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U. S. Rulers Plan To Use Germany As a War Base

War incitements are pouring out in a violent flood from the White House, State Department, the national military establishment and Congress.

Wall Street imperialism's "cold war" against Russia has flared up on another battlefield — Germany. The mounting conflict between the western powers and the Kremlin has led to an open split in the Allied Control Council.

At the same time, U.S. intervention in Italy and Greece has become more brazen and aggressive. Washington, working in alliance with the Vatican, is using every device of intimidation and pressure on the Italian people to prevent their voting for Communist-Socialist candidates in the April 18 elections. In Greece, American officers are directing a new offensive of the Monarchist forces in the civil war, including execution on the spot of captured anti-monarchist fighters.

WAR HYSTERIA

At home, the warmongers and militarists are resorting to fantastic propaganda to whip up a war hysteria and push through their program of military regimentation and expansion of the war machine. Their latest attempts to stampede the American people with fear of a Russian "attack" is the weird "red submarines" scare and the cooked-up clamor about "arms shipments" to Russia. The "arms" were about \$450,000 worth of plane parts sent last year under an old lend-lease arrangement and approved by the State and War Departments.

In Germany, the American rulers are putting in effect a program to rehabilitate the capitalist elements, build up military production facilities and convert the American-British-French zones to a springboard for war.

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lawlessness, coercion and violence, picketing has been peaceful since the strike began. Restraining orders have been served on union representatives of locals at Armour, Swift and Cudahy and two independent companies, Superior and Bartusch. However, workers at Bartusch and Superior have gone back to work with a 12-cent an hour increase and an agreement by the two independent packers that they will engage in "genuine collective bargaining" to negotiate the difference between the 12 cents and the union's demand for a 29-cent hourly wage increase.

Hearings on the restraining orders will be held in Dakota County. Besides the packing companies, the Chicago Great Western Railroad and the St. Paul Union Stockyards company are parties to the orders. Entrances to the Swift and Armour plants serve the stockyards, and the Great Western line serves both the packing plants and the stockyards.

SUPPORT OF TRAINMEN

Although pickets were ordered to move off railroad property, a picket sign extended by a cane fishing pole over the railroad tracks is being honored by engine crews on a strike-bound switch engine in the Armour yard. H.R. Halvorson, Great Western superintendent, announced last Saturday that the trainmen members of the railroad brotherhoods, "have strong respect for union organization and will not cross picket lines." Engine crews have been reporting for each shift, sitting in the cab, and leaving at the end of their eight hours. The engine has been tied up since the first day of the strike, when company officials attempted to haul some cars of meat from the plant.

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LABOR FACES DEADLY PERIL OF GOVERNMENT BY INJUNCTION

Paul Dollinger

April 2, 1912 — March 25, 1948

CHICAGO, March 27. — Memorial services for Comrade Paul Dollinger, beloved Trotskyist militant, were held here this evening by the Socialist Workers Party in accord with his request for ceremonies befitting a revolutionary son of the working class. Comrade Dollinger died of cancer in Milwaukee on March 23 at the age of 35. The services at the Adamas Funeral Home, 4710 Northwestern Ave., were attended by Paul's fellow-workers in the Chicago labor movement as well as numerous party comrades.

Immediately thereafter, came further announcements that the denazification and decartelization programs would be virtually abandoned. Both orders came from Clay.

Among the followers of the Nazis previously scheduled for trial and now released are many capitalists. They are going to be given a clean bill of health and lined up as allies in the struggle of "democracy" against "bolshevism."

As the crucial elections approach in Italy, the full pressure of U.S. imperialism, including veiled threats of armed intervention, is being brought to bear on the Italian people. The U.S. government has declared it will cut off all economic aid to hungry Italy if the Stalinists win the elections. At the same time, the Italians are being offered a bribe in the form of a promise to restore Trieste and some African colonies to Italy.

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PAUL DOLLINGER

UN Farce On Palestine



Chicago Local Organizer Manuel Terbovich gave an account of Paul's many-sided activities as an organizer in the unemployed movement of the early Thirties and later as organizer for the AFL Upholsterers Union and a union militant in the Chicago UAW-CIO. In New York City, Buffalo, Baltimore, Chicago, and Milwaukee, Paul brought many workers into the ranks of his party.

Federated Pictures

Warren Austin, chief U. S. delegate to the United Nations, (r.) listens as other representatives discuss the American decision to dump the Palestine partition scheme. British delegate Alexander Cadogan is at his left.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28. — Despite heavy rain and cold weather last week, the campaign to put Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson on the ballot in Pennsylvania went over the top. With 7,900 signatures of registered voters required by law, more than 200 over that number have already been collected. The campaign, now entering its fourth week, shows no sign of slackening. The Pennsylvania comrades are determined to secure a total of 12,000 signatures by April 7, the legal deadline for filing in this state.

