By B. J. WIDICK

A strong opposition group is conducting a real fight against the Stalinist machine directed by Harold Pritchett which controls the International Woodworkers of America (CIO).

Pritchett is being opposed for re-election as president by Al Hartung, president of the Columbia River District Council, in a national referendum which will be completed on Dec. 2.

Loggers' Indictment

The Opposition CIO Bloc, as it calls itself, presents an indictment against the Stalinist rule Stalin Fears German Revolution in a four-page leaflet entitled, ent Administration of

officers disregarding charges he rules. placed against them, and insisttrying their own cases.

3. They have used the Timber fy such attacks.

againnst those who oppose the bureaucracy. Communist machine.

4. They have failed to organize the unorganized: the Williamette Valley, Klamath Falls, The Redwoods and British Columbia, 100,000. They reported 100,000 members in 1939. The actual membership does not exceed 35,-

5. Squandering the union funds for two years by putting on the membership to warrant it. The International Secretary has failed to make complete reports!

6. Dictatorial (Abe Muir) tactics. Witness Orton at Carnation: Pritchett at Tacoma and Portland. The rule or ruin career boys acting as floor leaders in district conventions.

7. From time to time mysteriganizers without recommendaof the Timber Worker. New or-Some of them were known Communist Party members.

8. Using the IWA as a front to build the Communist Partyon the members' dues dollar.

Opposition's Program The Opposition CIO Bloc of-

machine control within the un- itant, democratic union.

of the lumber industry before managed to capture control of moving out into the isolated dis- this union. For three years, vatricts.

ers upon recommendation of the clique. districts, based upon knowledge | But not until this year were

4. Furnishing accurate finan- effectively. cial and membership standings to the membership. on a business-like basis. Elimi-

nate the extravagant expenses. Abide by the constitution.

the International, district, and Stalinists had become. local unions in securing the best | The case of the Opposition wages, hours and working con- CIO bloc against the Stalinists ditions for the membership.

rank and file. Extend the use of tion contains elements which can the referendum and initiative only be characterised as "red-

almost a majority, at the recent force in the labor movement, it third annual convention of the must relegate this tendency in-IWA signed this program. It to the background, and reject all represents a typical confused, opinions of that kind. but nevertheless progressive, movement as against the Stalin- good chance of winning the na-

is quite evident in the emphasis sition fears-something happens on "rank and filism." They rep- to the ballots or the Stalinistresent but one of the tendencies controlled locals are given inunited in bitter opposition to the flated voting strength. ruinous course pursued by the Stalinists sincee this section of sition, all of whom are men of the labor movement was forced long experience in this field, out of the AFL and joined the are: Les Cadieu, for vice-presi-

Carpenters Union and its Czar, retary-treasurer; and George William Hutcheson, who sought Brown for trustee.

War Camps Rumble with Revolt In the Lamps Rullivie with Income Labor Third Camp Raises Its STRIKES TIE UP Jobless Get 5c a Meal; Thead at Start of War IN CAIDO III Too High for Banksters in CAIDO III

The "democrats" are trying to convince themselves that the thunderbolts of revolution will strike only at their enemies. The former agents of German imperialism, the exiled leaders of the social democracy, now in the service of Anglo-French imperialism, assure their new masters that the thunderbolts can be harnessed to the social democratic transformers which will step them down to a safe voltage. They did it once before, in 1918, when they were able Of Negroes and Whites cents per person per meal. to bring the German Revolution within the confines of the Weimar Republic-and of Hitlerism . They will do it again, they promise.

The British are paying their money for goods which cannot be delivered! No more than Hitler was satisfied with the Sudeten mountains will the needs of Germany be satisfied with a monarcho-democratic revolution. British leaflets-and social democratic leafletswill not break the iron hoops of Hitlerism; those hoops will be rent asunder only by the shattering of the entire German social order, industrial plants. which means by a socialist revolution.

