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YOUTH DEMANDS THE RIGHT TE AGAINST WAR

Wall Street Tries to **Scrap History**

As predicted in the last issue of The Challenge, the investigation into social science textbooks conducted by the National Association of Manufacturers and executed for by arch-reactionary Professor Ralph Robey, has turned into a witch-hunt attacking every sort of mildly liberal book.

According to Professor Robey's finding, many textbooks have a slyly insidious, destructive content which "destroy the confidence of youth in democracy," and in "private enterprise" (a fancy phrase for capitalism).

A glance, however, at the citations offered by Professor Robey to buttress his contentions, indicates the real purpose of the investigation: to smear any sort of mildly critical or intelligent text-

EXHIBIT A-The following paragraph from Harold Rugg's "America's March Toward Democracy" is cited as subversive propaganda:

'In 1861 there were only three millionaires in the United States; in 1900 there were 3,800. It was generally agreed that at the time one tenth of the American people owned nine tenths of the wealth. By 1900 this tenth of the people (probably fewer than that) set the standards of the new 'society' which was arising in the United

Now, what's so "subvoisive" about that? They're facts, aren't they? They can't be denied, can they?

EXHIBIT B-From Samuel Steinberg's and Lucian Lamb's "Our Changing Government":

.What single newspaper publisher can compete, for example, with the twenty-nine newspapers, totaling a circula-tion of over ten million in seventeen cities owned and directed by William Randolph Hearst? It is only logical for our great newspapers to exert their powerful influence in behalf of the politics and economics most favorable to their interests.'

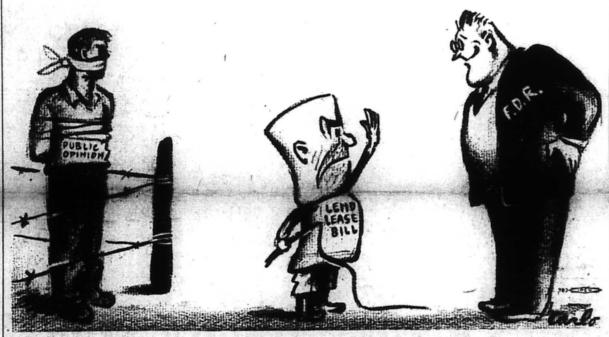
Here again, to what does Professor Robey object? The authors of this text are merely citing undeniable facts. (OR CAN IT BE THAT PROFESSOR ROBEY, AND THE INTERESTS BEHIND HIM, ARE AFRAID OF THE FACTS AND ARE THEREFORE YELLING ABOUT SUBVERSIVE BOOKS?) EXHIBIT C-From "The Story of Human Progress" by Leon Marshall (discussing monopolies):

"... Shrewd men have found many ways to make gains without rendering service.

"They form monopolies and charge monopoly prices. They destroy carloads of potatoes so that the price of the remainder will be higher." Etc., etc.

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HEIL DEMOCRACY!



Youth Congress Fails To Answer Youth Needs

"Town Hall Meeting of an "individual" basis) and with Stalin program, the AYC proved Youth" run by the Stalinist-con- over 90 per cent of the delegates itself useless as a rallying ground-trolled American Youth Congress from New York, the complete for anti-war youth. turned out to be a huge flop. Com- bankruptcy of the Youth Congress

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sentation to the meeting was on undemocratic procedure and a pro- though the body of delegates were diate attitude of us all. Questions,

No Layoffs on NYA!

Over 7.000 New York youth employed by the National Youth Administration received a present on Washington's Birthday-in the form of a

By June, 6,000 more employees will be fired from the NYA rolls, according to an announcement of Miss Helen Harris, New York director of the NYA. The reason given for these cuts is that an expected "deficiency appro

priation" from Congress to provide for the salaries of the recently-hired NYA workers, has not come through. \$2,000,000 were needed to see the New York NYA through until June, on the basis of an expanded personnel. Only \$1,300,000 were made available. Hence, the cuts.

Miss Harris, in her announcement, adds that this measure will prove

be a severe hardship to the youth cut off from the \$22 a month wage and a big disappointment to those thousands of youth who have been expecting to get on NYA.

Congress appropriates millions, billions of dollars to prepare for war. There is no hesitation in allotting money to prepare American youth to die in Singapore, or in Salonika, or in Flanders Field, or in Eritrea.

But a measly \$700,000-which is a drop in the bucket compared to the billions spent for war—a measly \$700,000 to allow thousands of young people to keep going on a very slim budget, that is not available. "There is no money," say the Congressmen, as they prepare to lease and lend American youth to the British Empire.

This utterly unjust and exasperating attack against the rights and needs of American youth must not go unanswered! It is necessary to organize protests on every NYA project where cuts will be instituted! It is necessary for NYA workers, for all youth to ratly around a fighting

For the restoration of all fired NYA workers! Against any cuts in the number of employees, or the salary or num-

ber of hours of any employee!

Fight for trade union wages for NYA workers, to be financed by a capital levy on those manufacturers and bankers who are making millions in war profiteering!

of the agenda was permitted, alfor the floor had to be handed in, jokes, sadistic commands, anuslisting the name of the speaker and the "specific topic" to be discussed. This permitted the Stalincussed. This permitted the Stalin
For lunch, rubber spare ribs. For tiate collectively with officers on the resolutions presented, only one speaker was permitted in the first day and a half discussion to take the floor in opposition! Conveniently enough, Joe Lash, the dar-ling "youth leader" of the pro-war Roosevelt Administration, was allowed to speak so that the Stalinists could use him as a punching bag for their "anti-war" line.

It was only during the last session that discussion was finally permitted. After two days of a barrage in favor of a "Moscow-Chun-king - Washington Axis." "friendship with the Soviet Union," etc., the Stalinists finally permitted some genuine discussion. This was done for fear of a bad press writeup and to placate the few genuine anti-Stalinist.

It was during this session that Milton Miller, editor of The Chal-lenge of Youth, managed to get the Milton Miller, editor of The Charlenge of Youth, managed to get the
floor as spokesman of the YPSL,
although previous attempts to get
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One of the snotty privates was at
the time soliciting telegrams for
Postal Telegraph. The wire cost
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Wall Street wants one man to decide; we want the people to decide!
We refuse to be hijacked onto a
European battlefield!

At the door a big sign warned me: "No One Is Allowed to Leave the Armory." An armed policeman stood ready nearby to enforce the warning

The question asked in the nation's capital is no longer: Will we get into the war? It is rather: WHEN will we get into the war?

The policy of the Roosevelt Administration which, from its pledge of "defend" Canada to its present Lease-Lend Bill, has been leading the country steadily into the war, is now coming to a head.

It was, thus, possible for Secretary of Commerce Jones to state bluntly a few days ago that 'We're in the war now." It was possible for President Roosevelt to endorse a speech of Dorothy Thompson, in which she proposed sending an armed expeditionary force to Europe.

