How Long Will The Economic Boom Last?

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Tenting Tonight - - And All Nights

Open Letter to Murray, Green And Reuther

By The Editors -

This letter is addressed to you as the responsible leaders of the American trade union movement.

All of you have declared that 1948 is a crucial year for the reports for the first nine American labor. All of you have warned that labor must get months of the past year showed into politics—or perish. The CIO through its PAC is going up total net profits 89% over the same and down the country trying to collect dollar bills from all of period for lush 1946. its members for a big political campaign in 1948. The AFL For 247 major corporations surveyed has just formed a special political body so that it can partici- by the N.Y. Times, net profits were pate actively in the 1948 political picture. A number of Railway Brotherhoods have set up similar organizations.

Allright, labor must get up to its neck into politics in 1948. firms, 965%. Not that 1946 profits But where do we go from here? What do you propose labor were anything to sneeze at. Iron DO? For what candidates shall labor vote?

We need not waste any time discussing the Republicans. 564%; etc. You all admit that this party is owned and paid for by Big.

How about the Democratic Party? Permit us to recall to through the roof. The food index you your own words concerning its leader-Truman.

In Dec. 1945, at the height of the General Motors strike, food products were 24% above the you, Brother Murray, spoke on the radio over a national hook- year before. up. You told how the big corporations piled up fantastic profits. How the workers had suffered wage cuts ranging from 23 to 50% since V-J Day. How Congress had callously done nothing for the working man while it had rushed through tax laws which enabled the plutocrats to extract billions from the U.S. Treasury. "To all this arrogance," you concluded dramatically, "the federal administration yields in abject cowardice. Its rancor is confined to labor."

Do you remember you denounced Truman's proposals for tional unions of the CIO - the union ranks. compulsory arbitration labor laws? You said that "It can be auto, electrical and steel-are but the first step for even more savage legislative repressions."

You were right. A year later came the Taft-Hartley bill. All of you denounced the Democratic Party. Don't you remember Truman merely went through the motions of oppositor CIO officials. tion while in reality giving aid and comfort to the union-

After Truman broke the railroad strike in May 1946, one take a few timid steps on the wage of your fellow labor leaders, Whitney, president of the Railway Trainmen, said he would use the millions in his union treasury to defeat this "political accident."

How have you gentlemen got the gall to now come before your members and propose that they back this same Wall Street stooge, this strikebreaker, this "political accident?"

All of you have turned thumbs down on Wallace. You say he doesn't represent anybody outside of the Communist Party and that's an agency of the Kremlin.

But YOU represent somebody. You are the spokesmen for an army 15 million strong. With their families and friends this labor host constitutes the unquestionable majority of the American population. Why don't you take the lead in organizing this force into an independent political movement, that will select and run its own candidates—in opposition to the candidates of the vested interests.

This is your responsibility. This is what the working men and women are paying you such handsome salaries for. For once, do your duty by your membership.

If you persist in trying to swing labor behind strike-breaker Truman you will be branded as traitors and political companyunionists. And labor will have to create a new leadership to realize their political aspirations just as they had to by-pass the leadership of Tobin, Green, Frey and Matthew Woll to build modern industrial unions.

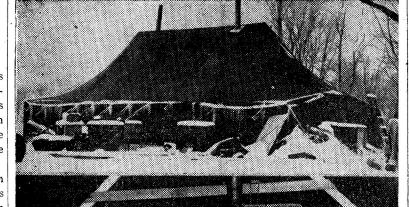
Profiteers Get Joyous Tidings On New Year's

1948 was ushered in with joyous tidings for America's monopoly capitalists. Corporation net profits were running at the highest rate in history. Prices stood at an all-time peak-and were climbing at a rate of over 2% a month.

The New Year rang in with golden chimes for the leading trusts as

greater in just three-quarters of 1947 than for all 1946. Steel profits rose 63%; petroleum, 60%; 8 auto and steel profits rose 92% over 1940; petroleum and coal, 135%; textiles,

On Dec. 31, 1947, the Dun & Bradstreet wholesale price index went hit the record high of \$7.24 compared to \$6.38 on Jan. 1, 1947. Non-



Evicted from their Bainbridge, Md., home, the Flowers family converted an Army tent into a makeshift dwelling. Warmed by a coal heater and cooking stove, it is far from comfortable. And that snow piled outside doesn't help, either.

"Big Three" Unions Call for Higher Wages

The "Big Three" interna-+front under heavy pressure from serious defects: 1) The leaders pronounced a month ago by the General Motors, Ford and Chrysler.

"roll-back" and have been forced to meet Jan. 15 in Detroit.

ITU Attacked

in the plants of General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors

mands has been announced by the for joint action. United Steel Workers. But the Jan-Steel Labor, is devoted chiefly to which led to its unnecessary pro- not predict with any certainty what processes and rank and file conuary issue of its official paper, the need of the steel workers for longation. Union militants are desubstantial pay increases.

mand. It is generally assumed, however, that because of the considerable, rumbling in the ranks, the "asking" terms will be not less than

within two months his basic economic plank at the UAW convention - the "roll-back" of prices. He has been compelled to do so by the internal campaign initiated sevtors locals in Flint. Their campaign has swept like wildfire through the

Nearly a quarter of a million auto workers were on record last week for a 25-cent an hour general basic wage increase AND a slidthe world; Briggs 212; Budd 306; Plymouth 51; Fleetwood 15, and others. Even the Detroit Regional spite its Reutherite leadership, approved the proposal for an escalaor, or sliding scale wage clause. The CIO's wage drive reveals two

A giant mass meeting of 15,-000 in the city of Madura, India, heard Ajit Roy, leading Trotskyist, discuss the program of the Fourth International. The meeting was organized by the Bolshe vik Leninist (Trotskyist) party which has been in the forefront of a strike of 150,000 government employes in the Madras province. Attempts of Stalinist thugs to break up the meeting by force were beaten off by the assembled workers. A Stalinist plan to organize a rival meeting on the same day, a hundred yards away from the Trotskyist gathering, likewise proved a fiasco.

The precise wage demands would tee has ignored the clear mandate They are no longer able to delude be determined at the UAW Execu- from the ranks for a sliding scale the workers with hopes of a price tive Board meeting which is to cost-of-living bonus to provide automatic pay increases above the On the same day as the UAW basic scale, in proportion to rising announcement, leaders of the United prices. The UE announcement does Electrical, Radio and Machine not even mention any cost-of-living Workers stated the UE will seek bonus arrangements to combat the

lack of coordination, or planning

This recalls to militants the basic weakness of the 1946 strike wave termined to profit by the experiences of the 1946 strikes by fight- that he is not sure himself. ers have specified the amount of ing today for cost-of-living bonus But what is most significant pose to build. That is why they

Wallace Veto Power Shows Basic Weakness Of 3rd Party Movement

By George Breitman

Both in the labor movement and in top capitalist circles there is a great deal of speculation over the question: Will Wallace stick to his third party candidacy for president, or will he throw in the towel after the Republican and Democratic forces walked out of the conventions in June?

In a press conference on the same day that he announced his candidacy, Wallace said he

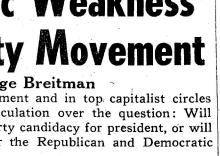
would withdraw "should either of the major parties become definitely a peace party before the election." Under this formula, Wallace leaves the door wide open. As Arthur Krock points out in the Jan. 4 N. Y. Times: "Since he reserves to himself the

"He could then, reverting to a very recent position, announce that says yes, and there is a third party served and that an independent ther advance it.'

lace, the Times reports:

Mr. Wallace would actually run. ing candidates. Several left-wingers | Wallace supporters said his primary aim was trast, is being constructed on the At the same time, every CIO in- to increase the 'bargaining power' ternational is acting independently of those opposed to the policies of invites his supporters to send him of the others. There is complete the Truman Administration and the suggestions and proposals — but why the labor bureaucrats opposed to the Truman Administration and the suggestions and proposals — but why the labor bureaucrats opposed to the Truman Administration and the suggestions are proposed to the suggestions and proposals — but why the labor bureaucrats opposed to the Truman Administration and the suggestions are proposed to the suggestions and proposals — but why the labor bureaucrats opposed to the suggestions are proposed to t Republican Party."

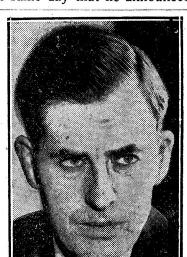
wage raises they propose to de- clauses as an integral part of the about this question right now is will reject all one-man leader orwage program; and a unified strat- the light it throws on the irrespon- ganizations and build on the testegy of struggle to achieve their wage sible and undemocratic nature of ed foundations of democracy and Labor Party in order to attract the Wallace movement. Wallace control from the ranks.



right to conclude whether or not the Republicans or the Democrats have become the 'peace party,' he can base withdrawal on conviction or expediency, and expedient decisions occur frequently in his public record. A few words in either party platform, or any differences on foreign policy between the Republican candidate for President and Mr. Truman, can easily serve him as a bridge after the major national conventions are held. . . .

At the Albany meeting of the

Not having inside information about Wallace's intentions, we can- militantly to establish democratic his course will be. From what we trol in the modern mass production know of Wallace, we would say unions, will want at least as much



WALLACE

his immediate purpose had been campaign. Wallace says no, and the whole third party campaign blows candidacy this year could not fur- up. The rank and file have nothing election policies. But this spli to say, one way or another. Wal-Krock, who is an opponent of lace's one-man veto power, creat- go to any lengths to swing Wallace, expresses the belief that ing the possibility of a betrayal of Wallace probably "will not finish his followers' aspirations, is one of man. Not only do they stand i the race." This opinion is apparent- the most objectionable features of

This illumines the deep-going differences between a Labor Party and New York State CIO Executive the movement Wallace is attempt-Board on Jan. 5, which voted ing to build. A Labor Party, based against the endorsement of Wal- on the unions, would be responsible to duly elected bodies repre-"On both sides [of the dispute senting its membership. The memover Wallace] considerable skepti- bers could participate in shaping cism was expressed about whether policies, selecting officers and nam-

> The Wallace movement, in conthey have no voice in making decisions. The workers, who have fought so

> democracy in the party they pro-

no voice at all. The present crists in the A

marked its 12-year history. Its ers gave the ALP the form support of workers disgusted the boss-run capitalist parties, they withheld the essence of dependent labor politics by it almost exclusively to catch for the old party candidates

bureaucrats joined in an unholy liance with the other bureauc helping them to spread illus about the nature of the capit parties and to discourage the ning of independent labor c dates. Now the ALP is being third party adventure.

