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Accompanying these contributions are letters of sympathy and support for the labor prisoners and their families. Chicago Local 329, United Grocery and Produce Employees Union, writes: "Enclosed is a check for the 12 victims of injustice. Our Union will be happy to cooperate with your committee in Chicago toward smashing this vicious frame-up."

held at the Hotel Diplomat, W. 43rd Street, on Friday evening, February 2. In addition to the released prisoners, a number of outstanding labor and civil liberties leaders will speak, including Osmond K. Fraenkel, noted counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, Henry Fruchter, National Educational Director of the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees, and George Novack, National Secretary of the CRDC.

UNION-BUSTING CHARGED AGAINST NAVY OFFICERS

The anti-labor attitude of the brass hats is exemplified in a recently issued NLRB report which details the union-busting activities of U. S. Navy officers at the naval ordnance plant in Milledgeville, Ga. The plant is Navy-owned, but operated under lease by the Reynolds aluminum company.

According to an NLRB examiner's investigation and findings, Capt. Russell G. Sturges, Naval commander at the plant, and his assistant, Lt. Comdr. Banks, collaborated with the company in attempting to prevent the CIO United Steel Workers from unionizing the plant and tried to force the workers into a company union.

The USV-CIO sent two organizers into Milledgeville last May at the request of the workers. Immediately the business men and city officials opened an anti-union campaign. A licensing ordinance was hastily passed which required union organizers to pay a \$5,000 yearly fee and establish a 12 month residence before securing a license. Then one of the CIO organizers was promptly arrested.

The next day the plant's workers were called together and addressed by Lt. Comdr. Banks and the general manager Harry G. Smith. Banks, stating that he spoke for the commanding officer, declared that the Navy was interested only in production and that any CIO organizer, who took what was the deserter's money. The commanding officer that the

company was working "shoulder to shoulder" with the Navy, stated he could "see no reason for a union in the plant."

A short time later, with the aid of a business associate whose sister is assistant personnel director at the plant, Smith organized a company union called the Workers Welfare Association. Workers reported to have joined the CIO were summoned for questioning before the Naval officers, who sought to intimidate the employees into joining the "independent" union.

FORM COMPANY UNION

At the suggestion of Capt. Sturges, the management initiated its own plan for "electing" a grievance committee. "Ballots" were distributed by supervisors, and the workers were required to designate grievance representatives. The ballots, though cast secretly, had to be signed.

The NLRB examiner noted that the company union used in its literature "some of the ideas advanced in the speeches" of the Naval officers, "and particularly in the appeals to patriotism and the claims that the CIO would distract the minds of employees and interfere with production."

Blessings of Allied Liberation



Roosevelt's "Seizure" Order Halts Spreading Ward Strikes

By Art Preis
President Roosevelt last Thursday intervened to halt the Montgomery Ward strikes by ordering a Department of Justice "seizure" of company properties in seven cities where the administration previously had failed to enforce long-standing WLB directives against Open Shopper No. 1, Sewell L. Avery.

The administration's action, similar to the one which broke the Chicago Ward strike eight months ago, was taken after nearly three weeks of the bitter Detroit walkout, which spread to Chicago and Kansas City and inspired the threat of a CIO "labor holiday" in the Detroit citadel of the mighty auto workers union.

Roosevelt's statement made it clear that his "seizure" was dictated by his desire to prevent the spread of such strikes to the war industries and by the need to bolster up his wage-freezing War Labor Board's authority, seriously undermined by Avery's long and contemptuous defiance of WLB directives.

While admitting that Montgomery Ward "has waged a bitter fight against the bona fide unions of its employees throughout the war," and "for more than a year" has successfully defied WLB directives affecting the "seized" establishments, Roosevelt did not motivate his "seizure" order on

the fact of Avery's non-compliance in itself. In fact, the administration has tolerated this for over four years. Roosevelt complains only because Avery's anti-labor recalcitrance has "threatened" the "confidence" of the workers in the government's "structure for the

impartial adjudication of disputes" and has led to the "distinct threat" of sympathetic walkouts of war industry workers in support of the Ward strikers. Roosevelt released a letter from WLB Chairman Davis, who gave as his first and main reason for advising government seizure the fact that Avery's "persistent non-compliance" threatens the maintenance of the "no-strike pledge in Detroit" in the forthcoming UAW-CIO referendum.

