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# PRICE-GOUGERS ROB THE WORKERS

## SWP Fights N. Y. Ballot-Ban

### Party To Appeal Judge's Ruling Barring Its Ticket From Ballot

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 19 — State Supreme Court Justice William H. Murray today did the bidding of Wall Street by ruling the Socialist Workers Party off the New York State ballot. His decision will be appealed to the Appellate Courts, the State Committee of the SWP announced today.

Murray's decision, depriving the SWP of its constitutional rights, was based on the most insignificant technicality. On petitions covering 57 signatures in Steuben County, Murray "discovered" that the notary's signature accompanying her stamp was absent. This "defect" was found sufficient to invalidate almost 25,000 signatures presented by the SWP, against which there was no complaint whatever.

In the same decision, Murray also threw the Socialist and Socialist Labor parties off the ballot. Here too he "discovered" similar fly-speck flaws.

Of the four parties originally challenged by Spencer Young, Democratic candidate for Comptroller, only the Communist (Stalinist) Party was permitted to remain on the ballot. This decision revealed that Judge Murray's rulings were based on the principle: Only those minority parties which support the candidates of Wall Street's Republican and Democratic parties are to be permitted a place on the ballot.

The Communist Party withdrew its candidates for Governor, U. S. Senator and Lieutenant-Governor last September and announced its support of Mead, Lehman and Corning, the Democratic candidates. The CP slate consists only of candidates for Comptroller and Attorney-General. This slate is entered as a maneuver for the purpose of driving better bargains with Wall Street's major parties.

The Liberal Party was also permitted to remain on the ballot, because it supports the full state ticket of the Democratic Party. It was not challenged. Judge Murray threw out of court the challenge of Norman Thomas' Socialist Party against the right of the Socialist Workers Party to use the name "Socialist" as part of its ballot designation. He ruled that the question is "political and not one for judicial determination. Who are socialists and who are not involves many matters not within the purview of judicial action."

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## Pittsburgh Power Union Ends Strike, Accepts Arbitration

(Special to The Militant)

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 21—After courageously resisting for four weeks a terrific strikebreaking offensive of the employers, press and government, the striking workers at a meeting here this afternoon voted 1,197 to 797 to end their strike and submit their demands for a 20 per cent wage increase and other improvements to arbitration.

The decision came on the eve of a scheduled hearing tomorrow by the anti-labor House Committee on Un-American Activities, which has summoned George Mueller, the union president, to face a quiz on alleged "communist" inspiration in the strike. Mueller, who agreed to go to Washington, denounced this move as an attempt to wave a red-herring at the strikers.

On entering their meeting hall today, the strikers were greeted by a bristling display of uniformed city police, the Allegheny County Sheriff and practically his whole staff of deputies who "supervised" the voting.

President Mueller reported the events of the strike up to date and urged arbitration. He explained that he had conferred with Secretary of Labor Schweilbach in Washington and that Schweilbach, although he did not commit himself, gave Mueller the feeling that the wage freeze



ELOISE GORDON Hits labor-haters in militant testimony at hearing of House Committee on Un-American Activities.

## Eloise Gordon Lashes Witch-Hunt Committee In Washington Hearing

### Defends Power Strike Against Red-Baiters

By Joseph Hansen

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 21 — Eloise Gordon, Pittsburgh reporter for The Militant, today turned a hearing here of the House Committee on Un-American Activities into an offensive against the anti-labor, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic activities of the committee members themselves.

She was subpoenaed for questioning about the Pittsburgh power strike which members of the notorious witch-hunt committee had alleged was "communist"-inspired.

All reporters were barred from the star-chamber hearing conducted by Representative Wood, Negro-baiter from Georgia, and the committee's legal counsel, Ernie Adamson.

I was physically ejected from the hearing with the aid of a policeman summoned by Wood, after I refused to leave the hearing room and protested the outrageous action of the committee members in barring the hearing to public scrutiny.

When Eloise and I entered the hearing room in the House Office Building at eleven this morning, it was crowded with reporters from many parts of the country. One of them said that this hearing was expected to be an "exceptional session." It was. But they didn't get to hear it.

Apparently afraid to hold a public session that would reveal how it conducts its hearings, Wood ordered an executive session barring all members of the press.

I protested against this because of the notorious record of the committee members in opposition to anti-lynch legislation.

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## Charge Bilbo Took \$25,000 As War Gift

Senator Bilbo, notorious Negro-baiter from Mississippi, is being investigated by the Senate War Investigations Committee on charges of receiving a \$25,000 handout from a war contractor.

No details of the charges have been made public by the Senate committee, which announced its investigation on Oct. 14.

Senator Homer Ferguson, of Michigan, a member of the Senate Committee, said the charges against the poison-mouthed lynch-inciter from Mississippi are "serious" and "involve war profits and contractors." He said "revelations can be expected within two months."

No comment could be secured from the usually talkative Senator Bilbo at Jackson, Mississippi. His secretary told reporters Bilbo couldn't talk on the phone because of an operation for an "inflamed mouth."

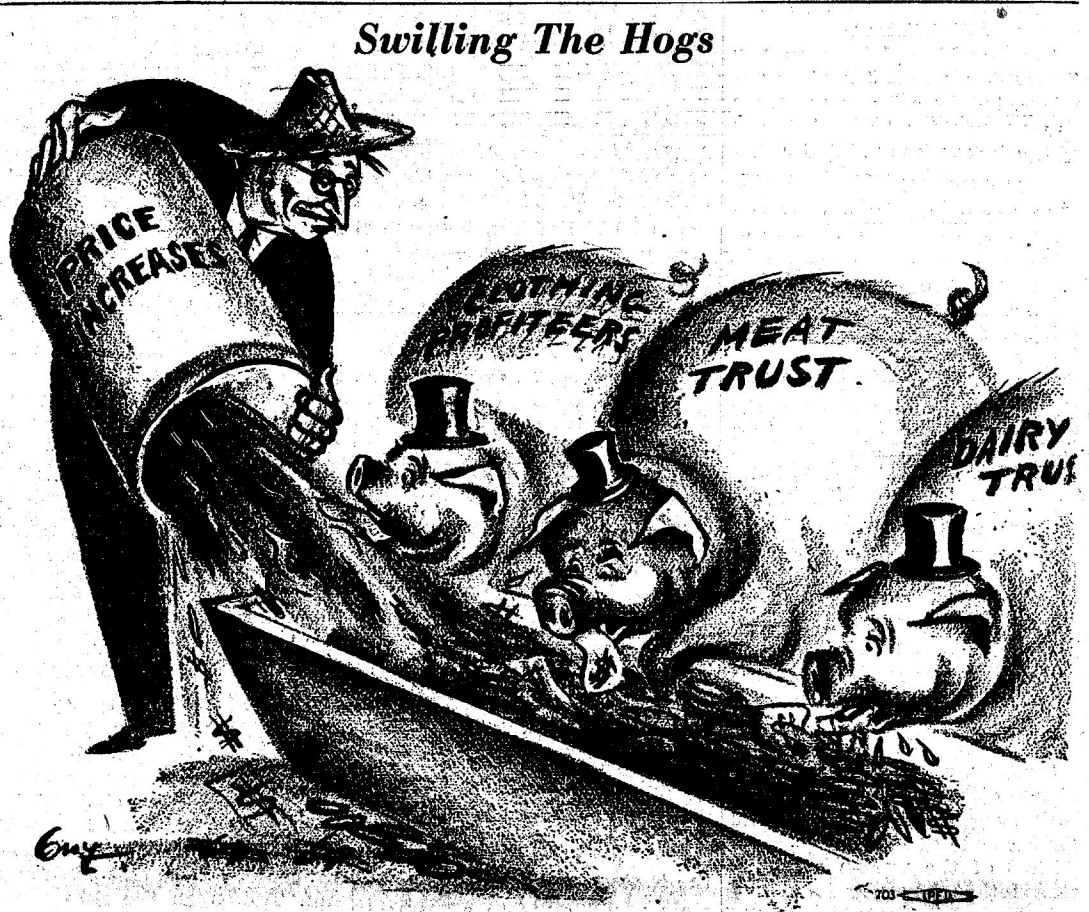
## Cost-Of-Living Bonus Won By Amalgamated

The principle of a cost-of-living bonus to compensate for the rising cost of living has been incorporated into contracts of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers covering 250,000 workers. The bonus goes into effect starting Nov. 4.

150,000 workers in the men's and boys' clothing industry are to receive a \$5 a week cost-of-living bonus based on an estimated 10 to 11 per cent rise in the cost of living since last December when the last wage increases were granted. 75,000 cotton goods workers are to get a \$4 weekly bonus and 25,000 laundry workers are to get a flat 10 per cent general increase.

ADDITIONAL The cost-of-living bonus is in addition to the established contractual wage rates. The question of additional increases to compensate for further living cost increases will be taken up in six months.

This is the first major union contract embodying the principle of upward wage adjustments based on the cost of living. Other unions, including the CIO packinghouse workers and the Chrysler Division of the CIO auto workers, have also demanded cost-of-living bonuses. The packinghouse union is now negotiating for regular cost-of-living bonuses periodically adjusted upward with the rise in living costs.



## DEFEND LABOR'S LIVING STANDARDS! An Editorial

Big Business is hurling a ferocious assault against the living standards of the American people.

Truman's complete surrender to the profiteers on the issue of prices has signaled a tremendous intensification of the drive to slash the real wages of labor.

Prices are bounding up so fast that no cost-of-living index can keep up with them. And as prices shoot up, the corporations are raking in profits on a scale never known before. At the present rate, the monopolists are stealing billions of dollars more than they did even in the lush war years.

Nobody can honestly argue today that the soaring prices are due to the meager wage gains won last spring by a few million industrial workers. Actually, the weekly wages of the best-organized workers, the factory workers, have declined an average of 9 per cent in one year. Prices, according to the statement of the CIO Auto Workers, are expected to be 25 per cent higher in December than last January.

Big Business wants real wages to decline more and more. This means higher and higher profits. Wall Street and its government are now waging an offensive to side-track any struggle for higher wages and to disrupt the unions. That is the meaning of the all-out red-baiting drive and witch-hunt going on today.

For the workers whose standard of living

is deteriorating daily, who cannot afford the most elementary necessities of life, higher wages are rapidly becoming a life-and-death question. It is a question not of this or that section of labor, but of the whole working class.

American labor must face the stark fact: It is confronted with a fight for its very existence. It can defend itself only by a bold, united nation-wide struggle for higher wages to prevent the workers' living standards from dropping to coolie levels.

There is only one way to immediately protect living standards from steadily mounting prices. That is by forcing the employers to grant escalator clauses in union contracts providing for automatic increases in wages, above the contract scale, in direct proportion to every rise in the cost-of-living.

Flat hourly increases are not sufficient in themselves today. These increases can be wiped out almost overnight if there is not the additional protection of escalator clauses.

The demand for the sliding scale of wages must become the slogan of the whole labor movement. The fight must be launched in united fashion. The crying need is for a National Conference of Labor, representing all the unions, to map out a joint program of action and resist the Big Business assault with the united power of the labor movement.

## A Letter To NMU President Curran

Joseph Curran, President, National Maritime Union, New York City.

Dear Sir and Brother:

You have undoubtedly been informed of a brutal assault made on distributors of The Militant outside Manhattan Center on Monday, Oct. 14. Several of our distributors, including four women, were seriously injured by this attack. Blackjacks, brass knuckles and other lethal weapons were employed by the hoodlums to prevent the distribution of The Militant and to do bodily harm to the distributors.

We have unimpeachable evidence that this assault was planned, organized and directed by members of the Communist (Stalinist) Party who belong to the National Maritime Union.

The leading figure among the hoodlums was one Stanley Postek. Among the others associated with him in the assault were

two named Kinkaid and Whitham. These men are known to us, as they are to many members of your union, as members of the Communist Party.

This is not the first time that Postek has tried to block the distribution of The Militant at NMU meetings by brute force. Nor is this the first incident in which our distributors have been assaulted by this hoodlum Stalinist mob.

This is not a quarrel between the Socialist Workers Party and the National Maritime Union. We have no grievance against the National Maritime Union, Mr. Curran, as a bona fide trade union organization. On the contrary, we have militantly defended it in the pages of The Militant, and we have in all our activities proclaimed our solidarity with the National Maritime Union in its struggle with the ship-owners and the government.

Nor is this, Mr. Curran, merely a factional struggle between the Stalinists and Trotskyists in which the National Maritime Union as a union has no interest.

What is involved in this incident are the most fundamental democratic rights in the labor movement: the right of free speech and free press. The fascist-like attack on these rights by Stalinist gangsters is no less threatening to the labor movement than fascist attacks made against workers by red-baiters, Ku Kluxers and other fascist elements in the pay of the employers.

The Stalinist gangsters are taking cover behind the protection of your union. This would not only be a blow to the National Maritime Union but to the labor movement as a whole.

We are confident, Mr. Curran, that you will not countenance these fascist-like actions against

## "Meat—For The Rich Only" Is Packing Trust Slogan

"Meat — For Millionaires Only!" That is the slogan of the meat packers and livestock speculators since Truman surrendered to their demands on Oct. 14.

Overnight, meat hoarded to force up prices suddenly appeared on butcher counters and flowed from hidden stocks in warehouses.

But it's not meat for the working people — at a dollar a pound for hamburger!

Truman broke the meat black market — you can now buy meat in big cities like New York at legal prices higher than the former black market extortions.

Meat, at prices 25 to 100 per cent higher than the former high OPA ceilings, is leading a general march upward of prices. The worker's dollar bill is fast shrinking to the size of a postage stamp.

The Dun & Bradstreet index of wholesale prices on Oct. 15, the day after Truman's radio talk, hit \$6.15 for 31 basic foods, compared to \$5.40 the week before. This is a 50 per cent rise since a year ago — a 14 per cent spurt in one week.

And from Washington, immediately after Truman bowed to the meat trust, came the sinister threat of removal of rent ceilings or a big boost in rents.

A group of Senators, representing the big real estate interests, promptly announced they are going to introduce a bill to abandon rent control by March and boost rent ceilings 15 per cent in the meantime.

Removal of price ceilings on virtually all foods will not result in lower prices as supplies increase. The meat, dairy, baking and packaged food trusts continue to withhold goods and maintain artificial scarcity. Their success in busting price ceilings has only whetted their appetites for higher prices and higher profits.

The monopoly profiteers' joy in anticipation of the biggest profits steal in history was promptly recorded on the Stock Exchange. After a steady slump in stock prices and heavy selling since last May, stocks advanced 1 to 6 points the day after Truman's speech. This was the biggest single day's rise since Sept. 5, 1939, at the start of World War II.

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Before the American labor movement is posed squarely the question of a counter-offensive for higher wages and, in particular, for the sliding scale of wages that rises automatically with all rises in living costs.

## UAW Executive Board Starts Move For Substantial Raises

A CIO United Automobile Workers campaign for "substantial wage adjustments" to meet the "continued sharp rise in the cost of living" was announced by the union's international executive board in a wage policy statement adopted at its Cleveland meeting on Oct. 20.

The statement charged that an "unholy alliance between big business and their political henchmen" has caused "complete destruction of effective control of the cost-of-living."

"Under these circumstances," the UAW board states, "we have but one clear course—to demand a wage increase that will provide the workers and their families with a decent standard of living."

Immediate negotiations are scheduled first with the Chrysler corporation. The Chrysler contract contains a 60-day notice renegotiation clause. Notice was served two months ago.

Our request, therefore, is not that you necessarily act at once, although the facts cry out for such action, but that you first hear all the testimony of all sides before arriving at a decision.

Awaiting a prompt reply. George Clarke, Organizer, Local New York Socialist Workers Party Oct. 19, 1946.

## Bell Local Condemns New York Ballot Ban

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 20 — A meeting of UAW-CIO Bell Local 501 today adopted a resolution vigorously condemning Supreme Court Justice Murray's reactionary decision yesterday to bar the Socialist Workers Party, Socialist Party and Socialist Labor Party from the New York ballot.

A united front meeting opposing this attack on labor's democratic rights will be held in this city next Tuesday under the auspices of several unions, liberal organizations and the three parties concerned.

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## Corporate Profits At 'Fantastic Levels'

What bounding prices have meant in terms of profits for the big corporations was shown in the CIO News, Oct. 14. It gave official government figures to prove that present profits are running far higher than the highest wartime take-in.

"Corporate profits by the fourth quarter of 1946 will be running at an annual rate of 25 to 50 per cent above the war years. Total corporate profits for the years 1942-45, after taxes, averaged \$9.5 billion. The best estimates available indicate that corporate profits, after taxes, will be at the fantastic level of almost \$14 billion by the fourth quarter of 1946."

