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# HITLER'S ATTACK ON BUSSIA -- A NEW STAGE IN THE IMPERIALIST WAR

## Ford Workers Cheering Union Victory



## What Can Be Done at the Negro March

By GRACE YOUNG

CHICAGO, June 22-Five hundred cheering Negroes heard today the stirring story of how their proposed march on Washington for basic human rights has worried to death "great humanitarians," President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Begging the masses of Negro workers to be patient and to "settle the matter around the conference table," the professed friends of the workers have pleaded that the "times were too tense" for such "drastic action."

According to A. Philip Randolph, leader of the march, "the technique of conference has been proved bankrupt. . . . There is a time when a people must use its independent judgment. . . . We cannot accept the assurances of the President. . . . We want something done. . . . The masses of the people are behind us. . . . This is the important lesson for the people to learn at this time. . . . You don't have anything else but mass power ... numbers. . . . The leaders of government don't care anything about you. The leaders of business don't care anything about you. . . . You must have faith in yourselves . . show America that we're not scared.

. . Let the Negro masses march. . . . The future of America belongs to the masses. Not the white masses, but all the masses, white and black."

Randolph described his conference with Roosevelt, Knudsen, Knox, Stimson and others. Only the threat of the march had forced Knudsen into his first conference with a Negro. And still the dictator of production insists that "you can't make people do things." Secretary of the Navy Knox asked with astonishment whether anyone could actually "believe that Negroes and white should be made to live together on ships" and insisted that "in this period of national defense we can't institute any experiments."

Randolph promised his audience that "this movement will not be betrayed. . . . I would allow my right arm to be cut off . . . before I would accept a favor from the government."

Will the march on Washington be a militant one? If it is, it will be because the mobilized power of the Negro masses has forced upon its leaders and the leaders of government and business the realization that Jim-Crowed "fellow Americans" know that their main enemy is at home.

## Henry Ford Admits Defeat-The Victory Is the Triumph Of Industrial Unionism

AN EDITORIAL

After several years of brow-beating, intimidating, coercing, clubbing and hijacking its employees, the Ford Motor Company has bowed before the militant march of industrial unionism in the United States. The old baron of the River Rouge, rolling in fabulous wealth, collecting little red schoolhouses and McGuffey readers, finds himself, after years of bloodthirsty opposition to collective bargaining, the possessor of a labor agreement. We doubt that he will place it among the other mementoes in his varied and assorted collections.

This champion of industrial methods that are being progressively outmoded and defeated on the picket line has signed an agreement with the United Automobile Workers calling for recognition of the THE TWO STRATEGIES COLLAPSE union throughout the Ford empire, with the closed shop and checkoff thrown in for good measure. He will also pay wages as high as any in the industry. Not only this, but Harry Bennett's gang of spies, provocateurs and sluggers will be disbanded.

What the Roosevelt government could not or would not do the organized workers have accomplished. During NRA days Ford told his government that he would run his business to suit himself. He did -up to the time that the workers threw a mighty picket line around his largest factory. What the Roosevelt government could not or would not do, labor achieved in the streets at the factory gate. That which the AFL attempted with weasel words, nice talk and craft union skullduggery was only consummated through militant frontal attack by an aggressive industrial union.

We don't know what precisely was in Ford's mind when he signed this contract. We don't care much. All that we are concerned with now is to celebrate this magnificent victory along with the thousands of Ford workers and other workers, who must feel just as proud as those directly involved.

The victory over Ford is the triumph of militant industrial unionism. It demonstrates what the working class can do when it organizes, plans, fights and sacrifices. The fighting spirit, the loyalty and the courage that produced the victory at Ford's can hold these gains and extend them to every industry and plant in the United States.

With cynical brutality, Hitler has launched his legions into war with the Soviet Union. The outbreak of hostilities between Germany and Russia marks a new stage in the development of the Second Imperialist World War.

By signing the Hitler-Stalin pact less than two years ago, in August, 1939, the Kremlin autocracy gave German fascism the green light for unleashing the war in Europe. Moscow hailed the pact as a great victory for Stalin's "policy of peace." It proceeded to divide with Hitler the spoils of imperialist conquest in eastern Europe. It helped plant the black heel of fascism on the people of Poland. In exchange, and by agreement with Hitler, it was allowed to plant the oppressive heel of Stalinist

"One may respect or hate Hitlerism, just as any other system of political views. This is a matter of taste. But to undertake war 'annihilation of Hitlerism' means to commit criminal folly in politics." -- Izvestia, official Russian government organ, Oc-

rule upon the peoples of eastern Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Esthonia, Finland, Bessarabia and Bukovina. It covered the military flanks of German imperialism in the north, east and southeast of Europe. It coyered the political position of Hitlerism by concentrating its propaganda attacks exclusively upon the democratic imperialist powers as the ones solely responsible for the war, and by deliberately concealing the equal responsibility of the fascist imperialist powers. In the words of Stalin, uttered in November, 1939, "it was not Germany that attacked France and England, but France and England that attacked Germany, thereby assuming responsibility for the present war." Just as he covered up the war policy of Hitlerism, so, in the same declaration, did Stalin sponsor the demagogic imperialist peace campaign of Hitlerism. Throughout the world, the Stalinist parties, completely servile to the Kremlin bureaucracy, faithfully followed the course of supporting the line of the Berlin-Rome-Moscow Axis in the war.

Now, the Hitler-Stalin pact is shattered to bits. The whole wretched strategy of Stalinism is in collapse. And the Second World War, far from being brought to a close, has been more widely extended than

The strategy of German fascism has also collapsed by virtue of the new turn that Hitler has been compelled to make in the war. His fraudulent promises to the German masses that the war would be of short duration, have not been kept because they could not be kept. His hope of confining his military strategy to a war on one front at a time has now been dispelled. The British imperialists, fighting desperately to retain their dominion over millions of colonial peoples and their share of the wealth of the world, succeeded, with the growing collaboration of the United States, in withstanding the German offensive. Above all, the passive resistance of the European peoples conquered by Hitler, has only emphasized fas-

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cism's inability to establish a functioning 'new order" in the Old World. Because it does not resolve its multitude of problems by the extension of its rule, but only increases the number of problems to be resolved, German fascism has now found itself forced to plan for a longer and more destructive war. This is why Hitler has now turned upon his ally of yesterday, in the hope of overcoming the effects of the Anglo-American blockade, and particularly of increasing American participation on Britain's side, by seizing the wheat fields, the oil fields and the natural resources of the rich Ukraine and other Russian territories. The conquest of these lands is also urgently required by German imperialism for its drive against the British Empire in the Near East.

### TRANSPARENT FRAUDS ON BOTH SIDES

Hitler's latest pretension, that the war on Russia is a holy crusade against Bolshevism, is another of fascism's transparent frauds, in line with the Fuehrer's notorious dictum that if he tells a big enough lie people will believe it. The fact is that the counter-revolutionary Stalinist bureaucracy diately seized upon the fact of Hitler's athas done more than the entire capitalist tack upon Russia to renew their clamorous class of the world to destroy Bolshevism and the great conquests of the Russian Revolution of 1917. No, Hitler is merely continuing and extending the war of German im-

"We have always held that a strong Germany is an indispensable condition for durable peace in Europe."-From speech of Molotov, Foreign Commissar and at that time Premier of Russia, quoted in Daily Worker, September 1, 1939.

perialism for the domination of the world. He can accomplish this only by wrecking the British Empire and preventing American imperialism from falling heir to its riches and power.

Stalin's latest pretension, that the war with Germany is a holy crusade against fascism, is no less transparent a fraud. In one country after another, in Germany and Spain in particular, Stalinism carries the chief responsibility for the victory and advance of fascism. As recently as September 1, 1939, when fascism had just launched the war, Molotov was saying that "We have always held that a strong Germany is an indispensable condition for a durable peace in Europe." In the Soviet Union itself, Stalinism is not the banner-bearer of progress but the poisonous carrier of reaction, the wrecker of the revolution, the perfidious oppressor and exploiter of the Soviet masses.

### IT'S THE SAME WAR!

In the first period of the war, the Stalinist bureaucracy fought for its own privi-

leges and power and right to rule, for the extension of its brutal domination over those peoples and countries that fell to it as its share of the plunder of conquestfought as a subordinate part of the Rome-Berlin camp in the imperialist war.

In the period of the war ushered in by the German attack upon Russia, the Stalinist bureaucracy is continuing its fight for its own privileges and powers and right to rule, for maintaining its imperialist rule over the territories it conquered yesterday with German aid or approval, for maintaining its longer-established rule over the Soviet peoples-only this time, it is fighting as a subordinate part of the London-Washington camp in the imperialist war.

The forced shift of the Stalinist bureaucracy—from the camp of German-Italian imperialism to the camp of Anglo-American imperialism—has not changed the fundamental character of the Second World War as an imperialist conflict for the redivision of the world and its wealth among the big bandit powers. Nor has it changed the reactionary role of the Stalinist bureaucracy in the war.

The warmongers and their propagandists in this country and in England have imme-

"Today Germany is in the position of a state which is striving for the earliest termination of the war and for peace."-Molofov, quoted in World News and iews, November 4, 1939.

campaign to drag the United States more deeply into active military participation in the war, and to obtain the support of the American workers for the war.