Chamberlain does not understand this and hopes for a "reason- the strike movement, Attempts "What's Wrong with the Pres- able" explosion in Germany. But Stalin does understand this, and to foment race riots against the the fears it. Stalin knows that revolutions are contagious. Were the strikers, a majority of whom horizons of the Soviet Union ringed with red instead of brown, the are Negroes, are constantly 1. Violation of the IWA con- social hatred stored up by the Soviet masses against the oppressive made. The Cairo Evening Citistitution: malicious slander bureaucracy would no longer be frozen by the fear of imperialist zen has been tying to whip up against members and officers for intervention. Capitalist encirclement today is Stalin's best ally the purpose of purging all who against the Soviet masses. The German Revolution would provide the hold honest differences of opin- Soviet working class with a new perspective, and that would mean es were successful in smashing ion; ignoring the trial procedure the end of Stalin. For, like Hitler, Stalin's strength consists not of the strike of unemployed workin the constitution; international his own resources but of the passivity of the worekrs over whom ers three years ago and fram-

The economic system of state property established by the Octo- they have been unable to make ing that when and if a trial is ber Revolution plays as deadly a role in undermining Stalin as is a dent in the present strike held they will sit on the jury played by the system of private property in undermining the rulers ranks in the capitalist countries. But with this decisive difference. Private 2. Using the Communist Party property creates anarchy and convulsions which can only be done machine to maintain themselves away with by ending private property. The state property of the in office and put over their pro- Soviet Union has demonstrated its infinite superiority over private ers of the Robets Cotton Seed gram. (Affidavits and abundant property by multiplying the volume of production in that backward Products Co. With the exception evidence is available for proof.) country by ratios unprecedented in history.

But this splendid steed cannot continue its further course under cent organized AFL Federal Lo-Worker to attack the IWA mem- the bridle of the ossified bureaucracy. It requires an entirely differ- cal is composed of Negro workbers without preferring charges end kind of guidance. The crises in Soviet economy, its dislocations, ers. They struck after a year of or presenting evidence to justi- and the panic-stricken answers of the bureaucracy in the form of futile attempts to bargain with purges and more purges-all this signifies that the economy es- the employer. An armed deputy (See the Timber Worker for tablished by the October Revolution is utterly alien to the bureauc- tried to break through the pick-June 3, 10, 17, 24; April 29; Au- racy which has usurped the power. The defense of the nationalized et line by driving his car into gust 27; etc.) Censorship property in the USSR requires the overthrow of the strangulating the strikers and brandishing a

Stalin, A Fair-Weather Friend

In allying himself with Hitler, Stalin hopes to help Hitler prevent the German Revolution which would overthrow them both. The diately. The local press is trying Communist International is already, though still in cautious terms, warning that Hitler's overthrow would "most likely" bring a monwith their thousands of potential archical regime hostile to the Soviet Union, therefore—this is the bership in the IWA in 1937 of the line so long as Hitler's military position remains favorable, as it is likely to remain during the first year of the war.

But when Hitler's situation grows difficult, Stalin will try to leave the sinking ship and swim off toward the Allies. In return for his services at this point, the Allies may permit him to Sovietize the Baltic countries, and call for the independence of Hitler's Poland in order to Sovietize it too. And with this new turn the Communist Big Front without any means or in order to Sovietize it too. And with this new turn the Communist union struck.

> But all this can take place only on the basis of Hitler's growing difficulties. The consequent military defeat of Germany will inevitably be followed by the socialist revolution in Germany. That will mean the end of Stalin too, as the Soviet workers clasp hands with their victorious brothers in Germany.

The German workers' state and the regenerated Soviet Union will understand, as did the party of Lenin and Trotsky, that their foremost task is to extend the revolution. They will put their reous appointments of new editors sources at the service of the colonial revolutions against the "democratic" empires. The twilight of the British Empire will become the dawn of a new life for the peoples of Africa and Asia. "The epoch of tion or approval of districts. wars and revolutions," Lenin called our times. In the first weeks of the Second World War we begin from the point at which the Russian Revolution and the post-war revolutions left off.

