's a lesson in it.

## The Negro Struggle

## Anger Is Not Enough

By William E. Bohannan

Mr. Truman and Mr. Marshall are mad. They claim that the Russians have made a coup in Hungary, that the Americans have made a coup in their action isn't democratic, and they aim to do something about it. I'm angry too. I don't hold any brief for the bureaucratic policies of the Stalinists in Hungary or anywhere else, but I'm angry about something else. I'm angry about things that are happening right here in the USA. Lynch mobs running wild again. Lily white juries

turning self-confessed lynchers scot-free. Shotgun blasts, sadistic knifing and hanging of innocent young Negroes make a mockery out of democracy for 14 million American Negroes. And they make a hypocrite out of Truman or anybody else who yaps about democracy in Europe and doesn't lift a finger to halt Lynch murder in the USA.

Those 28 men on trial in Greenville, South Carolina confessed that they took Willie Earle out of jail and into the woods, cut slices of his flesh away with knives, smashed in his head with blow after blow from gun butts. When they had finally vented their sadistic fury, they shot him three times and left his mutilated body lying as a bloody warning to all other Negroes.

When these murdering swine were placed on trial and their confessions made public, a lot of "liberal" editors and professional spouters of "democracy" (Truman-style) began to sound off about the "progress" in the fight against lynching. The South was learning its lesson, you see. The trial was going to stop lynching. But a lily-white jury turned these self-confessed

## The Not-So-Happy Barefoot Boy

By Grace Carlson

This is the season of the year when newspaper editors, at a loss for material to fill the editorial columns, knock off a piece about the Happy Barefoot Boy. A few lines from Whittier's poem are quoted to prove that the "blessings" which fall on "the barefoot boy" fill him with "outward sunshine and inward joy."

But the barefoot boys and girls of the Southern states do not fit this picture, because in that area, thousands of barefoot children and their parents are victims of hookworm disease. In North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Kentucky, the lack of an adequate sewage disposal system means that the soil is infested with the hookworm parasite.

Under the favorable conditions provided by the mild climate and moist sandy soil of these Southern states, the hookworm parasites thrive, and infest not only the soil, but those who walk barefoot across the soil. In the highly authoritative textbook, *Preventive Medicine and Hygiene*, Dr. Milton Rosenau writes:

"The prevention of hookworm disease is based on three principles: (1) sanitation, i.e. the prevention of soil pollution; (2) treatment of cases so as to diminish the amount of infestation; (3) mechanical protection, as the wearing of shoes. Sanitation is fundamental and enduring, but slow; treatment is quick, but temporary; shoes are effective, but not always economically practicable."

## Notes From The News

CIO Tobacco Workers Union Local 22, on strike against the makers of Camel Cigarettes in North Carolina, has demanded state action to prevent the use of school children as scabs. Union officials charged that Reynolds Tobacco officials are appealing to high school principals for children to work in the struck plants.

Federal Judge Clark upheld a lower court in ordering four Negro families to vacate homes they had bought in Washington, D. C. because the neighborhood was lily-white by virtue of a real estate owners' covenant.

The National Maritime Union is protesting a

murderer free to strike again. And a few days later, obviously as a direct result of the South Carolina verdict, another mob tried to lynch Godwin Bush in North Carolina.

What did all the professional "democracy-lovers" have to say about the acquittal of the Earle lynch mob and the new outbreak of lynching? Where is their much-touted "progress"? Their great liberal expectations are bankrupted by events, their present shameful silence is pierced only by the sinister laugh of old Judge Lynch.

The more I read about that trial, the angrier I get. Listen to one of the defense attorneys: "Willie Earle is dead and I wish more like him were dead. If a mad dog were loose in my community, I would shoot the dog, and let them prosecute me . . . Not a soul in South Carolina would criticize you if you turn these boys loose."

That's plain talk. Plain lynch talk. "Shoot the mad dogs." That is the real voice of the Southern ruling class. And none of the "friends of democracy" and believers in "progress" can will find an effective answer to these lynch-inciters.

What do the 14 million Negroes think—what does any decent white worker think—when they hear these Southern mobsters say "Shoot the mad dogs"? They get just as angry as I am.

But anger is not enough. We've got to fight for a real anti-lynch law with the death penalty for lynchers. And more than that we've got to forge a fighting alliance with the labor movement, and learn how to defend ourselves from these lynchers, how to deal back blow for blow, and how to put an end to lynching by ending the profit system that incites and breeds it.

