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Three days after Gen-

eral Motors granted an 11

cents an hour raise with a sliding scale cost-of-living contract,

Chrysler bowed to the 17-day

strike of its 75,000 workers, who

spearheaded the wage drive of

the CIO United Auto Workers.

Chrysler agreed to a flat 13-cent

raise and the Chrysler contract

Hard on the heels of the GM

and Chrysler settlements, leading

corporations in the electrical

equipment industry have taken

steps to reopen negotiations with

General Electric, which had

been the first major corporation

to lay down the dictum of "no

wage increases," reopened "ex-

Westinghouse Electric, which

The General Motors Electrical

for months has refused to make

UE on May 28.

AUTO PAY BOOSTS REOPEN WAGE FIGHT

Farrell Dobbs' Talk Over ABC Radio Network

The following is the text of the speech on "Capital and Labor in 1948" delivered by Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party Presidential candidate, over the ABC network on May 29.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY GEORGE CLARKE. SWP CAMPAIGN MANAGER:

The speaker this afternoon is eminently qualified to deal with the topic under discussion which involves the problems of the trade union movement today.

Farrell Dobbs was one of the leaders of the great Minneapolis truckdrivers strikes in 1934 and Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Local 544 of that city. Subsequently he directed an organizing drive which brought 200,000 motor transport workers into

the union. During the recent war Farrell Dobbs was railroaded to prison for his defense of democratic unionism and for his opposition to the imperialist war. In recent years he has been editor of The . Militant, weekly newspaper of the American Trotskyists.

Farrell Dobbs has been nominated by the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party as the Presidential candidate of the party in 1948. The nomination is subject to approval of the national convention of the party which will be held in New York, July 1st to 5th.

Copies of the speech this afternoon can be obtained by

FARRELL DOBBS writing to the Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, New York 3, New York.

It is my privilege now to introduce Farrell Dobbs.

FARRELL DOBBS: The unceasing war between labor and of the left have been closed by capital is the outstanding issue of this election campaign. This government order except Machi. is well understood by the rich, and they determine their politics accordingly. It is not fully understood by the great mass of the criticizing the government. working people. Yet this conflict of capital and labor has been greatly intensified during the past year.

The employing class, aided and abetted at every turn by the government at Washington, has been conducting a furious offensive against the workers. Their object is to beat down living standards, and make the workers pay for the Third World toxication charge while Bigart War. They aim to break up the trade unions and impose upon was still on the scene. After he the Wallace movement. It ap- would refuse to register under the people of this country a military and police dictatorship.

WORKERS HAVE SUFFERED DEFEATS

At the very start of our analysis we must begin with incontestable facts. The anti-labor offensive of the employers and the government has scored numerous successes during the past year controlled Greece. or so. Due to the false policy of the union leadership the workers have suffered a number of serious defeats on the political as well as on the economic field. The danger of still greater defeats and even catastrophies for the workers of America is inherent in the present drift of things.

Let us review in brief the price that the workers have already paid in the last year or so for tolerating the misleadership of the present labor officialdom and the false policy that is imposed upon the unions.

Labor's purchasing power has been driven down 15% since V-I Day. At the same time corporation profits have soared to unprecedented billions of dollars.

Concessions to the unions are bitterly resisted. The steel trust rewarded the no-strike pledge of Philip Murray, president of the Steel Workers Union, with a cynical refusal to grant any cost-of-living wage increases whatever. Henry Ford II has even had the effrontery to demand that the Ford workers take a wage

CONGRESS SERVES WALL STREET

Today Congress works directly from the blueprint laid out by the National Association of Manufacturers. Price controls already has taken control of the were obediently smashed and taxes reduced for the rich when the NAM cracked the whip. With the corporation heads dictating policy, the Washington government enacted the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law, a dagger aimed at the very heart of the trade union movement.

The Taft-Hartley Act fosters company unions, legalizes scabbing, sanctions the firing of union members and restores government by injunction. It restricts freedom of speech and freedom of press, entangles the unions in a maze of red tape and proscribes political activity by the unions.

Under the Taft-Hartley Act, the National Labor Relations Board operates openly as an agent of the employers, as it did when it obtained anti-labor injunctions against the Typographical

The Democratic and Republican politicians in the state capitals have not lagged behind their Washington cousins. Wide-

(Continued on page 2)

Bigart Links U.S. Mission Head to **Greek Executions**

Correspondent Gives The Lie to Griswold

Homer Bigart, Greek correspondent for the conservative N.Y. Herald Tribune, has refused to be intimidated by the attacks on him by the Greek Government and Dwight Griswold, director of the American mission in Greece.

As a result of pressure from Greek authorities and the U.S. State Department, Bigart was recently transferred from Greece to Yugoslavia. Bigart's unpopularity in official circles was caused by his honest reporting of the mass executions and government corruption which mark the American dominated regime i

Dwight Griswold, top strategist of the civil war in Greece, personally wrote a long letter to Bigart's employer, the Herald carried a reply from Bigart completely refuting Griswold and pointing the finger of accusation at him for the recent mass executions in Athens.

One of Griswold's hangers-on in Athens is Rentis, the Minister of Justice. Bigart states that a single word from Griswold would hastily adjourned the hearings if passed, by refusing to regist ced the Stalinists at great length. are still working overtime.

Bigart tells of the smear caminsist upon writing true reports it passes the Senate. instead of accepting the official news handouts. Bigart's Greek assistant was framed on an inhad been transferred out of Greece his assistant was arrested

terror there than in American-

Bigart was a friend of George Polk who was murdered by Greek reactionaries because of his un-



NEWS ITEM - "I look on myself as the best friend capitalism has in the United States today." -Henry A. Wallace, Portland, Oregon, May 24, 1948.

Tribune, charging that the correspondent was giving a false picture. On May 30, the paper Mounting Protest Delays Mundt 'Police-State' Bill

Opponents of the Mundt police-state Bill testified last week before a hostile Senate Committee whose intention was to rush the measure to a vote. The Senate Judiciary Committee

the measure heard. Greece. Bigart writes: "He knows scenes powerful reactionary forcvery well what I think of his es were pressuring Senators to 19. Opponents of the bill, which ther he belonged to the Commu freedoms guaranteed by the Bill question "yes" or "no" resulted to get the stand to oppose the And even the editors of Machi of Rights, organized a March on in the convictions of 19 Holly-bill. have been arrested for mildly Washington of about 5,000 peo- wood writers for contempt of the

> Leading the fight against the box. bill in the heated Committee

pears that the strategy of the the proposed law. Senate Committee was to give According to Bigart, who is now in Yugoslavia, there is less in order to create a popular imperor there than in American Civil Liberties tell the Senate Committee in no provides. Others warn that in a by the Chrysler workers and the threat of a GM strike that might have spread into a spring against the poince state oil were unions of the AFL, CIO, Railroad provides. Others warn that in a by the Chrysler workers and the threat of a GM strike that might have spread into a spring against the poince state oil were unions of the AFL, CIO, Railroad provides. Others warn that in a by the Chrysler workers and the threat of a GM strike that might have spread into a spring against the poince state oil were unions of the AFL, CIO, Railroad provides. Others warn that in a by the Chrysler workers and the threat of a GM strike that might have spread into a spring against the poince state oil square action by the Chrysler workers and the threat of a GM strike that might have spread into a spring against the poince state oil were unions of the AFL, CIO, Railroad provides. Others warn that in a by the Chrysler workers and the threat of a GM strike that might have spread into a spring against the poince state oil square action by the Chrysler workers and the chrysler workers and the chrysler workers and the chrysler workers and the chrysler workers are the chrysler workers and the chrysler workers are the chrysler workers and the chrysler workers and the chrysler workers are the chrysler w pressive measure.

flattering reports about the Greek red-baiting committee that his counterweight to the Stalinists police state bill at this session confusing to the remainder of

that word and the firing squads those wishing to speak against tempted to turn the hearings Mundt Bill, he stated, not only Griswold brazenly claims that The battle did not end with the reedom of the press exists in class of bearings. Polying the freedom of the press exists in close of hearings. Behind the erican imperialism in a war by making them martyrs. against Russia.

would violate all the political ist Party. Refusal to answer this Hines of the AFL also managed ple. These picketed the White House. Robeson stated he pre- Mundt Bill witnesses who have from ABC Radio Audience 131/2-cent an hour "package" House demanding that Truman ferred going to jail rather than applied to testify before the compaign against correspondents who veto the Mundt Bill in the event answering that question which

> hearings were spokesmen for the candidate of the Third Party, on the next step. That is why it wages." Communist (Stalinist) Party and told the Senators that his party

preference in the hearings to against the police state bill were unions of the AFL, CIO, Railroad provides. Others warn that if the direct result of strike action pression that these were the only Union, and Norman Thomas, So- uncertain terms that they insist tion, workers will get big pay important opponents of the re-cialist Party Candidate for Pres- upon the hearings being continued boosts. William Z. Foster, head of the papers continued their tactic of there is very good chance that a General Electric official com- from the government, the corpora-American Stalinists, told the using Norman Thomas as a the attempt to steamroller the plained that GM's action was organization would defy the bill, and Wallaceites. Thomas denoun- will be stopped.

nave stopped the mass execu-tions. But Griswold never gave with only a small fraction of ter. The Senate Committee at He opposed the passage of the into a hysteria against the Stal- because of its violation of civil in high prices, with wages trying workers.