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# Housewives In N. Y. City Market Voice Indignation At Soaring Prices On Meat And Other Necessities

By Evelyn Atwood

Housewives from all parts of New York City take long subway rides to the City Market at Delancey and Essex Streets on the lower East Side of Manhattan, hoping to get food and other necessities at cheaper prices. When I visited the market on Oct. 18, I saw men as well as women, wandering around among the heavily-laden stalls, shopping bags swinging from their arms. Their faces were solemn, their purchases were few.

"Prices are double what they used to be," said Mrs. Katherine Slonevsky who lives at 163 Avenue B. "Even in this city market you can only save a few pennies here and there." She was leaving the market with her shopping bag only half full. "I walked away from the meat counter because of the prices they are charging," she went on indignantly. "Last week, when most of the butchers said they didn't have any meat, I stood on line for seven hours at a 14th Street butcher store. Now look, right after the controls come off there's meat everywhere — but who can afford to buy it?"



CANT BUY MEAT Mrs. Slonevsky is the wife of a railroad worker, and has two children. "On \$45 a week," she pointed out, "I can't afford to buy meat. The cheapest cuts of beef, veal—even beef liver is 98 cents a pound. I spend my days from morning to night just shopping around, trying to make ends meet, but it gets worse all the time. I walked around the meat stall, piled up with cheap cuts of meat

marked at prices close to \$1.00 a pound. The cheapest item on the counter was a tray of revolting-looking bloody sheep skulls stripped clean of all meat except for the bulging dead eyes. The skulls were marked 14 cents each. Many customers walked away and went to the fish stalls. But meat was the burning topic of discussion. "I used to get soup meat, which is nourishing, for 20 cents

a pound—now it costs 89 cents," a housewife from the Bronx told me. Women standing near us spoke up on the question of refusing to buy meat at outrageous prices. "My husband agrees with the women who just won't buy meat at these prices. So we get along on substitutes," said one. Another remarked: "Well, my husband is a truckdriver — he says he needs a piece of meat, at least two-three times a week."

"Everybody is kicking," said another housewife from Brooklyn. "The day after controls went off I went into a butcher store on First Avenue for a pound of chop-meat. The man ahead of me asked for the same thing—he paid \$1.10 for one pound! I just turned around and walked right out."

The fruit and vegetable stalls, laden with oranges, plums, green beans, grapes and a multitude of others formed a colorful display. But even here, not much was finding its way into the customers' market bags. Selections were made carefully from only the most plentiful items. "In Brooklyn I have to pay five cents a pound for white potatoes, but here I can get them five pounds for 20 cents," one of the housewives pointed out.

FRUIT COSTLY At the next stall a man was buying a pound of grapes. "I remember when they used to be 12 cents — now they cost 30 cents," he said. "But my wife is sick, and she's supposed to eat some fruit."

At the dairy counter a woman showed me a dozen eggs she bought for 90 cents. "These aren't even as good as the Grade A eggs I used to get for 49 cents a dozen." At the next stall, a woman was examining a pair of child's shoes marked \$1.98. "They'd be worn out in three weeks," she said with disgust, putting them back on the pile. "It's a lucky thing I've got a relative who gives me clothes or I wouldn't have anything to wear. But what about the kids?"

Close by another woman tossed two dish-cloths back into the basket snorting: "Thirty cents for a couple of rags!" Most of the women were incensed that hours and days of time wasted in shopping did little to help them stay within their slim budgets. And most of them were fearful that prices would continue to rise. "Where it will end, nobody knows!"

## Union Proves Packers' Guilt



CIO United Packinghouse Workers President Ralph Helstein (left) and Secretary-Treasurer Lewis J. Clark show who was responsible for the meat famine. Their photographic evidence shows part of the 600,000 to 800,000 head of cattle grazing in feeding lots owned by the packers themselves — while the packers were trying to unload the blame onto "independent" farmers for withholding cattle from the market.

## Shipowners Balk Compromise; Stall Settlement Of Strike

By Art Sharon (Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 — The nationwide shipping tie-up continued this week as ship operators balked at the compromise demands of the two Marine Engineers Beneficial Association and the AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots.

Last week it appeared that the Eastern and Gulf ship operators would come to agreement with the striking unions. They had previously broken off negotiations charging that the Marine Engineers demand for a national contract prevented an end to the strike. The MEBA later changed its position and announced its willingness to sign a separate agreement on the east coast and gulf. Thereupon the ship operators found other pretexts for delaying settlement. It has become clear from the conduct of the operators, both here and on the west coast, that they are following a deliberate strategy to weaken and divide the united front of maritime unions.

## CIO And AFL Unions Back Sawmill Workers Strike

By Jim Long (Special to The Militant)

FORT BRAGG, Calif., Oct. 18 — Last Saturday this little lumber town of 3,500 people witnessed a display of labor solidarity that will long be remembered. Four hundred people, representing 40 CIO and AFL unions, travelled 170 miles from the San Francisco Bay Area and surrounding country to show their support for the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers strike.

One thousand people paraded from the labor temple through the main streets to the entrance of the Union Lumber Company's mill, where representatives of participating unions spoke to the crowd. OWN EVERYTHING The lumber and sawmill workers, distributed over 200 miles of the California redwood country, have been on strike since last January against the Redwood Lumber Association, one of the last big open-shop groups in Northern California. This association is composed of several large lumber companies, who operate in much the same way as the coal barons of the middle west and the east. In the main, they own everything from the big redwood trees, to the mill, to the grocery store, to the houses the workers live in.

The unionists of Northern California have decided that this association's power over the workers must be broken. They are backing up this decision with all possible support to the strike. In addition to funds already given, the unions comprising the Bay Area District Council of Carpenters are holding a referendum vote on the question of assessing each member \$1 each per month for the next three months. An attempt is being made by the Brotherhood of Carpenters to boycott redwood lumber throughout the U. S. The railroad workers have supported the strike by refusing to pass picket lines with trains containing cars of redwood.

For the first six months no attempt was made to open the mills. The companies were no doubt feeding on fat tax rebates. In the last four months, some of the mills have been operating at low capacity. The companies are attempting to recruit seabs throughout the country. They make glowing promises and provide transportation money. So stay away from the California Redwoods — a strike is on! The employers are trying to intimidate the strikers with all sorts of terrorist tactics. For example, on Oct. 11 a fire broke out in one of the mills here. One of the strikers was pulled out of his home in the night and taken 20 miles out in the country for questioning. This kind of action will not break the strike if the Lumber and Sawmill workers continue to receive the kind of support they have been getting.

## Hit Attempt To Evict Detroit SWP

DETROIT, Oct. 19—Vigorous protests are being made by labor and liberal leaders here against the reactionary attempt to evict the Socialist Workers Party from its headquarters at 6108 Linwood on grounds that Negroes attend its meetings.

In the past week, statements have been received from Earl F. Wolfman, business manager of CIO Bakery and Confectionary Workers Local 30 of the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Workers; and John Feld, executive secretary of the American Veterans Committee Michigan Area Council. Among the prominent labor leaders who have voiced their protests are all of the top national officers of the CIO United Auto Workers.

"The attempt to force a political party from its premises on the grounds that Negroes attend its meetings," Wolfman declared, "is a direct threat to the constitutional rights of all citizens, and is a threat which no individual or organization can afford to ignore. I especially protest the use of Detroit's zoning laws for the purpose of racial, religious or political discrimination."

## ALL IN JEOPARDY

Feld wrote: "As veterans of World War II we feel called upon to stand squarely against any attempt to abrogate our vital American freedoms of speech and assembly . . .

"Such forces (those trying to evict the SWP) must be condemned as a threat to the entire citizenry. If the action of one group is allowed to infringe upon the constitutional rights of another it is obvious that we are all, individually and as groups, in serious jeopardy . . .

"We stand unalterably opposed to any form of discrimination on the basis of race, creed or color. As veterans we cannot condone the use of zoning laws as an instrument for such discrimination."

# TRADE UNION NOTES

## CIO Unions Chart New Wage Demands

The all-out price gouging signaled by Truman's removal of price ceilings will spur new and more far-reaching wage demands by the unions. A number of leading CIO unions have scheduled wage-policy meetings within the next few weeks.

The CIO United Auto Workers International executive board meets Oct. 18 and 19. Undoubtedly, the question of wage demands will be discussed. Negotiations with Chrysler Corporation open shortly. The Chrysler locals have endorsed a demand for a cost-of-living bonus to compensate for rises in living costs.

A significant meeting will be that of the CIO United Rubber Workers wage-policy committee, scheduled for Oct. 21. The recent URWA convention set up the committee to formulate demands "for substantial wage increases to protect living standards in this period of rising prices."

It was announced last week that the CIO Textile Workers will hold regional meetings starting the week of Oct. 27 to draft additional wage demands "to cope with the rising cost of living."

The CIO shipbuilding, electrical and oil workers internationals are also expected to raise new wage demands shortly. The oil workers led off the strike wave in September 1946 and first raised the slogan of "54 for 40"—54 hours pay for 40 hours work.

With the reopening of the packing plants, new impetus is given to the negotiations of the CIO Packinghouse Workers, who are demanding \$1 an hour minimum pay, a guaranteed annual wage and a cost-of-living bonus on a regular basis adjusted to price increases.

It is expected that the zooming prices will turn more and more attention to demands not only for higher basic wage rates, but for escalator clauses providing a sliding scale of wage increases automatically compensating for all rises in living costs during the life of a union contract.

## Trainmen Reject Affiliation With CIO

Despite the contrary impression created during and preceding the convention of Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, the convention voted last week against affiliation with the CIO and against even holding a re-

ferendum on the question. CIO President Philip Murray had been accorded an enthusiastic ovation when he spoke to the convention on the benefits of affiliation with the mainstream of industrial unionism.

Although BRT President Whitney claimed after the vote against CIO affiliation that "the delegates determined it," it would seem that the Trainmen's leadership had something to do with the decision. The bureaucrats of all the independent railway unions are very jealous of their powers. They would rather see the rail workers split up and divided than risk any possibility of infringement on the bureaucracies' unrestricted powers.

Militant and progressive railroad workers had hoped that the BRT would join the CIO and thus inspire the movement toward industrial unionism on the railroads.

## Green's Comment On WSB Resignations

Progressive unionists pointed out from the start that the Wage Stabilization Board, like its discredited predecessor the War Labor Board, was a government agency to hold down wages while prices continued to rise. They insistently demanded that the AFL and CIO leaders scuttle the WSB by removing the union representatives from it.

When the wage increases won in negotiations with the ship operators by the AFL seamen were cut by the WSB, the real role of this "impartial" agency could no longer be covered up by the presence of the union members on the board. The seamen's unions demanded that AFL President William Green remove the AFL members from the WSB. Green ignored this demand.

Subsequently, the two industry members on the board, recognizing that its usefulness to the employers was about ended, resigned. Then, at the AFL convention, Green made so bold as to comment: "I hope this means not only their elimination from public life but the end of the Wage Stabilization Board as well."

But don't think Green proposed anything "radical." He still didn't suggest that the AFL end the wage-cutting WSB by the simple expedient of withdrawing its representatives from the board. They're going to hang on to the board until the last dog is dead, and Truman has formally read the burial service.

## Draft Opposed, Bonus Sought At UAW Veterans Conference

(Special to The Militant) DETROIT, Oct. 18—The CIO United Automobile Workers held a conference of 200 Michigan veterans here last Sunday and adopted 15 resolutions on veterans' problems.

Among the main resolutions passed were opposition to military conscription; payment of terminal leave time in cash or negotiable bonds; voting rights for all citizens 18 years of age or over; a national bonus of \$3 per day for stateside duty and \$4 for overseas service; a special session of Congress on housing and requisition of hotels and building materials for veterans' housing.

Of immediate importance because of bounding prices was the resolution for an increase of \$30 a month in the veterans' subsistence allowance, plus \$10 for each child, and an escalator clause that would provide an increase every six months in proportion to the increased cost of living.

TAX PROGRAM The conference voted for an intensive campaign for approval by the voters on Nov. 5 of a bond issue to pay the state bonus. The delegates at the same time opposed any sales tax to pay the bonus, but called for more taxes on corporations and high-income groups.

The conference protested the present low ceilings of \$175 and \$200 a month for single and married veterans respectively in "on-the-job" training, and called for ceilings of \$300 and \$400. Other resolutions called for repeal of Section 800 B of the servicemen's readjustment act that denies payment to veterans on strike and demanded retroactive payment of unemployment benefits denied veterans during the long General Motors strike.

A resolution also backed the demand of GM veterans for vacation pay now refused because of their time spent in service. It was also proposed that the UAW International executive board adopt a plan making available to auto workers a percentage of the cars they produce

## Gordon Defends Strikers

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the poll tax and all other progressive measures. I knew that this hearing was part and parcel of Wall Street's red-baiting drive against militant labor and was an attempt to smear the Pittsburgh strikers with a red herring. SOMETHING "HOT"

When the policeman, assisted by Adamson, "escorted" me out in front of all the other reporters, they knew something "hot" was cooking. They phoned their office and other press agencies and soon a whole flock of more reporters were on hand and waited outside the door of the hearing room until Eloise came out.

After a half hour Eloise left the hearing and immediately was surrounded by reporters to whom she gave a full report of the questions she was asked and her answers. She was full of fight.

Eloise reported that at the very start she strongly protested against the barring of the press and demanded witnesses to protect her against any attempt of the committee to misquote her and misrepresent her statements — for which the committee is notorious.

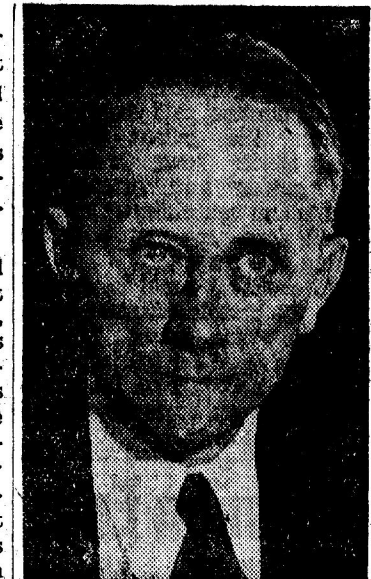
"I wanted witnesses to my testimony particularly because of the slanders which the Stalinists have hurled at us. I wanted it to be clear that I spoke against the committee and attacked it."

The next thing Eloise did, she reported, was to protest the fact that the committee granted her only \$20 for her trip and all expenses to Washington from Pittsburgh. She told them that she was a low-paid worker and was losing two days from her job. So the committee, put on the defensive from the start, raised the ante to \$36.50.

## CHALLENGES WOOD

Then Eloise demanded a copy of the stenographic report so that the committee couldn't get away with any false reports. Wood promised to make this available.

Like a true Southern gentleman, Wood opened the questioning with an insinuating slander implying that Eloise was a wo-



BILBO man of loose morals.

"I asked why the committee is not investigating such Un-American activities as the attempt to throw the Socialist Workers Party off the ballot in New York. And I asked Wood why they were not investigating the lynch murders in his own state of Georgia," Eloise said.

Adamson then tried to intimidate her by showing a picture of her in jail in San Francisco after she was arrested for picketing in the 1934 maritime strike. He asked if she had worked for Harry Bridges, CIO Longshoremen's head.

"I told him absolutely not — that I belonged to an organization that opposed the treacherous policies of the Stalinists in the labor movement."

The committee members then wanted to know her relationship to the Pittsburgh power strike and whether she was acting in an advisory capacity to the union president, George Mueller.

"I told them that my relationship to the strike was purely reporting the truth about the strike and that apparently what attracted the committee's attention was the honest reporting about the strike in The Militant — the only paper that has told the truth about the strike and supported it 100 per cent."

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## STRIKES BACK

She struck back at the committee and demanded to know why it didn't subpoena for investigation the absentee owners of the Pittsburgh power company who are responsible for the intolerable conditions that are the real reason why the workers were forced on strike.

Taken back by her militant attitude, the committee members refused to answer her pointed question and blusteringly insisted that they were asking the questions.

Even though they were behind closed doors, the committee were so upset by the "hot potato" they had tried to grab that they hastened to close the questioning.

As soon as she left the hearing room, Eloise was surrounded by reporters asking her views about the committee. "It's following the old technique of dragging out the red herring when there was no other means to smash the power strike," she said. "The purpose of this red-baiting attempt is to try to conceal the grievances of the workers, the real reasons for their strike."

## LASHES BILBO

"If the committee were genuinely investigating un-American activities, it ought to start by investigating Wood's bed-fellows — the members of his own party and committee. I told them that and referred to Bilbo who boasted of his membership in the Klan.

"I also demanded they investigate conditions in Mississippi. I said I was sorry Rankin wasn't there so I could tell him to his face what I thought about his anti-Negro and anti-Semitic views."

One reporter laughingly said: "Rankin would have proved of better mettle than Wood in crossing swords with you."

With eyes flashing, Eloise shot back: "Rankin doesn't know what he missed."