CIO Mass Meeting Backs Strike

By John Saunders
DETROIT, Dec. 24—The magnificent Montgomery Ward strike, fought here on the picket lines in snow and bitter cold for over two weeks, has inspired the greatest resurgence of labor militancy and solidarity in the CIO ranks, particularly the powerful auto workers, since the no-strike shackles were first placed on labor after Pearl Harbor.

Climaxing a mounting movement for support of the Ward strikers, over 2,000 CIO local union officers and stewards last Thursday night jammed the UAW-CIO Local 157 Hall to cheer a call to back the Ward strike to the limit. They clamored thunderously for a "labor holiday" against the Roosevelt government's kid-glove policy toward Open Shopper No. 1, Sewell L. Avery.

Not since American entry into the war has there been such a spirited, observing all legal precau-

Tresca Meeting

More than 100 prominent individuals are sponsoring a Carlo Tresca memorial meeting at Webster Hall, 119 East 11th Street, New York City, Thursday January 11. A striking bronze head of Tresca, murdered anti-fascist fighter, will be offered as a gift to the town of Sulmona, Tresca's birthplace in Italy, by his widow, Mrs. Margaret De Silver Tresca. The same day Sulmona will hold a civic ceremony to rename one of the town's principal streets in Tresca's honor.

Memorial meetings will also be held January 11 in London, Mexico City, Havana and American cities from Boston to San Francisco where Tresca is remembered for his revolutionary activities and leadership in great strikes of past decades. All Militant readers are urged to attend the meetings to pay homage to this lion-hearted fighter for labor's rights.

tions and making no move which might infringe on Avery's "property rights" or further antagonize the big business open-shoppers. The boldness and ruthlessness which has characterized Roosevelt's assaults on striking workers is completely lacking in his treatment of the union-busting plutocrat Avery.

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One of the central points of the SWP Program of Expansion is to build up The Militant as a great national weekly, carrying the message of Trotskyism to ever-widening circles of workers. We have the perspective of securing 50,000 regular readers through a series of subscription campaigns during 1945.

The first of these campaigns, to secure 10,000 new readers, will be launched on March 1, with the participation of every branch from coast to coast. The remarkable results achieved in our 1944 subscription campaign, when a total of 7,614 new readers were secured, has given the comrades invaluable experience for the new task ahead. Now, with a lower subscription price to facilitate the campaign, we are setting a higher goal, confident that we

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King George knows the pattern well. He had to flee for his life in 1923, yet managed to return in 1935 to set up the military dictatorship of Metaxas a year later. The British put forward a regency in Greece in 1932 when they crushed the first Greek republic that was born in the democratic revolution against the Turkish overlord. That regency was followed by a monarchy whose brutality was not less than that of Metaxas.

CHURCHILL'S TRIP

Churchill flew to Greece, not to set up a regency — that was already decided upon — but to attempt to ease the pressure from British workers angered over the slaughter of their Greek brothers. Churchill's critics in the House of Commons demanded a higher-ranking minister be sent to Greece. The airplane trip was calculated to demonstrate that the Prime Minister was leaving no stone unturned in his effort to end the embarrassing Greek

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Cut-Back Lay-Offs Provoke Walkouts

By Roy Weston
DETROIT, Dec. 28—In the past three weeks, four major strikes have hit Detroit, the issue in each case being seniority, a policy which is increasing in importance as cut-backs mount. In the last few days of November, the Graham Paige, Dodge and Briggs Mack Ave. plants were closed by walkouts which lasted for a period of 2 to 5 days. Although it took different forms in each case — in the Dodge plant the case involved the transfer of workers and in the Briggs plant the demotion of foremen—the seniority question was at the bottom of each grievance.

The most recent and perhaps the one that illustrates the attitude of the bosses most clearly is the strike of the inspection workers at the Briggs Outer Drive plant on Tuesday, Dec. 12. The Briggs Union, Local 212, UAW-CIO has a contract with the company, which states that workers on one code (classification) can "bump" workers on lower codes, providing they have 30 days more seniority and are qualified to do the particular job. The worker in question had 10 years seniority while the one he wished to bump had only one year. The Company, although they made it plain they preferred the individ-

al with one year seniority, for reasons of their own, agreed to give the older worker a "fair" trial period. He was given one day in which to learn 5 different operations, a physical impossibility. After this the job was given back to the newer worker.

