

The failure of the trade union leaders to support the miners, who are fighting with their backs to the wall against the whole wolf-pack of Big Business and government, borders on open treachery to American labor.

True enough, CIO President Philip Murray has made a minor gesture by his offer of legal aid to the United Mine Workers in fighting Denham's Taft-Hartley injunction. But more legal assistance is the least the UMW needs against the concerted attack of the capitalist class and government.

If Murray, AFL President William Green and the rest of the union leaders had a real sense of loyalty and responsibility to the American workers, they would have gone in a body to Truman weeks ago and advised him in no uncertain terms not to interfere with the miners. They would have held him publicly accountable for any move by any government agency to invoke the infamous Taft-Hartley Act against the coal workers.

And they would have done more than pound on Truman's desk. They would have opened their treasuries to the miners - just as the miners last October proposed to the AFL to contribute a joint fund of millions of dollars a week to the striking steel workers. They would have summoned every local, state and national labor body to extend full moral and material aid to the miners. They would have rallied meetings and mass demonstrations everywhere to thunder into the White House and the halls of Congress: "Hands off the miners!"

How strangely their silence and inaction in the miners' struggle contrasts with the fury of their activity in conducting witchhunts against critics and oppositionists within their own unions. The Murray machine in the CIO spends money like water to conduct its "cold war" against the Stalinists, to purge and expel whole international unions.

This is what the corporations and government labor-baiters want them to do - to tear up their unions from within while remaining quiescent and unresisting to attacks on labor from without.

Covering Up for Truman

It is easy to fathom the motives for the scandalous - the the breakdown of negotiations be treacherous - conduct of these union leaders. They fear to expose tween the CIO United Auto Work Truman's real role in the mine struggle and thereby jeopardize their ers and the third largest auto dirty political alliance with him. A genuine campaign in defense

of the miners would rip the "friend of labor" mask from Truman and show him up as the true author of the move to shackle the the union negotiating committee miners with a Taft-Hartley injunction while he uses Denham as headed by President Walten his front-man to evade personal responsibility. The Murrays and Reuther, had reduced its demand. Greens are determined to cover up for Truman at no matter what cost to the miners and the organized labor movement.

Their behavior is all the more indefensible because the develop-to decide for itself whether i ments in the mine conflict give them a wonderful opportunity to strike a powerful blow against the Taft-Hartley Act. If they would concentrate some real heat on Truman and force him to remove Denham, they could nullify the whole move to use the Taft-Hartley Act against the miners. Murray himself admitted last week that Denham is Truman's appointee and the President has "ample power" to remove him. But Murray and Green don't want to put up the which was to assume pensions of kind of fight on the Denham issue that would "embarrass" Truman. \$160 a month to 65-year old work-

Moreover, there is reason to suspect other sordid motives in ers with 25 years' service by paytheir conduct. Do they nourish the hope that they can make a bit ing the difference between social of capital for themselves out of a defeat for Lewis and the miners? security allowances and the \$100 Perhaps they think that by currying favor with the "Hate Lewis" figure. mob, they can keep the corporations from turning on them after The Chrysler negotiators in-the miners are "dealt with." What a vain and dangerous illusion! sisted that this miserable offer-

Miners Only First Target

The very reason why Big Business and its political henchmen But the UAW replied that the Ine very reason why Big Business and its political henchmen are so determined to crush the miners is to open the way for an effective attack on the rest of organized labor. The miners have increase of only 2 courts on her and its supporters in the House Lesinski can call it up once more. effective attack on the rest of organized labor. The miners have increase of only 3 cents an hour. last Monday deliberately knifed The entire decision on whether THE FIRST MANEUVER been the biggest single obstacle to the plans of the employers to undermine the massive American trade union movement. The miners are a pillar of strength to all labor. They were the backbone of Chryster illustrates the growing vertice and provide restoring to the

Says Steel's Steal Not Big Enough Ben Moreell, president of the Jones & Laughlin Steel

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Corp., which is also owner of

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He said he thinks steel prices ought to be raised at least another \$17 a ton and "just as soon as competition will permit it, damned 'if I'm not going to do it."



JAN. 26 - A nation - wide strike of 90,000 workers at the 25 plants of the Chrysler Cor-

poration began last night after corporation.

In an effort to avoid a strike, from 111/2 to 10 cents an hour,

leaving it up to the corporation should be granted in the form of wage increase or a pensionnsurance program.

But the corporation refused to compromise on its own offer,

was comparable to the recent welfare settlements of the Steel,

Glass and Rubber Workers unions.

action. The bill will be stalled | Southern Democrats and Repub-

Frumanites in Congress Stall Action on FEPC

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He Needs Our Help

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Labor-Haters Gang Up strike - bound "captive" coal mines, on Jan. 25 told the Senate committee investigat-ing the recent steel price rise that the \$4 a ton increases "are not so high as they should be." White House Ready to Come To Aid of Coal Operators

By Art Preis

JAN. 26 - Truman is preparing to intervene personally and directly against the militant coal miners, who have been battling courageously for eight months

for wage increases, a strengthened P welfare and pension program, and the retention of union security safegnards.

The pretext for the threatened intervention, which may take the form of a Taft-Hartley injunction under the "national emergency" clause, is the refusal of some 70,000 soft coal miners, primarily in the mines of the steel corporations, to discontinuc their strike against the stalling of the operators.

CLEARED WITH TRUMAN Through a statement by Dr. James Boyd, Director of the Bureau of Mines, to the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee yesterday, the Truman administration laid the basis for Tuft-Hartley action by claiming that coal production has declined to the point where "the national economy, health and welfare is

now or soon will be imperilled."] owners were yelping that the Boyd's statement, reported the strikes were a "plot" by Lewis N. Y. Times, "was first cleared and demanding louder than ever at the White House." It is further that Truman crack down with the reported that Truman may offer

week, the bought press and the

Slave Labor Law. he United Mine Workers the The only revolt the miners are choize of submitting the miners staging is against the cominued demands to the mercies of a stalling of the operators who "fact-finding" board hand-picked hope the government will force by Truman and accepting a 60- the miners into submission; day "truce," or being clubbed with against the move by Truman's an 80-day. Taft-Hartley injunc- NLRB General Counsel Denham to tie up the UMW with a T-H

When the latest strike of the "unfair labor practices" injuncminers began on Jan. 9, the tion; against the \$9-million capitalist press and coal 'opera- "damage" suit brought by the ors had gleefully hailed it as perators in Ohio: against the

revolt" against John L. Lewis mine owners' halting of payments

and the UMW. Lewis himself into the union welfare fund;

twice "suggested" that the miners against legislative moves by

return to the pits. But by last House and Senate Democrats to

WIRETAPS "UNLAWFUL"

Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan has given the lie to



ROBERT N. DENHAM

Chrysler, illustrates the growing the CIO in its formative stage. During the past decade they have been the shock troops who have opened the way for one gain after toughness of the employers in their relations with the unions. It another by all organized labor.

For its own protection, the labor movement must step in and also shows that last year's incall a halt to the Big Business-government assault on the miners. adequate welfare settlement with It is clear the CIO and AFL leaders will not act effectively unless forced to do so by the rank and file. The initiative must come from Ford, instead of setting a pattern for the industry, merely establishbelow, in every local union.

Vote full support to the miners. Send resolutions to Truman ed the maximum that the UAW demanding that he remove Denham and halt the Taft-Hartley inwould demand - and even that junction proceedings. Call on your top union leaders for immediate it cannot get without putting up nation-wide mass action and all-out material aid to help the ema hard fight. battled miners.

Tito Regime Announces New Important Reforms

A number of reforms have been off and another "treason trial" | that "such councils are unknown

introduced in the current session is rumored in preparation. In in either the Soviet Union or in

of the Yugoslav Parliament which Moscow the death penalty has the other countries of people's

regime. The most important of slavia envisages a break with the cils, as conceived in Lenin's day,

industry, turning their manage- stituted under Stalin. Under the participate fully in policy, opera-

will be turned over to the govern-

ment and operation over to local new set-up the mining industry, tion and management.

groes and other minorities.

Speaker Sam Rayburn's refusal to recognize Ren. Lesinski, chairman of the House Education the FEPC bill up at this "early" and Labor Committee, prevented Lesinski from calling up the

By Joseph Keller

TRUMAN CLAMS UP FEPC bill for immediate House

date.