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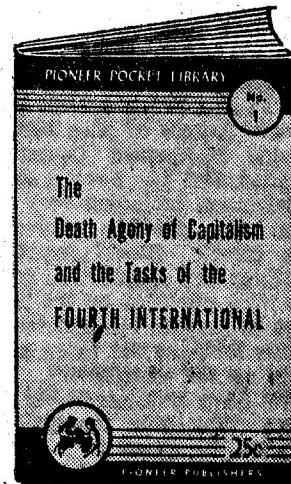
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# Dutch Soldiers' Committee Urges United Action Against Imperialism

Following is a translation of the leaflet issued by a Soldiers' Committee in Amsterdam on Sept. 5, condemning the Dutch government's order to ship thousands of Dutch soldiers to suppress the Indonesian struggle for independence. This same Soldiers' Committee on Sept. 21 led a mass demonstration which culminated in a 24-hour general strike that paralyzed the city. (A full report of this strike was printed in the Militant of Oct. 12.) This leaflet and another which was issued to the Dutch workers created a tremendous impact upon the city. The Revolutionary Communist Party, Dutch section of the Fourth International, was the first workers' organization and the only political party to openly proclaim its sympathy with the soldiers and call for fraternization between them and the workers.

**Comrade Soldiers:**  
On Tuesday, Sept. 3, the first detachment of the so-called "December Division" left for Indonesia. Herewith it became crystal clear that the government had reactionary plans against the wishes of the majority of the people. One thing is sure: the majority of the people—the working class—does not want it. And also the soldiers who left on the ship *Klipfontein* didn't want to go. For that reason they wrote on their train: "They want to send us to Indonesia. We don't want to go. But we must. We are going to help Soekarno." These few words say enough!

Not for nothing were the approaches to the embarkation watched by the MPs. They fear the will of the people, of the parents, of the wives and sweethearts. They fear the will of the soldiers themselves. That is why they forced the separation between the soldiers and their families.

What does the Government want in Indonesia? In the Chamber, they decided to send a Commission General to Indonesia. The Commission is to re-establish the "trust" of the Indonesians in the policy of promises of the government. But if this is really the honest intention of the colonial robbers, then why were the troop transports not halted?

The Commission General (and also the Milano Conference) are only camouflaged means to facilitate the pressing forward of a policy of oppression, because the government is using this oppressive policy in Indonesia. The colonial capitalists want their prewar position back. They will again use the lash of colonial profiteering on the backs of the workers and peasants.

It is in their interests that you soldiers are being sent out. It is in their interests that the law is trampled on, Statute 192, which states that you are not to be sent to Indonesia if you do not volunteer!

Everybody knows this hypocrisy: The Indonesians would be "loyal to the Netherlands" except for the Japanese who are behind the whole plot; they are making all the trouble. These lies are put on too thick. In the three centuries that the Indonesians have been exploited, driven, herded by the Netherlands capitalists, they have constantly offered resistance. To name only two instances of the last decades: 1926 and 1933.

The first great mass uprising took place in 1926. At that time our brown brothers fought sturdily for their freedom. But this just cause was put down with brute force. Through this inhuman oppression by the colonial rulers, that year became the provocation for the next explosion of resistance.

Then came Feb. 4, 1933, when the (Dutch cruiser) *Seven Provinciën* left the harbor of Oeléh, without the commander and his staff on board. The white and brown sailors captured the remaining officers who were on board. This was an action against colonial exploitation. Collijn, that notorious reactionary, ordered a bomb to be dropped on the ship. Brute force was utilized to keep the oil and sugar interests of Collijn and his pals in their hands.

It is no coincidence that these were the blood brothers of the anti-revolutionary paper *Trouw* (Dutch newspaper). This paper acted in the sharpest manner against the Indonesians, regularly issuing provocations against the "extremists." This paper writes: "The soldiers who have gone to Indonesia are our best citizens." *Trouw* writes that they know what these soldiers are going to do and what they demand. The paper constantly shouts: "Butcher the Indonesians."

The resistance of the Indonesians has thus grown through the centuries and is not the result of the Japanese occupation. When the Japanese military machine was militarily defeated (and there were still no Dutch troops present) they seized their opportunity and proclaimed the Republic. The brown masses themselves declared their independence!

Comrade Soldiers! It is true you have a uniform which distinguishes you from the other workers, nevertheless that does not prevent you from belonging to the working class. And because you yourselves have felt the unbearable oppression, you can understand well enough that the Indonesians want to end the misery of colonial exploitation.

What have you all experienced throughout the years of hunger and misery? You should easily be able to put yourselves in the place of the Javanese and Sumatrans, in the thoughts of 70 million people who have declared their independence and are watching the trap of reconquest through the bombs and grenades of the colonial capitalists. Their action against the white slave-drivers is the outgrowth of a mighty struggle against the same capitalists who exploit us.

Solidarity with our brown class-brothers, to go arm in arm with the Indonesian working class, is necessary for two reasons:

1. For their right of independence.
2. Because they fight against those who are our daily enemies.

Comrade Soldiers! Your unwillingness to play the stooge in Indonesia has the sympathy of the workers. But it is necessary that this reluctance be translated into action. Action which must show the whole world: The working class is united and does not let itself be used for the needs of Big Business.

We must hold counsel over what is to be done. We must talk about it, consult each other, and organize. The waterfront workers of the Netherlands and the whole Netherlands' working class must be called upon to help. Together we shall be stronger than the colonial capitalists and their government. Together we will be able to prevent all opposition by force. We cannot delay any longer. The government is in a hurry—we must be in a greater hurry!

For that reason, the Netherlands' soldiers must take the lead in the fight of the workers against the colonial capitalists and against the government!

Paper action, such as the petition action of the Netherlands-Indonesia Association, is unsatisfactory. We must force them through our struggle.

Comrades, understand this! Those going to Indonesia are going in behalf of the interests of oil and sugar magnates. It will be a betrayal of your own class brothers who are fighting for their freedom.

**SOLDIERS! SHOW WHICH SIDE YOU ARE ON!  
SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE INDO-NESEANS!  
RESIST TROOP SHIPMENTS!**

**Soldiers' Committee**  
P. S. Our facilities are limited. Pass this on to your comrades, especially in other cities. But be careful with it! **FOR UNITED ACTION OF ALL SOLDIERS IN THE NETHERLANDS.**  
(Translated by Laura Falk)

# Paris Conference Ends With Peace As Remote As Ever

## Japanese Mine Strikers Win Demands

Another tremendous victory for Japanese labor was scored by the Hokkaido coal miners on Oct. 15. After a six-day strike, the All-Japan Coal Miners Union, affiliate of the Japanese CIO, won all of its major demands.

The coal miners not only obtained a 30 per cent wage increase, but forced the operators to agree to make the increases retroactive from the beginning of September.

The wage boosts give underground workers 1,250 yen a month and surface men 875 yen, as compared with the 808-yen average for male manual workers in manufacturing industry.

The only concession made by the union was in the case of "winter aid loans" aggregating 14,000,000 yen. These will be repayable in monthly installments.

The Kyushu and Onoda district coal miners, who staged a 24-hour walkout on Oct. 14, expect their strike to be settled in the Hokkaido pattern. The triumph of the Hokkaido coal miners was achieved one month after a similar victory of the Japanese seamen, also organized in the CIO, who won all of their major demands after a ten-day strike.

Some 80,000 Hokkaido coal miners walked out of the pits and shafts on Oct. 10, after 30 days of futile negotiations with the Japanese coal barons.

The reactionary Coal Industry Control Association, which was supposed to be dissolved by American occupation authorities as one of the wartime Big Business monopoly agencies, openly intervened in the strike in behalf of the coal operators.

The anti-labor Yoshida government also tried to smash the strike through a vicious red-baiting campaign against the whole Japanese CIO movement.

## Indonesians Threatened With Deportations

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Oct. 17—With the refusal of the Supreme Court to hear the case of 217 Indonesian seamen who are now incarcerated in a Texas detention camp, these men may be deported within 30 days. John Andu, president of the Indonesia League of America, stated today.

Eight Indonesian residents, rounded up in New York by the U. S. Immigration Department and shipped to San Francisco on June 7, still remain in prison and also face the threat of deportation.

The Indonesian seamen were arrested almost a year ago, because they walked off Dutch ships in New York harbor. The ships were loading American-made arms and ammunition to be used by the Dutch despots against the Indonesian fighters for freedom.

The seamen refused to transport arms designed to shoot down their own countrymen.

**LABOR PROTESTS**  
After six months' imprisonment in Ellis Island, the seamen were shipped to San Francisco, together with a score of Indonesian residents, rounded up by the U. S. government as reprisal against the seamen's courageous action.

Mounting protests from the labor movement and progressive groups forced the release of some of the residents, many of them married and with large families. Most of the residents have been in this country for a long time, some as long as 16 and 20 years.

The Indonesia League is continuing its defense of these victims of political persecution and will fight the case through to the end. It is demanding that the men remain here as political refugees pending the outcome of the struggle in Indonesia.

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## British Atrocity Against Jews



Jewish refugees, fleeing from European anti-Semitism to Palestine were forcibly transferred to a British prison ship for deportation to Cyprus concentration camps. They display the flag of the ship from which they were removed. Truman evades opening the U. S. doors to these victims of Nazi and British terror.  
Federated Pictures

## Slave Conditions Imposed Upon Japanese Coal Miners

The barbarous conditions prevailing in the Hokkaido coal mines in Japan, against which the miners struck this month, are revealed in a Tokyo dispatch to the Christian Science Monitor, Oct. 12. The underground miners work under intolerable conditions which "show vestiges of feudalism such as is rarely encountered even in backward countries."

Under the infamous century-old "Kangoku Beya," or prison-cells system, destitute workers in the big cities are "cajoled, bribed and sometimes threatened into accepting job offers and then kept in barred cells under armed guard for a period up to three years."

Since the Supreme Command, Allied Powers (SCAP) took over in Japan, this draconian system of workers into slavery "actually is increasing."

## MacArthur Fails To Terrorize Miners

The biggest postwar air, land and sea military maneuvers by U. S. forces in Japan started on Oct. 14 in Tokyo, according to a UP dispatch. All combat units of the 5th Air Force unleashed a sham attack on the Sagami Bay area. "Combat aircraft went to the motions of an assault with rockets, bombs and strafing on the bay area, considered one of the main targets for Allied landings, before the atomic bomb ended the Japanese war."

This ferocious demonstration of MacArthur's military might was staged one day before a general strike was scheduled to take place and was designed to intimidate the Japanese labor movement. Despite this, the Japanese coal miners won their great union victory.

hama and Osaka. These agents "virtually shanghaied victims by such methods as inviting them into saloons and then loaning them money. In order to pay off the debt it was then suggested they accept a job in the coal mines."

"Once shipped to Hokkaido, the victims were thrown into wooden shacks where they begin a nightmarish existence of long work hours, beatings by guards, and wages which are less than half the present subsistence levels, or none at all."

Many of these victims die through torture and beatings. The stiffest punishment, seldom used, against their murderers, is a year and a half in jail. But more often it is a light fine.

The debt of the workers, which chains them to the mines, is increased through such means as further loans of money and "encouragement in the use of alcohol and other similar pursuits."

Those who manage to escape are generally caught, mostly by government police. They are "returned to receive savage beatings from the strong-arm thugs who serve as guards."

The growing militancy of the miners has forced the coal operators to take about 80 per cent of the women and children

"War is not inevitable." Frequent repetition of that idea was the closest that the Paris "Peace" Conference came to peace. There was nothing peaceful about its 79-day proceedings, and the prospects for peace were just as far away when the conference adjourned last week as when it had assembled in July.

Not only did the conference do nothing to bring peace closer—it virtually did nothing period. The ministers of the "Big Four" had already drafted the major portions of the proposed treaties with the defeated satellite countries—Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland. The conference was able only to discuss them, and to offer the "Big Four" recommendations that have no binding character whatever.

To the question, "Why then was the conference held at all?" there can be only one answer. Partly, it was held to give a "democratic" veneer to the treaties which the "Big Four" alone can approve. But chiefly, it was held as a public forum to exert pressure against the representatives of the Kremlin and to obtain concessions from them and to prepare the political atmosphere for eventual war against the Soviet Union.

**BIG DIFFERENCE**  
Thus Stalin, far from contributing to the defense of the Soviet Union by the territories and economic resources seized during and after the recent hostilities, actually weakens the Soviet Union in the coming war by alienating the sympathies of the masses who alone can defend the Soviet Union.

The scene shifts now to New York. The conferences and assemblies will continue for a long time. There will be further maneuvering and horse-trading around such issues as Trieste. These in turn will prepare the ground for the bigger disputes—the treaties for Germany and Austria, the heart of industrial Europe.

**ARMED TRUCE**  
Here, in all probability, the differences will become sharper. Germany, devastated and ruined though it is, remains the strategic key to Europe. United only on opposition to a socialist revolution in Germany, the Kremlin and Wall Street will contend strongly for domination and influence over the country they jointly defeated.

But even if they can find some sort of compromise here, as they are trying to do over Trieste, it will be an uneasy and temporary one. What lies ahead is not peace, no matter how often both sides declare war is not inevitable, but an armed truce which will surely be broken unless the workers intervene and root out the source of war by creating a Socialist United States of the World.

## Trotskyist Party In Britain Holds Annual Conference

(Reprinted from Socialist Appeal, Mid-September Issue)

The Revolutionary Communist Party, British Section of the Fourth International, met in Annual Conference in London on Sept. 7, 8 and 9. Thirty-five delegates from the national branches and 13 consultative delegates assembled to debate a heavy agenda which included numerous resolutions on international and national problems facing the working class.

The Conference hall was crowded with workers from all parts of the country, who listened to the discussions and debates which took place in an atmosphere of complete democracy.

The principal resolution under discussion is reproduced in this issue of the Socialist Appeal, edited for publication. It is a review of the economic and political perspectives of Great Britain, and a statement of the tactics to be adopted by the Revolutionary Communist Party in the coming year. Every regular reader of the Socialist Appeal will study this resolution with the object of gaining a clear and comprehensive picture of the attitude of the RCP towards the Labor Government and its future.

**INTERNATIONAL REPORT**  
A representative of the Executive Committee of the Fourth International was present and conveyed fraternal greetings. He gave a report on the work and progress of the various national sections of the Fourth International, which in no less than 30 countries owe allegiance to and are in direct contact with the International. Of especial interest was an encouraging report of the re-formation of our German section inside Germany despite the years of terror under the Nazi regime.

A resolution demanding the repatriation of the German prisoners of war (POW) to their homes was adopted with acclamation. Resolutions of condemnation of the Labor Government's activities in the colonies, Palestine and Greece were also adopted.

Much of the discussion at the Conference centered around the amendments presented by the Central Committee of the British Party to the international

resolution adopted by the recent International Congress of the Fourth Internationalist party embracing sections in all countries, which are enabled to freely discuss and participate in the adoption of a Bolshevik policy for the national and international working class.

The British Party, fulfilling its international obligations, adopted a series of amendments to be presented for international discussion, dealing with economic perspectives in Europe, the role of Stalinism and Social Democracy and the tactics of the Fourth International; the economic, military and diplomatic situation of Russia as a result of the outcome of the war. These will be issued for publication in our theoretical organ, *Workers' International News*.

After full and lengthy discussions in the Party, the Conference ended with a spirit of determination to carry the banner of the Fourth International to the widest possible sections of the working class and win the most advanced sections of the British workers to the banner of Trotskyism.

Long Live the Revolutionary Communist Party!  
Long Live the Fourth International!

# Danger Of Perfidious Deal In Dutch-Indonesian Truce

By Larissa Reed

For two weeks the Dutch despots, negotiating with the "moderate" representatives of the Indonesian Republic, have been trying to effect a perfidious deal which would reestablish their power over 70,000,000 workers and peasants.

Meanwhile the Dutch government is taking advantage of the amiable, bogged-down negotiations to spur troop shipments and strengthen the 70,000 soldiers already engaged in warfare against the Indonesian fighters for freedom. Another 30,000 Dutch troops are scheduled to be shipped to Indonesia by mid-November.

That the Indonesian masses are determined to oppose any rotten compromise that the Sjahrir government might try to make is demonstrated in the continued fighting during the negotiations.

Shooting war against Dutch occupation troops spread to various fronts in Java, Sumatra and the Celebes. Although on Oct. 14 a truce was agreed upon

by the "moderate" government, this has failed to halt the armed struggle of the Indonesians in defense of their Republic.

Soetomo, 23-year-old leader of a militant Indonesian force calling itself the "Red Buffaloes," made two radio speeches denouncing the truce, which calls for the reduction of Indonesian armed forces through a "stabilization" of military strength on both sides.