WIDESPREAD OPPOSITION

and Lewis G.

mittee has shown the Senators violated his secrecy of the ballot that there is widespread opposition to the measure. Because of induce big employers to cut prices Henry Wallace, presidential this, the politicians are wavering in order to avoid paying higher is doubly important that the weight into the balance.

ident. The Senators and the news- till their spokesmen can testify,

Results Show What United **Action Could Have Achieved**

By Art Preis

Granting of limited wage increases by General Motors and Chrysler Corporation, two of the "Big Three" in the key auto industry, appears to have loosened the log-jam of Big Business opposition to any "third-round" pay boosts.

Capitalist Press "Hesitant" About **GM** Sliding Scale

The capitalist press, reflecting the general attitude of the provides for reopening wage arge corporations, is expressing negotiations in a year. uncertainty and uneasiness about the cost-of-living escalator con-

tract signed by General Motors. John W. Love, business columnist for a number of newspapers, says that reaction among Detroit the CIO United Electrical Workmanufacturers "is described as a ers. thundering surprise.' Amongst employers it is said to be 'be- GE BACKS DOWN wildering' and 'embarrassing.'"

Joseph A. Loftus, Washington

correspondent of the N.Y. Times, ploratory" wage talks with the points out that the chief fear of the industrialists is that the sliding scale principle will boost wages enormously in a period of the UE any offer, on June 1 inflation. "For example, suppose tossed out the first crumb in the the foreign aid and defense pro- form of a proposal for a security grams were expanded and the and welfare program that the supply of consumer goods were company said would be equivalent reduced substantially. The mer- to three to six cents an hour chandise shortage would result more in eventual benefits to the

The Scripps-Howard labor col- Division, which employs 40,000 umnist. Fred W. Perkins, tells of workers under UE contract, has the "hesitancy" of government settled with UE for the same

The huge number of anti-Letters to Farrell Dobbs

contradictions. If the powerful international prices, as the escalator clause

Summing up industry reaction,

officials to support the sliding contract as in auto. This provides freedom of the press statement. You either have it or you don't before Congress adjourns June Paul Robeson was asked whe ROBESON TESTIFIES Spokesmen for the National Scale of wages principle because the National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with Lawyers Guild, the National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wages principle because an immediate 11-cent raise, with National Scale of wag se inflation. However, it might providing automatic wage inwork the other way if it would creases for future price rises.

On May 31, the four major carpet and rug manufacturers in the East came through with a

raise to avert a strike of 20,000 members of the CIO United Textile Workers Although the wage raises in GM and Chrysler make up for only about a half of the loss in

labor movement cast its decisive Some say "inflation" will result real wages due to the soaring from wages following the rise in prices of the past two years, even these meager boosts were wide shutdown in auto. In spite of all their tough talk and the backing they are getting

tions still have a healthy respect for the fighting powers of the CIO. The retreat of GM and Chrysler graphically demonstrates what great gains were possible for the CIO unions IF THEY HAD ALL BEEN UNITED IN MILITANT ACTION. There would have been no defeat of the CIO Packinghouse Workers strike, The gains in auto, limited as

UNIFIED STRATEGY NEEDED

Unfortunately, the new GM contract repeats the chief weakness of the steel contract by providing a two-year reopening workers will be withdrawn from auto workers and the steel work-

ers, will face new negotiations. The central lesson of the With the workers' committees current CIO wage struggle is

Had all the auto workers hit their forces with the auto work-This is the real basic program ers into one solid fighting front, clear-cut victory.

"Nationalize the Roads!", Says Rail Labor the railroads on May 10, Presi- as members of our own companies creases, which added the tidy token gesture, it must be imple- no smashing of the CIO strike

By Arthur Burch

and improved working conditions, the leaders of the Engineers, Firemen, and Switchmen's Brotherhoods were forced into assume the full responsibilities of operation; take control of the revenues of the railroads as it begin preparations for the transfer of railroad ownership from rrivate interests to the United States of America.'

this drastic solution.

"COLONELS" ARE OWNERS

dent Truman ordered Secretary are still responsible to the direc- sum of 2,500,000,000 dollars to mented with a concrete program against the cable companies. Faced with an impasse in of the Army Kenneth Royall to tors and stock holders." their fight for adequate wages cperate them. The next day seven demanding "that the government Metzman, president of the New ment as the agency of the ruling another 50%. Small wonder there- inal investments, not to mention another 50%. Small wonder there-York Central System, Roy B. White, Baltimore and Ohio; R.H. thinking worker. Smith, Norfolk and Western; Eremployes of the railroads; and nest E. Norris, Southern Rail- HARD HIT Railroad; Charles E. Denney, pecially hard hit by the recent the newly appointed colonels who, under workers' control. Commitrington, Rock Island Railroad.

government seizure—a crude The same people continue to op- rates paid to skilled and semistrikebreaking maneuver — has crate the roads, profits continue skilled workers. The railroad GROWING REVOLT become apparent to every rail to mount and the parasitic bond- worker has continually lost conditions, the anger of the rail- explained that the army head- ago.

new colonels, all leading railroad railroad workers were completely profits rose last year, after in- government confiscate the roads of the treachery of Philip Murray officials, were added to the U.S. overlooked in the new appoint-

class was brought home to every

Everything remains as before. 25th place on the list of wage public be damned.

is no change in the management, Commerce Commission, have been to strike for a wage raise.

boom and are at the highest point of the last two years. But this Railroad workers have been es- remains the private business of

worker and has caused mounting holders and stockholders continue ground even in comparison with for the growing revolt of the present "colonels." termination dates for all CIO worker and has caused mounting to receive their dividends. The the rest of labor, in the last eight indignation in their ranks. When to receive their dividends. The the rest of labor, in the last eight indignation in their ranks. When to receive their dividends. The the rest of labor, in the last eight indignation in their ranks. When to receive their dividends. the government announced that new colonels disdained even to years. At the same time, he is tired of strikebreaking seizures. adequate compensation for their and for a unified strategy of the government announced that disguise their roles. In an arro- handling over 55% more in re- They know that the roads will labor and the freight and passen- action. bargain on wages and working gant statement, Colonel Metzman venue traffic than eight years soon be handed back to the para- ger rates could be reduced. And site owners and the same strike- then there would still be ample the auto corporations at one time, workers became so pronounced as quarters staff would function But the rail owners, with an breaking procedure reenacted to induce their leaders to propose merely as "observers." "There inside track to the Interstate when the workers again propose

employment or in the normal making hay. Since June 1946, the If the demand of the rail union responsibilities of individuals of companies have been granted no leaders for nationalization of the to solve the pressing problems of the CIO could have scored a When the government "seized" each system," he added. "We all, fewer than four freight rate in- railroads is to be more than a rail labor.

their revenues, an increase of of action. The rail unions must It goes without saying that the 43% in less than two years. Their take the lead in insisting that the they are, underscore the extent terest and all charges, to 480,- without compensation to the in capitulating to the steel com-Army to become the seven remember. Moreover, the workers' 000,000 dollars, or 64% above bondholders and stockholders who panies without lifting a finger gional directors of "Operation demands continued to be ignored. 1946. This year their net profit have already been compensated and withdrawing the mighty steel Railroad." They were Gustav Thus the nature of the govern- is therefore expected to go up many times over for their orig- union from the CIO wage fight. fore that rail stocks were in the the land and right-of-way which lead in the recent stock market they received gratis from an obliging capitalist-dominated gov-

The roads must be operated Northern Pacific and J. D. Far- inflation. Over the past 12 years, in or out of uniform, act on the tees representing the workres of they dropped from third place to premise that the workers and the industry will secure all the experts and specialists needed for the running of the roads.

> It is these facts that account at the helm, there would be no the need for uniform contract moneys left over to improve and had the steel, packinghouse and modernize the roads and equip-other CIO unions consolidated ment.

Presidential Aspirants V —

Arthur H. Vandenberg

By George Lavan

In the recent movie, The Senator Was Indiscreet, a politician went after the presidential nomination by insisting that he was not a can didate. This has been the strategy of Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg. With each strongly worded statement | nights Harding's gang of crooks | that "I am not a candidate," the and the Wall Street pirates stole the presidential chances of the everything in Washington that speech, a "statesman." He an-Republican wheelhorse from

Michigan have shot upward. Of course Vandenberg has a "but" at the end of his refusal. This "but" says, in effect, "If the people of this country should draft me against my will, I would have no choice but to do my duty to a grateful citizenry."

Vandenberg is a senior "statesman" of the Republican Party. He has been Republican Senator from Michigan since 1928. Be-



fore that he was a power in the Republican machine in Michigan Grand Rapids Herald. He devoted in 1928. himself to editorials telling the Republican politicians of the state what to do and what to say. The paper was quite influential and Vandenberg consequently wielded great power in party politics.

The young editor, later known as an isolationist, hailed American entry into the First World War as "the greatest revival the world has ever known since Christ came upon earth." His hatred for Eugene Debs and other anti-war fighters never left him. After the war he wrote of the Socialist program as "hide-"imported communism," "which-thank Godhad no effect other than to galvanize the implacable fidelity of an overwhelming American majority into grim determination that Columbia should not be shot in the back."

