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stalled and recommended that the com-

pany and the union try to settle their differ-

ences. Lou Michener, West Coast regional director of the UAW, says that it was Frankensteen, national director

of aircraft for the UAW, who

set the 75 cent minimum wage

demand, advised the union to

take a strike vote and set a

Michener also claims that

Kindelberger, president of the

North American Co., refused

to move from the 50 cent mini-

mum and remarked that 50

cents was enough for young

punks who would only buy gas and run around in jaloppies with their girl friends over the

week-end. The company kept stalling and the "Mediation" Board showed no tendency to

The basic facts are clear. The workers at North American were among the lowest paid in the industry. The company,

which is controlled by General

Motors (du Pont), made a prof-

it of \$7,090,333 in 1940 and

paid \$4,293,791 in cash divi-

dends. Business was good.

North American holds over

\$200,000,000 in "defense" or-

ders. And yet they refused to

raise the minimum wages of the

workers above 50 cents an hour.

ed precisely as it was expected

to act: wait, stall, maneuver.

LABOR ACTION told the work-

ers what to expect from this

"Mediation" Board. We said

that "this board and its pro-

cedure is the greatest danger

that faces the workers and the

unions today . . . they don't

like meeting the workers on the picket line . . . the 'Mediation'

Board will perform a great serv-

ice. That's what it's there for:

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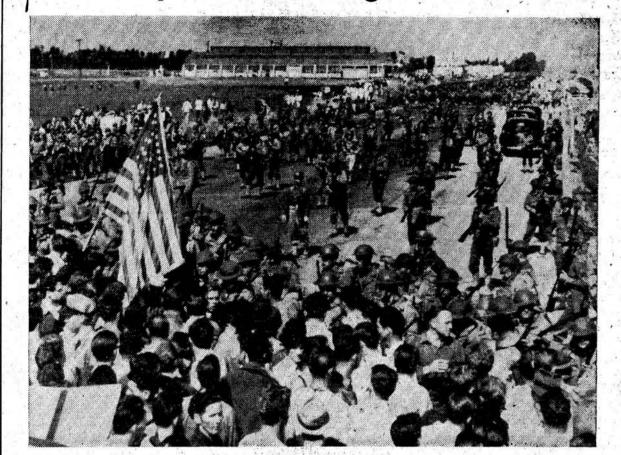
The "Mediation" Board act-

do anything about it.

deadline.

THE ROOSEVELT GOVERNMENT:

The Army in Action--Against Strikers!



The first action of the Roosevelt imperialist army in the present war was a bayonet attack on American working men.

This army, organized allegedly to fight for democracy, waged its first battle against unarmed striking workers at the North American Aircraft Corporation in California.

These workers were on strike against the company for wages that would make it possible for them to provide better shelter and more food and clothing for their families. They were on strike against a corporation which, despite its tremendous profits last year, and even greater profits to come this year, stubbornly refused to raise wages even to the level of other aircraft companies.

The union placed its demands before the company on April 16. The company proposed that a 50-cent minimum wage stand. The dispute went to the "Mediation" Board on May 26. The Board

It Took 3,000 Bayonets To Push the Picket Line Back

at the North American Aviation Co. ended today as strikers voted to return to work in the plant, which is now under command of the U. S. Army. The union leaders were trying, as this story is written, to make an agreement for the return of the men in a body. Army officials in charge of the plant refused, however, to make any commitments. Though the men voted to return, they did so in the spirit that victory was yet to come—they were not a disorganized and demoralized group. They had

LOS ANGELES, June 10-The strike waged a magnificent fight despite treachery and bayonet charge. The to force the picket lines of over 6,000 issue of 75-10 remains. The men will yet win their demands.

By JACK WILSON

LOS ANGELES - Courageous North American Aviation Co. strikers on Monday took their place of honor with Flint auto workers, Bethlehem steel workers and other militants who built the CIO into a powerful indus- nets and the army uniforms only trial union movement.

strikers and thousands of sympathizers away from the plant gates, after three police charges against the workers were stopped cold.

The baptism of fire the thousands of young workers received in the tussle with the strike-breaking cops turned them into militant, union conscious fighters ready for the big struggle ahead.

And the tear gas fumes, the bayo-(Continued on page 3)

"WORK OR GET THROWN INTO THE ARMY," ROOSEVELT THREAT TO STRIKING WORL

Go to work, or you'll be thrown into the army! You don't like your wages?—you're being underpaid? -you don't earn enough to live on?—the cost of living is rising? No matter! Back to your bench . . . or else!

THAT'S FORCED LABOR IN ANY MAN'S LAN-

And that's what Roosevelt has ordered. He hasn't threatened the bosses: concede to the demands of the workers or we'll turn the plants over to the workers.

He hasn't threatened the bosses: pay a living wage or we'll dress you in khaki.

No, he has threatened LABOR: sweat your life out for a miserable wage in industry or you will have to sacrifice it on a battlefield-do as you're told in industry or you'll have to do what you're told in the army.

And, irony of ironies, this is the man who asks labor to give its life for American "democracy." This is the man who, in his emergency speech, described, with pretended concern, the destruction of labor's freedom in

Where is the freedom for labor HERE if it cannot act in its own defense!

Where is the freedom to assemble in trade union organization, if that trade union dares not act in the interests of its membership with the ONLY real weapon it has: the STRIKE!

Where does that differ from forced labor?

In Massachusetts a local draft board recently reclassified a striker so that he became subject to immediate drafting. The national draft office, after a union protest, order the local board to reserve its decision.

Roosevelt has now withdrawn that gesture to labor. From now on, if this order sticks and the unions do not force its revocation, any young worker previously deferred because of the nature of his work will be thrown right smack into the army if he talks strike. Of all the scurvy tricks ever perpetrated in the name of "democracy," this takes the prize.

CONSCRIPT AND WORKER MUST BAND TOGETHER

Skillfully, but not so much so that the scheme isn't transparently clear, Roosevelt is trying to pit the conscripted worker against the industrial worker. The text of the deferment order sent out by Brig. Gen. Hershey reads: "These citizen soldiers (a fancy name for conscripts-Ed.) have been promised that arms, supplies and equipment will be furnished by their fellow-citizens who are engaged in the production of ships, airplanes, tanks,

guns and other necessary munitions and supplies.

"They know that other registrants have been deferred from service in the armed forces to accomplish that purpose. They demand that no citizen hesitate to do his full share in the strengthening of the defense of America."

We don't know, who gave that brass hat the right to speak for the conscripts. We do know, however, that these conscripts were dragged into the army against their will. We do know that their interests also lie in the way of higher wages and the right to organize freely. And we do know that every victory for labor is a victory for the conscript because each victory benefits the WHOLE of the working class. It therefore takes more than a little galf for some uniformed dolt who probably never did a day's productive work in all his life, to speak in the name of these "citizen-soldiers-by-compulsion" (who are not allowed to speak for themselves) against workers striking for a living wage.

"GUNS, NOT BUTTER"-NEW ROOSEVELT SLOGAN

The freedoms of speech, press and assembly guaranteed in the Bill of Rights are no longer operative in Roosevelt's war dictatorship-at least not the right to assemble on a picket line free from bayonet interven-

If Roosevelt has dared go this far BEFORE "shooting" war has begun, how far will he go when the firing has started?

"Guns, not butter," said Hitler. That proclamation horrified the world. It has now also become Roosevelt's slogan: "Gun's, not butter."

There is in this a dire warning for labor, a horrible picture of what the future holds in store. Shall we allow them to trample upon our bitterly-won liberties? Shall we work gagged and with a bayonet sticking in our ribs, breaking our backs so that the bosses may wallow in the swill of war profits? Shall we allow ourselves to be strapped in a totalitarian straight-jacket?

A halt must be called! The strike-busting draft ruling must be reversed. It is a challenge! We dare not let it

Threats to draft North American strikers failed to scare the men on the line and served primarily to expose the union-busting, dictatorial Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United

Teamsters Local 544 Quits AFL--Asks Admission to CIO

As LABOR ACTION goes to press we learn that Local 544 of the Teamsters International in Minneapolis has broken with the American Federation of Labor and applied for admission in the CIO. This action on the part of the 5,000 Minneapolis AFL teamsters follows charges of radicalism made against them by Dan Tobin, international president of the union. The officers of the union were summoned to Washington for trial but no decision had been ren-

> We Demand: Higher Wages and Workers' Rights for Conscripts!

dered at the time the local made its decision to go over to the CIO.

A telegram from some alleged "high CIO officials in Minneapolis" urged President Murray not to admit the Minneapolis local to the CIO. The telegram claimed that some leaders of Local 544 were followeds of the ideas of Leon Trotsky. Trotsky was murdered last year by the Stalinist GPU

Walter Brock, secretary of the Minneapolis Industrial Union Council, evidently disagreed with the "high CIO officials in Minneapolis." He wired A. D. Lewis, chairman of the United Construction Workers' Organizing Committee, that 8,000 additional teamsters in Minnesota were ready to join the CIO. Lewis said that he would grant the charter as soon as the request for affiliation was received.

A Few Facts About Syria- -The Latest Battleground

WHO IS FIGHTING FOR SYRIA:

ONE SIDE: British Empire forces and their "Free French" imperialist stooges. OTHER SIDE: German and Italian Empire forces and their "Vichy French" imperialist stooges.

OF WHAT IMPORTANCE IS SYRIA:

- (1) It is on the route to the vital Suez Canal.
- (2) It is a stepping stone to the oil fields of Iran and Iraq.
- (3) It is the gateway to the Middle East. (4) It has good harbors, air bases and is a trading center, although there is little industry or valuable raw materials in the country itself.

