Negro Struggle

By ALBERT PARKER

We urge our readers to pay particular attention to the articles in this and past issues of the Socialist Appeal, reporting the treatment by the Southern officer caste in the U.S. Navy of Negro sailors who have dared to expose to the world the vicious Jim Crow policies in force on the ships.

A number of these sailors are already in grave danger. To their aid have rallied sailors from other ships who are speaking up in their defense as well as they can, and signing their names too in many cases.

It is our duty on the outside to widely publicize the facts they have bared, to defend them from punishment by mass pressure and meetings, and to intensify our agitation for taking control of military training away from the bureaucrats and putting it in the hands of the trade unions.

INTO THE WASTE BASKET

Last Wednesday we threw into the wastebasket a lot of clippings, some of them a full page in size, from several Negro newspapers, containing the paid advertisements of the Republicans, and editorials from those papers that stumped for Willkie.

We had saved them just on the chance that Willkie might be elected. In that case we were going to use them in comparing his record from week-to-week with his promises.

Because, you see, Willkie was not stingy in this campaign in his promises to the Negroes. Realizing how important the Negro vote was in many key states, he promised them just about everything but socialism.

Lynching? No one looks at it with more condemnation than he does, he said, and furthermore, something should be done about it. A law should be passed.

... Jim Crowism? He was against it, he said. If he was elected, he would put an end to it. Yes, he said, he would even fire any of his subordinates "on the spot" if he caught them at it in civil service.

Segregation in the armed forces? He didn't see any reason for it, he said.

Job discrimination? He didn't like that either. And if he was elected, he would see to it that colored men would have equal opportunity to get jobs in private industry.

Unemployment? Of course he was against that too. Just elect him and he would do away with it, and put everybody to work.

Relief? He promised to do away with "the theory that relief is a Negro reservation." He said he would abolish discrimination in its administration and continue it for those who couldn't get gainful employment.

These were the promises he made when he was speaking to colored audiences. Of course, he did not say these things when he was speaking in the south, as at Amarillo, Texas.

Nor did he explain why it was that in the utility industries, where he is already "elected," he has never done anything to wipe out the Jim. Crow hiring policies, which either exclude colored workers completely or confine them to common labor. He did not show how he could abolish job discrimination easier as head of the government than as head of a utility corporation.

Nor did he comment on the fact that the promises and general remarks he made now were made pretty much word for word by the Demoerats in 1932 and 1936. He did not touch on this at all to show why he would keep these promises in contrast to the Democrats who broke them when they were once elected.

Nor did he spend much time explaining why the Republicans when they controlled Congress completely in 1921-22 killed the Anti-lynch Bill in exactly the same way that the Democrats who completely controlled Congress have been killing it ever since 1937.

Nor did he say much about the right to vote, although he talked a lot about equality, and he did not at all take up the question of how the Republicans have helped the Democrats kill the Geyer Anti-Poll Tax Bill this last year.

But those who were able to, voted, and settled the question. So we threw all these promises in the waste-basket, in the same way Willkie would have throw them in the waste-basket if he was elected, and in the same way that the Democrats have thrown theirs now that they have been elected.

POLL TAXES HIT BOTH

The poll tax laws in operation in eight Southern states kept ten million people from voting in the presidential election last week.

This, says the Afro-American, was in addition "to some five million residents barred from the polls by sheer intimidation."

These poll tax laws, originally passed to insure lily-white elections and to keep Negroes from exerting any political influence in Southern politics, today serve to disfranchise all workers, white as well as colored.

Most white workers in these states can't vote there either, because they can't pay the taxes, which range from \$1 to \$3. In some states these taxes are cumulative, that is, even workers who paid their taxes this year were not permitted to vote unless they paid up all their back poll taxes, from the time they were 21 years old and on. That means that the longer this thing goes on, the worse it gets, and the more people it robs of their right to vote. How many workers or sharecroppers could raise the money to pay for the years of the depression?