As an influential editor in the Republican stable Vandenberg all possible assistance to Finland. helped build up Harding. Vandenberg was enough of an insider the Senate resolution ending the to know all about the notorious Japanese Trade Treaty. Walter Ohio Gang and Harding. Never- | Lippmann called this act "the theless he praised Harding to the longest step on the road to war" skies. Since his job was to since Wilson's action in 1915. befuddle the public with words became an expert in propaganda ballyhoo. He coined famous slogans such as "Harding is just very few important isolationists one of us folks" and "With Hard- exist. Senator Taft keeps his ing at the Helm we can sleep mouth pretty much shut on for-

While the public was sleeping over.

wasn't nailed down. However nounced to the Senate that he Vandenberg didn't bat an eyelash was no longer an isolationist but and we soon find him plugging was now an interventionist. Coolidge so that the American people could "sleep nights when a delegate to the founding con-

his fellow Senators due a mil-

was the Republican. No one could Taft-Hartley Act. rise in that party who was in the least critical of Michigan's biggest industry. Vandenberg never overlords. He always played the Big Business and do their bidmachine's game. His editorials ding. were always "right"--that is always for Big Business, against unions, for the legal murders of Sacco and Vanzetti, for Prohibition, etc., etc.

With such a record Vandenthe appointment to the Senate to as editor and publisher of the fill a vacancy created by death

OPPORTUNIST

When the depression swept the New Deal into office Vandenberg had enough sense not to appear anti-Roosevelt. In the 1934 election he presented himself to the voters not as an opponent of the New Deal but as a co-operator with it. While the political winds blew in Roosevelt's direction Vandenberg stuck close to the administration. As public disillusionment with the New Deal grew so did his opposition. The record of those days is a tribute to Vandenberg's skill as an opportunist navigator of troubled

In the period of preparation for World War II Vandenberg was an isolationist. It wasn't that he was anti-war but against the war as planned by Roosevelt. He dropped is isolationism during the Finnish-Soviet war and was hot for Vandenberg was also sponsor of

The isolationist wing of American capitalism defeated during the war. Today eign affairs. Others have swung

On January 10, 1945 Vandenberg became, in the course of one

Roosevelt promptly made him he is in the White House." Van- ference of the United Nations in denberg fought desperately to San Francisco. Then Vandenberg save the American people from became a close collaborator of Secretary of State Byrnes. He By 1928 Vandenberg found accompanied Byrnes to internahimself well fixed and decided to tional conferences in Moscow, give up editing and enter the Paris, London and New York. political arena. He sold the stock They saw eye to eye about he had acquired in his newspaper getting tough with the Russians. for over half a million dollars When the Republicans gained and today receives the respect of majorities in Congress Vandenberg, as head of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, carried The state of Michigan has long out the bi-partisan support of been controlled lock, stock and all the "cold war" acts of Trubarrel by the auto barons. In the man. For the record it should be 20s their party of preference also noted that he voted for the

> Vandenberg thus emerges as a typical opportunist political

> > tional, youth movement.

AFL Lockout in Newark

New York Social And Dinner

New York's CENTRAL solution of the Amalgamated Enberg had no difficulty in getting BRANCH will hold a Chinese gineering Union on Control in ginner and social on Saturday the Nationalized Industries, the

Report on Conference Of British Labor Party LONDON, May 25.— The solution on foreign policy, and 47th Annual Conference of the the North Salford DLP resolution on Iron and Steel nationalization. Labor Party symbolized the

growing frustration of the as BITTER RESENTMENT

yet unorganized left wing. Con-Opening on Production, Herfronted with a block vote of sev- bert Morrison repeated the usual eral millions in the hands of a jargon about the need to work few trade union leaders, rank and harder. This line was bitterly refile opinion, as shown by a num- sented by a number of delegates. ter of resolutions was thwarted Waite from Eddisbury made a at every turn. It was this factor powerful case against the rising which gave rise to outbursts of profits in industry and attacked hostility to Lawther (Mineworkthe government for directing its ers) and Deakin (Transport). fire against the workers. Speak-Between them they controlled al- ing for some of the lowest paid most one and a half million votes sections of industry, he told the and the delegates were very con- Conference that he was constantscious of this every time they ly asked, "When is the Governtook the platform. The general ment going to freeze profits?" comment from Divisional Party A woman delegate from Barking delegates was that something stated that a satisfactory wage must be done about the trade packet was the only answer to union block vote, otherwise the unofficial strikes. Almost all the Party rank and file haven't a contributions criticized the government's plea to the workers Conference highlights were the for more production. It is clear delegate from Liverpool Labor of the pro-Stalinist Member of ference calling for workers conraising of the League of Youth that a very strong opposition ex- Party and Trades Council, to make Parliament, Platt-Mills—as part trol of nationalized industry, the membership age to 25; the carry- ists to such exhortations.

ing of the Co-op resolution against the reduction of food sub- tiated the debate on the reduction ed Conference delegates that Edwards, a Right Wing M.P. reading: sidies, and the re-affirmation of of prices and profits. His speech, they would be answerable to the who openly agitated against the wheelhorse, always ready to adapt the previous year's decision to although formally supporting the rank and file. gave offense to these industrial his "principles" to the needs of abolish the Tied Cottage. The motion, was in fact against. This raising of the League of Youth was pointed out in a speech by for the reduction of profits was membership age provides real Mikardo, M.P. He roundly acscope for developing a strong na- cused Deakin of making a speech that would do justice to the Federed on the National Executive's was left to John Braddock, the Statement on Production, the re-

Trotskyists Fined

The verdict in the trial of the evening, June 12, at 116 Univers- resolution of the Transport Union French Trotskyists for their camity Place. Dinner will be served on the reduction of profits, the paign against the war in Indo-Mineworkers' pro-government re- China was handed down on April first to make generous contribu-

2,300 Signatures Gained in Conn. **Election Drive**

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., May combination of rainy weather and the holiday weekend cut deeply into the results of petition gathering last week. Nevertheless a total of 2,300 ignatures were secured after hree weeks work

The response of scores of workers in Waterbury and Bridgeport who are tired of the Jaspar Mac Levy type of "socialism" has een very heartening.

While the Connecticut organization of the Socialist Workers Party has set a quota of 12,000 signatures by July 4, it legally has until September 2 to file its



ERNEST BEVAN

Deakin (Transport Union) ini- the government's policy. He warn- paign-with the expulsion of A. from the Salford organization and

A resolution calling vaguely for the steel industry. accepted by the Executive.

On foreign policy, the usual

NATIONALIZE STEEL

6,000 francs were imposed on the It was seconded by Jack Stanley, with sedition for their solidarity structional Engineering Union. with the Viet Nam struggle The debate showed the powerful would definitely be nationalized the guerillas. before the next elections.

The main lesson of the Conference is the absolute necessity Swinging freely with epithets | cf a change in attitude toward for the organization of the left characteristic of the hysteria Stalinism, any more than did fecting the working class were manites in Labor Action make leaders of the RDR. Under the expressed in the discussions, but unfounded accusations against pen-name of Leblanc, the latter ceedings. The struggle to abolish nection with some French ex- tried to palm off as the "logical the block vote can be perfected Trotskyists who joined the cen- consequence" of SWP policy on only by the widest organization trist swamp known as the "Re" this subject. It turned out inof all militants, both inside the volutionary Democratic Rally" Labor Party and the trade unions, (RDR.)



Events on the International Scene

By Paul G. Stevens

THE BRITISH LABOR CONFERENCE

ered the greatest pressure from

scuttle the party's program of continuing nationalization- particularly the steel industry—was beaten back. Premier Attlee himself was constrained to make a "solemn pledge" that the steel industry would be nationalized before the next elections in 1950.

The leaders found it necessary to counter-weigh their expulsion a really good speech attacking of their "anti-Communist" camparty's nationalization program

On foreign policy, the leadership session, an Act for the Nationhad to swallow a resolution which alization of the Iron and Steel "urges the Labor party to co- industry, without compensation, lebate between Bevin and Zil- operate with European socialist an Act which shall have as its The main debates were cent- eration of British Industries. It liacus, supporting a pro-Stalinist parties in taking practical steps foundation a complete scheme of policy, took place. It resulted in to achieve the United Socialist control by the workers engaged a resounding victory for Bevin. States of Europe in complete in the industry. In every steel military and political indepen- and iron plant, there shall be dence of the USA and the USSR." A resolution calling for nation- But, of course, they indicated The Committee shall include the alization without compensation of through cabinet minister Hugh Management and Technicians' Iron and Steel, under workers' Dalton that they merely intended representatives, but only the control was moved by Ratner to give lip-service to this idea. elected workers shall have voting 29. Heavy fines of 10,000 and representing the N. Salford DLP. Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin powers. This Committee shall had to give repeated assurances have power to examine all aspects nine militants originally charged the general secretary of the Con- that Marshall Plan aid was being of the companies' activities, accepted "without any political financial and technical and to strings attached." A resolution have access to all books past and against colonial oppression. A pressure behind the demand. Al- condemning the government's present relating to the business ampaign fund to cover the fines though the motion was defeated, atrocities in Greece was tempered of the firm. The principle of tas been organized. Viet Nam the government were forced to by the party leaders to include Workers Control shall be apworkers in France have been the assure the Conference that steel condemnation of "reprisals" by plied to all industries nationalized

At the Labor party's annual | The Scarborough conference onference in Scarborough last was preceded by agitated meetweek, the leaders of the British ings in local organizations of the Socialist" government encoun- Labor party. In Herbert Morrison's own constituency, the he ranks since they took power leadership had to mobilize nahree years ago. From scattered tional spokesmen to obtain witheports in the press the following drawal by a small voting margin of a resolution previously adopt-An attempt, spearheaded by ed, which called for the governcabinet ministers Sir Stafford ment to accept the discipline and Cripps and Herbert Morrison, to carry out the decisions of the annual party conference. (Among others, the government had failed to carry out a resolution demanding the immediate institution of equal pay for women in government employ — passed at last year's conference over the unanimous opposition of the eadership.)