NO-STRIKE PLEDGE

The inspectors walked out Tuesday morning, and the plant held a meeting that evening. The Company phoned and agreed to negotiate the case the next morning providing the workers were back on the job. The local union officers talked with the Briggs officials Wednesday morning, explained their grievance, and received the usual "no." Some of the inspectors remained out the rest of the week and on Friday voted to return to work.

This incident is helping to drive home to the Briggs workers the need of rescinding the no-strike pledge. As layoffs hit the workers, with greater unemployment to come, labor finds it increasingly necessary to be able to back up its demands upon the bosses with its most effective and tested weapon. With the coming referendum of the UAW on the no-strike pledge, the auto workers have their chance to restore to their union the one weapon the bosses respect, because it hits them in the pocket — where it hurts most.

War Surpluses Racket Exposed

While the Roosevelt administration accelerates its anti-labor drive with a fake clamor about munitions "shortages," the daily press has been virtually silent about the Senate's Mead Committee report exposing gigantic war profiteering and waste due to "spendthrift buying" by government war agencies.

This report, deliberately buried from public view, discloses that many war procurement agencies have fed unnecessary contracts worth billions to corporations, which have secured vast profits from products which have never been used. These have been declared "surplus," to be resold at a fraction of their worth.

The Committee's report finds "the military very loathe to declare surpluses" and assails the policy of "procuring for military use and then selling as surplus solely for the purpose of maintaining the level of capacity of production facilities." Procurement agencies have been ordering unnecessarily large quantities and "ignoring expenses."

Huge profits have been realized by prime contractors through big "mark-ups" on items secured from secondary companies, which contract through the large corporations rather than the government. The Sperry Corporation, the report revealed, charged the government \$14 to \$18 for rectifier tubes bought for approximately \$8. Automobile corporations manufactured mobile equipment added up to 32 percent on the price of replacement parts from which they merely removed a sub-contractor's label and then repackaged. Labor, materials and warehouse space has gone to the pile up surpluses for which there has been no anticipated need, but which provided handsome profits.

Behind the attempt to submerge the findings of the Mead Committee is the scheme of the big business lobbyists and their congressional agents to further emasculate the renegotiations law, whereby the government has tried to recapture some of the monumental super-profits made on war contracts. The present law expires June 30. It is already riddled with jokers. But Wall Street plans to kill it completely or make it altogether ineffective.

Big Business fears that the findings of the Mead Committee on the profiteering and waste encouraged by the methods of the war procurement agencies may arouse public demand for a stronger renegotiations law.

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TRADE UNION NOTES

By Joseph Keller

Stalinist Finks in the Ward Strikes

During the past three weeks through their press and union stooges, the Stalinists have been conducting their most virulent strikebreaking campaign to date. These rats have been busily trailing their slime across the magnificent strike struggle of the Montgomery Ward workers which has won staunch support in the ranks of the labor movement.

One of the most shameful acts of treachery perpetrated by the Stalinists was the stab in the back dealt the Detroit Ward Workers by the Stalinist officials of Local 65, CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees in New York. They belong to the very same international union which has been directing the strikes in Detroit, Kansas City and Chicago.

The Stalinist stooges in this local, headed by Local 65 President Arthur Osman, issued a public denunciation of the Ward strikes. In their statement opposing the struggle of the Ward workers for a union contract and increases beyond their 39 cents an hour wages, these finks slanderously linked the Ward workers with the "treasonous activities" of Sewell L. Avery, the open-shop plutocrat who for four years has been successfully defying scores of WLB and other government agencies' orders.

These deliberate strikebreaking moves of the Stalinist stooges have of course been applauded by the Daily Worker. But these finks have become so brazen that they even boast of the praise of the bosses for their activities. In the December 24 issue of the Local 65 paper, New Voices, right next to a double-banner, double-cross headline attacking the Ward strikers, was "proudly" displayed a letter declaring "we are in complete accord with the views set forth by Mr. Osman" against the Ward workers. This statement was signed by Sidney B. Felsenfeld, Executive Secretary of the Shoe Wholesalers Employers' Association!

While the Stalinists have joined with the open-shoppers against the Ward workers, almost every other section of the labor movement, including the bulk of the URWSE-CIO members throughout the country, at a tacit

into issuing another WLB "last warning" compliance order to Avery. This order also included Ward's St. Paul establishment along with those in several other cities.