'Slap in the Face,' Wilkins Complains When Truman's lieutenant. Speaker Rayburn, announced would keep the FEPC bill from the House floor, Roy Wilkins, acting secretary of the NAACP wired the Democratic Congressman: "We are shocked and dismayed by your reported decision to bypass FEPC. Civil rights advocates who rallied to the Administration's support to save the 21day rule can only interpret this vigeonholing as a slap in the face. . ."

This is not the last slap ir the face civil rights advocates will get if, like Wilkins, they continue to support Truman.

vestigate and prosecute cases of lieutenant in the House, Rayburn House Rules Committee its former job discrimination against Ne- After a Monday morning con- power to pigeonhole legislation, a move by Southern Democrats and ference in the White House, Rayburn announced that it would a group of Republicans to bury

of his whole 10-point civil rights committee.

cause too much "strife" to bring FEPC and other progressive legislation.

By a change of rules voted on Jan. 3, 1949, the Rules Committee could hold up bills only 21 days, after which the chairmen of other JUDGE RYAN CALLS FB Rayburn still tried to cover up after which the chairmen of other or Truman by blandly informing committees, on the 2nd and 4th he press: "The President didn't Mondays of each month, could order me what to do, as some call up bills under their jurisdicfolks were saying he would. What tions, but only with the recogni-

we are going to do in the House tion and consent of the Speaker today was not discussed." of the House. Thus, the new rule Rayburn did not attempt to ex- was no more democratic than the plain this alleged sudden reticence old - it merely transferred to of Truman to speak out at the one person, the Speaker, the

'legal" when it is "authorized" D by the head of the Department decisive moment on the test issue power previously exercised by a of Justice.

program. Only the week before On Jan. 20, three days before "STILL THE LAW"

the claim of FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover and Attorney General J. Howard McGrath that wiretapping is somehow Pointing out that the Federal Communications Act prohibits wiretapping and wiretap evidence, and makes telephonic interception The judge in the Coplon-Gubit- and use or divulgence of informademand that the House defeat the bills could be called up on the chev case, ruling on the ad- tion so obtained a felony, Judge

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proposal to restore the power of House floor, a motion was placed missibility of evidence secured by Ryan ruled: "This is still the law. the House Rules Committee to in the House to restore the old wiretapping, declared on Jan. 20: It has not been repealed or modi-

> The fact that these interceptions were carried on under written authorization of the Attorney General imparts no sanctity to them; they remain unlawful and prohibited."

Nevertheless, Judge Ryan ordered the case to trial on the grounds that the government

and they will have full responthese enterprises. Foreign Minister Edvard Kar-

voters. At the same time the number of constituencies in the Lower Chamber has been increased from 364 to 444, or one to every 40,000 inhabitants.

been liberalized, allowing candi-

dates apart from the official slate,

to run in any constituency where

they can obtain signatures of 100

workers' councils.

may have a far-reaching influence been restored.

on the evolution of the Tito The economic reform in Yugo-

these reforms is the proposal to system of rigorous centralization,

"de-centralize" major branches of patterned after the regime in-

authorities and giving the work- all light industries, the produc-

ers in government-owned enter- tion of electrical energy, part of

prises a voice in policy and man- the chemical industry and certain

agement through the creation of branches of the transport system

Previously the Central Committee of the Yugoslav party introduced a reform in the field of local communities. education.

CONTRAST WITH PURGES

ple. These concessions stand in "will function as advisory bodies sharp contrast to the intensifica- on production and other plans, tion of repressions in the other and will make proposals to iminside the Soviet Union itself. in factories." Bulgaria points up the mounting These new bodies will be set up purge that has been engulfing the autonomously alongside the trade Krendin's satellites. One member unions. "Members will be elected of the Bulgarian Political Bureau for one year and are subject to and six members of its Central recall by the workers." Committee have just been lopped | Tanjug correctly points out

WORKERS' COUNCILS

On the other hand those in-

are scheduled to take place tothe control of these federated governments, will pass over to the ward the end of March.

EDUCATION REFORM

A component part of this "de centralization" program is the

creation of workers' councils in

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action.

The education reform recently announced by the Central Com- Spain is set down in a letter to in a "genuine Marxist spirit." - which has nothing whatever in dors from Madrid.

of Truman's liberal supporters, resumption of diplomatic rela- famine. the decision has now been made tions "would in no sense signify to pass from preparations to approval of the regime in Spain."

PROMISES ECONOMIC AID Washington's official line on In flagrant contradiction to On the whole the projected cach state-run factory. "These mittee of the Yugoslav party can Senator Connally of the Senate these disavowals is Acheson's Yugoslav reforms constitute con- councils," states the Yugoslav likewise be considered a positive Foreign Relations Committee, the direct invitation to the Spanish cessions to the mass of the peo- news agency Tanjug, Jan. 19, step. Yugoslav schools and univer- text of which was released on dictator to apply immediately for sities are instructed to replace Jan. 19 by Secretary of State economic aid. "Spain is free to Russian Stalinist text books along Dean Acheson. Dropping all apply to and consult with the with those inspired by bourgeois previous pretences, Acheson an- Export-Import Bank for credits countries of Eastern Europe and prove organization and efficiency ideology and imperialist apolog- nounces that the Truman ad- for specific projects on the same ists; and Yugoslav Marxist ministration will move in the basis as any other country. . . It scholars are directed to write new United Nations General Assembly (the U. S. government) is quite books on history and economics to rescind the 1946 resolution prepared to acquiesce in the exwhich directed participating memtension of credits to Spain cover-The return to genuine Marxism bers to withdraw their ambassa- ing specific and economically justifiable projects." It is an open secret that the

This will "leave members free

The N. Y. Times Madrid correspondent, Sam Brewer, cabled advertising for offers of grain on practically any terms." The same correspondent reports

that Franco's Spain "is virtually It is quite clear that unless imbankrupt and to all intents and mediate assistance is forthcoming, purposes is living on capital the prospects of the Franco reselling the bonds to buy tomor-

row's lunch or, in this particular gime are bleak. It is precisely at case, mortgaging the national this juncture that the Truman gold reserve to buy enough wheat administration proposes to prop to tide it over between harvests." the tottering dictator in Spain politically, by resuming full diplo-POPULATION STARVING The mass of the population matic relations; and economically,

have been on starvation rations. by opening up "credits."

foreman bricklayer or plasterer not propose that the FBI agents

for their crimes. Nor did he call for proceedings against the FBI agents for numerous perjuries in court regarding their wiretap activities.

Judge Ryan's affirmation that these top officials of the highest federal law enforcement agency are themselves guilty of gross violation of criminal law, gives added weight to the demand: Remove Clark, McGrath and Hoover

the contrary, become reduced t The electoral laws have likewise ments of the six constituent mere formal appendages under republics of the Yugoslav state, the state - appointed managers. sibility for the operation of all The measure itself, however, is a step in the right direction.

democracy." But it omits to sav

that full-fledged workers coun-

have functions that go far beyond

those of "advisory bodies" and

It remains to be seen whether

these new bodies will become vigorous centers of self-action and intervention of the workers into the country's economy or, on

Truman had twice intervened to the next special Monday when

Washington Aims to Save Franco

For a long time Washington to send an ambassador or minister Franco regime finds itself in the Per capita wheat consumption, "has shown to my satisfaction" has been carefully preparing to Spain, if they so choose." Cooly throes of a paralyzing economic the staple diet of the people, has that it has "independent proof" delj has been placed in charge of public opinion in this country for asserting that the previous action crisis. Madrid has been publicly dropped to two-thirds of the pre- of the facts obtained by illegal the entire program which will be a resumption of "normal rela- of the UN had only "served to admitting that it must have half civil war level when it was at the interception. dustries, primarily minor ones, submitted in a series of bills to tions" with the fascist France. strengthen the position of Franco, a million tons of wheat im- meager level of 343 pounds per Although admitting that the

which up to now have been under the next Parhament. The elections Now, to the great consternation Acheson goes on to claim that the mediately in order to avert person a year. According to FBI has engaged in criminal acts Brewer, "the skilled worker, a by wiretapping, Judge Ryan did

> - on higher - paid levels gets and their superiors - former Aton Jan. 21 that the Franco regime \$1.20 daily. His hod carrier gets torney General (now Justice) has taken the astonishing step of approximately half that, and it is Tom Clark, McGrath and Hoover difficult to understand how they who "authorized" FBI violations feed themselves and their fami- of the law - be brought to trial lies on it."

