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## **CP** Launches **Public Attack on James Kutcher**

### By George Breitman

After six months of criminal silence on the case of James Kutcher, the Stalinist press has launched a poisonous attack on the legless veteran and the supporters of his fight against the government's "subversive" black-

list and witch - hunt purge of not a Communist," he continues. federal employees.

cause it involves their firmest described by Carey McWilliams political opponents in the labor as 'a sort of international conmovement, and yet unable to spiracy for the assassination of maintain their silence because the case is winning ever-broader support, the Stalinists have been honest than the customary Stalforced out into the open. The inist brand. McWilliams is a assignment to do a hatchet job member of the Kutcher Civil on Kutcher was given to Adam Rights Committee; everywhere,

People's World, and he carried it missal. It is ridiculous to think out to the best of his ability in he would lend his support to a the Feb. 18 issue of that paper. member of what he considered

examine the question of why conspiracy. Nevertheless, it is Kutcher has the active backing true that in his speech in Seattle of many "right-wing CIO lead- last month he employed an exers who have long since abandon- pression similar to the one quoted ed any real fight to preserve by Lapin. civil liberties." As proof of such abandonment he refers to the failure of non-Stalinist union that in the question and answer leaders to support the case of period McWilliams explicitly

Irving Potash, a CIO offficial stated the remark had been faceamong the 12 Stalinists on trial tious and did not represent his views. What he was trying to in New York, and of the 15 people jailed and persecuted in Los Angeles.

### LAPIN WARMS UP

"But," he says, "the case of James Kutcher is apparently in a separate and favored category. Indeed, it has received the same kind of favored treatment from liberal publications like The Nation and The New Republic which have treated gingerly, if at all, the intensive national witch-hunt against the Communists."

Here Lapin is just warming up for the bigger lies to come. He knows as well as we do that the Nation has run only one short editorial on Kutcher, that the New Republic has had a total of

"He is rather a member of a Unwilling to support this group called the Socialist Workstruggle- for civil liberties be- ers Party which was aptly Joseph Stalin."

This "quotation" is no more Lapin, associate editor of the on his recent lecture tour, he West Coast Stalinist paper, Daily protested against Kutcher's dis-Lapin begins by pretending to an international assassination

> But it is also true — as Lapin raries knows and "aptly" conceals -

say, as many other civil liberas an are such bitter foes of Stalin-(Continued on page 2)



On the same day that Carey McWilliams was notified that he had been selected for the **1948** Thomas Jefferson Award by the Committee Against Indisclose upon inquiry whether or tolerance in America. two not he is a member of the Comspeeches on civil rights he was munist party, or who subscribes scheduled to give before teachto its doctrine, or who espouses or

# **Truman Administration Bears Responsibility for Filibuster**

## Witch-Hunt Bill Aimed at N.Y. **School Teachers**

NEW YORK, March 1-A bill to a witch-hunt against launch teachers in the public schools of New York state, recently introduced into the state legislature at Albany by Assemblyman Sharon J. Mauhs, has been denounced by the American Civil Liberties Union and professors of leading universities here.

The bill, which would bar "communists" as teachers in any educational institution in this state, was recently endorsed by this city's Board of Education, which last year banned the country's oldest liberal weekly, The Nation, from all local public school lib-

## STUDENTS TOO

Assemblyman Mauns' bill is in the pattern of similar bills before other state legislatures. The Arkansas legislature is considering a measure requiring teachers and tarians have done, was that students in state-supported schools Kutcher could not be regarded to sign affidavits that they are "agent of a foreign not members of the Communist or power" because the Trotskyists Progressive parties, with fines and imprisonment for those who make false affidavits. Oklahoma's House of Representatives

has already adopted a bill requiring "non-communist" oaths by faculty and students of the University of Oklahoma. The proposed New York state bill provides that "any person who is a member of the Communist party or who refuses to



## **By Art Preis** NEW YORK, March 3-Fran

Catholic burial ground in the area. spokesman said that the Cardinal, anti-Negro laws through the Geor- for two months and the adminis-On Feb. 12 the 47 CIO workers at a meeting of 200 strikers he gia legislature. And Senator Rusat Gate of Heaven Cemetery also

## White House Seeking a Deal With Party's Southern Wing

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### **By Farrell Dobbs**

Behind the sound and fury of speeches and cloakroom deals in the Senate filibuster stand these basic facts.

1. The Negro struggle for social, economic and political equality has grown so strong, militant and effective that politicians seeking Negro votes are compelled to promise some kind of action on civil rights.

2. The Truman Democrats, who promised such action, have deliberately strengthened the Southern Democrats and allowed them to open their filibuster unhindered, all the while seeking a compromise on civil rights legislation.

3. No compromise law acceptable to the Southern Democrats will be worth the paper it is written on to the Negro people.

4. The Truman Democrats can smash the filibuster and pass effective civil rights laws if they want to. Liberal Democrats, backed by

Northern Democratic big-city tional amendment requiring ratifimachines hungry for the Negro cation by three-fourths of the vote, forced into the 1948 elec- states. He said he might accept tion platform a plank offering federal intervention against glittering promises to the Negro lynchings only where a state "willfully" fails to prosecute people. The Dixiecrat wing bolted the Democratic convention, and lynchers. Hays thought an FEPC might

ran their own "white supremacy" candidate against Truman. be agreed to if it had no legal Truman was no sooner elected power to prevent discrimination. than he smoked the pipe of peace But he would stand for no antiwith the Negro-hating Dixiecrats. segregation law whatever. Along with the other Southern It is an open secret that the Democrats, they were given a vir-Truman administration made tual monopoly over key posts in overtures through Sam Rayburn, Congress and generously show- the poll-tax Speaker of the House, ered with patronage handouts for for a civil rights deal with the their flunkies. Southern Democrats thus encour-The Southern Democrats, howaging them to fight for a better

ever, raised a hue and cry against federal legislation on civil rights. The Ku Klux Klan intensified its terror campaign against the Negroes. Talmadge rushed fascist-like

bargain. Off-the-record talks in the House centered around possible scuttling of all civil rights promises except a mild anti-lynch law. Congress has been in session tration has not yet introduced a

six lines on the case, and that both, in the usual liberal fashion, have protested the CP trials on many occasions. "Needless to say, Kutcher is

## **SMITH ACT PROSECUTION OF CP STARTS MARCH 7**

**By Farrell Dobbs** 

FROM THE FEDERAL COURTROOM, NEW YORK, March 1 - Judge Medina today arbitrarily ended the defense challenge of the federal jury system and indicated that selection of the jury for the thought-?

control trial of the 11 Stalinists prosecutor has got the judge to throw out whole chunks of eviwill begin Mar. 7.

The defense has presented a dence showing how juries are large body of compelling evidence rigged. Acting on his own, the to prove that federal jury panels judge first halted presentation of educators into teaching only 40-hour week with no reduction Last night the strikers voted contract with the union granting are systematically packed with evidence by the defense, then cut representatives of the rich. Work- off their cross-examination of ers and Negroes have only token government witnesses, and finally representation on these panels, stopped the whole challenge prowhich is worse than outright ex- ceedings.

clusion, because it is underhanded MEDINA'S DECISION concealment of an actual policy

argument that so long as there the defense of "leading misguided is not total exclusion of a class people to believe there is discritween classes is entirely legal. jury system." Chief Judge John C. Knox, main

this district, was called to the wit-

ness stand today. He brazenly de-

clared that jurors have been and

"will continue to be handpicked"

to get "fairminded" persons. Here

is the way his system has worked

Judge Knox, himself a banker

on the side, appointed as Jury

Commissioner a corporation law-

yer who is also a director in sev-

eral corporations. For Jury Clerk

he picked a "pleasing young man"

distribution of social, racial and

The Jury Clerk works hand-in-

glove with the Federal Grand

economic groups.

as revealed by the evidence:

Under that shameful theory-the organizer of the jury system in round" raise.

## Next Week:

A big development in the defense of civil liberties. Worldfamous scientists call for support of James Kutcher!

The workers begin to stir in the Chinese revolution. Li Fujen discusses the great significance of the Shanghai strike.

Another of Bert Cochran's timely analyses of labor trends: "The Opposition Forces in the CIO United Electrical Union."

\* \* \* A review by Paul Schapiro

of C. Wright Mills' book, The New Men of Power.

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in sympathy with its cause, cis Cardinal Spellman, supreme struck. ers California were cancelled as a result of pressure by the shall be ineligible for employ- authority of the Roman Catholic ment in the teaching profession hierarchy in America, announced rank of Prince of the Church, union." American Legion and the Riverside County Grand Jury.

AIMS TO TERRORIZE

Mauhs was one of the Democratic Party's lawyers whose court the state ballot in 1946. His chief dral, Spellman's own. distinction has been his agility

jumping back and forth four times between the Republican and Democratic parties, wherever the strike and picketing.

pickings were best at the moment. teachers. Its aim is to terrorize America. They are demanding a burying the dead."

special interests of the reaction-

new pay demands.

or in the school systems of this last night he will personally lead arrogantly demanded that the more than 100 scabs recruited strikers disaffiliate from their infrom a Catholic seminary through ternational union, which he cutive board of the Association of

tery workers at Calvary Cemetery he would "no longer tolerate or boasts of Spellman's sponsorship, challenge succeeded in barring in Queens and Gate of Heaven deal with" the strikers' represent- bitterly disclaimed Spellman's the factor of the poll tax matters. But negotiations with atives and regards all strikers as charge of "communism." He said kansas suggested the poll tax (Continued on negotiations with the Socialist Workers Party from operated by St. Patrick's Cathe- having "resigned" from their jobs. that the Cardinal had tried to fight be decided by a constitu-

> He has also secured a court **RED HERRING** order requiring the strikers to show cause why an injunction dents from St. Joseph's Seminary, a back-to-work movement. should not be issued to halt their Yonkers, are coming by bus and

The striking workers, all Cath- form other strikebreaking chores.

views in conformity with the in weekly pay instead of the old by secret ballot 182-0 against ac- an 8% wage increase but no re-48-hour week at straight time. cepting the Cardinal's demands. duction in hours or time-and-a-Their strike began on Jan. 13, Union president Joseph Manning half for Saturdays.