The truce commission is stacked two-to-one against the Republic. On it are four British, four Dutch and four Indonesian representatives. Despite their policy of appeasement, the "moderates" have not been able so far to curb militant fighters of the Soetomo kind. Soetomo's exhortations to continue fighting against the Dutch were re-broadcast over the official radio

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of the Republic from its capital seat, Jogyakarta.

Meanwhile in Amsterdam, powerful protest movements of Dutch soldiers and workers took place last month against the transport of more Dutch soldiers to be used against their Indonesian brothers. (See copy of leaflet issued by the Soldiers' Committee, above.)

In the face of this uncompromising struggle for freedom in Indonesia and the mounting resistance in Holland, Dr. van Mook, representative of the Dutch capitalists, is attempting to pile deceit upon the policy of force. He sought to conciliate the Indonesian compromisers by officially retracting the slanderous propaganda spread by the Dutch rulers that the independence movement was a Japanese plot.

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"The task of the European proletariat is not the perpetuation of boundaries but, on the contrary, their revolutionary abolition, not the status quo, but a Socialist United States of Europe!"

—Leon Trotsky



## A Blow At Labor

Shortsighted persons will see in the State Supreme Court's decision to bar from the ballot the Socialist Workers Party, the Socialist Party and the Socialist Labor Party simply a dirty maneuver in a dirty political campaign. To be sure it is all that. But there is much more to it.

Unless reversed by the higher courts, Judge Murray's decision reduces the democratic provisions in the Constitution of the United States to a scrap of paper. The Fourteenth Amendment explicitly declares that "no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

Everyone knows that this Amendment, as well as other provisions in the Constitution, is a dead letter in the Southern states where the laws of jokers have been written into the law to bar Negroes from voting. Only last week the Supreme Court of the United States condoned this trampling of democratic rights by sanctioning the right of Theodore G. Bilbo, the Negro-hating, Jew-hating, labor-hating dictator of Mississippi, to sit in the United States Senate.

Judge Murray's edict, if upheld, will produce a similar violation of the "privileges of citizens" in New York State. The right of citizens to vote for parties and representatives of their own choice—and therefore the right to make or change the laws of the state and nation—will be curbed and denied. This right will be usurped by a few crooked judges who are creatures of the capitalist parties and tools of Wall Street. With mock judicial solemnity they will declare that workers cannot vote for their own party—because a notary public's signature is missing on a petition sheet!

The Wall Street dictatorship over the economy of the country—and therefore over the well-being and security of the workers and farmers—is an established fact. The Democratic and Republican Parties, the courts, the armed forces stand guard over this economic tyranny. And now Wall Street is moving to deprive the masses of the right to protest and change. If they succeed, the brass hats will rule tomorrow and the fascists the day after.

Stop the Wall Street gang now! Preserve the democratic rights of the workers of New York State!

## Bosses' Weapon

What is the real purpose of red-baiting? Who benefits by the howls of "reds" and "communists" every time workers fight for their rights?

We need go no further than the examples of several recent strikes to get the clear answers to these questions.

Take the Pittsburgh power strike, for instance. This strike for decent wages and better working conditions couldn't be smashed by an illegal court injunction. It couldn't be disrupted by an attempt to deny the right of the striking union to represent the workers. So the company and the kept press screamed at the top of their lungs about "reds" and "communists."

This was a pretext for the notoriously anti-labor House Committee on un-American Activities to step in and attempt to confuse the issues and intimidate the strikers. The strike leaders were summoned to Washington for cross-examination about their "communist" connections—an obvious move to bust the strike with a witch-hunt against its leaders.

Here is another case. Two weeks ago, billionaire Henry Ford 2nd charged that a strike in the open hearth room of his River Rouge plant was inspired by "subversive" elements. The truth was that Ford was too cheap to provide protection from deadly sodium fluoride fumes that had poisoned a number of workers, so the workers walked out. Ford tried to cover up his criminal indifference to the health and lives of the workers by red-baiting.

Or take the case of the truck-drivers' strike in New York City. Democratic Mayor O'Dwyer, who was elected last November with labor's votes, tried to force the men back to work with a rotten settlement. The strikers refused to accept his phony proposal. O'Dwyer struck back with that anti-labor weapon—red-baiting. He yelled about the truck drivers being misled by "communists." Fortunately,

the truck drivers brushed this red-baiting aside and fought on to win a wage boost of 31 cents an hour. That was \$6.50 a week more than red-baiter O'Dwyer proposed.

In every case we see that red-baiting is instigated and inspired by the employing class. It is a sinister weapon to divide workers and bust strikes. If it succeeds, it means more profits in the vaults of the corporations and less money in the pay envelopes of the workers.

Wall Street and its government are now trying to whip up a red-scare and witch-hunt against "communists" on a nation-wide scale. This red-baiting drive coincides with a ferocious offensive against the living standards of the American workers. The real wages of labor are being slashed daily by soaring prices. At the same time, American imperialism is trying to line up and regiment American labor in preparation for war against the Soviet Union.

This red-baiting drive spearheaded by the government is represented as a fight for "democracy against totalitarianism." But it is plain to see that here too the motives and aims are fundamentally the same as in the red-baiting used to break strikes. It is an attempt to divide, disrupt and terrorize organized labor and to aid the profit interests and imperialist enrichment of American capitalism.

## Fighting Totalitarians

The AFL leaders last week at their convention unleashed a red-baiting attack on the CIO and shoved through a resolution claiming "communism at present is the most dynamic, reactionary force in our country."

At the same time, the convention passed resolutions that bitterly complained about anti-labor bills passed by Congress and warned that several vicious measures introduced into the last Congress "will rear their ugly heads again."

Thus, in one and the same breath, the AFL leaders echoed the red-baiting tirades of the worst enemies of labor and then complained about the anti-labor bills pushed by Congressional union-haters and red-baiters.

The AFL leaders, who claim they want to fight anti-labor legislation, treacherously lend support to the red-baiting drive that is part and parcel of Wall Street's general offensive against labor.

While the AFL top bureaucrats point to "communism" as the main enemy of the workers, the real enemies of labor—the employers—are striking blow after blow at the American working class under the very heading of "fighting the reds."

So long as labor is engaged in a witch-hunt for mythical enemies, it will never be able to fight effectively against its real enemies. That is why the employers raise the "red" issue.

The AFL leaders represent their attacks on "communism" as a defense of "democracy against totalitarianism." That's a laugh to anyone who has the slightest knowledge of how the AFL leaders run their own unions.

The "totalitarianism" the AFL workers face most immediately is the ruthless rule imposed on many AFL unions by craft-ridden bureaucrats, racketeers and even outright gangsters.

A good place for the AFL workers to begin the fight against "totalitarianism" is right inside the AFL—a fight to clean out the Tobins, Wolls, Freys and their like, who mercilessly throttle the rank and file and stifle the most elementary expression of union democracy.

## Stop The Fascists

A short item in the N. Y. Times of Oct. 20 deserves to be lifted from the obscurity to which it was consigned on Page 22. It was a dispatch from Demarest, N. J., a small town in which "a fiery cross, the fifth in two weeks, was found burning against the shingles of the local Roman Catholic Church, nearly setting fire to the edifice."

The local police chief blamed "juveniles" although he hasn't the faintest idea of who the culprits are, and seemed to be more concerned with denying "implications that apparently aren't intended" than in denouncing the cross-burners.

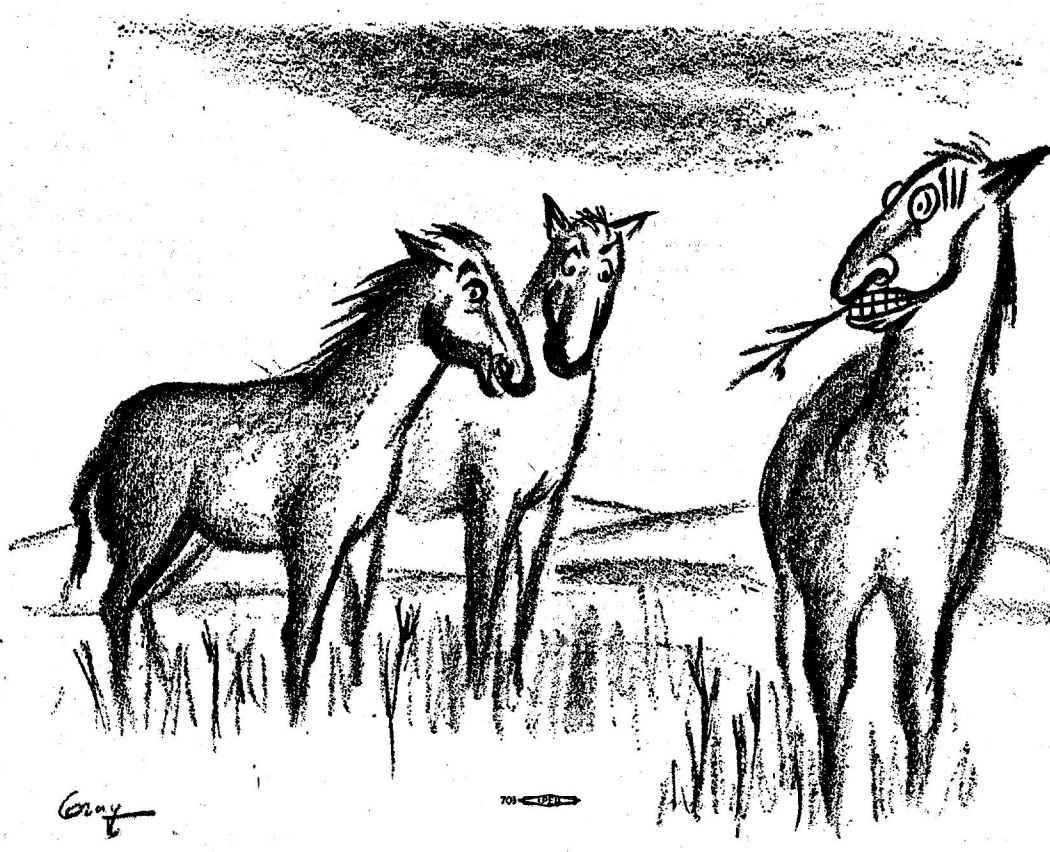
But, despite the police chief, we think the implications are the main thing to be discussed in this case. For its implications are just those which The Militant has stressed again and again in connection with the scores of reports we have printed about similar terrorist acts throughout the country since the end of the war.

That is—the recent "war for democracy" did nothing to eliminate the threat of fascism in the United States. If anything, the native fascist elements have been encouraged by recent developments, they are getting stronger, and they are directing their blows against labor and minorities even more boldly. In one place Negroes are the victims, in another Jews; and here we see that Roman Catholics are the objects of fascist terror too.

The Demarest incident is particularly significant because it takes place just a few days after the New Jersey state government got itself some good election publicity by announcing the banning of the Ku Klux Klan. It shows that while legal action against the race-haters and bigots is necessary, legal action by itself is not enough.

The fact is that the authorities are not interested in putting an end to the fascist gangs, or are directly shielding them. This has been demonstrated in the Fontana, California arson murder of the O'Day Short family; in the series of arson attacks and bombings in Chicago, including the Grace Hardy case; in the numerous cases of lynching in the South.

It is up to the organized labor movement to organize a fighting defense of these racial and religious minorities. This must be done not only to defend democratic rights, but to protect the unions themselves. The same vigilantes who attack the minorities today will be unleashed against the unions, tomorrow. The sooner they are dealt with by an aroused labor movement, the easier it will be to crush them.



Now, remember, Harry's the first to go, if the meat crisis isn't settled!

## Workers' BOOKSHELF

OF MANY MEN, by James Aldridge, Little, Brown and Co., 1946, 307 pages, \$2.50.

This book—it is not really a novel, but a number of short tales connected together around the travels of a war correspondent—deals with the question of the fight against fascism throughout the recent war.

A British anti-fascist, Wolfe, helps Shaw, another loyalist fighter in Spain, to escape from a concentration camp in France in 1939. But Shaw vanishes into a British internment camp shortly after the outbreak of war. Wolfe finds the situation confusing; in Spain the issues had seemed much clearer to him—you were on one side or the other. Now "he felt nothing. The bastards were now fighting each other."

He gets credentials as a war correspondent and the rest of the book is devoted to what he saw in more than a dozen countries, beginning in Finland in 1940 and going all the way around the world to end in Germany in 1945.

The individual tales that make up the rest of the book are of uneven quality, but some of them stand out very clearly.

On the Libya-Egypt border Wolfe comes across a British colonel faced with the problem of an impolite enlisted man who had called his major a bloody fool and refused to apologize. The colonel agreed with his estimation of the major, and he knew that the enlisted man was the best soldier in his command

—brave, intelligent and resourceful.

After a particularly heroic foray the enlisted man is faced with the choice of apologizing to the major and being cited for a Military Medal by the colonel, or of being court-martialed and getting three years imprisonment. When he again refuses to apologize, the colonel has to make the decision, and he orders the court martial "because we must have discipline."

But the best incident in the book deals with the small town of Carbonara on the road from Naples to Rome. After the Germans have been driven out of the town, a number of local anti-fascists take the opportunity to round up the worst fascists and execute them on the spot. Fabiano, the leading anti-fascist, is arrested by the British and American AMG officials.

When he is brought to a hearing, at first he cannot comprehend why he should be held; after all, he did nothing more than exterminate the oppressors and assassins of the people; wasn't that what the war was being fought about?

But as the proceedings develop, Fabiano soon finds he was wrong. His bewilderment turns to bitterness under the questioning of the AMG officers and he perceives that his anti-fascism has nothing in common with what they call anti-fascism. "Go back home," he cries at the end as he is led off for trial. "Go home and leave us to decide our own justice and our own standards... You will see in

five years ten years sometime that you have started another Fascist. You are the beginnings of it yourself..."

At the end of the war Wolfe finds Shaw still not been released and he decides to return illegally to Spain himself.

—George Breitman

THE REVOLUTIONISTS, by Selden Rodman, Duell, Sloan & Pearce, 1942, 195 pages, \$2.75.

This play is about Toussaint L'Ouverture, leader of the revolt of the slaves in San Domingo, Haiti which began in 1791, soon after the outbreak of the French Revolution.

The action covers a period of several years, includes the death of the hero, L'Ouverture, and the rise of the counter-revolution in France as well as in Haiti. This drama is good supplementary reading to historical accounts of that heroic period, when half a million black slaves rose against their oppressors—the first great successful slave revolt in the New World. It provides intimate glimpses into the lives of the rich white planters and their petulant, indolent wives. It portrays the caste divisions between the Negroes and Mulattoes, which led to shameful betrayals of the revolutionary cause.

The book contains fine illustrations by Rudolph C. von Ripper. At the time of publication it was being translated into French, to be produced with an all-Haitian cast.

—Larissa Reed

## The Conference Of Progressives

CIO President Philip Murray described the recent Conference of Progressives in Chicago as "the most important conference of its kind ever held."

But should the CIO Political Action Committee have sponsored that kind of conference at all? That's the question that needs answering.

The 300 delegates were in the main representatives of the top layers of the CIO. There was an additional sprinkling of more or less prominent individuals who go under the broad label of "progressives."

### CHOICE EXHIBITS

The choicest exhibits were several leaders of the "New Deal" remnants in the Democratic Party, including Senator Claude Pepper, former Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes and former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr. Millionaire banker Morgenthau is noted chiefly as the author of the barbarous plan to gut Germany and reduce its people to a nation of agricultural serfs.

From this mixture of delegates came the usual broad and ambiguous program that goes under the heading of "liberal." The program was nothing new and it was not what made Murray call the conference "the most important of its kind ever held."

What he had in mind was the fact that the conference established itself as a continuing body. It set up a Continuation Committee with plans to hold another "Conference of Progressives" in Washington after the convening of the new 80th Congress.

An even clearer picture of what the CIO-PAC leaders have in mind was given by Murray on Oct. 15, when he announced in New York the organization of a new nation-wide movement

headed by "The Coordinating Committee of the Conference of Progressives."

Murray said: "We expect this movement to expand and become in due course the most powerful liberal and progressive organization brought together in the history of the country." This movement would "unquestionably" devote itself to political activity.

### ITS ROLE

What role is this new organization to play that is not already fulfilled by the CIO Political Action Committee and its offspring, the National Citizens Political Action Committee?

According to Murray's announcement, this new organization would establish a "common policy" for "all liberal and progressive groups." The CIO-PAC too, it is presumed, would be subordinated to this "common policy" to be determined by an organization dominated by middle-class elements and "progressive" capitalist politicians.

The CIO-PAC, despite its policy of supporting candidates of the Wall Street parties, Democratic and Republican, is still

an organization based directly on the unions. Its ostensible program is to advance independent labor political action.

Today there is a growing movement for an independent labor party. The CIO-PAC is directly subject to the pressure of the union members and has begun to provide, on a local and state scale, an arena for discussion of the need for a labor party.