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Doing Fine

plified the content of bourgeois

law, it is only because. "The

Strange Case of Yamashita" is

a simple expression of an empi-

rical, petty-bourgeois and com-

And an Answer

B. Lens' comments about the

ature of capitalist democracy.

the operation of its law courts

and the bestial role of all mili-

tarists, Japanese and native alike,

are all factually illustrated in the

'Strange Case of General Yama-

from affording sympathy for

It is at the same time a strik-

cular Gen. MacArthur.

B. Lens

New York

pletely incorrect concept.



Atoms have now become a subject of universal interest. This is quite natural, for atoms are everywhere. Everything in the world is made up of atoms, our eyeballs as well as the blacksmith's anvil, trees, plants, the air we breathe, and even the dollar bills that come so hard and slip so easily out of our hands.

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The atom is the fundamental unit of which all elements are composed. And since there are 92 different natural elements there are 92 different kinds of atoms.

The atoms of different elements have different characteristics Each type has a characteristic weight, size and chemical behavior which is different from other atomic types. Chemical combination of elements is actually the joining together of d'fferen' kinds of atoms to form tightly bound composite particles, which are then the units of a new substance.

A simple example of this formation of a new substance by the joining together of two kinds of

atoms is that of water. Two atomic nucleus is the heart of al atoms of the hydrogen gas join matter, but all its secrets are far with one atom of the oxygen gas from known. Known, however, to form a liquid molecule of are two of the important parwater. These atoms are linked ticles of which all the atomic together by their electrons. Atoms nuclei are made up except that of the element carbon, which com- of the normal hydrogen atom. bine with atoms of other elements These two particles are protons to form an infinite variety of and neutrons.

substances such as foods and EMPTINESS OF ATOMS fuels, etc., have the extraordinary The electrons are separated characteristic of being able to from the nucleus and from each join together in chains and rings. other by relatively enormous But the elements combine according to the structure of the distances. If the nucleus were the atoms. When this became known, size of a baseball, on the same science undertook a painstaking scale an electron would be a speck study of these infinitesimal par- 2,000 feet away. According to ticles which cannot be seen nor this view the atom is mostly are ever likely to be seen through empty space. How can this be? any microscope. Many of the A blacksmith's anvil, for exatom's mysteries are still unre- ample, appears eminently solid; vealed but its basic structure is

known. actually solid.

RESEMBLES SOLAR SYSTEM The physicist Niels Bohr is The modern theory of this authority for the statement that

structure suggests a picture re- if iron could be reduced to its actual solids, that is, if all the nuclear transformations by which ought to find itself a new presisembling the solar system, that is, the sun and the planets revolv- empty space within the iron the sun produces its energy, ing around it. The atom consists atoms could be eliminated, it of a central body called the would take the combined tonnage many million times stronger than nucleus which corresponds in a of at least 20 normal-sized the forces which hold together a rough way to the sun, and a freighters to carry iron solids, lump of iron. On the basis of number of small particles called the size of a marble, across the Einstein's law of the equivalence miners indirectly. For reasons of of mass and energy - which electrons, corresponding roughly Atlantic Ocean. How can this emptiness be exto the planets, which revolve in

concentric orbits at various dis-plained? The answer is fairly of matter is the equivalent of a simple. When the blades of an tremendous amount of energy - hesitate to do so whenever he tances from the nucleus. The bulk of the weight of the electric fan are rotating rapidly Bethe further estimates that one considered that the coal struggle atom is concentrated in the it becomes difficult to differen-nucleus; the weight of the elec-tiate between the blades and the valent to the energy output of had reached a stage of "national-emergency"

By Arne Swabeck

speed of probably hundreds of thousands of miles an hour: thereby they produce from this emptiness - solidity. STOREHOUSE OF ELECTRIC

ENERGY These incredibly small units, he atoms, are a veritable store-

house of electric energy. Both the nucleus and the electrons rotating about it are electrically charged. The protons of the atomic nucleus have a positive electric charge while the neutrons have no charge and are neutral. Electrons, on the other hand, are negatively charg ed. The number of protons and electrons are the same within each atom.

Thus the atoms of elemen number 1 (hydrogen) have 1 proton and 1 electron. Atoms of element number 2 (helium) have 2 protons and 2 electrons, and se on up the scale to the atoms of element 92 (uranium) which have 92 protons and 92 electrons. If follows, therefore, from the point

symmetry of the atoms is perfectly balanced. Moreover, it is the attraction

of these opposite electric charge which holds the atoms together it prevents the rapidly whirling electrons from flying into space. On the other hand, it is clear also that it is the momentum of the

'monopoly." rapid motion of the electrons which prevents them from falling into the nucleus and keeps them in rotation.

However, since similar electric charges repel each other the question arises: what keeps the protons so tightly bound together. within the atomic nucleus? Very mined to fight this assault tooth dent Philip Murray was conlittle is known as yet about these and nail. mysterious binding forces although their strength has been and yet it consists of many times calculated.

more empty space than what is DAM

tried to manufacture. Ruefully, EQUIVALENT TO BOULDER "The surest way to get a punch in the nose in any of the centers sesses ample power to take this

Professor Bethe, who developed of the current 'insurrection' is action." the first acceptable theory of the to tell a miner that the UMW dent. . .

estimates that these forces are HIDING BEHIND DENHAM Up to now, Truman has preferred to exert pressure on the frained from using the Taftshowed that a very small amount Hartley Act, although he has repeatedly stated he would no



Posing together at a Waldorf-Astoria luncheon in New-York are (left to right) the three top men of General Motors Corporation, Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.; Charles E. Wilson; and Charles F. Kettering. They're happy because GM made record profits of more than \$1.6 million a day in 1949, after taxes.

of view of this equality of oppo-site electric charges that the LABOR-HATERS GANG UP **ON EMBATTLED MINERS**

(Continued from Page 1) do" with Denham's action, but emove unions from the exemp- that Denham "had the right to in the local labor movement. The tion of the anti-trust laws and take such steps as the law Bucheye Review, local Negro restrain the miners' union as a provided," and that it is not Tru- paper, devoted its main headline man's business to "bless" or These are just part of the "unbless" the action Denham has ferocious assaults which the gov- taken. In this way, Truman

coal mines, has launched against entirely independently of the White House. the United Mine Workers. Whether with or without Lewis' Although he has continued to direction, the miners have deter over up for Truman, CIO Presi-

strained to admit in a statement This is far from the kind of calling for Denham's removal: 'revolt" the press had previously "During the. CIO Convention, I issued a statement calling upor the N. Y. Times of Jan. 22 admits, President Truman to remove Denham. . . The President pos-

> Murray also made the welcome step of publicly defending the

tion proceedings, although he offered nothing but legal aid in the way of material support to the miners. "In the proceedings against the UMW," said Murray, 'Denham is seeking to enjoin work stoppage which is entirely awful under the express provi ions of the last collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the coal operators and the mine workers union." He let Denhan, his appointee, TOUGHEST BATTLE YET take responsibility for the first The United Mine Workers is in

Harry Greene, **Militant Negro** Unionist, Dies

YOUNGSTOWN. Jan. 21 - A mass union-conducted funeral was held here today for Harry Greene veteran union militant of the CIO Steelworkers. Greene died of a heart attack at the age of 61 a few hours after returning from the National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization at Washington, D. C., which he attended as one of the delegates from Loca' 1336. United Steelworkers of America. The main funeral address was

delivered by Sam Camens, President of Local 1330, close friend and union co-worker of the deceased member. In a moving speech, Camens portrayed the character and work of Harry Greene, a man who "grew younger in spirit as he aged in years, a man who would not knuckle under who would not bend his back to the powers that be." Seasoned and nard - bitten union fighters went openly as Camens spoke the last farewell to the fallen fighter. To the time of his death, Harry Greene had served as zon grievance committeeman at the Carnegie - Illinois Ohio Works plant here. He had held that osition for eight years. He had lso served as chairman of the abor committee of the local NAACP, and as President of the NAACP Credit Union. A man of unquestioned integrity and incisive power in negotiations and

debatc, he was a tower of strength to the news of his death, saying "HARRY GREENE SUCCUMBS FROM HEART ATTACK," "Funernment, in cahoots with the steel sought to continue the fiction that cral Saturday For Man Who corporations and other owners of Denham is a free agent, acting Played Dynamic Role As Leader.' But the Youngstown Vindicator the city's only daily capitalist paper, jim - crowed even his

obituary in an item in the "Colored News Notes."