The result is that while almost 60% of the adults in the rest of the country participate in the elections, in these eight Southern states only about 10% can enter the voting booths. And these 10% represent the ruling class, of course.

The whole thing is the best possible proof of Negro people inevitably hit and hurt the working class as a whole.

S.E. Corner Main & Chippewa

driven into a hopeless inferiority
complex. How can a few hunit would happen. There must be
dred prancing steeds compete with some horse sense left in the world.

date. our contention that laws aimed against the

War Orders Policy Hit

WAR CRISIS BRINGS FDR INTERVENTION...

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the military moves of Washington and assure the world that it won't make any difference in the democracy of the countries they back stabbing.

derstanding" with Washington by federal labor laws. which US forces would be able to use air and naval bases on Oct. 11, shortly after Atty. Gen. their soil. These bases, naturally, Jackson and Commissioner Hillconstitute the cracks where "El man had reversed their declared Tio" Sam's mailed fists will find policy that war orders would not the finger holds necessary to tear be given labor law violators, in down the last remaining pretense their testimony before the Smith of independence on the part of Committee Investigating the Na- ment in an essential industry and the Latin American countries.

HOLDS OUT FOR DOUGH

the countries south of the Rio Grande, might ask for a "loan" of as much as \$100,000,000. Before Roosevelt's winning the third term, Argentina had opposed many of Washington's moves. A large portion of this \$100,000,000 would naturally filter through the Argentinian government bureaucracy in the form of heart balm for conceding without a struggle to the demands of Wall Street.

In Buenos Aires a diplomatic source predicted that Bolivia will give up its tin ore to the US, that a transcontinental military railway might be routed through Bolivia, and that settlement of expropriation of Standard Oil will be speedily considered in view of the fact the election is over.

French bourgeoisie made into the pers? orbit of the Germany bourgeoisie, they hope perhaps to construe provisions in the Monroe Doctrine didn't want to register and why safe and secure, and when I get to fit the case. On the island of he had to. Another asked me, up in the morning I'll know no Martinique there are 100 former 'What is democracy anyhow?" He one will fire me because they just Vichy government, hence action | it and died a pauper. is considered urgent. The New York Times feels that it would be "annoying to find that this American contribution to the Allied cause should now be immobilized in the Caribbean, exposed to rust and deterioration." It would of course be better to have them deteriorate in a hurry over Berlin.

Four days after the election the State Department moved in on Mexico with a diplomatic request for "leases" of Mexican ports for military bases, the rent to be ists whose ill-gotten land has which they stole in the first place D., Jr., herself. from the Mexican people.

Oehlerite Paper **Arbitrarily Banned** By Authorities

A move in the direction of suppressing workers' anti-war papers gue (Oehlerites).

The issue contained an attack up their own armed forces. The which the publication was banned.

While the ban covers only the one issue named, a dangerous precedent has been established. In addition, all issues of the Fighting Worker must first be scrutinized by the postal authorities before being mailed, it is reported.

In Buffalo buy the APPEAL at newstands:

N.E. Corner Franklin &3 Chippewa

S.E. Corner Main & Chippewa

721 AFL Officials **Protest Contracts** To NLRA Violators

NEW YORK, Nov. 6 .- A petition signed by 721 officers of local AFL unions here urging President Roosevelt to issue an "Exccutive Order directing that all contracts for government purchasof Wall Street, including the es contain a stipulation that the bloody puppet dictators, applaud contractor shall not be in violation of any provision of federar labor legislation" was mailed October 28 to Roosevelt and Defense

Commissioner Hillman. The petition is one indication govern with machine gun and of the growing realization of the labor movement of the extreme In view of Washington's "ac- danger to union conditions that ceptance" of British ports to be will result from the government's used as naval bases on the ap- announced policy of awarding war proaches to South America, vir- contracts to corporations regardtually all the Latin American less of the fact that these corcountries have "reached an un- porations are in violation of the

The petition was initiated on tional Labor Relations Board.

