ORKERS' N.A.A.C.P. Sets January 26 As River Rouge Is Protest Day Against Jim Crow Union Territory

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.

A Socialist Party Member Insists We Magnify Differences

Editor:

In a recent issue of the Appeal you ask for criticism or comment on your editorial policy. O. K., here goes.

In the first place let me say that I am in hearty agreement with practically everything that Memphis, Tenn, you print; but for the life of me I can't see where the real difference comes in, as you try so hard to make a difference, between your editorial policy, especially on Dear Comrade Gibson:

and the hellish World War No. 1, pages of the Call! victed" for the same thing. Then |-i. e., Churchill-as the Call has ernment training school, he is time of the war. Have you for- dred more examples. gotten all of this?

that capitalists favor them.

clared war soon against Germany, gram; for we are certain that in Why, then, have the NAACP which we are almost sure to have, the course of this war the socialist leaders set January 26 aside unlook out for the Appeal and Call revolution will be successfully der the title, "National Defense and all Socialist papers. Don't achieved. try to make a "distinction with-

out a difference" between the Socialist Workers Party and our party on the war question. There is the time. may be some minor difference as to details but no real difference in principles, that is if you are. as we believe you are, a real

Yes, the Appeal is a fine little you are right in opposing war. Cordially and fraternally,

DANIEL C. GIBSON

Our Answer

oppose war-time conscription as Norman Thomas and the Call? ables." What makes you think the party But what are the real facts, as of Gene Debs is the party of Nor- the same picture. Either the Nethey come to us from the histor- man Thomas? Gene Debs was a gro can get no job at all in these proletarian revolutionist; Norman key industries paying the high-Eugene V. Debs, our great lead- Thomas is a middle-class reform- est wages, or he can get a job er, served three years in a Federal ist. Where do you find the heri- only as laborer or porter doing prison for opposing conscription tage of Gene Debs? Not in the the most back-breaking work at

eren while that war was going Do you think Debs would ever a boss for a job, he is told he on. And most of the other promi- have endorsed Matthew Woll's can't be used because he isn't nent Socialist leaders were "con- committee to "aid British labor" skilled. When he goes to the govtoo, all of our papers, even in- done? Do you think Debs would told there is no use wasting including the Milwanker Leader and have hailed the "Green" (i. e., struction on him because he won't the Appeal to Reason, were sup- British) victories, as the Call has be able to get a job anyhow. pressed for opposing that war in done? We could mention a hun- Caught in this vicious circle, he

And also how can you ignore theological students and shop-dirtiest jobs or the relief rolls. the plain well-known fact that our keepers of the Call, represent the Discrimination by the officers party and its leaders and press, heritage of Gene Debs. With this in the armed forces, approved by in season and out of season, op- difference: thanks to the experi- the government, sets a pattern for pose all wars—for of course all ence of Debs and the other revolthe rest of society. Such discrimmodern wars are inspired by the lutionists during the last war, we ination implies that Negroes are old capitalist order and Big Busi- are able to go further than they, inferior and should be separated ness. The big outstanding fact is By and large, they did no more from other people, treated differthat we do oppose them at all than courageously protest against ently, that is, worse. A Negro times, and for that very reason- the war. We shall do much more who will approve such example than that, as we have indicated by the government is worse than Moreover if we have an under in our proletarian military pro- Uncle Tom.

THE EDITORS



SOWING GOOD SEED

veritable army of our comrades, from one end of the country to the other, travelling from house to house spreading the APPEAL among working-class families.

neapolis put it; "We know we are phlet by Parker bave been well carefully sowing good seed, and received. that is because it is early in the always exploit the Negroes. season and not because the soil in less than a year from now, we real true story. can be sure that revolutionary expected places."

rupled, but was increased tenfold, vance further in our work." and has been steadily maintained at that level. Mass APPEAL work is credited by the Minneapolis comrades with having contributed essentially to the large vote rolled up by Comrade Carlson in the recent Minnesota

GOOD WORK IN BOTON

place at a given time and stays versity Place, N. Y. C."

different Negro sections and the getting contacts in these sections, one an old time C. P.'er who is hiring in the war industries. the following week. The Negro As the active comrades in Min- articles and the Jim-Crow pam-

pear largely to lie dormant, but the notion that the whites will "national defense program"? All

is barren. We know we are on hands of more workers than ever issue and mix up the question as the eve of great historical events before and is really being read to who and what is responsible and we know our program is by them. Many say on being for the conditions which the Nesound. This is what fills us with visited for the second or third gro people want changed. In this inspiration and this is what keeps time that the paper was fine or way the NAACP weakens the us going. In three, two or even a certain article sure gave the fight against Jim Crowism in the

seeds will sprout in the most un- in style and make-up, articles But it is not the name alone more simply written, shorter which is to be criticized in the In Minneapolis the major stories of interest to workers. NAACP plans for "National De-APPEAL work is house to house. More stories of the every day fense Day." In its call to its mem-This work in the past period was struggles of workers and the con- bers and sympathizers, it points not merely doubled, or even quad- scripted soldiers and we will ad- to the need for "concrete action."