WHO LOSES NO MATTER WHO WINS:

The 3,000,000 Syrians (mostly farmers) who want only their independence from France or any other imperialist gangster or set of imperialist gangsters.

WHO SHOULD WORKERS SUPPORT:

The Syrian nationalists who oppose the crucifixion of their country by imperialist war and want to get rid of both sides..

Negro Shot in Texas Court--Murderer Freed on \$500 Bail

Americanism stalked through the District Court in Conroe, Texas, this week. Bob White, a Negro on trial for rape, was shot to death in the court room by W. S. Cochran, husband of the woman who was alleged to have been raped. The murder took place while bailiffs were escorting the ninth juror to the jury dormitory.

Cochran walked into the court room with a pistol in his hand. He walked to the railing, leaned close to White and shot him through the head in full view of spectators in the crowded court room.

In the original trial White was sentenced to death for the raping of Cochran's wife. The Texas Court of Appeals reversed the death sentence.

death and the sentence was reversed by the United States Supreme Court. Cochran then evidently decided to reverse the highest court in the land.

After the murder, Cochran, who is a wealthy Texas land owner, walked over to his friend, Zimmie Forman, special prosecutor in the case, and handed him the gun. He was taken before a justice of the peace and charged with murder. A friend of Cochran's hurried to the justice's office, shook hands with Cochran and posted bail of \$500.

free man after murdering a Negro. Cochran got in his car, where his wife was waiting, and drove home to resume normal family life. .

Later White was again sentenced to

This was all that is required in

Texas to walk out into the street a

great service to the boss." The LABOR ACTION editorial from which we quote closed with: "But the workers must keep the picket lines going. To hell with the Mediation Board and its boss class trickery. Demand that labor leaders get off this board and take their places on the picket line. Keep the strikes going. Organize all the workers. Demand signed con-

take less from the government." We see no reason to change the opinions expressed in thi editorial. The North American

tracts. Demand higher wages

and shorter hours. Don't take

less from the bosses. Don't

strikers know now, if they did (Continued on page 2)

ROOSEVELT'S ARMY ATTACKED STRIKING WORKERS WITH BAYONETS! CONDEMN IN UNION RESOLUTION THE STRIKE-BREAKING ACTIONS OF THE ROOSEVELT GOVERNMENT! VOTE YOUR SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORKERS WHO ARE ON STRIKE!

With the Labor Unions—

On the Picket Line

By David Coolidge

WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK A FARM

The editor of Nation's Business, writing in the May issue of that magazine, says that government reports that one-fourth of the farm families are undernourished are nothing more than maudlin propaganda. The editor must side Roosevelt is on, and whose have spent all his time in the office of Nation's Business. He says: "We've" never seen a farm family-owner, tenant or sharecropper-who couldn't raise a vegetable garden and truck patch if they were willing to exert the necessary elbow grease...'

Well, there is no defense against stupidity and really no way to refute it: The editor of Nation's Business is an ass, braying around as is customary with assess We would like to see this stooge of big business trying to raise a vegetable garden or truck patch on one of the window sills in his office. Then he would discover how easy it is for a cotton region agricultural laborer to raise a garden without land. But perhaps this gentleman has never heard of the thousands of agricultural laborers who own no land and work for 75 cents

He is wrong also about the tenant farmers and share-croppers. It takes more than "elbow grease" to raise a garden or truck patch. You have to have seeds, implements and land. You have to have time to work the land and something to eat while the crop is maturing. Also, you must live in a country and under a government that does not permit tenants, share-croppers and agricultural laborers to be robbed and murdered by cotton planters.

We don't understand how "elbow grease" can do away with these evils; unless by elbow grease one means militant and planned action against the cotton planters by the workers in the cotton fields. This is the only kind of elbow grease that will even begin to get food, clothing and shelter for the share-croppers, tenant farmers and day laborers. But of course the editor of Nation's Business doesn't mean anything of this sort when he talks so glibly

WHO SAYS GOVERNMENT WORKERS CAN'T STRIKE?

The dispute between the subway workers in New York City, who belong to the Transport Workers Union, CIO, and the city government will be passed on by the courts. That is, the court will render a decision saying whether or not these workers, as city employees, have a status, as to collective bargaining different from that of workers in private industry. The union claims the right to collective bargaining with the city.. Mayor La Guardia and the Board of Transportation say no, since they are civil service employees. The city as well as the Civil Service Reform Association say that these workers are "public employees" and therefore can not demand the same rights as they demand from private employers. This means that workers employed by any government have no collective bargaining rights and of course no right to strike.

This type of reasoning of course is very flabby. In the first place, the civil service set-up is by no means a guarantee of equitable treatment from the "public" employer. The Civil Service Reform Association itself in the same report in which it claims that the subway workers are not entitled to collective bargaining rights chastises Mayor La Guardia for violation of the civil service law. This body claims that the mayor, even after court orders directing him to displace certain employees of the Welfare Department, has failed to do so. The report says that "even merit system-minded executives occasionally yield to the pressure of patronage seekers." Therefore, how can the subway workers believe that this so-called merit system will not function

What is more important, though, is the question of the relationship between a governmental authority and the trade unions. The claim that municipal, county, state or federal employees can not form themselvessinto unions and bargain collectively, and strike if it is found necessary, is based on the theory that the government is some impartial and neutral body. It is a "public" authority established by the people; workers and employers alike. Workers can not bargain collectively with this authority because it is a public authority and the workers are part of the "public." They can't strike against the government because this would be a violation of an agreement, of a contract. Also, the government is something above the battle; it is outside and above

All this of course is just so much twaddle which will be hauled out for use in the case of the strike at the North American Aircraft Company in California. The bosses and La Guardia and Roosevelt know that it is twaddle. If workers don't bargain with and strike against the government when the government is the employer, whom will they bargain with and strike against? Certainly not against some private employer for whom they are not working.

The government in a capitalist country is the government of the ruling class, it is a capitalist government. The President, Congress and the courts are the general executive board of that capitalist ruling class. The government fights in the class struggle on the side of the bosses. That's why there is an army, marines and police. If nobody ever went on strike against a government there would never be any basic social change. Capitalism itself could never have triumphed if the capitalist class of the 17th century had believed it, when the feudal lords told them: "You can't strike against the government." The capitalists did strike against the government. They overthrew feudalism and the feudal governments and established capitalism and their own government.

If, in 1775, the American colonists had submitted to the warning of the British ruling class that "you can't strike against the government," there would be no USA. This whole land would still be a British colony and exploited by the British ruling class. Our early capitalists decided that they and not England capitalists should exploit American workers. They went to war against the British government and the British ruling class and drove them out. They didn't stop at a mere "strike against the government."

The subway workers of New York City are far more modest and considerate than were the early capitalists in dealing with the feudal lords, feudal governments, and with England. They don't want to drive La Guardia out and displace the New York City government. They only ask that government to recognize their union and bargain collectively.

Should the federal government take over the North American Aircraft plant the workers will expect the government to recognize their union and agree to collective bargaining. The workers will also demand the right to strike if they can not come to agreement with the government. Certainly the capitalists and their government don't expect the workers to agree to accept

if the workers do accept less then they will find that all the unions will be smashed. All that is necessary to accomplish this is for the government to take over a plant as soon as a strike is called. The army will move in; the picket lines will be smashed and the unions will be finished. Then the workers in the U.S. will have no more to protect them than the workers in Germany

Negro Audience Voices Agreement At Shachtman Columbus Meeting

COLUMBUS, Ohio-Max Shachtman, national secretary of the Workers Party; spoke before an enthusiastic audience of thirty Negroes in Bronzeville, the

Negro section of Columbus, on Sunday, June 8. Comrade Shachtman's anti-war speech was received in a very friendly manner by his listeners. Remarks such as "You said it, brother," "That's right," "Amen," were common responses to Shachtman's statements urging the Negro to resist participation in the imperialist war.

At the conclusion of Shachtman's speech several Negroes in the audience took the floor, voicing agreement with the speaker's general remarks. One Negro in the audience got up and said, "The trouble with us Negroes is that we don't stick together enough. The good brothers are trying hard to get the Negro people to stick together, I know. We ought to get behind the Workers Party. They're trying to help us help ourselves. The rich man sure ain't."

A good number of LABOR ACTIONS and other party literature and pamphlets was sold to the audience. Many requested that notices of future meet-

Chicago Workers Hear Shachtman--

CHICAGO-Addressing a meeting of Negro and white workers on Chicago's South Side, Max Shachtman summed up his impressions of his nation-wide tour last Tuesday night. The subject of his talk was: "Let the People Vote-

The overwhelming majority of the workers he met in the last few months are agreed on three points; Shachtman said. They want to see Hitler and what he stands for beaten; they don't want war-they want to keep out; and finally, the workers distrust the government—they are convinced that the Administration is driving the country into war.,

Roosevelt Is a Strikebreaker--

ACTION's estimate of the "Mediation" Board and of the bosses and Roosevelt is correct. The army has taught them whose

interests he serves. There was a time when Philip Murray didn't think as highly of the "Mediation" Board as he does today. When the board was set up he opposed it, saying: "Labor problems can not be solved in a vacuum which would be the practice under a separate beard . . . the imposition of

negation of collective bargaining." At this time Murray opposed the setting up of the new board and urged the adoption of his scheme of

'cooling off restraints would be a

ndustry councils." When Commander-in-Chief Roosevelt ordered the bayonet charge of

not at the time, that LABOR violated an agreement with the "Mediation" Board and that the strike was fomented by "Communists." We. accept none of Roosevelt's reasons for calling out the troops. They are spurious and should be rejected by every worker to a man.