Churchill and Eden, the spokesmen of the British ruling class, did not lose a minute to proclaim their solidarity with the Stalinist regime in the turn the war has taken. In even less time than it took Hitler to consummate his alliance with Moscow, British imperialism has already formed a military alliance with that same "totalitarian Russia" which it had so piously and hypocritically denounced up to yesterday. It is an alliance which only emphasizes that Russia is an integral part of the imperialist war-now, however, in the other camp-an alliance for the mutual protection of the power and rule of British imperialism and the Stalinist bureaucracy.

Roosevelt and Welles have followed right in the footsteps of their British allies. For all their hasty assurances that they have nothing in common with "Bolshevism," they understand perfectly well the anti-Bolshevik character of the Stalinist regime. And above all, they understand perfectly well that the victory of Anglo-American imperialism in the war now demands the military alliance with Russia, which, up to now, they tried vainly to achieve. They understand perfectly well, too, that just as Stalin was junior partner in the newly broken alliance with Berlin-Rome, so he will be and can only be junior partner in the alliance with London-Washington, albeit a

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## HITLER Invades RUSSIA

WHAT CAN WE DO TO DEFEAT FASCISM AND TO STOP ROOSEVELT'S ANTI-LABOR AND PRO-WAR DRIVE?

Hear MAX SHACHTMAN

National Secretary, Workers Party, Just Returned from Coast-to-Coast Tour



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#### LABOR SHOULD SERVE NOTICE ON ANTI-LABOR BILLS

many may get Congress into such a dither that the lawmakers will shift their attention from such pet items as the Vinson Bill to certain aspects of the Lend-Lease Bill and "unfreezing Russian credits." We should not, however, let up in our vigilance in connection with the anti-labor legislation, especially the Vinson Bill. This vicious proposal imposes compulsory arbitration, a 30 day or longer "cooling off" period while a dispute is before the "Mediation" Board, revival of the court injunction and criminal penalties for violation of Board decisions. All Board decisions are final and binding.

Also, there is the Connally amendment to the Draft Act which makes striking in a "defense" industry a criminal offense. The Vinson Bill and the Connally amendment taken together would wreck every union in the country that is in any way militant. Labor would be faced with the alternatives of accept or enterinto a head-on clash with the government. Every strike in "defense" industries would be "a strike against the government" with all the usual

The war between Russia and Ger- demagogy, flag-waving and hysteria. These bills would give the government and the bosses three strikes on LYNN, Mass.-As predicted in LAlabor and there would be no way out except open defiance of the "law." Workers should make no mistake about this: They would have only two alternatives: shut up, or oppose the government. AND WE CAN NOT AFFORD TO SHUT UP.

The renewal of power of judges to grant injunctions is in itself enough to liquidate any effective union action. If judges had had such authority at the Ford strike, they could have killed the strike completely if the workers decided to abide by the injunction. All some judge would have had to say was that there must not be more than 25 pickets at each gate. An assault on these few pickets by thugs hidden inside the plant would have broken the strike.

Not only should the bills be defeated but labor must serve notice on Congress that the unions will not be hamstrung by any such strikebreaking devices as the Vinson Bill and the Connally amendment.

#### "NECESSARY?"—WE WANT TO KNOW FOR WHAT

The press reports that the Pacific statement saying that the navy is op-Coast Bay Area shipyards strike may strike that John Frey attempted to drive through the picket lines. Frey rode through on a navy truck under the protection of the marines. Since this heroic adventure Frey has faded out and has not been heard from since. We presume that he is vacationing in Canada.

The commandant of the 12th Naval District, one Greenslade, issued a

posed to the use of force "unless it be settled this week. This is the becomes absolutely necessary." And so was Roosevelt in the case of the break by inviting the marines to North American strikers. He only sent the army in because the workers refused to return to work until the company had come across with a wage increase. The army forced these workers back into the plant with bayonets that presumably had been given to these soldiers to use against the undemocratic Germans

and other enemies of civilization.

#### NO BAYONET CHARGE ON ROBBER BARONS

Charlie Schwab, who died a couple of years back and departed for the place reserved for pillars of the republic, is steadily and progressively being revealed for what he really was: a boss class bandit of the old school. It has just been discovered that this fine, upstanding citizen, sterling example to American youth of the successful business man, had defrauded a small Catholic college in Pennsylvania of the tiny sum of \$25,000. The head of the school reports that Schwab asked the school to borrow the \$25,000 for him. He never repaid the money, so now the school is stuck with the debt plus \$2.000 interest

The trustees of Schwab's estate say that he died flat broke and that everything he left will not pay the expenses of liquidation. If this is true, it is very revealing. We seem to have another Insull and Van Sweringen affair. All this is part of the rottenness of capitalism. The workers labor and toil for the benefit of the crooks and gamblers in high

The Insull mines are still producing coal: his public utilities still provide heat, light and transportation. The Van Sweringen railroads still carry passengers and freight. The vast Bethlehem Steel Co. is turning out steel and ships. The workers created these things, and they are enduring. Labor could creat a great deal more if it had the opportunity and was not frustrated by the boss class that uses its position to exploit, rob and steal for private profit.

Like many another "robber baron," Schwab was always a crook. He lashed the workers to produce more and more for less and less. He was also one of the country's leading paytriots during the last war. We have a poster used in that conflict which pictures Schwab standing among some of his workers and saying: "Men, you are not working for me, you are working with me."

Early in his career, as one of the darlings of Carnegie, Schwab took some condemned armor plate, filled blowholes with putty and sold this, are boosted 7 cents.

rejuvenated plate to the navy while obliging government inspectors were out for a glass of beer. Some of the navy's first line battleships were "protected" by this putty filled armor plate. Even after this, Schwab was placed at the head of the government shipbuilding program during the last war. In this post Schwab renewed his looting activities.

Government auditors reported that as a \$1.00 a year head of the shipbuilding program Schwab cashed personal expense vouchers amounting to as much as \$250,000 a month. But this wasn't enough; Schwab's Bethlehem Steel Co. had to get some of the government gravy also. There is a suit before the Supreme Court in which Schwab's government seeks to recover millions of excess profits taxes withheld by the company during the First World War. Schwab gave big contracts to his own company and then cheated his government out of the excess profits taxes.

World Imperialist War but similar things are happening today. The bosses with the big "defense" contracts are exploiting, stealing and robbing as of old. In most instances they are not using the older and cruder methods but the results will be the same. And up to now there has been no threat to use the army against these bosses. The bayonets are reserved for workers who are asking for only a few dollars more in the weekly pay envelope.

## GOODYEAR SIGNS

## UNION AGREEMENT

The Goodyear Rubber Co. has signed its first agreement with the United Rubber Workers. This is an important victory but was overshadowed by the signing of the Ford contract. The agreement provides an increase of 8 cents an hour for all workers getting less than \$1.01 per hour and 7 cents for those getting over \$1.01 per hour. Piece work rates

## Continue Housing

BOR ACTION recently, the Lynn unions are determined to secure decent, low-cost housing. The housing drive was begun by the General Electric union, most powerful local in the city, but the city politicians, despite their extravagant promises, are stalling and doing their utmost to kill the whole move. After the question was presented and publicized, the city council began its delaying actions, first by beating around the bush at council meetings, then by visiting government low-cost housing projects in other cities, and finally by voting down the proposed Housing Authority which was only supposed to have power to RECOMMEND, the. city council keeping to itself the final say.

Despite the mayor's support of the housing plan, at least in its initial stage ,the realtors and banks have been successful so far. But the unions are now taking stronger measures. To bring direct pressure on the politicians, the local labor movement is planning to hold mass CIO-AFL meetings to arouse the people and to show that labor isn't kidding when it demands a chance to live under clean conditions. In addition to the GE local, which in rather short-sighted. fashion has been thinking too much of "defense housing" for GE workers: only, the North Shore Industrial Union Council, CIO, is rallying its affiliates and the AFL unions to get decent housing for the workers in general, not just for GE men.

#### Contemplated Strike

In letters to member unions, the council proposed the election of committees by each union, similar proposals being made to the AFL unions. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers local has already acted, adopting a resolution condemning the politicians and stating that "The deplorablehousing conditions existing in Lynn are such that only the blind cannot see, them, and we hereby instruct our delegates to the North Shore Council to insist upon a real protest by the union workers of Lynn." The council president pointed out that if even the GE workers are feeling the pinch, other workers whose pay is a good deal less "are twice as anxious to get some action." Predicting that "the full weight of labor's pressure will soon be felt on this vital question," he said that housing was the major concern of organized labor here. A major threat is meanwhile sinking into people's thoughts-a union-instituted rent strike against all rent boosters.

The North Shore Council has just met, adopting a strong resolution reviewing the situation, condemning he profiteers who despite their pose of patriotism, seize upon the war boom to gouge additional rents out of the workers even though taxes have been decreased, and threatening political action on election day against all members of the Lynn Council who opposed the Housing Authority.

### WP Issues Leaflet

The Workers Party branch in Lynn has just distributed the second of a series of four page leaflets on the housing situation, and that the people are responding favorably is shown by their requests for copies from our distributors. The Lynn workers are learning to respect the views of the Workers Party on various problems in addition to housing. The WP leaflet urges combined union action to win the workers' demands.