Draftee Tells Of Army Life

(Editor's Note - The following spoken out for war. letter has been received by a reader from a friend of his who was drafted. The reader turned it over to us because he believed it to be to us because he believed it to be it is not the policy of the United of general interest and worthy of States to send troops to Europe, publication. We print it here as representing the point of view of one young worker who was drafted. We should be glad to print other letters from young men in the Army, describing conditions there and commenting on our program for conscripted youth. It is of course understood that all such communications will be held in the strictest confidence and all letters will be printed anonymously.)

Dear Gang-You saw the bus. How old it was. But it was good enough transportation for conscripts. It brought ..., all fifty of us, in

1 state of agony. We were herded through a huge doorway into a large hall, the Armory. Patience became the immeasked to vote for it! All requests inquiries, scrutinies, hypocritical

ist chairman to weed out "unde- dinner, sausages. The food was, it camp conditions. sirable" speakers. Although a seems, provided by the B— Comtown-hall meeting is usually dipany. As the long line of hungry vided into pro and con debate on men files past the door, each is ing sent to die in an imperialist given an aluminum token on which is stamped: "One meal—for Selecte—the B— Company." And in mally begun the American people the kitchen, the superior is a man are suffering its consequences. As who wears grey overalls with the the munition makers rake in tre-"B— Company" written across mendous profits, prices of food go the back.

I wonder how many dollars this company made from the sausage which was left on the tin trayplates by at least a quarter of these hungry men, who just couldn't stand the food?

Tomorrow's selectees will probably get hash.

About four-thirty, I wanted to get out of this stinking dungeon to their democratic rights-their right get, first, some fresh air, and, sec- to strike, for example-are being

Can't Go Out

All talk of "aid short of war" has been dropped. The tune has changed to aid to England, regardless of the consequences. Senators Austin, Glass and others have frankly

Even the demogogical amendment of Senator Ellender to the Lend-Lease Bill which states that even that is being rejected by the Administration. ROOSEVELT WANTS NO BARRIER IN HIS WAR COURSE.

The plans are ready—only one thing is still lacking: the voice of American youth assenting to be-

OUR PROGRAM FOR THE CONSCRIPTS

1) Increase draftees' pay to \$60. 2) Complete voting rights for draftees.

3) Abolish Jim-Crow in the Army.

4) For right of draftees to retain rade-union men

5) For right of draftees to receive any kind of literature and to

war in Europe.

mendous profits, prices of food go up; as the Winthrop Rockefellers lounge in steam - heated Camp Plattsburgh, the ordinary American youth freezes in Fort Dix. Same Story

As in 1917, the politicians and propagandists scream about "a war to make the world safe for democracy." But the people remain ex-tremely skeptical. They see how ond, a newspaper—plus wiring whittled away at in the name of Mom that I had been "accepted." this very "war to make the works this very "war to make the world safe for democracy."

The Gallup poll has shown that 85 per cent of the people are against entry into the war. Why is their voice not being heard?

It is necessary for us to speak up now: DEMAND THE RIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE TO VOTE ON WAR!

On the Youth Front-

ONE YEAR STRETCH TO BE EXTENDED, SAYS GENERAL

by Irving Howe

eral Haskell, commander of the more difficult job of convincing the Eastern seaboard section of the Na-tional Guard, as doubting whether in dying to save a "democracy"

life, whereby every boy would au-

political representatives are to have their way. The tremendously difficult job of psychologizing a nation ly of entry into the war.

The New York Times quotes Gen- into war hysteria-and the much or not the boys being conscripted which has never given them half this year will be released at the a chance to live—this dictates continued of their year's service.

At the same time, there is con-

ed talk of changing the con- cation of a deeper need of Amercription legislation from a five ican capitalism—to prepare tre " "emergency" basis to a per-mendous fighting resources with ment institution in American which to establish the world supremacy of American imperialism. tomatically be conscripted at the Britain is getting into an increasage of 21. A number of bills have been introduced into Congress to that effect. The reason they have not received much publicity—as yet—is the emphasis being laid on the Lend-Lease Bill at the present time. preparing to fight simultaneously But the indications are clear that on several fronts and continents. militarization of youth is to become Some Senators—like Austin of a permanent feature of American Vermont—and some spokesmen of a permanent feature of American vermont—and some like life if American capitalism and its the Roosevelt Administration—like

WINTHROP GOES ON VACATION

from those hundreds in Fort Dix Though Johnny from the corner who have been felled by flu and candy store may be freezing his capitalist government: revision of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix, Windreds in Fort Dix and capitalist government: revision of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix, Windreds in Fort Dix and capitalist government: revision of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix, Windreds in Fort Dix and capitalist government: revision of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix, Windreds in Fort Dix and capitalist government: revision of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix, Windreds in Fort Dix and capitalist government: revision of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix, Windreds in Fort Dix and capitalist government: revision of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix, Windreds in Fort Dix and capitalist government: revision of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix, Windreds in Fort Dix and capitalist government: revision of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix, Windreds in Fort Dix and capitalist government: revision of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix, Windreds in Fort Dix and capitalist government: revision of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix, Windreds in Fort Dix and capitalist government: revision of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix and capitalist government: revision of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix and capitalist government guts of the lack of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix and capitalist government guts of the lack of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix and capitalist government guts of the lack of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix and capitalist government guts of the lack of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix and capitalist government guts of the lack of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix and capitalist guts off in a tent at Fort Dix and capitalist guts of the lack of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix and capitalist guts of the lack of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix and capitalist guts of the lack of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix and capitalist guts of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix and capitalist guts of guts of guts off in a tent at Fort Dix and capitalist guts of guts the others marched. He got a special tailor-made uniform while the conscription would make everyone others floundered around in uni-

of Rockefeller reminds forms originally used in the last Vinthrop, the youngest of the clan.

Vinthrop was recently conscripted away to Plattsburg camp, which, says the Daily News, "measures up to the ideals of the sportsman."

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The two days he was whisked foreign foe." was originally sent to his steam-heated camp at Platts- rule of part of France. "But a new ort Dix. He rode to camp while burg. Don't you sort of remember Paris Commune, a rising working

NOBODY BELIEVES IT'S TRUE

tic. An article about Akron, Ohio, for instance, tells how the young workers who are getting a little work the prosperity" wave the case a result of the armament boom would be permanent. Now even the most war-mad people have no such illusions. The New York Pest has been running a series of articles describing conditions in the "boom towns" where employment has gone up because tic. An article about Akron, Ohio, for instance, tells how the young workers who are getting a little work keep asking the same question: What's going to happen after wards? Where will we get work once the armament drive slows down? It can't go on forever!

And capitalism has no answer to the question of these young workers altogether! Their "patriotism" goes just that far—and no further.