Concealment of an actual poincy of exclusion. The government prosecutor has sought to defend the anti-demo-cratic jury system with the slick Judge Medina will announce his decision on the jury challenge on Mar. 4. He made clear what that decision will be when he accused COPOLICY Weakens Wage Drive

of people, a "disproportion" be- mination and corruption in the drive has bogged down more deep- to break through the employer ly than its similar campaign at

#### HEAVY HANDICAP

Layoffs and wide-spread reduc-Last year it was the CIO United Automobile Workers, spear- into line. that forced the first wage concessions and broke the corporation front after the big employers had all declared they would grant no wage increases of any kind. This year, the UAW is handicap-In fact, leaders of the Amalped by a two-year contract" in gamated Clothing Workers, on General Motors that bars reopenthe first signs of increased unem-

ployment, hastened to announce they would "postpone" their efwho knows about the geographic forts to get wage raises this year. CIO Textile Workers leadtion until next year. ers have dropped demands for

of an arbitrator denying wage Jury Association, a private organ- increases for 23,000 employes of dustry-wide bargaining, UAW responsibility on the Ford work- at any price" with the corpora- only displaces a few thousand ization that receives duplicate the American Woolen Company. President Walter Reuther and ers for breaking through the tions, is taking the lead in presscopies of official jury records; General Electric has brushed Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey wage front. furnishes preferred lists of jurors aside demands of the Stalinist- at the recent UAW conference

to the Jury Clerk; provides grand controlled United Electrical Work in Detroit proposed once again jurors with a special handbook ers, whose leaders have respond- the divisive "one-at-a-time" stratelling them how to act; and pub-ed with a blustering statement tegy that has proved so costly demands this year, with their all the auto workers in a concert-THEY HAVE NO ANSWER lishes for circulation among but no proposals for action and in previous post-war wage fights stress on pensions, underscores ed drive for wage raises and pen-(Continued on page 4) are evidently waiting, as they did of the auto workers.

His Eminence, who holds the

picket lines of striking CIO ceme- claimed is "Communist." He said Catholic Trade Unionists, which

"break the union" in several telegrams and letters sent out to the

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had summoned to his residence, sell of Georgia insolently put in civil rights legislative program. urged them to go back to work the Senate hopper a bill calling Bills submitted by individual Con-"as individuals without any for deportation of Negroes from gressmen are gathering dust in the South.

More than 100 priests and stu-workers in an effort to mobilize TOLEDO JOBLESS INCREASE AS **AUTHORITIES TWIDDLE THUMBS** 

#### **By Milton Alvin**

TOLEDO, Feb. 25 - Unemployment figures show a steep rise in the past week in this area. From an estimated 7 to 8,000 iobless workers the number has jumped to over 10,000. Willys-

Overland Motors, the largest plant in town, is expected to shut unemployment of 10,000 workers

er recently employed. At a city-wide Labor Management Committee meeting held people back to work. yesterday, Gosser accused several of the large corporations of mov-

occasion to spread propaganda for a wage cut by claiming that Chrysler, then GM will have to only after 25 years service in the Toledo cost of production was follow suit in spite of the exist- same corporation. Workers who pricing products made here out of the market. The meeting adopted ing contract. "Public opinion," are forced to take employment claimed Reuther, will force GM in another corporation within the a proposal by Gosser, supported industry might lose years of acby Libby, Owens, Ford Glass Co. crued service applicable for pen- President John D. Biggers, to esto expect Ford or Chrysler to sion benefits. The only way to tablish an "exploratory program" grant anything substantial to have an adequate pension plan is with three to six "experts" paid their workers while their chief to base it on industry-wide serby company and union funds to competitor is protected by con- vice. This, of course, cannot be study the question for a few

tract from further wage demands. obtained except through industry- months. Meanwhile, hundreds of unem-

Drawing the lesson of the proployed workers filled the Unemlonged and costly 1945-46 GM ployment Compensation office, Thomas Thompson, Ford Local strike and the weak and inade- overflowing into the streets. The 600 president and a Reuther sup- quate GM contract of last year congestion was so bad Wednesporter, has come out for indus- resulting from the "one-at-a- day morning that the officials ness of the corporation big shots try-wide bargaining; the program time" strategy, the progressive requested groups of workers to Committée for a Militant and wait outside in the street.

The drastic curtailment of proaround this obstacle through in- scheme to put the burden and tacked Reuther's policy of "peace duction at Willys-Overland not posed solution of the president of ing for industry-wide bargaining. but will effect an equal number The auto militants are demanding in Toledo plants that supply parts ty in Toledo it would be a simple full-scale, united mobilization of for the former.

> Mayor Di Salle stated that the the bosses can think of is speedcity was in no position to stand ing up those still on the job.

down for two weeks and accord- for any length of time. He reportng to Richard Gosser, UAW Vice ed that for the first time in six President, will recall only 4,200 or seven years people were comworkers and not 10,000, the num- ing to City Hall looking for jobs. However, like the employers, he had no idea of how to put these Local labor leaders have not

yet come up with a workable proing work from Toledo to other gram to solve this problem. Alcities. The employers used the Workers is on record for a 30hour week, nothing has as yet been done to implement this demand. Now that unemployment figures have reached a staggering total for this community, displacing about one out of every 8 or 9 workers from his job, the time is ripe for the unions to demand a 30 hour week with 40 hours pay. This is the only practical way out of the dire position the laid off workers find themselves in. The unions should lose no further time in making this demand upon the companies.

BOSS CALLOUSNESS

To illustrate the blind callouswho are sitting securely upon the huge profits made in the last several years, we quote the prothe Textileather Corp., Jules D. workers from jobs at that plant Lippman, who says: "If we could achieve a high rate of productivimatter to attract new industries." While workers are being laid off in all parts of the country, all

ers.

opposition to pay boosts. this time last year for a "third

tion of hours are cutting deeply into take-home pay and making headed by the Chrysler strike, more imperative the need for increased purchasing power thru wage increases. But the top CIO leaders have failed to organize any concerted campaign to win

> ing of the wage contract until 1950. A clause in the Chrysler contract removes pension and welfare demands from negotia-

Instead of seeking a way a g a i n s t the Reuther-Mazey Democratic UAW, which has atwage boosts following a decision

> GREATER NEED THIS YEAR The very nature of the UAW's the need for industry-wide bar- sions.

And no one knows this better wide bargaining.

It is rank nonsense, however,

than the Ford and Chrysler work-

of the militant UAW opposition,

The Mauhs bill is part of the olics, are members of CIO United The Cardinal ordered suspension has had contracts with the mangrowing campaign in this country Cemetery Workers Local 293, af- of all classes to release "all phys- agement of the struck cemeteries filiated with the Food, Tobacco ically able seminarians to assist since 1946 and that prior to the to impose "thought-control" on and Agricultural Workers of in the corporal work of mercy of strike the St. Patrick's trustees

"HIGH-HANDED ACTION" auto today to dig graves and per-

He pointed out that the union

had been willing to renew the old

"The action of the Cardinal," he

in Queens and Gate of Heaven deal with" the strikers' represent- bitterly disclaimed Spellman's civil rights issue. Hays of Ar-

FEELERS FOR A DEAL

Meanwhile Southern Congress-

some musty file. Senator Lucas, Democratic ma-

jority leader, tried to shunt aside men put out feelers for negotia- the civil rights question and the tions with the Trumanites on the impending filibuster fight in favor of bills dealing with tenth-rate (Continued on page 3)

ary big business class and its when 249 employes set up picket called Spellman's "communist" political birelings. lines at Calvary Cemetery, largest charge a "red herring." A union The CIO's "fourth round" wage | last year, for some other union | They contend that if they can | gaining. The pension plan adwin concessions from Ford and vocated by Reuther would pay off

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### THE MILITANT

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of "producing for export without

-defended by the Communist

chasing power of the masses.

And it disarmed them politically,

The Belgian Trotskyists call

mobilize the masses against un-

employment, demanding that idle

ers' control, and that hours be

## -Labor Union Trends— THE STRUGGLE FOR **CONTROL OF THE UE**

By Bert Cochran

and ruthless practitioners of the

no-strike pledge. They were out

n front building "labor-manage-

nent" committees and councils

to eliminate "waste" and speed

up work. They became the loud-

mouthed spokesmen for speedup,

taking the initiative in introduc-

ing and ramming down their

members' throats incentive

schemes, bonus plans and other

piece-work and speedup con-

Is it any wonder that under

militancy of the workers was

dampened and their ability to

during the Taft-Hartley period

the UE proved the most vul-

nerable, of the "Big Three" in

the CIO, to company attack and

strike-breaking attempts? Is it

any wonder that the UE leader-

ship could not mobilize the neces-

sary strength to beat back union

smashing at the Univis plant in

Dayton, Ohio and at Bucyrus-

In its present line of pseudo-

militancy the Daily Worker is

clasting - quite correctly - the

timorous, wishy-washy wage

policy of Murray and Reuther and

seeks to counterpose to it the

Matles, Emspak and Fitzgerald.

The facts do not bear out these

fancy pretensions and glib talk.

On the level of wages and shop

conditions, the UE-under Stal-

inist leadership-has never been

a leader in the field but has

trailed behind the other major

CIO unions. Last year, the UE

The figures further show that

the wages of UE workers are

lower than in the other major

mass production industries. The

latest Department of Labor

and white. Here they are:

Electrical Equipment

Electrical Machinery

Radio & Phonographs

of

'class struggle unionism"

Erie in Evansville, Indiana?