The basis for a major split of to any move either to destroy

isting political organizations Wallace movement in passing

U.S. SENDS MARINES TO GREECE AS "COLD WAR" GROWS HOTTER

The Truman Administration + State Department even claimed the has dragged this country to Navy acted without consultation. the verge of undeclared war Only a political blindman could about the military situation in against the Greek people. U. fail to see through such transparent Greece, interpreted the move as a S. Fleet marines are being dis- lies. What are 14 U. S. Navy vessels psychological stroke to meet emerpatched to the Mediterranean area doing in Mediterranean waters to gency conditions." to reinforce American armed forces begin with? Isn't it strange that already in Greek waters and threat- this concentration of U. S. naval "military sources estimated unoffiening direct intervention in the might is precisely at or near the cially that between 800 and 1.000 Greek civil war.

in U. S. imperialism's so-called PLEDGE OF SUPPORT "cold war" against "communism" was announced by the Navy Department on Jan. 2. It revealed that the aircraft carrier Midway and participation in the civil war on three light cruisers are within quick striking distance of Greece, as well fascist regime of King Paul, who

ONLY "ROUTINE"

Both the Navy and State Depart-

The latest and most ominous move a major focus of its "cold war"?

It is clear that U.S. marines are being sent to Greece for possible the side of the bloody monarchobayonets and "legalized" by a farcical plebescite on the Hitler model.

Indeed, on Jan. 3, a United Press ments made an elaborate pretense dispatch from Washington lifted a that the sending of the marines at corner of the iron curtain surroundmal over-all complement." The of Greece and Italy.

"State Department officials," are informed, "gravely concerned

Herald - American in Chicago

where publishers united against

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site which Washington has declared Leathernecks would be in the contingent that embarks Tuesday (Jan 6)." The "normal complement" of marines for an aircraft carrier is 100: for light cruisers, 50. "Thus, if they had no marines at all at present," says the Jan. 3 N. Y.

Times, "a detachment of 250 would

fill all their needs." A SQUARE MEAL

Since last March the U.S. government has been pouring military supplies and arms into Greece under the heading of "relief for the hunthis time had nothing to do with ing the purposes of the marine gry." The Greek dictatorship, rethe Greek situation. The Navy said maneuvers. This dispatch said the inforced by 5,000 British troops, has it was only a routine "training" pro- marine reinforcements were "viewed been able to hold an army together cedure to bring the marine person- in diplomatic circles today as a of between 100,000 and 145,000 men nel of the Midway and the light pledge of American support for the simply because that's the only place cruisers "to approximately the nor- Communist-oppressed governments where a poor Greek citizen can get (Continued on Page 3)

On Jan. 6, the United Auto Work- tect real wages from continuously beginning to move a bit in the ers Wage Policy Committee an- rising prices; 2) They have no uninounced that they would demand fied strategy and no program of "third round" wage drive an- wage increases this spring from action to win the wage demands. The UAW Wage Policy Commit-

higher wages for 300,000 members constant increase in prices.

Electrical Division. No formal decision on wage de-

This same dispatch reveals that

15,000 Altend Mass **Meeting in India**

UAW President Walter Reuther Inspires Drive State Department Inspires Drive To Split World Labor Movement Washington and Moscow are provoking a split of the world labor movement into war-

eral weeks ago by five General Mo- ring pro-imperialist and pro-Stalinist camps. While they were "allies," both powers gave their blessings to the World Federation of

line up the workers on a world the guise in which the saber-ratscale in the service of the Al- tling Truman Doctrine is now being lied war machine. The end of the ing scale cost-of-living bonus. In honeymoon between the Kremlin shall Plan and U. S. imperialism's addition to the Flint locals, these and the White House is now being aims palatable to the labor moveinclude Ford 600, largest local in reflected in the disruptive conflict ments of other countries. The CIO within the world labor movement.

trade unions to Wall Street's global Wall Street. aims of economic exploitation and The AFL leaders refused to join

them in disgust toward the official pate. labor lieutenants of capitalism.

presented to the world.

Their job is to make the Maris working directly as a section of U. S. imperialism is taking the the WFTU to win over as many initiative in efforts to tear the sections as possible to support of GM Sub-Council on Dec. 22, de- WFTU asunder. It wants to subor- the Marshall Plan and subordinadinate amenable sections of the tion to the anti-Soviet program of

> political domination. It is using the the WFTU because of its recogni-Marshall Plan of economic black- tion of the CIO and their implacmail as the wedge. Its hammer is able hostility to the Soviet Union the top bureaucracies of the AFL even during the war. They are working directly to split the WFTU The Kremlin bureaucracy has and establish a new federation comhelped pave the way for this split. pletely under the thumb of the It has used the labor movements in labor agents of U.S. imperialism.

Europe and Latin America as pawns Their first major move in this for its diplomatic maneuvers and direction is a conference in Lina, of the General Confederation of crats. Instead of destroying th adventuristic zig-zags in the realm Peru, starting Jan. 10, at which the Italian Workers. of power politics. Stalinist betrayals AFL hopes to set up "a non-Comand brutal methods have disillu- munist Western Hemisphere labor sioned millions of workers, implant- federation." Right-wing unions from ed in them hostility toward the 16 Latin American countries, and bor movement. Each attempts to con- gether in a United Labor Col Soviet Union and turned many of the AFL, are expected to partici-

The CIO and AFL leaders are to note, parallels a series of in- inist leaders throughout the world. ical problems by launching at vieing to show the Truman ad-ternational conferences of the The agents of U.S. imperialism are dependent Labor Party that ministration and U. S. State De- Western Hemisphere governments the equally servile leaders of the mobilize the support of the partment that each is the "best" in which the United States has AFL and CIO, and their allies and majority of the American pe defender of imperialist interests. pushed through far-reaching mili- helpmates in Europe and Latin and swallow up the base of They have formally given their en- tary and economic schemes for sub- America.

of Trade Unions, organized to dorsement to the Marshall Plan, ordinating these countries to U. S. The formation of such a new fed-

eration would inflame bitter war- up because these two sets of fare within the Latin American eaucrats cannot agree on which trade unions, many of which are labor candidates to support. under Stalinist influence. This new | "responsible" labor bureaucrats federation would have the unofficial to continue supporting the De sanction of the U.S. State Depart- cratic party. The Stalinists war ment and the resources of the AFL throw the ALP behind the Wall behind it.

A similar conference is being planned by the AFL to line up time and energy building such unions in a pro-imperialist federa- ganizations as the ALP and the tion in Western Europe, exactly because they hoped in this wa paralleling the Western Bloc being advance independent labor po fostered by Wall Street's diplomats. They are not going to take ki

the Western European labor move- organizations or to keep using t ments already exists in the recent to serve the interests of capi U. S. State Department - inspred politicians. split of the French Confederation of Labor. A similarly inspired split in the Italian Socialist Party may presage the attempted disruption maneuvers of both sets of bu

Thus, both U.S. imperialism and labor, it is necessary to trans the Kremlin rulers attempt to exer- them into genuine independent cise "outside control" of the world la- itical bodies and bring them vert it into a vehicle for its own ence. There, through democratic reactionary world aims. The agents cision, labor's representatives This conference, it is important of the Kremlin are the servile Stal- work out a solution to their

United Labo Conference Is Big Need

NEW YORK, Jan. The American Lab Party was split down middle yesterday as leaders of its anti-commun ganization in protest agai the proposal to endorse Henry lace for president. The resignat of CIO Amalgamated Clothing,

Workers, and Auto Workers office

are scheduled to be followed by

withdrawal from the ALP of all

the Stalinist-influenced unions. This action highlights the rol the top union bureaucrats in 1948 campaign. At a time when Wallace movement has the w labor movement seething with itical discussion, at a time when ionists everywhere are taiking thinking more seriously than before about the role of labor politics — at such a time all labor leaders have to contribut a split of the American Labor P based on reactionary considera

Up to now, most of the top

from beginning to end. SERVES NOTICE

the ALP serves notice that they support behind strikebreaker way of the unions forming own party and running their cadidates, but they are even pared to disrupt and destroy ing labor political organization they interfere in any way with election of the Democrats. NOT PROGRESSIVE

Their rejection of Wallace not possess a spark of progre ism. The Wallace movement and should be condemned as an venture, launched in isolation f the union movement and hav ing to spend millions of the w ers' dollars boosting an organiza like the Democratic Party, in v the labor movement admitted)

SPREAD ILLUSIONS During these years the Stal

Millions of workers have

Their job today is to oppos

Will the Economic Boom Last? Wallace Peace Program --

capitalism under the Marshall Plan.

The second and no less ominous

tion of inventories, now pressing the

42 billion dollar mark. "Supply pipe

lines" of manufacturers, wholesalers

and retailers "generally are filled,"

admits the U.S. News. Yet inven-

tory accumulation has been con-

tinuing at a rate of close to a billion

dollars a month. With higher pro-

duction, this rate must be stepped

up. So long as prices shoot up,

these huve inventories' remain

"profitable." But with any serious

break in the price structure, they

threaten to back up on production.

Thirdly, the capital goods sector-

business investment in plant and

equipment"-has also been satur-

ated. If instead of a "levelling off"

process a sharp decline is registered

Among the shakiest segments of

capitalist economy is its credit

whereby private debt, has been in-

creased by almost 40 billion dollars

since 1941. A sudden clamping

down of credit would topple both

the inventory accumulation and the

price structure. Continued credit

expansion, on the other hand, is

the primary condition for sustaining

the inflationary boom, but it only

nothing more.

nvest savings."

ncome.

country.