> This strike was fomented by the North American Corporation with its insistence on low wages and its refusal to take seriously the petition of its employees for an increase in pay. even strikebreaker Frankensteen admitted that the North American workers had just grievances against the company. The strike was fomented by the so-called "Mediation" Board that refused to function properly, that was stalling and attempting to force a "cooling off" period without calling it that.

As to holding up "defense," this is mere gibberish and nonsense.. They were holding up the production of war materials. How else can a union the 15th Infantry, he based his order conduct a strike except by stopping to attack the strikers on the claim production? The company is prothat the strike was holding up "de- dueing, war materials for the pri-

workers rightly demanded that they receive more of this tremendous wealth that they alone were creating.

These are the basic facts that we need to know in deciding whom to support. Our whole support goes to the North American workers or any other workers under similar circumstances. These are the basic facts that should determine the attitude of

Roosevelt and Frankensteen say that the strike was started by "Communists." We don't need to argue here about the attitude of the Workers Party toward the Stalinists. We have stated our position on the Stalinists again and again. We do so again this week in another place. The charge of Roosevelt and the capitalist press that the strike was started by "Communists" is a fake maneuver. That strike was started the North American Aircraft Corporation, and aided and abetted by the bosses' "Mediation" Board.

The fact that Roosevelt, Murray and the Board can cook up some

one bit. We know Roosevelt, weknow what he is up to and we know that 'boss-ridden "Mediation" Board.

No matter who or what workers' political group is active in strikes today, they will be described as "subversive" and "fifth ccolumnists." No matter what militant worker or group of militant workers is active today in aggressive action against the bosses, they will be charged with "holding up national defense." Even though the workers oppose the Stalinists (and they should), for good, sound working class reasons, they must not fall into the Roosevelt-Hillman-Murray camp. This is the imperialist war camp: the camp of these who will lead the workers to death and destruction, for the glery and triumph of capitalism.

The bosses, with Roosevelt at their head and protected by the bayonets of the army, are marching against the workers and the unions. If the workers permit, they will break every strike and crush every union, to shoulder against the boss class,

the board influences our position not workers but they will see. Roosevelt and the bosses are alarmed at the tenacity, the courage and the audacity of the working class. They make demands on the bosses and fight for their demands. To the boss class this is obstructing the war plans. The successful prosecution of imperialist war requires a docile, long-suffering, abject working class. American workers have shown no inclination to be decile. The only cure the bosses know for the militancy of the workers is the army with fixed bayonets.

> The workers must not give in. They must not give up the right to strike. They must keep up the demand for wage increases. They must not fall into the "Mediation" Board

> Militant workers will have to face army bayonets again before the war is over. They will be American bayonets, too. Our ranks will be broken. We must reform them and return to the picket lines; thousands and millions of fighting workers, shoulder

Negro March on Washington Called for July 1

Militant Mass Action Is the Only Kind of Language That Will Bring Victory Over Jim-Crow

By DAVID COOLIDGE

A national committee of Negroes, headed by Walter White of the NAACP and A. Philip Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, has issued a call to Negroes for a mass march on Washington, July 1 The committee calls on Negroes all. over the country "To March on Washington for Jobs and Equal Participation in National Defense."

The march is to be a mass protest against Jim-Crow and discrimination: protest against Jim-Crow and discrimination both by the federal gevernment and private industry. The demonstration will revolve specifically around the "defense" program. The demand is made for participation of Negroes in that program without discrimination.

The Workers Party endorses these demands and the organized mass march on Washington to enforce the demands. Such organized mass protests and demonstrations will produce results for the Negro people. Militant mass demonstrations will not only influence the government but private industry as well. This is the kind of language they understand. Thousands and tens of thousands of Negroes massed in Washington will be an impressive sight. The government will know why they are there and the big employers of labor will know why they are there.

Roosevelt and his government *know that there is Jim-Crow in the government. The employers in the socalled defense industries know that they are barring Negroes from employment in their factories. Both the federal government and the employers perpetrate Jim-Crow and discrimination on the Negro as a matter of national policy, Roosevelt and the employers know this all too well and it is not necessary to use much ink and paper to tell them so. The situation" has been analyzed again and again. The time has come to change

All Must Participate

We hope that the committee in charge is determined to go through with the march and demonstration and that it will be a militant mass demonstration. We hope that Negroes will come from every corner of the land: sharecroppers and tenant farmers from the South; students and teachers from the Negro colleges; porters and janitors and railway employees; government workers, doctors, lawyers and preachers; housewives, coal miners and steel workers; mechanics and Negroes from every field of employment.

We wish that the statement of the committee had been clearer and more forthright on the question of the war and the economic basis of Jim-Crow and discrimination. This "Call to Negro America" says that these are days of disaster "to démocracy and freedom and the rights of minority peoples . . ." The fact is that not only are the rights of minority peoples involved, but also the rights of the vast number of the majority peoples. For the present Second World Imperialist War is being fought between the great imperialist nations to determine which group of imperialists shall dominate the whole world; and not only the "minority peoples." The Negro in the United States is caught up in the imperialist war drive just like the colonial people of Africa and India, and the workers of all the great and small capitalist countries.

Negroes can not escape from this imperialist net of misery, war and exploitation alone. They cannot by "their own power" alone "break down the barriers of discrimination against employment in national defense." They can not alone "kill the deadly serpent of race hatred . . . " or smash through . . . government, usiness and labor union red tape." Jim-Crow in government and industry or in the labor unions is not a matter of "red tape" but one of the

basic tenets of exploiting capitalist society in the United States. In the long run it is a fundamental operation of capitalist society that Negroes must "smash through" and not just bureaucratic "red tape." The Negro can not accomplish this job What he can do alone is to begin a mass protest, such as the march on

Washington, that will demonstrate that he is alive, awake and determined to fight militantly against Jim-Crow. This will draw support for Negroes in their struggles, especially from the white workers.

Roosevelt Won't Help

There is no question that if Roosevelt took a firm stand against Jim-Crow, there would be improvement in conditions. But an "executive order" from Roosevelt "abolishing discrimination in all government departments . . . and national defense jobs" would not abolish discrimination any more than the Constitution and Civil Rights Bills "abolish" discrimination and Jim-Crow.

In the first place, neither Roose velt nor the Roosevelt government has any real interest in abolishing Jim-Crow and discrimination. Roosevelt's primary concern today is to lead-the American imperialists to victory over the German imperialists. There can be no doubt that Roosevelt and his class plan to drop a few to keep him quiet and make him a willing soldier in the imperialist war.

The committee says that "We believe in national unity which recognizes equal opportunity of black and white citizens to jobs in national defense and the armed forces, and in all other institutions and endeavors in America." The Workers Party believes firmly in that kind of national unity also but we don't see it any place; we have never seen it, and we don't expect to see it, under Roosevelt's or any other capitalist government. National unity is only a cover under which the imperialists hide and conceal their real aims and intentions while the workers, white and black, do the fighting.

Where Is the Enemy?

The committee condemns "all dictatorships, fascist, nazi and communist. We are loyal, patriotic Americans all." Well; we are against fascism and we are against Stalinism. We are against fascism and Stalinism in Germany and Russia and we are against fascism and Stalinism in the United States. We don't believe however that to condemn the enumerated "dictatorships" will go far toward getting American Negroes their political, social and economic rights. It isn't the "dictatorships" of other countries that oppress the Negro in the United States! We havn't noticed any mobs coming over from Germany or Italy to lynch Negroes in the United States. It isn't the fascist party of Hitler which keeps the

anti-lynching bill from passing, but the Democratic Party of Roosevelt and the Republican Party of Willkie. The name of the head of the government that winks at Jim-Crow in the iederal government is not Hitler but

And so, condemning "dictatorships" 3,000 miles away isn't going to aid that oppresses the Negro right here in the United States.

The "Call" mentions Nat Turner, Denmark Vesey, Gabriel and Harriet Tubman. Good. We believe that these are good examples to hold up to Negroes and to all workers. The committee is correct; these Negroes "fought, bled and died" for freedom. The "Call" says they, along with Crispus Attucks, died for "the emancipation of Negro slaves and the preservation of American democracy." However, we have the impression that Nat Turner and the others were not much concerned with "American democracy."

"We sternly counsel against violence and ill-considered and intemperate action and the abuse of powsays the "Call." We are certain that there will be no violence from the Negro demonstrators and "abuse of power" can only come from the Washington police or the Roosevelt government army. The Negro marchers will have no power to abuse. They will be in Washington, correctly, to demonstrate and protest against Jim-Crow.