The United Electrical, Radio | Stalin-Hitler pact, the Stalinist and Machine Workers of Amer- fuehrers in the UE, after the Nazi attack on Russia, literally ica — the third largest union in began wallowing in companythe CIO with a membership of unionism, jingoism and red-baithalf a million or more-is now in the throes of an embittered battle just plain shop militants to the for control, reminiscent of some of the slugging faction fights of had them run out of the shops. past years in the auto union. They were the most shameless

If there is any union experience that demonstrates to the hilt the bankruptcy of Stalinism and its baneful influence on the working class movement, it is the experience of the UE. The Stalinists here have had every possible opportunity to show what they could do. They enjoyed ideal conditions to build a left wing cadre and fuse their own leadership with the broad

ranks. trivances. The Stalinists were the original founders and first organizers of UE SHOP CONDITIONS

the union. They moved in on the ground floor and established their monopoly of control. Until a couple of years ago, they ruled over this big union, with jurisdiction over a number of key industries in the American economy, without any opposition, without any competition, without any interference. They had all the main offices, the treasury, the union paper and propaganda machinery. the undisputed authority.

BUREAUCRATIC BRUTALITY With what results? Until the eruption of the present faction struggle, the UE was one of the worst machine-ridden structures in the CIO. The membership was permitted about as much democracy as the peoples of Stalinistrun Eastern Europe. Every semblance of opposition was consistently and brutality squelched, every critic was labelled a company stooge and where possible. run out of the union. As late as the 1947 convention, the Stalinists tried to outlaw oppositions by declaring the Carey-Block caucus an "outside agency" and summarily ordering it to disband. The Stalinists gave a demonstration of bureaucratic arrogance and arbitrariness that must have turned many an AFL boss green from envy.

The most important task of Socialists in a union is to educate workers in class consciousness, militancy and the precepts of class solidarity. Have the Stalinists any notable achievements in this respect? Why, the UE membership is one of the most backward of the whole CIO. There is no large body of aggressive militants and seasoned shop stewards and strike leaders in the UE

Average Hourly Earnings (These are not hourly wage

Auto

ployers' resistance.

**Stalinists Attack James Kutcher** (Continued from page 1) doesn't think the case was a ism, and that this fact showed "boner." Despite mounting crit-

how far-reaching the current licism from unionists and liberals, he persists in upholding Kutcher's dismissal; in keeping the SWP on his blacklist; and in refusing The Trotskyist party, Lapin it a public hearing.

witch-hunt was.

'AN ODDITY"

declares. "has not cavilled to co-3. In fact, long after all the operate with the most reactionary facts in the case were printed and anti-labor forces. . . It has in the press of all groups except been praised by the U.S. Chamber the Stalinists, the Truman ading. They fingered radicals and of Commerce, and has been useful ministration last December issued to the FBI. As McWilliams in- through its Loyalty Review FBI and the managements and dicated, it is an oddity that he Board the infamous Memorandum should lose his job." No. 32, which makes it manda-

An oddity? It would be the tory to dismiss from government eighth wonder of the world if the service all members of the SWP, present administration, with the CP and Workers Party, regardaid of the FBI, would fire a less of the circumstances surmember of a party that cooperates rounding individual cases. This with anti-labor forces, is praised was the administration's direct by the Chamber of Commerce answer to the Kutcher protest. and is useful to the FBI! Wouldn't

such a man get promoted and WHAT THEY CONCEAL As always, the facts not only rewarded instead of fired and

refute the Stalinist slanders but stigmatized? In an effort to explain this bring to the surface the truths contradiction, Lapin proves him- about their own record which self a real master of the poison- they are trying to hide. For ex-

pen: "Perhaps Kutcher's dis- ample: 1. It was the Stalinists who missal was a product of overthis kind of leadership the native enthusiasm or of sheer ignorance cooperated with reactionary and on the part of hard-working FBI anti-labor forces in policing the officials. If those who espouse no-strike pledge and the speed-up his case seek merely to get him during the war. The Trotskyists weakened? Is it any wonder that his job back, a friendly hint to never have collaborated with the Department of Justice that these forces in war or peace.

it committed a boner would no 2. It was the Stalinists who held out the hand of comradeship doubt be sufficient." Lapin and his Stalinist masters to the Chamber of Commerce and know how foul this slander is, the NAM during the war. The and so will everyone else who Trotskyists never did, and the Chamber of Commerce never in takes the care to examine the its entire history "praised" the following facts: Trotskyists.

1. Kutcher was fired because 3. It was the Stalinists who the Attorney General placed the Socialist Workers Party on his collaborated with the Department of Justice in upholding the "subversive" blacklist along with the Communist Party and other conviction of the 18 Trotskyists listen to "hints" and insist on Militant has also consistently in the Minneapolis trial under organizations. The over - enthusiastic, ignorant, hard-work- the same Smith Act now used to ing FBI officials did not initiate persecute the Stalinists. The the case; they executed the policy | Trotskyists were not only persecuted by the Department of set down by Truman and Clark. Justice and the FBI during the 2. The Department of Justice

war, but ever since, as the "subis not in need of a hint, gentle or otherwise, to learn the facts about versive" list proves. "But in any event," Lapin conthe case. Clark has heard about

them in far-from-gentle terms tinues, "it [the Kutcher dismissal] from scores of organizations. was outside the mainstream of Kutcher himself met with Clark the current attack on civil liberto protest both his dismissal and ties. And by the same token the the entire blacklist system. Clark defense of Kutcher is outside the



NEW YORK, March 4-George treasurer of the Akron CIO Novack. National Secretary of Council.

Before leaving on his tour tothe Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, today started upon his day, Novack addressed a group some of his advocates is that six-week speaking tour to further of students at Brooklyn College, they seek here a convenient escape the campaign in behalf of the N. Y., at a civil liberties meet- from the battle, a safe civil opposing support for the Min- situation as merely a "return to statistics tell the story in black legless veteran. Novack's first ing arranged by the Debs Society liberties case on which they can stop will be Pittsburgh where he of that university.

is scheduled to speak tomorrow New York City Teachers Union tagged as Communists them-at a noontime public meeting of Local 555, CIO United Public selves. the American Civil Liberties Workers, recently endorsed the "But others of his backers have Stalinists preached that civil The Socialist Party, with a



Protesting the death sentence on six Trenton, N. J. Negroes, nore than 100 unionists, housewives and Negroes picket the New Jersey State House. Opposition to this Northern Scottsboro frameup is spreading throughout the nation, but Truman and the other politicians who spoke with such indignation about the Mindszenty case have still to be heard from on this case in their own backyard.

mainstream of the defense of ignoring or apologizing for the ivil liberties." persecution of Communists whose

Lapin would like people to belefense is now the first line of lieve that this is so, but Truman defense of all civil liberties." and his witch-hunters think dif-But how does support of Kutferently. As Memorandum No. 32 cher "disrupt" support of Stalshows, they recognize the Kut- inist victims of persecution? cher case to be the most direct | Everywhere that Kutcher himself as well as most dramatic assault speaks on the case, he urges supon their blacklist system that has port for the civil rights of the yet been made. They know a vic- Stalinists as well, despite the tory for Kutcher will discredit unbridgeable political differences the whole purge set-up. That's that separate them and despite why they stubbornly refuse to their sabotage of his case. The standing by their admittedly-un- tied the two together, and has popular victimization of the printed as much on the CP trial legless veteran. since it began as it has on Kut-The ones who are really "outside cher.

the mainstream of the defense of WHY THEY'RE ISOLATED civil liberties" are those who

Now there is one grain of truth riches. openly approve the Kutcher dismissal - Truman and Co. - and to be found in Lapin's final those who seek to deny its distortions-namely, that certain like a tidal wave. In the last significance or prevent the labor and liberal leaders, includ- months of 1948. Belgian exports mobilization of mass support for | ing some of Kutcher's supporters, | hit their maximum, establishing Kutcher - notably, the Stalin- refuse to extend any aid to the ists above all others. This isn't Stalinists, despite our repeated Christmas sales broke all records. the first time that the Stalinists warnings and appeals to them. Profits reached an all-time high have seen eye to eye with a One reason is that they are four times the 1946 figure. reactionary capitalist govern- buckling under the pressure of ment, nor will it be the last time the government's "cold war." that they give objective aid to But there is another reason: And that is the CP's own atthe policies of such a governtacks on the principles of labor the 1938 line. The bottom of Lapin then finishes his article solidarity and united labor de- the home market was knocked

fense against attacks on civil out by the inability of the workby returning to his first point: 'The best that can be said for liberties! During the war the Stalinists their labor. worked themselves to the bone

neapolis defendants on the ground equilibrium and normalization, speak up without fear of being that the Trotskyists were against giving them a vast reserve army

inist isolation today.

Another is the stand of the CP

on the Kutcher case itself. If the

Stalinists won't support his case

because they disagree with his

politics, then why - many people

ask - should we support the

Stalinists when we disagree with

Lapin's own article - allegedly

support from the Stalinist defense

designed to prevent diversion of

# World Events

What Has Happened | capitalism itself. And the policy **To General Markos?** any demands for wage increases"

Last week's Militant reported hat the purge of General Markos, Party from "liberation" to Febformer leader of the Greek par- ruary, 1948-speeded the crisis. isan movement, was connected This policy held down the purthe Tito-Cominform rift. the Swiss weekly, Die Now Weltwoche, claims that Markos tying them to the capitalists' exwas kidnapped by the Stalinist port program. police in Bulgaria and transferred to Moscow. According to Die for a revolutionary policy to Weltwoche, the Kremlin had

positive proof of Markos' secret collaboration with Tito and has plants be operated under workaccused Markos of "Trotskvism." What has happened to Markos? reduced to spread available work Where is Markos? Revolutionary without cuts in wages. socialists have the duty to demand answers to these questions from the Stalinists, and to arouse

these answers.

struction."

the labor movement to secure in Many Lands The Greek Stalinist party is not the only one torn by inner conflicts, expulsions and purges. Heavy Unemploym't

Every day brings new informa-Hits Belgian Labor tion about "dissidents" among Devastating unemployment has the Stalinists: According to a special dispatch

**Stalinists Purged** 

struck the workers of Belgium, from India to the N. Y. Times. the country whose post-war economy was hailed by the world Feb. 26, "a number of prominent party members, including the press as a "miracle of reconormer general secretary, P. C.