No less than 15 resolutions were placed before the conmost interesting of these coming

"This conference calls upon the Labor government to place on the statute books, during this elected a Committee of Control. past and present.'

RDR AND THE SHACHTMANITES

wing. All the major issues af- which is their style, the Shacht- Rousset, one of the present the right wing and its powerful this column for throwing light wrote a brazen defense of Stalinblock vote dominated the pro- on their unprincipledness in con- ism recently, which Shachtman

They say that in our column swamp. f April 12, we described the RDR as a "pro-Stalinist movement." This is, of course, a bare-manites did not breathe a word faced invention, as any reader about the record of the latter or can verify for himself. On the of Rousset-Leblanc. Only our exreformist character."

never before given an indication excuse us!

stead, that their "logic" leads both into the same centrist

In their embrace of the RDR and Demazieres, the Shachtcontrary, we stressed its "neo- posure forced them to say a few words on the subject. Neither die We did call unprincipled the we know then that the Shacht-Shachtmanites' embrace of manites are appeasing Marshall Demazieres, the exTrotskyist who | Plan supporters in their own for years headed "a right wing ranks. The French petty bourgegroup which sought to water ois radicals make a 180-degree down the revolutionary program turn from pro-Stalinism; their of the PCI and pursued a line of counter-parts in the Shachtadaptation to the Stalinist policy | manite ranks make just as sudden dominant in the French mass a turn toward the Marshall Plan. movement." At the time of This provides the "principled" writing, however, we were not basis, no doubt, for an open sware of Demaziere's 180-degree alliance between them, which turn from pro-Stalinism to pro- previously was kept well-hidden. Marshall Plan. Demazieres had If that is principled politics,

Dobbs' Talk Over ABC Network

open shop policy and fired 300 workers.

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spread state legislation has been adopted restricting the right to strike and picket, undermining union security in collective bargaining agreements and interfering in the internal affairs of the unions. These repressive laws have been passed not only in agricultural states, but even in major industrial states like Michigan and Pennsylvania.

The Democrats are no less guilty than the Republicans for the bitter governmental attack on the unions. President Truman has dragged the coal miners into court three times in 18 months in strikebreaking assaults against them. Truman has twice used the army to break strikes of the railroad workers. The Presiden has been eagerly assisted by Judge T. Alan Goldsborough. Judge Goldsborough — one man — proclaims, "I am the law." This one man vetoes the will of 600,000 coal miners, tens of thousands of railroad workers, and ultimately, the will of 15 million organized workers.

The Republican governors of Iowa and Minnesota called out the national guard to break up picket lines of the packinghouse workers, fighting in self-defense against the greedy meat trust. New York City's Democratic mayor, William O'Dwyer, sent his cops into Wall Street to club the striking AFL financial employes away from the doors of the stock exchange.

Strikebreaking is the one field in which government monopoly is replacing "free enterprise." The bi-partisan coalition of breathe new life into the Democratic Party, while they cynically Democratic and Republican politicians are in the strikebreaking tell workers who want to build an independent labor party: business up to their necks.

What are the official labor leaders doing about it?

Instead of mobilizing the workers for defensive battle, they have retreated before the corporations and the government. They have tried to buy friendliness in the circles of wealth and state power by so-called "labor statesmanship."

WALL STREET'S CRIMES

CIO and AFL officials alike eagerly support the Marshall Plan. Both unions have sent representatives abroad to sell the program of Wall Street imperialism. They have stood as apologists for the bloodthirsty monarchist government in Greece a Government which decreed the death penalty for strikers.

Two weeks ago, Philip Murray rammed through the convention of the CIO steel workers' union a resolution empowering Murray to decide union policy on peacetime military con- in their efforts to smash the anti-labor offensive can be stated scription. This undemocratic procedure is nothing but prep- simply and correctly as follows:

tion of American youth.

into action against the 12 million dollar Ivy Hill housing project

in Newark, N. J., after the construction company announced an

Federated Pictures.

block passage of the Taft-Hartley Act, the "labor statesmen" sabotaged the struggle. Then they capitulated to the Slave Labor Law by rushing to sign the "yellow dog" affidavits.

The top union officials, servile and cowardly before the enemies of labor, are very tough against the militant union members who want to fight back against the union-busters. Government-inspired red-baiting is today running wild in the unions, led and encouraged by the top officials. Democracy in the unions is under attack because the leaders are acting against the interests of the rank and file. They dare not permit freedom of discussion and criticism.

PACKINGHOUSE DEFEAT. A WARNING

The defeat of the packinghouse workers' strike is an ominous warning that the union officialdom is following a fatal course. It is a crime against all organized labor that the packinghouse workers were left isolated and unaided, while the meat trust starved them out, and the courts, police and national guard broke up their picket lines.

This grim lesson has not caused the union officials to change their course. On the contrary, they cling tighter than ever to the skirts of the capitalist politicians. They strive desperately to 'Now is not the time.'

Thanks to the spineless union officials, the night-riders of reaction seem to have everything their own way. But the rank and file of the unions have not yet said their last word. They independent political action. Capitalism must be fought and want to fight and they know how to fight. That was firmly proven after V-J Day when the great troop demonstrations from Berlin to Tokio forced the brass hats to bring the veterans home; when four million embattled workers forced the monopoly corporations to grant wage increases; when veterans, industrial workers, white collar workers and the middle classes united solidly and victoriously against their common enemy, America's Sixty Richest Families.

WEAK AND COWARDLY LEADERSHIP

The basic reason for the present frustration of the workers

The exploiters of labor are conscious of their class interests. They are united in the fight against the workers. And they When the union rank and file tried to mobilize last year to have the governmental power on their side. The basic weakness of the workers in the capital-labor war as it stands today is to be found in the union leadership and their false policy. Instead of recognizing that the conflict between labor and capital is irreconcilable, the labor leaders preach the ridiculous idea of the brotherhood of labor and capital and the identity of their interests — a formula which causes the most raucous laughter n the councils of the rich. Instead of recognizing that the Harlem Branch, New York, sells workers can never get a fair deal from government until they set up a government of their own, the labor leaders restrain and sabotage every movement of the rank and file to set up their own political party, which would aim at the formation of a year, with every indication he workers' government. They support the imperialistic government of the capitalists in its monstrous program to enslave the whole world. They act in effect as agents of the capitalist ruling class in the ranks of the workers.

The retreat of the labor movement must be halted. The rank and file of the workers must recognize the reality of the war of capital and labor and create within the labor movement a new policy and a new leadership corresponding to this reality.

INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION

Twelve years ago, when the workers in basic industry were beginning to organize their industrial unions, they soon found that the old AFL leaders were not an aid, but an obstacle to the campaign. It was necessary to thrust aside the old leaders and raise up new, young leaders from the ranks.

Today organized labor is compelled to take the road of defeated on the political, as well as the economic field. For Militant Army. Who's ready for that big task, leaders of broad social vision are needed; leaders like Eugene V. Debs, Big Bill Haywood and Albert Parsons: leaders who can tell one class from another in the present class society.

Workers of America! Close your ranks against the union busters! Defend democracy in your unions. Seek out the able young men and women in your ranks who can lead you with a correct program. Combine your economic struggles on the picket | 20 Militants, 40 Build a Labor | convention, our election camline with independent labor political action.

Unite with the Socialist Workers Party to rid America of the plague of capitalism with its wars and depressions. Build Build a Labor Party Now, 20 we'll have another campaign a socialist party of peace, freedom and plenty.

THEMPIANTANI

Manager Proposes 'Challengers' Club' "Sub-a-Day" Bob Williams

Militant subs like some folks go to movies or eat apples-for re- of Militants for the last eight creation and health. Already he weeks. Belmont News wants the has 46 subs to his credit this bundle increased by one-half imcan top 100 by election day. Ir the last three weeks, while out for air and exercise to recover from a long illness, he has obevery day).

How many Militant readers some socialist competition for this crucial election year-say man Thomas' Socialist Party. 50 subs by Nov. 2? That's the Another works in a plant that is date on which Militant readers producing bombs; he's sure anwill want to see an army of other war is in the making. Still workers at the polls voting for another knows of SWP work in Farrell Dobbs for President and the trade unions. These notations Grace Carlson for Vice President. Every new sub may mean many cards sent in. more votes for Dobbs and Carlson. Of course, Bob's score up to now won't be counted in.

Challengers' Club?

ports The Militant and Pioneer week. "At Oakland we sold about because of the coming national for Negro Equality. In San Fran- ities. While we'll have to lower The Coming American Revolu- later."

tion and 15 The Struggle for Ne gro Equality. We intend to keep

In Los Angeles, "both newsstands have sold all their bundles mediately," wrote Al Lynn.

Milwaukee sent eight more subs last week. "This gives us a tained 23 subs (better than one total of 18 for May," writes Carol Andrews. At the same time Milwaukee trebled the size of its would like to challenge Bob to bundle order. Two of the new subscribers are members of Norwere on the backs of the sub

Flint's drive for 400 new subs, 'hampered from the beginning by union activities and then postponed two weeks ago when it appeared there might be a Gen-Sara Ross of San Francisco re- eral Motors strike, will probably be resumed Sunday," pamphlets sold very well at two Genora Dollinger. "We shall most major Wallace meetings in Oak- likely have to revise our quota land and San Francisco last and the length of the campaign, Party Now and 20 The Struggle paign banquet and other activ-

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The experience of my life, in which there has been no lack either of successes or of failures, has not only not destroyed my faith in the clear, bright future of mankind, but, on the contrary, has given it an indestructible temper. This faith in reason, in truth, in human solidarity, which at the age of eighteen I took with me into the workers' quarters of the provincial Russian town of Nikolaiev - this faith I have preserved fully and completely. It has become more mature, but not less ardent.