The chief arrangements for the funeral were made by the unior members of his local, in accordance with a testament left by Brother Greene. Union men served as pallbearers and turned out for the funeral in large numbers. coming from many locals in the ity labor movement.

A poem left by Greene for reading at his funeral said to-UMW against Denham's injuncwards its closing: "I lived the only life I knew."



stalinism—must, if it is seriously

Workers Forum

A Criticism of Yamashita Review

Editor: The feature article in The Militant, Jan. 9, "The Strange Case of Yamashita" by John G. Wright will have the effect of muddying the whole issue of civil liberties. Marxists have the obligation to

cut through the jungle of bourgeois law in order to demonstrate the class nature of the state. We must explain tirelessly that "democracy" in a capitalist country is measured solely by the amount of freedom exercised by

workers and workers' organizashita." That is the main reason tions why I reviewed the book. Far The fight for civil liberties is fundamentally a fight of the any militarist, the case history workers against the bourgeois of Yamashita is an annihilating state which seeks to restrict our exposure of them all, in partifreedom to the fullest extent that they can get away with. Oppression intensifies as workers'

ing disclosure of flagrant frameresistance is impaired. Misups perpetrated by "democratic" education can do as much damage courts and condoned by the as misleadership. That is why Supreme Court. The main point the entire American educational is not the question of responsystem is geared to perpetuate sibility for "atrocities" but of the the myth of "abstract justice" workings of the US judicial and the "same law for all."

When we understand the above system. Perhaps Lens' misunderstandwe can understand that "The ing of the purpose of my review Strange Case of Yamashita" (the was the insufficient stress I placed Japanese militarist who fell out on the role of the Supreme Court with Tojo and MacArthur) has in the juridical frame-up of nothing whatsoever to do with the Minneapolis case, the eleven Yamashita by MacArthur and Co. I take this opportunity to CP leaders, the Kutcher case, or emphasize the fact that it was any other atrocity of the Amerthe Supreme Court, that "palcan bourgeoisie. ladium of justice, law and the Comrade Wright's article states constitution," that placed its seal that General Yamashita was "in

o way connected with . . . the of approval on what transpired in the case of Yamashita. This Bataan death march' of 1942" decision - even though it inhat "Yamashita's testimony volved a Japanese imperialist -stood up under grueling crosshas set a sinister precedent which examination. . ." etc. can be applied against real op-This is indeed a strange, mis-

placed sympathy that appears in ponents of the imperialists. The struggle for civil rights a workers' paper. Are we to assist in the anti-Japanese "atro- does not take place in a vacuum rity" propaganda that sees the but within the existing juridical Bataan incident as morally worse framework. It is not enough to talk about the class struggle in than the rest of the bloody shambles? Consult any veteran of general, it is first necessary to develop it. Vicious precedents the hell of the Pacific war for an expert opinion on this! All cannot be ignored but must be the generals are to be held guilty seized upon as one of the starting points for such a struggle. for their role as the slaughter-To dismiss judicial precedents as supervisors for their capitalist lightly as Lens does is to overmasters! When they have a look entirely that the struggle falling-out among themselves and treat each other roughly, it is for democratic rights has as one of its objectives precisely the not our concern to equate the defense of the weaker gangster setting (and upsetting) of preceto the defense of workers and dents.

The capitalists who understand vorkers' leaders. this very well are hacking away Comrade Wright concludes by at the Bill of Rights, and all the nnecting Yamashita's case to hose of the victims of the loyalty "precedents" connected with it using the courts as one of the purge and witch-hunt in the US. Few illusions can do more main instruments. It is the duty damage to the successful defense of Marxists to arouse the workof our civil liberties. Precedents ers to this dire reality.

have been proven to mean almost | To be sure there is no direct common with the falsifications of nothing in case after case decided connection between the Yamashita by the US Supreme Court and case and the struggle for civil

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JOHN L. LEWIS

In pursuing the study of nuclear energy scientists noted an interesting phenomenon

is of a far higher order.

among the very largest and heaviest atoms, where there are very many protons and neutrons nacked together in the nucle'. The forces that hold the nucleus together are inadequate and these atoms are unstable. They are continually breaking down, or exoloding of themselves and excelling particles of matter, simulaneously being transformed to atoms of different elements. This phenomenon is called radioactivity.

Natural radio - active materials ave been found to em't three kinds of rays: alpha rays, beta rays and gamma rays. The alpha ray particles are positively charged and further study has show: them to be the nuclei of helium atoms (2 protons and 2 neutrons) moving at high speeds. Beta ray

formation into atoms of lead particles are electrons also movwhich are stable. ng at high speeds, and gamma The Curies learned that a whole rays are electromagnetic waves but with very short wave-lengths. group of the heaviest elements shows this radio-active pheno-DISCOVERIES BY THE CURIES

menon. Radium itself was found to be a product of the radio-At the turn of the century

Pierre and Marie Curie, studying active decomposition of uranium. the element 'radium, noted its continual breaking down or ex- realization began to dawn that ploding at a slow, uniform rate, within the atomic nucleus is expelling with great force streams enclosed a tremendous reservoir of particles identified as electrons of energy. Scientists began exand helium nuclei as well as perimental attempts to split the radiation of such intensity that atomic nucleus by artificial means it penetrates thick metal and in order to release this energy. estroys living tissues. In so doing But no sooner had the capitalist the radium atoms become trans- rulers thrown humanity into the formed into atoms of different second world slaughter than a and slightly lighter elements savagely fiendish idea began to on their own leaders for action. which are also unstable and radio- take shape - the idea of turnactive, and which in turn break ing this terrifying energy into will send resolutions to Truman down further and are converted weapons of mass destruction. into still other elements. The process ends with a final trans- series will appear next week.] the fight of all labor.

meant and consistent, lead to the legalization of the works of Leon coal operators, backed by the place.

Actually there are no books more needed by the Yugoslav communists in their struggle against the Kremlin and against mperialism than those of Leon Trotsky who initiated in 1923 the struggle against Stalinism, who and two days a week even before demonstrated its counter-revolu-

Truman subsequently informed the series of strikes and the the press that he "had nothing to three-day week began. Last week, tionary character and laid bare the nature of the Stalinist bureauthe coal company stores, like cracy as the paralyzing, parasitic

those of U. S. Steel's H. C. Frick growth on the organism of the Coke Co., began to cut off the Soviet state.

miners' credit. It is a tribute to Simultaneously with the anthe miners' union loyalty and nouncement of the projected respirit, that in the face of these forms, the Yugoslav CP has called odds they are still full of fight, for the intensification of the defiant as ever and ready for struggle against bureaucratism. even greater sacrifices. The whole point is whether this,

The greatest weakness of the too, is seriously meant by the miners is their isolation. They are | Tito regime or is only a maneuver being forced to carry on single- aimed at rallying support and handed a battle against the silencing discontent and criticism combined forces of the American at home.

The Tito regime cannot conduct mlutocracy and its government. a successful struggle against the They are holding the fort for all American labor, but they are Kremlin and against the imperialists unless it rests solidly upon beleaguered and their resources are dwindling. the Yugoslav workers and the poor peasants. It is therefore

So far Lewis and the UMW compelled to take into account leaders have chosen to continue their resistance to and their the battle alone. In the past they hatred of the bureaucratic among students. were able to do this successfully But despite their commendable aggressiveness and their readiness to lead the miners in struggle, their chances for success are far less favorable than in past years. The miners need and must have the help of the whole labor

movement. and political life. An appeal by the UMW to the

entire labor movement for moral From these discoveries the support and material aid would electrify the whole American working class. Union workers of every affiliation know the great debt of gratitude they owe the miners, who have led the way year after year in labor's battle for a decent life. They will respond eagerly and gladly.

Let Lewis but speak and millions will respond. They will call They will send relief funds. They to keep hands off the miners. (The fourth article of this The will make the miners' fight

lower courts. The relationship of rights. But it would be folly to forces between classes at the dismiss the indirect connection. moment always determines the I sought to stress this point in outcome of a given case, even the review, namely, the workings though it is often well hidden of militarists and witch-hunters, behind the solemn legal farce that who are becoming more and more all sections of polite society play dominant in the life of this countheir part in.