Thereupon the Daily Worker had the gall to bray in a headline on Dec. 16: "Bridges wins Order on Ward Without Strike." To be sure, Bridges didn't call any strike; he did his damndest to break the strike that was going on in Detroit. But that didn't prevent him and his pack of Stalinized scabs from trying to steal a little credit for themselves by cashing in on the very Detroit strike he assailed.

The officers of Local 327, URWSE, have filed formal charges against Harry Bridges' ILWU lieutenants accusing them of direct collusion with the Ward management in an attempt to sabotage an impending strike at the Baltimore Ward plant. These charges were filed with the national CIO last week. In a letter to Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey, Maurice J. Niestadt, assistant business manager of Local 327, urged the CIO to take action against the strikebreaking Stalinist union officials.

Niestadt declared that on December 20 a committee of workers from Ward's retail store in Baltimore solicited the aid of Local 327 in a strike planned for December 22. This committee also asked assistance in securing the backing of other CIO unions in the area.

The strike had to be postponed a day because of bad weather. On the originally scheduled day, an ILWU international representative, Jas. More, "with management assistance made a personal survey throughout the entire plant questioning the workers on their attitude toward a strike." Also, that same day, the company sent an individual letter to each employe with intimidating propaganda against the projected strike.

"This act of collusion on the part of the ILWU and management improved the people's position. We hope the other three will disappear in next week's scoreboard."

Youngstown Branch Leads S W P Campaign To Raise \$18,000 Party Expansion Fund

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A Fitting Welcome to Our 18 Class-War Prisoners

By Rose Karsner, Campaign Director

On New Year's Eve 1943, the prison gates closed on 18 of our comrades. That was a sad day for all of us. We answered this attempt of the government to behead our party by a concrete action—the fulfillment of the \$15,000 Fifteenth Anniversary Fund in double-quick time.

New Year's Eve 1944 was an occasion for jubilation in our ranks. It ushered in a new year of activity and reminded us that the remaining 12 of our imprisoned comrades would soon be with us again. The best welcome for them would be another concrete action—the fulfillment of our quotas in the \$18,000 Party Expansion Fund in double-quick time.

Sixteen days to go, and all our imprisoned comrades will be back with us. The Militant of January 18th will carry the last Scoreboard before they return. Let us show a high score in that issue. Let us express in this way our solidarity with them.

Rush in the funds! Wipe out all the zeros!

FROM THE BRANCHES

Milwaukee, N. Burns: "I believe that most of our comrades had Xmas expenses, but they are planning to contribute their share toward the Expansion Fund from the pay following Xmas. At any rate, we plan to have more than our quota in by January 22d." That's good news!

Seattle, Kelly: "Our branch voted at its last meeting to raise its quota in the Fund campaign from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Although no returns have been made from Seattle, you may rest assured we will see to it that we go over the top before March 1st." And when Seattle talks, it means business.

New York: "You will be interested to know how our party inspires the new workers who join us. We took in a member two weeks ago. A week later he pledged \$100 to the Expansion Fund."

Chicago: "We are planning a snowing of 'Thunder Over Mexico' and some films of Trotsky to supplement our collections on the Fund. We will surely complete our quota before March 1st with as high a percentage as possible before January 22d."

Buffalo, Boston and Detroit send in their collections weekly and all say they hope to fulfill their quotas by January 22d.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE AND FRIENDS

Rockville, member-at-large sends in \$10 and says "I will send some more."

Dayton, member-at-large encloses a check to complete his quota and says "I expect to contribute further later. If none is ahead of me, I should like to have the Gray cartoon which appeared in the Militant entitled 'Live Factories—Dead Men: Dead Factories—Live Men.'" Comrade Brown will get that drawing.

Friend, down South, in a letter dated December 22d says "One month from tonight will be a very happy time for all of us. Please give my greetings to all of those I know. The enclosed \$10 is for the \$18,000 Party Expansion Fund."

A check from San Diego arrived just as we were going to press and was therefore not recorded in this week's Scoreboard. That wipes out one more zero. We hope the other three will disappear in next week's scoreboard.