The French Politicians

They were ready to dragoon the French working people into the war, in the name of "democracy." Then the French politicians, with typical eloquence, told the French

It is interesting to note the re- of the armament drive. No one, on of American youth to the not even the people who have got-boom. During the last war, ten jobs, is particularly enthusias-still has its stake in the British was a tremendous wave of tie. An article about Akron, Ohio,

Socialist War Aim for New World Is Answer to Hitler and Churchill

about fighting a war unless they're everyone remembers the raw deal

But even though everyone is in-

By M. M. AND I. H.

Everybody is talking about War Aims. Nobody is very enthusiastic about fighting a war unless they're given good reasons, especially since war aims, other than a desire to win the way. But in this respect to the same rotten capitalist world as people to sacrifice their lives? And secondly: If America and Britain are struggling for such wonderful things as their propagandists claim, or the way. But in this respect to the same rotten capitalist world as the same rotten capital win the war. But in this respect why is it so difficult for them to ample, Samuel Grafton, columnist

The question is: What are the

win the war?

erested and everyone asks ques- perspectives of England and Amer- Is it because they expect to keep

wonder: What happened to this

war for democracy? Hasn't the

whole thing turned out to have

been an imperialist swindle from

the beginning, in which "democracy" was just the bait to catch the

A New Commune

In March, 1941-exactly 70 years

poor fish like me?

of the last "war to make the world they differ little from Hitler; he give a statement of the sort of also wants to win the war. world they expect to build, if they and then, despairing of his task of defending the imperialist Churchill, Grafton flies into a rage against those who, like us, call the war imperialist; and he repeats, like an old phonograph: "It's for Democracy. It's for Democracy." But sometimes he really spills the

The Case of Grafton

For example, in one of his recent articles, Grafton says:

"The reason the Conservative Party of England declines to speak out on the war aims is .. that the British people might hear. Should the English say to the Germans: 'There will be no unemployment, you shall have peaceful work, you shall be free to feed and clothe yourself and to educate your children,' the English people might say, 'Hear, hear, we'll have a bit of that, too.' This makes it hard.

... So men fighting for liberty obstinately close their lips and refuse to say what they are fighting for."

What a give-away this is! The Conservative Party, despite the trimmings which the Labor Party provides, is in control of decisive English policy. It cannot promise liberty to the German workers, says Grafton, because the English workers might want some, too.

Obviously implied in Grafton's statement is the admission that at present, "as yet," the British workers do not have real, economic liberty. (For if they did, the Conservatives would have nothing to fear from them, in case the Conservatives appealed to the German workers.) Why, then, we would ask Grafton, should the British workers support the war of imperialist Britain if, as you admit, 1) ers must build another Commune. they have no economic liberty today; 2) they have not even any promises of liberty for tomorrow, and 3) it is precisely out of fear that the workers would take some of their promises seriously and attempt to enforce them immediately, ety of working class freedom which that the English government does

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A New Paris Commune Can Free the French Workers from Hitler-Petain Rule

"More than the complete occupation of France by Hitler, Marshal Petain Jears another Paris Commune."-From a dispatch to the New York Times by its Paris correspondent, G. H. Archambault.

In these two lines are concentrated the tragedy of a nation—the tragedy of an entire world.

Marshal Petain, figurehead of the reactionary, semi-fascist gov ernment of Vichy, which rules only by permission of Hitler, is still people that the war was a noble more afraid of a working class revolution at home than of complete occupation of the country by "the

thing; for then the workers would take over our industries and banks and run them for their own welfare.

So the French capitalists, except Empire, prefer to play second fid-

Then the French politicians, with work for the French typical eloquence, told the French but at a stiff price.

war, a war for "freedom and democracy and justice" and other fine after the establishment of the Pa-

But when Hitler, their imperialist rival, began to win the war, and ment saw their common enemydiscontent began to rise back home the working class - arising, they against the currupt government, against the rotten and inefficient army staff, against the rising prices for the poor and the contrasting luxury of the rich-then the "heroic" capitalist politicians decided that anything was preferable to a French working class revolution.

And they made their peace with Hitler-who would restore "order" for them.

Hitler did. His troops and Gestapo stand today as a great impedi-ment to any attempt of the French workers to seize power. His Gestapo is crushing the Paris workers under its iron heel.

Hitler is doing that bit of dirty work for the French capitalists-

things. (What they meant all along ris Commune-it is necessary for but didn't dare to say, was that it the French worker to begin buildwas a war to protect their impe-ing another, more powerful Paris And from its own capitalist point rialist possessions all over the Commune. The Paris Commune of world, that it was a war of capi- 1871 was established under similar talist rivalry over power and prof-conditions: The French capitalists its-and that they would consider had lost their war of plunder it very noble if the French work- against the Germans. The working ers, would oblige by dying on the class rose up at home. In Paris battlefields for their imperialist in- they seized the power. But when the French capitalist government and the German capitalist govern-

> The Commune, however, lives in the memory of the French workers as their greatest achievement, their attempt "to storm heaven."

forgot their imperialist differences

and united to crush the Commune.

Today, 70 years later, tortured by the joint oppression of Hitler and his men of Vichy, the French work-That is the task of the French

Fourth Internationalists. Despite all suppressions, despite the most difficult conditions, they continue their underground work to establish a new Commune, a new sociwill be more permanent and great- not dare state any war aims? er than even the first Commune.

court and by sentence of People's Judges incarcerated in prisons for terms of two-four months."

The only other country in the world where there is similar labor regimentation is . . . Germany.

d) The Dean brags incessantly about the 35 hour week in Russia. That would be fine . . . if it were true. The 35 hour week has always been a legal fiction; it was circumvented most easily by the "volunteer labor" of the shock brigades. The 1935 speed-up (Stakhanovism) resulted indirectly in increase of hours. On June 26, 1940, a 48 hour week was instituted.

3) LIVING CONDITIONS-Pravda itself describes the following: Two families live in one room. The roof leaks. When it rains they carry the water out of the room by pailfuls . . . the privies are in disgusting condition . . . the workers sleep on the floor, since bedbugs eat them up in beds."

If this is true in Moscow, how must it be in the rest of Russia?

4) CONDITIONS OF THE YOUTH—The youth, the Dean tells us, are especially well off. They are the true inheritors of Stalin's wonders. Let us see what these are.

In October, 1940, free higher education was abolished. "Free education," wrote Pravda of October 22, 1940, in the language of the Hearst press, "has to a certain extent lowered the value of education in the eyes

of a certain section of students and parents."

Youth Drafted

On November 10, 1940, 250,000 youths, age 16-17, were drafted into industrial plants under the guise of "technical training." Pravda of November 10 informs us that in a six month period, on the basis of an eight hour day, the youth will have "118 hours alloted for instruction at place of work and 1,138 hours for production work."

Child labor by any other name . . . stinks as badly.