The committee points out that "our valiant and heroic forebears won the rights for Negroes to enjoy the priceless gift of freedom . . , they won it through tears, toil, sweat and blood." The "Call" points out correctly that this is a challenge to Negroes today. It is not so easy, however, to fit Nat extra crumbs on the Negro's plate, Turner, Vesey, Gabriel and a few other Negro fighters of days past into some of the ideas of the committee. Nat Turner didn't put in much time contemplating or condemning the oppressive governments of Europe in his day. He had an uncanny knowledge what government and what group it was that was onpressing him and the Negroes of his day. And we are of the opinion that Nat Turner, Vesey and Gabriel did not shed many tears. "Toil, sweat and blood," yes, but not tears. That was a luxury they left to the other

> The statement of the committee closes with a "call upon President Roosevelt, a great humanitarian and idealist, to follow in the footsteps of his noble and illustrious predecessor (Lincoln) to take the second decisive step . . . and free American Negro citizens of . . . Jim-Crowism in government departments and national defense." We have never considered Roosevelt "a great humanitarian and idealist." We remember his boast that it was he, when Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who wrote the Wall Street constitution for Haiti, after that little country, had been stabbed and trodden under foot by U. S. marines. It is also Roosevelt who is leading this country into imperialist war for the benefit of that same ruling class he served when he wrote that constitution for little

Also, we are not unmindful of the fact that Lincoln, "his noble and illustrious predecessor," freed the slaves as a war measure. Lincoln was the servant of the rising American capitalism of his day. Roosevelt is the servant of the decadent and rotten monopoly capitalism of his day. Lincoln and the young Republican Party led the country to war against the South and the slave system in order to build the foundations of industrial capitalism in the United States. Lincoln expressed this by saying that his main task was the preservation of the Union, and that no nation could live half slave and half free. That is two systems of labor, free and slave, could not exist side by side. The Civil War was fought to decide which systemshould prevail. Roosevelt, as the servant of today's

class of monopoly capitalists and imperialists, will not free American Negroes or the white workers. He will only forge stronger and heavier chains about the Negro and the white workers as a true representative of in getting us past the dictatorship his class. This country is about to engage in a war to determine whether or not the Negro and white workers of the world and the colonial peoples shall be exploited and crushed by England and the United States or by Germany. The workers, white or black, can have no interest in choosing one group of exploiters over against another. We have already pointed out that the exploiters and lynchers of the Negroes are right here in the United States. Here is the place for the Negroes to do their fighting. The enemy is at home.

In Nat Turner's Spirit

The Negro should fight for imme-

ions fight for immediate demands. He should fight for jobs and equality: against Jim-Crow, discrimination and disfranchisement. He should demonstrate and march and protest. He should prove to the country and to the white workers that he is ready to fight in mass formation. Negroes should prove to the white workers that they are ready not only to fight their own fight but the general struggle of the working class. They should call on the white workers to join them and they should join the white workers in the great struggle for the complete liberation of the working class of the world. This will carry the fight beyond any immediate demands, beyond a mere demand for jobs in capitalist war industries or for equal rights under a capitalist government.

In this epoch Negroes as well as white workers can have no finer heroes than the great Negroes of the past_who fought against oppression and for freedom: Nat Turner, Dendiate demands just as the trade un- mark Vesey and Harriet Tubman.

Appeals Court Rejects Plea--Sends Innocent Negro to Jail

AKRON - Ben Finney, Negro student of Akron University, last Wednesday began serving one to 25 years in the Mansfield Reformatory for a crime he never committed.

The Court of Appeals, to which the case had been taken in an attempt to reverse the flagrant Jim-Crow ruling of the Common Pleas Court, flatly turned down the plea.

Finney was rushed off to the Reformatory without any notice whatever appearing in the Akron Beacon Journal. The whole case has been hushed up as much as possible by the boss press. How well they know that this case can't stand the light of

Upon arriving at the Reformatory, Finney was asked by the warden whether or not he was guilty. When he replied categorically that he was completely innocent he was told that "things would be a lot easier" for him and he would "get out sooner" if he said he was guilty. Finney replied he would rot in prison before he would "confess" guilt to a crime he had nothing to do with.

Fight Goes On

When asked what the next step of the Finney Defense Committee would be, Sam Sheppard, president of the local branch of the NAACP and chairman of the Defense Committee. replied: "The next step of the committee has not been decided upon at this time, but you can say without reservation that we have not given up the fight. Finney is innocent and no one knows this better than the police and the Jim-Crow court."

Commenting further on the case he said: "This isn't simply the fight of Benny Finney for justice. This is the fight of the whole Negro race against the system that Jim-Crows it. Jim-Crowism is the policy of the national government, it is the policy of the army, navy and every branch of that government. Some people used to believe that Jim-Crowism was something that was strictly a Southern practice, but very few fail to understand now that it is the national practice. There is no difference between the North and South when it comes to oppressing the Ne-

Brooklyn Pocketbook Frame Workers Strike Against Starvation Wages

BROOKLYN-One hundred and fifty workers of the Pennsylvania Manufacturing Co. here are putting up a splendid fight to break through the 30 cents an hour legal minimum that the bosses are using to get away with starvation wages for workers.

These 150 workers, who produce pocketbook frames for their boss on a mass production basis, have been out for almost 10 weeks. They walked out on the demand to reinstate a union member whom the boss had fired for no reason except that he is a union member.

However, a strike was long overdue. Workers making \$12 a week these days have good reason for striking. Local 1224, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers, CIO, is conducting the strike and Organizer Berland states the union is ready to continue the strike "indefinitely."

The union demands are for 40 cents an hour, an eight-hour day and fortyhour week, one week's vacation with pay and pay for holidays. The closed shop is also a demand.

Two weeks after the workers struck; the Pennsylvania Manufacturing Co. was compelled to close down altogether. It remained closed for four weeks-not a wheel turned. When the factory reopened, with the

assistance of Mayor La Guardia's police department, efforts were made to get scabs. Each morning a corps of 50 or 60 cops assemble to see that no harm comes to the 25 scabs who have been appearing for work. conveyed to and from the plant like cattle in a closed truck. Ten of them are old workers who fell for the ruses of the boss. Fifteen are new

The outcome of the strike does not involve the welfare of only these 150 workers. The Pennsylvania Manufacturing Co. is putting up a new factory which will employ some thousands of workers and the company fondly hopes to be able to continue on the 30 cents an hour basis.

Furthermore, other companies in the same line have contracts with Local 1224. These contracts expire in August. If the Pennsylvania Manufacturing Co. is cracked by the strike, the others will have to come across with the 40 cent minimum and other demands. Mr. Berland stated that the union is prepared to continue the strike to August and spread it into a general strike of all the

The Workers Party and LABOR ACTION extend to the strikers their whole-hearted friendship and sup-

fore, is the time, said Shachtman, to build a revolutionary anti-war and internationalist movement. **Excellent Meeting in Streator--**

ganization through which they can act, and so they feel helpless. Now, there-

The workers want to prevent the war, but they see no movement, no or-

STREATOR, Ill.-Speaking from a bandstand in Municipal Park, Max Shachtman addressed an excellent meeting of at least 250 persons who gathered around the stand and loudspeaker. Even the mayor of the city attended, hiding in the shade of an elm, while dicks and police listened from windows of the nearby police station. Several Negroes came up to the speaker at the endof the meeting to congratulate him and to thank him for his remarks on the situation of the Negro in America.

Very Special Interest To Women

- By Susan Green

The welkin is ringing with loud-spoken advice to "diet for national defense."

Free, gratis-and for nothing-you get information about food for which, before the "national emergency," you had to pay a stiff fee to a good doctor familiar with the latest discoveries of biochemistry.

You must have your iron and calcium and so-and-so many international units of vitamins A, B, C and D. Especially must you have your vitamin B-1-FOR MO-

These minerals and vitamins are supposed to make you SO TOUGH that the horrors and sufferings of modern warfare will roll off you like water off a duck's back. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE GETTING THE INFORMA-TION FOR NOTHING!

All the food markets are very cooperative. Pricesigns bear notations as to the mineral or vitamin-content of the articles. Thus you are informed that tomatoes-at somewhere around 20 cents a pound for those that have not been in storage for several years-are an excellent source of vitamins A and C. And beef liverwhich has gone up from around 18 cents a pound to 29-33 cents-has practically all the vitamins needed.

A working class housewife could really give her family a beautifully balanced diet these days-except for the small matter of prohibitive prices!

The German housewives were also well fortified with information on proper nutrition. They too could serve faultless meals except for war shortages and high prices! Still the dietary information broadcast by Hitler has been far from wasted.

The Voelkischer Beobachter, official Nazi daily, recently advised housewives to get their vitamins the way the wild animals do. It urged them to spend Sundays with their children in the woods, gathering daisies and other wild plants-not to decorate their homes but TO EAT THEM. These wild flowers, it was suggested, have more vitamin C, more health-giving minerals and more nourishing salts, than most domestic vegetables. For soups, gravy and vegetable dishes, chickweed, nettles, dandelions, butterburs and caseweeds are highly recom-

The United States government-which is following Hitler's example in other matters-may also soon extol the virtues of the modest daisy. That voluptuous strumpet of a tomato-bah!-who wants it!

So you see how grand it is to know all about diet! War shortages and ballooning prices may put FOOD out of your reach. But VITAMINS you can always get

All you will have to worry about is the doctor's bill. Your stomach may have an understandable preference for tomatoes.

Talking about prices and shortages, some figures pertaining to World War No. 1 are in order.

The very reliable economic journal known as The Annalist published "a composite of the prices of various articles representing the cost of living" from January, 1916, to January, 1918. It revealed that there was almost a 100 per cent rise in the price index for those two war

The treasurer of one of the Middle West railroad lines, cataloguing his business for the same two years, reported that his road carried 33-1/3 per cent less goods representing the normal purchases of the people, and 33-1/3 per cent more munitions and other war supplies. This was typical of the whole country.

This gives you an idea, Mrs. Working Class Housewife, how scaree your normal needs became and how much they cost during the last war-which in comparison with this one is like a summer cottage alongside of the Empire State building!

Imagine, if you can, THE HARDSHIP IN STORE FOR YOU!

Of course, there is Mr. Leon Henderson, chairman of the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply. He is supposed to put "ceilings" over prices. But his "ceilings" will not put a roof over your head!