> That is the other side of the present picture of growing reaction and repression. War and its attendant horrors are one side of the coin. The other is th world revolution, whose first rumblings are now being heard in Prague and Munich, Paris and Algiers, Bombay and Calcutta, Leningrad and Moscow.

fers this as its counter-program: to give the timber workers sec- Strict adherence to the CIO ond class citizenship in the union, program. Political Action-Non- the lumberjacks thought they partisan. Drive out the political would be able to establish a mil-

However, through Pritchett, a 2. Organize the major sections smooth operator, the Stalinists rious tendencies appeared in op-3. Strict selection of organiz- position to the rule or ruin

of the industry and ability to or- the various groups able to unite ganize rather than political affil- behind a program which could rally the workers to fight the CP

Harry Bridges, California CIO director (recently demoted) was rushed by the Stalinists to the 5. Operate the International recent woodworkers convention to help head off a revolt against the Pritchett machine. This was 7. Full cooperation between how precarious the grip of the

is borne out by all the available 8. Greater expression by the evidence. However, the opposibaiting." If the opposition is to Over one hundred delegates, become a genuine progressive

The opposition stands a very tional elections for which it has The influence of the Wobblies a full slate unless-as the oppo-

Other candidates of the oppodent; Worth Lowry, for vice-After breaking wth the AFL president; H. I. Tucker for sec-

HOW THEY FIGHT

HITLERISM IN

The "Defense of Canada Regulations', under which anti-war fighters are being jailed, read like a Hitler decree. Here are the provisions under which Frank Watson was jailed:

A "DEMOCRACY"

word of mouth: (a) spread reports or make statements, false or otherwise, intended or likely to cause disaffection to His Majesty or to interfere with the success of His Majesty's forces or of the forces of any allied or associated Powers or to prejudice His Majesty's relations with foreign powers, or (b) spread reports or make statements, false or otherwise, intended or likley to prejudice the recruiting, training, discipline or administration of any of His Majesty's Forces."

"39A. No person shall print, circulate or distribute any book, newspaper, periodical, pamphlet, picture, circular, card, letter, writing, print, publication or document of any kind containing any material, report or statement, false or otherwise (a) intended or likely to (as above Par. a) above Par. b) (c) or which would or might be prejudicial to the safety of the state or the efficient prosecution of the

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IN CAIRO, ILL.

Vigilante Terror Fails To Break United Ranks

CAIRO, Ill., Nov. 17-Cairo, the town that has never been flooded", is up to its neck in a strike wave involving the major

More than two hundred business men have been deputized as special police officers to break mob action.

But where the vigilante bossing their leader, Eddie Parker,

Negro Workers Strike The strike movement began with the walkout of the workof three or four, this 100 per-.45 revolver. Somebody, probably

a fellow deputy, shot him through the head. He died immeto pin his murder on a "negro striker" although the assailant is unknown.

The militancy of the strikers at the Roberts plant spurred an organization drive in the Valley Steel Products Corp., employing 300 white and 25 Negro workers. Before the organization drive could be completed some 40 leaders were fired and the

Picket Despite Guns

On the first night of the strike, Nov. 9, a deputized vigilante group armed with rifles and pistols drove off the picket line. But as soon as it was light enough to see, the workers returned ot the plant gates and reestablished their picket linewith Negro and white workers marching side by side - before the muzzles of two hundred

Four days later, the company launched its back-to-work movement by sending threatening letters to the workers and dispatching foremen to plead and strikers. The back - to - work movement fizzled completely when only 35 stooges guarded by two hundred armed deputies marched into the plant. Outside the picket line was stronger the votes of the unemployed on elected on their ticket to the than ever reinforced by ILA the way. dock workers and cotton seed plant strikers. Since then the strike-breaking drive has come us the choice of half a loaf or tion had been introduced by a for those who are dyinng. to an abrupt end.

Governor's personal representa- relief. If you vote yes, it means the Republican Legislature had housing in Russia, but in the end tive, Vincent, Colonel Davis of you are voting to appropriate passed none of them, and that Hollywood wins and socialism the National Guard, NLRB rep- less than half the money re- the Democrats co-operated com- loses. Beautiful but poor girl resentatives and government quired." conciliators have come to town "39. No person shall by to pour oil on the troubled wasolid as ever.

Cannon Fodder Hard To Get in Canada

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) this section of Canada, as in oth- Families, pay the costs. er sections, are not taking to the governments efforts to whip up war sentiment.

Recruiting in the French-Canadian regiments is proceeding at party had moved a finger to do FIGHT AGAINST THE ducement of unusually good pay called for by the trade unions of for soldiers, amounting to nearly the state: decent wage-hour leg-\$50 a month, fails to attract recruits in sizable numbers. Results in other regiments are not much better.