TAX THE RICH

the very rich. Their state-con-

trolled legislatures have already en-

acted community-property laws in

12 states which give husband and

wife the right to split their incomes

in two, whether the wife is work-

erty law provides absolutely no tax

saving to a married couple with no

or increase their take-home pay by

10%. If their income is \$500,000

What the Knutson Bill attempts

to do is to extend the community-

property subterfuge to the whole

President Truman contends that it

taxes which especially burden the

fective brake on inflation.

the Knutson Bill is inflationary, work.

postpones the day of settlement, and

In the estimation of capitalist ex-

perts the above listed "weaknesses"

pen to upset the economic apple-

six months of 1948 are low food prices. erned. Industrial analysts, gov-Il leading Wall Street periodicals ediately ahead and even spurt new heights.

ive peaks, with retail trade exding beyond the huge dollar volrecorded in 1947. Employment spected to continue at current with slight boosts in wages

· A third round of wage in-"a general boost in factory nings of 10 to 15 cents an hour is

These presumptive higher s together with increasing "perincome payments" (profits) expected to keep the domestic ket at approximately the 1947

Since the retail trade did not te in dollar volume last year, aes U. S. News, it therefore folthat the consumer demand, pped up by higher wages should inue-for six more months, in case. But this does not follow The inflationary splurge of has drastically affected the doic market, and may have well ermined it beyond repair. Phy-I volume of retail trade has defiy dropped below 1946. At all s, it still remains to be seen he domestic market will be able bsorb the same share of the national output as it did in

GUARANTEE

The boom must continue bee food prices and agricultural in general will remain high higher. It goes without sayhat a collapse of the commod-

its recent 52nd convention

ation of Manufacturers boasted

rmanent prosperity" were re-

ve Labor law. Thus "Roadblock days.

and of itself, the maintenance of second quarter of last year. But ptimism is running quite the agricultural price structure is no this outlet has now admittedly been h in business circles these guarantee of capitalist prosperity. saturated. The plan is to sustain at least so far as the Industrial production has broken it artificially by pumping billions of down in periods of high as well as dollars into bankrupt European

5) The final major sustaining Under the most favorable condident experts and economic staffs factor according to U. S. News, is tions, this, too, is a temporary exthe expectation that the construc- pedient capable of siphoning off agreed that the inflationary tion industry will continue at cur- only a small fraction of the vast will continue in the period rent levels. The admitted lag in national output. industrial building, it is expected, will be taken up by residential development is the huge accumulaney confidently predict new pro- building and federal and state public construction.

PURELY INFLATIONARY

It will be observed that all of these boom-sustaining factors are still steeper hikes in prices. purely inflationary in character. will happen after mid-year Gone beyond recall from these these authorities refuse to say. capitalist prognostications are such pical of the current outlook is basic factors as the pent-up conanalysis given by the weekly sumer demand for durable and non-United States News, Jan. 2, durable goods resulting from warh lists the following factors as created scarcities, the huge backating strongly to sustain the log of savings, the need for new capital investments, and so on. This only underscores the fact that the current boom is fed primarily by speculation, and constantly rising prices and profits. At best, this is only a short-term perspective.

After citing the above-listed in this field, then a depression can-'points of support" the U. S. News not be averted. gingerly takes up the "weaknesses"

in the capitalist structure. First and foremost there is the structure. Commercial and agri critical condition of the capitalist cultural loans are more than double world market. "Exports are not prewar levels, pressing the 15 billikely to be any larger in 1948 than lion dollar mark. This figure does in 1947, if as large." It was the not include real estate loans and unprecedented foreign trade that consumer credit. In effect, the temporarily relieved the strain on boom has been kept going by the manipulation of the credit system

JOSEPH HANSEN

Foreign News Editor of The Militant speaking on "THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER IN EUROPE" will be heard in

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Main Aim Of Knutson Tax Bill

ready turned out 60 news releases those earning \$600.

on the subject, 228 articles in its A GRAB BAG

Farm Workers Strike In Arizona



Although Gov. Sidney Osborn has used the National Guard against them, members of the Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers (CIO) continue striking against lettuce growers in Phoenix. Ariza who refuse to bargain collectively, AFL, CIO and rail unions have joined in protesting the use of force against the pickets.

Federated Pictures

Press Roundup On Wallace Candidacy

The Daily News, New York end of the McCormick-Pat-lying in their Arctic suits in the terson axis, shrewdly estimates that the Wallace candidacy Russian snow." He is keenly aware calculated demagogy. will have a lot of grass roots appeal. In a long editorial en-

are fully offset by the "sustaining" pulling powers . . . many of our ractors. Their guess is—and it is people . . are in a befuddled, only a guess—that nothing will hap- scared frame of mind. To them comes Henry A. Wallace . . . and

promises them security and peace . For these reasons we think some leading Republicans are being too cocksure when they remark that now they can win in 1948 with

The N. Y. Times, authoritative ipets of Big Business and look in the NAM revealed that it had al- a 3% rise in take-home pay for porary good-will at the price of a appointed but rejected 'leader'?" surrender of both principle and position.

ion of \$76 or an increase of 3% in difficult to see how it can reassure am interested in him as a me-The two previous tax bills passed take-home pay; and those earning visit to Munich in Sept. 1938."

ed, boasted Holcomb Parkes, by Congress were so obviously tar- \$500,000 get a reduction of \$62,660 M vice-president. He told the red with the NAM brush that even or a boost of 67% in take-home has to declare itself, goes all-out to be elected." Thus the Knutson Bill remains for Truman, playing the theory of ss ram these measures through, more careful in throwing a sop to a grab bag for the rich, who with the "lesser evil" for all it is worth. profits for himself and his in essence the bill is the same as its ants, find numerous additional loopholes to evade their tax obligations. The United States Treasury is doing its bit for Knutson's relief-forthe-greedy bill by stating in its incentive to earn more money and Big Business has devised still another scheme to lower the taxes of from nów. . . ."

full coverage in a news story which for witch-hunts and war.

titled "Better Not Write Wal-+ includes the following: "Jack Kroll, and that his denunciations will pay lace Off," it states: ". . . it director of the CIO Political Action off in votes.

seems to us that it is a mistake Committee (PAC) announced: 'It But as soon as Wallace expounds support a third party in 1948." The New Republic, edited by

Henry Wallace himself, runs an tury have repeatedly proved that article by Wallace for the third modern war is an inevitable product party. In it Wallace announces of capitalism in the stage of imhis resignation as editor, adding perialism; that it results from the that he will contribute an article struggle for world markets, raw

The Social-Democratic New Lead- its economic cause, the capitalistic spokesman of the Wall Street er whips itself into the following system, and replacing it with a somoneybags lays down the line on frenzy: "Only an embittered, irre-cialist society able to provide abun-To understand the aims of tent to rest on past laurels. Instead is an increase in exemptions from Wallace with cold precision. Its sponsible megalomaniac could act dance and security. Knutson Tax Bill intro- they made careful preparations to \$500 to \$600; a special \$600 exemp- leading editorial of Dec. 30 states: and talk as Wallace does. . . How

scribed radio programs and 51 items children earning \$2400 get a reduc- lights the Communists. It is more personal column says of Wallace, than put forth a genuine effort to little. The UN, as any school child World War bulletins. This propaganda barrage take-home pay whereas a couple any thoughtful American who re- dium for setting the pace in recogearning \$50,000 receive a reduction members the circumstances and the nizing the status of minorities in of \$8,125 or an increase of 31% in consequences of Mr. Chamberlain's this country." Prattis' advice to the Negro people is to "use him for what he says and does to trade Marshall Field's PM, now that it with the men who do have a chance

The Daily Worker, as can be the workers and middle class. But the help of lawyers and account- It says: "We still think that a imagined, is in seventh heaven over third party in the field in 1948 is the Wallace candidacy. In an edia mistaken move, based on mistaken torial entitled "A Historic Candipremises and likely to do great dacy," it declares, "Every honest our party is being officially "dis- Jewish Unity, and the way to go harm not only to the Democrats, American must know that the Tru- solved" by the government and our about it, is not fundamentally but to the independent progressive man Democratic Party and the press banned "indefinitely." The changed by partition. A war against study that tax cuts for higher in forces as well. . . . With Wallace's come groups would "restore their candidacy now openly avowed, only single party, united on the same has been arrested. Henceforth, the and participated in by the masses a political miracle will prevent platform of reaction, profiteering mere dissemination of our ideas of Arabs in order to stop partition Dewey or Taft from being Presi- and war. . . . Wallace's candidacy, will be punishable by death. dent of the United States a year and the program on which he makes The CIO News takes no editorial show where every progressive really for its "overthrow by force," is the class interests of Arab and Jewish position on Wallace but gives it stands, for peace and democracy, or announcement of the formation of workers would be totally submerged workers how utterly unnecessary

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A Middle-Class Panacea

has for many years advocated of differences." the formation of an independent Labor Party, based on the union movement and responsible to it. Such a party would be a big step forward because it would represent the mobilization of the workers as an independent class force in politics just as the unions represent their mobilization on the economic

We would support the candidates of such a Labor Party against the candidates of the capitalist parties. We would extend such support even if its leadership would be weak, even if its program would be inadequate or incorrect. Our criterion would be, not its program, but its class composition base and control.

Were Wallace the candidate of a genuine Labor Party, we could support his campaign, despite our opposition to hispprogram. But because the Wallace movement is not a Labor Party—being neither based on the union movement nor responsible to it—we cannot support it.

pose to examine the Wallace program based on the stand on foreign inevitably from the character of policy he took in his acceptance speech at Chicago on Dec. 30 and in Milwaukee speech the following

man-Marshall Doctrine as "bi-parof the fact that the people are worried about the effects of this policy,

to underestimate Wallace's vote- has been the policy of PAC not to his own so-called "positive peace program," he reveals his political bankruptcy.

> The events of the twentieth cenmaterials, colonies and profits; that it can be ended only by abolishing

Wallace denies these stern realiced into the House of Representation for the long will be be counted among the lies. So far as he is concerned, the crease in the exemption for the ing peace with Russia seems to us quislings of the Kremlin? How long problem is not the capitalist system entatives by the chairman of the ther shifting the burden of taxa- blind from \$500 to \$600. The latter to be essentially the formula which will he fight for the interests of itself—the people in charge are and Means Committee, one tion onto the poor. While their two items affect only a tiny section Mr. Chamberlain employed in the Soviet Russia against the interests simply not running it properly. "It congressional agent Knutson start- of the population. The general hope of keeping peace with Ger- of his own nation and of the Amer- just doesn't make sense...It just agress where gather the political ed the ball rolling in the House, boost in the exemption means but many. It is to purchase a temical people of whom he is the self-doesn't need to happen." The threat of war does not arise from the contradictions of the capitalist system, The Pittsburgh Courier hasn't it arises from the stupidity and amount to? How basically would it became its shrillest recruiting sert its recent 52nd convention at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Ast the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel New York City, the National As-

italism.