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try, and, in particular, in the This letter is not designed to operation of its courts and other mply that we can take no ad- "law enforcement" agencies - up vantage of legal formalisms in to and including the Supreme the tactical conduct of the strug- Court. John G. Wright gle. If I appear to have over-sim-



Comrade Frank has been doing | Such criticism helps keep our an outstanding job in Phila- contact with all the many difdelphia selling The Militant. Two ferent layers and sections of the

weeks ago he sold 35 working people fresh and alive. Winifred Nelson, Literature copies on Temple campus. Last week Agent for St. Paul, writes that he raised his score The Militant "continues exto 44 on the campus cellent - especially the last issue and sold 31 more with the lead article on FBI wireelsewhere. In addi- tapping. We had no trouble tion he has placed d.sposing of our bundle; in fact, the paper on news- I barely salvaged a copy for the file! Other articles were equally tands. Selling regularly good if not quite so dramatic; for instance. Truman's State of at union' meetings,

the Union message, with the war NAACP meetings and on the costs played up (which the campus, Comrade Frank has capitalist press played down); found sales briskest at present the Stalinist agreement to a wage From his experience of what

cut for the fur workers; and of methods and rule. Bureaucratism cannot be "reformed"; it must be course the in-full-and-on-time completely rooted out. And this us his opinion of the headlines wonderful news on the Party can be done only with a genuine in The Militant. He feels that Building Fund. Keep up the good work!" return to the internationalist es- often they do not measure up

sence of Marxism and with the to the high standard of the armaximum participation of the ticles below them and so do not masses in all spheres of social "puil" as well as they should. Going through back issues, Comrade Frank selected a number of headlines and rated them. For example, "Steel Workers Answer Corporation's Challenge,' got an "excellent." But "FF Wiretappers, Perjurers Break Law, Get Away With It," rated "terrible." Our headlines, he believes should be "(1) dramatic, (2) of

interest to the materialistic needs and desires of the working class. (3) as brief as possible." Constructive criticism such as

this from members of the Militant Army who know from prac tical experience what difference headlines can make in sales is really appreciated by the staff.



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"According to Marx, the government is the executive committee of the ruling class. Today monopolists are the strongest section of the ruling class. The government is in no position to fight against monopoly in general, i.e. against the class by whose will it rules. While attacking one phase of monopoly, it is obliged to seek an ally in another phase of monopoly. In - Leon Trotsky, Marxism in the United States, 1939.

TROTSKY

union with banks and light industry it can deliver occasional heavy blows against the trusts of heavy industry, which, by the way, do not stop earning fantastic profits because of that."

Cure for the "Sick" Coal Industry

The coal miners made their biggest gains during the war, when the exceptional demand for fuel briefly lifted the coal industry out of its state of chronic "sickness." Under the aggressive leadership of John L. Lewis, the United Mine Workers were able to take advantage of the favorable economic situation and by militant action won the highest wages and best social improvements in all industry.

But the enormous increase in the miners' productivity and the big decline in the demand for coal has once more reduced coal mining to its normal status as a "sick industry." Long before the miners themselves instituted a general three-day work week, the mine owners had reduced scores of thousands to a "no day" week and other scores of thousands to part-time employment.

That doesn't mean that the profits of the mine owners are "sick" too. These have continued at a fantastic level, despite the decline in the market. The operators have cut production, fired miners and raised prices to keep their profits flowing in at the same rate as ever. The current United Mine Workers Journal points out that while the UMW's new wage and welfare demands would add only 23 cents a ton to the previous cost of coal, "the operators are already collecting from coal consumers an additional 50 cents per ton over previous contract prices."

And the Journal also notes that while

the government moves to "illegalize" the miners' three-day week designed to spread available work, "the miners have often been subjected to a two-or threeday week by the coal operators without any threat of punitive action by the Government against the operators."

Today, the miners find that despite all their magnificent struggles of the war and post-war years, the ill-managed, chaotic, profiteer-ridden coal industry gives them only insecurity and growing poverty and exacts higher and higher robber prices from the consuming public. And all their efforts to "stabilize" the industry come to grief on the intractable opposition of the mine profiteers. The "sickness" of the coal industry which is merely a more advanced stage

of the "sickness" of capitalist industry generally — is not inherent in the nature of the industry itself. The germ of the disease is private ownership for profit. The cure is the removal of the industry from the hands of the parasites who control it for their own exclusive benefit, its nationalization and its operation under the control of the mine workers themselves.

If the mines were operated under a rational, cooperative, national plan, the miners would probably not have to work at their arduous, hazardous jobs for more than three days a week and would still make higher wages and enjoy more security than today. And the consumers would get cheaper coal.

The Hiss Verdict

The conviction of Alger Hiss for perjury has spread fear and consternation among the liberals and left-wing Democrats while jubilation reigns on the extreme right. These sharply contrasting reactions to the verdict cast light on the political significance of the Hiss case.

It is often forgotten that the idea of a

the Hiss verdict as proof of its accusations that the New Deal was "Communistinspired." The Republicans have grabbed it as an anti-Truman issue and are demanding Acheson's resignation for siding with Hiss.

Its immediate effect, writes I. F. Stone, is to give a green light to the most re-

First the A-Bomb -- Now the Hell-Bomb

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WILL H-BOMB BE BUILT?

initial costs have been estimated: atomic plants have been more By John G. Wright Last year Senator Edwin C. they are "2 to 4 billion dollars, than doubled in size, with over 4 ohnson, a member of the Atomic plants for a whole new atom in- billion dollars officially acknowl-Energy Commission, blabbed in dustry," which would have ab- edged as expended. The experi-

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obviously displeased with such an

Atomic Energy Commission

Lilienthal denounced the talkative

Senator for leaking information

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public that a super bomb was solutely "no peacetime use." mental peacetime atomic power plant has not yet even gone into CAN OBLITERATE CITIES operation. Civilian benefits of the There is no known limit to the greatest scientific discovery and size of the blast that can be advance yet recorded in history

indiscretion, refused to com- produced by this new hydrogen have remained "potential," that ment, as he has continued to do bomb. A "weak" one can obliis, literally nil. But out of it all since then. Chairman of the terate from 50 to 100 square has come instead - the HELL miles, as against the approxi- BOMR. mately one-mile radius of the The people of this country and Hiroshima bomb. Hydrogen bomb of the world thus did not have to blasts of 1,000 square miles and

of "military importance," and even more are just as feasible. has likewise remained mum on Uranium and plutonium bombs the subject of the H-Bomb. But inflict civilian casualties in the it has been in the air ever since. hundreds of thousands; the new The dailies, the weeklies, from super-bomb can wipe out New the most conservative to the most York City and its entire populasensational, have picked it up, tion. The radioactive afteriscussing, with a fraudulent air effects of A-bomb blasts, especiof impartiality, the pros and cons ally under-water ones, are known under the general heading "Shall to be more lethal and lasting than U.S. Make the Bomb or Not?" the direct effects of the explosion NOT TILE SPECULATION itself; this holds true in geo-This public debate is far from metric proportion for the H-bomb.

being as innocently speculative Large areas of our planet may and aimless as it is made to not only be depopulated by it but also rendered uninhabitable for appear. On the contrary, it is part of a deliberate campaign to a long time to come. psychologize the American people In brief, the H-Bomb will

built and stockpiled as a standfor proceeding as quickly as render the already stockpiled ing invitation to the American people and the rest of the world possible with the manufacture of atomic explosives as "obsolete" to commit global suicide? as the bow and arrow, more accurately their use will be most

course.

effective as "detonators" for the same hands as before, the answer whatever about the possibility of H-Bomb. It is a direct threat to is: Of course, it will. The Amerbuilding a bomb that could wipe destroy our civilization and manican people are now being told out in a single blast any city in kind itself. This may appear that if "we" don't do it, the the world through the use of unthinkable, but that is the ac-Russians surely will. "Military hydrogen. This was established tual road ahead, and the worst considerations" alone demand that heoretically through basic scien- of illusions is to dismiss it as the fussians be "beaten to the ific research in the late Twenties the least likely variant of what punch" and so on. and early Thirties. The develop-the future really holds in the ment of the A-bomb and of the shape of the H-Bomb.