### FEAR LABOR PARTY

The politically conservative CIO leaders, tied to the capitalist political machines and politicians, are fearful of this development. They are afraid that the CIO-PAC will not continue to serve as an effective brake upon the movement for a labor party.

What the CIO leaders are anxious to create, therefore, is an organization that the workers will not be able to influence at all and in which the unions will have no independent role. Even the CIO-PAC will be merely a cog in a "broader" organization controlled by middle-class liberals, broken-down "New Dealers" and other capitalist politicians in need of a berth.

Organized labor is the most powerful force, potentially, in America. The workers constitute the overwhelming majority of the population. United politically in their own party on the scale in which they are organized into unions, the American workers could unquestionably take political power.

Maybe, as Murray said, the Conference of Progressives is the most important "of its kind." But it's not the kind labor needs. It needs a Conference of Labor, based on the 15 million organized workers and representing all the unions, that will convene in Washington and launch a labor party.

## How The Government "Gains" A Billion

Last week the N. Y. Times headlined a story: "\$1,000,000,000 Gain On Ships Forecast." The story reports that in the three months ending Sept. 30, the Maritime Commission approved the sale of 385 government-owned vessels to private firms for \$335,000,000. Vice Admiral William W. Smith, chairman of the Maritime Commission, forecast that, on the same basis, with 843 purchase applications awaiting action, the government will be a billion dollars richer.

To the average reader, this looks like the government is making money hand over fist by selling ships. But in reality, this "gain" represents a loss of many billions of dollars to the American people, who paid for these government-built ships.

The "Ship Sales" bill, authorizing these sales, was written by the ship operators themselves. It was quietly slicked through Congress last winter, and signed on March 8, 1946, by President Truman. It provides that the 55-million ton government-built merchant fleet shall be "disposed of" to private shipping combines and speculators at prices ranging down to 31 1/2 per cent of "prewar domestic cost."

The ships were built by the government with public funds on a "cost-plus" basis. The cost to the American people was 15 billion dollars at high wartime rates.

Now, in the sale of these ships, prewar production costs are used as the basis for fixing sales prices to the private ship operators.

On top of that, the buyer takes off another five per cent for each year the ship has been in operation, and another three per cent for each year the ship was operated during the war. With most of the ships in excellent condition, the Act provides for still another discount—the cost of putting the ship in "condition."

Two thirds of the ship surplus (the government is reserving one-third for World War III) amounting to \$10 billions, could be knocked down for about \$3 1/2 billions—a theft for the shipping interests of \$6 1/2 billions.

The gift of these ships by the government is heaped on top of the colossal war profits of the shipowners, plus the scandalous subsidies, outright steals on hauling government goods and the crooked deals of buying ships from the government and later selling them back at tremendous profits.

## President Pardons Old Missouri Pals

President Truman couldn't provide meat for the American workers and their families during the weeks of profiteer-made meat famine. He couldn't bring to justice lynchers responsible for the deaths and mutilation of scores of Negro victims.

But there was one thing Truman could and did do—he took care of his pals in Missouri's notorious Pengadest machine who in 1937-38 were convicted and sentenced to prison for vote fraud, graft and corruption. This year and last, Truman granted out 12 pardons to these Democratic crooks. Ten of them were previously pardoned by Roosevelt.

After the First World War, Truman was groomed for his political career by Boss Pengadest, also sentenced to prison in 1937. Truman became a loyal machine man in the Democratic Party councils of the big city bosses and Southern poll-tax politicians, rising from county judge through U. S. Senator to President. Now he is busy whitewashing the corrupt politicians who lifted him to high office.

All of these vote-fraud crooks had long ago served their sentences, which ranged from three months to two and a half years. But a federal offense brands a man for life and deprives him of a number of civil rights, even after he is freed. Thus, Truman's pardon was designed to restore all the benefits of citizenship upon them, including the right to vote and to run for federal office.

But no such pardons were granted by the Democratic administration to the 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and Minneapolis Teamsters Local 544-CIO, who were railroaded to prison in 1944 under the infamous Smith "Gag" Act. On the contrary, it was the Democratic administration which framed them up and sent them to prison because of their militant trade union activities, their fight against graft and corruption in public office, their opposition to the imperialist war.

## Addes Asks Reversal In Court-Martial Of GI

Asking for a reversal of the conviction and death sentence of Private Lemas Woods Jr., UAW Secretary-Treasurer George F. Addes told in a press release on Oct. 11 how an Army court-martial in the Philippines has suppressed important facts and ignored discrepancies in evidence.

Private Woods, a member of Detroit UAW Local 208, was convicted of murder several months ago. The union's investigation has established his innocence beyond question.

The Army's whole case against Woods was based upon a theory that he had bent down over the victim's cot, picked him up with one hand, and shot him with the other. Woods said the gun went off accidentally, and that an examination of the mosquito net covering the cot would show a bullet hole.

Addes has recently been informed that an attorney at Manila "has obtained information to the effect that the mosquito net was examined by the Army investigators and that a bullet hole was found in it. If this is true, then Woods' innocence has been proved."

Yet that net was never introduced as evidence by the prosecution! That alone, Addes declares, would justify the inference that "it would have proved Woods' innocence."

The court-martial of Woods was so disgraceful that even the prosecutor regretted it. He wrote to the Commanding General in the Philippine area, pointing out "the weakness of the case" and "lack of supporting testimony," and that in his opinion, "Woods' conduct was not that of a murderer."

The prosecutor's statement was suppressed. It never was forwarded to the Review Board in Washington. Why? The sanctity of the brass hats is more important than the life of a soldier and union man!

"The only explanation I can think of," Addes says in conclusion, "is that the examining officer had obtained a confession from Woods by third degree methods and sought to avoid the production of any evidence which might be inconsistent with the confession."

**TWIN CITIES**  
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**October 27**  
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# WORKERS' FORUM

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

## N. Y. Ballot Conspiracy And The Liberals

In reference to the editorial "Fight The Conspiracy" (to bar four minority parties from the New York ballot) which appeared in the Militant Oct. 5, you state "Most shameful of all is the attitude of such self-claimed progressive parties as the American Labor and Liberal Parties. Both support the Democratic candidates. Neither has raised its voice against the Democratic conspiracy."

This is in error. Both protested it. The Call Oct. 7, reported this in full, carrying both Dr. George S. Counts, vice-chairman of the Liberal Party, and the ALP statements. In all probability the slip up was due to press time, however I feel a correction is in order.

Many individual members of both parties (as did the writer, a Liberal Party member) also made their voices heard. As for Spencer Young, he has forfeited any right to any progressive's vote by his totalitarian action.

George R. Stryker  
Bayport, N. Y.

**Editors' Note:** Mr. Stryker is correct in stating that after the preparation of our Oct. 5 issue, the ALP and the Liberal Party's vice-chairman publicly protested against the Democratic Party's efforts to ban four parties from the New York ballot. Nevertheless, both these parties continue to support the candidacy of Spencer Young, in whose name this attack of democratic rights was introduced into the courts. It is wrong to think that Young is the only one to be condemned. Equally guilty is the whole Democratic ticket, including Mead and Lehman, because Young never took this step without consulting them and getting their approval.

## Arrested And Barred From Cambridge Movie

On Saturday, Sept. 28, Mr. William R. Paris went to the Central Square Theater here to see "The Bells of St. Mary's." Two girls and a police officer were in the booth.

Mr. Paris offered one of the girls a \$10 bill, and when she said she couldn't change it, asked the second girl. She also said she had no change. He obtained change elsewhere, and returned. The girl then gave him his ticket, but belligerently asked whether he wanted to fight. He said good-naturedly that he did not, and went into the lobby. There the theater officer, a man named McCoy, said he could not go in.

Mr. Paris walked back to the box office, followed by McCoy, to whom he attempted to identify himself. Mr. Paris has lived in Cambridge at the same address on Howard St., ever since he came from the British West Indies in 1913.

"You're one of that gang from Howard Street!" McCoy exclaimed. Howard Street is a community where no color lines are



drawn, and the races mingle in friendly fashion, as they should. "I'm from Howard Street, but what has that to do with it?" Mr. Paris asked.

McCoy remarked that if he had present the evening of the Louis fight, he would have shot some of those "S.O.B.'s" and that the law would have done nothing.

As Mr. Paris left, he was accosted by McCoy, this time accompanied by the box-office cop who handcuffed him and took him to jail on false charges of "disturbing the peace." On Oct. 2, he was fined \$10. The case is being appealed.

Subscriber  
Cambridge, Mass.

## Hopes to Get Others To Fill His Place

I like your paper and the truth. I am sorry I can't renew my subscription. My doctor has forbidden me to read or write a letter and the eye-doctor has backed up his orders. They are afraid I will have a stroke, because of something wrong with the nerves leading from the eye to the brain.

I will keep the subscription card and try to get you some others to take the paper. Wishing you success.

E. E. Hague  
New Castle, Pa.

## Capitalism Cannot Be Reformed

Wars are the mass murder businesses of capitalist governments. And we must have wars and sorrows so long as one nation wants to rob another nation to get more natural resources, more markets and more influence for the personal gains of the leaders of the nations.

Under a profit system speculation is stronger than moral codes: money makes and buys the laws. With all our laws, religions, faiths, hopes, trusts and prayers we have only one law: the law of the jungle—if you are big enough, take it.

We need a government of Right in the place of government of Might. Capitalism is based on a profit system; capitalism cannot be reformed. Socialism, where we produce for use instead of for profit, where the workers get their comfort and security from the stockpiles built by labor, can have better moral codes.

Jarvis Dusenberry  
Perry, N. Y.

## War Guilt Of U. S. Imperialism

The Nuremberg Trial and the capitalist newspaper comments on it, show how imperialism takes pride in its own decay. I have in my hand an article which states: "In the future no military man will dare to give a surrender order for he will know that his defeat will cost him his head."

Capitalism will no longer deal with conquered foes, as formerly; vanquished nations must now vanish from the map, and their leaders must march to execution. Of course no Marxist would rise to the defense of any defeated capitalists or their military or political errand boys. We would all rejoice if the German leaders had been tried and condemned by the ill-treated German workers, or by the helpless victims upon whom they had inflicted misery. Nevertheless, history has never seen a more ridiculous spectacle than that of "our" ruling class condemning its rivals as "cruel" and "criminal" and "aggressive."

While the trial was drawing to its close, the American press, radio and screen were brazenly showing us the horrors of Hiroshima . . . a picture of the most frightful tortures ever inflicted since time began. Wall Street does not attempt to deny or suppress it - in fact it is eager for its monstrous crime to be known to everyone! Feeling is running high against the atrocity, especially since John Hersey's story was published.

I think The Militant should point out this angle of the Nuremberg Trial.

Belle Montague  
Cambridge, Mass.

## Workers Indignant At Stalinist Assault On 'Militant' Distributors

I was present at the Militant distribution before the meeting of the National Maritime Union on Oct. 14. At least 100 hired Stalinist goons, some with black-jacks and other tools of their trade, attacked our distributors, including women. After the first attack six or seven rank-and-file members of the union formed a protective semi-circle around one of the distributors.

"Go ahead and give out that paper," said one. "We'll see that there's no trouble."

Some of them had seen The Militant at other NMU distributions. All of them thought enough of the paper to defend its distribution before their union.

Indignation ran high against the Stalinist hoodlums. I heard many comments from rank-and-file union men against these professional goons.

It was significant that the Stalinists waited until the meeting had started and most of the rank-and-file were in the hall before unleashing the next and more violent assault on our comrades.

Sandy Robertson  
New York, N. Y.

## Negro Youth Locked In Irons

If this had happened to a cog, the humane society would be up in arms. But the victim was "only" an 18-year-old Negro boy, so the story is buried—or omitted from most papers.

In New York, a South Carolina sheriff captured young William Henry Harris, who had escaped from a chain gang after serving 140 days of a four-year sentence.

For the trip back, Harris was locked into a special device—26 pounds of iron, made so that heavy metal rings go around each ankle and a U-shaped steel rod runs under the arch of the prisoner's foot. The sheriff proudly explained that this torture-weapon made it impossible for the victim to run.

Think of how it feels to walk with a stone in your shoe—then multiply the pain several thousand times, and maybe it would be almost as bad as walking on that iron bar!

The barbarous treatment of Negroes has become so widespread that this outrage hasn't even raised a protest, so far as I know.

R. J.  
New York, N. Y.

**NEW YORK**  
Halloween Party  
Sat., Oct. 26  
Central Branch, SWP  
116 University Pl.

## Europe's Children Search For Food



Two French children were hunting through garbage pails for scraps of food, when this picture was taken last winter. Suffering throughout Europe is acute, and winter is near again. You can send food, clothing and toys to the innocent young victims of imperialist war by making a donation now to the American Committee for European Workers Relief.

## European Anti-Fascists Need ACEWR Aid To Survive Winter

The American Committee for European Workers Relief is receiving many letters from Austria and Germany, as well as from other parts of Europe. Since it has been possible only recently to send food and clothing to Germany and Austria, these are the first letters of thanks for packages received and requests for food, medicine and clothing.

The letters from Austria express great joy over packages received. They tell how wonderful it is to have some food to put on the table for their children. They also say there is no prospect of an improvement in the food situation and that they look to the ACEWR for help to get them through the winter.

Among the letters received from Germany is one from a worker in Hamburg who spent

the flow of relief.

If you want to help ease the sufferings abroad send a contribution to the ACEWR, 197 Second Avenue, New York 3, N. Y., today. Remember \$10 puts 29 pounds of food in the hands of a hungry family! \$1.54 pays the postage on an 11-pound package to Europe! Send a contribution today.

If you want to send packages to friends or relatives in Europe the ACEWR will gladly furnish all information on the types of food most needed and the postal and shipping regulations.

## Boston Committee Makes Xmas Toys

The Boston Committee of the ACEWR is the first to respond to a plea for Christmas toys for European children. Augusta Trainor, Boston ACEWR director, reports that the committee has met weekly to sew on stuffed dolls and animals. They are ready now to be sent in plenty of time for the holidays.

Solidarity Internationale Ouvriere, the cooperating French committee, writes us that children of workers have not had any toys since before the war. Since kiddy cars sell in France for about \$100, only the children of the rich have the hope of seeing any Christmas toys. Toys which are easily packed will be gratefully received now.

For further information write to ACEWR, 197 Second Avenue, New York 3, N. Y. Make all checks and money orders payable to ACEWR.

many years in exile and has only rejoined his family since the fall of Nazism. He writes in part: "Winter stands before the door, my clothing has become threadbare. Having been badly wounded three times in the freedom-fight of the Spanish people against fascism in 1936 to 1939 I no longer have the resistance against hunger and cold which I once had."

He goes on to describe the difficulties of supporting his family, since his right hand was smashed by a bullet in the Spanish Civil War. He has eight de-

## Youth Group Activities

LOS ANGELES. — Socialist Youth Club meets every Tuesday, 8 p.m., at SWP headquarters, 318 1/2 W. Pico Blvd. Educational after every meeting. Refreshments served.

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

Open Forum: Every Friday, 8 p.m., at 116 University Place. Dancing, refreshments.

Sundays, 3 p.m.:—"What Is Socialism?" 116 University Pl.

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

Announcements of youth activities will appear in this column weekly.

**MILWAUKEE**  
Halloween Dance  
Sat., Nov. 2, 8:30 p.m.  
424 E. Wells Room 215

## THE MILITANT ARMY

### Allentown Forges Ahead In Drive For Renewals

Comrades in the Allentown - Bethlehem Branch of the Socialist Workers Party have scored a fine success in getting renewals for The Militant. Literature Agent June Carey sent in 20 renewals last week for subscriptions that had expired. Those who know how the Allentown comrades have had to swim against the stream will appreciate what this achievement means.

Comrade Carey told us about a very moving incident. She called on an old Socialist for a renewal, but he had been dead since last January. The daughter, however, renewed the subscription. Her father, she said, had lived 15 years longer than the doctors had expected. It was his "Socialist tradition" that kept his fighting heart going.

The Editor liked this letter so well that he asked for its full publication in the Workers' Forum, where it appeared last week.

Cleveland likewise is energetically going after renewals. Branch Organizer George Grant reports: "The Cleveland Branch has a one-month renewal campaign under way and we expect to clean up all our expired subs and get a number of new Militant readers. Every worker responds favorably to The Militant these days."

The Chicago comrades are also achieving good results in their renewal work. "We have been conducting a renewal drive and most of the subs enclosed are renewals. However, we do have a steady stream of new subs coming in. I think because of the many sub drives we conducted, the comrades have become very sub-conscious. Special mention this week goes to a comrade in Hutchinson, Kansas, who sent in six subs. A comrade at Roosevelt College obtained three subs."