A weakness of the petition was its complete failure to recognize and state that the present policy is Roosevelt's and Hillman's, It simply "respectfully urges" Roosevelt to do something about "this disgraceful condition."

There has been no direct reply on the matter from the administration, except the awarding today of a \$122,000,000 plane contract to the greatest open-shopper of all, Henry Ford.

Avoiding Class 1-A

NEW YORK-A recent issue of the New York Times carried the following advertisement of a

A Call to Arms

A Call to Farms

In peace or war, your son may serve his country as patriotically in the corn fields as on the battlefileds, and, incidentally, life close to nature is always sweet.

In a democracy like the United States, the unemployed of course have equal opportunity with the rich of buying a \$10,000 farm so that their sons can find employ-

Argentina, still the boldest of "Why?" Query Draftees As They File Past

By LEWM

report was written by one of the for the big business people, and women employed to register men by the rich people. Collectively eligible for the draft. Her impressions of the reaction of the the powers: wealth, greed, capiregistrants reflect not only what talism and intolerance. Again I occurred in the local board in which she was employed but in every board throughout the coun thoughts of another young man.

I saw and helped to register hundreds of them. The leaders, so they called them, of tomorrow. The cream of the crop, and the hope of the future. The syndicate newspapers had given them Roosevelt's legal experts are a fine send off. They were getnow puzzling out a plausible pre- ting ready to defend democracy; text to take over the French pos- but what lies behind that smoke sessions in the Western hemis- screen of patriotism and allegiphere. In view of the switch the ance for these young cannon stop-

meaning of American democracy; nomic freedom . . . " but this was not the time or place. So I registered the next lad while little card in his hand.

I thought of democracy. A gov-(Editorial Note: The following ernment of the wealthy people. by the elected representatives of looked behind the smoke screen of seeming bravado into the

> "Who is this guy Hitler?" young Negro said, "I don't know him; but believe me I know plenty about Mr. Wall Street, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Jim Crow, and Mr. Raw Deal. Those are the types I want to fight!"

I smiled knowingly. "Next He was over six feet, weighed

185 pounds. "Sure, I'm willing to fight." he

something that will do me some One lad took up a few of my good. Something that will make busy minutes explaining why he me go to bed each night feeling American airplanes held by the said that his dad had fought for don't like the color of my eyes, I wanted to define the true for security. For peace, for eco-

And then he was gone with his

SOCIETY NOTES

cessful dress rehearsal on the turned over to American capital- American proletariat, the Roosevelts and the other Sixty Famibeen expropriated by the Mexican lies who count have gone in for government, and a far-from-dip- the real McCoy-the National lomatic request that president- Horse Show at Madison Square elect Camacho initiate "negotia- Cardens. The sponsor's list is tions" with the expropriated oil strictly blue-ribbon, sporting such companies, that is, hand over to pure-bred names as Betsy Cushthe oil companies the oil lands ing Roosevelt and Mrs. Franklin of manure! Alas, no! Even here Fund

edge on the American workers, creativeness of the horse. They Already in the first days of the show, the horses can see the polite double-cross handed them by the his Intimate Hour and Blistering sporting American bourgeois, The Kiss. Horse show? It stinks worse canopy in front bristles with than a boudoir. words which would lead an innocent horse passing by to believe that horses were to be the main show inside. Yet in the ring any representative of the noblest triend of man who possessed some was taken with the barring from instinct for self-preservation the mails of the October 15 is would hesitate long before brashly sue of the Fighting Worker, organ putting down a foot. There is of the Revolutionary Workers Lea- more than an even chance that his only toe would be ruthlessly ground into the sawdust by the on boss conscription and express cleets of a tank. The place swarms ed the idea of the workers setting with trucks, mechanized gun-car riers, tanks and other direct in-Chicago. Post Office informed the sults to horses. Everything is cal-R.W.L. of the ruling of the Soli- culated to impress the world with citor of the Post Office under the extent to which machines have replaced horseflesh.