Mr. Henderson's fancy title doesn't scare the war profiteers one bit. When he recently announced a "ceiling" over the prices of various kinds of cotton yarns, he. was vilely attacked in debate in the Senate by representatives of the cotton kings. The mildest abuse he got was to be called a "socialist.." Senator Taft asserted he would put out of business entirely both Mr. Henderson and his Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply. The senator said that the OAPCS was acting "without the shadow of any legal authority."

It's a sure bet that Mr. Henderson's "ceilings" will have to have big holes in them-TO LET WAR PROF-ITS COME THROUGH ON THE WAY UP!

But you yourselves know that April prices all along the line were higher than March prices, and that May prices went above April prices.

Impartial investigators in this field predict that in the fall the cost of most ordinary commodities will be much higher. Men's hats and suits, women's handbags, cloth coats and cotton dresses, all shoes and underwear, blankets, sheets and furniture—this is a partial list!

Another way in which the working class housewife will be robbed is by the sale of inferior merchandise. Already there is on the market a new and bigger supply of poor quality goods in men's shirts, women's shoes, coats and gloves, upholstery and home appliances.

Industry run for private profit is very "accommodating." You can't pay the higher prices? Well, well! Here's something within your price range, madam. But don't complain if it falls apart after the first tubbing and loses its shape in the first rain! The loss is all yours, my. dear madam-the profit all the capitalist's!

LABOR ACTION stresses the tremendous importance for workers to demand wages to keep pace with the rising cost of living and not reduce them to the necessity of eating daisies and wearing shoddy. And the workers must not make up for low wages by working long hours that will make them old before their time.

LABOR ACTION also urges the working class housewives to organize militant consumer committees through which to demand a steady flow of the things they must have, AT PRICES THEY CAN AFFORD. Such committees must be ready to boycott, picket and do everything necessary to protect the standard of living of the working people.

Statistics show that among the poor the death rate

rises along with the cost of living. No thank you! WE WORKING WOMEN DON'T WANT DAISIES-EITHER INSIDE US OR ABOVE US!

LET'S GO!

The Picket Line Was Strengthened By the Rank and File of Many Unions

LOS ANGELES, June 9-While militant rank and file CIO workers concentrated all their energies on winning the strike at North American Aviation Co., CIO bureaucrats devoted themselves to figuring out ways and means of breaking the strike.

From CIO President Philip Murray to UAW head R. J. Thomas to aircraft organizer Richard Frankensteen-Roosevelt stooges in descending order-they all had the same cry:

The strike is "illegal." The strike is "unauthor-

They had nothing to say about the 75 cent minimum and 10 cent blanket raise the North American workers are striking for. They had no comment to make on the fact that their political "fuehrer" in the White House was planning to smash the strike with troops. All they could repeat is "illegal" . . . "unauthorized."

To these charges, the ranks of authorized labor, the men on the line, and the various CIO locals had a unanimous reply:

CIO RANKS WERE FOR THE STRIKE

And then, much more concretely, came evidence there with their union banners.

of strong and widespread support-moral, physical

It is in these answers that the charges of the company owners and their stooges are exploded. Illegal? Unauthorized?

The membership of the struck plant favored. by a huge majority, the calling of the strike. The local CIO Industrial Council voted unanimous support. Local after local in the state CIO sent word of its approval. In short, the vast majority of CIO men involved and affected in the state of California are for the strike.

And telegrams of approval aren't the only thing they have been sending.

Men and women for the picket line, money for the strike fund, food for the strike kitchen-all these have been coming in regularly, too.

Vultee aircraft workers, who won a CIO contract in a similar strike six months ago, have been on hand with words of encouragement and advice. Douglas aircraft workers, who expect a CIO contract after the North American strike has been won, have also taken their turns on the picket line.

Auto workers, longshøremen, rubber workers, electrical workers, newsboys and others were out

AFL culinary workers are doing duty in the strike kitchen.

Collections are now being taken up in all the locals of the CIO. The Chrysler local of the UAW has raised over \$500 and promised \$1,000 for the strike-fund. The fishermen's union in San Pedro has pledged two tons of fish for the feedwagon.

BUREAUCRATS DON'T SPEAK FOR RANKS

Anyone out here who takes the trouble to open his eyes and ears can tell that the strike has the support and authorization from the people who really count-the militant rank and file of laborthe kind of people who built the CIO and made it what it is today.

Murray, Thomas and Frankensteen have openly and publicly tried to break the strike, tried to join the employers at a time when the whole local and part of the national CIO was joining with the strikers. These union bureaucrats have shown their colors and chosen their sides. They might fust as well take their places where they belong -with Hillman, Roosevelt, the merchants and manufacturers and everyone else on the side of the war makers and war profiteers.

On the FBI **And Civil** Liberties

By MIKE STEVENS

There are many agencies of the government that have not as yet revealed their full reactionary nature, but this is not true of the FBI and its chief, J. Edgar Hoover. For over a period of years the FBI has been playing spy, informer, and using all the tricks in the capitalist bag to discredit the labor movement. With entry by the U.S. into the war assured, J. Edgar Hoover placed thousands of agents in the factories to be on the lookout for militant workers. All the ridiculous stories of saboteurs that have been played up in the press have come out of the offices close to the FBI. The role of the FBI, its attitude and behavior toward the working class and its institutions are too well known to bear repetition at this time.

But the FBI as an agency that is attempting to deprive the masses of their primary civil liberties in this country is one role that the average worker does not grasp at the present moment. The content of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, a publication whose data "is of a confidential nature and its circulation should be restricted to law enforcement officers," would amaze the most conservative and patriotic reader, yes, even the editors of the jingo rag, the New Leader. Not only instructions on how to maintain and enforce reactionary laws that are now in force, but suggestions on how to find loopholes in Supreme Court decisions that the FBI

HOW TO GET AROUND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

The Vol. 3, No. 3 issue takes up the Supreme Court decision in the case of Lovell vs. the City of Griffin. The Supreme Court decided that Lovell, a Jehovah's Witness, had the right to distribute pamphlets and that the city ordinance was a violation of the right of free speech. One of the reasons given by the Supreme Court for deciding against the city of Griffin was that its ordinance invested in a public official arbitrary power which could be used in the interest of some to the exclusion of others.

Well, the FBI isn't going to permit this to happen again and suggests a little more care in wording of city ordinances that deal with the restricting, and eventual abolishment, of free speech. "It seems that the distribution of handbills may be regulated and prohibited entirely if necessary (emphasis mine throughout-M.S.), so long as the purpose is the public health, morals, safety, order or welfare. Though the ordinance conflicts with the First and Fourteenth Amendments, it will nevertheless stand, if the interests to be served by the regulation are considered paramount to the rights of the citizen. In other words, if the interests of the individual or a group, require that the right of the individual be subjected to the police power, the court will allow the police regulation to stand. The regulation must not, however, delegate to municipal officers too great an unguided discretion. The solution lies in the careful preparation and drafting of the proposed legislation."

The local chief of police need not arouse the indignation of anyone when he proposes such legislation. Here is a good speech for him from the same source: "Generally, the purpose to be achieved in regulating handbills is to prevent the accumulation of trash in the publie parks and on the public streets which will interfere with the disposal of sewage. The accumulation of handbills promiscuously scattered about also presents a fire hazard and entails additional expense to the city in securing its removal. Sanitation is thus the main purpose in mind when such legislation is promulgated, though aesthetic values are not overlooked as a makeweight. Where the city enacts ordinances prohibiting the distribution of pamphlets, magazines or other material in congested areas, it is easy to see that such an ordinance would prevent accidents and facilitate the free flow of

The Volume 3, No. 3 issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin appeared in March, 1939, long before the presidential election and while FDR and the Supreme Court were being forced to throw out a few crumbs to the workers and before the FBI had been unleashed in full force upon the American workers. If the FBI peddled this stuff then, it must certainly have gone a few steps further by now.

At the North American Picket Line

INGLEWOOD, Cal., June 9-A national emergency Roosevelt is doing, what draft board threats mean, hefty picket captains swarm over the stand, but Co. workers have dared to call a strike. Roosevelt, furious at this impudence, has threatened to send out the army. This should be a solemn business-deadly serious. But on the first day it's not..

On Thursday this seems more like a combination camping trip and carnival than a strike. North American sprawls over hundreds of acres in the middle of barren California fields. Miles away from the plant itself you find pickets sitting around camp fires, singing songs or telling stories. They're a good-natured bunch of young guys. But they're serious about one thing-they can't live on the wages they're making now. They know they have to have more.

A COUPLE OF MILES DOWN THE ROAD at the main gate there's more excitement. Long picket lines march to music from portable radios. Every once in a while someone starts up a rhythm and the line jigs along for a while..

Some one else begins a song and barbershop harmony fills the night until professional competition appears in the form of motorized, wandering minstrels. A battered piano has been mounted on an old truck. Right now it is supplemented with accordion, guitar and sax. From picket line to, picket line they go-cheering the boys up with hot choruses on Dinah, Sweet Sue, etc.

From time to time men on strike patrol roar up on motorcycles to check on the lines and keep them moving. Also on active duty constantly are strike patrolman in cars-jaloppies to new convertibles, putt-putts, and horses.

THE BIGGEST LINE is on the big west gate at the soup kitchen-or the tea garden as it is lovingly known to the strikers. Here a loud speaker keeps the strikers informed of all the latest developments. Here also budding lyricists try out new numbers such as "The AF of L's having a time, trying to break our picket line, parlez-vous."

Here AFL chefs donate their time to keep the picket lines fed. The Women's Auxiliary, on 24hour duty, keeps the place spotless.