Joshi, have been expelled. It For the past two months, the is said that this development number of unemployed has rerepresents a 'purge' of the mained between 250,000 and 300,-'bourgeois' element in the party.' 000. High as the figure is, it In Norway the entire leaderunderstates the misery of the working class. Concentration of ship of the Communist Party lay-offs in the most important was changed at a national Congress attended by Harry Pollitt. industrial areas, Flanders, Antsecretary of the British CP, and werp and greater Brussels, in-Larsen, secretary of the Danish tensifies the hardships. CP. The purge was apparently In the port of Antwerp 12,000

out of 16,000 dock workers have due to a dispute over the party been without work for months. line on the Atlantic Pact.

Felix Monteil, member of the At Flanders, the majority of the Central Committee of the Spanish textile factories have closed down. More than a million men, women CP, has resigned as a result of and children are deprived of the differences said to have existed barest necessities of life, in a since November.

According to the Paris paper. country flooded with goods and Combat, the recent split in the

Israeli CP was along pro-Zion-The unemployment crisis rose ist and anti-Zionist lines, with the anti-Zionist opposition accused of being connected with the Stern gang. a favorable balance of trade.

Repercussions of the Tito affair are still going on in Canada. Three leading members of the Council of Canadian South But while industrial production Slavs, a Stalinist Croatian worksoared to 25% above the pre-way ers' group, were expelled last 1938 level, the standard of living month, for having advocated the of the masses sank to 30% below publication of Tito's position as well as of the Cominform documents. Among the three was the editor of the Council's paper, ers to buy back the products of Yedivinsto. Expulsions have also

peen reported from the Hamilton, The capitalists look on the Ont., branch of the Council.

## Unions Outlawed In Venezuela

The military government of

vaguely comparable to the milirates.) tants of the auto union in Michigan, or the militants of the Industry rubber union in Akron. The UE Soft Coal membership does not even com-Hard Coal pare favorably in this regard Rubber Tires with the steel workers, who for a decade have been under the Iron & Steel heel of the Murray machine. **UE** Industries

#### A ZIG-ZAG LINE

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These wage figures are even more unfavorable to the UE than subverting the union and the workers' interests and needs to they seem at first glance. In the the zig-zag line of Stalinism and auto union, for example, piecethe dictates of the Kremlin? work and bonus systems have From 1937 to 1940, the UE been eliminated in all the imleadership drummed into the portant shops. Thus, the average heads of the members the gospel hourly earnings and the hourly of Roosevelt, of reliance on the wage rates are roughly the same great white father in the White thing. The UE, however, is House. Matles and Emspak claim- rotten with piecework, bonus ed they were "left wingers," but plans and speedup schemes. The figures quoted above are they outshouted Lewis and Murray in their uncritical praise of therefore considerably higher Roosevelt, and built up inside than the average hourly wage their own union the cult that rates prevailing in the industry.

Lewis and Murray were peerless CHAOS IN BARGAINING and unblemished labor leaders In the auto union, where the who should be followed and Stalinists are in opposition, they obeyed without question or doubt. Following the short spell of howl about industry-wide bargainspurious militancy during the ing. But in the UE, where the



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Stalinists have a monopoly of leadership, they have not taken in thirteen years one single, solitary, concrete step to effectuate level of some of the other important industries and wipe out the wide differential in wages existing between one locality and the next, and from shop to other major CIO union is there American Trotskyism, is must such a gap in wages between the reading. smaller and the larger plants and frightfully chaotic state.

As an example: Last year, the difficult task of combatting the UE moved in behind the auto powerful alliance which the new workers and secured their 111/2 conservative labor bureaucracy cent wage increase in GE and has made with the most bitter Westinghouse. The UE interna- ideological foes of Marxism. He

ional organizers then proceeded cites this as an instance of the to sign contracts in the smaller highly complex problems facing shops which provided for 10, 9, the revolutionary socialist move-8, 6 cents and even lower wage ment today in contrast to those ncreases, and in some cases no of Debs' time.

"The influence of the capitalncreases at all. Anything went. This is the incontrovertible ists and their ideology inside the record of thirteen years of Stal- working class is the main factor inist leadership of the UE - a impeding the socialist emancipa- of the military comes first. record of ineffectiveness, com- tion of the workers," declares

pany-union policies, bureaucrat- Cannon. "The grand strategy of ism and betrayal. Far from the the revolution, the key to the self-styled "left wing" leadership overthrow of United States cap-

ing policies and the winning of unions.' Bert Cochran in "A New Union superior wages and working con-

litions, the Stalinists distinguish- Bureaucracy" analyzes in some ed themselves only by their more detail the new social formation unscrupulous demagogy, by their which Comrade Cannon considered brutal suppression of all dissi- in a broader setting. He foresees dents and by their softness and the rise of a new union leadership which "are not only in opposi-(A second article dealing with tion to the bureaucracy but are

the history and program of the also anti-Stalinists." "The Priests Bore from With-UE opposition group, will ap-

pear in next week's Militant.) in" is an informative expose by

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From Pittsburgh Novack will local is dominated by a Stalinist the case a possibility for divert- minority parties holding unand 9 and to Akron on March 10 The Minnesota Kutcher Civil Angeles and New York cases, for and 11. On March 10 he will be Rights Committee reports that disrupting the fight for civil

"There can be no other ex-Akron branch of the Kutcher the petition circulated by one of planation for the deliberate at-Civil Rights Committee. Among its members asking President tempt of right-wing labor leaders the sponsors of the Akron meet- Truman to restore the victimized and some liberal publications to play up the Kutcher case while ing is Paul Fessenden, secretary- veteran to his job.

ment.

## 'Fourth International' Scores a policy of industry-wide bargain-ing, bring UE wages up to the With Another Excellent Issue

## By Joseph Hansen

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to the United States.

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Kutcher defense, although this less innocent motives, and see in liberties should be denied to majority in the government, tries Venezuela which seized power to deprecate the crisis as a last November, has dissolved the ing attention from the Los popular views. Many unionists matter of "purely conjunctural" Confederation of Workers, chief and liberals today accept that unemployment. It blames, "dis- labor organization of the country. locations" of the economy, such It also dissolved the Printing the Stalinists. This approach is as the "exaggerated expansion" Workers Union, Workers Federaof the textile industry while tion of the Federal District as false and short-sighted today others, such as building, are "just | (Caracas) and Workers Federaas when it was employed by the

beginning" to recover. From this tion of Miranda State. Stalinists during the war, and the reformist SP concludes that All the organizations were will have the same disastrous it can fix things up with a little charged with "engaging in antieffects later on. But it is one of Venezuelan agitation" as a result planning, a bit of "tinkering" the explanations for the Stalwith the capitalist system. of a printers' strike. The walkout

The Stalinists howl that the had left Caracas without news-Marshall Plan is to blame, for papers for two days - thereby swamping the Belgian market halting capitalist "agitation" with American products. But in against the workers' demands. The Venezuelan government is actuality American exports to Belgium have decreased in the one of the "democratic" police past two years. states approved by the State De-The root of the trouble is partment in Washington.

## THE MILITANT ARMY

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"It is quite self-evident that the radicalization of the working class in the United States has passed only through its initial phases, almost exclusively in the sphere of the trade union movement (the CIO). The pre-war period, and then the war itself may temporarily interrupt this process of radicalization, especially if a considerable number of workers are absorbed into war industry. But this interruption of the process of radicalization cannot be of a long duration. The second stage of radicalization will assume a more sharply expressive character. The problem of forming an independent labor party will be put on the order of the day."

- Leon Trotsky, Last Article, 1940.

## **Unemployment and Unions' Duty**

So far as the Truman administration is concerned, it proposes to do exactly nothing either about the millions already unemployed or about the spreading cuts in the work week. This is made amply clear by the latestofficial pronouncements from Washington to the effect that the economic outlook remains "bright and promising." People with such a rosy outlook obviously see no reason at all to worry. To them, two or three extra millions added to unemployment rolls represent, at most, a return to "normalcy."

This viewpoint was unequivocally expressed by Mr. Leon H. Keyserling, who is today Truman's principal economic adviser. In reply to a question of just "when would the government really get agitated" over unemployment, Mr. Keyserling gave the following answer:

"That's a matter of popular psychology, and anybody's guess is as good as mine. I think that, under current conditions, if unemployment got up in the neigborhood of 5,000,000 there would be very strong sentiment for a vigorous counteroffensive." U. S. News, Mar. 4.)

Official government figures continue to place current unemployment at below 3,000,-000. This means that the situation would have to become approximately twice as bad as it is, before Truman and his advisers, with Mr. Keyserling at the head, would even consider doing something about unemployment.

There is, of course, nothing surprising about such sentiments of indifference and callousness from this quarter. When did capitalist politicians and economists ever take a different atttude toward problems which involve the vital interests of the working masses?

But what are the official leaders of the labor movement doing in the meantime? How long are they ready to wait before bestirring themselves into action. Who, if not they, must take the initiative in coping with the problem of unemployment?

Today, it is no longer a question of taking the necessary preparatory steps as The Militant advised several months ago. The need now is for measures to safeguard the jobs in one industry after another. Among the most effective measures is the institution of the 30 hour week without any cuts in weekly "takehome" pay. The whole weight of the organized labor movement must be thrown behind this justifiable demand which has long ago been adopted by many unions and for which there is undoubtedly overwhelming sentiment among the ranks.

What makes the situation even more urgent is that slashes in hours of employment are becoming at least as widespread as wholesale layoffs. To delay any longer with the fight for the 30-hour week at 40-hours' pay is to place in jeopardy the livelihood of millions upon millions of workers.