"We can not depend on the softsoaping politicians. Only strength gets action. The local CIO Council has shown the way. They have voted to join hands with all other workers. AFL as well as CIO, for this purpose. Members of AFL unions such as the Building Trades Unions have

## Britain's Food Distribution Marked By Profiteering and Inequality

LONDON, May 30 (By mail)-Here are some facts it affects the mass of people. In a report to the House of Commons, the Food Ministry admitted that much discontent had been caused by "luxury. feeding" in restaurants. "We are spending today at the rate of \$360,000,000 a year to keep the price of food down," claimed Major Lloyd George, in charge of the Ministry. As an illustration of the huge food problem we can cite his statement that 114 cities and towns with a total population of more than 16 million had made requests for emergency feeding as the result of bombardments. As for Major George's statement about keeping the price of food down-well, we can only cite the fact that food prices have risen by 25 to 40 per cent for every available item!

"Today in England a bloodless food racket is in, full swing. Cynical men, fully aware that Hitler is struggling to starve this island, are enriching themselves in the true gangster style by selling food at monstrous prices to eager shoppers. Often the difference between the price the producer gets and what the public pays is several hundred per

"When do we start on our rates?" (Daily! Mirror, May 2.)

During March there were 2,141 prosecutions under food control orders. Since the war began the Ministry of Food has undertaken the prosecution of 15,972 persons and firms for food racketeering . An investigation committee in the North 'Midlands are discovered: (1) Speculation is rampant: Goods change ownership many times without even leaving the warehouses! (2) Speculators who render no service are enriching themselves at the consumers' expense. (3) Prices have risen out of all reasonable proportion. Some illustrations are: soup-sold by manufacturer for 11 cents a can, to consumer for 25 cents a can. Marmalade sold to importer for 17 cents a tin, to consumer for 72 cents a tin (the same tin!)

Food facts: (1) "For the whole country there were only three boatloads of oranges. They were quite insufficient to meet any ordinary public demand, and still less to meet that created by the publicity given to their arrival." (Lord Woolton, Minister of Food.)

(2) "The orange racket in London continues. A member of a firm of wholesale merchants told me of one firm which today openly offered oranges at \$12.00 per case (4 cents each). The controlled price is \$6.38 per case." (Daily Star, April 30.)

everything to gain by co-operating with the CIO." It then goes on to

point out the deplorable condition of

the Negro people and urges action

through church and fraternal organ-

izations in cooperation with the

The important thing in regard to

housing is that the unions continue

to augment their campaign. A series

of mass meetings must be held to

rally the people, thereby showing the

politicos that labor means to get out

of the rat-holes and emerge into

some semblance of clean and decent

living at prices that even the lowest

paid workers can afford. As a final

step, if other means do not succeed,

it is up to labor to guarantee its vic-

tory by putting its own men into

city office. Labor must learn to rely

on its strength alone, and it is rap-

The Workers Party housing pro-

2. No bankers or real estate men on

the housing authority. The board

should consist of trade union repre-

sentatives and organizations repre-

3. Unoccupied land to be used for

4. Repairing of an equal amount

5. All construction by trade union

6. No tenant discrimination because

of color, creed or political affiliation.

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Wages and Workers

Rights for Conscripts!

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gram for Lynn is as follows:

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1. Low-cost housing.

(3) "Fish prices at the moment are exorbitant, and figures about the food situation over here as indefensible and a scandal. Eggs are not being evenly distributed. The situation in canned foods is another scandal." (Alfred Barnes, Labor member of Parliament.)

> Lord Woolton and Lewis Stores: Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, was once chairman of Lewis

## Of Special Interest To Women

These days every working class housewife is plenty hot under the collar. Daily the dollar

Before you leave the house you figure out what you expect to buy for your money, but when you arrive at the store you find the price once more a lap ahead of you. Right then and there you feel like rolling up your sleeves and fighting against. this constant imposition on your right to live.

But here's something that will not merely make you hot under the collar. It will burn you

According to government statistics, the GEN-ERAL average of prices has gone up 14 per cent since the war began-which is high enough. But the cost of farm products and textile goods-the very basic necessities of life-is as much as 23 per cent to 27 per cent higher.

Yet these are the very products of which there are unsold quantities "of unprecedented magnitude," according to the New York Times. The unsold surplus of grain alone will pile up to 600,000,-000 bushels-a veritable mountain of potential

iteering prices, GOODS ARE STACKED UP IN THE WAREHOUSES-UNUSED! And those things which have gone up most in

While you are biting your lips and paying prof-

price are the most plentiful and SHOULD BE THE CHEAPEST!

ation of supply and demand.

Stores. Now read this: In ten weeks of 1940-1941 Lewis Stores sold six tons of boiled beef-ham. The wholesale supplier of this meat had had his customers cut from 47 to 17 during this period. "The result was that supplies of cooked meat were being diverted from working class districts. On Saturday mornings in Glasgow the transport system was in a state of chaos through people going to Lewis Stores to get beef-ham. It cluttered up the transport system and created discontent farbeyond the boundaries of Glasgow because it became the common talk that in any district where Lewis's did not operate there was no cooked meat." (Adam McKinley, member of Parliament.) Lewis Stores also sold tens of thousands of tins of cooked casserole stew, which it bought for 28 cents a tin, at a price of 40 cents a tin. A neat profit indeed!

It pays the corn and cotton kings hundreds of millions of dollars to stack up their surplus stuff in warehouses. And it pegs prices at high levels TO NET GOOD PROFITS TO THE BLOATED MONOPOLISTS OF THE SOIL AND OF THE FRUITS OF THE SOIL.

Investigations have proved that the poor farmer and the exploited sharecropper gets next to nothing out of this agricultural policy of the government. THE WORKING CLASS HOUSEWIFE IS PAYING 23 TO 27 PER CENT MORE FOR FOOD AND COTTON GOODS-SOLELY TO KEEP THE WEALTHY PROFITEERS OF AGRICULTURE IN THE STYLE TO WHICH THEY ARE ACCUS-

You are told that the surpluses are piling up because the export market for grain and cotton has; been curtailed by the war and by competition from other countries.

You are told that if the huge surpluses accumulated were thrown on the open market, prices would fall so low that agriculture would be ruined and the price structure of the whole country would be upset.

But why should the working class housewife be concerned about the export market! IT IS WHERE THE CAPITALIST SELLS THE GOODS OF WHICH THE WORKERS ARE ROBBED because wages are far below what the working class produces.

Why should the working class housewife care about the export market? IT IS THE CAUSE OF But the government is against the natural oper- THE BLOODY WAR NOW RAGING

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## **Vinson Committee Starts Union Inquisition** The CIO Has the Job of Countering the Union-Busting Schemes

#### By EDWIN JEFFREY

One anti-labor activity of the federal government which has not been publicized in the press is the questionnaire sent out to all unions, internationals and locals, by Chairman Vinson of the House Naval Affairs Investigating Committee. Vinson is well known as one of the worst labor haters in Congress. He is the authorof the infamous bill which would establish a compulsory cooling off period before strikes could begin and supports each and every anti-labor measure brought up in the House of Representatives. Of course, he is also a staunch supporter of the great war for democracy which his boss, Roosevelt, is imposing upon the American people. A convincing proof of his love for democracy is given by

this questionnaire. In its first section, "General Information," it inquires into the identity and location of all union officers and then asks the significant question: "present citizenship or nationality of each." This is followed by question 6b: "How many of your members are aliens?" Following up the suggestion implicit in those questions, the committee goes on to ask: "Does the organization refuse membership to persons who are or have been members of or affiliated with any communist or fascist organization or party?"

By this time it is clear what they are driving at-an amalgam seeking to tie up aliens with "reds" and both of them with union members or officers. From the mass of information gathered through this inquisition. Vinson can pick out what he considers pertinent and utilize it to further his own ends, ends not at all beneficial to the workers. Identify-

on citizenship and national background although these have nothing to do with the question of effective service to the cause of unionism. But they are related to the possibility of stirring up a campaign of abuse against union leaders, seeking to besmirch them as "foreigners" in connection with reactionary appeals to American nationalism, and that is why Vinson seeks this data.

### The Objectives

If a large percentage of union membership is of foreign derivation, Vinson will doubtless use that to claim that the union is under "foreign domination." The inquiry into communist affiliation is a real gem. Even "Communist Party" in a union constitution is sought to be broadly interpreted by union bureaucrats for use against honest elements in the union—as witness Dictator Tobin against Local 544. But note here that they seek not only members of the CP but also men who HAVE BEEN members or AFFILIATED with it. So, innocents who were pulled into the Communists Party fronts under some pretext or other are also subject to the hounding of the committee, just as are those who learned the treachery and cowardice of the CP and dropped out. In any event, what business is it of Vinson's as to whether a union, an economic organization, discriminates against workers for their political beliefs? The only conceivable reason is that of persecuting unions which have no such provisions.

