ORKERS' **BORUM**

Write to us-tell us what's going on in your part of the labor movement-what are the workers thinking about?-tell us what the bosses are up to-and the G-men and the local copsand the Stalinists-send us that story the capitalist press didn't print and that story they buried or distorted-our pages are open to you. Letters must carry name and address, but indicate if you do not want your name printed.

Worker Finds Soldiers Have Little Faith In Holy War

Last Sunday while attending a non-political picnic in the County army camped in the park.

life. I gathered that most of them they would rather have any kind opment of the war situation. of "half-decent" job than be in the army.

they were ordered. One thing tion." mocracy.

hope of jobs when-and if-they special one for political prisoners

returned. At this point one of the soldiers broke in with a reference to "fifth columnists." Another immediately told him to "shut up," that he had been six years in the army and knew what he was talk- It will be the case in America. 7:45 P. M. Comrade Carlson will Editor: ing about. The latter then went The prison guards were particuon to tell of his bitter experiences while he was unemployed. After the discussion, he had a private conversation with me on the whole question of what the war

It seemed unusual to me to find soldiers so open to this type of discussion. It made me think that possibly the army ranks will not be the quiet sheep in the coming war that they appeared to be

Political Prisoners Must Not Separate From Others In Jail

Last week's Appeal has an ac-Park, I got in with some soldiers count of hunger strikes in the from a regiment of the regular prisons of India over a demand for better treatment for political After having a round of beer prisoners. I don't know much together, we got into a conversa- about the situation there, but tion, and the boys were pretty immediately wondered what would epen about their opinions of army be the correct policy here with respect to the conduct of political had joined the army only because prisoners, especially since we can they couldn't find jobs elsewhere. expect an increasing number of They all expressed the idea that political prisoners with the devel-

In my opinion, the political "offender" in prison should not dis-They seemed certain that war tinguish himself from the "comwill come and that they will be mon criminal" in any social sense. among the first under fire. I ask- There are class lines in prison ed whom they expected to fight also, and "better treatment" often and what they thought they would means association with grafting be fighting for. They answered politicians, jailed cops, forgers, resignedly that they didn't know stool-pigeons-the "rats" gallery -that they could only do just as -and ostracism by the "popula-

they seemed to be sure of-they | The political prisoner should be would not be fighting to save de- especially careful not to demand the soft jobs like working in the When I asked then whether warden's office, or waiting on tathey believed that the coming war | ble in the guards' mess. A dewould create jobs for them to mand for reading and writing come back to or help the work- material comes under a different ing class in general, they were in heading, but here again, the deagreement that there was little mand should be raised not as a but as the right of any prisoner.

> Perhaps the demand for better treatment for the political prisoners in India is a result of their receiving worse treatment than dates." the others. That is most likely. and be carful to raise no barrier between himself and them.

Buffalo, N. Y.

Join the Socialist Workers Party

War Scene Shifts To Mediterranean

as he moved in Poland, in Fin- can or may be bluntly told that land, in the Baltic States, and in | if they fight, it's their own fun-Rumania, to push that frontier eral, not Stalin's. a little outward to gain whatever defensive advantages he can

against eventual Nazi attack. In each of those previous inrectified later."

Stalin Frozen Out?

moves beyond them.

Whether this is the case, the bility of a switch in Kremlin poli- to received. has put himself and his regime | months to come. in Hitler's straitjacket and cannot quite so easily loose himself

blank wall in Moscow when they Bronx, kitchen privileges-refri- with the capitalist class and its to visit the C. P. members to disask-as they must be urgently gerator. Single or double-Excel- agents such as Olson-who now cuss with them the significance of asking right now-what they can lent opportunity. Write S. W. P., bans the C.P. from the ballot, La. their leaders' refusal to accept the expect if they fight. They may 116 University Place, c-o Kellner. Guardia-who breaks strikes and united front.

be urged to give in while they

Pact With Japan

If Hitler appears to be agreeable, Stalin will move in on the stances, Hitler graciously acquies- Dardanelles. In any case, he will ced in Stalin's moves. As far as likely accept the new Japanese he was and is concerned we may bid for a non-aggression pact to be certain that these concessions gain as much insurance as that to the Soviet Union are written offers of a "pacified" eastern down in the page of his private front while he uneasily watches ledger under the heading: "To be Hitler on his western, and perhaps soon, his southern frontiers.