On several occasions, in movie houses, British patriotic newsreel shots have been hissed at in recent weeks. Street urchins jeer (b) intended or likely to (as and ridicule companies of soldiers as they march to drill through

One big mercantile establishment has adopted the policy of discharging its young male employees to "allow" them to join the army. It is generally believed that similar measures and even sorted to in order to secure Canada's quota of cannon-fodder.

Too High for Banksters

9,000 Rochester Families Face Starvation; FSCC Administrator Threatens to End Plan

ROCHESTER, Nov. 19-Five | ties Corporation and the Roch-That was Rochester's helping tion. hand to its citizens in need up

were starving to death. ah class of citizens on relief. alone to the local banks. "Salvation" was doled out with another two and one-half cents

commodities. Bankers Offer Less

the unemployed.

The continuance of the orange and blue food stamp plan in tioned the fate of nine thousand Rochester depends now upon an families whose food will be cut agreement between the head of by a third, should the F.S.C.C. the Federal Surplus Commodi- unit be removed.

to a few short months ago, when stalled a one percent service it became evident that the needy charge on cashing the stamps

The banks of the city have ingiven by grocers. As the local Then, with the aid of the Fed- F.S.C.C. does about \$3,000,000 eral Surplus Commodities Cor- business a year, this means \$30,poration, Rochester made a pari- 000 revenue from this source Chicago 3 renewals. The list fol- the Socialist Appeal and The

ester Clearing House Associa-

Will Close Project Mile Perkins, bureaucratic head

per person per meal through em- of the F. S. C. C., declared barrassingly conspicuous orange that the local project will be and blue food stamps, entitling closed down December 1, if the relief clients to surplus farm banks do not discontinue their service charges. Raymond Ball, president of the Clearing House Now, instead of remedying the Association, states that the situation, Rochester's well-fed banks will not change their plan again to take one-third of stand. A local committee of grobankers have come along with a cers has petitioned both the govthe food out of the mouths of ernment and banks to discuss the matter.

So far neither party has men-

(Continued from Page 1) the United States in the Second World War,

That he's on the best neighborly terms with certain "statesmen" below the Rio Grande who know how to put those ungrateful greasers in their place,

That he's going to ride into the White House for a third term making everybody believe he'll keep the country out of war, the dopes.

Yes, there are people who will have many things to be thankful for. But, of course, there are

some people who will balk at celebrating this great, traditional holiday. The locked-out youth, for

example. What the hell have they got to be thankful for? Let Mr. Roosevelt and the first families of Virginia keep their traditions and holidays they'll take jobs, thank you.

The workers who were thrown off the WPA rolls. What have they got to be thankful about? And the millions and millions starving on the relief hand-outs?

The migratory workers of California, the beet-pickers of Colorado, the sharecroppers of Arkansas, what have they got to be thankful for? Their miserable wages, their underfed wives and children, their beatings at the hands of vigilan-

What will the Negro masses give thanks for? Their jimcrowed existence in black ghettos? Lynchings at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan?

Yes, Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. The Bourbons and their well-paid flunkies will offer up their many thanks.

The unemployed, the underprivileged, the ill-fed, illclothed and ill-housed will pass the day in their cold flats, their ramshackle huts and their migratory flivvers. To them Thanksgiving Day will be just another day. They have nothing to be thankful for-not under capitalism.

POLLS STRONG

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pointed out: "They have given six mild laws against discriminanone. If you vote no on the ref- Negro legislator, Frank Har-At the present writing, the erendum, it means no money for grave of Essex County, but that about stool pigeons and bad

> The Socialist Workers Party supported the referendum, callon the measure and to vote both the boss parties by staying against both parties which had away from the polls, hardly failed to provide an answer to more than half the number votlief program based on making seats in the Legislature, al-

Labor Legislation Similarly on vitally needed labor legislation. It was easy to show by the record that neither a very slow rate. Even the in- anything about the legislation

islation, anti - injunction bill, a little Wagner Act, the abolition of sweat-shops and homework,

The Fight Against Jim-Crow The Socialist Workers Party paid particular attention to the problem of the fight against im-Crowism. Again it used the record to show that the boss

pletely with the GOP.