-Leon Trotsky, Address before Dewey Commission, Mexico City, 1937.



SWP Election Campaign

The hundreds of letters and postcards received by the Socialist Workers Party following the first two national broadcasts by its presidential nominee, Farrell Dobbs, testify to a growing interest in the program of revolutionary socialism and offer evidence of an effective SWP election campaign in the months to come.

These responses by mail — from virtually every state in the country, and primarily from people who had never heard of the Socialist Workers Party before - express a desire to find an answer to the crucial problems confronting the working people. Large numbers of Americans are evidently willing to give a fair hearing to a party that speaks out boldly in opposition to capitalism and tells the truth not only about the parties of Big Business but about the untrustworthiness and treachery of Wallace, the Stalinists, the Norman Thomas "Socialists" and the labor union bureaucrats.

In our opinion there are hundreds of thousands of such people in this country today. There are many who think, like a worker writing us from Kansas, that "this country is going like Germany fast." There are many who are reaching the same conclusion as a Navy veteran in California, that the Republican and Democratic Parties "have for the last fifty years used the workers as a tool

for autocracy." There are many trade unionists like the steel worker in Pennsylvania who agree that Farrell Dobbs' criticism of Philip Murray and other top union leaders is "well founded."

The 1948 election campaign offers the SWP and The Militant an excellent opportunity for reaching large numbers of such workers, acquainting them with our analysis of capitalist crises and evils, arming them with the Marxist program for combatting the drive of reaction and thus equipping them to take their place in labor's struggle for a socialist world. We promise to take full advantage of this opportunity so that the 1948 campaign will be remembered as the one that brought onto the national political scene the party of the American socialist revolution.

Our readers can assist us enormously in this great endeavor. You can become campaigners for the SWP ticket on your job and in your neighborhood. You can assist us in getting the names of our candidates on the ballot in the states where this difficult task still remains to be done. You can help to spread the message of revolutionary socialism by distributing and obtaining subscriptions to this paper. Such efforts will be concrete manifestations of your desire to build the forces of socialism that alone can do away with the capi-

The Escalator Clause

The sliding scale cost-of-living contract signed by General Motors with the auto union has stirred up a considerable public dis-

Comments on it range all the way from "unique" and "startling" to "revolutionary." Corporations are said to be approaching the question "cautiously." The capitalist press generally expresses uneasiness.

For ten years, The Militant has advocated the program of the sliding scale of wages, known also as the escalator clause as the most effective means of safeguarding living standards in a period of constantly mounting prices.

The GM contract, however, does not contain the precise proposition that we advocate. As we pointed out last week, the GM contract lacks important safeguards which are part of our sliding scale program.

Even UAW Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey admits in a letter to the N. Y. Times, May 29, that "the present agreement, though headed in the right direction, starts with a depressed base period and allows too small an annual increase in wage rates."

The GM contract does nothing more than bring the GM wages up to the level of the depressed real wages of 1940. It does not improve the GM workers' living standards, as some have claimed. It freezes them at the

"norm" of nearly a decade ago. To this GM has added a three-cent "im-

provement" factor. This is based on the carefully calculated fact that since 1900 the output of the average American worker has increased 2% a year — last year, Truman stated in his January economic report, it was $2\frac{1}{2}$ %. GM's "improvement" factor starts in 1948. What happened to the "improvement" factor for the past EIGHT years? That alone should have meant a 24-cept raise in GM hourly

We do not agree with those union leaders who point to the bad features of the GM contract as arguments against the sliding scale of wages program. If the GM sliding scale were based on an adequate basic wage, it would have meant protection of a high level of real wages for the life of the contract.

Our sliding scale program, we have always taken pains to make clear, is designed to FORTIFY the basic wages. The UAW negotiators accepted a sliding scale as a SUBSTI-TUTE for the higher basic wages.

The sliding wage scale program, properly applied, is a tremendous weapon in the hands of the workers during the further inflation which war preparations are bound to bring. The GM wage agreement, for all of its inadequacy, has set a precedent, demonstrated the realizability of this far-reaching wage program and introduced it into the thinking of the broad ranks of the unions. In this sense, it may well prove to be a significant milestone in the advance of American labor.

National Guard Strikebreaking

The renewed large-scale use of injunctions against strikes has been accompanied by the use of National Guard units to break up picket lines and escort scabs into struck plants.

A striking example of the problems raised for the union members was an incident in Iowa, where one leading member of the CIO Packinghouse Workers was called up by the National Guard, in which he holds the rank of first sergeant, and sent to another town to interfere with the picket lines of his own

Commenting on the return of widespread strikebreaking activities by the National Guard, the Seafarers Log, weekly newspaper of the AFL Seafarers International Union, declares:

"More and more Americans are waking up to the threat posed by the National Guard and the Naval Reserve. . . As trade unionists, the members of the Seafarers International Union should have nothing to do with these governmental agencies, which have in the past, and can be in the future, used to break

That conclusion is correct so far as it goes, but unfortunately it does not go far enough. Refusal to join the National Guard may enable workers to escape such situations as the lowa packinghouse worker was placed in, but it will not and cannot do away with the National Guard itself or with its use as a strikebreaking agency.

In these troubled times, when force or the threat of force settles so many crucial disputes, military training is an art which it is wise for all workers to acquire,

The National Guard must be rejected because it puts its members under military discipline and forces them into actions against the interests of the working people. Instead of the National Guard, the labor movement should advocate the establishment of a guard, financed and equipped by the federal and state governments just as the National Guard is, but operating under the control and disci-

pline of the unions themselves. Such a guard could do everything that the National Guard does in the way of aiding victims of floods and disasters. It could teach the workers how to use arms and would attract a far greater number of recruits precisely because it would be a democratic body, free of the brass hat control which repels so many workers. And instead of being used to break strikes, it would become a sturdy defender of union and democratic rights and would stand as a block against the threat by any fascist movement to establish its dictatorship in the U.S.

NAACP Broadens Fight To Reinstate Frank Barnes

May 30 — "We have just begun in the fight against Sears. to fight!" This was the spirited keynote of a mass meeting held for support in boycotting and picketing the Sears store, were the Attorney General as subver-

Defending Barnes' right to enthis move of the federal government as a mortal danger to the advancement of Negro rights, Noah Griffin, West Coast regional director of the NAACP, pledged to fight to a finish on this issue. Reverend W. P. Carter, cne of the most influential Negro ministers in Southern California, and candidate for the City Counof the meeting and issued a call June 17.

Other speakers included Dr. George H. Hudson, Negro physi-Tuesday by the Santa Monica cian, politician and member of NAACP. Speakers bitterly de the Los Angeles NAACP Execunounced the U.S. Post Office Del tive Board, representatives from partment for its persecution of other NAACP branches, and a the local NAACP president be- United Steel Workers' represen- From Topeka, Kansas cause of his militant leadership of an equality-in-hiring campaign PAC. The meeting, attended by Would appreciate it very much labor and capital to meet on comagainst the local Sears Roebuck 300 people, Negro and white, if I could have a copy. This mon ground, and infer that labor was a high point in the six-month country is going like Germany should attempt to destroy capital. you may have. was suspended from his mail car- fight against the Sears store. It fast. I think it is about time the On the day that they accomplish rier's job on charges of "disloy- marked a big step forward in workers took things in their that—God forbid—labor will be bless you. alty" because, among the two committing the national NAACP hands. dozen organizations he enlisted to a program of mass action in the economic field.

The NAACP attorney from From Harrisburg, Pa. several arbitrarily designated by Los Angeles, Loren Miller, has Please send me a copy of Mr

The United Committee to End for that matter. Job Discrimination at Sears. through which the most active organizations give their support From Fond Du Lac, Wisc. on a county-wide basis at a broad greatly appreciated. cil last year, served as chairman conference in Los Angeles on

Strike Leader Shot



Lying in a pool of blood, James Price of the AFL National medical aid after being shot through the head. For seven months, Price has been leading a strike against the DiGiorgio fruit ranch, Bakersfield, Calif. The Kern County Central Labor Council has offered a \$5,000 reward for capture of the "person or persons" who fired nine bullets at Price through a window while he was presiding over a strike committee meeting. Federated Pictures.

ACK LONDON, AMERICAN | fully reasoned essays are deriva- | labor bureaucrats and savagely 533 pp., \$3.50.

Jack London's socialist writthe world. The two great leaders of the Russian Revolution, Lenin and Trotsky, both expressed admiration for London's novel The lron Heel. The power lodged in this book and in some of London's other indictments of capitalism still retains its explosive force. It is good, therefore, that a collection of his socialist writings has recently been published.