But if we concede the triumph of motor over horse as a draft display of imperialist power. instrument, one would still expect a remnant of affection and admiration for the physical beauty of Now it goes to the Red Cross for the beast. Time was when every the purpose of sewing and wiring horse pranced into the show-ring and gluing together the disjointed sleek and shining, tail in braids or curls, mane flowing or decked for the greater glory of the Sixty out in little plumes-a master- Families, piece born of days of curry-combing and loving attention, a slap horses that they are being played in the face of puny man standing for suckers. The noble name of on the sidelines in awe. And horse is being used as a cover-up now? What with the accumula- for a War Show. Or maybe the tion of minks, ermines, martens, horses know it. We would not sables and skunks draping the be surprised to see any day now horsey chassis of the female on- a string of polo ponies led by a lookers, any sensitive mount is class conscious mule picketing TOTALS

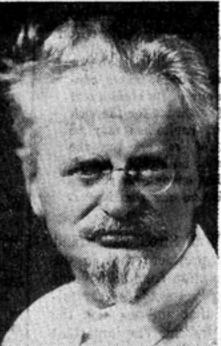
Having just completed a suc-1a couple of billion dollars' worth of diamond-studded pelts?

Very well, then. The ribbon goes to the skunk and ermine for beauty at the Horse Show. Surely, however, the horse has one retreat left: that unique badge of equine glory, that symbol of human rich ness and progress-the good healthy, invigorating, acrid smell the Sixty Families do their das-The horses, however, have the tardly worst to mock the strong call in the fascist Coty at \$50 an ounce to smell up the place with

Even from the standpoint of patriotism this show throws a sneer to the old standard. It swarms with foreigners, but the right kind. All the Good Neighbor horses and horsemen are there-Chileans, Cubans, Mexicans-with one sad exception. The "jolly Canadians," usually such a charming embellishment to a horeshow, could not come. Their interest in and devotion to horseflesh has unhappily had to give way to a passionate preoccupation with the job of preparing the Canadian working mass for slaughter in World War II.

And the proceeds? In the days when a horse was a horse and not an excuse for a the net income went for the purpose of "improving the breed." bodies of humans blasted to pieces

Someone ought to tip off the



Fourth International Features Trotsky Article

The november issue of FOURTH INTERNATIONAL. the monthly magazine of the Socialist Workers Party, will soon be off the press. It will feature an article by Leon Trotsky, "The Comintern and the GPU."

This is the article which Comrade Trotsky finished but a few days before his assassination and which he intended as a juridical document for the Mexican court in relation to the machine gun assault upon his bedroom May 24.

With a wealth of careful documentation, including special declarations by Walter Krivitsky, Joseph Zack, and Benjamin Gitlow, it analyzes the relationship between the Comintern and Stalin's secret terroristic organization, the GPU. The guilt of Stalin as organizer of the May 24 assault is established beyond all doubt by Comrade Trotsky in this. remarkable analysis. The assassination on August 20 underlines Trotsky's proofs in

Don't miss getting your copy of the November issue of FOURTH INTERNATIONAL containing this last article to be completed by Trotsky.

Long Time No See!

NEW YORK, Nov. 9-A city-wide shakedown racket that apparently has cost elevator companies millions of dollars in the last 30 years was brought to light yesterday with the suspension of 26 inspectors in the municipal Department of Housing and Buildings.

That this racket was not known to city officials for thirty years is as likely as the story of the man about town who married a chorus girl and five years later asked for a divorce on the grounds he had just discovered she had a wooden leg.

NEGRO SAILORS STILL JAILED IN BRIG ...