## Pendergast Machine Scored In Kansas City Vote Fraud

The Kansas City vote fraud scandal, involving the notorious Pendergast machine and President Truman, reached new heights last week. A state grand jury, after a two-month investigation, indicted 81 for false election returns, miscounting of ballots, <sup>9</sup>

illegal marking of ballots, vote buying and bribery in a Democratic congressional primary last August. A few hours after the indictments had been brought in, expert safe-crackers broke into the vault of the Kansas City Board of Elections and stole the ballots, poll books and tally sheets to be used as evidence against those indicted.

This election and safe-cracking scandal reaches to the White House door because of Truman's role in the August primary and his connections with the corrupt Pendergast machine. Truman had personally called for the defeat of Representative Slaughter in the primary. The Pendergast gang went all out to achieve their chief's wishes. When the ballots were "counted," it was announced to the jubilation of the Truman supporters that Slaughter had been slaughtered.

Although Slaughter was a Democrat, the Republicans pushed an investigation. Among those indicted were important members of the Pendergast machine, including Dexter Perry, intimate crony of the President and member of his poker-playing club.

Although those bent on exposing the election frauds had called for assistance from the FBI, it was never forthcoming. The FBI, usually as eager as a beaver to get in on cases and

## Secretary Of War Reveals Real Aim Of UMT Program

By Joseph Hansen

What is the real purpose of the "Universal Military Training" program advocated by the Truman Administration? An official answer has been given by Robert P. Patterson, Secretary of War (Congressional Record, May 26).

Patterson's statement is a reply to Hanson W. Baldwin, military writer for the *N. Y. Times*, who sounded off against universal military training on May 4. Baldwin held that in the coming "push-button" war, UMT will be much earlier than would otherwise be possible. ". . . The whole philosophy of UMT is to speed up the time it takes to shift to the aggressive decisive counter-attack."

First of all, the War Department considers a "push-button" war nothing but a promise. "No possible enemies have now, or in the near future will have, any guided missiles with which to attack us from the Eurasian land mass."

This is an obvious reference to the Soviet Union. It shows that the War Department is convinced a good many years will pass before the Soviet Union has atomic-powered weapons.

"Meanwhile," Patterson continued, "we must be prepared for the immediate future—not with so-called mass armies but with balanced armed forces. These forces will be composed of naval forces, large air forces, complex logistical forces, and highly mobile combat divisions of air-transportable troops, to seize bases close enough to the enemy to permit the rapid employment of our maximum power against the enemy's home country."

"Universal military training," flatly states the opening sentence, "is a military program. Its primary purpose is to build up a reservoir of trained manpower for a military emergency."

To answer Baldwin's disparagement of the role of UMT in this "emergency," the document analyzes the "American strategy of war for an atomic age."

Since this war will be fought before the development of the promised "push-button" weapons, "great numbers of men" will be needed. "Certainly," says the War Department analysis, "the numbers involved will be far greater than we will be willing or able to maintain in a standing peacetime establishment."

The War Department insists on the urgency of UMT, pointing to the possibility of war "now." "It is the means of providing trained manpower to make the Navy and Air Force as well as the ground Army and the civil defense structure quickly effective in the event of war. It is essential to a quick build-up of all those forces."

The War Department considers UMT as an adjunct of the regular armed forces, now the largest peace-time history. Without UMT, "a much larger Army will be required . . ."

This revealing document shows that military training is to be used to sidetrack the discussion to the issue of practicality in collecting the tax.

Ballan demanded the matter be brought to a referendum of the voters of Erie County.

"This infamous tax falls most

heavily on the shoulders of those least able to bear it," he said. "It will amount to at least

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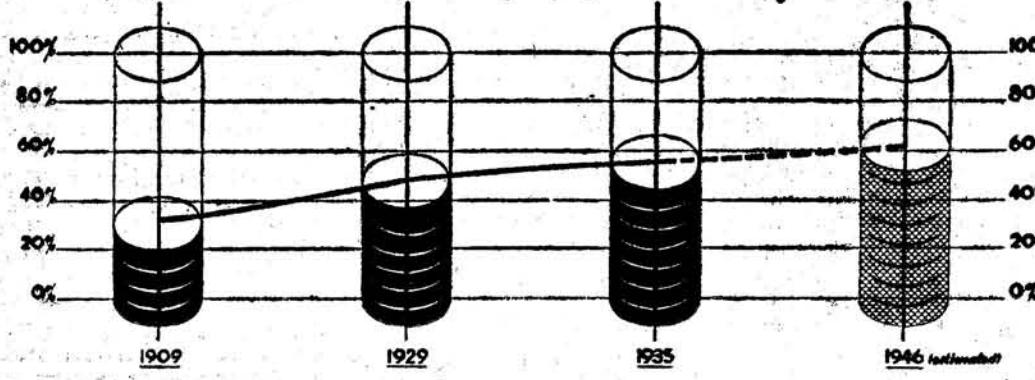
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## THE MILITANT