Wallace is undoubtedly sincere in his belief that war with Russia would be against the best interests of American capitalism, He is undoubtedly also convinced that he ditions attached" must be put down can stop the present drive to war.

But precisely here is revealed the fuzziness and utopian petty-bourgeois character of the Wallace program. The war program of the American ruling class is not determined by the wishes or ideas of one man, or a group of men in the State or owned by a small group of supermonopolists.

This monopoly capitalism must expand or perish. That is an economic law of capitalism. Truman — or the Republicans—or Wallace—are pow-Within this framework, we pro- ownership and relations. The present-bi-partisan war policy thus flows American imperialism.

To really reverse this policy, it is necessary to take away the control over economic life from the clique Wallace of course is on strongest of great industrialists and bankers ground when he denounces the Tru- who are the real masters and rulers of this country. But Wallace does tisan reactionary war policy which not understand this, nor propose to is dividing the world into two armed do this. That is why his anti-war camps and making inevitable the program is unrealistic and fraududay when American soldiers will be lent. At best, the Wallace program is a petty-bourgeois mirage— if not

Wallace condemns "the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan as applied" because they will not work, because they will backfire on American capitalism: "Those whom we buy politically with our food will soon desert us. They will pay us in the base coin of temporary gratitude and then turn to hate us because our policies are destroying their free-

Wallace wants to mend the Marshall Plan as follows: A reconstruction fund should be set up and operated by the UN, rather than the U. S.; priority in the allocation of funds should go to the Allied nations which suffered most severely in the war; "scrupulous respect" should be shown for the "national better to dissipate them. sovereignty of all beneficiary countries, with no political or economic Wallace to carry on a consistent conditions attached to loans or fight against the coming war. Begrants"; none of the funds should fore World War II he also posed as be used for military purposes; the an enemy of war. But when it be-Ruhr should be placed under con- gan, when the interests of U. S. trol of the Big Four.

What does all this fancy verbiage

The Socialist Workers Party bring about a peaceful settlement is aware is controlled by the United States. It runs on the principle, as Wallace asks for support because do all institutions under capitalism, he is willing to put forth "a genuine that "who pays the piper calls the effort." With his policy, he says, tune." Administration of the Marlasting peace is possible under cap- shall Plan through the UN would alter nothing fundamentally. The

> U. S. would still retain control. The proposal that American capitalism grant huge loans to Europe "with no political or economic conas plain demagogy. Why not propose that the capitalists run their plants in the U.S. for the welfare of the people and forget about profits? It's a good idea but it cannot be achieved under capitalism.

The phrase about priority in the allocation of funds going to Allied War Departments. It is determined nations which "suffered most sevby the whole expansionist character erely in the war" is taken right out of American capitalism, which is of the Stalinist program. It is thoroughly reactionary. It is an attempt to revive the ghost of the Morgenthau Plan and reduce Germany to a desert.

The Wallace plan is more subtle. less brutally obvious than the Marerless to change this, given capitalist shall Plan, but it has the same aim -the revival of Europe as a vast American market, the partial stabilization of world capitalism at the expense of the workers. Wallace thinks it would have a greater chance of succeeding than the Marshall Plan because it would have the support of the Stalinists, who would resume their formal policy of unconcealed class collaboration, strike-breaking and driving the workers to "produce more."

> What Europe needs is the unification of its economy and resources-planned production under the control of the workers to eliminate capitalist anarchy and profit. Like Truman, Wallace is opposed to any such socialist reconstruction plan.

Prosperity can be achieved in Europe only through the democratic participation of the European peoples. That means the right of the people to decide their own fate; that means the withdrawal of all occupation troops, above all from Germany, the industrial heart of the continent. Wallace, like Truman, is utterly opposed to such a move.

Wallace's positive peace programa compound of utopian as well as reactionary proposals—is thus a petty-bourgeois snare to channelize the anti-war and anti-capitalist sentiments of the masses in order the

Only naive people will expect imperialism were at stake, he not only joined the war machine, he

WORKERS' FORUM

Socialism in Greece Punishable by Death

While we are writing these lines,

The justification for the "dissolu- Jews led by a "National Unity me to recall a most amusing incihis fight, sounds the call for a na- tion" of all organizations "working Front," on the Arabs in order to eftional fight for peace which will against the safety of the state" and fect partition. In either case the the Stalinist government in the by their national unity with their our present jobs would be in a somountains. Last week the right to oppressing class and thereby with cialist society. He got quite alarmstrike was also abolished by gov- imperialism. ernment decree.

We are sure that the whole party, as well as each comrade individu-Friends" whose letter we published ally, will pass this new test like two weeks ago. Since we promptly real bolsheviks, and in the end will received a donation of \$2 to send emerge stronger than ever. In real- Will Be Vindicated That date on the bottom of the the paper to the "Three Friends," ity, we have been working under there is a saving of \$23,921 or a address label or wrapper of your we also entered a subscription for illegal or semi-illegal conditions boost of 25% in take-home pay. Militant is the date on which your the second applicant. Here is his since 1936, and consequently we are accustomed to struggle under such

nese movement and a reader of gle, we need your help, as well as Bols'nevik greetings,

Believes Jews Have National Rights

In an article by Irving Dale on the partition of Palestine he says, "In adopting this decision, the U. N. ran roughshod over the clearly expressed desire of the Arab majority cy, majority over minority, when he should be using the interpretation of democracy as applied to nationalities, which simply is the recognition of the equality of nationali-

ties. There may be more Jews than Cannot Find mocracy puts their national rights Impartial Judges on an equal plane.

The basic task of creating Arab- Editor: would be just as bad as a war of the Green. Which incidentally causes

Sandstone Prisoners Editor:

Although I am a firm believer in the Holy Bible, I certainly am well pleased with that article written by Theodore Kovalesky entitled "The Christmas Spirit." It just goes G. Dalas earth, good will to men." It would night?" Athens, Greece be better to say: "Peace on earth to men of good will," which is in on earth, good will to men" who appreciate that, I am sure, and you

height of hypocrisy. As you may expect I am one of Jehovah's witnesses; nevertheless, I | judges." in Palestine . . . This violation of have been a regular subscriber to the democratic rights of self-deter- your paper and have derived much mination was committed in the good from it. I have much respect continue to be honest, be vindicat-

> Farrell Salverson Minneapolis, Minn.

I work at the printing trade, putting all sorts of names and boxes, trying to keep J. Gohl in husiness at the expense of Tom dent that occurred last week. I was explaining to one of my fellow ed, and said, "Do you mean to tell Irving Swanson, me after I have spent years learn-New York, N. Y. ing and acquiring this job that you would just eliminate it like that!" and he snapped his fingers. I merely laughed out loud and replied, 'It has never occurred to me previously how sad the Egyptian slaves must have felt after years of acquiring the skill to build bigger and better pyramids when they no longer would be able to do that."

Another fellow came to see me several weeks back. It was on a don't know what they are saying Monday, and he said: "Say Herwhen they repeat piously: "Peace on | man, did you hear Winchell last

I told him I hadn't.

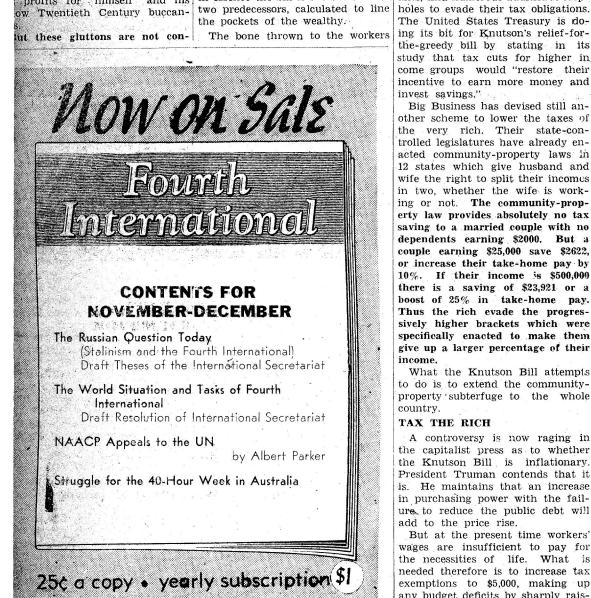
"Winchell, in connection with harmony with the same verse found some fur company, is offering a in the Catholic Bible, Douay ver- \$10,000 fur coat to the person who sion. Why any creature who claims can give the best definition of a to be righteous would say: "Peace Communist. Your old lady would are warmongers is undoubtedly the ought to be able to do that."

"Yes," I replied, "but our first requisite would be some impartial

"Oh, hell, you won't have any trouble about that!" said he.

I continued, "I doubt that, To name of securing peace in the Mid- for those men wno made my ac- illustrate, suppose someone had dle East." It seems to me that Irv- quaintance at Sandstone prison, and sponsored a similar contest prior ing Dale is making the mistake of I still say that our stay there was to 1860 below the Mason-Dixon line using the ordinary form of democra- a victory to us, and we will, if we as to the best definition of an Abolitionist. Do you think you could have found impartial judges at the

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and passing the Taft-Hartley is to be stepped up in the coming

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"The debasement of paper money reflects the general mortal crisis of capitalist commodity circulation. . . . The distribution of raw materials, the utilization of Baku or Rumanian oil, Donbas coal, Ukranian wheat, the fate of German locomotives, freight cars and automobiles, the rationing of relief for starving Europe—all these fundamental questions of the world's economic life are not being regulated by free competition, nor by association of national and international trusts and cartels, but by the direct application of military force, for the sake of its continued preservation. If the complete subjection of the state power to the power of finance capital had led mankind into the imperialist slaughter, then through this slaughter financial capital succeeded in completely militarizing not only the state but also itself; and it is no longer capable of fulfilling its basic economic functions. otherwise than by means of blood and iron."



-Manifesto of the Communist International, March 6, 1919.

Peacetime Military Conscription

The big push is on to regiment the Amer- tary Training bill, the clamor of the warican people under brass hat control. All the agents of capitalist reaction are beating the drums in unison for universal compulsory military training.

The generals are whooping it up before Congressional committees and spending government funds for a propaganda campaign of tremendous proportions. The boss press pulls out all stops in describing the manifold benefits - mental, moral, physical and spiritual — of subjecting the minds and bodies of every youth in the land to the goose-stepping command and martial indoctrination of the reactionary officer caste.