EVERY PLACE YOU GO, you're amazed at the youth of the strikers. Kids who look as if they were playing hooky from high school are wearing picket captain armbands and they're really working at their jobs. This may be their first strike, but they're learning fast.

Slogans on the placards are young guys' slogans "You Can't Have No Honey if You Ain't Got No Money," "Baby Needs New Shoes, but Daddy Works at North American."

And everywhere you hear the same solid, common sense sentiments-"North American's making big profits, taxes are going up, living costs are going up the national defense we're interested in is our standard of living."

OUT ON THE MAIN HIGHWAY strikers are taking advantage of the hundreds of tourists who have come out to see what excitement there might be. Girls carrying signs, "Help Feed the Kitty," collect strike funds from passing motorists. And they seem to be doing quite well with that public that is always damning "national defense" strikes -in the Gallup polls. The sentiment of the general public going by the plant seems to be overwhelmingly with the strikers.

AT LEAST ONCE A DAY and sometimes twice the strike committee gets out a leastet analyzing the latest developments in the situationexplaining what the AFL is trying to do, what

has been declared. But North American Aircraft what the army means, etc. The strikers eat these

SUNDAY there is a terrific tension throughout the place. For fifteen miles around special details of police have been assigned to take care of the heavy traffic that is pouring in. The usually deserted country roads out here are jammed with cars and spectators on foot. Four and five cops are needed at every corner just to keep the roads clear. An hour before the meeting in the beanfield where Frankensteen is to defend his sell-out. speech, all roads leading directly to the plant have been blocked. It is worse than a Thanksgiving Day football game.

Going from group to group you find the men solidly against Frankensteen, against Roosevelt! agianst the army-and behind the strike. They don't care about Frankensteen's weasel-worded excuse that he is against the strike because it is unconstitutional. They NEED that 75 and 10 and they mean to stick it out until they get it.

AS A BUNCH OF BURLY PICKET CAPTAINS clear the space for a closed meeting, one husky tells a protesting woman: "Lady, we just don't want you to hear what we've got to say to Frankensteen." He seems to speak for everyone.

Because, as each member of the negotiating committee comes to the mike with his report, boos and hisses surge up from the crowd at the mention of Frankensteen's name. The guys don't know too much about the strict legality of their move, but they know they have a right to strike and Frankensteen has sold them out.

FINALLY—THE MAIN EVENT. Frankensteen speaks. One of the preceding speakers has described him as a tub of butter and that's what he looks like. The plump, prosperous look makes the men sorer than ever. "You didn't get that fat a picket line" someone in the crowd walking

Frankensteen symbolizes to them now all the resentment they feel at the top bureaucracy, at the men who "work" at flying around the country from one conference to another. They are highly articulate in this respect. They aren't impressed by Frankensteen's impressive appearance. Their respect goes to the boys from the shop who understand their grievances because they are suffering under the same conditions.. And they let-Frankensteen know this.

Dick, as the boys are calling him disrespectfully, has a tough time. This isn't a broadcasting station where you pays your money and takes your chances. Here is real, solid, militant opposition. Something Frankensteen doesn't seem to be too familiar with...

NEVER ONCE DOES HE TOUCH the main issue-that these men need more money, have a right to more money. Instead he starts out by telling them they have made Hitler the happiest man in the world.

This doesn't impress the strikers. Not at all. So Frankensteen plays smart. He tries a new angle. He tells them the strike is "unconstitutional." At this point placards rise all over the field with "portraits" of Frankensteen - with jackasses, skunks, gophers and other beasts of the field sitting as subject. The whole thing is too much for Dick at last and he leaves the platform. No one seems worried at his departure.

They are less worried when he rises in the middle of a speech and starts to leave the platform. For a moment it looks like trouble as about 30

they are only going to act as Dick's bodyguard against the more impulsive members of the audi-

The group starts out across the beanfield. It grows and grows as striker after striker joins it to bid Frankensteen Godspeed, "Give him a piece of cheese, the rat!" "Go away and never come back, you rat!" "Put him on the WPA, the lousy . . . rat!" These are representative samples of the farewell messages from the boys. Frankensteen doesn't look at all happy as his car finally gets through the masses of strikers on the main highway.

MONDAY MORNING - THE SHOWDOWN. Today is serious. By 6:30 in the morning thousands and thousands of workers and spectators surround the plant. Huge picket lines on every gate serve silent notice to any scabs with back-to-

Seven o'clock-the time when the plant was to resume operations. So far about five scabs have tried to cross the lines. They're on the picket line themselves. You can tell the prospective scabs because they're carrying lunch boxes. Every once in a while one of them joins the line-lunch box

The line at the main gate gets bigger and bigger until it is a solid packed mass of 1,000 determined strikers and sympathizing workers.

THEN TROUBLE STARTS. The cops try to orm a flying wedge through the line. The crush is terrific, but they haven't a chance against the workers. They give up-order returns to the line.

There is an ominous quiet-then a puff of smoke. The old game-tear gas. The pickets are "dispersed" momentarily. But the cops are routed. As fast as the bombs come into the line they are picked up by gloved strikers and tossed back to the cops. The confusion outside the fence is nothing to the pandemonium inside. Hundreds of valiant officers of the law rush inside the plant to reer on the roof-at a safe distance

Then the mayor and the chief of police come to ask for order and to tell the strikers the tear gas

THEN IT HAPPENS. Truckloads of federal troops roll up the highway-with bayonets poised threateningly. At first they only try to use intimidation. The cops try to run scabs through the line again, but they get only as far as the gate and they run them back again.

The truckload after truckload of soldiers who have been camped in the surrounding fields since midnight begin to pour in from all sides. They present completely solid flanks. Bayonets ready for any emergency, they push the crowds back and back, until the plant is cleared.

This is a startling education to hundreds of strikers. "So this is what conscription is for," 'This is what they mean by defending democracy," "Heil, Rossevelt."

By noon Roosevelt's proclamation saying, in effect, he is sending the army to escort scabs back to work has been broadcast. The reaction of most of the loyal strikers is simply that the army can't build bombers with bayonets. And the army can't find enough scabs to take through to do any good. The army may break this strike, but it can't break the union.

And 5,000 more people are going to be unalterably convinced about what the army is for. They know what defense of democracy means when Roosevelt talks about it. They know what Roosevelt's pious "request" that "labor and capital merge their lesser differences in the larger effort" means.. So any way you look at it, we can't lose this

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Shachtman Meeting In Lynn - -

Subject: THE WORKERS' WAY TO BEAT HITLER

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It Took 3,000 Troops and Bayonets --

this tussle.

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served to heighten the determination

of the strikers on Monday. Cold steel backed by machine guns, was used by the U.S.. Army in what it admits is an open strikebreaking move under Roosevelt's di-

The use of federal troops-unprecedented in the last decade-against strikers became a national issue since labor unionists everywhere saw it as the beginning of a union-smashing

campaign by Roosevelt. Before the troops marched into the scene, over 500 cops and special deputies tried to break the picket line. But the mass chain picketing proved

too strong for them. Early dawn today found thousands of peppy strikers and sympathizers marching at the gates, singing songs and shouting, "Hold That Line!"

Two minor skirmishes were begun by police to test the mettle of the strikers. The atmosphere was still cheerful and friendly...

Suddenly the cops at the main gate began crowding through the chain picket line. It held solidly. So tear gas was thrown by the panicky police, who obviously were plenty impressed by the size and spirit of the

After a momentary break in the line, the pickets reformed, meanwhile sending the cops running into the plant like scared rabbits, with the tear gas shell they had thrown following right after them.

About 30 unionists-suffered minor. injuries and everyone shed tears from the gas, which had exactly the opposite effect intended: It stiffened the resistance tremendously. A second major attempt was made

believable that the army would openly bust the strike if it could. But the hard, grim orders and the cold steel

shortly thereafter when Mayor Bow-

A group of militants jumped into

the breach made open and soon a

powerful surge of the entire picket

line forced the cops to quit . . . and

were they glad when they saw the

federal goops come in!

can't build airplanes.

ron, elected by labor, of course, vinced many strikers why the army started to walk through the chain was here. picket line surrounded by a hun-After three hours of this Hitlerdred cops and with some scabs. The like demonstration against the strikarmy had arrived and was watching ers, about 500 weak-sisters out of the

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CIO leaders pointed out to the stab the men in the back. strikers that the picket lines would The United Automobile Workers be sent back by the army but that locals throughout the country espethey would be maintained right outcially have the job of rallying quickside the bayonets, and that soldiers ly behind the strikers. The UAW record of militant struggle and vic-To most of the strikers it was untory has a dark stain in Richard T. Frankensteen's treachery which must be wiped off the banner of this powerful industrial union organization.

Editorials

OUR PROGRAM AGAINST THE WAR

- 1. Not a man, not a cent for Wall Street's war. All war funds to the unemployed. 2. For a rising scale of wages to meet in-
- creasing cost of living. Thirty-Thirty-\$30 weekly minimum wage-30-hour weekly maximum for all workers. 3. Expropriate the Sixty Families. For
- government ownership and workers control of all war industries-aviation, steel, chemicals, railroads, public util-
- Against both imperialist war camps. For the Third Camp of World Labor and the Colonial Peoples.
- Let the people vote on war. For the right of youth to vote at the age of 18. 6. Abolish secret diplomacy. Open the
- files of the State Department. 7. Withdraw all armed forces from territory outside the United States. Free the colonies. Hands off Latin America.
- 8. Against compulsory military training and conscription.
- For the defense of civil liberties and workers rights. Stop the persecution of aliens. Against the M-Day plans and war-time dictatorship.
- 10. For full social, economic and political equality for Negroes. End discrimination against Negroes in industry and in
- 11. For an Independent Labor Party. 12. For Workers' Defense Guards against
- Fascist and vigilante attacks.
- 13. No confidence in the Roosevelt government. For a workers' government and a people's army.
- 14. For Peace through Socialisms For the Socialist United States of the Americas, for the Socialist United States of Europe, and for the World Socialist Fed-

The Stalinists And the Unions

In almost every one of the recent strikes the charge has been levelled that the strike is "Communist inspired," that its leaders are members or instruments of the Communist Party. Maybe so.. Suppose it is true, how does it affect the issues in the strike? It doesn't!