The collection, to be sure, leaves editor, Philip S. Foner, a Stalinconflcting drives within London that finally, for all his tremendous vitality, destroyed him, causing him a few months before his death, which was probably by of his strength. We see only these drives and how they work-

ed themselves out. The book has selections from London's autobiographical writngs dealing with the life of his revolutionary best. His care- reformist leaders, sold out by the

REBEL: A COLLECTION tive and at times spuriously repressed by a huge police force literary, for London thought with whose secret agents ferret out OF HIS SOCIAL WRIT- his blood rather than with his the revolutionists in labor's ranks, and I asked pay for overtime. INGS, edited by Philip S brain. But his descriptions of his but as being indestructible, con-Foner, The Citadel Press, experiences are glowing with life. stantly renewing itself and finally, that got up the ten hour law ist Workers Party will hold a

THE IRON HEEL

ings inspired a generation of Although London was not a written, graphic tract rather than working-class militants all over theoretician, The Iron Heel, which a novel with fully rounded embarrassed the reformist social- characters, The Iron Heel in such ist leaders by its vivid depictions passages as the description of of brutal reaction and revolu- the Chicago Commune becomes tionary struggle so that they literature of a high order. complained that it gave "a new impetus to the old and generally discarded cataclysmic theory, has proved to be a remarkable prophecy of fascism. London had learned from his own experience "History shows," he once said, upon the class struggle." Spiri-

With this fundamental insight and his artist's imagination Lonsuicide, to give up the socialist | don produced his blood-stained vimovement which was the source sion of triumphant counter-revostate which he prophesied.

The Iron Heel, however, is not only a grim warning which still workers sweated dry in their retains its validity; it is a stateabors for the bosses and of ment of faith in the working tramps and slum-dwellers sub- class, which London portrays as merged in the cesspool of capital- being delivered to the Iron Heel ist society in which London is at by the criminal blindness of its

inevitably victorious. This warn- ought to have been hung. My Smorgasbord supper and entering and statement of faith is The book also has some of the presented in vigorous, sometimes best passages of The Iron Heel. electrifying prose. A vividly

The Iron Heel was Jack London's great contribution to the revolutionary movement. Eight years after its publication he resigned from the Socialist party because of its lack of fire and the meaning of the class struggle. fight, and its loss of emphasis good deal to be desired. Its "that no master class is ever tually weakened and confused by willing to let go without a his own internal contradictions, ist academician, has appended to quarrel." This basic understand- he was unable, however, to carry it a biographical study compris- ing was made real for him not on a fight against reformism in ing one-fourth of the text. Al- only by his observation of the conjunction with other leftthough he gives an adequate ac- ruthless strike-breaking methods wingers. But although London count of the tragedy of London's of the American corporations could not carry on the fight, he life, his study is lacking in but by his reading of the murder- did state the premise on which nsychological insight. We see the ous suppression of the Russian it had to be conducted: "The Revolution of 1905 and of the working class, by fighting, by heroic fight of the Russian work- never fusing, by never making terms with the enemy, [can] emancipate itself." This revolutionary intransigeance, violated by the opportunists of all stripes, from the Social-Democrats of the lution. Condemned as romantically | First World War to the Stalinists hazily, however, the origins of lurid at the time of its publication of the Second World War, has in 1908, the vision is pale beside been the fundamental tenet of the reality of the fascist police- the revolutionary movement from the time of Marx.

> Among the productions of this great historical movement that can inspire working class militants of today as of yesterday are the socialist writings of Jack

WORKERS FORUM

filed with the Post Office De- Dobbs' radio speech on the sub partment's loyalty board a de- ject "Capital vs. Labor." General mand for the removal of the dis- ly I should appreciate any literlist such support and recognizing loyalty brand placed on Barnes ature you can send me on the and has requested a hearing on economics, politics and sociology Barnes' case before the board. of America, or the whole world,

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From New Albany, Ind.

able to supply me concerning the on both sides of the picture. Socialist Workers Party.

From Corning, N. Y.

Please send me one or more air May 29. . . I would apprethese copies to spread among those of this community who are general public. so much in need of political edu-

I'rom Napa, Calif.

I have finished listening to

I would appreciate receiving a sreech-not that I want to keep t-but I would like to send it to he FBI just in case they missed attainable Utopia. nearing your speech.

I am 52 years old, have lived all my life so far, in this, the est nation on earth. I don't claim our economic or political system is perfect, but it is the best of any on earth, and we have, for the most part, prospered under it. The law of "supply and desion, and the problem to establish send me any free literature that an even-running prosperity and you have and also a sample copy avoiding depressions is a larger of your newspaper if you publish From Kewanee, Ill. problem than YOU or any other one. . enclose a list of any fathead like yourself can solve.

I am a veteran of the First World War, and I am wondering if you ever had the guts to be in uniform for your country-or did

| mincompoop Stalin and his Reds? | years ago, but it is the same took the whole blasted lot of you and turned you upside down, one From N. Mancheter, Ind. couldn't shake a thin dime out of the whole lot of you to furnish afternoon over ABC with interthe money for the purchase of est and seem to, in many rebricks and machinery to provide yourselves with a place to work trade union argument. Please and earn a living.

No, Mr. Dobbs, better stop making inflammatory speeches and learn to accept the American From Johnstown, Pa. way of doing things, and that is by arbitration and meeting on a common ground with capital, and both working together rather than labor trying to have all the advantages, while capital provides the MONEY for erecting portunities for labor which labor . . . would appreciate any And remember I admit that there two major parties which is aimed material which you might be are faults that need correcting at securing the maximum de-Neither side is wholly without

I say, "Hurrah" for Judge T. Alan Goldsborough. He should copies of Dobbs speech over the have sent John L. Lewis to jail for life for trying to consider the Murray is well founded. Murray ciate it if I had a number of welfare (or so he stated) of his miners before the welfare of the

conditions.

your followers, led by yourseif for labor and progressives. L. M. on a boat and ship you over to Russia where you evidently would rather be. Or better still sink the ship in the middle of the ocean, so that you can't beget any more of your ilk to inflame copy of your script for that ignorant and unthinking workers who will follow any will of the wisp who promises them an un- on politics that I ever listened to.

Edward C. Spengman

From Kennelbunkport, Maine I would like to request a copy of your May 29 speech. .

From Ft. Dodge, Iowa I am interested in learning more about the socialist party ricds of prosperity and depres- and your 1948 platform. . . Please Dobbs of this date over ABC.

> publications that you sell. From Pontiac, Mich.

one half dozen. From Groton, Conn.

heard you over the radio. I am terested in the welfare of the common people all my life. As a young man I worked for a rich Akron Will Hold family on a farm and they wanted me to work over the ten hours Old Hannah Norman said the men the Akron Branch of the Socialmther, at eight, worked for a tainment as a send-off celebrarich woman and heard her say, tion for the Akron delegates to "It won't be good times until a the SWP National Convention. poor man is willing to work for Militant readers invited. The a sheep's pluck and eat it under SWP headquarters is at 4 South a cart body." This was many Howard.

You speak of the inability of spirit that operated slave trade Kindly send me any literature

Wishing you success and God

T. G. W

Listened to your broadcast this

spects, agree with your basic

send further information.

Would you please send me the iterature you mentioned on your speech of May 29 over the Am-

rican Broadcasting Co. On the issue of the position of organized labor concerning the problems facing us today, I bebuildings and machinery and op- lieve you raised a very good point in your exposure of the bicouldn't provide for themselves. partisan political program of the gree of control of Wall Street over the American people. The blame or working under ideal Democratic and Republican parties do not represent the will of

the American people. As a steelworker union man. I may state that your criticism of apparently sold out to the Wall Street two-party, monopoly capital forces. We definitely need a I think they better load all of drive to bring progressive gains

From Portage, Pa.

I heard your radio broadcast of May 29 and would like you to send me a copy of your speech. It was the best radio broadcast You sure gave labor, the capitalists atd government the real

I am a coal miner and would like to read your speech to some of the local unions here.

From Longview, Texas ... would be pleased to receive

a copy of the address by Mr.

Comrade Dobos speech was a candy. He told them just what A. W. B. is what, right from the shoulder; didn't mince words. I wish we could have the ticket in Illinois. Please mail copies of Saturday but I guess I will have to stay you wear the uniform of that evening's broadcast. Send as home on election day because if many as you can spare. Can use I can't vote socialist I won't go J. W. M. near the polls, never have for 48 years. Well, tell them all to work like hell and roll up as big a Honorable Mr. Dobbs. . . I just vote as they can. I talk with a lot of fellows that take The 80 years old and have been in- Militant and they are all well pleased with it.

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nounce that failure to arrive at

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an agreement by the termination

strike action. While the Chrysler

fight had been confined to the

wage question, in General Motors

was up for discussion. The Gen-

eral Motors agreement has been

generally recognized as the worst

in the industry and job conditions

As the deadline for shutting

down the GM Corporation ap-

proached, the GM locals com-

pleted their strike votes. Such

powerful locals as Buick Local

in Flint, Oldsmobile Local in

Lansing, and Yellow Cab and

Truck Local in Pontiac, as well

as a number of smaller locals,

voted against a strike. The lack

of confidence in the policy of the

union negotiating committee met

with the GM corporation repre-

negotiations and in a day and

TOTALLY INADEQUATE

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But doesn't the GM agreement

contain an escalator clause which

The Militant has advocated for

contract for two years.

changes.

You might call them the League of Frightened Men . . . the great scientists who see so clearly what their inventions mean for mankind. They

cry out in horror and wring their hands in anguish, helplessly driven on to new, more ghastly discoveries that haunt nem constantly.

"There never was a time," the British scientist Robert Watson - Watt admitted recently, "that the scientist was more frightened of the citizens' representatives, the politicians, and what they can do with his work."

With all their vast knowledge, these brilliant analysts of the physical world stand trembling like schoolboys before the power of their

masters—the politicians. Some seek escape, as Sir Robert said, "by staying in their ivory towers," others have developed "an acute social

In the second group, for instance, are the six leading atomic scientists, headed by Dr. Albert Einstein and Dr. H. C. Urey, who held a special session recently to arouse the world to the dangers of atomic war.