Democrat Truman and Republican Dewey, as well as legislators of both Wall Street parties, are demanding that our mothers and fathers give up their sons in peacetime to have their brains softened and their warspirit hardened by a permanent and universal militarism. Even the scientists and the college presidents have been lined up to add otheir treble piping to the bass rumble of the professional militarists.

Last week, as the House Armed Services Committee brought out its Universal Milimongers and labor-haters (strikebreaking is one of the fine arts taught by the officers corps) reached a climax. Twenty-nine governors proclaimed Universal Military Training Week as a seven-day period for ceremony, meetings, petitions and frenzied propaganda to beat down all resistance to the prussianization of America.

Why all the ballyhoo and pressure if UMT is such a fine thing? The truth is the American people have a traditional loathing for militarism and military regimentation. They have always resisted the attempts of the brass hats to control American life. Universal military training will be accepted by the American people only if it is shoved down their throats. That is the purpose of the propaganda drive unloosed by the generals, statesmen and press agents of U.S. imperialism.

American labor has most to lose if universal military training is adopted. The first victim of brass hat domination will be the labor movement. The unions, above all, must speak out, on behalf of the American people against the conspiracy to turn this country into one big barracks.

British Nationalization of Railroads

On January 1, 1948 the railways of Britain were nationalized. The British Labor Party boasts that this is another accomplishment of its "socialist" program. The Big Business press in this country, anxious to discredit socialism, also labels this move as "socialist."

But this is a fraud. There is nothing socialist about the nationalization of the British railways. It is a measure of state capitalism - and will benefit only the British capi-

Here are the facts. The British railroads are in an unbelievably dilapidated state. 40% or its locomotives are obsolete. Another 18%are under repair. Over 20% of its freight cars are over age with another 20% under repairs. 20% of its coaches are over-age and another 10% under repair. The repair shops themselves are antiquated, and lack the necessary machines and materials for the huge amount of work.

Thus what is occurring in practice is that the government is taking off the hands of the British capitalists an obsolete and brokendown railway system and giving them in return 4 billion dollars of government securities with an ironclad guarantee of 120 million dollars of profits per year.

Moreover, the railroad workers have no voice in the management of the newly nationalized system. The same old boss management remains at the helm.

This type of capitalist nationalization is nothing new to the American workers. In many cities, as in New York and Boston, the local transportation systems have been taken over by the city governments. This was usually done after the private owners had squeezed out huge profits and had burdened the systems with enormous quantities of watered stock. With the help of their political stooges, they then proceeded to unload the run-down lines on the city, and got in return guaranteed city bonds or hard cash for their watered stock.

This is the pattern of the nationalizations now taking place in England.

A genuine socialist government, especially in view of the economic bankruptcy of England today, would expropriate the railroads and give no compensation to the private owners who have already raked in fantastic

The railroads would then be placed under workers' control. The improvements effected, and the profits realized, would then help raise the living standards of all the people, including the railroad workers. Under the present setup, the nationalization is of benefit only to the railroad coupon clippers.

De Gaulle's Bid for Power

Only after the Socialists sold out the General Strike of 1921 in Italy did Mussolini get his chance to build a mass fascist movement, as a preliminary to his march on Rome two years later in 1923.

History is today repeating itself in France. Scarcely a month after the Stalinist betrayal of the great strike wave, General de Gaulle throws off the mask of ambiguity and unfolds the fascist program of the "corporate state" at a mass meeting in St. Etienne. De Gaulle is thus attempting to follow the path marked out by his predecessors in Italy and Germany.

The political ups and downs of this wouldbe Napoleon follow closely the evolution of the French working class movement.

Several months after the so-called "liberation" of France, de Gaulle suddenly announced his retirement from politics although he appeared at the height of his popularity. The reason? The workers' movement was then so formidable, it was a current saying that Thorez, leader of the French Stalinist movement, had only to pick up the phone to seize power.

But Thorez never put in that call. Instead of establishing a workers' state and starting the march toward socialism, the French Stalinists became the main prop of diseased French capitalism.

De Gaulle waited until the patience of large sections of the middle class was exhausted with the "democratic" capitalist government, and until thousands became disillusioned with the unfulfilled promises of the Stalinists and Social Democrats. Then he returned to the political arena — not as an isolated political figure but as the leader of a mass movement.

But even then de Gaulle could not fully reveal his hand. The workers' movement was still powerful and had not been tested in decisive class combat. Only after the irresponsible and treacherous Stalinist leaders misled the great strike movement did de Gaulle dare pass over to direct agitation for

De Gaulle's fascist speech is by no means the final stage of his movement. He has yet to organize his storm troops and attempt to set them in motion against the workers' organizations. The working class movement still has full opportunity to retrieve its losses and begin its forward march again.

De Gaulle's speech, however, constitutes a warning! Unless the French working class builds a revolutionary leadership and by decisive means resolves the crisis of capitalism - fascism will be the inevitable consequence

Trotskyist Candidate Polls 15,000 in Toronto Election

Trotskyist candidates in Toronto's municipal elections registered impressive gains in to-

Final returns gave Ross Dowson Revolutionary Workers Party canlidate for Mayor, 15,423 votes, and Harry Clairmont, RWP candidate for Board of Control, 4,957. Dowson, sole opponent of the Tory incumbent Saunders, polled over 11% of the total vote cast. Clairmont, one of seven candidates for the four offices on the Board of Control, polled 5.7% of the highest

The last week of the campaign witnessed the most vicious red-baiting drive that this city has ever seen. Mayor Saunders hysterically lashed out against the opponents of his slate for Board of Control as godless men unfit to administer the city." In Ward 5, a concentrated working class area, the capitalist candidates campaigned on a straight anti-communist basis.

The city administration used every means to get out the vote. Reactionary property qualifications limit the franchise to 367,000. The administration hoped by a high vote to defeat the Stalinist candidates and to take a side-swipe at the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation and RWP candidates.

Under the impetus of the campaign 39% voted, a 9% increase over last year. But the red-baiting campaign fizzled. Although Smith, the Stalinist candidate for the Board of Control, went down to defeat for the second time, he received 49,319 votes - 7,087 more than last year Defeated in other wards, Stalinist candidates in Wards 4 and 5 were returned with an increased vote.

The CCF took a bad beating Running only 9 candidates for this most unimportant of 41 posts, it elected only one candidate. Its campaign was indistinguishable from that of the capitalist candidates.

MAJOR FORCE

Only the RWP made substantial gains. The RWP candidates conducted a militant campaign for consumer committees on prices, municipalization of milk, low-rent housing, taxation of the rich. They were the major force for independent political action by labor. Last year's RWP candidate for

Mayor, Murray Dowson, polled 3,201, or 3% of the poll. The RWP this year, running its National Secretary, Ross Dowson, polled 11% of the total vote. Despite Smith's expensive campaign, Clairmont, a first-time candidate polled almost

The significance of the big Trotthat the Tory Saunders, was endorsed by the powerful AFL Counmany prominent CCF leaders did.

In the face of the CCF defeat made by the Trotskvists take on even greater significance.

Trotskyists Hail Stand of French **Socialist Youth**

PARIS, Dec. 21-At a specmittee, the International Com- ernment. munist Party (Trotskyist) of France hailed the break of the left wing "Revolutionary Socialist Action" from the Socialist Party (reported in the Jan. 5 Militant), and its expressed desire to work for a regroupment of forces for the purposes of building a revolutionary party.

At the same time, the Central Committee resolution recorded with satisfaction the statement of the Socialist Youth "establishing the possibility of immediate fusion.' It also considers desirable that after a thorough-going discussion and political clarification, the three organizations participate in the construction of a united revolutionary

The Central Committee resolution declares that the PCI will organize a united front with the two organizations "above all in the trade union field and in the factories, with the aim of strengthening and broadening the revolutionary trade union tendency "Workers Front."

Taking note of the decision of the National Committee of the SY to resume its youth activity and to propose the regroupment of the revolutionary youth within its organization, the C. C. recommends to the International Communist Youth youth section of the PCI, to respond to this appeal by participating as actively and as rapidly as possible in the regroupment of the revolutionary youth and by reaching the necessary agreements with the SY.

The C. C. furthermore greets the lecision of the SY authorizing the militants of this organization to ork in one of the revolutionary. adult organizations and welcomes the SY comrades who have joined to reinforce the ranks of the French Section of the Fourth International.



clothing and adequate housing these people face slow starvation in the coming winter months.

Trial At Bremerhaven

By Bill Morgan-

The American Army runs Bremerhaven. There are German customs officials and Ger- intervention if Russia or any of its man police and a German so-called government but the American Army runs the city. MPs satellites formally recognized the are everywhere. And as each American ship enters the harbor a lot of rules and regulations are posted in the messrooms and other crew areas aboard ship. The next case was interesting be- A. Lovett said such recognition

American rules—American regulations. Seamen have seen cause there was a woman lawyer would have "serious implications" them all in other ports. These laws are designed especially to there to defend a German policerestrict seamen and are rigor| with the usual type of fixers, ward | man, It seems ne nau m ms pos-

ously enforced.

cigarettes permitted ashore is spe- same old hangers-on who "knew cially limited to three packs. All the judge" and for a fee might German homes, beer taverns, shops, "fix things." etc., are strictly out of bounds. Possession of Cerman money is forbidden to Americans. There is a curfew every night and the MPs patrol the city and dock area to enforce it. (Even Germans must be off the streets at 11 P. M.).

DREARY PROSPECT The only place of entertainment permitted seamen is the Seamen's Club run by the United Seamen's Service, an official branch of the doors stood an old man with tired American set-up in Bremerhaven. Here, for a couple of hours a day, one can buy beer, listen to music, and purchase papers and magazines. German employes, waiters, musiskyist vote is underlined by the fact cians, porters, a barber, etc., wait YMCA of Seamen's Mission atmos-

men have had enough of war. Bre- the room. merhaven is the war. Hunger, misery, and ruins coupled with graft, ial plenum of its Central Com- exploitation and the Military Gov-

For the men who go ashore and customers home for two packages cigarettes. Money is useless here. fore calling the first case. The only currency is the cigarette. One package of smokes is worth 100 pounds of coal delivered to one's fundamental agreement between the necessary ration coupon and a Bremerhaven area without permis-SY and the Trotskyist PCI and the wagon to haul the coal. They shrug sion after having been expelled." one package of cigarettes . . . sud-

> a German beer tavern after the The judge looked out the window. Seamen's Club closed one night. He was bored. He began to read We knew the bartender there. He the papers on the case. Then he is an anti-fascist who served his announced, "You were arrested once time in Hitler's jails and was crip- before in this city. You had pled so that he can no longer work syphilis. You were sentenced to 90 on the tug boats. He was glad to days in the work house. When you see us but cautioned us to remain were released you were told not to in the rear and served our beer un- return. You returned. Now I'm der the table. Ten minutes later sending you to the work house again in marched two MPs. Our clothing for 90 days and if you are ever gave us away at once. We were brought here again it will go hard taken at the point of a forty-five on you." to the U.S. Army police station and booked.