## Liberals and the Atlantic Pact

Although its specific terms remain concealed, the secretly-drafted North Atlantic pact-the first peacetime military alliance in U. S. history-has been endorsed by liberals of almost all stripes. They accept the secret diplomacy preparing the pact. They accept the pact's imperialist authorship and aims. Nor do they blink at the virtually unlimited power the pact would give Truman to singlehandedly drag this country into war. Some liberals, of course, give the pact of "critical" support. Which means they have a minor complaint or two about the way the Wall Street diplomats and militarists are engineering the pact. Thus, Frieda Kirchway in the Feb. 26 Nation scolds the State Departmen for its "shocking blunder" and "amateurishness" in trying to shove the pact down the throats of the Scandinavian countries. But the most vociferous section of the Trumanite liberals-the Social-Democratic crew that speaks through the New Leadergives the pact unqualified support. What arouses these self-styled "anti-totalitarians" is that some people are trying to throw a monkey-wrench into the works by insisting that the pact is in clear violation of the Constitu-

granting Truman almost unlimited power to take this country into war, then never mind the Constitution, says the Feb. 26 New Leader. Its front-page editorial, "Defense and the Democratic Process," becomes down-right indignant that some people are citing a constitutional provision "as an argument to prevent preparation for the struggle against the tyrants." It rises in righteous anger against "the democratic process . . . being used to ham-

TOMORROW'S CHINA by Anna Louise Strong. Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, New York, 1948, 128 pp., \$.65.

#### By Li Fu-jen

One of the outstanding facts | what system is to replace this bout the current policy of the supposed feudalism. Is the disposhinese Communist Party is its session of the landlords the imilarity in all essentials with prelude to a socialist reorganizathe line of that party in the fatetion of society?

ful years 1925-27. That line, as Perish the thought! The plan we know, led to the tragic defeat is to introduce a "new capitalof the Chinese Revolution and ism," the author says. "Capitalthe triumph of bourgeois counter, ist enterprise must be encouraged revolution. But whereas in 1925to break down feudalism, and to 27 the leadership pursued an opdevelop industrial production rapidly." There will be "collecportunist, class - collaborationist policy in the mistaken belief that | tive agreements between workers

they were thus moving - even and management," a sort of if gradually, by stages - toward regulated exploitation of the the conquest of power by the proletariat. In general, the workproletariat, today they flatly ers will keep on doing as they disavow the socialist struggle are told - by the Chinese and proclaim themselves the captains of industry. architects of a "New Capital-

ism." With a cynicism that would be unbelievable if we did not know from long experience what Stalinists are capable of, they parade this line of revolutionary is the "leading role" which the betrayal under the banner of Marxism.

In all its crassness the Stal-Perhaps some other journalistic inist policy is outlined in Anna vizard can explain how the pro-Louise Strong's latest pamphlet Tomorrow's China, published last December by a Stalinist front organization. The author is one

of the few remaining members of that once numerous tribe of American journalists who made a profession out of being "friends as it was in 1925-27. of the Soviet Union" - more

correctly, friends of the Stalin regime and its Communist Party Mystery piles upon mystery. extensions in other countries. Next we are told that "because For more than 20 years she has of the general decline of capitalbeen writing in defense of Stalism and the weakness of Chinese inism. No crime of the Kremlin capitalists in particular, and beclique and its agents was too vile cause of the existence of a strong for her to stomach. All this adds Communist Party and an oran element of mystery to her ganized working class, one need recent arrest in Moscow as an not fear that the 'new capital-"American spy." ism' will develop beyond the

In 1946-47 Miss Strong, a powers of the workers to control periodical visitor to China, toured the so-called "Red" areas in that Perhaps, again, some other

country. Her pamphlet is largely a description of what she saw. the Marxist political logic of But that, politically, is the least entrusting to a feeble bourgeoisie, interesting part of it. What is in a period of the disintegration most interesting is her popular of world capitalism as a system, summary of the program and the main tasks of economic policies of the Stalinists which development. Under the rule of she obtained in conversations the Chinese bourgeoisie the ecowith leaders of the Chinese CP nomy has stagnated for more than and functionaries of their politwenty years. There is no reason tical regime. Her purpose in whatever to expect any conwriting the pamphlet is to "sell"

Chinese Stalinism to Wall Street and the State Department. Beginning her summary, Miss Strong says, "China is today a semi-feudal, semi-colonial country. Her people's goal is not the Socialist revolution but to secure national independence from forign imperialism, to smash feudalism and establish modern industry under forms of capitalism and democracy." WHAT KIND OF REVOLUTION It was precisely this Menshevik conception which formed the guiding line which Stalin-Bukharin imposed on the Chinese Communist Party in 1925-27. From it arose the notorious "bloc of four classes" which required the subordination of the Communist Party to the Kuomintang and the proletariat to the bourgeoisie, enabling Chiang Kai-shek to strangle the revolution. Since the stated task was the "democratic revolution," this required what? Lenin's line of proletarian class independence? The struggle for the socialist dictatorship of the proletariat? On the contrary, said the Stalinists, a "united front" with the bourgeoisie (in reality subordination to it) for the accomplishment of

the democratic tasks was pro-

claimed the correct Bolshevik

Today, in a situation as revolu-

tionary as that of 1925-27, we

encounter again this self-same

"bloc of four classes." Miss

Strong states it in so many

words: "The democratic revolu-

tion in China will be led by the

working class, with the peasantry

as the main force, and with the

ple of many classes: the middle

class of the small towns, the

progressive bourgeoisie, and even

'forward-looking landlords.' There

With commendable reserve

policy.

Wherein this "new" capitalism will differ from the "old" variety with which workers in every land are familiar, is just one of the ineffable mysteries. But where workers are supposed to play in the alleged new order of things?

letariat can "lead" in a new society which is nothing more than a reformist version of the old, a society in which they continue to be wage slaves! The leading role, it appears, is actually given to the bourgeoisie be sure, will use this opportunity PREPARING DISASTER

so obligingly given them by the "Communists" to prepare for the complete restoration of its political rule. Indeed, recent press dispatches report a series of shaken capitalists are reassemin preparation for a counterrevolutionary comeback.

Anna L. Strong Boosts CP Line in China

MAO'S "CONTRIBUTION"

Mao Tse-tung, Stalin's colournalistic wizard can explain up by Miss Strong as an accomplished, nay brilliant, Marxist theoretician and politician. She talked with him in Yenan. Not naturally, but about the "new capitalism" and its counterpart, the "new democracy." Is this conceived, perhaps, as just a brief interlude before China enters the broad road to Socialism? siderable' economic growth within The brilliant Marxist leader has

the continued framework of no such notion. According to a bourgeois property relations. report which he gave at the 7th What, then, must one conclude? Pary Congress in April 1945 That this farrage of Stalinist (from which Miss Strong quotes) political nonsense is intended to the "new democracy" will last hide ulterior aims which have for "several dozens of years," nothing in common with the in- which could be a century or more. terests of the Chinese workers. For this "Marxist" the socialist What emerges with crystal revolution is at best a hazy

clarity from the current happen- utopia, not at all a realizable ings is that the Stalinists, in a objective. Marx and Lenin had utmost scorn for "Marxists are con ducting a reformist policy which of this kind, in reality political can - unless a genuine revolu- mountebanks of the very worst tionary party soon grasps the description. We venture to proreins of political leadership — phesy, however, that Mao's prediclead to a bloody disaster even tion will be utterly confounded

Jews and Arabs Exchange PW's

With the termination of hostilities in Palestine and the signing of an armistice between Egypt and Israel, these Transjordan legionnaires bid farewell to their Israeli captors before leaving a prisoner-of-war camp in Jerusalem. While they were being released a like number of Jewish prisoners were freed from Transjordan camps.

more frightful than that of 1927. by the further course of revolu- and cooperative industry will be The Stalinists are giving the tionary development. The "new the leading forms. But there is bourgeoisie a new lease on life capitalism" and the "new demoplenty of room for private enterby holding back their revolu- cracy," together with their prise and profit and will be for a tionary gravedigger - the prole-"Marxist" inventor, will be swept long time to come." tariat. The bourgeoisie, we may into the trash-can by the work-The benevolent Mr. Sung was

ers and peasants of China before quite rattled by Wall Street's even one dozen years have elapsed.

THE "NEW CAPITALISM"

The author had a chance to obominous facts to show that the serve the "new capitalism" at close quarters in the Inner Monbling their forces in South China golian city of Kalgan, which at the time of her visit was in the hands of the Stalinists. "People

were easy to meet, ready to talk and informal. They reminded me of the early expanding days of aborator in shackling the forces the American West." Like stepof the Chinese revolution, is held ping back a whole century in time! She talked with the "dapper Finance Minister, H. C. Nan," a man of stuff and substance "who could meet any Western business about the socialist revolution, man on equal terms and talk his language." The "Marxist" Mao, as we see, has fitting bedfellows who talk the language-of Marxism? No, the language of capitalst business.

> Mr. Nan, we learn further, wore a business suit, gray wool rousers and blue wool jacket, not ike the shapeless clothes of Yenan." Here is a businessman's 'Communist" who quite obviously is several notches above the common herd. "Tell Henry Wallace," he said in his bluff, hearty, businessman's manner. 'that this is the only place where free enterprise still has meaning. Here capitalism is young; fight-

preference for Chiang Kai-shek. What is the matter with your American business men? I quite understand that your warlords and monopoly capitalists prefer to deal with Chiang. They buy ownership of China's natural resources and pay for it by financing the civil war. But haven't you any free enterprise capitalists left who want to do nonest business? Our Liberated Areas are their natural market. Farmers, owning their own land, produce surplus and are eager for goods." We might suggest that the worthy Miss Strong take the benevolent Mr. Sung by the hand and lead him through Wall Street in quest of an "honest" free enterpriser who would prefer to do business with Mao Tse-tung rather than with Chiang Kai-

shek Stalinist policy is a melange of class struggle and class conciliationism. Where class struggle methods are used (which is ex+ clusively in the rural areas, and then only very sparingly and cautiously), they are designed, not to raise a new revolutionary class (the proletariat) to power, but to conciliate the classes by pressure methods. Thus the Chinese Stalinists stand revealed, at this critical turning point, not as Communists, but as vulgar op

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to declare war. But that doesn't trouble the New Leader gang. If the Constitution stands in the way of

tion which says that only Congress has power

string democracy." In fact the New Leader editors assure us that "the people"-meaning themselves-

'will not be filled with niggling qualms" about tossing constitutional limitations on executive powers into the waste-paper basket or destroying any other phase of the democratic process in order to "defend" democracy.

What a slick and slimy formula these cynical apologists for imperialism have contrived to justify the usurpations of the captalist government. It's all done in the name of "democracy."