As the result of this failure to answer any of the real isters. Strike ranks, however, are ing on the workers to vote yes sues, the workers voted against the relief, and to follow up the ing this year that did last year. elections with a mass action The Republicans swept the elecfight to force through a real re- tions again, even gaining a few MONTREAL - The workers of the wealthy parasites, the Sixty though the vote against their main plank, defeat of the relief referendum, showed how much they were trusted.

WAR;

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and literature agents of the So- that it is easier to sell the Socialist Appeal indicate that they cialist Appeal if there are stories are quite able now to distribute of local interest, such as those the twice-weekly Socialist Ap- dealing with trade union matpeal effectively and with increas- ters, factory conditions, etc. This ing success. Indeed, their legiti- is true, but for the Socialist Apmate complaint in recent days peal to carry such material, it is has been the failure of the pa- necessary also for the local comper to arrive on schedule on cer- rades to submit the stories. tain occasions. This is being remedied and, no doubt, this will aid the branches in systematizing the sale and circulation of the

Subscriptions in the recent days have not been too many. A

New newal New York City.... 4 San Francisco Boston 3 Chicago 1 St. Louis 2 Philadelpia Minneapolis 1 Allentown 1 Pasadena, Cal. 1 Washington, D.C... 1 Westport Wisconsin Cleveland

Newark is making very determined efforts to stabilize and in- ness to the Business Department crease its circulation. In recent is higher than at any previous months matters have improved period. considerably, so that the Newark unit was able to increase its bundle and its sales. Newark is selling more papers now than ever before, but has to solve other problems, including an old debt, to increase its bundle still fur-

The reports from branches | The various agents point out

New Haven, under the direction of Nick Lyons, is doing well now in the sale of the Socialist Appeal and is making special efforts to obtain subscriptions.

The Harvard unit at Camtotal of 14 new subscriptions and bridge, Massachusetts, has in-13 renewals were secured with creased its bundle order by an New York City securing 4 new additional five copies and has subscriptions, San Francisco 4 been making determined efforts renewals, Boston 3 new subs and to secure subscriptions both for New International.

While there have been a few small decreases in bundle orders. they have been sufficiently compensated for by similar increases in other localities. However, as pointed out frequently in this column, the branches have been quite weak in recent months in obtaining renewal subscriptions, as well as new subscriptions, so urgently needed in order to maintain the Socialist Appeal.

Moreover in the past month, due to varying reasons, many of the units have failed to maintain their payments on their bundles, and, as a result their indebted-

We are again publicly advising these branches and agents that, unless payments are forthcoming prior to the next issue of the Socialist Appeal, they will be sent their bundles C.O.D. This is imperative in order to insure regular publication.

WORKERS' FORUM

ANTI-SOVIET PICTURE

Dear Comrade Editor,

I am writing you to tell you about a movie I saw last night, Ninotchka, with the Great Garbo. The first twenty minutes certainly were funny and fast moving, and the three Soviet trade envoys who go to Paris to sell confiscated jewelry were real life stuff. But when their straw boss, Ninotchka (Garbo), gets to Paris to see what's wrong everything begins to slow up and leave a bad taste. At the railroad station the three Commies mistake a Nazi for their comrade, which isn't funny because it is a dirty crack at socialism. A minute later Ninotchka makes a flat joke about one of Stalin's greatest crimes, the mass trials, and says they left fewer but better

When Ninotchka falls in love with her play - boy enemy she goes from one extreme to the other. She gets drunk in a night club and wants to win over all parties were crafty enough to the stiff shirts. It is a silly specpermit one or two Negroes to be tacle. Later she says, "Bombs may fall and civilization may 80 odd places in the State Leg- die, but I want to have a good Loewenthal, SWP candidate, islature. The record showed that time." This may be all right for bureaucrats, but it's not so good

There are a few funny scenes

marries rich and good looking play-boy and they forever after. I don't think, comrade editor, that poor people can appreciate this because they know that as far as they are concerned "happy ending" is a lie, like prosperity.

J. PYTLAK New York

ANNOUNCEMENT

THEATER PARTY tendered by the Friends of the Russian Opposition Bulletin. "Chaver Nachman," by I. J. Singer, a Jewish play based on the Russian Revolution, with Joseph Ben-Ami, Celia Adler, and Ludwig Satz. At the National Theater, 2nd Ave. at Houston St., N.Y.C., on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12. Tickets are available at the National Office, 116 University Pl. Get yours early for choice seats.

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