DRASTIC RULINGS

In language that covered every conceivable action of the ITU by deed or word, Federal Judge Luther M. Swygert ruled in effect that:

1. ITU and its local unions cannot strike or take any other form of action to enforce demands which might be in violation of the Taft-Hartley Act, even though these are the subject of an unresolved dispute before the National Labor Relations Board.

2. The ITU and its officers may give no aid or encouragement in any form to local unions on strike for demands that might

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WARM RESPONSE

The Socialist Workers Party canvassers have received a uniformly warm response from the workers. People are thinking and talking politics today, and are eager to meet and discuss their problems with others. Despite attempts of the Democratic and Republican ward-heelers to intimidate the voters, particularly in Negro areas, SWP representatives have met many people who wanted to know why they haven't been around sooner.

YESTERDAY, one of the SWP

canvassers approached two CIO

Electrical Union members and

asked them to sign. After learning

about the SWP's candidate and program, they signed and

asked why their union didn't put

up candidates like these, instead

of supporting the Democrats and

Republicans.

Although SWP representatives

have not been pressing for Mil-

lant subs, because of the short

time available for getting the

necessary signatures, many peo-

ple have bought copies of the

paper, and a number have sub-

scribed. Plans are being made to

go back into these areas after the

petition campaign is over, and

sell subs.

Those wishing to participate in

the campaign or desiring more

information are urged to write

Irene LeCompte, in care of the

Militant Labor Forum, 1303 W.

Girard Ave. Philadelphia 23, Pa.

WOODRUFF RANDOLPH

Packinghouse Workers Stand Firm in Strike

By Barbara Bruce

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Minn., March 31. — With picket lines solid, members of the CIO Packinghouse Workers have successfully blocked every attempt of company officials in the South St. Paul area to break the 2-week-old meat packing strike. The union, representing workers at Armour, Swift and Cudahy, have turned a series of company maneuvers into an attack on the anti-union program of the big meat packers. A motor brigade of office employees was turned back at the Armour plant yesterday when 200 pickets held their ground. This defeated the most recent attempt of packers to open the picket lines.

Failing in their efforts to bring office workers into the struck plants, managers of the three packing companies appealed to Governor Luther Youngdahl to call out the National Guard to enforce restraining orders issued in Dakota County to bar picketing at plant entrances. But the packers' appeal was turned down with a statement from the Governor that the Guard "is not a law enforcement body."

An offer was made by the union to let office personnel go through the picket lines on the following conditions:

1. That office employees be allowed to leave the plants at night and not sleep on the premises;

2. That plant foremen, who have been living in the plants since the strike started March 16, discontinue the practice and leave the premises daily.

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GPU Conccts New Forgery to Smear Leon Trotsky

By George Breitman

Stalin's GPU murder machine, which could not destroy the stainless revolutionary reputation of Leon Trotsky and the Fourth International even though it resorted to the Moscow Trial frame-ups and the assassination of Trotsky, last week launched a new frame-up in the form of a crude forgery called "Trotsky's secret political testament."

The purpose of this forged document, every line of which is covered with the political fingerprints of the GPU, is to spread the slander that in the final months of his life the great Marxist leader renounced "all the ideas and all the conceptions which he had formerly held." It has been hired by the GPU for its dirty work.

"Thanks to an incredible combination of circumstances," the March 21 leading article in this

domination of Stalinism; and thus to prevent the adherence to the Fourth International of left-wing moving groups formerly belonging to the Social Democracy, especially in France and Italy.

This crude forgery, while written by the GPU, was naturally not released in the name or in the official press of the Stalinists, because that would have destroyed its effectiveness. Instead, it was planted in the weekly *France Dimanche* in Paris and, according to this paper, also in the Swiss *Die Wochens Zeitung*. *France Dimanche* boasts of its "customary objectivity" in the article containing the alleged "testament," but as seen below, this is not the first time it has been hired by the GPU for its dirty work.

"Toward the end of July 1940 a Soviet agent succeeded in securing a copy of the testament which Trotsky had entrusted to one of his intimate friends and

paper begins, "the political testament which Leon Trotsky wrote just before he was assassinated, has arrived in Europe. . . . This document, so extraordinary in every respect, has remained secret for eight years. It was believed to have been destroyed. It was written by Leon Trotsky on May 20, 1940 at the time when Hitler was winning the battle of France."

Why did it remain secret? Who believed it to have been destroyed? The people who never heard of its existence, or the people who had it and therefore knew it wasn't destroyed? These are questions never answered in the article.

OBTAINED FROM WHOM?