SCOREBOARD

Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
Youngstown	300.00	316.50	106%
Maritime Club	3,000.00	1,785.00	60
Boston	400.00	226.00	57
Newark	450.00	249.00	55
Akron	300.00	145.00	48
Reading	75.00	35.00	47
Toledo	300.00	118.00	39
New York Local	3,000.00	1,012.00	34
Buffalo	400.00	133.00	33
Detroit	1,250.00	404.50	32
Milwaukee	100.00	25.00	25
Cleveland	250.00	45.00	18
Chicago	2,000.00	300.00	15
Bayonne	300.00	42.80	14
Los Angeles	2,500.00	350.00	14
San Francisco	1,000.00	125.00	13
Philadelphia	200.00	20.00	10

COMRADE HARRY KANTER

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29—The Los Angeles Branch of the Socialist Workers Party today held a memorial meeting in honor of Comrade Harry Kanter, who died of a heart attack on December 23.

Comrade Kanter had been a revolutionary fighter in the Trotskyist movement since 1936. He was born in England in 1895 of a working class family, and was apprenticed to the millinery trade. At the age of seventeen he went to Australia, where while working at his trade he played a leading role in organizing the milliners' union.

In 1921 Comrade Kanter came to the United States. Here he worked to organize his shopmates in the Los Angeles area, serving as picket captain, a member of the steering committee, and later on the executive board of his union. During the milliners' strike of 1936, Comrade Kanter, who had long considered himself a socialist, met members of the Trotskyist movement and quickly took his place in the organized ranks of fighters for world socialism.

For three years he served on the Los Angeles Section Committee of the party and worked in the new San Pedro Branch of the Socialist Workers Party. In all of his party activities, he displayed enthusiasm and devotion. His place in our ranks will be hard to fill.

At the memorial meeting held in his honor tonight, Comrade Myra Tanner, Section Organizer, paid the tribute of the Los Angeles membership to a sterling revolutionary fighter, pointing out that his life was richly spent in the service of the working class. Comrade Frank Graves, speaking for the National Committee of the Party, said that by the death of Harry Kanter not only the Los Angeles Local but the Party as a whole suffered a severe loss.

As a fitting practical tribute to Comrade Kanter, the Los Angeles branch recruited seven new worker members to the Party in the week that Harry died, to take their places in the struggle to which he had devoted so many of his years.

Trotskyist Youth Group Formed In New York City

In its founding meeting, held December 17, 1944 at 116 University Place, New York City, the Trotskyist Youth Group officially adopted a statement of purpose declaring the group to be "an organization of young workers and students convinced that the solution of their problems lies in the establishment of a socialist society." Their aim was stated as "the study of principles of revolutionary socialism as expounded by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky, and embodied in the program of the Socialist Workers Party, and the preparation of youth for the work-

ELAS Defeats British-Backed EDES Forces

By Wells Thurber

One of the unlamented casualties of the Greek civil war is the EDES (Greek National Democratic Army) which up to the outbreak of hostilities still represented itself as a major faction of the resistance movement, contending for leadership of the Greek masses. The EDES constituted the armed body of the Greek royalists. It was opposed by the armed workers and peasants grouped around the ELAS (Greek Liberation Army) which is a military extension of the Stalinist-dominated EAM (Greek Liberation Front).

A week after the British provoked the armed conflict, General Napoleon Zervas, leader of the EDES, reported that from 15,000 to 20,000 ELAS troops were invading his stronghold in Epirus. By December 22, ELAS had taken eight villages. A December 25 United Press dispatch reported EDES forces had been reduced from "12,000 to 4,000 or 6,000 men." The UP added, "Many EDES soldiers have deserted to the ELAS . . . and not all General Zervas' losses have been casualties."

Direct evidence that Churchill deliberately fostered and armed the EDES from the beginning is difficult to obtain since such operations are carried out secretly and the British military rigidly censors reports of observers. The full story of the British role in the conflict between EDES and other factions in Greece will probably not come to light until after the war. If the opinion of informed political writers, however, can be taken as an indication of the truth, only one conclusion is possible: — EDES was deliberately created by the British as an armed instrument designed to uphold the counter-revolutionary Glucksburg dynasty.

CHURCHILL ARMED EDES

Newsweek, conservative capitalist weekly, reported January 31, 1944, from Cairo: "The United Nations missions are trying to reconcile the two Greek factions with some hope of success. Meanwhile, Zervas' forces are favored in the matters of supply." Churchill now implies the arms of ELAS were provided by the British. By remaining silent about British support of EDES, he thus gives a totally false impression.