"Atomic bombs have been developed to the point where we can't expect to use them in large scale war and have the human race survive,' Urey said.

And so these scientists, who have explained and harnessed the energy of the arom, turned their attention to politics. You might expect them to weigh all the elements, the contradictions, the conflicting forces, and arrive at a scientific conclusion. But all they produced was a feeble and hopelessly Utopian reliance on some kind of

"World government, if necessary without the Soviet Union at first"-in fact, an extension of the power of Wall Street through a super-United

Before that, they said, there should be another attempt to negotiate. "We understand and share the distaste among democratic peoples for secret negotiations. But we see no hope under present conditions for any settlement to come out of public negotiations in which each statesman is the prisoner of national prestige."

There, say the atom-smashers, is the unsplittable nucleus of the problem — national prestige! They go no further than Professor Charles W. Bishop, of Ottawa, who told delegates to a World Citizens Conference a few days ago that the history books should be re-written to prevent war-because "a tendency exists in most history texts toward nationalistic bias."

If any research worker ignored reality in physics as the scientists do in politics, he would likely be drastically corrected by an unplanned explosion. If any student in our colleges showed as little logic in his arguments as Professor Bishop, he would soon flunk out of school.

But it isn't "just ignorance" that keeps these scientists and professors from seeing and telling the truth. It is their own position, as products and hirelings of the capitalist system. Until they realize this, they cannot begin to understand society or help to avert its atomic destruction.

If they find themselves today just so many frightened voices crying out unheeded, it is because, as Marx said 100 years ago in the Communist Manifesto, they are no longer leaders of thought, but tools of the present system.

"The bourgeoisie has stripped of its halo every occupation hitherto honored and looked up to with reverent awe. It has converted the physician, the lawyer, the priest, the poet, the man of science, into its paid wage laborers."

The Negro Struggle -

Keep an Eye on Congress

– By Albert Parker –

Keep your eye on Congress during the next two weeks. That's when the Democrats and Republicans will put on their bi-annual football game with civil rights bills demanded by the Negro and labor movements. The

game generally ends in a tie, so far as these two parties are concerned; the bills get buried in the muck of capitalist duplicity; and Negroes and unionists are left on the sidelines, with no greater satisfaction than the right to hiss.

(And even that right is now being threatened by the Mundt Bill.)

It's the same old routine of big promises and bigger double-crosses. That goes for the Democrats and Republicans who pretend to be friends of civil rights just as much as it goes for the Southern Democrats who make no bones about their devotion to Jim Crow.

It's many months now since Truman made his bid for the Negro vote by endorsing the proposals of his civil rights committee. It's many months now since he promised to issue an executive order eliminating discrimination in federal employment. But, as we predicted, nothing has come of it. Truman didn't introduce a single bill into Congress, saying he would leave that to the members of Congress, although he followed an entirely opposite procedure on such measures as the aid-to-Greece bill and the Marshall Plan. And, of course, he still refuses to make even a down-payment on his promises by issuing an order, as commander-in-chief, to abolish segregation in the armed forces.

The Republicans have played pretty much the same slimy game. Again and again they promised that if they got control of Congress they would pass the anti-Jim Crow bills. Now they have a clear majority of Congress. But all they have done is stall and maneuver and postpone votes on the civil rights bill until only a few weeks are left for action in Congress. This naturally plays right into the hands of the Southern Democrats, for whom it will be much easier to stage an effective filibuster now than it would have been six or twelve months ago.

Now the Republicans say that at best they can deliver on only one of the promised bills, and even that is in doubt because they have it way down at the bottom of the agenda. The Senate Judiciary Committee had charge of an antilynching bill for 17 months, but never managed to get around to sending it to a vote in the Senate. Yet, inside of 24 hours this same Republican-controlled committee sprang to life in order to hold hearings on the Mundt Bill-whose aim is to promote the lynching of civil rights altogether. And Senator Ball tries to pass the buck by saying it will be the fault of the Democrats if no civil rights bills are passed.

This is the time to remember something that happened at the end of June, 1947, when Congress passed the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Act. At that time a few liberal Senators tried to stage a filibuster to hold up final action on the bill. The Senate immediately went into around-theclock sessions and quickly smashed that filibuster. And Senator Kenneth Wherry, the GOP party whip, exultantly declared: "This demonstrates you can crack a filibuster whenever a majority is determined to do it."

Never was a truer word spoken. All of the civil rights bills could have been passed by now if the Republicans had been "determined to do it." The fact that they weren't passed and are not likely to be passed this year puts the finger on the Republicans, as well as on the Democrats, as friends of the Jim Crow system. Keep your eye on the capitalist parties now, and show what you think about them by voting for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party in November.

Portrait of a Red-Baiter

By Joseph Keller

It was made to order for the yellow capitalist press. A well-known member of an American Legion "Americanization" Committee was found dead in a locked hotel room. His face was bruised, his skull fractured. He was reported to have been engaged in "anti-communist investigation," including "undercover" work for the government.

"It looks like murder," solemnly stated Police Chief Thomas J. Marks, of Long Branch, N. J., where the body of Harold S. Adamson was found in bed in his room at the Elkwood Hotel. That's all the newspapers needed. Before any investigation was made their headlines began screaming "Reds" and "Murder."

"Legion Foe of Subversive Groups Found Dead. Believed Murdered," proclaimed the headline in the May 25 N.Y. Times. The N.Y. World-Telegram announced: "Anti-Red Link Probed in Legionnaire's Death." With sundry dark hints, surmises and innuendoes, the Times reported that the victim, "a member of an old Monmouth County family," had just returned from Washington "after having completed a six-month course on subversive activities."

But within 24 hours, the press began to dummy up. The big headlines disappeared; small, discreet items carried the news for another day. Then thundering silence.

The scene shifts to Long Branch, N. J., to the office of Dr. Julius Toren, who performed the autopsy. Harold S. Adamson, it seems, was a "chronic alcoholic." His blood, at the time of decease, had an alcoholic content of 2.6 milligrams.

Moreover, local law officials were reluctant to waste their time on the "red" angle. In the first place, John M. Pillsbury, assistant prose-corporations. It was left for one cutor of Monmouth County, said he "knew of no of the smaller CIO unions, the registered Communists in the Long Branch area United Packinghouse Workers, and knew of no red groups working here." A to take the bull by the horns and police official explained: "Adamson has been a battle for substantial wage gains. notorious drunken brawler in these parts, and we are convinced he died from a blow received gle of the packinghouse workers

earlier in a drunken brawl." To top it all, police files showed a record of that the AFL union had accepted 15 arrests of Adamson on charges of manslaught- the packers' 9-cent offer. Moreer, breaking and entering, adultery, drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Once he was arrested for beating his mother, now dead, and blacking both her eyes.

What began as a big anti-red spree, wound up with the revealing portrait of a professional redbaiter. We don't mean to imply that all professional red-baiters beat their mothers. We readily admit that some of them don't.

Notes from the News

SOUTHERN JUSTICE-E. Blaine of Memphis, Tenn., went to police headquarters to lodge a complaint that he had been robbed of \$10 during

a police investigation of a disturbance. The cops thereupon beat him up so badly that he is in the hospital where it was necessary to remove his right

\$1,000 REWARD — H. L. Mitchell, president of the AFL Farm Labor Union, offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assailants who shot down James Price, president of Local 218 of the farm union which is running the 8-month old strike at the DiGiorgio fruit ranch, near Bakersfield, Calif.

NO-STRIKE CONTRACT—The AFL Printing Pressmen's Union signed a 5-year no-strike con-

tract with the employers. It calls for no strikes disputes to be settled by arbitration.

WALLACE ON BABIES-Wallace opined at the government should not let them have child-Later Wallace assured the press that he leadership were at a loss for a their standard of living, the workhad "no idea of interfering with anyones' desire to procreate."

RAIL STEAL—The Senate passed the Reed-

challenged Ford to "open the books" and proveif it can-"that a wage increase would require permitted unrestricted entry to the workers while they mobilize have a free hand to exploit to the an increase in the prices of Ford products."

or lockouts for the contract's duration, with all the workers more than temporary clause, as advanced by us, calls ational drives in Eastern Canada a luncheon in Salem, Oregon, that "If the people UAW ranks for struggle. With of living, with a guaranteed insist on living on such [submarginal] land, then the debacle of the steel wage minimum base below which wages

Bulwinkle bill and sent it to the White House. the GM strike of two years ago. adjustment one year from now, is Capital. The bill permits railroads to fix non-competition The preparation and organizathe GM workers will still be more rates and permits further gouging of the public.

OPEN THE BOOKS—The auto union has previous strikes was lacking. Of- in early 1946. Rather than pro- ards to new lows, to smash the

Appraisal of Wage Settlements With General Motors and Chrysler

THE MILITANT

DETROIT - The current wage drive was the first serious test for the Walter Reuther administration in the auto union. Following the UAW convention in November 1947, the new leadership stalled on the wage problem. At the convention, Reuther confined himself to pleas for a "roll back of prices."