(Continued from page 1) get because the officers want us there to serve them . . . "

TIME TO WAKE UP

And the letter ends: "We are not trying to stir up strife, hatred or dicontentment, we are only trying to tell our people that it is time to wake up and go to the front and demand what we so justly deserve. We have slept long enough. Now is the time for more action and less talk!"

As the Courier points out: "Col. Benjamin O. Davis has been made a general in the United States Army, but that means nothing. Judge William Hastie had been named a civilian aide to the Secretary of War, but that means nothing. Major Campbell Johnson has been made executive assistant to the director of selective service, but that means nothing. THE UNITED STATES NAVY STILL ABUSES, RESTRICTS AND JIM CROWS BLACK BOYS!"

END THEIR CONTROL

That's true and it will continue to abuse, restrict and Jim Crow them as long as the Negro-hating, labor-hating generals and admirals continue to control military and naval training!

One Negro yeneral, colored assistants and aides can do nothing as long as the military caste controls things.

Let us, in addition to defending hese boys, take a page from their eroic books and carry to a finish the fight for workers' control of military and naval training!

Join The Army To Learn a Trade

For those individuals who may have been impressed by the slogans on the recruiting posters and newspaper editorials emphasizing the opportunities to learn a trade in the Army we quote the following from an editorial in the Army and Navy Register of November 2:

"In painting the picture of universal military training many sections of the American press are prone to stress the idea that the draftees, will have an opportunity for training in skills which will be useful to them and may serve to help them into jobs when they return to civil life at the end of their year's training. Such may be the case with a minor portion of the great draftee army-those young men who are assigned to the motorized or mechanical units and those who draw the maintenance outfits of the Air Corpsbut it probably will not be the case with the great mass of draftees who are to take their place in the line of the Army."

> Join the Socialist **Workers Party**

TROTSKY MEMORIAL FUND

The following additional contributions to the Trotsky Memorial

d have come i	n	this	week:
New York			\$120.00
Flint			31.00
Chicago			20.00
Toledo			10.00
Allentown			6.00
New Haven			1.50
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Buffalo has pledged \$25.00 to the fund. Allentown pledges \$15.00 and Texas \$5.00.

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Branch	Quota	Amount paid	%
Baltimore	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	100%
Rockville	5.00	5.00	100%
Lynn	100.00	75.00	75%
Toledo	50.00	35.00	70%
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Indiana Harber	150.00	85.07	57%
Allentown	15.00	6.00	40%
Flint	150.00	56.00	37%
San Francisco	100.00	35.00	35%
Detroit	200.00	65.00	33%
Newark	150.00	50.00	33%
Boston	100.00	27.00	27%
New York	1000.00	255.00	26%
Milwaukee	5.00	1.00	20%
New Haven	20.00	3.50	18%
Los Angeles	150.00	20.00	13%
Minneapolis & St. P.	aul 1000.00	100.00	10%
Akron	10.00	00.00	00
Buffalo	25.00	0.00	00
Cleveland	70.00	00.00	. 00
Hutchinson	10.00	00.00	00
Philadelphia	30.00	00.00	00
Pittsburgh	10.00	00.00	00
Portland	10.00	00.00	00
Quakertown	7.00	00.00	00
Reading	5.00	00.00	00
St. Louis	5.00	00.00	00
Texas	5.00	0.00	00
Youngstown	50.00	00.00	00

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Recruiters Wax Poetic In Film Blurb

The higer things of life, art and all that, are nct neglected in the Army. We were pleasurably surprised to find a cultured review of a newly released Warner Bros.'s cinematic gem in the November Recruiting News, official house organ of the Recruiting Publicity Bureau, U. S. Army.

In several thousand glowing words, the review describes the half-hour-run special feature techni-color Service With The Colors. We will let the masterly review speak for itself, merely high-lighting in bolder type the more exquisite phrases.

A RECRUITING DEVICE

"The film, frankly a recruiting exploitive made in the interests of National Defense by the public-spirited Warner Brothers," begins the review, "features a simple but interesting little plot," Accent on the "simple."