The next section asks detailed questions about strikes, including

ing the officers enables him to check ones about attempts to settle disup, with the cooperation of the FBI, putes peacefully before going out on strike and whether the employer was engaged in national "defense" work, Significant in view of current antilabor proposals are the queries about strike votes in terms of numbers and percentages and about notifications to the employer in advance of strikes. Since some bills seek to require majority votes of the union MEMBER-SHIP, not just of the workers present at the strike-vote meeting, or even larger percentages, and others, copying the Stassen "Slave Law" in Minnesota, require advance notice to the bosses so they can prepare to break strikes, we can well understand the purpose of these reactionary congressmen. Such material will enable Vinson to draft legislation designed to effectively curb union ac-

The last group delves into financial resources of the unions. Get the facts as to strike funds, the state of the union treasury and then you know just how well the union can hold out if the boss forces it to strike for its

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#### Sent to All Unions This questionnaire has been sent

out to ALL unions, not only to those affecting naval production, not even to those which might by some stretch of the imagination be considered as involving "national defense," assuming that there is some limit to what in the disordered minds of our labor-baiters constitutes such defense. Many unions will undoubtedly answer since there is a none too subtle threat contained in Vinson's request. The committee's authorization includes power to subpoena witnesses and also to compel the production of documents and records. Not many organizations will open the way for the use of this power on their own initiative. Only if national groups or federations can provide the necessary backbone. Here is something for the Congress of Industrial Organizations to do in its campaign against the union-busting of the Roosevelt Administration.

## The Readers of Labor Action Take the Floor

#### SEES VALUE OF L.A. TO FARM LABORERS

### Dear Editor:

It may appear to some of your readers that the articles in LABOR ACTION recount news that has become history to city workers who have ready access to the daily press. For instance, the issue of June 16 declared in conspicuous headlines:

#### "The Roosevelt Government STRIKEBREAKER"

This was old news to class-conscious city workers who had been informed through the capitalist press that the army was being used for its intended purpose, i.e., to serve the ends of the capitalist class.

But on the farms, where day laborers make from 75 cents to \$1,25 per day and purchase of a daily papers is out of the question, this whole episode in the class struggle was news of the utmost importance. There was much speculation and no reliable information as to what took

place at the North American Aircraft WE CROSS LEFTS Corporation.

had of the event about which you

to our farm worker readers who have neither radio nor the price of a daily

St. Louis, Mo.

I am merely writing this to forestall any effort on your part to "beat the news." A retrospective article on the struggles of the working class is always important—to the city worker in order to confirm his own deductions, to the agricultural worker because it may be the first inkling he

My letter does not intend to give you directions-you know your job, as each issue of LABOR ACTION testifies. I am merely cautioning city workers that events may still be of great importance a week after they occur. These events should become the subject of retrospection. And they will serve the purpose of news

Henry Martins.

WITH "THE SAINT"

We received in our mail the following contribution with the challenge: "I dare you to print this poem, wise guys." Signed, terrifyingly, "The Saint." Lest we cross "The Saint," here goes:

Some men sit all day and write Of labor and the strikes, Their minds are working overtime To help those parasites.

The workers are a sly old lot For there are very many Who loaf and stall and fool around And expect a pretty penny.

They always chide the kindly boss And curse his rotten ways, But they can smoke on borrowed time And condense the working days.

To which we reply:

You've gotta pity the bosses. They work like hosses-Dangling stenos on the knee, Lobbying in Wash, D. C., Sucking blood from war, like leeches

Breaking strikes (and champagne glasses), Sitting hard upon their -,

Working men like mules in cages, Cutting coupons (and our wages). You've gotta pity the boss-O yawss!

#### HITS JIM-CROW IN THE ARTS Dear Editor:

Most of the large women's orchestras in Philadelphia have a polite but firm policy of race discrimination. One specific orchestra I refer to advertised in a leading newspaper in this area for violinists. Three applicants arrived for an audition and all were Negroes. These applicants received no audition but were told the orchestra positions were all filled. The peared in the same leading newspanext day the same advertisement apper for violinists. When asked about arts. Art when at its best has free-

such race discrimination, one of the officials of the orchestra said, "Why, have freedom of color. this is not really race discrimination, but, you see, if we were to have Negroes in the orchestra, half of the present orchestra members would quit."

This half the official was referring to is the 10 per cent "cream" of the various societies of the suburbs of Philadelphia, and the same would-be "social lights" who pay \$3.00 and upward to hear Marion Anderson, Paul Robeson and other great Negro artists. But to have a lesser known artist sit beside them and play the same music from the same music stand would be preposterous and besides, the socialites would quit.

It is about time these orchestras and other groups of social activity in Philadelphia and elsewhere were made to realize that the 17th century of feudalism and slavery is gone and we wish forgotten. Let us get rid of these people who advocate the Jim-Crow and "black belts" of the

dom of expression-it should also

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## What Reasons Lie Behind The Invasion of Russia And the Shift in Alliances?

By MAX STERLING

The Soviet-German war crashed through the entire maze of rumors and counter-rumors of the past weeks, Masses of German, Rumanian and Russian troops are locked in deadly combat on a front that stretches for almost 2,000 miles from the Arctic cold of the White Sea to the warm waters of the Black Sea. A new tremendous stage of the world imperialist conflict has opened up which staggers the imagination. Ahead lie new experiences rich in all kinds of possibilities which at present it is impossible for any one

to foresee completely. Stalin, who sowed the wind of the Nazi-Soviet pact of 1939, thus precipitating the present World War, is now reaping the whirlwind of a Nazi invasion. The opportunist game has failed and the Stalin regime is fighting for its life. The criminal partnership in which the Stalin regime robbed jointly with Hitler, and in which Stalin outraged and betraved the workers of the world, has come to an end. The years of disorientation and betrayal are bearing their bitter fruit. With tragic irony, Stalin's order to the German communists in 1933 for capitulation to fascism without a fight has now brought the full grown fascist monster to his door.

#### HITLER CHOSE MOMENT

It was Hitler who chose the opportune moment for his attack upon Russia. We have always maintained that Hitler and not Stalin would take the initiative in breaking the Nazi-Soviet pact, and at the time most favorable to him. Every victory of Hitler brought him closer to the strategic doors of Russia. Stalin's reply was to kiss more slavishly the boot of Hitler. The fact is that even while the Nazis were attacking the frontiers of Russia, the Kremlin through its Tass agency kept denying as a "provocation" and "absurd" the reports of German designs on Russia. To the very last the bootlicking efforts to appease Hitler went on. They failed only because the German appetite was too great for appease-

To this very day Moscow denies that Berlin made any claims upon her or that Germany proposed any new agreement. That this is obviously not true is exposed by the fact. stated in last week's column, that the Tass statement found it necessary to refer to any such new agreements as new, CLEAR agreements. The agreement proposed to Stalin must have been much too CLEAR in the immensity of its demands. Indeed, the demands that were made (perhaps including even the surrender of the Ukraine and Baku) were probably so stiff that Stalin, despite his abjectness before Hitler, found that to yield would have meant to court the overthrow of his regime.

We admit that we didn't expect Hitler to present Stalin all at once with such demands that he could not, without risking the overthrow of his rule, accept. In doing this Hitler decided to skip over one or two stages. However, what we emphasized, and this has been completely confirmed, was that the international military and political situation dictated an immediate consolidation of Hitler's economic and strategical position at Russia's ex-

### THE OBJECTIVES

What were the objectives behind these demands? Though they do not appear in the official fulminations of either side, they are patently designed in preparation for the war that Hitler knows he will have to fight with his major rival, United States imperialism. Briefly:

1. In preparation for his decisive battles with the United States, Hitler does not want to leave any front open that might possibly be used against him. Though he had Stalin under his thumb, he did not want to chance the risk that, let us say, under the influence of a series of Hitler reverses. Stalin would switch allies. Russia is the only avenue on the European continent through which an invading army could march on Germany. Should Hitler's operations now be successful, that avenue would be closed.

In addition, it has to be noted that for the first time since the war began Hitler could embark on a Russian invasion without fear of a military engagement on two fronts. It is virtually impossible, for the present, for the Allies to attempt an invasion from the west. With all of Europe, save the British isles, under his domination he can concentrate on the

one Russian front. 2. The war with the United States will take huge supplies. Hitler is seeking to guarantee for himself the substantial resources in oil and

wheat of South Russia. 3. Control of southern Russiapositions in the Near and Middle

Of course Hitler now pretends that he has finally come forth as the

more material and actual reasons for his furious assault

Churchill and Roosevelt, declaring themselves as Stalin's allies, have made certain formal declarations against Bolshevism. But they know very well that Bolshevism has long since been dead in Russia. They do not fear revolution from Russia: and it is safe to say that if Russia did represent that danger to them, Churchill, the arch-enemy of communism, would have more quickly accepted a second-rate standing from Hitler rather than see his class swept away altogether by the tide of revolution. At any rate, Virginio Gayda, Mussolini's mouthpiece, comes right to the point when he says that the attack on Russia resulted because "Europe (that is, the new German order in Europe) must find her means of production as a defense against attacks which are today being attempted through England, now subservient to a great non-European power (the United States) fostering ambitious designs of bankers and speculators of a greedy and sectarian world

This is really how Churchill too sees the problem and for this the so-called democracies ("waging a war against totalitarianism") quite cynically accept under their fold, as with the case of Greece and Yugoslavia, the Stalin dictatorship. In fact, Canada's Prime Minister, Wil-Mackenzie King, has gone so far as to call upon those who have in the past considered communism an enemy to forget their past opinions. "Russia." he said. "is not now a threat to freedom and peace. The threat is Nazi Germany."

#### THE FUTURE?

Thus the imperialists are making cause with Russia for good substantial imperialist reasons. They know that the war is what it was: a war between German imperialism and British-U. S. imperialism. The involuntary entrance of Russia in the war is temporarily beneficial to the Anglo-American bloc. The longer the latter can by their aid keep the Russians in the field against Germany, the more they will benefit by it. How long this will be depends upon how much the Red Army has been weakened by the crimes and purges of the Stalin regime.