"Toward the end of July 1940 a Soviet agent succeeded in securing a copy of the testament which Trotsky had entrusted to one of his intimate friends and

the document was transmitted to Moscow." From whom did France *Dimanche* obtain this information? The only possible source was the GPU itself. This is a convenient preparation for a possible future "confirmation" of the frame-up by the Kremlin itself. And again—who was this un-named "intimate friend"?

"On July 20 Trotsky was assassinated by one of his collaborators, Jacques Mornard." That is the signature of Stalin himself. THE WHOLE WORLD NOW KNOWS THAT MORNARD (ALIAS "FRANK JACSON"), FAR FROM BEING A COLLABORATOR OF TROTsky, WAS AN AGENT ACTING UNDER THE ORDERS OF THE GPU.

Only last year this fact was confirmed by Louis F. Budenz, former managing editor of the *New York Daily Worker*, who admitted in his book, *This Is My*

Story, that he had worked with the GPU in the preparations for devising an entry for "Jacson" into the Trotsky household in 1940. (Incidentally, "Jacson" murdered Trotsky on August 20, not July 20.)

"Three copies of the testament remained in the hands of a personal friend of Trotsky's. . . . Victor Serge. . . . It is one of his [Serge's] friends to whom he had entrusted one of the copies, who has just brought it to Europe?"

MOREOVER, SERGE DID NOT ARRIVE IN MEXICO UNTIL AFTER TROTsky'S ASSASSINATION — IN SEPTEMBER, 1941. HOW COULD TROTsky HAVE GIVEN HIM HIS "TESTAMENT"?

The GPU authors of the article naturally do not provide answers to these questions, nor to the even more numerous ones raised by the text of the alleged document itself:

WHY A SECRET?

Why, for example, should Trotsky, the most prolific politi-

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Packing Workers Hold Firm Against Strikebreaking

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means by which they may further rob the public, and prepare radio speeches in which they deliberately cloud up and confuse the issues."

The first of the union radio programs dealt mainly with Swift and Company, since A. I. G. Valentine, Swift general manager in South St. Paul, made an attack on the union in broadcast last week. In answer to Valentine's charges of Communism, Siegel said:

DIVIDE AND RULE

"Reference has been made that 40% of the Swift employees, represented by a company union and an AFL union, accepted a 9-cent an hour wage increase without the threat of a strike. The fact remains that 60% of the Swift employees are out on the picket line. Where is this so-called democracy that Mr. Valentine inferred in his broadcast and his talk about Communistic tactics? The old company game of divide and rule reeks of these tactics."

"And as long as we're on the subject of Communism, let's see. We always thought that Mr. Valentine was a meat packer, but it seems that since the strike he has gone into the fish business in order to drag out the old red herring. Not being able to present a convincing argument against his employees who are out on strike,

he attempts to picture a sinister, dark plot, being provoked by some foreign agents. The packinghouse workers who are fighting on the picket line for a decent living for themselves and their families will not be taken in by this age-old bunk."

The "Armour Formula" was the subject of the union broadcast on March 29. "Armour and Company is embarrassed about its high profits and low wages," Siegel stated. "If it were just a question of debating the issue of high profits and low wages, the company knew full well that the public would soon begin to see the gross inequality that has developed—if the waters were not muddied by other issues. Armour is attempting to save itself from public embarrassment by seizing upon a secondary issue—a little piece of paper called an injunction. Witnesses testified that these weapons are carried by Armour deputies, ready for action against the pickets."

"FORMULA" IN ACTION

Other aspects of the Armour Formula were brought into play in Tifton, Georgia, where 18 UPWA members were tear-gassed in Sioux City, Iowa, where Armour truck drivers are under instructions to drive through the picket line in second gear at 35 miles per hour; in West Fargo, N. D., where the superintendent of the Armour plant admitted on the witness stand that he "knew of no occasion when Armour's re-