The old-time liberal with all his weakness, was at least a principled defender of the people against any encroachments on the democratic processes, and the already limited constitutional safeguards against abuse of governmental power. Such "anti-totalitarians" are really totalitarians under the skin.

## ARDINAL LEADS STRIKEBREAKERS

(Continued from Page 1) said bluntly, "is high-handed, arbitrary and suggestive of the tactics used by anti-union employers ten years ago."

The Cardinal's scab-herding climaxes one of the dirtiest strikebreaking campaigns in years in this area. Monsignor George C. Ehardt, managing director of the cemeteries, on Jan. 21 ordered the strikers back to work by Jan 31 or they would be considered fired. A second letter on Feb. 8 raised the "communist" issue. The union answered that the priest-manager | tion in the country, it cannot plead had stood behind an "iron curtain of refusal to bargain."

On Feb. 10 the union was confronted with the demand that as a condition of continued recognition it would have to "disaffiliate from their Communist-dominated international," elect "a new negotiating committee" and submit its demands to "impartial" arbitration by "one lay and two ecclesiastical members."

#### ACTU EMBARRASSED

The Association of Catholic and arrogant attitude of the Car-Trade Unionists, priest-ridden dinal is the fact that the hierarchy power machine boring within the employs tens of thousands of lay unions, has been enormously em- workers throughout the thousands barrassed 'by the hierarchy's of Catholic institutions. These are strikebreaking.

Labor Leader, ACTU national worked. Most of them are nonpaper; on Feb. 28 gives just one unionized.

paragraph to the strike. However, Allowing the bodies to pile up before Spellman's open strike- in the two struck cemeteries is breaking, the Jan. 31 issue edi- deliberate propaganda. There are torial pleaded for a settlement, 66 other Catholic cemeteries in saying "it is difficult to believe the metropolitan area, 11 of them

that a serious position could be under contract with Local 293. taken by the cemetery manage- Moreover the N. Y. City Dept. of ment against the introduction of Health has inspected the struck participation of progressive peothe shorter work--week. Today cemeteries daily and announced the 40-hour week is practically a yesterday that it has found no norm in business and industry." unsanitary conditions as yet. Cardinal Spellman, if he were This "management," of course, really concerned about "mercy for must be a correct approach to

is the Catholic hierarchy itself. the dead," could have easily ob- all these classes, to bring about Since the Roman Catholic Church tained it by showing a little mercy the democratic revolution with is the richest tax-exempt institu- for the living-the exploited the least cost and pain." workers who have demanded only "poverty." The traffic in burials that they be granted the legally is one its most lucrative enterstandard 40-hour work week.

#### prises. 'MORAL' ISSUE"

Spellman claims that the strike to do in the ten years I have been involves a "moral issue" because 1.020 bodies await burial at Callook on the job "as a religious service, not just an industry" and ways."

called on them to "mend their evil program being pushed inside the unions by the ACTU. A chief reason for the adamant READ

Fourth notoriously low paid and over-International



(Continued from page 1) No good can come to the Negro the official "Communist" exthe Southern wing were moving too slowly and too many Truman Democrats were getting heat Southern Democrats will remain them. Another on her list was from home for him to get away strictly within the framework of Governor Sung, who wore blackwith it. The fight could no longer their brutal Jim-Crow system. be kept off the Senate floor. WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

On the eve of the filibuster, Negroes will have full social, Truman made a public speech ateconomic and political equality tacking opponents of his program only when the full power of the without once mentioning the vicious campaign by members of his nation is mobilized to stamp own party to block civil rights out "white supremacy" root and ism, so that capitalism may branch. legislation.

For that battle it is necessary tend to let this private capitalism The filibuster centers at presto tie up all business in the Senent around a motion of the Senate

ate and hold round-the-clock ses-Rules Committee to permit clossions in dramatic opposition to ing of debate at any time by a the filibuster. Fight for the printwo-thirds vote. Vice-president ciple of majority rule on the Sen-Barkley, presiding, can rule the ate floor. Southern Democrats out of order

Go to the people of the country. on this particular point and be especially the South, where mass sustained by a simple majority opposition to the ruling oligarchy vote. But he has permitted the is growing, and call on them to filibuster free rein while behindput pressure on the Congress for the-scenes negotiations with the action. Call for a mass march on

Southern Democrats continue. Washington. But the Truman Democrats are

ADMINSTRATION LINE not fighting to strip the Southern Even if the Rules Committee Democrats of their power to opmotion is adopted, the 22 Southern press, terrorize and murder the Democrats would need the votes Negro people. Instead, they have of only 11 Republicans or Northtried to woo the "white supremern Democrats to prevent the acy" party into a face-saving halting of their filibuster by a compromise on civil rights by

two-thirds vote. The Committee helping to strengthen their politmotion, which represents adminical power in the South and in istration policy, is utterly inadequate and undemocratic to boot.

Under majority rule, which is an elementary principle of democracy, 49 senators could block a filibuster. While a handful of fili- to minority peoples and to the

compromise with the Southerners, another medium to carry on the freed from crushing rents, taxes not a showdown struggle in supand feudal exactions. Feudalism port of the Negro people. That That need dictates the organizacivil rights program and their tion of an independent mass party No one will dispute the need for accounts for their stalling on the based on an alliance of the Negro lifting the burdens of the rural half-hearted opposition to the fili- people and the whole working class.

ing its way out of feudalism. portunists, reformists and class Here industry is not taxed and conciliationists — betrayers of prices are not controlled." Mr. the revolution. Miss Strong's Nan, it seems, had not heard of pamphlet is valuable if only for "the general decline of world the fact that it makes this capitalism and the weakness of abundantly clear. Chinese capitalists in particular." But then finance, not politics, is his department.

As a journalistic interpreter of 'Marxism" a la Mao Tse-tung and Stalin, Miss Strong had a riproaring time in Kalgan, meeting

people from such a policy. For ponents of the "new capitalism," any compromise agreed to by the and being wined and dined by rimmed spectacles and looked benevolent" and "professional." He was equally "explicit about the intent to develop a capitalist system." Said he: "We aim to remove the obstacles that feudalism places in the way of capital-

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toilers. The decisive question is buster.

Miss Strong refrains from telling us what kind of animal a "progressive bourgeois" might the cemetery strike is "the most be - or a "forward -looking important thing which I have had landlord." The reference to the

leading role of the working class in New York." It is also the most is just so much window-dressing

REGULATED EXPLOITATION

Tiller." There can be no economic progress "until the soil-tiller is

hierarchy's much-vaunted "labor'

He said, however, that breaking

real nature of the Catholic we shall see presently.

vary. He said the workers should revealing demonstration of the to hide a reactionary policy, as

The basic economic program of busters can frustrate the will of the Stalinists, she goes on to 63 senators under the two-thirds promises not intended for genuine inform us, is "Land to the rule.

on the land must be smashed."



It is therefore necessary to find political struggle for civil rights.

The Truman Democrats want a

the Congress. When the chips are down, the Truman Democrats, like all other capitalist politicians, prove that their promises to bring benefits working class are vote-catching

## The Mind of Mr. Clark

#### By James Kutcher -

When Attorney General Clark came to Newark last week as the main speaker at the local Jefferson-Jackson Day Celebration, I publicly invited him to say a few words about the connection between my case and the activities of Thomas Jefferson, the author of the revolutionary Declaration of Independence, the advocate of free speech and free political activity, and the opponent of the thought-control Alien and Sedition Laws which Mr. Clark has imitated with his "subversive" blacklist.

Mr. Clark had a good deal to say about my case before the elections, even though it was mostly half-promises and hints that I might get my job back if I stopped fighting for it. Since the elections, however, he hasn't found a word to say. So I was not surprised to learn that he declined my invitation. But it was a little surprising to find, at least as far as the newspaper reports went, that neither he nor any of his fellow Democrats had anything to say about Jefferson either.

Instead, Mr. Clark seemed to have devoted the major part of his talk to praise of — Frank Hague, the New Jersey Democratic boss. What brought this on, I can't say - maybe Mr. Clark was told that he was supposed to speak in New Jersey at a dinner in honor of the heroes of the Democratic Party and he took it for granted that naturally that meant it was a Hague Day celebration.

He paid his respects to Hague by calling him "one of the great political organizers in the country." What he meant was "one of the great political machine organizers." Hague certainly merits all the superlatives in this field. Few people can compare with him when it comes to building and maintaining a corrupt political dictatorship, suppressing opponents, fleecing the taxpayers and feathering his own nest. Offhand, his only peer in this field whom I can think of is Pendergast, who sponsored Truman, who appointed Mr. Clark. I don't think anyone should question the sincerity of Mr. Clark's tribute to his fellow-Democrat.

Now of course Hague has been the subject of some criticism, and Mr. Clark sprang to his defense. Those who criticize Hague, he thundered, "do so only because he is not on their side." If he is talking about the Republicans, then I think he has something there. They wish they had more 'organizers" like Hague in their own party, and their attacks on him are often mixed with the feeling of envy. But he's not talking about the Socialist Workers Party, which has fought Hagueism since the day it was founded and never stopped even in the days when Hague had the support of the Communist Party. Our lack of appreciation for the talents of such "great" capitalist politicians is undoubtedly one of the reasons why Mr. Clark put us on his blacklist and why I was fired from my VA job. We wouldn't want to be found dead in the same organization as Hague. Three days after his speech in Newark, Mr. Clark went to Atlantic City and spoke to the convention of the Jewish Labor Committee. Attacking those who are concerned about growing unemployment, he said: "It's these gloom people who are never satisfied, who are always seeing the hole instead of the doughnut itself, who bring on things that might be called depression." Now, if the blame for depressions under capitalism belongs to people with loose tongues, the way to prevent depressions may be to shut them up. Last week's Militant reported that "Layoffs Are Chief Topic of Discussion in Plants Today." The workers in the plants had better think twice before talking so freely - Mr. Clark may be think-

ing of putting them on his blacklist too.

all quonset huts should have at least two exits

## **First Returns on CIO** Auto Workers

election.