And children of 14-15 are also drafted. More humanely, Stalin only

forced a seven hour day upon them—five for work and two for instruc-tion. Do you know what it means for a 14 year old child to work five hours a day in a metallurgical plant, worthy Dean of Canterbury, or in

a lumber yard?
And, talking of youth, why don't you quote the law of August, 1935, which makes petty larceny committed by children as young as 12, punishable by death?

Why so quiet, oh honorable Dean?

5 CONDITION OF WOMEN—The Dean tells us that in Russia woman is free to have as many children as she likes. (Hitler and Mussolini will do the same.) But what about the recent laws abolishing abortion which prevent her from having as FEW as she likes? But Stalin needs soldiers to "liberate" Finland.

6 DEMOCRACY IN RUSSIA-Imagine a book which proves that there is democracy by quoting its constitution, which excuses the de struction of opposition parties by saying that everyone is so happy that there is no need for other parties than Stalin's, which does not even discuss the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalin's the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalin's the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalin's the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalin's the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalin's the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalin's the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalin's the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalin's the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalin's the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalin's the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalin's the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalin's the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalin's the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalin's the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalin's the Moscow trials, which proves the Moscow trials, which proves the Moscow trials the Moscow trials. cuss the Moscow trials, which proves that there is democracy in the Stalinist party by citing the fact that there is discussion in it (all "unanimous" at all times), which speaks of the "invigorating" effect of purges, which proves that there is factory democracy. . . by quoting the telegrams of encomium addressed to the beloved leader!

BUT ENOUGH! One could go on endlessly exposing the lies and hypocrisies of this book. The sloppy and insipid product of a gossipy and varied mind, it is a fitting counterpart to its subject: a monstrasity

and vapid mind, it is a fitting counterpart to its subject: a monstrosity of stupidity and falsification dedicated to a regime of tyranny and

An English Churchman Defends Stalin's Crimes

The Young Communist League announces that it plans to circulate "Soviet Power" by the Dean of Canterbury in large quantities because "it tells the truth about the Soviet Union."

Now a book that tells the truth about the Soviet Union is so rare that one awaits it with some expectation-especially if it has the guarantee of the Stalinists themselves that it tells the truth. For, as is well known, the followers of the Kremlin dictator have always distinguished themselves by a desire to tell the truth about all things in general, and the Soviet Union in particular.

But this book has additional attractions, other than the endorsement of the Stalinists. For it is written, now after every progressive and decent section of the labor movement has denounced the murderous régime of the Kremlin, by an English churchman. And English churchmen, as ell known, have been famous throughout history for their sympathy for the workers and oppressed.

A Pious Liar

To honestly characterize this book, one word is necessary: SWINDLE. It is a gigantic political and literary swindle. Imagine the spectacle: a pious Dean of the English Anglican Church, in between pompous autobiographical notes, coming to the conclusion that the principles of Jesus are being realized in practice by the tyranny of Stalin!

en in a sickly, sentimental style, this book attempts to justify and exalt every one of Stalin's major policies. The principle of "brotherly love" it sees realized in the . . . Moscow trials. The principle of "mercy" it sees realized in . . . Stalin's draconic labor legislation. The principle of "friendship" it sees realized in . . . the régime of the GPU.

principle of "friendship" it sees realized in . . . the regime of the GPU. The principle of truth it sees realized in . . . a country where the official history of the Red Army does not once mention the name of its first commander, Trotsky.

But let us point out a few of the specific swindles by turning the pages of this book at random.

1) IS THERE SOCIALISM IN RUSSIA?—The workers everywhere long for Socialism. They know it will bring a life of peace, plenty, security. But to have Socialism, one must have a high level of technological development capable of producing the necessary products for this purpose. Even Stalin once understood this, when he wrote:

"Socialism can succeed only on the basis of a high produc-

"Socialism can succeed only on the basis of a high productivity of labor, higher than under capitalism, on the basis of an abundance of products and of articles of consumption of all kinds, on the basis of a prosperous and cultured life for all members of society."

That is, if Socialism is worth-while, it must be better than capitalism, terms of economic productivity and of human welfare.

This is not the case in Russia. In June, 1936, Molotov said: Our averlevel of productivity is still considerably below that of America Europe." Official figures would indicate this to be from one-fourth one-touth of the productivity of the important capitalist countries of rope and America.

pe and America.

not the situation is not much better today can be seen by the speech latinin, in Pravda of October 30, 1940, where he says: "Have we the productivity of labor in our country? I wouldn't say we have achieved too great results in this direction."

rom the point of view of its economic level, measured by the Marxinghard of productivity of labor, Russia has not achieved Socialism; behind most capitalist countries.

Capitalism the oppressive apparatus of the state (police, etc.)

Under Socialism, the oppressive apparatus of the state (police, etc.) clines, since there is no longer any lower class to suppress. Has the

Young Stalinists Circulate Book Which Hides Real Role of Stalin

orthy Dean realy never heard of the GPU?

Let us now see, in terms of availability to the masses of consumers roducts, of their living and cultural conditions, how Russia today suffers under a tyrannical bureaucratic régime, rather than prospers under

2 FACTORY AND LABOR CONDITIONS-A major portion of the Dean's book describes the wonderful life of the Soviet factory. The Dean blabbers about shop "democracy," about wonderful shop conditions, etc. Let us look at a few typical cases.

a) The days of the Factory Committee, when the Soviet worker could control his shop conditions, passed away when the Stalinist dictatorship smashed the Bolshevik régime. What had been a fact under Lenin is a myth under Stalin. The bureaucrat, the party functionary, the spetz (specialist), the Stakhanovist, rule supreme.

Only last week at the 18th conference of the Soviet Communist Party, Malenkov demanded "undivided and unchallenged authority for industrial managers and foremen."

b) Efficiency in the land of Stalinist bureaucrats, who choke every bit of working class initiative, is conspicuous by its absence. Pravda of Oct. 23, 1940, describes conditions in the Stalingrad tractor plant, one of the largest industrial plants of the country:

The facory operates sporadically. In the past nine months, the stoppages amounted to 640,000 man-hours, including 306,000 man-hours completely unutilized. There were great stoppages also on the assembly lines, which led to the unfulfillment of the norms . . ." (And this, the Dean assures us, is the land of tri-(And this, the Dean assures us, is the land of triumphant Socialism.)

Again, Kalinin, the Soviet president, is quoted by Pravda of October 30, 1940, as saying: "Comrades, picture to yourselves a good engineer. He is an educated man; he is considered a valuable-worker. And when you walk into his factory, the Devil himself would break his leg."

Industrial Breakdown

Reporting at the 18th conference of the Soviet CP, Malenkov admits that there is a "serious lag in several key industries"; there is a breakdown of transportation; output has decreased in such key industries as building material and lumber.