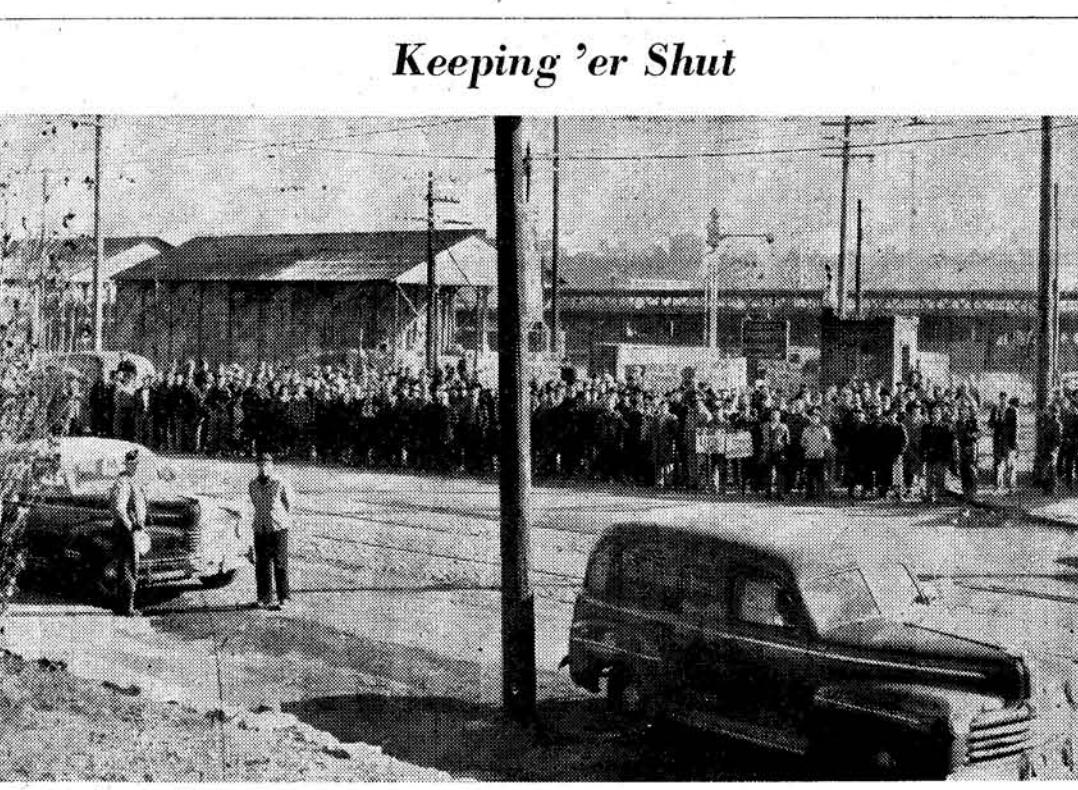
quests for deputization of Armour management employees was denied by the sheriff of Cass County".

Testimony was taken at a hearing in West Fargo when Local 73, was hauled into court last week to show cause why an injunction should not be issued against the union. During the hearing, the union introduced as evidence an Armour blackjack—a 12-inch piece of solid copper cable wrapped with a thin layer of friction tape—and a "walking stick" used for herding livestock. Witnesses testified that these weapons are carried by Armour deputies, ready for action against the pickets.

In South St. Paul, packing company officials have let loose a barrage of criticism of city, county and state officials for having failed to open up union picket lines. Dakota County Sheriff Norman Dieter has been accused of not "deputizing enough persons to enable him to perform his duty." Dieter has subsequently requested the Dakota County Board of Commissioners to authorize pay for additional deputies to enforce the restraining order against pickets at Armour and Swift plants.

STRIKERS' RELIEF

Applications for relief for packinghouse strikers are pouring into the Ramsey County and Dakota County welfare boards.



The picket line at Armour's plant in South St. Paul.

While refusing to pay their employees the week's wages that are still due them, Swift and Company, UPWA field representative, in a telegram to Swift and Armour officials, requested that the locked-in foremen be allowed to leave the plants to spend Easter with their families. "These men

are being denied their legal moral and religious rights as individuals in being required to remain in the plants 24 hours a day," the telegram stated. But the request was rejected by company officials as "an insidious piece of propaganda."

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Events on the International Scene

By Paul G. Stevens

Indomitable Spirit of German Trotskyism

Every time, on an historically higher basis.

"The defeats of the spontaneous movements of the machine-wreckers were followed by the revolutions of 1948. The lesson of the impossibility of these bourgeois democratic revolutions to go through to the end led to the creation of the First International. The crushing of the Paris Commune, which showed the inadequacy of the First International, was followed by the creation of the great German labor movement as the core of the Second International. After the failure of the Russian social-revolutionary (Narodnik) movement, came the first uprising of the Russian proletariat in 1905. It showed that the period of revolutions was far from ended.

"In this period the Russian proletariat developed new forms of struggle adapted to the new epoch of imperialism. These were: first, the Bolshevik party; second, the mass strike and third, the Soviets.

"This first big offensive of the Twentieth Century was beaten down by the counter-revolution.

The defeat and the failure of the parties of the Second International to absorb the lessons of 1905

led to their internal disintegration and to the first imperialist world war. But this war ended in the first successful proletarian revolution in Russia in 1917, which stirred into action the oppressed of the entire world.

"The defeats of the labor movement in the period between the two world wars led to the isolation and degeneration of the first workers' state, to the victory of Fascism and to the Second World War. And out of this deep defeat there arises now, not merely as a further development, but as the highest development of the combat organization of Marxism—the Fourth International as the organizer of the proletarian world revolution. It is no longer a sum of national parties, but the world party of the victory of the proletariat.