Stalinists ran an independent slate which polled 500 votes for its presidential candidate, the opposition slate headed by Ed Bartellbert would have made a clean sweep. Art Grudzen, the Reuther candidate for re-election, polled 4700 votes to 4500 for Bartellbert, with John Zaremba, running

on the Stalinist ticket, getting 500. OTHER RESULTS

considerably greater than a year

Minneapolis Star of Feb. 17 offers some interest-1000 and 500 each of his opponing evidence on this point in an interview with ents. In 157, Blain Marrin de-Alderman Frank Moulton. "At the time the feated William Stevenson by a emergency housing program was getting under vote of roughly 2000 to 1000. way, he [Moulton] had asked for necessary safe-Stevenson is a former local presity measures. However, former Mayor Hubert Humphrey had declared: 'To hell with the rules. Let's get the people off the streets,' Moulton A suit charging the city with negligence was Democratic UAW since the withfiled on Feb. 21 by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robison. drawal of Richard T. Leonard. They are asking \$20,000 for the loss of their two

sons in the quonset hut fire. Of course, they deserve some compensation from the City of Minneapolis. But what parents would take \$20,000 -This is a choice that Senator Humphrey will never have to make. His little boys sit at home safe and snug in their \$28,000 home (four bedrooms, two baths) in an exclusive Washington suburb while their father makes political capital out of his devotion to the "ill-housed" children tion.

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# **Myra Weiss Bids Wallaceites To Support Program of SWP**

# **Local Elections of**

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**DETROIT** - While insufficient elections of local officers in the CIO United Auto Workers have been completed to establish any definitive trend, Walter Reuther has suffered a defeat in one of the first major elections now taking place.

The election in Dodge Local , one of the largest in the UAW, witnessed the winning by Reuther opponents of the posts of vicepresident and recording secretary, with the presidency and other posts going into a run-off

Except for the fact that the

In both Tool and Die Locals 155

But at that time Humphrey was interested making an impressive record on housing, as ago. In 155, Russell Leach beat well as on cutting down city expenses. The two rivals, polling 5500 votes to dent and a regional director, and has been acting chairman of the Committee for a Militant and

In Briggs Local 212, the Reuther administration was reelected by a two to one margin a far greater edge than in the lections of a year ago. The blow-up of the opposition slate a few weeks prior to the election because of Stalinist treachery, contributed greatly to this debacle. (The Feb. 14 Militant gave the details on the Briggs situa-



Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal tells Chairman Paul J. Kilday (D. Tex.) of a House Armed Services sub-committee how much his proposed pay increases for military personnel will cost. Under the plan the lowest-grade GI's will get about 3%, while top brass will get about 40% more.

Workers are kept off juries

because they tend to assert their

class instincts, even though they

may not be fully class conscious

Reflecting their own experiences

workers show sympathy toward

defendants they recognize to be

their own kind. But they tend to

be hostile toward those who plain-

ly represent the unjust system

of oppression under which they

Who doubts where a worker-

## SMITH ACT PROSECUTION and 157, the Reuther administra-tions were re-elected by margins OF CP STARTS MARCH 7

## (Continued from page 1)

jurors, judges and prosecutors a periodical called the Federal Juror.

This private organization, dominated by bankers and corporation directors, exists for the sole purpose of handpicking jurors. Yet Judge Medina ruled that its "internal affairs" have no bearing on the jury system.

The judge also ruled that official government documents dejuror's sympathy would lie when scribing the workings of the federal jury system must be kept an injured worker is suing a cor-"confidential" in the interests of poration for compensation? On how a union man would decide the Despite these legal blocks case of a worker framed up in a 4 Campaign Rallies the "administration of justice." thrown up to defend jury-rigging, strike? Or that an underpaid Every Week in L. A. worker would vote to convict a many damning facts were brought corporation caught evading taxes? to light.

Jury panels have been selected These class instincts are asmainly from directories of busi- serted even more fully in the case ness executives and college grad- of a Negro worker on a jury. For On the other hand, such Reuther uates, Who's Who, the Social Reg- he is doubly exploited and op-

opponents as Ned Coleman, 12- ister, and from the silk-stocking pressed under capitalism, both as

live.

## **By Lois Saunders**

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27 - Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Mayor, made her first speech of the campaign last Thursday night before a closed meeting of approximately 200 members of 9

of the Stalinists.

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who was right and who was

on the same grounds.

Independent Progressive of the differences in the SWP Party, local section of the Wal- and CP viewpoints because of their vital importance to the ace movement.

Granted special permission to working class and society as a address the gathering, along whole, and to draw the necessary with Attorney Leo Gallagher, political conclusions.

Attorney Gallagher, well-known candidate for the Board of Educalabor attorney who has defended tion, Comrade Weiss gave a brief many trade union radicals, but forthright presentation of the sharply criticized the watered-SWP platform championing the down program of the IPP, and needs and rights of workers and urged it to discard its present members of minority groups, and tepid proposals in favor of a contrasted her views with those Marxist program and a campaign which would appeal to the work-She called attention to the fact

ing class of the city. that when she was a candidate

for Mayor four years ago, she Youngstown SWP was berated and denounced vociferously by the People's World and the Communist Party for atand the Communist Party for at-tempting to "split" the vote of Demand Action on Mayor Fletcher Bowron, then as Local FEPC Bill now running for re-election. She pointed out that Bowron's record during the past period in office YOUNGSTOWN - The stalldemonstrates beyond question

ing around of the Youngstown City Council on a proposed Fair **Employment Practices ordinance** was strongly condemned by Har-

THE RECORD PROVES. ry Braverman, appearing before She recalled that she had opthat body as representative of posed World War II as an imthe Youngstown Branch of the perialist war, and that she now Socialist Workers Party. opposes World War III, plans for

The FEPC ordinance has been which are already far advanced, buried in committee for a year. The City Council meeting was She called for defense of the called as an informal meeting to Soviet Union against imperialist discuss the ordinance, but not to attack, at the same time blasting the Stalinist bureaucracy as the do anything about it. Most of the enemy of the working class and councilmen were missing from the meeting. However an audience the betrayer of the revolution. Finally she set forth the falof about 30 of the leading fighters against discrimination came lacies of the "People's Front" policy and coalition politics, such down to push for its passage. as were indulged in by the In-Braverman commented on the dependent Progressive Party lack of seriousness on the part

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locally and the Wallace movement of the Council on this ordinance. The Socialist Workers Party is in She ended by urging the favor of this ordinance and has audience to make a serious study been for years. We do not regard this as the whole answer to the

problem of discrimination, but it is a beginning, and attacks discrimination at its heart-that is, in employment.'

The SWP spokesman pointed out that the most vociferous opponents of FEPC were business interests, and that the reason they oppose such legislation is that it might hamper them in the

All meetings are scheduled

## **Humphrey and Housing**

#### - By Grace Carlson

Minnesota's Senator Hubert Humphrey is looked up to by American liberals as the new "Mes-' It is the fond liberal hope that Humphrey will lead them into the "promised land" of "enlightened capitalism," which will encompass socialized medicine, good labor relations and public housing projects — among other benefits.

But the grim reality of Humphrey's three-year record as Mayor of Minneapolis is 'something

ers Party candidate for Mayor of Minneapolis in May, 1947, he had this to say about candidate Humphrey's record on housing:

pride to the trailer camp concentrations which have been created in various places around town. ern slums. They are only a little superior to the Hoovervilles which were built by the destitute on city dumps during the '29 depression - under the Republican Hoover."

The death of three small children in a fire which swept through a quonset hut at the cityowned Johnson St. housing project on Feb. 13 is a tragic confirmation of Comrade Dunne's characterization of Humphrey's building projects as "modern slums." The Johnson street fire was the fourth in a Minneapolis veterans' project since April 1946.

After two infants were burned to death in their cribs in a housing project fire at the University of Minnesota in January 1948, the Minneapolis

No action was taken by the then Mayor Humphrey or the City Council. Now, fire department ago

quite different! When Vincent Dunne ran as the Socialist Work-

'In a review of his 'accomplishments' of the last two years, Mayor Humphrey points with These concentration camps are nothing but mod-

fire prevention chief warned city officials that



said.

for their two little boys?

**My Interview With LEPL** 

– By Philomena Goelman –

Notes from the News

were replaced.

of the poor!

As councilmanic candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, I was interviewed last week by Oakland's representatives of Labor's Educational Political League. The LEPL is to the AFL what the Political Action Committee is to the CIO. Before seeing me, the LEPL had interviewed a dozen or so other candidates to determine which it would support in the coming elections. Needless to say, in their opinion, I do not have the necessary qualifications.

I was accompanied by two members of our campaign committee. When we arrived at the new headquarters of the AFL, I was struck by the contrast between the magnificence and newness of the building and the old Samuel Gompers-style leadership and policies of the AFL.

I began the interview by presenting our program for the workers of Oakland. I covered the 35-hour week with no decrease in pay, which is part of the program of the Metal Trades Council. I made clear that I not only supported a 35-hour week but that I thought 30 hours a week with 40 hours pay would be a better idea, particularly in light of the growing unemployment in Oakland. I put forward the conception of city control of transportation, managed and directed through the trade unions. Finally, the question of a Labor Party - not just for Oakland but for the United States as a whole.

When I completed the presentation I was asked questions. The first question was, "Mrs. Goelman, did you write that letter which the Oakland Tribune printed, criticizing one of our foremost labor leaders?" I said I surely did and repeated that Jack Reynolds and the rest of Oakland's labor leaders merit criticism for not demanding that the four councilmen elected by labor, be responsible to labor. Jack Reynolds was present and took the floor after other questions were

D. C. JIM CROW OKAYED - The House of

Representatives has killed an amendment to the

annual District of Columbia appropriations bill,

offered by Adam C. Powell (D. N.Y.), which

would have ended segregation in Washington

public schools, recreational and health facilities. 70 Democrats and 36 Republicans voted to con-

tinue segregation, 49 Democrats and 15 Repub-

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STALINIST "JUSTICE"? - Anna Louise

Strong's public explanation for her expulsion

from the Soviet Union as a "spy" is that Stalin's

officials got angry over her "prying" questions

and that "in all countries there are stupid offi-

cials and prosecutors who once they have decided

against you, think they have to get their man."