But the Dean sees only a land of milk and honey.

c) All workers in Russia today are tied to their jobs, cannot leave them and are liable to penal labor if they do. Here is the law, enacted "For stopping or skipping work without serious reason work-

ers and employees of state, co-operative and public enterprises and/or institutions are remitted to court and sentenced by People's Judges to terms up to six months of PENAL LABOR at place of employment, and up to 25 per cent of their wages with-

"Workers and employees who arbitrarily leave state, cooperative and public enterprises and/or institutions are remitted to

Youth in Ford Instrument Must Build Strong Union

A special problem concerns the younger fellows who work at Ford Instrument Co. in Long Island City and are members of Local 425, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, C10. I would like to discuss it with my union brothers through the columns of The Challenge.

The last union contract was signed in October, 1940, and covers a year period. Before that contract went into effect, establishing a minimum starting rate of 65c per hour for helpers in the assembly department (one of the largest departments in the shop), the company hired helpers at such low starting rates as fifty cents per hour.

When the plant expanded last summer many youth were hired as "helpers" at that rate. Today older helpers earn more than 55 cause Ford is a union shop. They

Yet they do the same work and have had many more months of experience.

Most of these younger union brothers complained to the union shop stewards about this, but so far nothing has been done. The "helpers" are trying to get a raise by themselves without depending upon the union officers. Some of them have become disgruntled with the

Textbooks -

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Now again, aren't these state-ments of fact? Can any sane person deny them?

Is it the fault of the textbook writers if these unfortunate things are facts? Is the textbook writer to omit these facts from his books because they show capitalism in an uncomplimentary light?

Merely because the National As sociation of Manufacturers feels sensitive-or guilty?-about some of these matters is no reason to leave them out of textbooks.

The real significance of this witch hunt can be understood only if it is considered against the background of the war drive. The reactionary bosses and their professorial stooges are out to condemn every textbook which in any way fosters an intelligent, critical attitude toward capitalism; they're out to whip up a war hysteria and they don't want any "disturbing ideas" to get in their way.

Wasn't Hitler the first to start burning textbooks in the name, also, of getting rid of "destructive" criticisms? Is it the purpose of the NAM to repeat that in America?

Draftee Writes--

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25c. This private went after change for my only bill and came back 10c He indicated that I should stand the loss. But I was in no mood for that sort of thing any more, so I got the change from him.

I asked him if selectees were allowed to read newspapers in the Armory. He said, Yes. I wanted to know if permission was ever granted to go outside to buy papers. He wilson as an example. "We had a said, No, somebody had to go out wilson once," says Grafton, "who for us; but nobody was available. spoke for us, with fourteen points fighting. Churchill then appealed instances. One might point to Nobody ever was available sult: no newspapers.

(Interrupted at 6:45 by order to mobilize. Long, cold march to out attion of the lies about "making the one. (We wonder: were Mr. Grafof the way railway depot. Fifteen world safe for democracy" with ton and his friends disappointed which the babbling school master when Churchill, "neglected" to apnext from camp, after I get my bearings.)

Greetings.

P.S.-There is one pleasant sur prise. The majority of the fellows feel as I do about being drafted. Protests are numerous, still apologetic, but not for long. These boys will do great things.

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they work side by side with newly Local and never attend meetings, learners, from being properly rep-

One or two are anti-union as a result of this situation. pending will solve this problem. It ing of this question of a minimum seems to me that there is another way to solve it. That is by taking advantage of the clause in the contract. To my younger brothers in the contract which allows the meetings.

have to in order to keep their jobs.

er. Not only that, but it prevents the the officials." youth, who work as helpers and

or 70 cents per hour. Few of the They belong to the union only be- resented in discussions and action on union problems.

> The union officials could help considerably by showing that they are vitally concerned with the The union officials say that the problem and arranging for a spe-"reclassification" which is now cial discussion at the union meet-

which allows the union to reopen shop I say, which allows the union to reopen shop I say, "Show that you are the question of wages by giving ready to do something about the thirty days notice to the company. problem. Go to union meetings. But Local 425 is still a weak local Take part in the discussions. Raise in many respects. And the fact the questions on the floor and you that so many younger fellows stay will see that what a union can do away from the union meetings for its members depends on the doesn't make the Local any strong-members themselves more than on

A Ford Instrument Worker.

YPSL Program For Union Youth

1. A minimum wage of \$24 for a forty hour week.

The machine facilities in the shops shall be available to the union after working hours for the instruction of the Youth in skilled trades.

No Jobs For N. Y. Teachers

NEW YORK - The Board of Higher Education has announced that all examinations for teaching the academic high in schools have been cancelled indefinitely. Since the examinations for elementary school teachers have not been given for five years and more than 2,800 teachers are still waiting for jobs since 1932, the opportunity for teaching jobs in both fields is practically ended. On top of this startling statement, it was revealed that it may be necessary even to discharge some of the regularly employed teachers.

This means that the years of study in preparation for jobs made by would-be teachers have been wasted. In this field, as in every other, capitalism shows its inability to provide a future for Amer-

ocal 65 Takes Lead in Militant Strike

On strike for more than a month ical workers at Harold Surgical ognition, a raise in wages, seniornow, 30 young workers of Harold complained that the organizers as- ity, holidays and vacations with Surgical Supplies, Inc., at 28th St. signed by Local 1224 were doing and Fourth Ave., N.Y.C., voted to disaffiliate with Local 1224 of the Funds were low. Many of the hands earn only \$15 or \$16 per United Electrical, Radio and Ma- strikers were looking for other jobs. chine Workers. The strike was aken over by Local 65, Warehouse Workers of the United Retail and Wholesale Employees, CIO, after the youth in the shop were convinced that Local 65 would conduct a more militant strike.

After four weeks on strike, the

Local 65 took over the strike with a series of noon-hour demonstrations, tightened the picket line, established a small subsidy for the strikers and prepared for a long

young assembly hands and the cler- youth are very modest: union rec- ages of 18 and 23.

week in these days when machinist there in many cases for more than ceived pay increases.

assemblers are making much more. The girls in the office have been five years, yet very few have re-

More than three-fourths of the The demands of the striking workers are youth between the

Socialist War Aims Answer To Hitler and Churchill

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The British government, so long as it desires the support of the workers, doesn't dare state its REAL war aims: imperialist plunder. We have just shown above why it doesn't even dare state any LYING war aims.

What Grafton really desires is a series of hypocritical lies by Roosevelt and Churchill to the effect that they're no longer imperialists and will free their colonies . . . some day (when the moon is made of that were worth more than four teen divisions."

fooled American youth last time! In the past, however, Winston Churchill has clearly demonstrated the sort of war aims he really fights for. Take, for example, his recept was supposed to be a breath-taking to the Italian people for . . . revolution. (All the American liberals so exciting.)