"PITTSBURGH COURIER"

We are pleased to note the following comment which appeared on the front page of the Jan. 11 will be asked to cooperate . . . Pittsburgh Courier, leading Negro So far so good, "Calling upon

to the discrimination against Ne- for the voicing of protests . . . ' gre sailors by the SOCIALIST That can't do any harm. "The BOSTON, Mass.—"We get our paper into the hands of many hundreds of workers each Sun- news articles and editorials, but grams. "And—that's about day. We send out four crews that has issued a pamphlet "Defend cover four different sections of the Negro Sailors" by Albert Par-Boston's working class districts. ker, selling for two cents. The WHAT'S WRONG WITH Each group meets at a certain Appeal is published at 116 Uni- THIS "CONCRETE ACTION"

Day's Activities Are Confused By Name, "National Defense Day" Program

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has set aside Sunday. January 26, as a day for the arousing of public opinion "to Concrete action against the Segregation and discrimination against Negroes in the Army, Navy and

jobs in national defense industries". And certainly, if ever there was a need for such action, this

Air Corps, and the barring of Negroes, adult and youth, from

In the Army, the Negro is segregated into separate regiments, by special approval of the President of the United States. He is being trained for the same dirty jobs he got in the last war: to fill labor battalions, digging

trenches and latrines, despised paper, and we love to read it, and and looked down on by the brass hats. In nine cases out of ten, he is officered by white men, not colored, and no colored officer can be in charge of white soldiers.

In the Navy the Negro "belongs" in a kitchen, washing dishes, preparing meals, or in the officers' quarters, cleaning their shoes and making their beds. This the War question, and the position Of course Gene Debs fought means that his pay is the lowest, of the Socialist party (Thomas) against the war; of course the his chance of learning a trade on that problem. For instance, you better among the socialist papers eliminated. And when Negro sailoveremphasize the fact that the were suppressed in 1918. But what ors speak up against this only regular Socialist party and its lead- do these uncontestable facts- to the extent of writing a letter ers and press oppose peace-time which we have cited many times to the newspapers-they are kickconscription but do not seem to -have to do with the party of ed out of the Navy as "undesir-

> In the war industries, there is the lowest pay. When he goes to is still the last to be hired, still We Trotskyists, and not the restricted to the lowest paying.

Day"?.

WHAT 'NATIONAL DEFENSE REALLY MEANS

When the bosses and their gov ernment talk about "the necessity Contract Includes for national defense to preserve democracy," they don't include the colored man as part of their democracy. They are willing to treat the Negro as cannon fodder as much as the white worker, but they aren't willing to give him equal rights and equal status in tiations, the Republic Rubber the armed forces. By direct and Company of Youngstown, Ohio, a indirect taxation and a rise in subsidiary of the Lee Tire and in this area, for as one worker the cost of living, they are squeez- Rubber Corporation, finally ing the billions for the war pro- agreed to a signed contract with gram out of the Negro as well Local 102 URWA (CIO). not willing to provide equality in

"Our paper is getting into the such a name is to confuse the

grams . . . " And-that's about all of the "concrete action."

British Air Raid Shelters Report Is For Jim Crow! CHICAGO, Jan. 18-The

CHICAGO DEFENDER, leading American Negro weekly. today published the following story from England: "LONDON-The actual sta-

tus of the Negro under British domination, despite England's lip service to 'democracy and the freedom of the people' in her present dire hour of need, was sharply brought out in a report on air raid shelters in London, just

"Viscount Cranley, 27-year old heir of the Earl of Onslow, who has made a tour of 30 of London's public air raid shelters, in reporting his findings to the London Sunday Times, came out flatly for segregation, stating:

" 'Division of white and colored shelters should be of mutual benefit.'

"Thus, even while the rich blood of Negro troops is staining the sands of African deserts in 'defense of the Empire', plans are underway to further discriminate against Negro civilians."

'concrete" action to abolish Jim pay much attention to them, any the demand to take control of the workers themselves! more than they did to the anti- these institutions out of the hands lynch bill. The most they will of these Negro-haters. do is appoint an extra Negro or | These who are serious about control of industry!