The first imperialist world war was a signal that if mankind was to live and civilization to flourish

makes the manufacture of such a NO PEACETIME ATOMS The A-bomb project was launchcapitalism had to die. The second super-bomb today primarily a ed in wartime, in deepest secrecy world war repeated this warning echnical problem. The real secret therefore is: and behind the backs of all the in an even more menacing way How far have such practical peoples. The American people The A-bomb, and now the Hpreparations advanced? The U. S. were promised that peacetime Bomb leave no room for doubt News & World Report, (Jan. 13), uses of atomic energy would whatever. Humanity has been a weekly reputed to have pipe- follow slowly but surely. Above placed on the brink of the abyss ines to high circles in Washing all, we were told, it was necessary face to face with the choice of ton, blandly asserts that all to assure American "monopoly" plunging to destruction with the preliminary preparations are of the A - bomb. It would take imperialists and their Hell Bomb completed. The project is already decades for others, especially the or of abolishing the capitalist in its blue-print stage, "now on Russians, to develop it. U. S. drawing boards." Even the In the five postwar years, our society. system and building the socialist

Trumanites Stall FEPC

Rayburn from having to recognize Lesinski. Since the next "discharge day" is Feb. 13, when the House will adjourn to celebrate Lincoln's Birthday, the earliest date the FEPC bill can be called

up is Feb. 27. The Truman Administration clearly proved that it has no real desire to pass its promised civil rights program, including FEPC, and that it is using these pronises only to get votes. Truma

ADAMIC'S IMPRESSIONS OF HIS YUGOSLAV TRIP

Page Three

The Early Spring issue of Louis Adamic's magazine (Trends & Tides, Milford, N. J., 50 cents a copy. Subscription rates: \$2 for 6 or more issues in 1950) contains first-hand observations of conditions in Yugoslavia during the author's recent six-month visit to that country. Adamic gives his views on such questions as the underlying reasons for the Tito-Stalin split, the popularity of the regime, the extent of democracy prevailing in the country, induswait for the outbreak of war trialization, and the standard of living. itself to discover what the

Shortly after his arrival in Yugoslavia, Adamic had a number of long "off-the-record" talks with Tito and other top leaders. He gives his impressions of the basis of the split with the Cominform in a letter written on January 30-31, 1949, from Yugoslavia to a friend in the US, which is reprinted in the current issue of T&T.

polists. There has been — as "It [the break with Stalin] is very fundamental, with beginnings there will be - a tremendous development, exclusively in the already back in 1942, and to my view, beyond settlement in the near future. Tito and his co-leaders are coming to realize this. If they in the production of weapons had yielded to the Cominform, to Soviet pressure, to Stalin personeach more "absolute" than the ally, they would have to reverse much of the Yugoslav revolution, and I would be now witnessing counter-revolution in my native land, rather than an energetic and planned straining toward a collective incapable of steering any other economy and culture.'

Behind this resistance, says Adamic, is "a tremendous new dynamic. . . loose in the country. It was loosed by the war of liberation, and has grown stronger by the minute after 1945. Tito could not stand against it had he wanted to. He could not listen to Stalin's Cominform when it ordered him to stop industrializing Yugoslavia and keep it a peasant land.'

If the decision remains in the Democratic Rights in Yugoslavia Today

Replying to accusations in the American press that Tito is a dictator and rules by terror, Adamic writes in his letter that "Tito, or rather the Communist Party of which he is general secretary, or rather the central committee or the politburo within that central committee. . . have a revolutionary mandate from a tremendous element of the people of the country, and they are executing that mandate as leaders rather than dictators, firmly but without brutality, seeing to it that liberty prevails to a greater and ever-increasing degree for more people than ever before, and that welfare is spread evenly through the country regardless of the resources and development of the various regions.

In his preliminary impressions, Adamic declares that "no 'terror' nothing that could be called that is apparent to these more or less practised eyes. There is a secret police system, but it is at least as unobvious as the secret police system in the US."

During trips in his native Slovenia (a constituent republic of Yugoslavia) Adamic "engaged in, or listened to, long discussions with and among all manner of people in and out of the government." From these, he observes that "there is complete freedom of discussion for those loyal to the new revolutionary development, regardless of the width of differences among them. Differences to be tolerated or respected, must be honest on the part of persons known to be honest and loyal. . .

Claims Differences Openly Expressed

In these discussions, Adamic says, "there are wide differences not only as between Communists and non-Communists, but among Communists who are 100% united on current policies and tactics. Nearly all discussions that I have heard of or participated in were marked by humor, even uproarious humor, much of it directed against top leaders - except Tito who is something special in present-day Yugoslav mentality: something hard, perhaps impossible, to understand in America. I think I am on the trail of its mysteries, and I will try to write about them in my subsequent letter.'

In unravelling the "mystery," Adamic will have to explain why there was no such problem regarding Lenin and Trotsky, who were not considered "special" cases to be spared from criticism during the first years of the Soviet regime.

Opposition to the regime comes mainly from "former upper class people" whose properties were nationalized, from well-to-do peasants who cannot get cheap labor because the supply is drained



"loyalty" probe of government employees was first projected by the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities in 1939 to expose "Communist" agents and influences masked as New Dealers. It was explicitly aimed against Secretaries Ickes, Perkins and Wallace in Roosevelt's cabinet.

When Truman took over the "loyalty" program as his own, his close associates declared he had stolen the thunder of his Republican opponents. Now, the lightning of the purge has struck at the administration itself. On trial with Hiss was the prestige of the Roosevelt regime, the New Deal and Truman's reputation. That accounts for the widespread sympathy and support given Hiss by Supreme Court Justices and top administration officials.

It likewise accounts for the rejoicing on the extreme right, which construes

Myth of the "Fair"

One of the cruder gags that propagandists against socialism used to repeat was, "A socialist is a man who wants something, he doesn't know what he wants, but still he wants you to give it to him." With a lot more truth, we can paraphrase this: "A capitalist is a man who wants a 'fair' profit on his capital, he can't say what a 'fair' profit is, but still he wants the workers to give it to him."

That description fits Benjamin F. Fairless, president of the United States Steel Corporation, according to his own testimony before the Congressional Joint Committee on the Economic Report investigating the basis for the recent big increase in the price of steel.

At the hearing on Jan. 24 in Washington, Fairless said the \$4 a ton price hike last Dec. 15 was "modest" and "no mystery." The steel monopoly, which made the biggest profits in its history last year, just couldn't "absorb" the meager costs of the welfare and pension plan won by the CIO Steelworkers. Why, said Fairless, U. S. Steel "has not made a fair return either on its sales or investment at any time during the last 20 years."

actionary forces in Washington and "break down what little resistance there still remains to Government by slander, snoop and wiretap."

But the main lesson to be drawn from the Hiss trial is that the loyalty purge cannot be limited. Once started, it sets into motion forces which can boomerang even against its own sponsors. Truman persecuted Stalinists, Trotskyists, and others. But this was only a beginning.

Now the wolf-pack is howling for heads of the witch-hunting administration itself. The monopolists, militarists, labor haters and race-baiters behind the witchhunt will not be satisfied until they wipe out even the memory of liberal thought and clamp a police-state upon the American people. And they will spare no one -and stop at nothing-to carry through their conspiracy.

Profit Senator O'Mahoney cited figures show-

ing that U.S. Steel had made six percent net profits on its investment even during "the years of the depression." "What would you consider a fair return?" O'-Mahoney asked. Fairless hedged: "There are too many variables involved. It's very involved. . . I would say the figure must remain flexible."

All Fairless wants is a "fair" profit that he can't define, except that it's "flexible" - but never "flexible" downward. In fact, no matter how high this "flexible" profit goes, it's still not "fair," according to the capitalists. When they get 6%, they want 7%; and when they get 7%, they want 8%. They want all the profits they can sweat and swindle out of the workers - and they still would not call it a "fair return."

Over a hundred years ago, Karl Marx exposed the myth of the "fair" profit. All profit, he proved, comes from the labor of the workers. There is only "unfair" profit — that is, the surplus value created by labor that the capitalists steal for themselves.

squarely up to the Trumanite to decide whether they would call up FEPC on the following Monday.

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doubtedly in the belief that it

would be passed and they would

hen have an excuse to blame the

Southern Democrats and Repub-

licans if the FEPC bill were

Much to the Trumanites' con-

sternation, 64 Republicans joined

them to provide the majority

needed to defeat the rules motion

by a vote of 236 to 183. This left

buried in the Rules Committee.