The projected Soviet-Japanese object of Stalin's concern would parallel to the Axis drive. Part of be the Dardanelles, the straits the preparations for fresh Japthat join the Mediterranean to anese moves toward Singapore the Black Sea. The total silence and the Dutch East Indies inout of Moscow and the evident clude a new effort to strike a uncertainty in Ankara as the peace bargain with Chiang Kai-Italian attack on Greece began shek's Kuomintang and in this suggested strongly that in this effort the Kremlin is obviously instance Hitler may well have already playing its part. If by told Stalin to keep hands off the threat of withdrawing support, straits and to seek his leavings | Stalin could get Chiang to come in the northeastern provinces of to terms with the Japanese it Turkey, in Persia, Afganistan, or would spare the Kremlin the emon the moon, while the Axis takes | barassment of openly abandoning over the vital Pardanelles and its support of the Chinese cause.

China Will Fight On But Chiang is not likely to coming days or weeks will have nibble, not at a time when he can to show. Meanwhile the press is actually see a Japanese-American filled again, as in every other like clash in the offing and can look situation since the war began, for more effective Anglo-Ameriwith speculation over the possi- can support than he has hither-

cy. Wish-fulfillments die hard. For the time being, however, In terms of his reactionary poli- the center of the stage has moved Stalinists for many years to form cy, Stalin will not, dares not, to the Mediterannean and there cannot move against Hitler. He it is likely to remain for some groups, and their present reluc-

The Turks will at best meet a furnished or unfurnished in formed 'People's front' alliances branches are sending committees

Fort Dix Soldiers Win Demand For Better Chow

FORT DIX. N. J., Oct. 26-Recruits of the National Guard regiments, in training here, have won the first round of the classic "beef" of the privates over bad army food.

They forced recognition of their complaint against the poor preparation of the food, and in a number of cases secured better cooks of their own choice.

A number of the complaints were backed by the threat of a "letter home to my Congressman", which apparently proved a powerful-enough suggestion to some of the officers, who want to keep in good with the politicians for promotion's sake.

The ranks are not too backward in objecting to the new noncommissioned officers recently appointed. A National Guardsman, talking to several of his buddies, was heard to declare, "Why the captain must be off his nut to appoint such a s-o-b for sergeant. He should have asked some of us guys beforehand for our idea of the guy. We know the men from before they were in the

SWP Broadcasts to Minnesota Workers

Grace Carlson, Candidate For Senator, Puts Our Military Program On the Air

MINNEAPOLIS. Oct. 28-In he second of a series of radio broadcasts, Grace Carlson, SWP candidate for U. S. Senator from Minnesota, gave "The Socialist Answer to War and Fascism." Speaking over Station WLOL tonight Comrade Carlson charged that the senatorial candidates of the other parties had no realistic program against war. "Their feeble anti-war declarations, lacking the necessary economic interpretations of the causes of war, are as futile in this period as the action of a man who tries to hold back the tide with a

Quoting at length from the Manifesto of the Fourth International, she urged listeners "to compare this forthright program against war with the confused,

On Monday, November 4th, at

their own auspices.

the meeting at 919 Marquette Ave- ment of his job. nue in Minneapolis at 3:30 P. M.

Comrade Carlson will be the esters Hall at 3:00 P. M.

Ten thousand copies of a special Minnesota Campaign Issue of the SOCIALIST APPEAL were distributed in working class neighborhoods of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth.

C. Johnson, Campaign Manager, tribution. All signs point to a merely supplied the device.

SUGARING THE DRAFT

The State Joint Executive Defense Committee of Connecti-

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 24

cut has finally hung a sex angle on military conscription. It has ruled that the draft registrants' girl-friends may wear the draft pins, given all draftees in this state. This is to encourage the replacing of fraternity pins by draft pins in the ritual of campus love. Sweet and glorious it is to lay down one's life for love's

young dream and Wall Street.