Boston's subscription campaign continues to roll in high gear. S. Brooks, Literature Agent, sent in 69 subscriptions, "the result of last Sunday's mobilization. Enthusiasm ran high after this latest success," he writes. "Sally Conti and Irene Webster teamed up door-to-door and came back with a new high total of 14 subs. Incidentally, both are young new comrades."

"Josie Hall has swept past Annie Anders in the race for top scoring honors and now has 23 subs. Annie has 20 but vows to regain the lead shortly. My money is on Josie, a grand competitor in the stretch. Yours truly has 17 and I am content to hold top male honors, but a dark horse has appeared in the shape of Larry Trainor who came back in Sunday with 11 subs. An impressive showing, I must admit, but I think he has spent himself."

"Next Sunday will tell the tale. Our total to date — 179 subs. Our goal — 250 new subscribers, and four more mobilizations to go."

In the experience of Flint Branch, UAW workers are good credit risks. "During the strike," reports El Snyder, "subscriptions were obtained on a 'pay-after-strike' basis because workers were so eager and hungry to read the truth that they obtained in

The Militant. And now three months after the termination of the strike it is indeed encouraging when we are out to get subscriptions that nine times out of 10 the workers not only pay for the earlier sub but renew it for another six months or a year."

Dave Swenson and Joe Smith report for the Literature and Library Committee of Akron Branch: "Issues 40 and 41 of The Militant containing the stories of the Akron Central High School strike have been read with interest and the articles we are told, have been clipped and posted on school bulletin boards by students. The younger comrades want additional copies of these issues for distribution among their school friends. Please send 30 additional copies of each issue."

Fifteen subscriptions were obtained by the comrades in Philadelphia during the week. Literature Agent Pauline Ryder reports: "This month we hope to come much nearer our goal, and meet it if at all possible . . . Most of Comrade Stone's subs were secured in Camden, N. J. in front of RCA and Campbell Soup. She is leading this month so far with 14 subs."

Pearl Morris sent in eight subs for Connecticut State informing us briefly that "All is well here."

St. Paul's Literature Agent, Paul Chelstrom, writes: "It looks like we are going to make our goal this month. And not to be overlooked is the fact that two of the subs in this letter were received at the Labor Book Store in Minneapolis. Our literature is now going well in the Book Store."

C. M. Heiser, Organizer of Portland Branch, reports on their renewal work: "We went out last Sunday — the result, seven sub renewals. It won't be long before we will have to go out and get some new subs."

A brief note always accompanies the subs sent in by Paulino Larner, Westside Literature Agent of Los Angeles: "Joe, a member of our branch, got this sub from a shopmate. They work in aircraft."

Militant boosters are doing a good job in getting their friends to read The Militant.

H. M. Sherman, Solway, Minn., again sends in a sub — this time for a friend in Philadelphia — plus a 50 cent contribution.

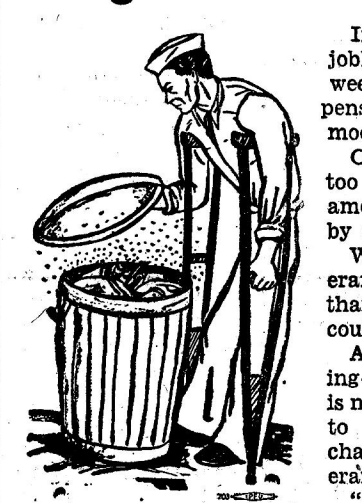
Helen of New York got subs from three of her friends in Chicago while visiting there.

V. Bement of Flint renewed his sub and asked us to send a sample copy of The Militant to six friends.

Joe Wells of Chelsea Branch, New York, cut an article by Leon Trotsky out of the paper and sent it to a friend in the south. Comrade Wells said, "My friend was interested in the clipping and said he would like to see the paper it came from. I suggested he get a sub. He did."

Laura Brode of Houston, Texas renewed her sub and contributed 50 cents.

## What The Profiteers Are Doing To The Veterans



In 1944, Congress said that jobless veterans needed \$20 a week for unemployment compensation — that is, \$20 of commodities and services.

Of course this figure was far too low even then. But even this amount has been drastically cut by rising prices.

With that \$20 a week, a veteran today cannot buy more than \$10 worth of the things he could buy in 1944.

An overseas veteran's mustering-out pay worth \$300 in 1942 is now worth only \$105, according to Charles G. Bolte, National chairman of the American Veterans Committee, last August.

"A veteran with 100 per cent disability can obtain up to \$200 a month. But his real income is now cut to \$70 a month," Bolte also revealed.

The same situation affects veterans going to school under the GI Bill of Rights. The allowance of \$65 a month for single veterans and \$90 a month for married veterans was always inadequate. But now it is impossible.

That is why the Socialist Workers Party and several veterans' groups, including the American Veterans Committee, are demanding a sliding scale of allowances for veterans receiving unemployment, disability and student compensation.

Only by raising allowances in accord with rising prices can these veterans hope to escape the blows being delivered to them by Big Business and its governmental agents.

## Now on Sale

### Fourth International

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"A week or so later four comrades sold 95 of the Anti-Jim Crow and 52 of The Struggle for Negro Equality at another meet-

of the same nature.

"On Aug. 26 we sold 47 copies of Build a Labor Party Now at a PAC meeting, and made a fine contact."

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# San Francisco SWP Broadcasts Election Platform

## Text Of Question And Answer Program On Station KSAN, Oct. 14

# The Economic Laws That Rule Monopolies

By Warren Creel

Opening bars of "The Internationale."

**ANNOUNCER:** The SWP is on the air. This is Anne Tilden of the Socialist Workers Party Campaign Committee, on the air in a series of four broadcasts to give you our answer to the vital issues of this campaign.

Since election laws in the state of California make it virtually impossible for minority parties to get on the ballot, we are running write-in candidates — Steve Roberts for Governor and Robert Chester for Assemblyman, 20th district, San Francisco.

Our party is campaigning on a platform of SOCIALISM. If you are interested in further information on how to fight for, and achieve, socialism, have a pencil and paper ready. We will give you the details at the end of this broadcast.

And now we have in the studio a typical member of the Socialist Workers Party, Ed Harris, an active trade unionist. Mr. Harris will answer a number of questions on the SWP.

**QUESTION:** First of all, Ed, tell us what is the Socialist Workers Party?

**ANSWER:** The Socialist Workers Party is a political organization of American workers that fights for the interests of the working class 365-days of the year.

It is composed largely of workers in industry and transportation. It welcomes into its ranks any worker regardless of race or color who agrees with its program.

Many of our members are trade unionists, who take a leading part in picket lines or wherever the battle for labor's rights is sharpest and toughest.

Our aims, however, are far broader than simple trade unionism.

World society can no longer advance under capitalism. The decay of capitalism has brought forth fascism. It has inflicted two world wars on our planet; and a third slaughter is in preparation. After the present artificial boom, will come the worst of all depressions.

The Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist) is dedicated to the great goal of guiding the working class out of this blind alley of capitalism into the peace and plenty of socialism.

**QUESTION:** What is the position of the SWP on the maritime strikes?

**ANSWER:** The Socialist Workers Party gives full support to the maritime unions. Prices keep rising every day. The workers cannot maintain our standard of living without wage increases now. But every time we ask for a raise the employers or the government say "No!"

On Sept. 5, the AFL seamen hit the bricks because the Wage Stabilization Board threw out a contract negotiated by the union — on the false basis that a wage raise was "inflationary." When the maritime workers stood solid, determined to get their wage raise, the administration backed down.

Then the U. S. Maritime Commission refused to grant equal pay to the other maritime unions, and the strike continued.

Now, other maritime unions are striking — the officers for a closed shop and the longshoremen for safety conditions and a wage raise.

Both the seamen and longshoremen are entitled to better wages and working conditions. Who took all the risks and hardship during the war? Who suffered the months and months of cramped quarters and bad food? Over 6,000 seamen lost their lives at sea. What risks did these so-called shipowners take? What did they sacrifice?

Longshoremen worked 10 or more hours a day, day in and day out. They handled dangerous cargoes of explosives and other war materials. How much danger did the Waterfront Employers

### SWP Candidates In California



(Above) Robert Chester, (right) Steve Roberts, candidate for Governor, and Cynthia Rogalin, for State Senator.



Association face?

I said so-called shipowners because actually the government owns the overwhelming majority of the ships. The government built the ships, paid for them, leased them to these companies as agents, and guaranteed the cost-plus profits. Matson Company, for example, just about doubled its assets, from 65 million dollars in 1938 to 120 million in 1945.

Who deserves the benefits of the labor of the maritime workers, the workers themselves or the cost-plus coupon clippers? To us this answer is clear: that is why the Socialist Workers Party gives full support to the maritime unions.

**QUESTION:** What causes inflation, Ed?

**ANSWER:** Since the start of the war the printing presses have turned out over a hundred billion dollars worth of artificial buying power. Part of it is ordinary printed money; the rest, printed government bonds. Both cheapen the dollar so employers pay off workers in dollars which have become worth only 65 cents.

The government acts for the employers against the workers. First, by wage control it openly holds wages down. Second, through currency inflation and price regulation it causes concealed wage cuts. That adds up to a declining standard of living for all wage workers, and increasing profits for the employers. This is why corporation profits are now higher than ever before, with prospects of going still higher.

**QUESTION:** What is the answer to rising prices?

**ANSWER:** The main interest of employers is for bigger profits. It is no concern of theirs whether a worker lives well or just squeezes by.

But we workers are interested in maintaining a decent standard of living so that our families can be well fed, clothed and housed and even enjoy a few luxuries. But we have to pinch more and more just to buy necessities.

The Socialist Workers Party stands for the principle that every one who works has the right to a decent standard of living. In inflationary periods, like the present, we cannot constantly strike to maintain the standards of last year, or even three months ago. We therefore advocate that all unions include in their contracts the principle of the sliding scale of wages. This is the only practical approach to the problem.

The sliding scale clause would provide that above a basic wage scale, wages would be tied to the cost of living. A research agency, as for example, the AFL or CIO economic research bu-

reau, would calculate the change in the cost of living in each area. If the basic wage in an industry in San Francisco was set at one dollar and the cost of living rose five per cent during the next month, then wages would be raised to \$1.05. Thus, the workers could buy the same amount with his pay as before.

The Socialist Workers Party will support this demand by every union and would work to incorporate it into legislation, nationally and locally.

**QUESTION:** Has the labor movement, anywhere, demanded the sliding scale?

**ANSWER:** Yes, it is being discussed more and more in the labor movement — under two names, the escalator clause and the cost-of-living bonus. The United Packinghouse Workers, CIO, is including the cost-of-living bonus in its present demands against the meat packers. Resolutions have been brought up in the recent Rubber Workers Convention and other large unions.

**QUESTION:** What causes the present shortage of goods and housing?

**ANSWER:** The present shortages are one of the features of the profit system. In their urge to get bigger and bigger profits the manufacturers and wholesalers are holding back many items, until they can get the price they want. They are not interested in human needs — only in profits.

**QUESTION:** And what about housing?

**ANSWER:** Let me tell you of an incident that took place on Market Street a week ago. Some veterans were passing out leaflets in front of a big department store, which is having an extensive remodeling job done. This leaflet says, "Most of us have to rent a place to live in. We can't find places for rent. We can't buy homes at inflated prices and we can't buy the materials to build even if the black market didn't exist."

"We say," the leaflet continues, "essential construction consists of hospitals and homes. We protest building luxury bars, big department stores and the like, while tens of thousands of families are living doubled up in shacks and tents."

Now that election time is approaching, the politicians of the Republican and Democratic Parties have suddenly awakened to the fact that there is a housing crisis. Yet the problem has been with them for a few years. When they had to have housing for war workers, they built it fast enough. But now when the workers and veterans are not needed so badly, they get only election promises.

What have these politicians done in the past

year? Congress, controlled by the Democratic party, failed to pass a housing bill that even took the first step toward solving this problem. Under the Republican Warren state administration, only 15,000 homes have been built in this past year.

It is clear that the so-called private enterprise under capitalism will not solve the housing crisis. As long as it continues, all talk about public health and juvenile delinquency will be so much camouflage. Give people decent homes to live in and a fair income and these problems will disappear!

The Socialist Workers Party advocates a full scale low-cost housing program, financed by the government, to meet the needs of the people. Eighteen billion dollars has been appropriated to continue the war program of Wall Street. Can not an equal amount be applied to meet elementary human needs?

**QUESTION:** What is the next step for the working class?

**ANSWER:** The working class must break with the capitalist parties, Democratic and Republican. Both are parties of Wall Street. Both serve the needs of the bosses, not the workers.

Labor is now at its peak of strength. To maintain and improve the conditions won, it must organize on the political front. This means that it must organize an Independent Labor Party, based on the trade unions, to oppose the two capitalist parties. This means a break with the method of the CIO Political Action Committee and the AFL method of "rewarding your friends and punishing your enemies." Labor has elected some sorry friends in the past year.

A Labor Party with a labor program could change the political picture overnight. Even as a minority, labor representatives in Congress would be in a position to fight the anti-labor drive at its source. Labor could offer a program to prevent inflation and safeguard its standard of living by supporting the principle of the sliding scale of wages. Labor would expose the OPA frauds. Labor could expose the meat profiteers and timber trusts.

Advancing these needs, a Labor Party could rally the workers and farmers behind it to become the majority party. But first labor must break with the capitalist parties! If a labor party, based on the trade unions, takes the field, we will support it. We believe that a powerful labor party would be forced to move toward the objective of the Socialist Workers Party — the achievement of socialism. Since such a party is not yet in the field, we urge you to vote for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party and our program of socialism.

**ANNOUNCER:** Thank you, Mr. Harris. For free literature or information about our party and candidates write to our campaign headquarters, 305 Grant Ave., 4th floor, San Francisco 8, or call EX-8000 1926.

Read The Militant, for news of the activities of the Socialist Workers Party and the international labor movement. Write us for a sample copy. Break with the capitalist parties on Nov. 5 by writing in the names of Steve Roberts for Governor, Robert Chester for Assemblyman, 20th District, San Francisco.

Next week we will take up the problem of the fight against race discrimination and the fight against Gerald L. K. Smith, leading exponent of fascism.

Ask your friends to tune in next Monday, same time, same station. Urge them to vote for socialism. Urge them to vote for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party.

Opening bars of "The Internationale."

# Promises To Veterans All Lies Says Richardson In Radio Talk

Extracts from a radio speech by Milton Richardson, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Lt.-Governor of New York, over Station WJZ, New York City, Oct. 17, 10:45 p.m.



MILTON RICHARDSON

I was one of those sent overseas to fight for the promised "Four Freedoms"—without being given an opportunity to vote whether or not I wanted America plunged into the Second World War.

We were promised that fighting on foreign battlefields would bring the world freedom from want. A promise like that sticks in your mind when you're cold and miserable and wading in mud half-way around the world, knowing you may be the next one killed. You get to thinking about home and the family sitting around the dinner table and a juicy steak sizzling on your plate.

What did we get when we came back from overseas?

Instead of freedom from want, the Republicans and Democrats delivered a meat famine. Then they turned loose the wolves of the meat trust and gave them the freedom they've been howling for—freedom to hold up the American public. That means freedom to cut deeper into the shrinking budget of the working man's family.

Why didn't the government take over the packing plants, requisition the cattle and make

meat available for the people at prices they can afford to pay? That's what the Socialist Workers Party advocates. The answer is ABC. The Republicans and Democrats are political representatives of the profiteering meat barons.

### NO ROOF

One of the most acute problems facing the veterans is the lack of housing. All the odds are against you when you start out with your discharge papers in your pocket and the hope that surely somewhere you can find at least a roof to keep the rain off your family.

I wish the Republican and Democratic candidates had to go through that experience. But that's not likely to happen. The Republicans and Democrats are parties of the rich. Their candidates are linked with the bankers and big corporations. They are tied by a thousand knots to the real estate interests. Some of them may even be landlords themselves.

Take O'Dwyer's housing program for instance. O'Dwyer cooked-up a brilliant publicity stunt on housing, timed just right for the election. He proposes to patch up a few rat-infested tenements.

After my experiences with

housing conditions in Harlem, I sometimes think a fox-hole in Central Park that I could call my own would be more comfortable than the crowded fire-traps where the New York Negro veteran is condemned to hunt for shelter along with 20,000 other Negro veterans stranded in the Harlem ghetto.

Dewey's housing program is no better than that of the Democrats. Highways and race tracks seem to have priorities under Dewey.

As for Truman's housing program, the less said the better. Truman's program is very simple. His lease on the White House lasts another two years. That gives him plenty of time to look around. Meanwhile, why worry?

The Socialist Workers candidates advocate an 18 billion dollar government housing program. That's the amount now earmarked for one year's military expenditures.