All that was needed was for Lesinski to ask for the floor and for Rayburn to recognize him. If the bill had come to a vote, in would most likely have passed, be cause there were enough Republican votes assured for FEPC to offset the votes of Southern Democrats and Republicans opposed to FEPC. This was the strange time Truman chose for ilence.



SAM RAYBURN

Both Lesinski and Chairman But at 4:25 p.m., there was no gency Civil Rights Mobilization Peterson (D.-Fla.) of the Public way to stall the vote on the which had convened in Washing-Alaska resolution any further. It ton on the eve of the latest ands Committee shouted for the floor when the moment came to was passed. Then Rayburn re- FEPC fight to demand immediate call for the "discharge" of bills cognized a spokesman for a com- passage of civil rights legislation. panion motion on Hawaiian stateon Monday. 'Truman's righthand man, Rayburn, deliberately chose hood, and this was passed converted the conference largely Lesinski was the only chairman into a demonstration of support o recognize Peterson, who introduced a resolution to take a of a committee left who could for Truman and to "help" him vote the following day on the call up a bill. pass his promised program. It As he rose to ask for the floor, didn't take a week for Trumar question of statehood for Alaska. Democratic Majority Leader Mc- and the Democrats to show that

Cormack, of Massachusetts, has- the only help they want is in Then followed a series of tily put a preferential motion for smokescreening their moves to maneuvers to keep the Alaska djournment. McCormack's motion block FEPC and other civil rights

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off by new factories and expresses itself in attempts to withhold is eager to patch up his diffarm produce from the government. Among the masses of the peoferences with the Southern Demople, there is "general acceptance" of the Tito program. Dissatiscrats, not to antagonize them. faction is expressed here with "the tempo of production and frequent That is why he is going through blunders with distribution on local levels." all his tricky maneuvers to stall

Adamic believes that no one is hungry in Yugoslavia, that people in the big cities are better dressed than before the war although he noted many peasants in rags in Belgrade. This he explains by the influx from the country to the city which is proceeding at a

The Truman machine's calfaster pace than can be provided for by the country's industrial culated moves to keep FEPC off plant. Contrary to the pre-war situation, foods and textiles are not the House floor came as a direct over-abundant in the big cities and scarce on the countryside but slap in the face to the millions are now spread by the government "evenly over the country as a of Negro people and unionists whole, favoring the extremely backward regions which formerly who were represented by the 4,000 had next to nothing.' delegates to the National Emer-

Differences in the Standard of Living

"The ordinary worker," Adamic writes, "whose performance at his job barely meets the norm, or even misses it, gets just enough The leaders of the NECRM had ration points to maintain his strength. But if he eats in the shop or factory mess-hall he gets at least one substantial meal a day usually a pretty dull meal but pretty substantial."

> On the other hand skilled workers and coal miners get as much as "18 to 20 thousand dinars (about \$400) a month and all the ration points they can handle: more than ministers of the government." The ministers, however, "live in better houses - partly because they, being better educated, etc., know how to live in better houses[!]; partly because top men in government just naturally had the first call on the best villas; and partly because they are obliged to entertain a great deal, often foreigners who come officially on

commercial and other missions. Ministers and heads of various academies, rectors of universities, etc., have access to an institution called Warehouse A (Magazine A), from which presumably they can draw as much food, wine, mineral water, etc., as, they think they need. This privilege is abused by some. . .

Army Officers, Security Police Favored

There are, in addition, two other "favored or privileged groups. army officers are. . . favored when it comes to food rations, as are members of the security police. The theory is that these five groups contribute most to the safety and future developmnt of the new order: and since there is not quite enough food and clothing to satisfy everyone, they have the first call on available supplies."

Writers, artists, scientists, etc., "get less than the skilled worker in the mines and factories and the ministers and heads of important institutions, but more than the average person." In another place, owever, Adamic writes that this group is "being especially favored, I think far too much. They get very large salaries and/or honoraria. The man who wrote the scenario for the first Slovenian film. . . got something like 30,000 dinars - \$60,000 according to the official rate of exchange, though in real value only \$30,000. But even this latter sum is something that would have been beyond the wildest dreams of any writer — and that of course ain't hay even in the Good Old Yu-Esso-Ay." * * *

Besides Adamic's two letters from Yugoslavia, T&T contains n article by a "dissident" Stalinist on the CP trial and one by a novelist. R. V. Cassil. on the future of American radicalism. We will comment on these articles in a coming issue of The Militant. There are two articles by Carey McWilliams, one a lengthy disquisition, "Of Tito and Heresy" and another on Congressman George Dondero's witch-hunt against art and artists. Howard Griffin writes on "The Non-Violent Individual." Finally there are a number of ress clippings and letters to the editor.

RAYBURN'S FILIBUSTER resolution on the floor all day and passed 167 to 109, thus saving legislation. prevent Lesinski from getting the floor before adjournment. Si times Rayburn recognized enemie of FEPC who stalled by calling for quorum votes - a roll cal of the members to see if enoug were present to make up th minimum legal voting strengt

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"Welfare" in New York

By Ruth Johnson

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 - While Mayor O'Dwyer basks in the Florida sun enjoying his \$15,000 raise, 320,000 needy people of this city face desperate hunger and quick eviction. Relief payments were slashed on January 16.

There were more than a hundred worried men and women at today's protest meeting in the Wayside Casino, 100 West 116th Street, called by the Better Harlem Association.

The meeting opened with the wistful prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread." It closed more than two hours later with ringing denunciations of the Democratic City administration and the Republican State Administration which had united to take the bread from their mouths. "There has been no appreciable decline in food prices to warrant the cuts made," said a petition addressed by the meeting to the Mayor, the Governor, and the Department of Welfare. "The extra-large reduction of special-diet allowances makes it practically impossible for those on said diets to provide the necessary food, and thus exposes them to undue and unnecessary hardships and sufferings, and even to premature death."

It cited the many expenses not provided for in relief budgets, which must be paid out of the miserable food allotment: "Insurance premiums on policies approved by the Welfare Dept.; recreation, especially for children; carfare to travel to and from welfare centers and for essential traveling; money for haircuts, especially where there are several boys in the family."

Mrs. Katherine White, 10 West 112th Street, told me that carfare and lunch money alone for her two high school children costs \$5.00 a week. That comes out of the food money. So does \$2 a month to make up the balance of her rent; the Welfare Department considers her rent of \$25 a month excessive, and allows her only \$23.

"I don't know how we can manage," she said. "They cut my check \$8 a month. I was getting \$113 a month altogether, for myself and my three children. I pay \$11 every two months for gas, because I have to use the gas oven to help heat the apartment, it's so cold. I have to buy all the children's clothes. too.

"I am separated from my husband. He was sending me \$3 a week for each child, but my oldest boy was 16 years old last month, so the court stopped his allowance from his father. But I want him to finish school." ant him to finish school." Like others in the audience around me, she was Of Union Officials

determined not to let her family suffer in si-In Rights Fight lence.

"I hope that your paper will say something about the meeting. I wish everybody could know what is happening. But the daily newspapers care more about crime stories than us!"

There was applause when John Brown, representing the Lenox-Fifth Avenue Tenants' League, urged united action to prevent evictions and restore the previous scale.

"It is true that we in Harlem are the last to be hired and the first to be fired," Brown said. "It is true that relief cuts hit us hardest of all. But there will be unrest in other parts of the city, too. Perhaps we can be the spark that will set off a big protest all over the city, and that is what I think we should try to do. I am going back to my organization with the recommendation that we cooperate with you to see what can be done.'

Welcoming the support of the Tenants' League, Joseph E. Ritzberg, chairman of the Better Harfem Association, issued a warning to all who live on near-starvation incomes.

"It is not only the men and women on relief today who are hit by this cut," he declared. "Everyone whose income is close to the relief level is endangered. People getting supplementary relief, those whose wages did not even come up to the old relief standard, used to get a few extra dollars to help pay their bills. Now their wages may be above the new scale, and they will lose that money too. Remember also, that you who are not on relief today, do not know that you will not be tomorrow.'