Stalinists Supporting Pro-Willkie Stand of John L. Lewis

Opportunist, has taken his stand. taken with it. And all the lesser and cheaper | From the farm equipment work-Opportunists are dancing around crs' union in Chicago (located in the huge black hole he made in what is known to Chicago worklabor history, hoping to be able ers as the Little Kremlin on Oaksomehow to break the fall they ley and Ogden) comes a statement in after him.

munist party, now confronting didate." the logical outcome of its policy of tagging along behind the heftias it faces the necessity of openly evelt." supporting the most brazenly advertised candidate for Wall Street it wants for the line.

Worker in the form of letters, ranks." telegrams and public statements made in the name of a number of CIO unions securely under the domination of the C. P.

"MERELY" SUPPORT LEWIS This line presents an equivocal election. A few samples of this to say: line are all that are needed, since the rest of them follow the formula represented with such rigidity that the C. P. must have sent out a sample statement and care-

John Llewellyn Lewis, Master fully restricted the liberties to be

face when, in a moment, they leap which expresses "Complete support for John L. Lewis' leadership Noisiest and most frantic of of the CIO" but also declares that these filthy and cowardly follow- "the CIO affiliate would 'refrain ers of false leaders is the Com from endorsing any political can-

Another such item reports that "New York leaders of CIO unions est and most unprincipled of la- wired John L. Lewis approval for bor big-shots. This Stalinist cari- his sharp criticism in Friday's cature of a workers' party has for broadcast of the Roosevelt adminso many years wantonly tossed istration on its pro-war program. aside all consideration for the but most of them made no endorbasic interests of labor that now, sement of either Willkie or Roos-

Still another item indicates the fear the C. P. has that Lewis' act that American politics has ever of treachery will have inevitable Joseph Curran-all Stalinists -- ofseen, it needs only toss three for and serious repercussions in the mulae about in the air for a day ranks of the CIO. It quotes Allan or two and then pull out the one S. Haywood, national director of It is of course from the labor ident of the Transport Workers tion of Wendell L. Willkie." (Daistooges of the Communist Party Union and ardent C. P. stooge, as ly Worker, Oct. 28). Their statethat the statements emanate. having "warned 200 delegates of ment said at a further point: "We There are two alternative lines the Third Annual Convention of are sure that the great number of used by these "labor leaders." The the Connecticut Industrial Union first is reported extensively in the Council, against permitting poli-October 27 issue of the Daily tical differences to divide union nize your (Lewis') sincere mo-

ONE STEP FURTHER

In another set of statements, appearing in the October 28 issue of the Daily Worker, the development of the line along its logical course toward open support of Franklin D. Roosevelt." support of the great John L. but Willkie can be seen. Lewis Mer- C. P. ALIBI FOR LEWIS pretends, with a very delicate ac- rill, president of the CIO United cent, a hesitation about endorsing Office and Professional Workers C. P. itself, carried editorially in his choice of candidates in this and C. P. mouthpiece, has this the issue of October 27, takes the as they did in 1936. Then it was

has earned the right to counvigorous application of the Lewis statement.

portant to labor than the question of who occupies the White House for the next four years. (This from the spokesman of a party which is supposed to have as its chief function the politicalization of the experiences of workers !- Ed.) The tremendous contribution of John L.

Lewis to the creation of these

policies and to their fulfillment

in real life is the best answer

policies of the CIO is more im-

to his critics. "Efforts to interpret his decision as determined by anything other than his desire to better the lot of those who work for a living and of every inhabitant of our country are resented by workers regardless of their political opinions."

Six national officers of the National Maritime Union, headed by fered by telegram their "full and unswerving support" to Lewis when he "called for the defeat of the CIO and Michael J. Quill, pres President Roosevelt and the elecorganized and unorganized workers and their families will recogtives in their behalf and give you their support and loyalty which you deserve in this fight." And they conclude with the pious hope that Lewis' action will "bring about an overwhelming defeat to

But the official statement of the

cake. It does not go to the length "Defeat Landon at all costs"-i.e., "If there is any man who of its stooges in the labor movement but it makes up for that sel the workers of this coun- by a thoroughly disgusting covertry, it is John L. Lewis. The up of the real implications of the

Totally disregarding the fact that Lewis did nothing of the kind, it claims that "the Myth of the New Deal, now abandoned and betrayed, had to be dispelled. Some one had to stand up and cry out the obvious truth: 'The King is naked!' Lewis did it, and thus far performed an historic service."