As an immediate emergency measure, the Socialist Workers Party proposes that the government make available all the boarded-up mansions of the rich. There was no trouble taking over big hotels for the draftees during the war. What's wrong with some emergency action now to house the veterans after they've fought and suffered overseas?

**FREEDOM FROM FEAR**

Take freedom from fear, for example. That promise really sounded big and generous and worth hammering on, didn't it? What happened to that promise? You never hear it any more. When the war ended, the Republicans and Democrats just quietly threw that promise in the ash can.

Ask that Negro veteran whose eyes were gouged out by a policeman down South whether or not the postwar world is free from fear.

But why go down South? Ask the Negro veterans right here in New York if there's free-

dom from fear. They'll tell you about the Ferguson brothers, the three Negro veterans who were shot down in cold blood by policeman Romeika in Freeport, Long Island. They'll tell you how Dewey whitewashed that policeman and hushed up this shocking case.

Freedom from fear! Right in the Senate of the United States sits Theodore G. Bilbo, a foul-mouthed Democratic wheel-horse who boasts of his membership in the Ku Klux Klan. And just a few days ago the Supreme Court refused to prevent Bilbo from sitting in the Senate.

I call on the veterans to vote against the Wall Street parties, the Democrats and Republicans, who permit such a blot on government in America.

The capitalist rulers of America who plunged us into the Second World War promised us freedom of speech. Was that promise worth the paper it was written on?

In this very election here in New York, the Democratic machine politicians again demonstrated their real views about democracy.

They seek to deny the constitutional right of the Socialist Workers Party to a place on the ballot. And they attack the right of three other minority parties to appear on the ballot in New York. The Republicans, naturally, rubbed their hands in silent approval.

Let the Republican and Democratic machines take heed. They can push the American veterans and American workers only so far. Then they're going to have to face the political consequences of an aroused and angry people.

But why should the working class wait until it has been pushed beyond endurance? Why not organize now? Why not begin to put your political weight where it will count most? Vote for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party. Vote a straight Socialist Workers ticket.

# Creel Scores Boss Parties Over WMIN In Minnesota

The following is a section of the radio address by Warren Creel, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Congress in the Third District, Minnesota, broadcast over Minneapolis Station WMIN, on Oct. 15.

Friends, everybody sees today that the Republican and Democrat parties are in a blind alley, getting no place.

The party I am speaking for, the Socialist Workers Party, has a program to meet the problems that confront America. And we have a way to put that program into effect. That's the method of independent working-class political action, independent of both old capitalist parties. That's the program our candidates are running on: Grace Carlson for U. S. Senate; Dorothy Schultz for Congress in the Fourth District; and Warren Creel for Congress in the Third District.

In this campaign we are not only speaking for our party. We call for the organization of an independent labor party, based on the labor unions, and free of any alliances with either of the old capitalist parties.

It is the capitalist program that has America by the throat now and is bringing on these conditions. That's why the old parties, tied hand and foot to the capitalists, are helpless to do anything about them. Only a labor party, with a working class program, can act.

### WE HAVE MEANS

Would it be hard to organize a labor party, or to set up labor political machinery? Not at all. The machinery is already set up. We have it now, in our own labor unions. But as a political machine we let it stand idle, or else use it only to line up labor votes for the Republican and Democratic parties.

Because the unions don't have a labor party, they merely choose between the candidates who come forward from the old parties. After two bad choices are set up, then we are limited to a "labor endorsement" of one or the other.

After the boss's politician is



WARREN CREEL

elects and goes to Congress, he is still in the old party machine and in capitalist politics. Labor's program gets left out in the cold. It's what we might expect. If we keep hitch-hiking on the opposition's auto, we could know in advance that it will take us where the opposition wants to go, and not where we want to go.

This policy of tying labor up in capitalist politics has reduced labor's political strength to zero. Right now the capitalists think they have labor tied up so tight that they feel safe in carrying through the most barefaced attacks against our standard of living, by raising prices on our food and clothing, by creating shortages in housing and other necessities. They think they have us so helpless that they don't even bother to hide what they are doing. We will stay helpless until we form labor's own political party.

### OUR JOB

What's the use of choosing between two capitalist politicians when it's the whole capitalist program that has caused the trouble? It's like trying to make a choice between two kinds of scouring powder for polishing the brass on a sinking ship.

Our job is to man the pumps,

fashioned kind of competition. When they raise prices, they act together, and no one of the group tries to get more of the market by cutting prices below the agreed level.

But they are still in bondage to economic laws in several ways. The first of these is that they can't make the most money by charging all they want. They can only charge "all that the traffic will bear." It turns out that the best price for the monopoly is a high price but not the highest price they could charge.

The electric appliance industry is a well-organized monopoly and it soaks the public with monopoly prices. Reports from the National Electrical Manufacturers Association tell us that in 1935 the average production cost on an electric refrigerator, covering all labor and material, was about \$58. The average retail price was \$156. This makes a spread of nearly \$100 between production cost and retail price.

Later figures, from the United Electrical Workers CIO, show that in 1939, on electric refrigerators selling for \$169, the factory's direct labor cost was only \$17.40 each. The material cost was not much more.

It is clear that other manufacturers could have made and sold refrigerators for lower prices and still have made substantial profits. But other manufacturers were not allowed to come into the monopoly's field. That's why it's a monopoly. It keeps competitors out.

The electric appliance monopoly could raise the price on their \$58 refrigerators to \$5,000 a box. They would make more profit on each one, but they would not find many customers who could buy at that price. Thus their total profit would go down.

A monopoly tries to sell at the best price, which always is far above the production cost. But it isn't just any high price. It's the price at which the market will pay the most total profit. It's just below the point where the sales would fall off and cut down the total profit. That's called "charging all the traffic will bear." A monopoly holds production down and limits the supply enough to hold prices up to that point.

Monopoly prices and production move away from the normal competitive level not at random, but in certain definite directions. Monopolies hold prices up and hold production down from the competitive level.

Today the war inflation has put money on the market, so the traffic will bear more. The best price is a higher price. Now we see monopolies in action, putting prices up and holding production down. These twin processes must go together. For all their boasted freedom from competition they aren't free from that.

Electric refrigerators are up to the \$200 level. The monopolists blame wage increases. Let's see. Wage rates have not gone up 18 per cent, in many cases they have been cut because of loss of overtime premiums. But suppose they had been raised that much. 18 per cent of the \$17.40 wage bill is \$3.13 per refrigerator. 18 per cent on the \$58 figure for all labor and material comes only to \$10.

Even the monopoly freedom to charge all the traffic will bear has certain limits. We will see that it soon meets these limits and then monopoly "freedom" turns into a noose, choking the whole economic system.

Next week: Monopoly and Competition, Continued

to keep the ship from sinking, to throw out the captain and pilots that steered the ship on the rocks. Our job is to take control, and set a new course that will bring mankind to its great destiny, and not let humanity sink, sink down into economic collapse, sink into barbarism, and into atomic destruction.

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# Renegade Stalinist Ex-Editor Joins In Wall Street's Red-Baiting Drive

Louis Budenz, ex-editor of the Daily Worker, faithfully served his boss Stalin as a red-baiter against the Trotskyists for 10 long years. Then, in October, 1945, he sold his services to a new boss, the Vatican, as a red-baiter against the Stalinists.

Celebrating the first anniversary of his desertion of the Communist Party for the "faith of my fathers, the Catholic Church," Budenz last week reminded the world of his existence. He pontifically proclaimed that the Kremlin grave-diggers of working class revolutions want war with the United States and Great Britain "when Russia feels able" in order "to establish a world proletarian dictatorship."

To make his "revelation" more sensational and news-worthy, Budenz claimed to know the man "who is the agent of the Kremlin, who directs all Communist activities in the United States." He coyly added that he would tell the name only when "I can testify under oath"—a bid for the spotlight before the anti-labor House Un-American Activities Committee.

**"REVELATIONS"**  
Budenz's "revelations" are the usual run-of-the-mine anti-"red" propaganda long familiar to addicts of the Hearst gutter press. His utterances, in themselves, wouldn't bring a nickel on the saturated market. But, because he speaks as an ex-editor of the Daily Worker, his words can be peddled to the glib as genuine 14-karat "inside dope."

Far more significant than Budenz's stool-pigeon tales is the response of the Stalinist leaders to his desertion and subsequent career. It is their unenviable task to explain how such a loyal servant of Stalinism could wind up in the totalitarian embrace of the "True Church" as a mortal enemy of communism and self-styled defender of "democracy" and capitalism.

Several days after Budenz's sudden desertion last October to greener pastures, including a comfortable berth at Notre Dame University, the Stalinist leaders worked out a formula. The presence of this graduate of Stalinism in the Communist Party had been an "error." They recalled that Budenz had been an "associate of Trotskyites as recently as 10 years ago."

**WHAT THEY SKIP**  
They skipped over the fact that as recently as the day before he still had been listed as managing editor of the chief organ of the Communist Party—and that for 10 years he had been a leader of the Stalinist pack in attacking Trotskyism, the genuine communism of our times.

Last week again the Daily Worker repeated this "explanation" of Budenz's desertion. "His was the extremely rare case of a Trotskyite—one of the most treacherous species in the ranks of labor—gaining admittance to Communist (read Stalinist) ranks." (Daily Worker, Oct. 15.)  
But this same article contains a dead give-away on the real tutors of Budenz in anti-labor red-baiting and anti-communism. Budenz, it mentions, "came to the Communist Party from the ranks of the Trotskyites; WHOM HE THEN DENOUNCED WITH THE SAME VEHEMENTENCE." (Our emphasis.)  
The truth is here revealed. The Stalinist leaders invited and welcomed Budenz to their fold in 1935 precisely because he had revealed himself an enemy of international socialism, of Trotskyism, of Marxist theory which Stalinism had abandoned in all but lip-service.

Back in 1934 Budenz was a leader of the American Workers Party, headed by A. J. Muste. This party was a leftward moving group, including many militant workers, which merged in December 1934 with the genuine Trotskyists, the Communist League of America, to form what is now the Socialist Workers Party.  
Budenz had always been an anti-Marxist and American nationalist. He bitterly fought the AWP fusion with the Trotskyist organization. When he could not prevent the fusion, he remained for a few months inside the new party to fight Trotskyism from within. Against the ideas of international socialism, he countered his own reactionary nationalism that he termed the "American approach."  
While still formally a member of the Trotskyists, he attacked the Trotskyist ideas publicly in the Modern Monthly, March 1935, three months after the fusion. The Militant answered with a sharp attack against Budenz's anti-Marxism.  
Budenz was seeking allies for his anti-Trotskyist, anti-Marxist fight. The Stalinists were bent on the same search. Their line was "peoples front" collaboration with the "democratic" capitalists. Budenz joined the Stalinists in May 1935 with the boast that the Communist Party had "now come over to my position."

**IDEAL STALINIST**  
Budenz remained for 10 years the ideal Stalinist, specializing in slander against the genuine communists, the Trotskyists. He carried out faithfully every order from the Kremlin, twisting agilely with each new turn, covering up every Stalinist crime against world labor.  
He rose fast and high. He was put on the National Committee of the Communist Party. And when the Stalinists needed an especially qualified man to peddle their pro-imperialist-war pro-capitalist, anti-strike line after June 22, 1941, they found the ideal candidate in Budenz.  
But the hasty "war marriage" between the Kremlin and U. S. imperialism began to founder in 1945. Stalin gave the order for a shift in line. The Communist Party was to talk a bit more militant and anti-capitalist. Earl Browder, faithful servitor of Stalin for 16 years, was given the boot, just to make the shift appear authentic. Budenz, as Daily Worker editor under Browder, also saw the shadow of the ax.  
Then he "saw the light," and "got religion." He decided to offer his services to capitalist imperialism under the sponsorship of the Catholic Church. In that "older and more established" institution for spreading ignorance and superstition, he sought greater security and a more promising future for his anti-communist career.

**SAME LINE**  
When the Stalinists embraced Budenz in 1935, it was not "honest error" on their part, as they now claim. They welcomed him for those very qualities and ideas which he is now putting to such good use on behalf of capitalist reaction.  
The anti-Marxist, anti-Trotskyist red-baiting training he received in the Stalinist party, is serving Budenz well in his new job. All the Stalinists can complain about is that he has gone over to a competitor. They cannot claim he is peddling a different line of goods.

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**New York Street Meetings**

DATE	TIME	PLACE
Friday, Oct. 25	8:15-9:15	Norfolk & Delancey
	8:15-9:15	4th Street & Avenue C
	9:30-10:30	Rivington, bet. Attorney & Clinton
	9:30-10:30	6th St. & Avenue B
Saturday, Oct. 26	8:00-9:00	7th Ave. & 125th St.
Monday, Oct. 28	8:30-10:30	Columbia & Lorraine
	8:30-10:30	86th St. & 2nd Ave.
Tuesday, Oct. 29	8:15-9:15	Norfolk & Delancey
	9:30-10:30	Rivington, bet. Clinton & Attorney

## California Cops Arrest Studio Strikers



More than 250 striking AFL film workers were hauled off the picket line at the Columbia studio in Hollywood, as cops tried to break the strike. As the arrested workers were put into patrol wagons, the remaining pickets carried on, defiantly singing "Don't Fence Me In."

## 2,000 IATSE Studio Technicians Support Hollywood Studio Strike

**By Al Lynn**  
*(Special to The Militant)*  
LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 17 — Members of the striking conference of Studio Unions here, which includes 12 AFL locals, were greatly cheered this week by the solidarity of 2,000 members of the non-striking International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees. These IATSE studio technicians voted overwhelmingly to respect the CSU picket lines "even if there is only one man picketing a studio."

## Angry Oakland Workers Picket Fascist G.L.K. Smith Meeting

**By Russell Morgan**  
*(Special to The Militant)*  
OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 18—Fifteen hundred tightly massed pickets, the bulk of them trade unionists, barred every entrance to the Gerald L. K. Smith meeting here last Sunday and turned back all but a handful of his followers.  
Long before the meeting, CIO trade unionists assembled in the parking lot alongside their headquarters. They marched in an impressive body to the Westlake Junior High School and there formed a militant picket line.  
Among the unions represented were the National Maritime Union, Marine Engineers, Marine Firemen, Marine Cooks and Stewards, Warehousemen's Local 6, Longshore Local 10 and Machinists Local 1304.  
Other organizations in the parade were the Socialist Workers Party, American Veterans Committee, Workers Party and National Citizens Political Action Committee. The Communist Party was not officially represented.

**BANNERS AND SONGS**  
Banners read: "Drive Smith Out of California," "Smith Finks Today—Storm Troops Tomorrow," "America First—Means U. S. Fascism," "Smith Hides the Swastika Behind the Cross."  
The trade union songs, "Hold the Fort" and "Solidarity Forever" were taken up from time to time and sung with feeling and spirit.  
The effectiveness of persistent labor picket lines here against Smith was obvious. A small group of Smith supporters waiting for the doors to open, huddled together nervously. One remarked, "This is terrible. We'd better do something about these pickets. We won't have anyone here."  
Smith's meeting was called in the name of the Christian Youth for America, but only a hundred people, most of whom were over 50 years of age, attended.  
Impetus for the picketing of Smith was begun at short notice by the East Bay Council AVC and the Longshoremen's Union. The CIO leaders, who controlled the demonstration through their sound truck, tried to keep the picket-line passive. Every time sections of the line shouted slogans or started singing the sound truck would blast, "Let's keep this a peaceful demonstration."  
These same leaders tried in vain to divide the unity of the picket line. They proclaimed, "We do not take responsibility for the other organizations' participating, except AVC. However,

took over the property men's local for similar reasons. He still runs that local as a trustee.  
The present strike began Sept. 26, in answer to a lock-out instituted by the producers against CSU carpenters who refused to work on sets constructed by members of the IATSE. Producers are trying to use the IATSE to break the CSU.  
**DEFY INJUNCTION**  
This week's picket line activity culminated in a Monday morning demonstration at Columbia studios, when several hundred CSU's defied a court injunction limiting picketing. The pickets' voices as they sang Solidarity Forever drowned out the reading of the injunction. Immediately afterwards the police arrested 219, bringing the total arrests for the strike to over 300.  
Three days prior to this demonstration, on Friday, the police had arrested 38 at the largest picket line of the three-week-old strike. Over 2,000 pickets at Technicolor studios braved the club-swinging police. As in four previous demonstrations, the courts rushed in with another injunction.  
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**BOWRON SNARLS**  
Mayor Bowron demonstrated his gratitude for this support. In response to the charges of police refusal to permit peaceful picketing, illegal mass arrests of veterans, and violent club-swinging attacks on a peaceful moving line of veterans, Bowron snarled, "The police are going to see that the people go where they damn please." Evidently Bowron was referring to strike-breakers and fascists only.  
The brutal strike-breaking activity of the police during this strike has been described by SWP gubernatorial candidate Steve Roberts as "part of the anti-labor campaign of the Los Angeles Merchants and Manufacturers Association."