"From this past we who fight under the Fourth International draw courage for the heavy tasks of the present, and our absolute certainty of victory in the future. The lessons of the past are the basis and the tools of our present activity. They give us the conviction that our cadres in the Fourth International are a link in the historic process of the struggle for socialism, which must in the end lead to the realization of the victory of the working class, in spite of all the defeats and betrayals. This victory will decide once and for all the alternative 'Socialism or barbarism' and smash all the fond hopes of the capitalists for the bankruptcy of Marxism."

"This successful capitalist reaction began with Italian fascism

and was later extended by German Nazism. The most conscious banner-bearers of the idea of socialism were subjected to the most brutal persecution. Many once devoted fighters in the working class struggle have gone astray in their aims and seek their salvation in the enterprises of the reactionary victors as tools of a fraudulent imperialist democracy.

Relatively extensive and deep knowledge, great courage and strong determination is required to uphold the idea of irreconcilable class struggle in spite of all the defeats, catastrophes and betrayals.

"In this situation knowledge of the past history of social struggles, and of the labor movement especially, is particularly valuable.

"Looking into the past teaches us that the ruling classes celebrated many a victory over the toiling masses, but that after every reactionary triumph the workers have arisen more mighty and more powerfully than ever before. Every time the proletariat formed its ranks an-

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the document states, did not fulfill this hope.

The conception flies in the face of everything Trotsky ever actually wrote or said. Ever since the beginning of the degeneration of the Soviet Union under Stalin, Trotsky fought against those who designated the Stalinist bureaucracy as a new "ruling class."

Trotsky demonstrated the erroneouslyness of this designation, showing that the Stalinist bureaucracy in Russia was not a ruling class, but a bureaucratic clique without solid class foundations, which was able to seize

of the proletarian revolution were set in motion primarily in time of war when the repressive machine of the capitalist state found itself weakened by bloodletting and by economic difficulties and was no longer in a condition to resist the revolutionary forces."

The war had entered its second phase, and "it is possible to expect that in a little while Soviet Russia and the United States will become involved in it."

The working class of the Soviet Union ought to profit from this war in order to open up fierce hostilities against Stalin's Bonapartist bureaucracy. We ought to exert here the same furious energy that Lenin showed in opposing himself to Kerensky during the First World War... even if it is bound to assist it [fascism] in gaining temporary military successes."

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By Arthur Burch

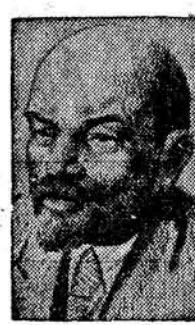
"On Feb. 10 [1940], President Roosevelt warned the American Youth Congress against radicalism, advising it to improve the existing institutions, little by little, year by year. Such a procedure undoubtedly would be the best, most advantageous, most economical, if . . . it were realizable. Unfortunately 'the existing institutions' in the entire world are not improving year by year but deteriorating.

... The liquidation of the private ownership of the means of production is the central historical task of our epoch and will guarantee the birth of a new, more harmonious society. The act of birth, daily observation teaches us, is never a 'gradual' process but a biological revolution."

—Leon Trotsky, Interview with St. Louis Post Dispatch, 1940



TROTSKY



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only 4%. Thus the full burden of the enlarged war program will fall upon the poor in the form of increased prices.

American capitalism, but yesterday on the brink of an economic crisis, is again looking forward to a period of astronomical profits. It is ready to utilize any piddling wage increases granted to the workers as an excuse for another steep increase in prices. The re-establishment of aircraft plants and those producing other military equipment will once again bring about shortages in many consumer goods, continuing the sellers' market which has prevailed since the war. The tendency to unload inventories which began with the commodity decline will very likely be halted, and may give way to continued hoarding, which will induce further shortages and price increases.

While employment may increase, the workers' standard of living will continue to decline as Big Business revels in its inflationary orgy of unproductive and government-financed "free enterprise." The veterans will be asked to forego new homes for an indefinite period. And for that matter, why build new homes when soon you may have to fill fresh graves in the arctic snow?

The working class will be asked to submit to more vicious slave labor control and wage freezes while profits continue to soar.

First, Secretary of Defense Forrestal informed the Senate Armed Services Committee that the present arms outlay of 11 billion dollars had to be boosted by another 3 billion dollars.

But Forrestal further admitted that even a 4 billion dollar boost would only take care of the present 55-group air force. But the Air Force Big Brass is demanding a 70-group force as "essential" for a minimum striking force. Forrestal estimated that a military program of this magnitude would cost around 18 billion dollars. Later it appeared that a 2 billion dollar lend-lease program to Europe was also being contemplated. Thus even with a 55-group force, for the time being, the arms budget would have to be increased from 11 billion dollars to 16 billion dollars.

DANGER OF INFLATION

The new armaments program of the government brings to the fore the renewed danger of inflation. This imposes on the labor movement the need to re-invigorate its fight for an adequate wage program.