Last December, however, the ? powerful Flint locals adopted a where militant action on the standards, this proposal freezes wage program calling for a 25- Chrysler Highland Park picket their living standards at levels cents per hour flat increase to re- line completely closed the plant, which represent a cut of 6% store purchasing power PLUS A the strike strategy committee below 1946 levels and bans any COST-OF-LIVING ESCALATOR issued an order prohibiting such improvement in base rates for

In January, the UAW International Executive Board felt impelled to give its answer to the wage problem by adopting tions and compelled, despite its demands for a 25-cent flat increase plus fringe concessions on nsurance and pensions. The Board not only did not include a lemand for an escalator clause, but they passed a motion speciscally forbidding any local union from signing an agreement conaining such a clause. In addition, n spite of the growing demands n the ranks for united action of all the auto workers in the wage fight, the International leadership continued to cling to the. 'one-at-a-time strategy" which had proven so costly and demoralizing in the 113-day GM strike

NO CO-ORDINATION

It soon became clear that there was no over-all unity or coordination of the major national CIO unions in the wage fight. Each union was left to shift for itself. Reuther and the UAW leadership were content to wait for Murray to set the pattern with U.S. Steel and thus pave the way for UAW agreements.

But under Murray's leadership, he steel workers were bound by date on May 28, would result in a two year agreement which prohibited strike action.

To demonstrate his servility to the boss class, Murray blandly the whole question of contract announced, as he opened the steel wage negotiations, that regardless of the outcome, the union would respect its no-strike agreement. It was thus not at all have reflected this. surprising that U.S. Steel Corporation rejected all wage concessions. The CIO electrical workers.

under Stalinist leadership, and olegued by internal and external attacks, confined themselves to verbal battles with the electrical



From the beginning, the strugwas compromised by the fact over, the strike of the meat ed in an agreement which ties packers was permitted to remain the GM workers to a standard isolated without any effective of living of 3 cents per hour CIO. The strike, marked by a per hour below the levels gained high degree of militancy, was through militant strike action in Editor: finally starved out. The union was 1946. Moreover, to obtain this compelled to call off the strike on the terms of the corporations. This defeat was the worst setback for a major CIO union since the crushing of the Little Steel strike in 1937.

NO CONFIDENCE

As a consequence of these events plus the failure of the The proposal for a sliding scale drive, Reuther and the UAW cannot fall. By thus protecting way out and finally compelled to crs would find it possible to mobstrike the Chrysler plants.

strikes of Chrysler workers or agreement, even with the 3 cent tion of the strike were com- than 5 cents per hour short of only a starter in a campaign to pletely haphazard. The spirit of the buying power they enjoyed drive the workers' living standfice workers and foremen were tecting the living standards of entire labor movement and again the plants. In the one occasion for struggles to improve their

two years beyond the 3 cents in-As the Chrysler strike apcrease a year from now. proached its third week, the UAW

leadership found itself backed

It is well to stop and consider what motivated the GM Corpora-'one-at-a-time strategy" to an- tions' sudden change of front. In the past weeks, with the flat rejection of a wage increase in steel, and electric, the all-out fight against the packinghouse workers, and the stiff - necked stand taken by GM and Chrysler in negotiations, it appeared that big battles were in the offing to win any kind of wage concessions. Suddenly this is changed by the action of the GM Corporation.

ican capitalist class has just completed an experimental operation in their offensive against the packinghouse workers. That struggle represented a test of the effectiveness of their anti-labor offensive and the ability of the unions to defend themselves. It took a two-and-a-half month struggle in the meat industry to beat the packinghouse workers into submission. It is my opinion that the packinghouse strike, despite its defeat, has made the money-bags pause and reconsider their course.

11-cent increase and escalator MIXED REACTIONS clause, the union leadership agreed to a two-year extension of the previous agreement containing only a few insignificant From a fundamental point of plants there is bitterness over iew, one must draw the con- the complete surrender of con- p.m. by the Harlem Branch of tract, the improvements gained clusion that the General Motors tract demands. The most preval- the Socialist Workers Party, represent an insignificant consettlement is not only totally inadequate to meet the needs of the among all auto workers is how of The Militant are urged to at-

Why? Apparently the Amer-

This experience dictated to the nonopolists the necessity for a more extended period of softenfor two years, so that production and profits would proceed uninsentatives last week. The corporation took the initiative in the they could continue the policy of Harlem Meeting on softening up the unions to pre- Randolph Movement night session the GM agreement pare the way for further attacks was reached. In return for the at a later stage.

The first reactions to the GM in the shops were mixed and con- Bohannan, Socialist Workers fused. The cost-of-living clause Farty candidate for New Jersey Buick vote to justify the union's was in many cases, greeted with Congressman, at the meeting to limited gains. suspicion. In a number of GM be held on Friday, June 11, at 8 In view of the bad GM conent reaction to the settlement Friends of the SWP and readers cession. The most important im-

UAW-GM Settlement



A unique type of contract was signed by the CIO United Auto Workers and General Motors Corp., covering 225,000 workers. It provides for an immediate 11-cent hourly wage boost and an escalator clause. At the settlement meeting (l. to r.) are UAW representatives T. A. Johnstone, GM vice-president Harry W. Anderson and GM negotiator Louis Seaton.

ing up the unions, of sowing internal conflicts within the union policies of the leadership and GM Delegates movement, and legislative at- carry the struggle for progressive tacks from without, before they could safely organize a head-on attack in the mass production in- of the union becomes increasingly dustries. If two and a half months important as the leadership rewere required to intimidate the sorts to baiting all critics of its 100,000 meat workers, with their policies. The fight must be conlimited membership, resources tinued for common contract terand traditions of struggle, then a mination dates and for united virtual civil war would be re- action of all auto workers and quired to smash the giants of against the "one-at-a-time" polauto, steel, etc. It became clear icy which is responsible for the to the barons of the auto indus- workers' lack of will to fight. tended strikes they would sooner Index as a result of the GM anow and tie up the agreements into the hands of union commit- determining factor. When con-

THE RANDOLPH-REYNOLDS CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE MOVE- Buick Local, an opponent of the MENT will be the topic of the Reuther administration, had votsettlement of the men and women talk to be given by William ed against the strike. T. A. John-GM workers but presents new ever, one of relief that they will evidence of the bankruptcy of the leadership and its inability The job confronting the progressive unionists in the UAW is Room 26. Admission is free.

For 11-Cent Raise

DETROIT, May 29 — Delegates representing GM workers in over 90 GM plants throughout the U.S. met in Detroit on May 28 to receive the report of their National Bargaining Comtry that even if they forced ex- The interest focused on the BLS mittee. The acceptance of the agreement was a foregone conor later be compelled to make a greement poses the need of taking clusion. The fact that 11 cents leadership and the consequent demoralization of the ranks was the consequent demoralization of the ranks was the consequent desired it was far better to make the congressional tools the congressiona the cause for this false position. the cheapest possible settlement of Big Business and putting it ers beginning May 29 was the trasted to the steel union's capitulation and with the defeat of the packinghouse workers, the 11-cent ncrease looked like a signal victory to the GM workers.

> The position of those inclined to oppose the agreement was made more difficult because the stone, assistant to Reuther in

ter representation at the end of 90 days, the new employe will also collect for holiday pay after 90 days. Previously he had to work six months before being paid for holidays not worked WILSON'S SUGGESTION

The sliding scale was put into the contract at the suggestion of C. E. Wilson, GM President. last ounce of blood. We should When John W. Anderson, Presi-Your paper, we understand, realize that the present drive dent of Local 15, made a motion enters many Canadian workers' against the LPP (Canadian Com- to incorporate an adequate escarendered every major contract homes, so we are enclosing a munist Party) is only the begin- lator clause in the contract at a copy of a letter endorsed by the ning, that soon all fellow trav- National Conference on January workers to the miserable GM officers of our local for publica- ellers and left wing socialists 17, his motion was ruled out of will become communists in the order by President Reuther. The A. MacCormack eyes of the King government, and Conference was told that the on to every branch of the labor escalator clause was in violation movement until anyone who does of CIO policy. The UAW Execunot support the boss class in a tive Board sent out a communicaloud voice will be disposed of. | tion saying that no local union We, the officers of the Texanda could sign a contract with this

> E. Wilson. He weakly added that on the formulation of the GM escalator clause.

Discussion and criticism of the contract was very limited, because of the feeling that a victory was won, and also the chairman's arbitrary rulings and the prepon-A. MacCormack, Vice-President derance of Reuther supporters in the delegation. The final vote F. Leigh, Recording Secretary showed 30 delegates against. 20 abstaining, and 150 voting for the agreement.

corporation, the false policies of the UAW leadership have result. Canadian Union Officials Call packers was permitted to remain isolated without any effective support from the rest of the above 1940 levels and 8.3 cents For Building of Labor Party

tion in The Militant.

Dear Brothers:

the past ten years? Not quite. The exclusion of American orprevious wage increases to give wage agreement, or escalator ganizers assisting in our organizrelief, and general dissatisfaction for automatic increases in the should arouse all of the Canadian with the "one-at-a-time strategy" wages of workers to compensate workers to the perilous position CIO, believe that the formation stone of these facts. Johnstone there was little sentiment in the for each increase in the cost of their unions, International or of a Labor Party based on and did not deny that this policy was Canadian. It should teach us that responsible to the trade union changed at the suggestion of C.

It should also teach us the ilize their full fighting strength futility of protesting this crim-The Chrysler strike presented to win improvements in the iral act aimed at the trade union a sharp contrast to the earlier standard of living. Under the GM movement, to such a government whose only recognized majority

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Island Quarry and Mine Workers clause in it. its predecessors, is a direct agent believe this is the only way we he, President Reuther, and Vicemovement, is long overdue. We can halt the march of reaction President Livingston had worked and preserve our rights as free workers. Therefore, we call on all workers in Canada to take whatever action they can in this re-

Fraternally yours,

Edwin W. Olson, President J. K. Johnson, Fin. Sec. Van Anda, B.C.