Republic Rubber

Raise, Concessions

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - After

Under the terms of the con-

three-cent an hour increase and

which will guarantee a certain

D. F. Doran, president of the

more than two months of nego-

two as a front in the offices of | fighting to change the conditions Labor. These Negro "fronts" attention will say with us of the will then be used to quiet down Socialist Workers Party: the others and to explain to them Against Jim Crowism in the ar

IN ROOSEVELT'S GARBAGE CAN

that nothing further can be done med forces and the war indusat this time, that things should tries! Instead of "national defense" of

Mere protests and letters will Jim Crow the Negro, we want THEMSELVES FOR SALE TO so great will be the public anig. not change the present situation mass defense of the Negro's right GO TO WORK FOR THE UN- mosity toward Ford that he may at all. The brass hats have up. to full equality in industry and ION! They feel the ship will soon even be forced to sign an agreelimited control of the armed in the army!

Crowism is that it will not ac- forces, and the bosses have com- Instead of idle talk, we want a complish anything by itself. Mass plete control of the factories. As program of "concrete action." men in Ford. Most of them have meetings, protests, postcards, tele long as they have this control, Against the bosses' control of the criminal records. As befits the grams and letters are necessary. they'll do just about what they armed forces and the factories! but they are not enough. The bess. please. Any serious plan to wipe Take that control away from they hold no loyalty to Ford. es' stooges in Congress will not out Jim Crowism must include them! Put it into the hands of

Fight for workers' control o military training and workers'

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scraping at the door of the labor board. He is plunging the union into drawn-out litigation against Ford, which will take months and years to come to a decision,

(Continued from Page 1) coln situation. He is waiting for

an NLRB vote. He is bowing and

If Widman thus continues to play into Ford's hands the drive will dissipate like steam out of

THE UNION HAS ALREADY FORCED PLENTY OF LABOR BOARD DECISIONS AGAINST FORD! He has already been pilloried and exposed before the public as a labor law violator. All this was useful but it didn't achieve organization. It didn't get Ford's name on a union con-

The Ford union is now at the critical crossroads of its history. Either forward to victory, or another defeat at the hands of Ford and his grisly band of cutthroats and blackjackers. The tens of thousands of River Rouge men are watching and waiting to see what the union will do. They are champing at the bit. THIS DRIVE MUST NOT BE

ALLOWED TO FAIL!

THE STAGE IS SET It means too much to American

abor; it is too crucial a fight. Thousands upon thousands of men in Ford are now union. Union men under union instructions have entered the hellish gates of the Ford empire wearing union caps and union buttons! The service department has been chal-

lenged as never before. Ford is jittery. He has dished out thousands of his dollars for newspaper advertisements, and he the Secretaries of War, Navy and to which the NAACP has called has tried his best to get publid sympathy by blaring about his support of "National Defense." How different things are now

> than six months ago! NOW the wave of unionism has the bosses' right to exploit and Service men ARE OFFERING seriously is preparing to strike,

> > There are about 8,000 service Miller Road. petty largency criminals they are. UAW! Don't play with the Ford

The Ford unionization drive ers to play with it. has so demoralized these rats that their forces are being dispersed, and they are crying "surrender".

Union men now give out leaflets without fear. The plant gates of the Rouge empire are no longer

anti-union hell. When a service man does dare to protect their union brother . . .

past brutalities. the Ford empire among the men sults! to blow the anti-union lid off for

NEXT?-that is on every Ford worker's lips.

What is now most necessary, and in fact determines the life hated by the people. That hate or death of the Ford drive, is a program of militant action to establish union conditions in

A UNION PROGRAM: ERS OUT INTO THE OPEN FOR try to stop the Ford Strike. THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY. OFF ALL SECRECY AND FEAR get a union contract or strike-AND COME TO GRIPS WITH THEN THESE WASHINGTON THE FORD DYNASTY IN THE STRIKEBREAKERS WILL BE OPEN! There is nothing to fear UNABLE TO SAVE FORD AND now. The Ford workers have the HE WILL HAVE TO SETTLE! strength and the power to do what they wish. This barrage of | rally to the support of the strikmass meetings will do two things. | ing Ford workers. It will solidify the Ford workers. bring in those who are waiting speak up now. to see what strength there is, and it will raise the morale to great heights.

zone. 3. This committee in turn

should draw up a union contract and present it to the Ford workers for consideration and appro-And this agreement should pro-

vide for at least the same conditions and wages as prevail in GM and Chrysler and should abolish the service department for all 4. THEN THIS FORD COM-

MITTEE SHOULD CALL ON HENRY FORD AND HIS MAN-AGEMENT TO MEET WITH THE UNION AT ONCE!

If Ford recuses-Ford will then be exposed before all the people of America as a flagrant violator of all the laws and all the rights established for generations by workers in this country.

5. THE UNION MUST PRE-"Fourth International" PARE TO USE ITS ECONOMIC POWER! THERE IS NO ALTER-

Ford Knows His Patriotism Pays; It Did in 1918

There is nothing ulterior in Henry Ford's current superpatriotism-oh, no!