How can the workers protect themselves against a new inflationary wave? They must insist on an adequate wage rise to compensate for the big rise in prices in the past year. Then they must protect their purchasing power for the duration by demanding a cost-of-living bonus to compensate them for any and all additional price increases after their contracts go into effect. That would guarantee the workers against reduction in their living standards. Otherwise any wage increases will be wiped out by continuing price increases.

THE POOR WILL PAY

There is every likelihood that some such budget increase will be passed by the Republican-controlled Congress with little difficulty since the two leading contenders for the Republican presidential nomination, Taft and Dewey, are the most ardent advocates of an enlarged air force.

Although this additional outlay will more than eat up the anticipated budget surplus, Congress passed the tax reduction measure which eased the burden on the wealthy by as much as 67% while increasing the take-home pay for the average worker by

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The Private Kingdom

By Theodore Kovalesky

Down in the furnace yard we scarcely felt any breeze at all, but after we had climbed part way up the steps we had to hold on to the iron handrails to keep from being blown off. The steps were small and narrow. Only one man at a time could pass, so we trudged slowly upward, gripping the railing with one hand, holding our shovels and picks with the other, turning our heads from the tugging, tearing wind.

It's a rotten job, cleaning a furnace top. Some men will tell you it's the worst job in the world, but it isn't that. There are a lot of other jobs in the blast furnace department that are just as bad and worse. Still, some men can't clean a furnace top at all. When they climb halfway to the top, or even farther, they suddenly realize that they are seventy-five, a hundred, a hundred and twenty-five feet above the furnace yard on a little narrow stairway with low handrails that they have to lean forward to grasp (and if they lean backward, they can tumble off the stairway and down to the brown-red ore dust below, far below), and they crouch on the steel steps and hug the railing with a death grip, so that two men have to help them back down to the ground again. Most of us aren't like that... but none of us like to clean furnace tops.

Jimmy and I were putting in a double shift so we could get a few extra dollars to squander on food and rent. The turn foreman had told us we could get a shift if we wanted to clean furnace tops, so half an hour later we were with a gang on our way up to the top of Number Four.

It must have been about an hour later that I looked up from the caked flue dust we had been hacking and shoveling from the top of Number

The Negro Struggle

Why Stalinists Slander Us

By Albert Parker

If readers of the Communist Party's *Worker* of Mar. 28 were confused after they finished reading Benjamin E. Davis' column, then they were in just the state the author tried to get them. The article is a denunciation of Almena Davis, editor of the Negro weekly, Los Angeles Tribune, because she attacked Claudia Jones, Stalinist leader who is threatened with deportation to the West Indies, and cynically expressed "indifference" to her fate.

Then, suddenly, Benjamin Davis switches over into an attack on Trotskyism, making the fantastic, (and familiar) charge that it "is a synonym for corruption, political degeneracy and service to reaction and fascism," and inventing a new lie — that the "Tribune is a nest of Trotskyism" and that Almena Davis is a Trotskyist!

Readers of *The Militant* know that we Trotskyists, despite our opposition to the Stalinists, have strongly protested the deportation campaign against Claudia Jones, and her associates, and have called on labor to put an end to the government's witch-hunt campaigns. And readers of the Los Angeles Tribune know that it has nothing in common with the Trotskyists; for example, the Tribune supported the recent imperialist war (as the Stalinists did) while we opposed it from beginning to end.

Why do Benjamin Davis and the other Stalinists resort to such monstrous (and easily disproved)

"Freedom of the Seas"

By Art Preis

Don't look now, but there's a red periscope peeping above the waterline in your bathtub. Russian submarines, equipped with schnorkels too, are being sighted faster than flying saucers these days.

It all began at the hearing of the Senate Armed Service Committee on March 25. The Big Brass and Gold Braid were basking in the spotlights and smiling at the senators. The senators were nodding and smiling back. It was a wonderful spring day — just right for another big raid on the U. S. Treasury by the military.

Into this idyllic scene burst the submarine scare. Secretary of Navy Sullivan made the sensational announcement that undersea craft "not belonging to any nation west of the Iron Curtain have been sighted off our shores."

The panic was on. Two august senators fell off their chairs simultaneously. A stenographer swallowed her gum and nearly choked to death. One reporter required emergency hospital treatment after being trampled in the rush of newspapermen to the nearest telephone.

Not another word would Sullivan speak — for "security reasons," of course. But it didn't take the kept press more than two hours to dig up the details. By mid-afternoon disaster-type headlines trumpeted the red sub menace and why we need UMT and the peacetime draft.

Th usual "informed sources" and "anonymous naval officers" supplied the usual "reliable information." In all, seven "purported" Russian submarines had been spotted "recently." Five

Notes from the News

INDEPENDENT? — The Independent Progressive Party of California is supporting primary candidates running for Congress in 21 of the state's 23 districts. Of these, four are running on the IPP ticket only, while 16 are running on the Democratic ticket as well, and one is running on the Democratic ticket alone.