## Seven Out On Bail After Lynch Attempt In N. C.

## Capitalist Monopoly Grows Bigger

Percentage of total assets owned by 200 largest corporations (non-financial)



This chart from *Consumers Reports*, May 1947, shows the growing trend toward monopoly control of American industry by Big Business. As this monopoly strangulates grows, the workers and their families face the danger of higher prices—and restricted production to keep them high.

Federated Pictures

The lynch spirit rules Rich Square, N. C. The men who kidnapped Godwin Bush, 24-year old Negro, from the local jail and tried to lynch him, are walking the streets free. They are confident that like the Greenville, S. C. lynchers they will never be punished. Bush, whose courage and agility saved him from the mob, is in prison. Moreover, there is a strong danger that he will spend most of his life in prison on political charges.

The flimsiness of the charges for which young Bush was nearly lynched have been further revealed. Mrs. Margaret Bryant was walking along a dark street past a tobacco warehouse. When a figure stepped out of a doorway, she started screaming. She claims the figure was a Negro. The man made no attempt to touch her or speak to her, but fled the instant she started screaming.

Her screams gathered some white youths who combed the neighborhood and seized young Bush as the "culprit." Bush claims he was waiting for his sweetheart, a domestic servant in a nearby house, to finish work. It was his custom, as white witnesses have since verified, to walk his girl home from work. Yet Bush was accused of attempted rape and put in the local jail for a white lynch mob to take out and murder.

The lynchers of Rich Square were frustrated in their attempt on Godwin Bush. But the lynch spirit still cries for blood. Five miles away a young white girl claims she was grabbed by a man when she answered a knock on her door. The man fled when she screamed. The local sheriff told the United Press that the girl said she "thought" the man was a Negro.

Solicitor Tyler, who will prosecute the attempted lynchers of Bush, told the Associated Press that the girl had identified the man as a Negro.

On the basis of this "identification," a posse of over a hundred armed white men scoured the countryside looking for some Negro who fitted the "identification." This same Tyler personally took a leading part in the posse.

Two Negroes who happened to be within two miles of the girl's house were promptly arrested. One was charged with rape, the other with aiding him to escape.

Governor Cherry has stated that he will not appoint a spe-

## Buffalo SWP Steps Up Drive Against Pending Sales Tax

By Libby Jones

BUFFALO, May 28—With mounting enthusiasm and energy the Socialist Workers Party branch here is bringing to a climax its county-wide campaign against the impending 1% sales tax—which will be foisted on the working people of Erie County on July 1 unless an aroused labor movement will stop it.

Last Saturday evening Sam Ballan, chairman of the SWP Buffalo Branch, gave "Labor's Case Against the Sales Tax" at a round-table discussion over Station WBEN, the largest radio station in the city. Despite the attempts of County-Attorney Lehr, instigator of the sales tax, to sidetrack the discussion to the issue of practicality in collecting the tax, Ballan demanded the matter be brought to a referendum of the voters of Erie County.

Ballan pointed to the 7,000 signatures demanding referendum on a petition circulated by the SWP in the last month. The day before the broadcast, Ballan appeared as a representative of the Party at a public hearing of the Board of Supervisors, and demanded a 90 day postponement of the enactment of the tax law in order to hold a referendum. This hearing was called for the purpose of allowing certain industries in Erie County to claim exemption from the sales tax.

The Board of Supervisors lost no time in heeding the voice of Big Business, and at the next session immediately passed a law exempting production materials from the sales tax.

Previously the SWP had supplied anti-sales tax resolutions and leaflets to every AFL and CIO local union in the Buffalo area.

The people of Buffalo showed the greatest interest in our petition campaign, when party members and sympathizers carrying banners bearing the slogan "Get Rid of the Sales Tax" appeared in the shopping districts with leaflets and petitions. Many Buffalo workers were eager to sign the petitions, and commended the Party for initiating the campaign against the sales tax.

All these public activities finally compelled Station WBEN to grant the SWP free time to present its position over the air.