## Hoarding Of Goods Forces Prices Up

CIO President Philip Murray last week charged that "speculative hoarding" of nearly 40 billion dollars worth of goods and materials is one of the main causes of present soaring prices and shortages.  
Citing indisputable figures from the Department of Commerce, Murray told an audience of women PAC members that industrial inventories of durable and non-durable goods now total more than 37 billion dollars. A Securities and Exchange Commission report, issued the day of Murray's talk on Oct. 14, revealed that by the end of June 30 inventories totaled 28.9 billion. In three months since, these have risen nearly nine billion dollars—a rate of three billion a month as compared to 1.2 billion a month before June 20.

Murray stated that nobody in Washington will admit to knowing where these piled-up goods are. "I think that if we look into these inventories and find out who has them, we will find a great deal of speculative hoarding. But who is doing it—I don't know."  
Pointing out that these inventories reflect the greatest production in American peacetime history, Murray told his audience: "And yet you pick up your papers and find that there are no cars, no refrigerators and the other things you women want and this scarcity is attributed to a lack of interest on the part of labor."

This gigantic stockpile of goods, held back to create artificial scarcity and force up prices, will accelerate the forces working to produce a catastrophic economic crisis in America. A glut of goods in factory store-rooms and warehouses eventually means shut-down of production and mass unemployment.

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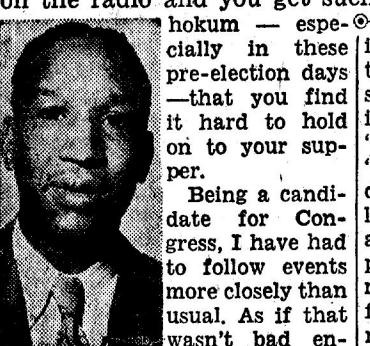
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## The NEGRO STRUGGLE

*By William Bohannon*  
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Diary Of A Steel Worker

The Building With The Tower

By Theodore Kovalesky

You see the building from the bus on the way to the steel plant, and there's no telling what it used to be.



That's something about such neighborhoods—there are all sorts of things in them, and you don't know what they were for, because the neighborhoods used to be a lot different from what they are today.

The building squats solidly and rather sadly on the corner of Exchange and Farnol Streets.

Here and there between the shops you can

see dim halls with stairs leading up into the darkness toward the floors where the people live.

And sometimes you notice blank-faced, middle-aged women sitting in the windows staring down at the passing trucks, buses, and cars.

It is a very solidly constructed building, or at least so it looks from the outside, and it will probably last for decades more.

When you see it, especially when you see the tower and the clocks with only half the big gilt numbers left on the black faces, you wonder what it used to be when the people with the beautiful horses and expensive carriages used to live nearby.

But you know one thing. You know that it wasn't an apartment house, that it wasn't built for a tenement. You know it wasn't intended for people to live in.

One Thing Hasn't Changed

By George Breitman

Times certainly have changed. The politician who once claimed that what this country needed was a good five-cent cigar would probably be up for investigation by the FBI as a subversive element if he raised such a radical demand today.



But one of the clearest signs of the changing times is the Monday morning papers.

Let me cite an example which came later in the week than Monday but which is typical of the better-publicized speeches by the clergy:

The U. S. "had better pile up armaments sky high and make bigger and better bombs" to deal with nations that "deny the existence of God and repudiate the moral law," said the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, president of Notre Dame University, in Oklahoma City on Oct. 17.

Yes, the times and the customs are changing all right. But one thing hasn't changed at all, I notice. The ones who are talking tough are still not the ones who will have to do the fighting and dying when war comes.

A 'Spiritual' Way Of Life

By Ruth Benson

It's hard for most of us to be Pollyannas who see a bright side to homelessness, soaring prices, hunger and misery. But it's easy for Arthur Hays Sulzberger, wealthy publisher of the N. Y. Times, a newspaper known throughout the world as a mouthpiece of Wall Street.

"In this 'dear land,' he proclaimed with exultation, "freedom creates opportunity. Opportunity creates responsibility. We who, with responsibility, practice free enterprise, do far more than promote an atmosphere in which we forward an economic system. It is a complete way of life, including the spiritual."

For instance, the capitalist government has just given the meat packers full freedom to rob you to their greedy hearts' content. No one needs to tell you that they're grabbing the opportunity! What if it does make them responsible for forcing millions of families to exist on less food? Such responsibility helps round out the profiteers' lives — gives them a chance to show how "spiritual" they are by donating a dollar to charity, perhaps, out of their millions in profits.

Veterans' Problems

Democracy And Hypocrisy

You might get the idea that the U. S. government's main concern in Europe is to build up democracy there, if you believed everything you read in the capitalist press.

"This government is resolved that the rights of religious, political and economic minorities shall be protected. In accord with other United Nations, this government is defending the rights of weaker peoples democratically to achieve, without outside interference, political stability, economic progress and social advancement."

Who could ask for anything more—if this is true? Unfortunately, it happens to be a hypocritical lie, the kind that Hitler used to broadcast. Let us take just one example from Europe today: Greece.

Why did the U. S. government send battle-ships to the Greek coasts when an election was

taking place last month? Not to protect democratic rights, but to intimidate the Greek people so that the hated monarch could be restored in a plebiscite so bloody that Hitler would envy it.

Why does Acheson keep talking about opposing "outside interference" when this government supports the continued occupation of Greece by British troops and keeps sending supplies which are used in a monarchist-directed civil war to repress the majority of the Greek people?

Greece is an example of the "democracy" being fostered by U. S. and British imperialism. But it will be very difficult for the Greek masses to distinguish between it and the "new order" imposed on them by German imperialism.

Only Parties Backing Wall St. Candidates Allowed To Stay On New York State Ballot

By George Clark

Judge Murray's decision barring the Socialist Workers Party from the New York State ballot was a foregone conclusion. We predicted it in The Militant from the first day the case opened in the Supreme Court chambers in Troy, New York.

The Democrats dealt every hand in this crooked game from the bottom of a deck of marked cards. This is plainly shown by all the facts surrounding this outrageous abuse of justice.

1. The Socialist Workers Party and the other minority parties entered the election campaign with two strikes against them. They were forced to adhere to one of the severest, most anti-democratic election laws in the United States. We knew in advance how hard it was to successfully evade all the booby-traps of the election law if Wall Street's parties determined to set them off.

2. The outlines of the conspiracy were clearly visible when the Democrats brought the SWP and the other minority parties into court after the Secretary of State had certified them for a place on the ballot. The Democrats wanted the minority parties off the ballot because they believed these parties held a balance of power in the state elections. So they chose as the judge an old Democratic hack they knew would interpret the law to favor the political fortunes of the Democrats.

3. The courtroom proceedings were a farce. Dozens of legitimate legal points made by defense attorneys were blandly dumped into the wastebasket by the judge. The case was dragged out for a month to make it as tough as possible for the minority parties to conduct their election campaigns and to appeal any adverse decision in time.

4. The Socialist Workers Party was knocked off the ballot on the flimsiest pretext. The law requires 12,000 signatures in the state and 50 from each of the 62 counties. Approximately 2,500 petition sheets containing 25,000 signatures with well over 100 in each county were submitted by the SWP. In true Sherlock Holmes style, the judge "discovered" that on six of these sheets containing less than 60 signatures the notary public's signature did not accompany her stamp. And this was considered adequate ground in "democratic" New York for a judge to deprive a minority party of its constitutional rights!

MAJOR DEFEAT

The Stalinists are hailing Judge Murray's decision as a "major victory"—because the Communist Party was permitted to remain on the ballot. The exact opposite is the case. The decision was a major defeat, just because an exception was made of the Stalinists.

The Communist Party and the Liberal Party were permitted to stay on the ballot because they support the Democrats. The Socialist Workers, Socialist and Socialist Labor Parties were thrown off because they are campaigning for independent candidates. Thus, the judge ruled, in effect, that only parties supporting Wall Street candidates can get on the ballot. That is the essence of the Stalinist "victory."

Here is how the Stalinists swung their dirty deal with the Democrats.

REAL CONSPIRATORS

On July 27, the Stalinists presented a full slate for the state elections. They offered, however, to withdraw these candidates if the Democrats opposed Truman's anti-Soviet foreign policy. Although the Democrats supported Truman's foreign policy 100 per cent and denounced the Communist Party, the Stalinists still withdrew their slate with the exception of two minor candidates.

The Stalinists continued to support the Democrats even after the Democratic Party began court action to throw the Communist Party off the ballot. They hollered it was a "Dewey Plot" and a "Flynn-Farley conspiracy." But never once did they mention the names of Mead or Lehman, the chief Democratic candidates, who had given their silent consent to the conspiracy.

Our appeal to the Communist Party for a united defense in the courtroom was never answered. The Stalinists went out of their way to demand that the judge consider the cases separately. When he granted their request it was hailed as a victory in the Daily Worker.

DIRTY BARGAIN

During registration week the Stalinists warned the Democrats that they could not get the votes out for Mead and Lehman if their candidates were thrown off the ballot. The Democrats, worried over losing the election, finally agreed to permit the CP to remain on the ballot. At the same time, to make it doubly clear that the Democrats were giving the Stalinists no concessions for their support, Lehman publicly declared: "I repudiate all Communist support, and I do not want any Communist votes. I say that with all the force that lies in my being."

The Stalinists are now keeping their part of the dirty bargain to bring Hitler "Ja" voting to New York by halting the decision to bar minority parties running independent candidates as a "major victory for labor."

Walker Tour To Cover Major Cities In Ohio

(Special to The Militant)

AKRON, O., Oct. 20 — Malcolm Walker, Socialist Workers Party Candidate for Governor, will begin a tour of the state on Oct. 23, winding up the day before election. At a special Ohio Conference of the SWP today, Walker outlined to delegates from all over the state the plans for the present election campaign, as well as the perspectives and plans of the Socialist Workers Party in the coming crucial period.

Walker will speak at election rallies in Cincinnati, Youngstown, Akron, Cleveland, Warren, Bellaire, Canton, Toledo, Port Clinton, Sandusky, Dayton, Columbus and in many other industrial and mining communities throughout Ohio. Thousands of campaign leaflets presenting the SWP program to solve the pressing problems of the workers and small farmers of Ohio will be distributed along the tour.

REACH THOUSANDS

"We expect in this campaign, and especially in the campaign tour, to acquaint thousands of workers with the socialist alternative to the empty promises and evasions of issues of the two twin parties of Big Business — the Republicans and Democrats," Walker stated.

"Thousands of workers who never heard of the Socialist Workers Party before, will read our clear-cut analysis of today's problems and will welcome the fundamental solution which our program offers.

"Our party stands on the threshold of the greatest period of its history. World capitalism faces economic and social convulsions which will shake it to its very foundations.

"The entrance of the Socialist Workers Party into the election arena in six states marks a great step forward for the revolutionary movement in this country. This year's election campaign will be remembered as a milestone in the progress of American Trotskyism."

Rogalin Exposes KKK Whitewash

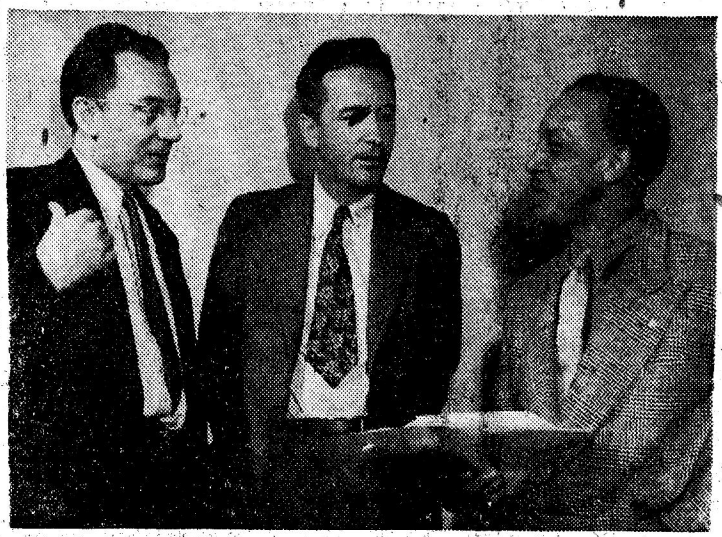
LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 19 — The Los Angeles City Council this week combined with Mayor Fletcher Bowron and the Tenney un-American Committee to issue a complete whitewash of Ku Klux Klan activity in Southern California.

Completely ignoring the statement presented by Cynthia Rogalin, SWP write-in candidate for State Senator, which presented a mass of detailed evidence against the KKK, these government bodies hinted broadly that the cross burning was done by members of the Mobilization for Democracy, anti-fascist united front in which the SWP participates, in an attempt to obtain publicity.

The Tenney Committee revealed that it had sent "spies" into the MFD, but had sent no one into either the Klan or Gerald L. K. Smith's organization, although it was precisely the latter organizations which were supposed to be the objectives of the investigation.

Cynthia Rogalin, in a radio speech delivered here this week, exposed this whitewash and again offered the Committee facts concerning the Klan which now meets under the innocuous name of "Hearts and Hands" clubs.

Protest Court Decision



Joseph Hansen, candidate for U. S. Senate, Farrell Dobbs, for Governor and Milton Richardson, for Lt.-Governor, are three of the five Socialist Workers Party candidates in the New York State election who will carry their fight to remain on the ballot to a higher court. Sylvia Blecker is SWP candidate for attorney-general, and William Kitt, for comptroller.

SWP Program Taken To All Of Minnesota Industrial Cities

By V. R. Dunne

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 19 — Thousands of copies of the Special Election Issue of The Militant were distributed in cities and towns throughout Minnesota today. Cars carrying large Socialist Workers Party campaign banners toured scores of towns in all parts of the state.

Prominently displayed on the banners was the slogan "Vote Labor!" Each sign listed the names of the SWP candidates: Grace Carlson for U. S. Senator, Warren Creel for 3rd District Congressman, Dorothy Schultz for 4th District Congressman.

Chief points of distribution were: Austin, Albert Lea, Winona, packinghouse centers; Red Wing, noted for its extensive pottery manufacturing plants; St. Cloud, a railroad division point and center of the granite quarrying industry; Willmar, center of the radical Farm Holiday movement of the Thirties.

GREAT INTEREST

The SWP campaigners handed out the election Militant in the downtown districts, crowded with Saturday afternoon shoppers. Great interest was expressed in the SWP election campaign by thousands of Minnesota workers and farmers. To many of these voters, the SWP program appears as the first note of real militancy since the Farmer-Labor Party was liquidated in 1944.

To anyone acquainted with Minnesota politics, it is clear that the Trotskyist program has made a deep impression. Many people expressed a desire to know more about the Socialist Workers Party. It is expected that a number of them will send in regular subscriptions to The Militant as a result of this campaign distribution.

Twenty thousand copies of the election edition have been allocated to the Twin Cities. A well-regulated delivery of these papers is proceeding in the working class neighborhoods of St. Paul and Minneapolis. In addition, the election issue is being distributed at the gates of the most important plants in both cities.

Striking and colorful signs cover the windows of party headquarters in downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul. Featured are such slogans: "End Company Unionism in Politics," "Strike a Blow at Jim Crow—Vote SWP," "For Peace, Security, Socialism—Vote SWP."

Quantities of election material and other party literature are being given out to the many interested workers who drop in at the headquarters.

Election rallies have been scheduled in the Minneapolis

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headquarters on Oct. 20, 27 and Nov. 3. Warren Creel will speak on the 20, Grace Carlson on the 27, Dorothy Schultz on Nov. 3. Dorothy Schultz will also speak at an election rally in the St. Paul headquarters on Oct. 25.

Listening parties have been arranged in both headquarters for all of the radio speeches of the campaign.

C. K. Johnson, SWP campaign manager, announced that arrangements are now being made to have Grace Carlson speak over radio station KWLM at Willmar sometime during the last week of October.

Plans are under way to distribute the Special Election issue to the delegates to the State CIO Convention which meets in Duluth early in November. Distributions will also be made in many mining centers along the iron range.

As it goes into the home stretch, the Minnesota SWP election campaign gives evidence of developing real sweep and drive.

Our Program: 1. Defend labor's standard of living! A sliding scale of wages—an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living! Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging! Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' control! 2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans! For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours—reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment! Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control! Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment! 3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking! No restrictions on the right to strike and picket! No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration! 4. Build an independent labor party! 5. Tax the rich, not the poor! Repeat the payroll tax! No sales taxes! No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year! 6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing! 7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities! End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism! 8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions! 9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war. Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace! Against capitalist conscription! Abolish the officer caste system! Full democratic rights in the armed forces! Trade union wages for the armed forces! Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions! 10. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands! For the complete independence of the colonial peoples! Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil! 11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

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