Forgetting that Lewis, precisely because he has played a role of tremendous importance in the development of the American Labor movement, is guilty in his support of Willkie of a greater act of political treachery than a lesser figure would have represented, the Daily Worker can find nothing better to do than turn the scorn which should have fallen upon Lewis on those in the labor movement who, though not one whit better then he, are certainly no worse. The Daily Worker says:

"There can be nothing but contempt for the howls and cavilling against Lewis, which come from the camp of Roosevelt's 'Labor' lieutenants. Among these Lilliputians, Lewis has stood forth as a giant. They have grovelled at the feet of the War Machine and would deliver Labor in chains for the reward of Roosevelt's smile. Lewis has at least tried to bargain for some definite gain as the price of Labor's vote, even though such bargain is dubious and unsound, and dangerous for the future."

THE REAL LINE

Toward Willkie the Stalinists are performing the same function elect Roosevelt. Now it is "Uphold Lewis at all costs," i. e., elect

What scoundrels!

misleading and utterly inadequate declarations of the other candi-

again speak over Station WLOL It was with considerable inter- local union never had any inten- played-along with President strike than against the other two is as yet far from it. A much on other issues of the campaign. est that I read your article in the tion of permitting the men to Brown of the I. A. of M., only a named and from many more better title for him would be At a meeting to be held in the Appeal of Sept. 21, analyzing Sid- strike. The Company knew this secondary or auxiliary role to the sources. Not only were the gov- "Hillman: a Boon to Bungling during the last war. In every in Odd Fellows Hall in St. Paul on ney Hillman's job as Knudsen's all along-the men in leadership Local fakers. stance, however, the political pris November 1st, Comrade Carlson stooge on the Defense Council. As of the Union didn't have any backoper should attempt to solidarize will speak on "A Proletarian Mili- I am working at the Boeing Plant, bone. But the way that Lundwas about and what it would lead himself with the other prisoners, tary Policy." She promises if elect- your use of our recently liquidated quist and his machine grabbed ed to introduce a bill into the U.S. strike situation as an example at Madam Perkins' request for a 3rd. V. R. Dunne will speak at upon the actual stage of develop a put-up job between the Compa-

speaker at the Duluth Election man and Knudsen, working to subjects of derision and contempt Rally which will be held in For. gether with the president of the used by the out-house artists and International Association of Ma- poets in the Boeing wash-room. chinists, first put through a tenunmet demands to be thrown to arbitration."

Hillman's Local Helpers

ny and the Local Union Officials. Your story says (after describ- By now Lundquist has even reing the situation at Boeing? "Hill- placed some of the most classical

However-to get back to the day truce and then maneuvered story-both the Company and the Union back to work with its Lundquist were afraid of the workers and that 97% strike vote. Without help from Hillman it would have been very difficult to What actually happened was pull off. Lundquist would have said "The workers received our that the Local Officials of the had either to permit the men to

about as far as Hillman's work | Coast was geared to the job of versies as possible-if only as far Senate providing the trade union struck home. It is probably true truce made it begin to look obvi- went also in the threatened strike trying to liquidate this strike as the newspapers are concerned. movement with military equip that the role that has been cut ous. Lundquist was very skillful of the Marine Cooks & Stewards. Even the great Maritime "Arbi- He has a long way to go, however ment and instructors so that the out for Hillman is as you say: To in handling this and all the other The last thing in the world that trator," Dean Wayne Morse, who before his authority will be as workers might receive their mili- Give (to the employers). How- maneuvers by which the strike Burke, Cayton & Co. wanted was learned the principles of Steve- great as his position warrants. tary training, not under the labor- ever, as you uncover the complete situation was liquidated and the to put their men on the bricks. doring and Maritime Labor Rehating army machine, but under story of the Boeing negotiations, agreement-which by comparison Not only would that bring down lations while pursuing an aca- ing situation was concerned, the there appear other facts which is lousy-signed. So skillful was the wrath of their "prother" Two election rallies have been may throw some additional light he, in fact, that the men began Bridges of the Longshoremen College, saw fit to let forth a de- in to Hillman-pressure, nor were planned for Sunday. November upon Hillman's work, or at least to catch on too late that it was but getting on the bricks would vastating blast against the Ta- they maneuvered from Washingput the Cooks in a really good coma Longshoremen as being ton. The sell-out, like charity, beposition to settle accounts with a "Unpatriotic" and "Striking gan at home. Hillman-interferfew obnoxious officials as well as the boss. What a relief it must have been to be able to have some heat turned from Hillman!