How far Hitler will go into Russia depends on the speed of his advance. His minimum bid is for the Ukraine and the Baku oil fields. If he should obtain this in a reasonably short time then he will have established his own invaluable arsenal to counter Britain's American arsenal. The British position will then be so much the more untenable especially in the Mediterranean and the Near and Middle East. The war will then extend to India and the Asiatic conti-

## Leviton Yields. After Ten Month Strike

The 1,600 Leviton strikers celebrated their victory on June 23, after voting to accept the agreement finally arrived at between Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL, and the Leviton Manufacturing Co.

Leviton, a little Ford in his own right, tried for ten months to break the strike. He failed, and at last had to concede many of the workers' de-

The agreement includes a minimum wage of \$15.50—the strikers' demand was for a \$16 minimum-and an increase of 10 per cent for those workers receiving wages above the new minimum. The workers have also won Leviton's signature for improved working and sanitary conditions. The latter are now deplorably inadequate and cause much discomfort and loss of time. The former accounted for unwarranted accidents, such as loss of fingers and parts of fingers. Leviton also agreed to stop charging the workers for broken material and to pay them for time while waiting for damaged machinery to be repaired. The agreement calls for one week's vacation with pay.

About 200 of the strikers voted against the agreement because it does not recognize the closed shop. They felt that the closed shop is necessary to preserve their union.

This is the first all-out strike waged by the Leviton workers. They have learned the value of unionism, of solidarity, of holding out. Even with such generous and able assistance as Leviton got from strikebreaker La Guardia's police department, he could not run his plant without his regular employees.

## CIO Ousts AFL At Kansas City Chevrolet Plant

KANSAS CITY, Mo.-In a National Labor Relations Board election, the collective bargaining privileges in Kansas City's Chevrolet plant will be transferred from the AFL to the CIO United Automobile Workers of Amer-

The balloting, held June 18, showed an almost 3-to-1 victory for the CIO, 776 of 1,005 votes favoring the change. As predicted several months ago in LABOR ACTION, it reversed the election held in April, 1940, Last. year Kansas City auto workers were switched down the wrong track by the once militant Homer Martin, who got his start in this plant. It did not take them long to see their mistake, however, and to correct it.

Now a bargaining election is being asked in the Fisher Body plant; where union sentiment lags somewhat behind that of Chevrolet. It is important that the Fisher Body workers fall in line with their CIO brothers in order to present a united front of nent and the British Isles will be en- all auto labor against General Modangered as never before. Russia tors; the ownership of the AFL untherefore holds the key as to the ion's building and funds is also at stake.

## Hitler's Attack on Russia - - A New Stage in the World Imperialist War

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partner most valuable for the interests of the democratic imperialists.

#### BEWARE OF THE STALINIST LINE

Anglo - American imperialism understands not only how important to its victory is the role in the war that Russia has been forced by Hitler to play, but also the role in carrying on the war campaign at home —in England and the United States—that will be played from now on by the Stalinist parties in these two countries and, for that matter, in all others.

The Workers Party considers it its solemn duty to warn the workers of this country against the imperialist warmongers and their latest recruits from the Communist

Up to yesterday, and in harmony with the aims of the Kremlin bureaucracy in its alliance with Hitler, the Communist Party has carried on a campaign of spurious opposition to the war. In reality, it declared its opposition to the United States entering the war only because such an act would not suit the purposes of the Axis in general and the Kremlin in particular. The whole alleged "anti-war" position of the Stalinists since the war broke out has been based upon their role as servants and apologists for the Soviet bureaucrats and their foreign

It is not difficult to predict what course of action the Stalinists in this country will follow henceforward, now that the Kremlin has shifted from one imperialist camp to the other. As yesterday, so today and tomorrow the Stalinists in Russia and in the United States and in all other countries subordinate and subvert the interests of the working class of every land to the reactionary interests of the Moscow despots.

From now on in the United States, this means that the Communist Party will drop completely its opposition to America's direct participation in the war. The Communist Party, starting with the slogan of "All Aid to the Soviet Union," of "Defense of the Soviet Union," will proceed without delay to the cry of "America Must Enterthe War!" The Communist Party will drop its fraudulent opposition to Lease-Lend, to convoys. In a word, the Communist Party will drop all pretense of opposition to the imperialist war and American participation in it. It will become intensely active in seeking to mobilize the support of the working class of the nited States for a war which all the appeals of the ruling class have not yet succeeded in making popular among labor. It will become the spearhead of the warmongers in the trade unions in tion, there is only one road. That is the road

brake on the militancy of the workers, counseling "caution" to the unionists and, if necessary, doing all it can to undermine and shatter all independent working class action, including strike action in defense of the rights and interests of the toilers.

#### MAIN ENEMY IS STILL AT HOME

The struggle that every class-conscious and militant worker must, conduct against Stalinism and its agents, and conduct now with redoubled energy, is an integral part of the struggle that labor in this country. must conduct against those who are still its main enemies—the American imperialists, the ruling class, and their warmongering spokesmen.

Let every worker, conscious of his interests, be alertly on his guard against the insidious poison of all the warmongers, regardless of what banner they appear under, regardless of what slogans they proclaim. Let every worker be especially on his guard, so that his natural feelings of solidarity and sympathy with the Great Russian Revolution of 1917 are not abused and mendaciously exploited by all sorts of scoundrels for the purpose of winning labor's support for the imperialist war. Let every worker be on his guard; so that his natural feeling of sympathy for the Soviet masses who are threatened by the horrors suffered by the peoples of Europe already conquered by Hitler, are not diverted into the bloody channels through which the imperialists are seeking to drag the American people into the war.

As always—from the day the Second World War started and before that—our Workers Party remains the irreconcilable enemy of imperialist war, that great destroyer of the peoples.

As always, our Workers Party remains the sworn enemy of all capitalist reaction, and above all of blood-stained fascism.

But, as we have never ceased to emphasize, and as recent events in the world have proved over and over again, Hitlerism and Fascism cannot be conquered by the war of the imperialists or by supporting the imperialist war. For labor to support the imperialist war, no matter on what basis, means in the end to promote the advance of reaction, means to give up the only guarantee against the victory of fascist totalitarianism, namely, a militant, bold and independent working class, with militant and independent working class organizations at its disposal.

For the victory over fascism and reac-

particular, not only by spreading pro-war of the struggle of the working class for itpropaganda but above all by acting as a self, for its own interests, for its own aims, which are the interests and aims of all oppressed and suffering peoples. That is the road of the working class struggle for its own government—the government of, for and by the workers. That is the road of the Socialist United States of Europe, the Socialist United States of the World!

> To travel this road successfully, the working class must not give an ounce of support to any of the warring governments, those government and regimes which have brought such appalling misery and frightfulness to the world.

In order to put an end, once for all, to the barbarism with which the world is threatened, to put an end to capitalism and its periodic wars, to put an end to the "democratic" empires with their millions of colonial slaves, to put an end to fascism with its unspeakable terror and oppression, to put an end to the reactionary pall of Stalinism—the working class and the oppressed peoples of the world must unite their invincible forces against both of the warring camps:

Against the imperialist war comp of Berlin-Rome-Tokyo!

Against the imperialist war camp of Washington-London-Moscow!

On with the fight for the only sacred and ust cause—the victory of the Third Camp, the camp of the suffering peoples, the camp of the exploited workers of all lands, of the disinherited and oppressed masses

Long live the coming victory of freedom and peace, the victory of the international socialist brotherhood of the peoples!

> THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS PARTY, Max Shachtman, Nat'l Sec'y.

## Special Interest--

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As for the ruin of the corn and cotton kings by the lowering of prices, the poor farmers, the sharecroppers and the workers have no tears for them or for any other gang of plundering capitalists!

The working class housewife has no use for export markets, for high price structures, for government policies generous to the profiteers. FOR THE WORKING CLASS THESE ARE NO REA-SONS FOR PAYING 23 AND 27 PER CENT MORE FOR FOOD AND COTTON GOODS.

The workers want an abundance of the products of the land and of the factories!

The bosses of agriculture and industry and the boss government give the workers CAPITALISTIC REASONS for not letting them have what they

Workers' control of agriculture and industry under a workers' government WILL DELIVER

SUSAN GREEN.

## The Anglo-American Imperialists Warm Up to Stalin

By DAVID COOLIDGE

The unholy glee and crass cynicism with which the Anglo-American imperialists received the news that Stalin and Hitler were at each other's throats revealed not only the desperate plight of England but also something of the brazen and callous aims of the capitalist war-makers. The great satisfaction and the enthusiasm of the "democracies" was chilled only after reflection on the possibility of a quick Russian defeat. Such a consummation would be terrible to contemplate, for, said the New York Times: "complete German victory in Russia would be a catastrophe of the first importance for England and America. It would enable Hitler to defy the British blockade, to secure petroleum and food supplies for years, to create a vassal regime in Russia, to seize India and the oil fields of the Near East, to make a temporary alliance with Japan for the seizure of China and the Netherlands Indies, and to threaten the United States from both oceans."