Mussolini, you might recall, is the lately by men who will fight for a personification of fascism, against dream but will not speak it."
which Britain is supposed to be It is useless to pile up y and Italian gener

speech to the Italian people. This for." But the British Empire has speech in which we would appeal and oppression of millions of peoheld their breath; it promised to be much more beautiful and noble Respects Mussolini! Churchill began by telling how

oh-so-liberal Mr. Grafton! A repe- friendly tyranny for an unfriendly recall the bloody record of Church-

NYA Worker Describes Bad Conditions in Astoria Shop

February 19, 1941 I have been reading the articles on the NYA factory in The Challenge with interest. You state there that the only two good depart-

ments are welding and machine shop. I would like to speak about the latter, since I work there. Recently there was a tremendous movement our war aims. We are fighting for lost! of youth into the machine shop due to its expansion. About a month the liberation of the colonial peoago they had to transfer about half of the machine workers out to determination of the oppressed the Park Department. The reason they gave was that the machines which they expected to get from the government were needed elswhere, due to the demand of th "National Defense" program. Today, in spite of all talk about opportunities about learning a trade it is still States of Europe and the world! something of the future—and the fellows in the machine shop say that the boom in the defense industry can't last long.

The chance of learning anything in the machine shop isn't very much. It takes a long time before you can get on a machine; it's only for a short time. There is the situation in the machine shop.

NYA Worker.

I peal to the Italian workers?) Or still another instance, when Churchill stated, "Without victory, there is no survival. No survival for all the British Empire has stood

always stood for colonial slavery ple. Or is this another case where Churchill really means something since, as shyster Grafton informs us (no doubt on the 'highest au-thority"), this is "a war in which much he respected Mussolini. But freedom is being defended inarticu-

> It is useless to pile up more ill himself-but enough. Churchill, despite all the swollen rhetoric that flows from his lies, is as sinister and ruthless a character as the

Churchill's real War Aim is A NEW VERSAILLES-only a thousand times worse. Everyone hates British imperialism is no better; British imperialism is not a substitute for Hitlerism sufficiently worthy for the workers to die

The Way Out

the European war is the Socialist road. We are not ashamed to state ple in the British Empire; the selfnent; the overthrow of Hitler and his bestial régime; the independence of India and the freedom of

That is why we refuse to support the war camp of Hitler-Stalin, Mussolini and the Mikado. That is why we refuse to support the war camp of the "democratic" nations. the British Empire and the United

Youth in the Unions-

THE LOWDOWN ON HENRY FORD'S APPRENTICE SYSTEM

By EUGENE VICTOR

ing in the interests of the youth. Now let us look at a typical scab plan as worked out by that veteran of exploiters, Henry Ford.

For years Ford has been training apprentices in his auto plants in Michigan. He pays them ridicuthe training period, hires them at given shop duties instead.

In our last column we described a very early age and in slack pea union apprenticeship plan as an riods and depressions, fires them as example of controlling trade train-

The trade school was established in 1916 and by 1930 had 2,800 boys and a faculty of 120.

The age limit for Ford trade school boys was originally 16 to 18, later reduced to 12 years. Howlously low wages, uses them for ever, boys under 14 are not sup-regular production work, prolongs posed to operate machines but are

Full Work at Half Pay

A statement before the Presi-Journeyman in a Ford shop. He dent's Committee which investiindustry (1934), charged that "boys in their teens placed in trade schools, where they are paid ridiculous wages for doing men's work," are fired when the reach full wage status and a new group of boys is hired.

Labor spokesmen have charged that in 1931 when thousands of production men were laid off, 12 to 16 year old trade school boys were put in their places at wages of \$11 to \$14 a week.

But the punch-line in the apprenticeship agreement is the half the difference between his clause on graduated classification. Ford Trade School the graduate

must spend four more years in the gated conditions in the automobile shop to become a full-fledged mechanic.

This is the longest period of apprenticeship to be found in any shop in the country. Compare this with an agreement just signed by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, CIO, in New Jersey, with Worthington Pump & Machinery which provides a six-month period for learners on a lathe, milling machine, boring mill or similar advanced machine tool.

At the end of three months, the learner, who starts at 50 cents per hour, gets an increase equal to onewage and the mechanic's. At the After completing four years in the end of the six-month period he is a full mechanic with union and cannot immediately get a job as a seniority rights.

The Old Man's Paternalism

But since the CIO United Auto- any wrong ideas about joining a mobile Workers drive began in the union. Ford Motor plants, the "old man" has taken a new interest in his young workers. He is indiscriminately giving raises of from five to twenty cents an hour to the apprentices. Raising wages during an organization drive to turn one section of the shop against another or against the union is nothing new. "old Henry" doesn't stop at that. Through his service men and learn a trade and get a job, providother stooges, Ford is passing ing the unions force working conaround a rumor that the apprenditions up to a level at which intices will be exempted from the dustry will find it necessary to hire

For years during the depression, big bosses led by Ford have kept the youth out of industry, denied them the privilege of learning trades, used them to lower labor standards and to fight union or-

It is time for the young workers to get wise. Now is the time to draft because of their occupation a proportionate number of youth —deferred only if they don't get to fill gaps.

Anti-Strike Bills Hit At Labor's Rights

By JACK CONRAD

Stooges of Big Business have to date put three bills before Congress which propose to disarm labor of its only real weapon, the strike. Robbed of this weapon, contracts with bosses wouldn't be worth the paper they're written on. The proposals are: 1) to declare all strikes illegal, 2) to make all strikes in war industries" "acts of sabotage" and therefore illegal and 3) to de mand that workers in "war industries" (which can cover almost anything!) guarantee their bosses days' notice before striking.

So far, FDR and his man Fri-Churchill's recent endorsement of day, Hillman, have opposed this so that's what you want, you all he wanted—to substitute a India of some years ago, one might "labor will cooperate without being coerced." Which is another way of saying that they expect to wheedle out of the workers what the reactionary Congress men want to force labor to do. Imcapitalist class which he represents. plied in the statements of Roosevelt and his cronies is the constant threat: If labor does stand up and sand times worse. Everyone hates fight for its rights, if we can't pla-Hitler and what he stands for, but cate labor with a few honeyed promises, then we too will be in favor of anti-strike laws.

> Our answer to all this remains the same: Keep fighting, men and women of labor, for a decent wage from the profit-swollen industries. The only way out to a peaceful They're making millions; you can, and really democratic solution of at least, get a raise. And above all, defend our right to strike! Without that, the working people would be

> > AKRON — Government "defense" schools have turned out to be a high disappointment to most of the boys enrolled locally. Some even quit \$20 a week jobs for the pro of learning a trade that would en able them to secure the wherewith al to live like human beings.