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SOUTHERN JUSTICE — A 14-year-old Negro boy in North Carolina was last week sentenced to 30 years in jail for the alleged theft of a flashlight.

"CIVIL RIGHTS" PROGRAM — Truman last

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Washington Plans To Turn Germany Into Base for War

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watch from Washington on March 27 reveals that "the first ship carrying Marshall Plan aid for Europe may dock in a foreign port two days after President Truman signs the bill." The dispatch adds: "It is possible the initial cargo...will go to Italy about 10 days before the critical election test."

ANOTHER BRIBE

The State Department itself, on March 26, publicly announced — pointedly claiming no intention of influencing the Italian elections — that the U.S. government has ordered the distribution of 360,000 packages of cigarettes in Sardinia. These cigarettes would be an inducement to "contentment, as every smoker knows," the State Department said. With the approval of the State Department a special short-wave broadcast on the Italian elections is being beamed daily to Italy from Boston over station WRUL.

U.S. intervention in Greece has long since been in the "hot war" stage. Every dispatch from Greece makes it clear that the monarchist forces are being not only armed and trained, but ordered and led by the American military mission. For example, a March 30 United Press dispatch from Salonika reports the opening of the spring offensive of the monarchist army "supported by waves of fighter bombers." It adds, "The offensive was completely planned by the Americans."

The dispatch reports that Dwight Griswold, head of the U.S. mission to Greece, has announced the calling up of conscripts to the Greek army's National Defense Corps, including the number to be drafted. Griswold assures us the mobilization was "proposed by American advisers" and "approved by the U.S. State Department."

Meanwhile, the threat of military totalitarianism becomes more ominous in this country. The big parade of top military officials, joined by leading representatives of Wall Street and Big Business, continued last week to pressure the Senate Armed Services Committee for universal military training and the peacetime draft.

JUST A STARTER

The heads of the National Defense Establishment, which includes all the departments of the armed forces, and the secretaries of these departments, put in their second appearance within a week. This time Forrestal demanded, in addition to UMT which will cost four billions annually, the immediate draft of up to 345,000 youths between 19 and 25. He made it clear that this is just a starter.

The hearings were climaxed

Victims of War



Staring hopelessly into space, these three youngsters typify the war-ravaged children of Europe. This scene is from *The Search*, a film telling the story of these children, which recently opened in New York.

Federated Pictures

with statements of Bernard Baruch, Wall Street's direct adviser to two wartime administrations, and General Electric's president C. E. Wilson. Both demanded quick passage of UMT and the draft. Baruch also called for "total mobilization", a wage freeze, and an anti-strike "work-or-draft" law.

RECORDING READY

The Militant Chorus makes its first recording this week. It should be ready for May Day meetings. The single 12-inch record at \$5 will contain *Go Forward*, *Whirlwinds of Danger*, *The Terrier Song* and *The Locomotive*.

Send cash orders to The Militant, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.

George Clarke speaking on: *The Political Crisis In the United States*

Schedule of Clarke Tour

Pittsburgh	Saturday Apr. 3
Akron	Tuesday Apr. 6
Cleveland	Thursday Apr. 8
Toledo	Saturday Apr. 10
Chicago	Sunday Apr. 11
Milwaukee	Tuesday Apr. 13
Twin Cities	Friday Apr. 16
Flint	Tuesday Apr. 20
Detroit	Thursday Apr. 22
Youngstown	Friday Apr. 23
Buffalo	Saturday Apr. 24

PRESENT COST OF MILITARISM IN THE UNITED STATES

Here are the estimated Federal Government expenses for 1947-48. Note how future wars, past wars, and war preparations account for more than 71% of the total budget.

FUTURE WARS\$10,776,000,000

(War Department, Navy Department, Terminal leave for enlisted personnel, Stockpiling of strategic materials, etc.)

29.0%

PAST WARS\$12,294,000,000

(Veterans' services, Pensions, Insurance, Re-adjustments, Benefits, Hospitals, Other services, Administration, Interest on public war debt, etc.)

33.0%

WAR PREPARATIONS: PROPPING UP WAR ALLIES\$3,617,000,000

WELFARE, HEALTH, EDUCATION, INTERNAL EXPENSES, ETC.

9.7%

\$6,989,000,000

18.8%

OTHER\$3,517,000,000

(General government, Refunds, Reserve, etc.)

9.5%

TOTAL BUDGET \$37,193,000,000

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21. — 175 handpicked delegates attended a meeting of the State Organizing Committee of the Independent Progressive Party of California, endorsed Wallace and Taylor and approved a Wallace program for the party. Through this session, the top committee has been able to tighten its grip upon the party apparatus.