The Flivver King gave a radio address Jan. 15, at the dedication of his new "Navy Service School" on the grounds of his River Rouge

"During this crisis our organization wants to do everything possible to help America and the President," said Ford. The Navy being our first line of defense. I feel that the training of these young men will vitally benefit our na-

"And," he added, "when the crisis is over, we can then reclaim these mechanically trained young men in our industries.'

Ford showed similar altruism when he took advantage of the last post-war depression to build up his labor force out of unemployed veterans. anxious for jobs at any wages because of the glutted labor market.

Now Ford is making a patriotic virtue-out of getting together a group of jobless youth, training them under military discipline and feeding them the pap of Fordism so that "we can then reclaim these mechanically trained young men in our industries."

NATIVE BUT TO MAKE THE PREPARATIONS FOR A STRIKE! If the union shows in this way,

so engulfed River Rouge, that that it means business, that it ment without a pitched battle on

6. BUT DON'T BLUFF! Ford Workers and members of the situation! Don't allow your leader

STRIKE MACHINERY

Be serious about it and you: will win, SET UP STRIKE, HEADQUARTERS and field kitt chens; get a supply of cots and bedding; prepare field hospithe portals to an impenetrable tals; in other words, get down to serious work. This kind of serious preparation will send the to attack a union man, many cold chills down the back of Henunion brothers are ready and able ry Ford and Harry Bennett and every one of their strikebreaking and to exact a little revenge for hirelings who will cringe before the union's strength. This kind There is enough steam up in of serious program will bring re-

If these steps are followed by the CIO, the union will be sup-Now is the crucial stage. The ported actively by all the workers men are awaiting action. WHAT of the UAW, and in fact by all the layers of the population outside of the few plutocratic parasites who are Ford's friends. He is which the people justifiably have for Ford is the greatest insurance for a union victory in any great battle,

If Ford won't deal with the union, the National Defense Coun-1. A great series of mass meet- cil and Hillman's department esings. BRING THE FORD WORK- pecially will rush into Detroit and

If you show you will not back SHOW YOUR FORCES. THROW down an inch, that you will either The entire working class will

Every union militant should

Every local union should go on record now.

It is time for the auto workers 2. At such mass meetings a to take this drive into their hands committee, should be elected to and write a great victory at Ford represent every plant in every into the glorious pages of the history of American labor.

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out an hour or two. We have been able to get some of our close Each Sunday morning finds a contacts to go out with us. "We have two crews that cover

More than that, it is hard to think a good militant, and who introof a single moment of any day, duces us to others.... Money is Jim Crowism, segregation and disfrom early in the morning to late scarce but still the Negro workat night, when a crew of our com- ers will always give something, rades does not stand at some fac- even a couple of pennies that tory gate, some union hall, some they prize highly. These lowest tense, they mean preparations for political meeting-some point of paid and most exploited workers a war to preserve these condiproletarian employment or con- are the easiest to talk to. They tlons, with the Negro used to pay centration-with a bundle of frequently ask you to come back for the bullets and to stop them.

are not impatient because we do "One thing we must do in our not often see open manifestations press is hammer on the question a struggle which is presumably of phenomenal success for our of Negro and white workers aimed against these practices of point of view. Our seeds may ap- fighting side by side, and explode the advocates and executors of the

"The paper itself is changing tries.

results are very good. We are as the white worker, but they are

tract all workers are to receive a By democracy, the bosses mean time and a half for overtime. The contract contains provisions crimination, and unlimited profits. These are the things they amount of job security to the want to defend. By national de-

Since this is what the bosses mean by the nice-sounding phrase "national defense" which they are popularizing, why do the NAACP leaders attach the same phrase to the NAACP does by giving it

armed forces and the war indus-Let us see what "concrete action" the NAACP leaders plan. "Mass meetings will be held in key cities . . . National groups (which supported the anti-lynch bill) . . . ministers to set aside part of "Great publicity has been given their Sunday services on Jan. 26

Our criticism of this plan of TOTAL

with full back pay as part of the agreement between the company As a result of this victory those workers who until now

were afraid to join the rubber

be left in their hands and that

they will take care of things.

union are now flocking into its The direct effect of this victory will be to give a good push to the other CIO organizational drives

put it, "If the boys over at Re- Thurs. public can do it, so can we."

THE RIGHT MAN

Richard Harrison, ex-army officer, writes for 17 southern Wed. papers a column called "Looking Thurs. Forward With America".

He writes it in the Oklahoma union, who was fired by the com- state penitentiary where he is pany last July, was reinstated serving five years for forgery.

TROTSKY MEMORIAL FUND

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