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+HOUSING PLANS DWINDLE - The Senate

Banking and Currency Committee has approved

a bi-partisan public housing program to build

licans voted for Powell's amendment.

asked. He explained how he tried to have meetings with the four councilmen elected after the general strike, but that the CIO came along and lured away two of the councilmen and broke up his plans for controlling the councilmen in the name of the AFL.

In answer to Mr. Reynolds I reminded him of my speech at the Oakland Voters League meeting. I reminded him of the criticism I made of Councilmen Weakley, Lantz, Pease and Smith for their | Chevrolet Drop Forge Local 262 failure to organize labor and the Negro community to put pressure on the five councilmen who were opposed to FEPC. I said further, that if Reynolds was sincerely interested in getting pro-labor legislation passed in the City Council he could organize mass meetings and other massactions to put pressure on the City Council. I gave as a concrete example - housing. If the AFL would issue a leaflet inviting the working men and women of Oakland to attend a meeting to work out a solution to the housing crisis in this city; the response would be tremendous. At this point one of the labor officials made a revealing remark: "We'd have a revolution if we did that." These labor leaders seem more concerned with restraining than leading the working

class in the fight against their exploiters. One thing was plain from this session. The labor leadership is at a complete loss as to what to do next. They listened to us attentively for half an hour, hoping to get perhaps some idea or suggestion which they could use. They cannot go too far to the right because the rank and file wouldn't stand for it, and they cannot go too far to the left for fear of setting the workers into motion and thus endangering their own positions of leadership. This dilemma, and the memory of the Oakland workers' power in the 1946 general strike, explain their stumbling and helplessness in the 1949 councilmanic elections.

ime president of Amalgamated districts through the use of a a worker and as a Negro. Local 205, was re-elected by a special address telephone direcmargin of almost 6 to 1 over his tory.

Reuther-supported rival. The entire slate headed by Sam was successful over its Reuther people. opponents. The Reuther adminis-

Mogul Local 202. The anti-Reuther administrations of Lincoln Local 900 and

was re-elected. Reuther staff members have apiece in a city of eight million

been mobilized and briefed as for people. no other assignment by the top leadership in an effort to hold or

strengthen their support in the locals.

schools.

The opposite holds true for bankers, industrialists and others Special "Colored Lists" are who are living well under capital-

used to make token selections of ism. Their sympathy lies with the Mackey, president of Local 985, Negro business and professional corporation in an injury-compensation case They go very easy on The grand jurors who indicted corporation tax-evaders. But they tration was beaten in Federal the Stalinists under the Smith usually want to throw the book at Act, turned out to be bankers, a framed-up striker.

corporation directors, brokers, The laws of the land are drafted wholesalers, an editor, and the in favor of the rich and against wife of a police sergeant. None the workers. The juries, in turn, were Negroes. They had served are generally packed with repreon an average of four grand juries sentatives of the rich.

That is why so many workers Panels from which trial juries are imprisoned on charges of violating "property rights" of the are drawn were shown to be similarly packed with agents of the capitalists, while so many capitalrich, with only token representa- ists are able to plunder the national wealth and go scot-free.

tion of workers and Negroes.

for 8 p. m. Readers of The Miliold "divide and rule" game they tant and others anxious to help play. get out the vote for Comrade

Campaign meetings for

Myra Tanner Weiss are being

held weekly in four working

class neighborhoods of Los An-

Also appearing before the Weiss are urged to attend. Council to urge the passage of West side meetings are bethe bill was Dave Dodson, chairing held Wednesday nights at man of the FECP committee of 1653 Longwood Ave. South Local 1330, United Steelworkers side, also on Wednesdays, at of America, CIO. Dodson com-4231/2 West 101st St. East side, mented that he felt the "teeth Thursdays, 126 No. St. Louis in the bill should be made sharp-St.; and San Pedro, Fridays, er" by making the penalty for 1008 South Pacific Blvd., Room

Murry Weiss will speak on "Los Angeles Labor and the City Election" at the West side meeting Wednesday, March 9. During the three meetings scheduled in the other areas that same week, C. Curtis will speak on "Unemployment and the Coming Elections."

violations more severe. He also urged that the bill include a clause barring discrimination in employment against women. The reason given for the latest stall on the bill by the Council is that they have to see what the

state FEPC law is going to look like.

## The Case of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

### By Joseph Keller

The Roman Catholic hierarchy's drive to censor and silence liberal ical activities and its moves, par- documented exposure of the the Democratic liberals and naticularly in the field of education, to breach the wall separating church and state, reached their latest climax in connection with the award dinner given by "The Churchman," Protestant Episcopal magazine in honor of Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

Announcement that Bishop Oxnam was to receive the annual Churchman award "for the proand Newark. motion of good will and better understanding among all people,"

#### **OXNAM'S "CRIME"**

LEGAL SANCTION SOUGHT - The House Services Committee has approved a super-secret bill giving the Central Intelligence Agency full legal authority to operate a foreign spy network, which it is doing now anyhow.

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\* \* \* AN EXPERT OPINION - The U.S. News' contribution to the discussion of the present economic situation is that "times have changed" and "It is better to face the fact of a change than to insist that what's happening really isn't opposition to attempts of the happening."

810,000 housing units in the next seven years. was the signal for a campaign of pressure and intimidation to Among the 11 Democratic and 11 Republican get sponsors of the award din-Senators sponsoring the bill is Glen Taylor, Walner, held in New York City on lace's running mate in 1948. This is even less Feb. 23, to withdraw from the than the number suggested by Truman, under affair with public statements. which the slums would develop faster than they

Although the standard charge of "communism" was hurled at The Churchman and its editor. Rev. Dr. Guy Emery Shipler, it is well known that Bishop Oxnam, former president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and present co-president of the World Council of Churches, had aroused the ire of the Cath-

gain state support for parochial sponsors of the dinner publicly mote peace without having such dom for Protestants in Spain, in announced their withdrawals on free journals as The Churchman Colombia and the Argentine." Only a few weeks before the one pretext or another. Among prohibited by self-appointed censcheduled "Churchman" dinner, these was Democratic Senator sors." criticism of its reactionary polit- Bishop Oxnam wrote a powerful Hubert H. Humphrey, darling of FROM REQUESTS TO

Roman Catholic hierarchy's in- tional chairman of the Americans creasingly successful drive to gain for Democratic Action, who influence over public education in pleaded unexpected pressure of this country and to secure public senatorial work.

The real source of the attack funds for Catholic schools. His ar-Schools," appeared in the Jan. 15 Oxnam was revealed the day be-Nation, liberal magazine which fore the dinner by Judge Jerome Catholic pressure had succeeded N. Frank of the U. S. Circuit last year in banning from public Court of Appeals and former SEC school libraries in New York City chairman. In a last-minute withdrawal statement, Judge Frank

gave as his reason that "The The drive to sabotage the Churchman" is "systematically Churchman award dinner for attitudes of the Roman Catholic said, "We cannot expect the comwhen Benjamin Fairless, president of the United States Steel Church."

Corporation and a co-sponsor of the dinner, announced that he was op Oxnam and The Churchman, with dictators or ally ourselves yond our city and includes the withdrawing his sponsorship, stat- forty leading Protestant clergy- with political, economic or eccle- hallowed traditions of freedom ing, "Innocently I accepted, think- men and laymen issued a state- siastical reaction."

and therefore having no connec- nounce the current propaganda hierarchy to join with all other olic hierarchy by his outspoken has been Truman's "personal en- Protestant press. We stand for liberty to it . . . Religious liberty Big Business press, the Catholic voy" to the Vatican.

the right of Protestant indivi- means freedom for Roman Cath- hierarchy and sections of the American Catholic hierarchy to Subsequently, a number of other duals and organizations to pro- olics in Hungary, and also free- Protestant and Jewish clergy.

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Liberal Protestant forces are becoming extremely concerned over this and other examples of intimidation and censorship by the

THREAT Catholic hierarchy. A group of In his award acceptance speech ten Protestant ministers in Danat the "Churchman" dinner, Bishbury and Newtown, Conn., has op Oxnam revealed that "repreissued a declaration disapproving sentations were made to me that the action of the Danbury Lions ran the gamut from request to Club in withdrawing its invitation ticle, entitled "Church, State, and on "The Churchman" and Bishop demand to threat, the object being to Henry Wallace to speak at a to secure the withdrawal of my meeting after six local Catholic acceptance and the destruction of priests had demanded the Pro-"The Churchman," a liberal gressive Party leader be barred. church journal with more than a The Protestant clergymen hundred years of history behind called the club's action a "humiliating defeat" and said that "a

Attacking the U.S. State Dedecision of the club, democraticpartment's flirtation with Spanish ally arrived at, has been invali-Bishop Oxnam first came to light and sweepingly critical of all the dictator Franco, Bishop Oxnam dated by intimidation. It is sincerely hoped that in the future mon man to believe our democratic the people of Danbury will main-Answering the attacks on Bish- pronouncements if we make deals tain an allegiance that goes bethat have distinguished our coun-

ing it was a church movement, ment on Feb. 22, saying: "We de- He challenged the Catholic try since its foundation." The current Catholic clerical tion with non-Americanism." The which asserts that a person who churches in enunciating a doc- offensive against free speech, alleged "non-Americanism" is opposes the political Vatican trine of universal religious lib- political freedom and the separa-The Churchman's sometimes cri- State is a Communist or a Com- erty, stating: "A church that tion of church and state has been tical attitude toward the Truman munist sympathizer. The attacks denies religious liberty to others, given impetus by the lynch-hysadministration's foreign policy. on The Churchman represent a when it has power to do so, is in teria campaign against "commun-Fairless's action may not be un- fully organized, well-financed an embarrassing position when it ism" whipped up around the related to the fact that Myron C. threat to one of the freest sec- creates the hysteria antecedent Mindszenty case in Hungary, by Taylor, former head of U.S. Steel, tions of American journalism, the to war when others deny religious the Truman administration, the