One youth, attending a class in aircraft sheet metal work, reports that his group has learned only one simple operation in the last States. We wage the war of the three months. Since it's a five THIRD CAMP, the camp of the month course, he assumes that oppressed people of the world. We must be about all they intend to fight for a new world Socialist Or- teach him. His "trade," then, consists of hammering rivets into gir-

ders. It seems there will be a demand for riveters at the Goodyear Air Dock in a few months, and these boys are being groomed for the work. To be treated and trained as a cog in a production line is a far cry from being a skilled me-chanic in aircraft. The boys don't like the set-up.

JUKE BOX KING FIGHTS UNIONS

Several months ago, the local juke box and slot machine king set a couple of his monkeys up in the all-night restaurant business. They hired 17 boys between the ages of cents an hour. They made it clear that "kids" couldn't expect a "man's wage" (their stomachs are smaller, suppose). Unfortunately, most of these boys are so grateful for this magnificent wage that they won't join the fight which the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union has been conducting against this cheap-

During the court proceedings held the other day to get an injunction out against the union, one of the fellows who had wised up and come over to the union, said that he could make more money gam-bling on the owner's slot machine than working in the restaurant. The rest of the boys are still "loyal" though-it seems they're just Boy Scouts at heart. But pretty soon they're going to have to learn that even they need a union to protect them from the chiseling bosses.

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An Editorial

Open The **Ball Parks**

In his column of February 10, Tom Meany, sports editor of "PM," a New York newspaper, tells the story of Vindal Lopez, 23, a Negro baseball player, who is now playing in the Cuban Winter League.

Lopez, according to Meany, would be a first rate prospect for the major leagues-if he weren't colored. He is tall and slim, has a great fast ball and good control. Yet he hasn't a Chinaman's chance of ever getting anywhere in baseball's top cir-

According to the coach of the team for which Lopez plays, "most Negro ball players don't take the game seriously." And small wonder! One can hardly expect Negro players to take seriously a game which doesn't give them an even

The case of Lopez is mentioned here only because it is typical of the lot of Negro ball players in general. Everyone knows of the fa-mous Satchel Page and the many others like him. They are at least as good ball players as many of the white players now in the ma-

jor leagues. Durocher, McKechnie, Hartnett and many other managers and coaches have stated that they would grab up many of these Negro stars if they were given a chance. And according to the President of the National League, Ford Frick, there is no rule in the big leagues which prevents Negroes from playing.

BASEBALL MAGNATES

Why, then, do Negro players find sible to get into the major

The answer is: The millionaire agnates who own the ball teams e responsible for the Jim-Crowng of Negro players. They are the from getting a break; they, to-her with a few reactionary thern players, like Ben Chap-n and Jake Powell, who are no-lous for their anti-Negro wise-cks in response to fans who have cracks in response to razzed their playing.

The owners are very often them-selves Southern magnates who extend their filthy race prejudices to America's favorite pastime. But seball, which stands for fair play and sportsmanship in American life, is disgraced and defiled so long as the Jim-Crow rule exists.

All young people, all trade union nembers, all decent and honest fans st write in now, before the season begins, demanding that the Jim-Crow rule be lifted:

Until that is done, the shadow of discrimination and Jim - Crowism alks over every baseball field in

Below is the cover of a new pamphlet on Negro youth prob-lems issued by the Young Peo-ple's Socialist League. Copies can be secured from our national office, 114 West 14th St., New York, at the rate of 80c

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Minorities Need Unity In Fight for Freedom

intolerance. Everywhere people suffer because their skins have the "wrong" color; or their names the "wrong" accent; or they disagree with the powers that be.

It is therefore extremely distressing and unfortunate to see how a spokesman of an oppressed people-in this case, the Negro people-can, be misled to the point where he utters statements of hatred and prejudice against another, equally oppressed people-the Jews.

In the February 15, 1941, issue of the Baltimore Afro-American there appears an article which contains the following sentences:

"We heard the election returns here with a group of Jewish friends (naturally they can afford the best Philcos-the rest of us cannot) and we could barely stand their bad manners . .

"They were Jewish people with North American citizenship for years-but this was the first time an election interested them. They had the give-Hitlera-beating spirit!"

In this lines one can see the old lie about the Jews being the rich people (who alone can afford the "best Philcos") while everyone else is poor and suffers because of the Jews. Also, the insinuation that the Jews are somehow the most warmad elements among the population.

NO EXCUSE POSSIBLE

for Negroes and white folks now living in horrible shacks.

South that have no schools for col-

One \$50,000 tank given away to

England equals a small New Apart-

ored pupils.

These are the sort of statements which one would expect to find in Coughlin's Social Justice,

What Money Could Do

One \$100,000 bomber given away needed Clinic in one of the Negro

We live in an age of universal race hatred and or some other Fascist rag. But in a paper which pretends to speak in the name of the Negro people, who suffer Jim-Crow and lynching in the South in exactly the same way that Jews suffer from anti-Semitism and pogroms in Germany, what excuse is there for that?

> Of course, there are some Jews who are rich capitalists and bankers. We're against them-because they're capitalists and bankers, NOT because they're Jews. We're against ALL capitalists, regardless of their religion. We think that to speak of "Jewish capitalists" or "Protestant capitalists" or "Catholic capitalists" is to divert the working people from the real job of fighting capitalism, into the blind alley of disgusting race

Let us assure the writer of Afro-American that the vast majority of Jews are poor and oppressed and suffer just like the Negroes. That's why we're in favor of both groups co-operating AS PART OF THE WORKING CLASS WHICH FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM REGARDLESS OF THE COLOR, NATIONALITY OR CREED OF ITS PARTICIPANTS.

We think that the Afro-American should print an apology for having printed this anti-Semite tripe. Members of oppressed groups must fight together for freedom-otherwise they will be enslaved separately.

Youth Congress

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the floor in the preceding two days had been unsuccessful.

Presenting the viewpoint of sides in the imperialist war, Miller charged that the Stalinists were actuated in their "opposition" to FRAME NEGRO ON Roosevelt's war plans solely by the interests of the Kremlin bureau- FAKE CHARGE crats now allied with Hitler.

"If the proposal for a 'Moscow-Chunking-Washington Axis' becomes a reality, with the AYC once

Crow conditions has found out that munist League, John Gates, failed there are some forces in the coun- to answer the questions posed, retry who are ready to help the stricting himself instead to a eulogy of Stalin's "peace-loving" char-

Liars at Work

gle against war of Lenin, Lieb-The union members were so im- knecht, Luxemburg and Eugene V.

the fact that the books of their The small but articulate bloc of union are closed, they voted to delegates who represented the antigrant Johnson a full-fledged mem- imperialist war point of view of the bership in the union. Today John- YPSL kept hammering away all Virginia State College for Negroes. son is working side by side with through the conference. A large In her speech Mrs. FDR mentioned number of the February issue of that "Negroes had not been given

Oklahoma Farmer Is Framed and Beaten

A poor Negro Oklahoma farmer, W. D. Lyons, has been sent to jail for life. Charged with killing a white family, Lyons was tried and found guilty by a jury of twelve white farmers. The only evidence presented at the trial was the word of a single witness that the defendant was seen in the area where the crime was committed.