Discussion took place only around the party platform but the differences were mainly on minor corrections and wording. The program includes removal of military and financial leaders from policy-making posts in the State Department; opposition to the draft and UMT; a \$1 minimum wage; State and Federal veterans bonus; \$100 old age pensions for all over 60; roll back prices to 1945 and recreate the OPA; public ownership of essential utilities; bigger taxes for higher income brackets; lower ones for the lower brackets; repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law.

The assembly also approved a platform on peace to be achieved through the UN.

Thus the Stalinist pro-Wallace program has been foisted upon the IPP without the ranks having any opportunity to discuss it.

Candidates for the primaries will be chosen by consultation between the hand-picked county representatives and the State Executive Committee. In many cases the IPP will support Republicans and Democrats who will be labeled "progressive."

A special handbill was distributed to the gathering, signed by four unionists from the CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards, Steel workers, Longshoremen, and AFL Painters Unions, all registered members of the IPP.

It is declared that "since the IPP has already become part of the Wallace-third-capitalist-party machine it can no longer merit our support. We will continue to fight to build a genuine Independent Labor Party."

Behind Petrillo's Ban on Recordings

By Dick Jones

James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians, knows there is good reason for the newspaper being opposed to him: The country's radio stations are owned by the big newspaper corporations. (According to the FCC they own 508 of the 886 stations in the United States.) And he knows that when he attempts to make these corporations pay decent wages they put up an awful fuss.

After Petrillo announced that musicians would no longer make records after Jan. 1, the boss press launched an especially bitter campaign against him.

The big recording bosses know — if their pen pushers don't — that the recent recording ban is really a strike against the Taft-Hartley Law. In 1942 the musician's union went on strike and forced the recording magnates to agree to pay a 2% royalty to the union treasury to be used as a welfare fund for musicians. The Taft-Hartley Act outlawed this royalty.

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In their pretended role as defenders of the public interest, the gentlemen of the press charge that the musicians union is harmful to the culture of music. These editorial writers complain because union members consider wages more important than the art of music. Where do they think the art would be if all the musicians would starve to death?

The AFM, as a matter of fact, has promoted musical culture. The union has sponsored many free concerts all over the country, especially in Chicago. Petrillo says, with justifiable pride, "I've made Chicago the greatest music city in the world. Where else can you hear Lily Pons and the Chicago Symphony for nothing?"

The big recording and broadcasting corporations aren't actually afraid that Petrillo is going to ruin music or hold back progress. What these corporations fear is that the musicians are going to get part of the profits that rightly belong to them. Furthermore, these corporations and their press are afraid that other workers are going to notice what the musicians are doing and get the same idea.

It would be impossible to pay each member of a band a royalty on each record he makes. The personnel in musical organizations is changing constantly. The expense of the bookkeeping would amount to more than the worth of the records. What Petrillo proposed was that the royalty be paid to the union treasury. The fund collected from the royalties would be used to provide free music for people who could not afford to attend concerts. At the same time this would provide employment for musicians who were thrown out of work by technological developments. The AFM had to go on strike for 27

months before the big recording companies finally agreed to pay this royalty. Now the Taft-Hartley Law has forbidden the payment.

The press claims that Petrillo is holding up progress by not letting recording and broadcasting companies function freely. What the union is really trying to do, however, is to get back some of the money made on music — for the musicians who make that music.

THE "BIG FOUR"
The gross income of the "Big Four" in the recording industry —RCA-VICTOR, Decca, Columbia, and Capital—amounted to approximately 110 million dollars in 1946. Yet the musicians who made the records received only 2,500,000 dollars or about 2 1/2% in wages. A year's fee for the average musician employed by RCA-Victor, the largest of the companies, is only about \$450.

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Progressive speakers pointed out that if these conditions are to be remedied, it will be necessary to present the union's views to the voting public in the coming election. These speakers pointed to the necessity of strict enforcement of the sanitary and building codes. They called upon the union to examine the possibilities of running a number of union candidates for office, and expressed the opinion that it would be possible to mobilize the union membership for active support of such a political campaign.



JAMES C. PETRILLO
N.Y. Painters Urge Political Action

By Raymond Rice

NEW YORK CITY. — With two-thirds of the union painters in New York unemployed or working part time, progressive members of the union are demanding political action to compel landlords and real estate operators to paint and repair apartments, offices and factories.

Local 892, the largest painters local in the N.Y. district, heard a full discussion of the problem and voted overwhelmingly to call upon the union district council for immediate action. The painters demand that the N.Y. authorities begin a rigid enforcement of the sanitary and building laws.

A number of buildings have collapsed in recent months with the tenants barely getting out in time. Cornices and stone copings have fallen into the streets from many of the old dilapidated structures still occupied as homes and factories.

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