The next morning we appeared at the Court House. There were at least twenty-five other American seamen there all charged with some violation of Army rules and regula-

The corridors and ante-rooms of the old court building were alive

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heelers and running dogs for the coffee, sacks of flour, sardines, sugar, Off limits areas of the city machine that ground out justice etc., etc. The lawyer and the judge are designated. The number of a-la-Tammany. There were the conferred for a while in friendly and imposed a death penalty for

> After presenting our summons to a sleek character in a sharp suit we filed into the court room. Behind the judge's high seat hung an the old brown wall was faded, and the unmistakable outline of the might have these things....." swastika looked down upon the dock where stood the men and women charged with violating American law and order. At the huge double eyes and a Hindenburg mustache. He looked over his American prisoners with a bored leer. A package of Lucky Strikes stuck out of his

breast pocket. We waited about half an hour. upon American seamen with such Suddenly the sleek young man in frantically servile bowing and scrap- the sharp suit came in and took cil. Although the CCF-dominated ing that even the most callous sea- a seat alongside the big chair re-CIO Council did not endorse him, man regards them with shame. The served for the judge. Next came a place reeks with a variety of the little man carrying a pile of assorted packages and the reactionary roll of the phere so well known to seamen the These he piled on a table to the Stalinist LPP, the impressive gains world over. Once in a while a USO right of the judge. Then appeared entertainment unit or some other two German girls. Clothed in group is booked to give the seamen threadbare coats, worn shoes, and a treat. Upstairs there are rooms obviously in need of food and sleep, for seamen stranded on the beach, these girls took seats offered them The place closes at 11 p.m. every by the seamen. The old man at the night except an occasional Saturday door glared at the girls and they night when curfew for Americans avoided his eyes in abject fear. Sudis extended to midnight or 1 o'clock. denly he barked at them in German. farce. Most seamen avoid the place. They stood up wearily and slowly Many remain aboard the ship. These walked to seats on the other side of

When the judge entered, the trained seal in the mustache motioned for all to stand. We did so. The judge took his seat and we saw that the judge was a captain in the rested and confined in the Army who don't go to the Seamen's Club American Army. After a quick compound"—the stockade, as the there are the prositutes who take glance around the room he signaled for us to sit down. We did so, of cigarettes. Some go to get a The judge and the sleek guy talked camera or a pair of binoculars for in whispers for a few minutes be-

The shorter of the two girls stood up and walked to the dock in front of the judge. The sleek guy was the house. It is useless to ask for coal translator. He read off the charge even if you have the money, the against the girl. "Entering the and say, "No more coal" but with The girl attempted to explain. She was on her way to her family in denly there is coal and lots of it. Cruxhaven and came to Bremer-Another seaman and I went into haven to arrange transportation.

SAME CASE

The girl couldn't believe her ears. She wilted and tried not to cry. Halfway back to her seat in the corner she broke down and we could hear her sobbing. We were too ashamed to look at her.

The other girl was called. Same charge. Same case. She tried to explain. She was pregnant. An American soldier now at school in Bremen . . . She had returned to Bremerhaven to see her family . . Same sentence. 90 days at hard labor. No attempt to determine the truth or to arrange for medical care. The name of the soldier was not asked for. Ninety days....

tones. The judge smiled at the strikers-hailed the latest move of policeman who stood at rigid at- Washington as "encouraging." tention, heels together and thumbs pressed against the seam of his to the common people in the Mediintention of dealing in the black a semi-puppet of U.S. imperialism American flag. Behind the flag market . . . These few items were has been forced by the indignation

> long have you been a policeman?" implication of the strengthening of The answer came, too. "Seven years, U. S. armed forces in Mediterranyour Honor, seven years a good ean waters. record on the police force . . .' That was it. Faithful to Hitler. A good watchdog. Faithful to the American masters.

until I hear the cases of the seaconfidentially to the lawyer.

The judge opened our cases by an- seeing" in the northern Greek nouncing that what American mer- mountains, stop a bullet-and prochant seamen needed was a "little vide the pretext for U. S. military us we were entitled, as American a "hot war." citizens, to a lawyer, a jury, etc., BUT he warned us that any demands we might make for these considerations would be foolish since it would mean holding us until after our ships had sailed. Since our ships were sailing that day we had no choice but proceeding with the

Off limits: \$15. On the street after curfew: \$5. The fines were imposed with military dispatch and collected with American efficiency "If the fine is not paid by 3 o'clock this afternoon you will be re-arseamen call it.

We paid. We felt lucky to escape the building. We had seen justice -American justice-in Germany.

Marines Sail for Greece in Latest' 'Cold" War Move

(Continued from Page 1) square meal. All the food for the Greek army comes from the U.S. If the food gave out, the "loyal" Greek army would dissolve over-

The Greek monarchist army is so shot through with corruption, its troops have so little morale that they have been able to make little headway against the Stalinist-led forces waging a hit-and-run war in the northern border mountains. Almost all the 300 million dollars allocated last spring for Greek "relief" has been used up. Most of it went for military supplies 74,000 tons of it, acording to official fig-

Direct U. S. military intervention in Greece was heralded last September, when the U.S. Commis in Greece set up a military branch of 78 U.S. military men to advise the Greek army. This now numbers 66 officers and 101 enlisted men whose duty it is "to go to the front with the Greek troops and advise them on tactics." (World Report, Dec. 30, 1947).

The establishment by the Stalinsts of a so-called "free government" several weeks ago brought an immediate threat of U.S. armed Stalinist set-up in Greece On Dec.

Premier Sophoulis-whose regime has suppressed all opposition parties and papers, thrown tens of thousands of revellious workers and soldiers into prison horror camps

But it is definitely very menacing "This case is ridiculous terranean area. Even the reaction-. . It is obvious this man had no ary regime of De Gasperi in Italy, for his personal use . . . Anyone and pressure of the Italian workers Then the question came. "How ment explain the exact meaning and

The implication is all too clear. Wall Street is preparing to extend its "cold war." It is using warships, planes and marines to threaten and intimidate all opposition to "I'm going to hold this case over the reactionary regimes it maintains in Europe with the taxes of men here," and the judge smiled the American people: Tomorrow or the day after, some American boy in We were next. We looked up. a marine uniform may be "sight-German Army discipline." He told invasion of Greece and the start of

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"The Peepul's Choice"

By Theodore Kovalesky -

side of the photo were the words, "To my pal, Vic And anybody who wanted to be anything in the town's Wrobis . . . Jack Dempsey." Stanley Ketchel, Terry political set-up had to become a friend of Jerry Ryan.



body had written for them) simi- start.

people," Pete said.

I grinned. "He sure is. Says so himself every election day."

The friend of the famous walked into the barroom, town, and he knows it, and loves it. and everyone turned to look. He was worth looking at. Vic Wrobis must weigh at least three hundred pounds, perhaps three-fifty. He walks slowly and with the dignity befitting a saloon owner and politi-

How he got his start I'm not sure. Some say he once worked in the mill and later left to open up his own place; others tell you that he worked for Jerry Ryan as a sort of overseer at Ryan's houses down at "Paradise Alley."

But whatever his beginning was, it was only a tem- got our vote for this drink." porary matter for Vic Wrobis, for he was an independent man, a man of brains and ambition. It was only come either a friend or an enemy of Jerry Ryan.

While Ryan wasn't exactly a politician in the sense held the office-holders. He was never mayor, but he cleaner . . chose the mayors. He was never a judge, but the

In rather small handwriting on the lower right-hand judges' decisions were the decisions of Jerry Ryan. McGovern, Mickey Walker, Jim Jerry's enemies were either kept out of office or, in Londos, Strangler Lewis, Babe the most important cases, found dead at various Ruth, Bobby Jones, and a long list places not far from town. Vic Wrobis chose to beof others had written (or some- come a friend. That's about all I know about his

lar messages of friendship on their It wasn't long before Wrobis became Jerry Ryan's pictures. It was easy to see that right-hand man. Patsy Murphy tended bar at the Vic Wrobis was a friend of the Blue Star Grille and looked after business generally, leaving Vic Wrobis time to devote himself to politics. Pete Rossi and I walked along He didn't operate like Ryan: he held office, at one the walls looking at the pictures tacked up there, row time or other almost every office in town. And he on row, tier on tier. "That guy sure is a friend of the cleaned up on every job he had. When Ryan died back in '38, Wrobis took over.

> Now he drives a long, sleek car and has a big summer home out on the lake shore. He's boss of the

> The friend of the famous, the boss of the town walked through the barroom slowly and with great dignity. "Patsy," he ordered, "give these here gentlemen a drink on the house.'

"Shot of Three Feathers," Pete said, answering the bartender's question. "I'm taking the best. First damn thing I ever got free from a politician!"

I grinned. "I'll take the same," I told Patsy. "That fat slob!" Pete said to me. "He figures he's

"There's ingratitude for you," I kidded.

"Oh, I'm grateful," he protested. "I'm grateful for a question of time before he was to enter politics; and his graft out of my taxes. I'm grateful for the dough it was only a question of time before he was to be- he gets out of Paradise Alley. I'm grateful for his mobsters . . . and this drink.

"All the guys in that steel plant!" he appealed to of holding office, he was one in the sense that he me, "They could run this town like he does, only

"They will, Pete," I said, "Some day they will!"

The Negro Struggle-

Wallace and the Roosevelt Record

By Albert Parker

picious contrast between Henry Wallace's fine-sound- gressive legislation affecting Negro rights. ing speeches against Jim Crow nowadays, when he is It is not accidental that Davis begins his Wallace-

And sure enough, that is exactly them? what Benjamin J. Davis, Stalinist New York City Councilman, attempts to do in an article hailing Wallace's candidacy in the Jan. 4 Worker. Here is what he says:

have seen their hopes for enforcement of their constitutional rights dashed by successive Republican and cal hypocrites. Democratic Administrations, except for the all-toobrief Roosevelt era."