The Nation, commenting in its May 13 issue on the revolt of the Greek armed forces in Egypt, declared: "Instead of supplying the EAM with arms to the same extent as before, the British government began to favor the much weaker National Democratic Army (EDES), thus laying the basis for real civil war in Greece. The EDES would never have dared to attack the EAM had it not been encouraged by unmistakable signs of the royalist and British policy." Later, as we shall see, Churchill accused the EAM and ELAS of being the attackers.

Gaetano Salvemini, noted Italian anti-fascist and professor of history at Harvard, wrote in the September 1 *British Tribune*: "In the British Tories have to go on playing in Europe their game of the balance of power, the 'natives' in Europe must have no peace. A second India has become necessary in Europe. Puppet kings surrounded by gangsters in the uniforms of army chiefs have to do the job . . ."

"The pattern is everywhere the same: helping discredited and powerless 'legitimist royalist' groups to come to the fore, then with the help of Stalinist agents forcing republicans to come to terms with 'royalist legitimists' and at the right moment disarming guerrillas, leaving only 'royalist legitimists'

SOCIALIST APPEAL

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HANDS OFF GREECE Down with Churchill!

BRITISH TROOPS ARE IN ACTION AGAINST THE GREEK WORKERS AND PEASANTS!

The Greek reactionaries aided by General Scobie have fired on unarmed men, women and children. Spitfires are mowing down the Greek people! War is being waged against the Greek people by Churchill. Churchill and the ruling class revile and slaughter those who only yesterday bore the brunt of the struggle against the Nazi occupation of Greece.

British workers conscripted to "fight Fascism" are being used to replace the S.S. in murdering revolutionary workers. They hate the job. Every British worker hates it.

The Labour movement alone can stop it. BUT WHEN THE ISSUE CAME UP IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. WHAT A BETRAYAL OF THE WORKERS BY THE LABOUR LEADERS! On a motion against the Government:

30 LABOUR M.P.'S WERE ABSENT.
23 LABOUR M.P.'S VOTED FOR CHURCHILL!
33 LABOUR M.P.'S ABSTAINED!
ONLY 24 LABOUR M.P.'S VOTED AGAINST CHURCHILL!

Workers! Force your leaders out of this cowardly position! Labour must mobilise the working class against the counter-revolutionary Government.

Having used the Partisans for its own ends, the British ruling class are demanding the disarmament of these forces. At the same time they have reinforced and lavished arms upon the Greek "Regular Army" composed of Fascist thugs and murderers. Under the Papandreou clique 85 per cent of the Greek army and navy were imprisoned in Cairo. The "Security Battalions" of Greeks, armed and equipped by Hitler to repress the Greek workers and peasants, are being retained by the reactionaries as a police force.

CHURCHILL'S POLICY IS: DISARM THE WORKERS AND PEASANTS, ARM THE FASCISTS AND REACTIONARIES.

And what of the so-called "Communist" Party now? What of their rosy pictures of a "liberated" Europe? They have deceived the workers that Churchill was fighting a "just war for democracy." And even today, in face of these bloody events, the Communist Party tries to find "two Churchill's" — the good old Churchill and the bad new Churchill! THERE IS BUT ONE CHURCHILL — THE CHURCHILL OF FINANCE CAPITAL — ARCH-ENEMY OF THE WORKING CLASS.

The Anglo-American imperialists are preparing a cunning and ruthless policy for Europe. Already all food shipments to Greece have been cancelled! Thus they hope to starve the Greek people into surrender. That is the purpose of U.N.N.R.A., to blackmail and starve the European peoples into submission to capitalist governments.

Those who accept, will receive meagre rations; those who resist will receive not bread but bullets! We must defeat the fiendish plan of the British bankers and capitalists.

The Trade Union and Labour movement, the Co-operatives must organise the sending of food to Greece and any other European country threatened by British imperialist blackmail with famine and starvation.

The British Labour movement must send food, not through the reactionary force U.N.N.R.A., but under the control of the Trade Unions without conditions.

SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST WORKERS! It is our lives and the fate of the workers of Europe and the world that is at stake. The battle that is being fought by the Greek masses is our battle! Your leaders say they want to fight for democracy—then demand that they come out against the anti-democratic Churchill Government!

END THE COALITION WITH THE TORRES!