We know for a fact that the Communist Party has decided to promote Its deceptive war program in the unions, to seize upon the militancy of the American working class to further its own slimy schemes. Its anti-war position is a fake through and through. As the American agency of the Kremlin tyrant, its war policies are shaped according to the needs of the Stalin-Hitler pact. That is to say, its anti-war agitation is not directed against the imperialist war, but merely against ONE side of this imperialist war. Should Stalin tomorrow change his line, and effect an alliance with Roosevelt, they would immediately become the most avid and disgusting jingoes in the land (as indeed they were a few years ago.) To the same extent that they today encourage anti-war agitation, would they then discourage and betray it. Having no fundamental loyalty to the unions, they would disrupt and shatter the unions if it served

That is a fact which every unionist must learn—and learn well. Many Stalinists have risen to positions of influence in various unions, sometimes through the help of the very people with whom they are now in conflict. The militant unionist should look around him, spot the Stalinists and steer clear of these reactionary union wreckers. It is possible that in the conflict between the trade union officialdom (Murray, Frankensteen, etc.) and the Stalinists, the latter will organize their own groups inside or outside the union.

In answer to both—to the Murrays who wish to suppress union militancy and to the Stalinists who wish to bend it to their will -the real militant will organize his own forces to guarantee by democratic action the protection of his union and its mili-, tancy. The progressives must band together to stand off the attack of boss and union jingo on the one side, and Stalinist deceiver on the other. For the union militant there should be only one consideration in deciding, questions of policy—be it "defense" or anything else: will this help me and my fellow workers, as workers?

With that understood and made clear, the unionist must go on to make it known that the issue of "Communist led" has nothing to do with the strikes. These strikes were not "inspired" by the Stalinists; they were "inspired" by lousy conditions and worse pay. In every one of the strikes now going on, the grievances of the men are just grievances, and that's all we need to know! If the Stalinists have been able to crawl into the leadership of a strike it is

only because they voiced the grievances of the men in the plants. That is what is involved in North American, in Aluminum and everywhere.

If there weren't a Stalinist in the country there would still be strikes because the workers have serious grievances. And if there weren't any, there ought to be!

The strike at North American, for example, was called to win a 75 cent minimum wage rate. That was and is its "inspiration." Taking care of the Stalinists in their own time, and in their own way, AND BY THEIR OWN ACTION, unionists must loudly state: WE TAKE THE SIDE OF THE EMBATTLED STRIKERS.

Sweet Land Of Liberty!

A Negro was recently lynched in Florida. His body was bullet-riddled and mutilated. The "law" shut its eyes in feigned helplessness when the outrage was committed...

For the present we won't go into the fact that Florida is represented by Senator Pepper, as firm a supporter of Roosevelt as he is an opponent of the anti-lynching bill. So much so that this good friend of Roosevelt has threatened to filibuster any time the anti-lynching bill comes up for a

We want merely to go into the incredible irony and barbarism of a situation where a local editor can decry a lynching because it might supply ammunition for the advocates of the anti-lynching bill. Just that! Decry a lynching because a bill to outlaw lynchings might, as a result, be passed. Listen:

"The Hitler-controlled press of Germany . . . undoubtedly will take advantage of the opportunity given by these fifth columnists to attack the United States with venomous

"More important, the advocates of the long-pending anti-lynching bill in Congress, which would deny every community, South or North, its basic rights, will leap upon this Quincy scandal to support their case; and and it quite possible that these Quincy persons who set themselves above the law may have succeeded in providing just the force needed to push this unwelcome bill across the line and make it a law. . . . " (N. Y. Post, May 24).

How find words adequate enough to comment! Where find the genius to put promises to the Arabs and for the into words this bitter satire! This misbegotten advocate of Florida "democracy" (who is no doubt a member of the Democratic Party) can see nothing wrong in a lynching-save that it may endanger lynch-law! Make a mockery of the law which theoretically guarantees each man a fair trial?. That's nothing! Brutally torture a man because the real crime he committed was to be born black? That's nothing. Subject a people to slavery and Jim-Crow and lynchlaw? That's nothing—so long as lynch-law is preserved intact!

Lynch-law is a whip of terror held over a Negro's head to keep him in subjection. Editor C. C. Nicolet wants to save this indescribable evil for more important and timely occasions. Right now Hitler might use it, you see. Your Quincy citizens would fit right nice into the Hitler scheme of things. He might even show them a trick or two in torture and lynching.

Editor Nicolet is actually complaining that a wonderful lynching was wasted on small (and obviously innocent) fry. Better to save the system for Negroes who demand that they be treated like human beings, for Negroes who strike out at lynch rule. Do we do you an injustice, Editor Nicolet? Are we reading words into your mouth? Oh no, it's there, black on white!

The "indignation" of Editor Nicolet notwithstanding, an end must be put to this horrible instrument of Bourbon "justice." The anti-lynching bill must be forced through Congress-and it can be forced through if Negroes AND WHITES act together. Now, when the Administration is laboring so hard to save world "democracy," is the very time to strike for a little democracy at home!

The iron is hot! THE ANTI-LYNCHING BILL MUST BE PASSED!

Anti-Semitism on Capitol Hill--

A LABOR ACTION Exclusive on the rising tide of anti-Semitism in the halls of Congress will appear in next week's issue.

- THE WORLD AT WAR -

A British or Nazi Victory In Syria Means Continued Enslavement of the Masses

By MAX STERLING

The British and "Free French" troops are invading Syria because they have to. Their boldness derives from the disaster at Crete. The Germans are too close for comfort. Another leap and they would be on the island of Cyprus. In the meantime the men of Vichy are too accommodating. They have given the Nazis the use of their air bases in Syria. Further German infiltration would put the Nazis both east and west of the Suez Canal, and the British effort in Iraq would be wasted. With the clamor for invasion mounting in London, the British finally took the initiative. Before the invasion of Syria the British tried to win it from Vichy by other means. They used De Gaulle to win the French in Syria to the British-Free French banner. He appealed to his countrymen. He even sided with them when the natives demonstrated against them for bread and freedom. It didn't work. The French who ruled Syria were faithful to Petain.

Who Leads "Free French"?

With the invasion, new appeals are being made. This time they are directed primarily to the Syrian masses. General Catroux, commander of the invading "Free French" forces, has promised the Syrians freedom and liberty. Who is General Catroux? He was once governor-general of Syria. In the early years of the French mandate, he forcibly put down the Syrian natives who demonstrated for freedom. He joined the "Free French" camp while governor-general of Indo-China. The thousands of Indo-Chinese who are rotting in the jails of Indo-China because of their heroic fight for freedom can tell you how much General Catroux cares for liberty and independence.

Another gentleman who just came over to the "Free French" is Col. Collet. He is a man with a big reputation. In Syria he was regarded as the French "Lawrence." Presumably Collet too fights for Syrian liberty and independence. But what is Col. Collet most noted for? The Arabs of Jebel Druse will tell you that in 1920 he and his Circassian mercenaries slaughtered them because they staged one of the greatest fights in Syrian history for liberty and independence.

The "Free French" fight for liberty and independence is just as hollow as that of the men of Vichy. They broke with the latter because they think that French imperialism's future rests with Britain and the United States rather than with the new Ger-Their promises of man "order." freedom and independence are a military maneuver. The British during the First World War made similar same reasons. The Arabs who fought on the side of the British were told that they could keep all the territory that they conquered from their Turkish masters. They conquered Syria but the British gave Syria to the French. You see, the British also promised Syria to the French.

Treaties and Mandates

The League of Nations devised the concept of mandates. That was supposed to hold a country in trust until the native population demonstrated its capacity for self rule, After all, didn't the League of Nations believe in self-determination of the peoples? But the French rulers of Syria never gave up its mandate. They never

9¢ An Hour --West Indies Pay

From reliable sources comes the information that "the great democracy of the north" is paying native labor in the West Indies the munificent sum of NINE CENTS AN HOUR. The United States is employing native labor very extensively in the building of its new military, naval and air bases in the Caribbean,

That these exploited people are not soothed by President Roosevelt's fireside chats is evidenced by the fact that there are whispered rumors

At NINE CENTS AN HOUR the West Indians can well understand the situation of the Poles and the Czechs. Hitlerism and Yankee imperialism look very much alike.

gave it up even though they promised to do so in 1936. The matter was referred to the League of Nations. It is still before the League. Not for nothing did Lenin call it the League of Imperialist Bandits.

However, even the relinquishing of a mandate is far from independence. There are no mandates over Egypt and Iraq, for example, yet who will deny that Britain rules there just the same? Look at what happened in Iraq when British rule was challenged there. In these countries, the mandate has been replaced by treaties. These treaties guarantee the continuation of British exploitation, privileges and a military hold on the country. It is significant that General Catroux qualified his promise of Syrian independence with the statement addressed to the Syrians that "Your independent and sovereign status will be guaranteed by a treaty in which our mutual relations will be defined."