What happened in the Roosevelt era (for which Granger does it because he wants the Negro people

armed forces? Or restrictive covenants? Roosevelt, Wallace and their Jim Crow Southern question further.

In last week's column we showed there was a sus- Democrat pals ganged up to kill every piece of pro-

running for office, and his failure for-President propaganda by trying to paint up the to take action against Jim Crow Roosevelt era in glowing and deceptive colors. After when he was a high government all, Wallace is only trying to repeat the Roosevelt official. We did it because we role—which was long on promises and short on perknew that his followers would try formance. Wallace, not being in office, may make to cover up the truth about his even better promises than Roosevelt, but what reason have the Negro people for believing that he will keep

When the Stalinists and other Wallaceites come around asking for your support, ask them these questions. Let them, along with the Democrats and Re-"For 85 years since the Civil War, the Negro people publicans, know that from now on the Negro people will no longer be fooled by the honeyed words of politi-

After last week's column on Wallace had been It may be too early in the year for predictions, but printed, we were shown a column on the same subject our guess is that there won't be a bigger lie than that in the Amsterdam News by Lester Granger of the in all of 1948. The curious thing about it is that National Urban League, and were asked if there are everybody old enough to read lived through the any differences in our viewpoints. There certainly Roosevelt era, and should know from experience that are. We call attention to the same facts, but for entirely different reasons.

Wallace bears as much responsibility as Roosevelt)? to support Truman. We do it because we want the Did the administration carry on any kind of cam- Negro people to join with the union movement in paign to stop lynching? Or the poll tax? Or dis- establishing an independent Labor Party which will crimination in employment? Or segregation in the run labor and Negro candidates in opposition to all the capitalist parties. Our differences with Granger The Roosevelt era may have seemed "all-too-brief" and his fellow Trumanites are just as great as our for Davis, but for the Negro people it was 13 long differences with Wallace or the Stalinists. This will years of misery and bitter struggle during which be brought out more clearly as we discuss the Wallace

The New Gold Brick

- By Grace Carlson

are the kind of slogans, with workers every four months. over the radio.

pill propaganda, hundreds of ences in production in the three groups. thousands of people have been

And what do they get for all of the millions that they getting them, they imagine that they feel better. spend for vitamin pills? Not much!

It's true, of course, that many vitamin pill-users may think they feel better when they take vitamin concentrates regularly. But this is no proof that they have been materially benefitted by the pills and caprecent issue of Industrial Medicine gives us some interesting facts on this point.

made a year's study of the effect of a daily supple- their needs." ment of vitamins on production and absenteeism in a min capsule every day. The second group received pill is the new gold brick!

Protect Yourself Against Winter Colds—Take placebos (capsules which looked like the vitamins but Vitamin Pills." "To Insure Good Health and Well- actually were an inactive drug). The third group re-Being, Take a Vitamin Capsule Every Day." These ceived nothing. The treatment was rotated periodically and a questionnaire was circulated to all the

which the vitamin pill manufac- 35% of those taking vitamin capsules said that their turers bombard the citizens every appetite, sleep and feeling of well-being had improved. day on the billboards and street But, so did 35% of those taking blank capsules! The car signs, in newspaper ads, and rate of absenteeism due to illness was lower in the blank capsule group than in the vitamin group. The rates of voluntary absenteeism were the same in the Impressed with the seeming vitamin and placebo group and lower than the nonscientific basis for the vitamin treatment group. There were no significant differ-

All this study proves is that people have been so streaming into the country's drug stores to lay down thoroughly propagandized as to the great value of their hard-earned cash for these synthetic vitamins, vitamin pills that even if they think that they are

Dr. G. C. Engel, a member of the Graduate School of Medicine of Pennsylvania University said in a recent talk on diet in health and disease, "It is altogether untrue that a normal person's sense of wellbeing and ability to perform work can be improved sules that they have swallowed. A study reported in a greatly by the addition of vitamins to the diet. The truth of the matter is that only people who have vitamin deficiencies as established by reliable tests should indulge in vitamin therapy and then, only Dr. A. C. Ivy, assisted by Drs. Jung, Bing and Cisler under the guidance of physicians who understand

Just the same, the drug monopolies continue to Chicago area steel plant. 241 steel workers were peddle their expensive vitamin preparations to all divided into three groups. One group received a vita- who have the money to pay for them. The vitamin

ROCK BOTTOM-Former King Michael arrived in 1947. No cut in this budget item is expected this year.

make both ends meet" than a year ago, while 3% find it easier and 25% find it the same.

The Stalinist variety of fog will appear monthly.

NO OVERTIME FOR A-BOMB-A federal court four big trunks, 40 suitcases, and an in Tennessee has denied \$2,000,000 in overtime wages assortment of shot guns, cameras, and damages to 385 Oak Ridge firemen and construccases of sugar, and 15 automobile tion workers because the atomic bomb is "not goods tires accompanied him. His secre- intended for commerce" and therefore not covered by tary told the press Michael had gone the 40-hour week provisions of the Wage and Hour

MOST ENDS DON'T MEET-According to a Gal-drug,' and it is," says Indiana CIO President Neal W. lup poll, 72% of the people are finding it harder "to Edwards. "The wonder is that a worker is able to buy it...because the shots cost from \$5 to \$30 by the time he gets them under his skin." They cost the doctor 4¢ a shot.

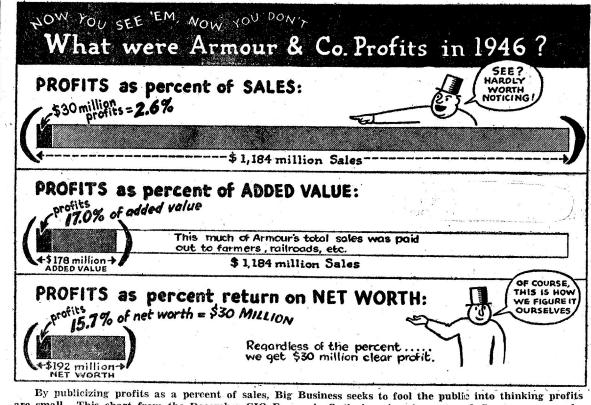
MURDER "DEPLORED"-Embarrassed by the Mainstream and issuing a new magazine. They say death-to-strikers law passed by the Greek government it will "thrust through the fog of fear in which the which the top CIO leaders support, the CIO News plunderers and pundits seek to envelop the people." came through with this lulu of an understatement: "Workers and governments throughout the democratic world have long since realized that harsh, brutal and WHERE TAXES GO-More than \$70 per person, unjustified legislation of this sort never serves any

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NLRB Strikes Two More Blows Againt Labor Under Taft Act



are small. This chart from the December CIO Economic Outlook, using Armour and Co. as an example, shows two accurate ways of measuring them. Note how the myth of "low-percentage profits" is destroyed.

Taft-Hartley Act Revives Government by Injunction

PAGE FOUR

it but how to fight it. With the more injunctions were issued in the reintroduction by the Taft-Hartley course of the strike. Deputy marlaw of the hated injunction as a shalls, numbering 3,600, armed and major weapon to break strikes, the paid for by the railroads acted as present generation of unionists is strikebreakers and "law" enforcedestined to relearn this same lesson. ment officers, at one and the same,

of a strike. If anyone disobeys this ed and the American Railway Union decree the judge can immediately destroyed. fine or imprison that person. No jury passes on the injunction or on injunction was established as an the sentences of violators. The judge can issue his order without even hearing the union's side. The labor injunction was not al-

dragged into the legal code by a

Building Trades In N.Y. Sign **Wage-Freeze Pact**

By Raymond Rice

NEW YORK — The leaders of the Building Trades Council of Greater New York signed a new agreement to freeze wages for the next two and a half years, from Jan. 1, 1948, to June 30, 1950. The painters, electricians, bricklayers, Manhattan plumbers, cement and concrete workers, mason tenders, excavating laborers, plasterers laborers, roofers and mosaic and

The new supplementary agree-The excess over 15% will be divided destroying the open shop. . . ." by three and multiplied by three dollars. If the increase is simply a flat 15% by April 1, 1949 - there will be no increase in wages.

Howard McSpedon, president of the council and Fred Driscoll, chairman of the employers' stabilization committee are reported by the N. Y. Times to have said that the wage freeze was designed to stabilize labor costs in order "to protect builders and investors" against unforeseen increases in labor costs, and was agreed to at the insistence of Mayor O'Dwyer. The theory here is that the workmen and not the capitalists should foot the bill for higher living costs during the next two and a half years.

The new agreement is the second supplement to a master agreement operating from Jan 1, 1946 to June 30, 1950. This master agreement committed the unions to holding the seven hour day during the contract term. The first supplement raised the hours of work to eight hours per day. The present supplement maintains the eight-hour day and freezes wages for the next two and a half years. These agreements block the various trades from getting back the six-hour work day which the plumbers and electricians won before the war.

desperate capitalist class to break black-robed flunkeys of Big Busi-A labor injunction is a decree by \mid time. Finally U. S. army troops a judge forbidding the carrying on were sent in. The strike was crush-

> From that point on the labor invaluable weapon in the capitalists' strikebreaking arsenal.

In 1919 the steel workers struck ways a part of U. S. "law." It was A month later the miners' contract ran out and they struck. Together they could win. The U.S. smashed the following year.

In the 1921 textile strike injunctions not only prohibited picketing of the mills, but even the right of strikers to sit on their own porches when the scabs were passing by on their way to or from work. In some places strikers were even forbidden to look through their win-The railway shopmen's strike of

dows when scabs were passing. 1922 was lost to the tune of almost 300 injunctions. U. S. Attorney terrazzo workers and their helpers General Daugherty got an injunchave refused thus far to go along. tion forbidding strikers to call those who stole their jobs "strikebreakment freezes wages and offers a ers," tied up all union funds and phony cost-of-living clause in place prevented the union leaders from of the old one-year wage review issuing orders by word of mouth, clause. Under the new agreement or pen, to the strikers. Daugherty an increase is possible only if the summed up the theory of the labor cost of living on April 1, 1949 is injunction when he stated. "I will 15% higher than it was on Jan. use the power of the government 1, 1948. Wage increases will then within my control to prevent the But neither company thugs nor shop.