A few days after the murder a white woman testified that Huston Lambert, an escaped convict, had come to her house on the night of the murder. The woman testified that Lambert's hair was burned and his clothes were bloody. A confession was promptly gotten from Lambert.

But the prosecution and the prison officials, fearing a scandal, de-cided to forget the Lambert con-Rather than risk the chance of having Lambert and several fellow convicts reveal the fact that inmates of the prison camp were running free all over the country, they decided to "frame" young Lyons.

Despite the fact that Lyons had Waller his wage been viciously beaten to the point him with a gun. where a "confession" was extracted from him, and despite the fact that the state officials knew who the real criminal was, Lyons was race discrimination, will go before found guilty. found guilty.

Waller Case Appealed

The Odell Waller case will be reviewed this month before the Virginia State Supreme Court. The Workers Defense League, which has been handling the case, has announced that collection sheets to aid in Waller's defense can be secured at their headquarters, 112 East 19th Street.

Odell Waller, 23 year old Negro, shot and killed Oscar Davis, his white landlord, in self defense when the latter refused to pay Waller his wages and threatened

If the Virginia Supreme Court does not free Waller, the fight to save him, which is a fight against

Negro Draftees Get Cold Shoulder in Fort Bragg

FORT BRAGG, N. C .- One hour ing and being general handy man. after being lectured by a white officer, who said "Do as you are told" and who emphasized the necessity of a minimum of prejudice at the camp, the Negro soldiers quartered found that Gen. Jim Crow was still giving orders. Told to fall in behind the white soldiers on the way to the mess hall, they were kept out until the white soldiers had been served and had fin-ished eating. The white officers re-ferred to the Negro sergeant as 'that nigger sergeant."

Out of an original group of 300 colored soldiers, in one week only 39 were left. That was just enough That's the way America's youth is

Negro boys who travel to the nearby town "created a problem in getting adjusted," according to the white officers. The boys expressed indignation at being called "niggers" and worse by some of the white Southerners. The Army solved the problem by having separate buses for whites and Negroes. Many of the Northern white soldiers refused to use these Jim-Crow buses and preferred to walk or hitch-hike.

This is the story of only one draftee camp, but it is typical of the set-up in the whole Army. Presenting the viewpoint of to do the manual work, cleaning being trained to fight a "war for working class opposition to both out this, cleaning out that, sweep-democracy."

AKRON-Jim Crow has claimed another victim in this city. Ben ment House in the congested slums of the Black Belt in one of our large cities.

One \$50,000 ambulance given away to England equals a much one of the black Belt in one of the young Negro away to England equals a much of the speaker for the Young Company of the Black Belt in one of the secured from our nagain jump on the Administration's war bandwagon? The attitude of the AYC has changed only with the AYC has changed only with the change in Stalin's partners."

Navy for protesting against Jim
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The speaker for the Young Com-

One of the four women claimed that the attack had taken place at 6 o'clock. The defense thereupon proved that the defendant had been working till 6:30 on the day the attack was supposed to have taken place. Another of the "victims" admitted that she did not even know whether her attacker was Negro or white. Still another woman claimed she could only recognize the defendant by his voice-nevertheless she "identified" Ben Finney as her attacker before she even heard him speak!

The defense completely exploded the case by pointing out these and similar lies and contradictions. But Akron's Jim-Crow court did not concern itself with the truth. What was more important to it was to see to it that the Negro was "put in his place." Finding it "inconvenient" to convict Finney on a rape charge, Judge Harvey sentenced Finney to from 1 to 10 years on another trumped-up charge of attempted robbery.

Mrs. Roosevelt let the cat out of the bag in a speech delivered to the American life?

CHICAGO, Ill.—On January 25, a military ball was given by the Crane Technical School ROTC unit, an annual affair. Although there are 115 Negroes attending the school, 25 or 30 of whom are in cadet training, they were told in no uncertain terms they would not be allowed to attend the ball.

Break Through Navy Color Line

For the second time in 50 years, two Negro youths have been ap-pointed to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. If they are successful in passing the mental and physical tests they will be admitted to the Academy on July 1st. No Negroes have graduated from Annapolis although two others have been admitted as students.

The record in this respect is revealing. So lily-white is the Academy and so firmly does Gen. Jim Crow rule the roost that one of these youth, who was in the Academy in 1936 for eight months, was forced to resign after he found that the humiliation and embarrassment inflicted upon him by prejudiced white midshipmen and officials were more than he could bear.

President Roosevelt ordered an investigation of the case. No official statement was ever made. The only result manifest was the resignation of the second Negro boy He was railroaded out because of the similar treatment.

Here is a real example of Negrowhite solidarity; a real example of the February issue of the fact that it is only in the united labor movement that both Negro

The Challenge of Youth were sold. Almost all unaffiliated delegates bought our paper, although the Stalinists tried to get them not to the source can there be to prove that Jim Crow exists in all walks of the more cases to investigate and the source can there be to prove that Jim Crow exists in all walks of the more cases to investigate and the source can there be to prove that Jim Crow exists in all walks of the source can there be to prove that Jim Crow exists in all walks of the more cases to investigate and the source can there be to prove that Jim Crow exists in all walks of the source can there be to prove that Jim Crow exists in all walks of the can draw any lesson from past experience, if these two new appointees actually get into the unaffiliated. The challenge of Youth were sold.

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Crow is



Negro Youth! Fight For Freedom!

to England equals fifty COMFORT- districts where illness and mortal-ABLE NEW HOMES in the South ity are high ity are high. One \$25,000 torpedo given away **Negro Sailor** to England equals one nice Brick Rural School in one of the hundreds of school districts in the

Helped by Trade Union

Negroes fight against Jim-Crow.

Byron Johnson, one of the Negro acter. messboys fired from the U.S.S. Philadelphia because he wrote a letter to the Pittsburgh Courier de-Johnson's plight.

address his union's meeting on his speaker was directed against the experience in the Navy. He re- Lend-Lease Bill and was followed tion of how Negro sailors were suf- low in the traditions of the strugfering from Jim-Crowism.

pressed by his talk that, despite Debs."

and white can find their salvation. read it.

The Daily Worker, in its usua scribing Jim-Crowism in the Navy, brand of falsification, "reported" was going around for a few weeks that "with few exceptions, the without a job. Then John Calan- speakers were against the Lenddrillo, a white official of the Scrap Lease Bill. Among the exceptions Iron, Demolishers and Handlers were ... a member of the YPSL Union, Local 1120, AFL, heard of who red-baited the Congress." This despite the fact that the first sen-Calandrillo invited Johnson to tence from the mouth of the YPSL sponded with an eloquent descrip- by an appeal to the youth "to fol-