The British workers must galvanise their organisations into action. They must force their leaders to break with the reactionary capitalist class. In all the localities, in the factories and Trade Union Branches, resolutions must be passed demanding action on the part of their leaders. Councils of Action must be organised throughout the country as they were in 1917 and 1920 in the "Hands Off Russia" campaign. ONLY THE DIRECT INTERVENTION OF THE BRITISH WORKING CLASS CAN PREVENT CHURCHILL AND THE CAPITALISTS FROM DESTROYING THE WORKERS' MOVEMENT IN GREECE.

END THE COALITION! WITHDRAW THE BRITISH TROOPS FROM GREECE!

EXTEND THE HAND OF SOLIDARITY TO THE GREEK WORKERS AND PEASANTS!

FOR THE IMMEDIATE DISPATCH OF ARMS AND FOOD TO THE GREEK WORKERS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE TRADE UNIONS!

Reproduction of a leaflet issued by the Revolutionary Communist Party, British section of the Fourth International, calling upon the workers to oppose British intervention in Greece, to force the Labor Party to break its treacherous coalition with the Tory government of Churchill, and to show their solidarity with the insurgent Greek masses. "Only the direct intervention of the British working class can prevent Churchill and the capitalists from destroying the workers' movement in Greece," the Trotskyist leaflet concludes. "End the coalition! Withdraw the British troops from Greece!" For the immediate despatch of arms and food to the Greek workers, under the control of the trade unions!

Allies Impose New Puppet On Greece; Order Continued Warfare On Workers

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situation and to calm down the mounting domestic political crisis. Churchill continues to pursue the same principled line of avowed reaction as before his flight to Greece. On December 27 during the negotiations for a regency with leaders of the ELAS (Greek Liberation Army) Churchill brazenly declared that British armed intervention would not stop until the differences between the Greek Government and the ELAS had been settled "either by free negotiation or by increasing the use of military force."

Scobie, military representative of the Allies, is continuing Churchill's line without deviating the slightest from the position he held before the appointment of Damaskinos. On December 31 he reiterated his ultimatum that ELAS must withdraw from Attica, hand in its arms, and disband. The new puppet, Damaskinos, who previously supported the Papandreou cabinet, is likewise continuing Churchill's counter-revolutionary policy. On Christmas he issued a manifesto calling on the Greek workers and peasants to "fling away your arms and tear up that funeral shroud of Greece that your bloody conflict is weaving." His first official declaration as regent January 1 was to "call upon those bearing arms to agree to lay them down at once."

General Plastiras, appointed Premier January 2, has denounced the ELAS since his arrival December 12 and called on them to lay down their arms. Most decisive of all, of course, is the continued use of Allied arms against the Greek workers and peasants. For four weeks Scobie has been "methodically clearing" the Athens area, killing and wounding thousands, taking thousands prisoner. Tanks, artillery, bombs speak the language of British imperialism more imperiously than any of the proclamations of the royal and religious puppets.

Stalinist role in this regency maneuver is as treacherous as it has been from the beginning of the conflict. Stalin aims to gain control over the elemental upsurge of the masses to prevent the further development of their revolution and to utilize this control as a card in his secret deals with the imperialist bandits. Since the civil war broke out, the Kremlin has not said a word against Churchill's use of force and violence. Moscow did not even withdraw recognition of the Glucksburg dynasty as the official government of Greece. Churchill, Eden and Bevin have all declared that British troops entered Greece with the approval

An Open Letter To R. J. Thomas

(Reprinted from Dec. 7 issue of "Voice of Local 212," organ of Briggs Local 212, UAW-CIO, Detroit).

Dear Brother Thomas:

On November 28, the Detroit Times quotes you as follows: "Anyone who strikes today while our sons and brothers are shedding their blood on the battle fronts is a 100 percent scab. He is scabbing on his union because any strike today hurts the union; and he is also scabbing on his country because any interruption to production, no matter how slight, causes delay to our ultimate victory in the war."

Coming close on the heels of your recent speech before a Kiwanis club, where you glorified free enterprise in a manner worthy of an official of the National Manufacturers Association, your unqualified condemnation of war workers as "scabs" makes many of us in the UAW wonder whose side you are on.