Added to this is their embarrassment at being forced to soften their attitude toward the Stalinist bureaucracy. Despite all these mixed emotions the dominant effect of the Stalin-Hitler struggle was to produce satisfaction, joy and a high degree of contentment. It is a "breathing spell' for the "democracies," and despite their hatred of that for which they pretend Stalinism stands (socialism), they give thanks to their gods for this blessing. What they mean by a "breathing spell" is the opportunity to go full speed ahead with preparations for decisive action against Hitler. The respite, no matter how brief, is a boon to the Anglo-American imperialists.

It means also that the Anglo-American imperialists begin to get their first real taste of success, the first real glimmer of salvation and victory. But they must hurry, says the Times; no resting, no time out for intemperate rejoicing. "If Russia can be kept in the war until winter, or nine weeks instead of six, or six weeks instead of three," says the Times, "it may make an enormous difference in the outcome of the whole conflict." And again: "It is manifestly to our advantage to have Hitler's campaign in Russia as long-drawn-out and as costly to him as possible. This will not only give Britain precious time; it will enable us to perfect our own defenses." There you have it: keep the Russian and German workwould give Hitler a military road ers busy butchering each other while we prepare the toward the British possessions and Anglo-American working classes for this orgy of murder, rapine and imperialist pillage.

### CHURCHILL HITS LOW POINT

The low point in this Roman holiday was the speech champion against Bolshevism, but he of Churchill: this astute capitalist statesman, this trumcarefully avoids any mention of the peter of British imperialism, this butcher of defenseless

African and Indian natives. Churchill, doubtless after consultation with Roosevelt, reached the greatest heights of hypocrisy, capitalist demagogy and political trickery.

Churchill weeps all over the place, he is bowed down with grief for the "Russian people"; they are "defending their native soil . . . poor as are the Russian peasants, workmen and soldiers, he (Hitler) must steal from them their daily bread. He must devour their harvests. He must rob them of the oil which drives their plows and thus produces a famine without example in human history." This sleek and overfat master of words and fine phrases goes on with his disgusting feigning of sympathy for the Russian people. "I see the 10,000 villages of Russia where the means of existence was wrung so hardly from the soil, but where there are still primordial human joys, where maidens laugh and children play. I see advancing upon all this, in hideous onslaught, the Nazi war machine . . . . . But Churchill sees more with his benign humanitarian soul. "I see the Russian soldiers standing on the threshhold of their native land guarding the fields which their fathers have tilled from time immemorial. I see them guarding their homes, their mothers and wives pray, ah, yes, for there are times when all pray for the safety of their loved ones, for the return of the breadwinner, of the champion, of their

This arch-imperialist is not here engaging only in simple oratory. He is holding before the Anglo-American workers the idea of defense of the fatherland. Just as the Russian peasant defends his fields and guards his home, so you too, British and Americans, must defend the fields which yours fathers have tilled from time immemorial. But just as the Russian worker tilled soil for centuries which he did not own, so too do British and American workers till soil which they do not own. Churchill conceals, as do all the defenders of capitalism, that the workers have no fatherland, they have no country. The governments are the governments of the bosses; the land is owned by landlerds, banks and insurance companies; the factories, mines and mills are owned by big stockholders and bondholders.

The workers do not even have homes to defend. The shacks we live in are owned by banks and the property owning aristocracy. Sometimes we hold the deed but the bank holds the mortgage. When the worker fights to defend the "fields," he fights to defend the property of the imperialist ruling class.

Churchill in this flowery and revolting oratorial flight seeks to hide the imperialist character of the war and the fundamental evils of capitalist society. Therefore he can say "this is no class war. It is a war in which the whole British Empire and Commonwealth of Nations is engaged without distinction of race, creed or party."

We remind Churchill that we can see some things also. We look back two decades. We see the Russian peasants and workers, after a victorious revolution in which they smashed their Churchills; faced with another invader moving upon them from north, south, east and west. This invader blockaded their ports and even denied them food to keep from starving and medicine to heal the sick. This invasion was organized, financed and led by the same Anglo-American imperialists who pretend to weep today over the plight of laughing maidens and rollicking children. Churchill stood at the head and front of this counter-revolutionary attack on the Russia of Lenin and Trotsky.

Churchill's perfidy is unbounded. Not only does he weep for the plight of Russia, but for China and India as well. Hitler is after them too. This is Churchill, imperialist brigand who personally has led the bloodiest of assaults on helpless Indian natives. The spokesman for the English exploiters who have taken billions out of the toil of the Indian masses; murdered them, bombed them and denied them even the most elementary political freedom. This murderer, this liar whose class went to war against China to force the Chinese people to continue the cultivation and use of opium for the enrichment of the British ruling class. This is the man who comes before the world to call Hitler a "monster of wickedness" and Mussolini a "jackal.

Despite his admitted age-long opposition to communism, or socialism, or for that matter anything that will give security to the working class, Churchill is anxious to come to the aid of Stalin; the butcher in the Kremlin. He can do this because he knows that there is no communism or socialism in Russia. He knows this as well as the New York Times, which remarked that Stalin had "betrayed the international communist movement of which he was the leader." The whole Anglo-American ruling class knows this. They are well aware that Stalin most treacherously betrayed the working class of the whole world. They don't fear Stalin, they only seek to use him now in their own foul designs against the workers of their own countries.

Churchill talks of "the worst feasures of communism. .. No one has been a more consistent opponent of communism than I have for the last twenty-five years . . . but all this fades away before the spectacle which is now unfolding . . . the past with its crimes flashes away." What is this past of Stalin's which flashes away and which Churchill and his brother American imperialists can forget so easily? First we must remark that Churchill is talking not only about the crimes of Stalin but of the "crimes" of Lenin and Trotsky also. The capitalist brigands make no distinction between Lenin and Stalin,

unless it is to prefer Stalin. For Stalin's crimes were not against England and the United States, but against the world working class. Stalin killed the revolution. wrecked the Bolshevik Party and enslaved the Russian proletariat. Surely the Anglo-American imperialists have no objection to this and of course this "past with ' its crimes . . . flashes away."-

Sumner Welles for the United States echoed the Churchill politics: the "principles and doctrines of Communist dictatorship are as intolerable . . . as are the principles and doctrines of Nazi dictatorship." But, said Sumner Welles, "Hitler's armies are today the chief danger to the Americas. . . . " The Times adds: "if a man is unfortunate enough to find himself in a field with a mad bull and the bull turns suddenly on a terrier that has been following at his heels, the man does not need to share the terrier 'ideology' in order to hope that the chase will be a long one and that the bull will break his

### TIME FOR THE MASSES TO SPEAK

Thus the "democracies," the imperialists, expose themselves to the gaze and scrutiny of the workers of the world. They sing hosannahs to Stalin because he has been forced to come to their aid. The thousands of Russian workers and peasants, betrayed by Stalin and who will fall before the advance of the Nazi war machine, will die to save Anglo-American imperialism. These workers and peasants, sold out by the stupid and treacherous Stalinist bureaucracy, die today to give the Roosevelt-Churchill governments time to prepare the British and American workers for the same ghastly death tomorrow. "Long live the Russo-German war" sing the Anglo-American imperialists; "until winter, or nine weeks instead of six, or six weeks instead of three . .

It is now time for the workers of the world and the colonial people to speak. The imperialist monsters and jackals have had their say. They have spoken well and eloquently for their class and their class interests. All of them-Churchill and Hitler, the doddering Petain, the jackass Mussolini, the strikebreaker in the White-House-have spoken. It is now time for the workers of Germany and Russia, England and the United States, Italy and France, to speak with all their tremendous

The working class in every country engaged in the war has a job to do: kick out its national ruling class; run the mines, mills, factories, railroads and banks. Establish a workers' government in every country. Give independence to the colonial peoples, Build the WORLD FEDERATION OF WORKERS' GOVERN-MENTS AND SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.

## Editorials -

#### **OUR PROGRAM AGAINST** THE WAR

- 1. Against both imperialist war camps! For the third camp of World Labor and the colonial peoples!
- 2. For the right to strike! For the defense of civil liberties and all workers' rights! Stop the persecution of aliens. Against the M-Day plans and war-time dictator-
- 3. Thirty hours a week; thirty dollars minimum pay! Time and a half wages for overtime above 30 hours. For increased wages to meet the rising cost of living.
- 4. Let the people vote on war! For the right of youth to vote at the age of 18 -old enough to fight, old enough to
- 5. Not a man, not a cent for Wall Street's war! A capital levy to cover the costs of imperialist war. No indirect taxes on the people.
- 6. Conscript the war industries under workers' control!
- 7. Expropriate the "Sixty Families"—the three per cent of the people who own ninety per cent of the wealth!
- 8. No government contract without a union contract!
- 9. Abolish secret diplomacy! Open the files of the State Department.
- 10. Full workers' rights for conscripts-the right to organize and to bargain collectively with the officers, the right of free speech, press and assembly.
- 11. Double the wages of the conscripts! Former employers to pay the wage differential and guarantee return of the
- 12. Withdraw all armed forces from territory outside the United States. Free the colonies. Hands off Latin America.
- 13. Down with Jim-Crow and anti-Semitism! For full social, economic and political equality for Negroes. End discrimination against Negroes in industry and in the trade unions.
- 14. For Workers' Defense Guards against fascist and vigilante attacks!
- 15. For an Independent Labor Party.
- 16. For a workers' government and a people's army! No confidence in the Roosevelt government.
- 17. For Peace through Socialism. For the Socialist United States of the Americas, for the Socialist United States of Europe, for the World Socialist Federa-

## Don't Want War

\*There's damn little sentiment for the war among the soldiers. For that matter, there's damn little favorable sentiment for army

If the capitalist papers were really reporting the truth, and if the brass hats would allow the truth to be told, the pages of the newspapers would be filled with draftee complaints against army life and with their opposition to the war.