What kind of a treaty this will be and how "our mutual relations will be defined" will, of course, be settled after the conquest of Syria. The Syrians will then find out how much independence they will actually be accorded. Catroux will probably show them how he can shoot them down without even a mandate.

Despite the phrasemongering about liberty and independence, it is perfectly clear that the Arabs are being used as pawns in the enfolding struggle in the Near and Middle East. Certainly the Nazis and the British are not fighting to give the Suez Canal to the Egyptians, the oil of Iraq to the Iraqis, or the food of the Levant to the Syrians. To pose the question this way immediately exposes the imperialist character of the war. Bourgeois journalists who describe these stakes in the war unwittingly tell the truth for all their prattle about democracy versus fascism.

It is a fact that the Nazis too are promising the Arabs liberty and independence. In Syria, for example, they acted even more cleverly than the British and De Gaulle. During the recent widespread native demonstrations against French rule in Syria, they simulated sympathy for the natives even though they were working closely with Vichy. They did not wish to compromise themselves by aligning themselves openly with the hated French. In a sense that is also why they stand aside at present and insist that the fighting in Syria today is solely the affair of Vicity and the

Of course, another reason for this "neutral" attitude is the hope that the events in Syria will result in a French war against Britain all, along the line. They hope that perhaps the French masses can be gotten to support a war against British "aggression." They know that there is too much anti-Nazi sentiment among the French people to support France as a military ally of Hitler...

In addition, the Germans are apparently not in a position to actively support the French in Syria with military means right now. It goes without saying that when they are ready, politically and militarily, they will throw themselves into the breach. So far, however, the Arabs have shown very little desire to align themselves with the Nazis despite their promises and their cleverness. That is a tribute to the maturity of the Arab peoples. They see the hideous Nazi imperialist behind the smiling mask.

It is a foregone conclusion also that they will do very little fighting for their French oppressors in Syria. They know them too well and what they stand for. So too is it hardly likely that they will be taken in by the British and their ex-governor general allies. Liberty and independence are not things that can be handed to them by imperialists whatever their shade. In the end, liberty and independence will be won by the colonial peoples with arms in hand against all the imperialists, be they fascist or "democratic."

LET THE PEOPLE VOTE ON WAR!

AP Reports India Rioting

From Bombay, India, on May 26, an Associated Press report stated that British troops were called out "to deal with a renewed outbreak of communal rioting.." In a few days 40 persons were killed and 140 were

The German radio amplified the report of the Associated Press-very obligingly. The Germans stated that an Indian cavalry regiment, ordered to Iraq from Lahore, refused to leave and "British troops were ordered to open fire."

The German broadcast further quoted a dispatch from Delhi as saying that five Indians who took part in an anti-British demonstration were whipped by the police. Thirteen demonstrators were killed and 120 more were injured, according to the broadcast.

In any case, the pot is calling the kettle black-and vice versa.

Step by Step **Toward Open** Intervention

By HENRY JUDD

Bluntly rejecting any talk or rumors that the big powers were about to patch up their differences, Roosevelt has made it clear that in his opinion anyone who talks "peace" is a Nazi agent or "stooge." All talk of "peace," according to FDR; emerges from Berlin and the sinister brain of

To further emphasize his meaning the President has engaged in a series of acts and measures which serve only to rush America further and closer to OPEN ("shooting") participation in the war. Most of these actions have taken place since his unofficial war declaration speech of a few weeks back. We list them below because they give a small idea of what is in store for the American people as they are unwillingly rushed into the war.

(1) Brigadier General Somervell, testifying before a House military subcommittee, said he had received instructions to rush the awarding of contracts for construction of army camps. He was authorized to award work valued at one billion dollarsor enough to construct 28 new cantonments. These camps (along with those now in use) would accommodate an army of 3,000,000 soldiers. Chief of Staff Marshall told Congress in March that the next increase of the army would be double its present size to about 3,000,000.

(2) W. L. Batt, deputy director of the OPM, declared in a speech at Buffalo that the United States will have to spend at least one hundred billion dollars to match the German war machine." He said that at least 25 per cent of the national income must be spent annually on war production. This was immediately followed up by Roosevelt's request for an additional appropriation of three billion dollars for the army.

(3) Another-the third in a series of 35,000 ton battleships-has just been launched. The keel of yet another was immediately set in the place of the new South Dakota.

(4) The military services have taken 'over, through purchase and charter since the war began, a total of 93 ships grossing 910,000 tons. Almost all of these have gone to the navy. In the last two weeks alone 28 ships were taken. Most of these ships are passenger-cargo vessels suitable for transport work and the moving of stores to bases. They are the largest, fastest and newest ships of the merchant marine. Most of them are being gathered in East Coast

(5) A steady stream of troops are being shipped out to America's old bases (Hawaii, Philippines, etc.) and especially to the new bases (Newfoundland, Bermuda, etc.). A faint idea of the number going can be obtained from the official admission that one division (15,000 men) are being sent to Porto Rico alone! The plans call for a steady increase in the flow of men until hundreds of thousands of American youth occupy these imperialist bases.

(6) To date the American people have been warned by the Priorities Board to expect shortages in gas and oil (no Sunday driving has now threatened to become no pleasure driving at all!), automobiles; radios, cooking utensils (no aluminim), all products utilizing rubber, etc. Not to mention the fact of Congressional talk about making ALL incomes tax-

It would be possible to go on indefinitely listing the war plans of the Roosevelt regime. The total sum is enormous. If the imperialists and would-be world conquerors in Washington have their way it will mean the fastening of a colossal burden of death, taxation and economic strain upon the working class primarily, with the middle class also being hard hit. Roosevelt's war plans mean (1) an endless flow of men and arms to all parts of the world; (2) the introduction of a war economy of scarcity and taxation at home; (3) the end of all normal pursuits and the regimentation of all life around the single purpose of war and still more

THE NEGRO'S FIGHT

All Out July 1 For the March On Washington

By J. R. JOHNSON

This column wants to make very clear what is its attitude to the Negro march on Washington. First of all, if 100,000 Negroes, or, for that matter, 10,000 Negroes, march on Washington demanding the elementary rights of democracy, we are face to face with one of the peaks of the class struggle in this country and the world over.

During the last war, Professor Kelly Miller wrote a famous letter to Woodrow Wilson in which he proved conclusively that America's policy of war for democracy was in opposition to its treatment of Negroes. Wilson, it is reported, said that this was the most important internal document which had come out of the war. Wilson no doubt admired its literary style, its moral tone, and its uselessness. He himself was, of course, a master of just such futilities.

After the war there was Garvey with his "Back to Africa" movement. Came the depression in 1929 and the mass Negro movement into the CIO. Now, at a great world crisis, comes a deepening upheaval of the Negro people, culminating in this movement of the spearhead to Washington, the center of the government.

Properly organized, this march will be an international event of the first importance. To every oppressed nationality in Europe, to a hundred million in Africa, to Indians and Chinese, such a march brings home precisely what the world situation is revolving around. Is man going to be more free or less free? Roosevelt would prefer to lose a battleship than have this question forced upon him now. The Negro masses are going to learn by hard experience exactly what "democracy" means in Roosevelt's mouth.

WHERE THE EMPHASIS MUST BE

Under these circumstances, the most important fact is that the masses are in motion. Yet every radical or pseudo-radical seems terribly concerned with the fact that A. Philip Randolph and other leaders are reactionary warmongers, who protest their determination to make the march a patriotic demonstration. In my view this is an absolutely warped, distorted, sectarian attitude. If the Negroes were planning to march to Washington, solely for the purpose of demonstrating patriotism, Roosevelt would come half-way to meet them and fall on Randolph's neck with tears of joy in his eyes. Conversely, we would denounce the march and tell every Negro to have nothing to do with it. But the last thing these masses of Negroes are thinking of is patriotism. Therefore our MAIN business is to encourage, to assist and to stimulate the Negroes in every way and to make all workers see the necessity for supporting the march to the fullest possible degree.

Every worker who reads our press and hears our speakers, knows where we stand on the war. He has heard it for ten years, he hears it now, he will hear it as long as capitalism lasts. What matters today and until July 1 is that some thousands of Negroes, with the eyes of the nation upon them, are moving to place their legitimate demands before the government. Every ounce of strength should be thrown into encouraging that. The masses are going to learn, and make the socialist revolution, on the basis of their own experience, not on radical denunciations of Randolph and his band of flag-wavers. This march brings the Negroes out of demoralization, impotent rages, bitterness against individual employers and reactionary workers; it brings them face to face with the center of capitalist authority, the capitalist state and its embodiment, the President.

"WHAT DO YOU PROPOSE TO DO?"

Roosevelt has talked and talked and talked, and Eleanor has talked some more. Now the Negroes want to face him with a stern request, "What do you propose to do?" To be all upset about the fact that those at the head and even some of the rank and file "support the President's foreign policy" is to lose all sense of proportion and to think that the revolution is a matter of thesis-writing and votes at conventions. The revolutionary PARTY must keep its own doctrine clear and tight or it will perish. But the masses move and act in a different way.

"All power to the Soviets," said Lenin. He said many other things as well, but that was the mass slogan. "All power to the Labor Government" we say where a Labor Party exists. In the same way, "All power to the march on Washington." And not only to Washington, but a march to every municipality and federal authority in every state and every city. A Negro reading our press or listening to our speakers will learn our war position, our warnings, our view of the only ultimate solution, but today, in this situation, he must above all understand that we are for the march and. Randolph or no Randolph, he must not only be for the march, but must, if necessary, even lose a week's. work to get into it.

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