the totally different one of the spite of all this crap they held bination becomes pretty devastatwhat would appear on the sur- of their case by the Board. Not Seattle, Wash. face, at least, to be a beef not that Hillman did not attempt to nearly so good as either of the take credit for this settlement as other two. They were striking well. However, he undoubtedly election issue very enthusiastical- Union had been for some time cast- walk out-or to keep them in by against an old NLRB ruling de- had little, if anything to do with ly. Our only regret is that we did ing about wildly for some device such arbitrary and bureaucratic priving them of the right to bar- it at all. not have another 40,000 for dis- to hold the strike off. Hillman means that he would have been gain for their own memberscompletely exposed. In either case giving Coastwise rights to something like this: great wind-up of the campaign." Although his press releases he would have broken his pick. Bridges, ILWU. There was much 1) Although Hillman's role is

to high heaven about "National main preoccupation seems to be So far as I can learn this was tus of the CIO movement on the into the pie of as many controagainst the Government".

Hillman Failed Here!

Yet not only did the Tacoma But set these two cases beside Longshoremen Strike, but ir an easy way out. Then the com-(AFL) Longshoremen at Tacoma out until their demand was ing. Wash. Here, the workers had granted: an immediate rehearing

The moral of this story is

sounded swell, Lundquist of the | Actually, in this case Hillman | more heat generated against this | supposed to be a powerful one, it ernment representatives yelling Bureaucrats." Right now, his Defense", but the entire appara- publicity and to get his finger

2.) At least as far as the Boedemic career at an Oregon cow- workers in the Plant did not give ence doesn't mean too much to the workers yet-except where the Union Leaders directly involved are themselves looking for

AIRCRAFT WORKER

Aircraft Worker is 100% correct. Where workers have halfway decent local leadership, Hillman's strikebreaking moves don't work at this stage of the game.—EDITORS

Coast C. P. Members Learn In the present case the obvious a speed-up in Japan's Asiatic Of United Front Refusal

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18-Com- cuts relief appropriations, Roos-Stalinist vice-presidential candi- of France's working class to the date, learned, from a leaflet of Nazi war machine, etc ... " the Socialist Workers Party, that the Stalinist leaders had concealed from their followers two offers from the S. W. P. for a united front to fight the California ballot-ban against the Communist Party.

The leaflets gained a friendly reception, few being thrown away. A number of rank and file Stalinists spoke to the leaflet passers and expressed their approval of a united front on the ballot-ban issue. Many leaflets were carefully folded and pocketed. Contrasting the eagerness of the

a "people's front" with capitalist tance to engage in united front actions with workers' organizations, the leaflet declared, "Not Choice of one or two rooms so long ago the Communist Party

munist Party members and sym- evelt-who beats the war drums pathizers attending a meeting of American imperialism, Dalahere addressed by James Ford, dier-who prepared the surrender The appeal concludes:

> "The reactionary drive will continue as the war-machine of American imperialism gathers momentum. Other issues will arise in the near future, issues on which united action is possible and absolutely demanded. We urge the rank and file of the Communist Party to be vigilant -to demand that the C.P. leadership ceases its blind policy of refusing a united front on issues in defense of labor."

> In this, as well as the previous united front appeals, the Socialist Workers Party pointed out that the ban was a blow not only at the Stalinists, but at the political rights of all labor organizations in California.

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