In Camp Dix, for example, there was a real to-do on Memorial Day. The conscripts had been promised holiday furloughs. When these were cancelled, the men stormed around the camp, broke windows, and in other ways indicated their displeasure. The army squelched the news, though one or two reports seeped through to the papers, notably the New York Daily News. The next day the brass hat in charge of the camp admitted there had been trouble, but said it had ended when the men were "thrilled" with the promise of maneuvers. (Oh, yeah!)

Similarly the very pro-war and careful New York Times accidentally revealed the state of mind in the army ranks this week. Writing a report from the field headquarters of the Second Army, on maneuvers at Manchester, Tenn., on how the men joined a hill-billy dance in town, their military expert, Hanson W. Baldwin, inadvertently wrote this (June 23, page 15): "The 77,-000—grimy and sunburned and tired ended a hard exercise Friday and then yesterday afternoon the blow came. The afternoon papers and the radio gave the news; the Secretary of War had asked Congress for legislation to keep the National Guard and the Reserve Officers in service 'for the duration of the emergency.'

"Most of the erstwhile Guardsmen have never severed their civilian life; most of them had hoped to go home in the fall; an extended term of active service was not

"So the 'Damnyankees' were in a somber mood when they went to Lynchburg last night though it was Saturday night and money jingled in their pockets. . . .

"Some time before 11 o'clock the announcer said:

"'Germany has declared war on Russia."

"There were yells and applause, especially from the soldiers. For again, there's no doubt about it; most of the boys in this man's army don't want to fight. They'll go if they're sent, but they cheered because they hoped that 'Old Adolph' had bitten off

more than he could chew at last." (Our emphasis.)

Coming from the ultra-jingoist New York Times, that's evidence enough.

## Without Tears

The capitalist press, including the northern papers, have been very profuse in its eulogies of the late lamented Honorable Pat Harrison, senior senator from the sovereign state of Mississippi. He has been extolled throughout the land for his sterling character, and his infectious charm and statesmanship. The nation mourns his passing, says the press, his loss will be greatly felt, he was an astute and experienced politician, "he represented the constituency of financial sanity."

There are several things, however, that the capitalist press did not mention. We will relate a few of them. Pat Harrison was a senator from perhaps the most backward, illiterate and savage state in the whole United States. Mississippi is perhaps the one state in the union that has never made a single outstanding contribution to civilization or human culture. The only possible exception to this is the case of Blanche K. Bruce, Negro senator from Mississippi. For a Negro to step into the Senate from the cotton plantations of Mississippi is something for white Mississippians to boast of; but, of course, they don't.

Mississippi is the heart of darkest America. It is the only state that does not have a workmen's compensation act. Its record of lynching, peonage, serfdom, poverty, oppression and ignorance is not exceeded by any state in the Union.

Mississippi is one of the leading "poll tax states." Two years' residence is required before one is eligible to vote. Added to this, a \$2.00 voting tax, cumulative over two years, is the law. The "poor whites" are disfranchised by the poll tax law and Negroes are disfranchised not only by this act but also through other devious devices, legal, illegal and extra-legal.

This is the state that Pat Harrison represented in the Senate of the United States. We should like to read some of the eulogies of him that could be written by Negro and white workers: by the tenant farmers and share-croppers; by the people who sweated under the lash of the landlords whose ment has gone and "double-crossed us." spokesman Pat Harrison was. The capitalist press north and south may mourn his passing, but the workers of Mississippi can only hope and struggle for the day when he and all his kind shall have passed, along with the system of exploitation and oppression which Harrison represented.

## By Any Name...

A considerable part of the Army's engineer corps is going to be made up of Negro conscripts. Very fancy that: engineers!

BUT . . . Jim-Crow by any name smells

What do we mean? This: the labor battalions of the last war are simply being incorporated into the engineer corps. That is to say, the pick and shovel boys will no longer have the unattractive standing of "laborers"; they will be enrolled in the engineer corps . . . where they will still be pick and shovel boys. And who will make up the battalions to the extent possible?

Now we admit it: this isn't the most flagrant instance of Jim-Crow in the Army. Merely an indication. So far as possible, Negroes will not be allowed the "exalted" occupation of soldiers. Just as in civil life they are compelled to perform the most menial tasks, so too in the Army and Navy.

Especially interesting in this connection is the fact that the battalions composed of Negroes will not be officered by Negroes. There are in the country plenty of Negro engineers. Many of these will be drafted. But will any of these be made officers in the engineer corps? No, sir! It will be the pick and shovel for them too unless they are assigned to some other kind of Jim-Crow regiment. The officer in charge will

"Engineers" or laborers, we repeat: Jim-Crow by any name . . .

## We Demand: Conscript the War Industries Under **Workers' Control!**

## Speed-Up in War Production Kicks Safety Out of Window

Since its outbreak in September, 1939, the criminal imperialist war has been reaping a harvest of dead and injured workers from the factories of this country, presumably at

In 1940, according to National Safety Council statistics, 17,000 workers were killed on their jobs. This figure for 1940 is way above the industrial deaths of the preceding year.

Also in 1940 there were injured in American factories 1,400,000 toilers. Some are permanently crippled; others were temporarily disabled. These industrial wounded in "peaceful" America in 1940 alone amount to more than 10 per cent of the wounded in World War No. 1.

The Red Cross explains the increase in industrial deaths and accidents by the "increased tempo." The New York Times refers to them as "a consequence of rearmament." The magazine Business Week frankly states that "when emphasis is strong on production at any cost, safety precautions are likely to be relaxed, and accidents rise accordingly."

Thus there is absolute agreement from all sources as to the cause of the increase in industrial deaths and injuries. THE WORKERS ARE PAY-ING WITH LIFE AND LIMB FOR THE FRANTIC WAR PREPARA-TIONS OF THE IMPERIALIST ROOSEVELT ADMINISTRATION AND FOR THE HUGE WAR PROF-ITS OF THE BOSSES. These dead and injured workers are the victims of the bosses' war just as are the civil-

longed stay.

"It's a Long Way

Draftees and National Guardsmen are plenty excited these days. And it's

not the Stalin-Hitler rift nor the new 1941 girls' swim suits that have the boys

in a dither. It's the news emanating from the army big shots. The news that

National Guardsmen are to be kept in training camps for more than the

year's time. And the news that the draftees will soon face the same pro-

from the 33rd Illinois Division are deeply enraged over the brass hat proposal

Men on leave from Camp Forrest, Tenn., report that National Guardsmen

Most of the boys are reported to be thoroughly disgusted and disillusioned

Yes, the guardsmen are fed up with army life. The recent use of U.S.

about any and all of Roosevelt's promises. The loud voiced opinion of these

boys is that they were promised to be let out in one year and now the govern-

troops to break up the North American Aviation workers' strike has met

with the almost unanimous disapproval of the whole camp. The boys want

Reports from Alexandria, La., where over 80,000 soldiers, mostly from the

lot of talk about America entering the war and the opinion of the overwhelm-

ing majority of the draftees on this question is that they've been duped by the

big-shot Washington politicians into believing that they would only have to

think that they're going to shove us all over hell, keep us here as long as they

feel like, and make us bust strikes. Well, the boys down at Camp Claibourne

Trouble has also been reported brewing down in Camp Davis, near Wil-

These Negroes are young fellows who were born and raised in the North

mington, N. C. A large number of Negro draftees from the Sixth (Chicago)

Corps Area are getting fed up with the Jim-Crow abuses they are made to

and aren't taking to southern Jim-Crow. "National defense" or no "national

defense," a lot of draftees have risked court martial, packed up their stuff and

nowhere in trying to sign the draftees up for a three-year period. All sorts

of inducements have been tried and all have failed. The boys want to go

home. The boys want to stop playing soldier. They are sick and tired of

army "democracy" and army "life." They want to go back to their jobs, their

pals, their girls, their parents-and if they had anything to say about it they'd

all be home in less time than it takes Joe Louis to put his opponents to sleep.

Even the U. S. Army Recruiting Service has admitted getting absolutely

As one draftee expressed it, "Now that they've got us in the army they

to finish up their year and get out of this strike-breaking outfit.

don't like it and there'll be holy hell to pay if this keeps up."

trotted off home, having had their fill of American "democracy."

From Home"

to keep them in service for more than a year.

FEEL THEY WERE DUPED BY POLITICIANS

NEGRO DRAFTEES FED UP WITH JIM-CROW

torpedoed at sea, the soldiers slain on the battlefield.

The industrial casualties of the war for 1940, high as they are, indicate only the beginning of the ravages of the war on the workers. Already for the month of March, 1941, the workers needlessly sacrificed at their jobs numbered 7 per cent more than in March, 1940. But this is a mere pimple on an elephant's hide compared to what is coming.

This prediction is made by no less an authority on death and accidents. than Norman H. Davis, chairman of the Red Cross. Says Mr. Davis: "Mass hazards are greater and will without doubt continue to increase." Mr. Davis said a mouthful. THE INDUSTRIAL SPEED-UP IS BEING INTENSIFIED.