You say that "any interruption of production, no matter how slight, causes delay to our ultimate victory in the war." This means that if ten workers engage in a three-hour stoppage, (no matter how instigated by management), they would be guilty of the most vicious kind of scabbing, according to you. Are you aware that in the past two months the Briggs Manufacturing Company laid off no less than 5000 workers? Among those laid off, especially among the women, there are hundreds who are still out of work because they can't find jobs in industry. And if you think such sweeping layoffs have taken place only at Briggs, you should inquire at Packard, Fords, General Motors and other plants in this area. How about the tens of thousands of man-hours lost to war production because of these layoffs, Brother Thomas?

Why is it that you are so silent about this? Why is it that you go out of your way to lash at strikers, but make no demonstrative protest whatever over these mass layoffs? Why is it that you do not take management and government to task for the complete lack of any plans which would preclude wholesale layoffs?

Grievances of the Auto Workers

Do you know what these layoffs entail, Brother Thomas? They hurt not only those directly affected, but also scores of others who are transferred, shifted to inferior jobs, demoted to lower-paying codes. Are you aware that in the hectic confusion attending these layoffs, supervision has not been above trying to discriminate against women and Negroes? Moreover, Brother Thomas, stewards with enough guts and militancy to protest against such discriminatory practices are at times picked off and fired. Such goadings on the part of supervision have been at the bottom of most wartime walk-outs. If by any chance you think this has been true only in Briggs, ask the workers in other auto plants, ranging in size all the way from Bower Roller Bearing Company to Ford and GM.

Maybe you don't know about these things, Brother Thomas. Maybe you are too busy hobnobbing with government brass hats and members of business men's clubs to keep in touch with what's taking place in the shops. It is only natural that when one spends most of his time in the company of government bureaucrats and industrial executives, one sooner or later begins to see things from their point of view.

Certainly industrial executives must have read your blast against strikers with great satisfaction and encouragement. If they were in the habit of putting the heat on workers, before, they will have every inducement to do so to an even greater extent now, especially since your statement clearly implies that workers who strike, REGARDLESS OF THE PROVOCATION ON THE PART OF THE COMPANY, will be regarded as scabs by their ranking International officials.

Workers don't relish being classed as scabs, Brother Thomas. In their language a scab is the most despicable specimen of humanity—a traitor to the working class. Workers do not violate union policy by walking off the job for the fun of it. They do so because the company takes advantage of our no-strike pledge to thumb its collective nose at our bargaining procedure, to speed-up production, discriminate against certain workers, stall endlessly on honest grievances, and fire our most militant stewards on the slightest pretext.

As long as the no-strike pledge lasts the companies will continue to do those things, because labor will be deprived of its only effective weapon. Your uncompromising support of the no-strike pledge can mean only one thing: You desire that labor shall continue to be deprived of its most potent weapon. Presumably your blast against strikers as "scabs" was timed to affect the results of the forthcoming referendum on the no-strike pledge.

If the auto workers are to continue being denied the right to strike, and if the highest officer of our nation continues to castigate workers for stoppages, while glossing over the company provocations which inspire the stoppages, then, Brother Thomas, we will actually be bound over to the tender mercies of our employers.

Surely this is not what you want. . . Or is it?

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SWP Convention Articles Featured In December F.I.

The December issue of *Fourth International*, now on sale, features the Eleventh Convention of the American Trotskyists, held in New York November 16-20. An appraisal of this convention by the editors of the magazine surveys the progress made by the Socialist Workers Party since the imprisonment of its leaders one year ago.

"The convention was," the *Fourth International* declares, ". . . expressive of a double test the party has undergone: the testing of the party's temper under conditions of capitalist persecution; the testing of the party cadres, their ability to carry forward the work of the party in the absence of the imprisoned leadership and to supply the necessary ideological and organizational guidance to the vanguard movement for the Socialist liberation of mankind."

The resolution adopted by the convention by a vote of 51 to 5 on "The European Revolution and Tasks of the Revolutionary Party," is printed in full in this issue. With Marxist clarity and precision the resolution analyzes the counter-revolutionary roles of Anglo-American imperialism and of the Stalinist bureaucracy in the events now unfolding on the European continent, where the revolutionary aspirations of the masses are surging up in one war-torn nation after another. Two important discussion articles on the political problems dealt with in the resolution are also published in the magazine.



Young ELAS fighters in Piraeus, seaport of Athens, during the first weeks of the British attacks upon their forces, display the arms—small rifles and machine-guns—with which they heroically fought off British tanks, heavy artillery, and bombers.

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