The plot involves two young civilians, "one from a typical American home of comfort, the other a youth in reduced circumstances and almost ready to go on relief."

Tom, the son of this "typical" prosperous family, hears an Army recruiting program on the radio and is "inspired to enlist." His whole family immediately approve and this "fine, cleancut youngster marches voluntarily off to the recruiting station."

FOR AN ASSURED INCOME

The scene switches to Charley, "the unemployed, down-on-his luck youth" who "shuffles" past a San Francisco recruiting station. An Army canvasser tries to sell him a bill of goods.

"One can see that Charley is not much impressed by the recruiting sergeant's" line of gab; "what appeals to Charley is the prospect of haying some assured income, no matter how small, good food regularly, and a clean place in which to sleep."

Charley finally gets towed in and is sworn in with a group which includes "the starry-eyed Tom."-All dope does that.

Tom, a scion of the "better" classes, "as is to be expected, pays close attention to everything told to him by the drill sergeant, and even studies Infantry Drill Regulations in his off moments." Of course, this makes him just too popular with the rest of his "buddies"-in his "off" moments.

EVEN BUMS CIGARETTES

But Charley, who comes from a "non-typical" poor family, is simply terrible, "talks back to the sergeant," n'everything. He tried "to 'bum a smoke' from a smart-looking gentleman in civilian clothes," who happens to be the regimental

colonel. The colonel, incidentally, true to the 'officer and gentleman' tradition, smilingly hands the uninhibited recruit his package of cigarettes and engages him in friendly, casual conversation" until the sergeant comes up to haul the offender into line. We remind our readers this is an Army colonel, not a Boy Scout captain.

SKULKS IN WOODS

Charley goes from bad to worse, and finally tries to desert, while he is "skulking" through a near-bye woods, he encounters a radio detail led by Tom behind a huge pile of heavy lumber. At

this point, Fate Knocks on the Door! A heavy truck is about to back into the log heap behind which are the men of the radio detail. Charley, forgetting self, rushes from the bushes shouting a warning to the men, who spring to safety. But poor Charley is himself buried under the pile of logs.

ROSE BUDS AND SERGEANTS

Getting bumped on the bean by a couple of tons of lumber miraculously turns Charley into a "good soldier." "There follows a scene-the one false note in the film-" of "the hard-boiled sergeant bringing-of all things!-a bouquet of flowers to the blushing Charley." I can't go on, boys! I'm all choked up.)

But while Charley has redeemed himself unofficially, he still must receive his official punishment for attempted desertion. He is brought, as soon as he recovers, before the colonel, "humane and understanding," who explains "in kindly, fatherly" fashion the "proud records of the fine regiment."

Contrite Charley "bucks" up, cries he has been an "utter fool" and takes his punishmentyou guessed it-"like a man." The wind-up scene shows "Tom carrying the National Colors and marching along proudly beside him and carrying the regimental colors, Charley."

WALL STREET THEME SONG

curtains in the Army tents!

24%

The review concludes," ... Throughout the ... film the song ... "Then-Now-Forever,' which was inspired by the Recruiting Publicity Bureau poster, is used as the musical motif (original emphasis, my dear,) always modulated and undertoned to good effect." Nothing to remind us of anything so loud and vulgar as a drill sergeant. dressing down a private-or an artillery barrage. Blah! Now there's even talk of putting lace

HORROR ITEM

The War Department's opposition to censor. ship was voiced by Lieutenant Colonel Stanley J. Grogan of the general staff press section who said that military officials "believed the press; would cooperate voluntarily with authorities in such a way as to make censorship unnecessary." Yep, you cannot hope to bribe or twist, thank God, our noble journalist; but seeing what he'll do unbribed, why, there's seldom an occasion to.

Henry A. Wallace, speaking at San Francisco, Omaha and Rochester branches have not made pledges up to said Latin America never before had so much faith in the United States.