Ralph Hendershot, writer of the column "Wall Street" in the New York World - Telegram - which denotes for whom and to whom he speaks-attests to the coming intensified industrial speed-up. He is not satisfied with the results thus far. He comments that, "despite the stepup in the work week, American workmen are still considerably behind the general average in EUROPE in point of hours."

In speaking to and for Wall Street, Mr. Hendershot does not have to pretend. EUROPE IS NOW DOMI-NATED BY HITLER. As far as hours, wages, working conditions and the general enslavement of labor are

ians bombed from the air, the sailors concerned, HITLERISM IS AN IDEAL WHICH THE WALL STREET INTERESTS STRIVE TO ATTAIN.

> Already tool workers are putting in an average of 52 hours a week as against 42 hours when the war broke out. Some tool and die workers are even on a 60-hour basis.

Pressure is exerted on workers to forego their hard-earned vacations. For instance, throughout the Curtiss-Wright Corporation, employing 38,-000 workers, there will be no vacations this summer-except, of course, for the directors, officers and stock-

The president of the company softsoaps the workers by calling them "loyal"- and boasting of the 60 airplanes, 280 engines and 175 propellers that will be produced above the schedule. He does not reveal the profit of the company on this additional production - in which little dent will be made by the vacation pay the workers will get. Nor does he allude to the great hazard to the life and limb of tired workers going at top speed without rest.' Nor does he estimate how many deaths and injuries will result. Nor does he pledge to be "loyal" to the workers when he has robbed them of their nervous and muscular energy so that they can no longer make the grade.

Plainly, the whole war-mongering fraternity are out to extract the last ounce of labor-power from the work-

The production belt is geared in high. Hours are lengthened to the limit. Vacations are classified among "subversive" activities. Thus constant tension, enervation, exhaustion, will be added to the causes for industrial accidents in normal times, such as unsafe tools, lack of safety devices, improper ventilation and lighting. As Business Week puts it, "when emphasis is on production AT ANY COST," payment is made in -By TED LYONS terms of the flesh and blood of the workers.

> As the war progresses with the United States a belligerent-if the workers do not stop it-the 17,000 killed and the 1.400,000 injured in industry in 1940, will become a mere fraction of the industrial casualties. The destructive octopus of imperialist war will stretch its deadly tentacles into the factories, mines and mills, and THE NUMBER OF VIC-TIMS WILL RUN INTO MILLIONS.

The Red Cross - that subservient scrubwoman kept by the bosses to mop up the blood they spill-is preparing for the shambles it expects in the factories. It is organizing hundreds of volunteer first aid detachments to operate in industries. In accordance with the unalterable policy of the Red Cross at home and on battlefields, it does nothing to prevent the spilling of blood by the Midwest, are located, concur with the news from Camp Forrest. There is a, bosses. It merely provides more mops.

> The workers do not want more mops. THEY WANT TO PREVENT A SHAMBLES IN INDUSTRY! They want to stay alive-AND WITH ALL THEIR PARTS INTACT!

### Our Program

The Workers Party, believing that in this case the best defensive strategy is to take the offensive, comes out for a 30-hour week with overtime for all work above 30 hours.

Militant workers are putting up a grand fight for wage increases to meet the cost of living. They must fight just as hard against the speedup and against the lengthening of the working week. They must fight to keep their hard-won vacations.

After ten years and more of lean earnings or none at all, workers are avid for a pay envelope WITH A LITTLE BULGE TO IT. They submit to the long work week and to working during vacation time because of the overtime paid. BUT THIS IS SHORT-SIGHTED.

That the workers should benefit by, the present demand for labor is be yond question. But the bulge in the pay envelope should come out of the bosses' war profits-NOT OUT OF THE LIFE BLOOD OF THE WORK-ERS. Higher wages, not longer hours, should make that bulge.

DOWN WITH THE SPEED-UP! WORKERS, PROTECT YOUR LIVES, YOUR LIMBS, YOUR POW-ER TO LABOR!

## Congressmen: Take Note!

A Belgian news agency reported way employees.

The Congress of the United States, in the act of Hitlerizing the American working class, might stop to contemplate the fact that even Hitlerism in the original cannot end the class -THE NEGRO'S FIGHT-

## Jingoes Move In on Harlem--**Get Nowhere!**

By J. R. JOHNSON \_

(HENRY PELHAM contributes this guest column)

Events on this planet are changing with blitz tempo. The French attack French in Syria; Negroes fighting for Italy attack Negroes fighting for Britain in Ethiopia. Hitler attacks his erstwhile pal and crony Stalin.

In America, the oppressed Negroes have suddenly found, to their utmost surprise, a new "ally" the Fight for Freedom Committee, with Senator Carter Glass as its honorary chairman.

Within the last two weeks this committee made a discovery, about the same time as the President. Both discovered that Negroes are discriminated against, lynched and put to other minor incon-

The committee forthwith sends James Crow up to Harlem to open a separate office, where they are ready to go to bat for the Negroes.

All Negroes are aware of the valiant fight Senator Glass has made for Negro rights for the last 40 years, and how he sponsored their uplift-one by one. So the committee deemed it unnecessary to place his signature on the literature circulating in New York City.

On investigation it has been found that Negroes are not showing the proper amount of enthusiasm for this war. We still buy our daily numbers instead of savings stamps. We are beefing because we have more jobs than the white workers, especially skilled jobs in defense industry. Our conscripts are treated far better than the whites on and off duty.

And to top it off, we are planning to march to Washington and embarrass the Administration over this sad state of affairs.

#### MONSTER MASS MEETING FOR FREEDOM

On Sunday, June 22, they held a widely publicized meeting at the Golden Gate Ballroom (which seats 5,000) and among the speakers were: Col. William (Wild Bill) Donovan, who has always been a champion of Negro rights (only Negroes didn't know it); Robert Sherwood; Herbert Agar, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, another great uplifter; Dorothy Parker; and the standard bearer of Negro Elkdom, J. Finley Wilson, who ascended to power the same year (1922) his contemporary dictator did in Italy, and has had the Elks in his vest pocket ever since.

Brother Wilson merely came to see that our "friends" Carter Glass and Bill Donovan didn't try to sell us down the river. If there was to be any traffic in Negro wage-slaves he would conduct that

An effort was made to rope the Rev. A. Clayton Powell in as a speaker, but he outsmarted the committee. But a few of the streamlined Uncle Toms held still long enough to have their minds greased, as follows: Fred R. Moore, editor of the New York Age, honorary chairman; Thomas B. Yutt, chairman; E. O. King, treasurer; and Ed White, execu-

Among the list of forty or more sponsors appears only one Negro-A. Philip Randolph. Hey! What is this? We thought he was heading the march to Washington? Who was it who said something about serving two masters?

### WE ARE COMING, FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT'

After Mrs. Roosevelt's trip to New York City on Friday, June 13, to confer with Mayor La Guardia, Randolph and Walter White attempting to convince them that this trek is untimely and unnecessary, and despite the fact that the President had Randolph, White and Crosswaith come to Washington on June 16 to confer with Navy Secretary Knox and officials of the OPM, and despite the fact that Randolph received a telegram to make a return trip to the Capital on June 20, these ungrateful Negroes in Harlem turned their backs on the meeting held by the Fight for Freedom Committee and only a mere handful came to pack this vast hall.

White and Randolph have informed the Administration that "the ball has rolled too far" to call the march off. What they mean is-anyone who dared retreat now would lose face with the Negro

And now to add insult to injury these impudent Negroes are running all over Harlem distributing leaflets for the march and singing "We are coming, Father Franklin, one hundred thousand

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## North American Workers **Encouraged by Ford Victory**

LOS ANGELES - North American Aviation workers and the entire West Coast CIO expect to make great strides forward following 'the cheerful and inspiring news of the CIO's triumph over Henry Ford.

The contrast between what Ford conceded to the autoworkers and the lousy rates of pay at North American and other plants is so great that increased agitation among the workers

At North American, the U.S. Army still has large detachments on guard -although the strike was called off two weeks ago-since there is no sign that the bitter resentment of the exstrikers is abating. It is an accepted fact here that,

when the Army leaves, the plant will become quickly unionized all the way through, and only a real wage increase and other demand satisfactions can bring comparative peace.

the company, it was pointed out

that "conditions in the plant are very

All attempts of the Army to intimidate and break the unionists' spirits have failed. In an official statement by an AFL leader, playing ball with

unsatisfactory. The men are distrustful, won't speak to non-strikers," etc. Unionists know what this means. Meanwhile, Richard T. Franken-

steen, CIO aircraft director, took two stooges with him to Washington to negotiate a contract for the union. thereby disregarding the officially elected negotiating committee. Possibility that the Mediation Board

will give some pay increases and other demands to the North American workers in an effort to appease them was seen in the fact that Lou Michener, West Coast autoworkers director, has been trying to make a behind-the-scenes deal with Frankensteen to get in on the negotiations. Michener was ready to repudiate

his previous role provided he could get on the negotiating committee in Washington, it was reliably learned. His overtures through emissaries were rejected by Frankensteen. Until this point, Michener stood solidly with the strikers and fought for reinstatement of the entire negotiating committee. Now it appears that maybe the Stalinists will retreat in the internal situation to the point of belly-crawling.

to London that 125,000 workers in German-occupied Belgium were on strike for additional rations and a 25 per cent wage increase. The report stated that the strike started among Liege miners and street rail-