The meaning of "Govern- the Pullman strike of 1894. An in- ness could stop the workers when mally under government control. ment by injunction" was junction was issued against the they were determined to fight it The Utica injunction is a federal American Railway Union. Eugene out and had a courageous leaderthoroughly understood by the V. Debs, president of the ARU, and ship. The Toledo Auto-Lite strike flict with a private employer. Thus, past generation of labor fight- other leaders were imprisoned for of 1934 showed how an injunction ers. They learned not only to hate violating the injunction. Hundreds can be smashed and the strike emerge victorious. The bosses got an injunction

against mass picketing at the Auto-Lite plant. But the strikers and thousands of unemployed allied with them, refused to heed this judicial strikebreaking. More and more workers swelled the picket lines. The jails could not hold them all and the injunction became a dead

A similar mass defiance occurred in the great sit-down strike in 1937. against General Motors in Flint.

Many other notable examples of strikes won in the face of labor injunctions have taken place in the Attorney General got an injunction last decade. The most recent case against the miners' officials forbid- was that of the utility workers in ding them from aiding the mine Pittsburgh in September 1946. The strike in any way by "messages of striking workers of the Dusquesne encouragement or exhortation" as Light and Power Company, backed well as from giving strike benefits by good union men throughout the from the union treasury. The min- city, defied an injunction, and ers' officials lost heart and called staged a mass protest around city off the strike. The steel strike was hall. The results were prompt: The injunction was hastily dissolved by the court; the union president, sentenced to a year in prison for violating the injunction, was freed and the strike was won.

The universal hatred for labor injunctions and the growing labor militancy in the '30s forced Congress to pass a law forbidding the cision abandoned the struggle to erendum of its own membership use of labor injunctions by federal courts. This law was flouted by the bankers carry the burden of financ-Truman administration in November 1946 when a federal injunction leaders helped sell the membership tion. By the same token, the TWU was secured against the striking O'Dwyer's doctored statistics, ac-United Mine Workers. To the ac- cording to which a raise in transit companiment of a lynch-labor campaign, the union was fined \$3,510,-

The Taft-Hartley Act attempts to revive the wide use of this union- the curse off the O'Dwyer package busting weapon against unions. This plan. In a statement to the press, means that Wall Street and its hired hands in Washington think will be used for operating expenses they can turn the clock back on and wages only. Debt payments to them and the Communist party. be granted on the following basis: labor unions of the country from the labor movement and bring back the bankers amounting to \$57,000,- Quill, Hogan and others designated the "good old days" of the open 000 annually, and new improve- as "certain leaders" were castigated

administration's offensive to enforce the Taft-Hartley Slave On Jan. 2 Federal Judge Ste- NLRB is putting into effect the new phen W. Brennan, acting on an by a union. Under the old Wagner

The National Labor Relations Board on Jan. 2 dealt two

NLRB petition, issued the first Labor Relations Act, it was recogpermanent injunction against a nized that unfair labor practices union under the Taft-Hartley Act. were devices used by the employers The injunction restrains AFL Team- to deny collective bargaining rights sters Local 294, of Albany, N. Y., to workers. from conducting a strike against the An "unfair labor practice," by the Conway Express Company as a upside-down interpretation of the "secondary boycott," demanding Taft-Hartley Act and the NLRB, closed shop conditions, etc.

ing examiner recommended the is- curity—refusal to handle scab masuance of the first order against terials, sympathy strikes and boyan alleged "unfair labor practice" cotts in support of another union, by a union—a strike of four AFL refusal to walk through the picket carpenters in Chattanooga, Tenn. line of another union or to work They went on strike and picketed a with non-union men, etc. An NLRB construction job where non-union decision could provide "evidence" men and scab materials were being for employers' damage suits against

Little notice was given these two Taft-Hartley Act. ganized labor.

labor upsurge.

federal injunction to break strikes and Pittsburgh. was given by the injunction and fine against the miners union, initiated by the Truman administra- cy to restore the open shop in the tion and upheld by the "nine old men" of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The miners injunction, however, involved a strike in an industry forit sets a precedent that can be used in any strike.

Moreover, this is an injunction fects the "public welfare."

more below-the-belt blows at American labor in the Truman

becomes any measure of defense On the same day, an NLRB hear- used by a union to safeguard its seunions, also permitted under the

events in the capitalist daily press. Meanwhile, the NLRB is expand-But they are exceptionally import- ing its campaign to impose an open ant and may have far-reaching and shop agreement on the AFL Intervery damaging consequences for or- national Typographical Union, now on strike against six Chicago dailies. The federal injunction issued in In addition to complaints issued on Utica against Teamsters Local 294 behalf of the American Association opens a new era of "government by of Newspaper Publishers, representinjunction." The full implications ing 400 papers, the NLRB issued on of this may be felt during the next | Jan. 2 complaints against five ITU locals on behalf of 500 job printing Impetus for this revival of the firms in New York, Detroit, Chicago

The NLRB and the big publishers are engaged in an obvious conspiraprinting industry. There is nothing even in the Taft-Hartley Act that says a union must sign an open shop agreement or that an employer must hire non-union men. The law simply says the employer cannot sign a closed shop contract. And the ITU is not asking for a contract.

Scores of publishers, respecting the traditional conditions that have prevailed for decades in ITU shops, whose issuance is compulsory under are complying with these conditions the Taft-Hartley Act. The Act di- today. They have granted wage inrects that unions must be enjoined creases as well-such a wage agreefrom engaging in certain traditional ment was reached by the Washingmethods of labor struggle. In addi- ton, D. C., publishers on Jan. 6. But tion, it permits the government to the major publishers have decided secure injunctions against any strike to destroy the present union condiwhich the administration claims af- tions in the industry, and the NLRB has become a willing accomplice in In the Chattanooga case, the this union-cracking conspiracy.

Quill Bows to O'Dwyer In Subway Fare Fight

NEW YORK, Jan. 8-The capitulation of the CIO Transport Workers Union leadership to Mayor O'Dwyer's higher fare proposals marks the heaviest blow delivered thus far to the movement to retain the nickel fare on subways and surface transportation.

Adoption of O'Dwyer's other blow at the democratic rights 'package" proposal by the TWU Joint Executive Board was based on a criterion that dimake real estate interests and wages depends directly on a raise

August Hogan, President of TWU Local 100, takes great pains to take tation. he explains that the higher fare taxes on real estate. COLD COMFORT

hopes-they provide cold comfort to the working class straphangers who will be socked by a \$30-\$40 annual increase in their cost of living expenses. It is a resurrection of taking the burden off the rich and ism." compelling workers to divide their MADE A DEAL meager wages.

The facts are, however, that O'Dwyer's "package" plan is nothing but a bàit. The plan hinges directly on the willingness of Dewey transit workers. The question now and the Republican State Legislature to grant New York City \$84,-000,000 in state aid and to raise the city's debt limit. If Dewey refuses Quill's support of Henry Wallace? -and he has already indicated he will refuse—then the fare increase fare means a struggle for the right will redound only to the benefit of the bankers, and wage increases for demonstrations and aggressive mass the transport workers together with other promised city improvements will go begging. This will provide O'Dwyer in all future elections by the basis for recurring demands to hike fares still higher after the eight cents fare is obtained.

ANOTHER BLOW By accepting O'Dwyer's plan,

of New York's working class. The "package plan" will deprive the people of the right to a referendum vides the interests of the transport on the fare question. It is ironical workers from the rest of the labor that the TWU Executive Board will movement. In effect the TWU de- submit the "package" plan to a refbut denies the same right to the ing the city's railroads. The TWU rest of the working class populaleaders are depriving transport workers of popular support in future struggles against arbitrary decisions of the Board of Transpor-

The decision of top TWU leaders to quit the nickel fare fight brings to a head a struggle between ments will be paid out of higher for opportunism by Robert Thompson in the Daily Worker. Quill retorted in a recent CIO Council Even were Hogan's calculations meeting by a denunciation of "outcorrect-in reality they are only side interference" which was trying to undermine his union. Quill could the more easily shrug off the Stalinist attack, because the other CIO Stalinist leaders had just voted him in as President of the N. Y. Hoover's share-the-poverty plans, CIO Council despite his "opportun-

Quill and Co. made a deal with O'Dwyer to sacrifice the interests of the strap-hangers in return for the promise of a wage raise for the is: will the other Stalinist union leaders tone down their opposition to the eight cents fare in return for

of referendum on the fare. It means actions for the referendum. 18 means a political repudiation of the trade unions. Failing such measures, Stalinist leaders will be merely paying lipservice to the struggle for the five cents fare. They will be appeasing Quill while Quill appeases TWU leaders have delivered an- O'Dwyer,

Notes from the News

France in a state of extreme destitution. A Lincoln, two Buicks, one jeep, a motorcycle, nine cases of gin, into exile "with very little money Law. and no assets abroad."

MONTHLY CONFUSION—The Stalinists are folding up their weekly New Masses and their monthly

WONDER DRUG-"Penicillin is called the 'wonder

or over 10 billions, was spent on the armed forces in policy except to create ill will and conflict."

Horse-and-Buggy Unionism

AFL, is putting up a desperate struggle against the Taft-Hart- go to work every day-right ers are on strike are coming out in spite of the printers' strike, and lists the unions helping it,

"Members of These 21 Unions as the horse and buggy. Get Out This Paper for You: Chicago Journeymen Plumbers; Chicago Window Washers; Ofchinists; International Alliance weakness of craft unionism. of Bill Posters, Billers and Distri-Council; Stereotypers No. 4; Union).

The Typographical Union, one | Chicago Editorial Association; of the cleanest unions in the Chicago Mailers Union No. 2; Electrotypers Union No. 3." Members of these 21 unions

ley law in Chicago and elsewhere. through the picket lines of the But the papers where the print- printers. Most of them are good union men-as they see it. Most every day. The Chicago Hearst of them are willing to "kick in" paper brags of the fact that it on strike contributions whenever is being produced by union labor called upon. Yet in a very true sense they are "scabs"-because they are caught in a kind of unionism that is as out-of-date

One big industrial union of all newspaper workers, from the reporter who gathers the news. fice and Janitors Union; Web right through the mechanical de-Printing Pressmen's Union; Pho- partments, down to the boys who to engravers No. 5; Printing sell and deliver the paper (plus Pressmen's No. 3; Paper Hand- maintenance employes) is the lers' No. 2; Ink Workers' Union answer! Never have we seen a No. 8; Newspaper Delivery Driv- better example of the necessity ers; Franklin Association of Ma- of industrial unionism—or the

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