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Dunne Flays Role

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 20 - Be-

fore a sizeable audience of work-

ers, Negroes, students and pro-

fessionals, V. R. Dunne, demon

strated the links between the

abor bureaucracy and the State

Department, and between the

cowardly attitude of this leader.

ship and the government's assaul

"The CIO bureaucracy," said

Dunne, "has expelled 500,000

worker's. Murray now plans to

kick out another million. All this

méans loss of dues and reducing

his organization. How can this

serve Murray's interests? In no

way whatever. Whose interest

does it serve? When we remem-

ber that Murray made the test

of affiliation to the CIO support

or non-support of the Marshall

Plan, then clearly this proves

Murray is acting for the State

In contrast to its attitude to

Murray and Green, Dunne point-

ed out, the government is

determined to crush the United

Mine Workers. The independent

actions of this union constitute a

threat to the State Department's

Department in the CIO."

on democratic rights.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1950

Strikers' Families Evicted

NUMBER 5

Curran Machine Continues Purge **Of Opponents**

The surge of oppositionists continued full blast in the National Maritime Union as Vice President Jack Lawrenson was placed on charges and two rank and file members vere expelled from the union at ?

the New York Port membership an explanation why the above three were singled out first for meeting on Jan. 19. Another memreprisal from the hundreds who ber was suspended for one year participated in the struggle. and fined \$100.

Several days before the mem-All were charged with activities bership meeting, National Ofarising from the resistance by fcers Stone and Hanley announced the New York membership to that the dictatorial and "anti-President Joseph Curran's recent arbitrary ouster of 15 elected Port Communist" constitutional amendofficials. In the intimidating ments sponsored by the administration, had carried in a witch - hunt atmosphere, accomreferendum vote. This is being inpanied by the crooked voteterpreted by the head-chopping counting of Curran's hand picked bureaucrats as a mandate for master-at-arms, the great matheir anti-union purge program. jority of those present abstained from voting on any of the cases. It was during the very course of this 90 day vote that Curran and

PILOT MIRRORS TERROR

The Jan. 12 issue of the NMU

state of affairs within the union.

where in the paper he cynically

explains that "it takes time and

there must be clear cut cases be-

fore any man may be brought to

trial . . . democracy moves slow-

Symbolic of this Curran - type

democracy are the recantations,

confessions and expressions of

Worried and intimidated mem-

spreading purge. Under the head-

ing "CORRECTION" one mem-

ly." (Curran's emphasis!)

PACKED TRIAL COMMITTEE Co. were systematically smashing Charges against Lawrenson all opposition!

prought by Neal Hanley, Naional Secretary, repeated the vell-worn pattern of ."inciting to iot," "creating a dual and hostile Pilot is indicative of the present organization." etc. Lawrenson will be "tried" by a fifteen-man trial In his personal column Curran committee of Curran supporters. calls for mobilization to eliminate What its "findings" will be is not the "disruptive element." Elsehard to predict.

George Irwin, charged with refusing to recognize the authority of two Curran appointees and distributing anti - Curran literature aboard his ship, stated in his defense that he was guilty only of backing up the legallyelected officials. Eladio Paula, refuting similar charges, also fealty to the "Great Leader" took occasion to deny present splattered throughout the paper. r past membership in the Com-

munist Party as a matter of bers hope thereby to escape the record. This provided John Reaves,

newly appointed machine official, ber writes that a previous critical with the opportunity to "explain" letter bearing his signature "was CP was not the important thing; t was necessary to root out all aid and comfort to the "Party."

SPITE A PURGE MOTIVE

that actual membership in the due to confusion and carelessness.' Another letter, written in bethose who by their actions gave half of a ship's crew and advocating "the ousting of Communists from amongst our ranks" goes on to blurt out a few lines Expelled along with Paula was later that "many a man criticiz-

Morris Weiner, a Stalinist, select- ing or protesting the present ed for his participation in defense policy of our leadership is activities against Curran's illegal labelled Communist and swept coup. Irwin received the fine and along in the same wave and carsuspension. Motives of venge- ried overboard. Private opinion fulness and spite, characteristic and voice of opinion now seems of witch-hunts and purges, offer a crime in our democratic union."

They Can Dream, Can't They?

By Sidney Crabbe

BOSTON — The newspapers here have not let up on the headlines about the one-and-a-half million dollar robbery of Brink's counting-house. The first day after the robbery there was a rash of solemn, indignant editorials. The governor issued a statement that the forces of law and order would prevail and the criminals would be brought to justice.

J. Edgar Hoover, the well-known wiretapper, saw this as a wonderful opportunity to direct attention away from the recently-revealed illegal activity of his FBI, and the newspapers heralded his triumphal entrance into the city.

The whole town was excited as the reporters took to the streets, asking as many of us as cared to answer, what did we think of the hold-up? The response astounded the editors, though they should have known better.

The hold-up was smooth, no one was hurt, the getaway was perfect, and Brink's and the insurance companies were out a million and a half. The city was really gleeful. There were a few people who gave advice to the police on capturing the bandits, such as: "The cops ought to take the first train to Hialeah, because boys with that kind of luck are sure to be at the track doubling their money." These advisors to the police department were in a minority.

Most people were eager to give the crooks advice on how to hold on to the money. "If those boys are as smart as they seem, they will lay low and retire for the rest of their lives." "I don't approve of robbery, but if I had that kind of Everyone was talking ab with commendation and a sort of, why-didn't-Ithink-of-it-first wonder in his eyes. Nearly everyone wished them long, peaceful years of enjoyment of their haul.

and educational progress still exists. The myth is cultivated by the newspapers and textbooks. Workers here, however, see convicted crooks running for office and being elected with the connivance of leaders of established capitalist enterprises. They see, headlined below the Brink's it is incapable of defending itself robbery, the announcement of 65 millions of dol- against the monopolists' attacks lars in real estate tax refunds while the tax rate on working conditions and living on small homes is expected to exceed \$85 per standards. By bringing the witchthousand.

They see themselves in a metropolitan area of 1,700,000 people divided into 22 cities and town- it to great danger. But at the ships, each with its expensive and corrupt political same time, they are arousing inmachine dominating the antique school, health, creasing hostility against their ton counsel on the legal staff Committee. fire departments. They see the decay of munici- policies and leadership in the preparing and handling Kutcher's pal services and the development of racetracks ranks. for horses, dogs, trotters and stock cars, the

of beano, bingo, penny sales and lotteries.

They see their governor, endorsed by AFL and CIO leadership and swept into office on the pledge not to raise fares, travel to Europe while his henchmen increase fares from 10 to 20 cents. But most of all they know how hard it is to make

a buck. "Everything is a racket," is one of the most commonly expressed sentiments. A widespread and deep-going cynicism pervades the working class in this conservative, church-ridden, lowwage area, and sometimes a trivial incident like a million-and-a-half-dollar robbery brings it to the surface for even the blind - and the editors to see

living standards. suppression of radical parties but an attempt to paralyze the whole abor movement to a point where nunt into the labor movement, Murray and Green are exposing

Dunne predicted that American growth of treasury tickets, numbers, pools, pin games and shuffle-alley, and the church monopoly rid itself of such spineless and cago the services of Joseph L. of organizations on the signi-

mighty struggles and victories. The meeting continued in-

donation by the audience.

plans to tie the labor movement to the war machine and spreads the idea of resisting Washington's moved out. attacks against labor's rights and

> The filing of James Kutcher's suit against his discharge, scheduled for the week of Jan. 23 in the Federal District Court at Washington, D. C., has been postponed

ing the working class for new in the nation's capital. formally after the conclusion of at present head of the Americans with a souvenir booklet contain-

Dunne was also interviewed over official counsel for the Interna- and merchants. Support for the radio stations WNHC and WYBC, tional UAW-CIO and other unions banquet has come from the folthe latter operated by Yale Uni- in Washington.

town.

WELL devoted a few minutes defender of civil rights, but has The New Jersey State CIO;

Secial Action. The chairman will

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The real aim of the witch-hunt, Dunne said, was not merely the KUTCHER APPEAL WILL **BE FILED IN 2 WEEKS**

The banquet will also hear craven leaders and raise up a Rauh, Jr., one of the outstanding ficance of the issues in his fight new readership capable of mobiliz- labor and civil liberties attorneys for reinstatement to his VA job. The banquet is sponsored by

ington, D. C. His firm acts as aiding Kutcher, as well as friends lowing groups:

for two weeks until Feb. 8. This delay was necessitated by be George Novack, secretary of the substitution of new Washing- the national Kutcher Civil Rights

case. The Kutcher Civil Rights report by Kutcher on his recent Committee has secured as co- six - month tour of the country labor, sooner than we think, will counsel with M. J. Myer of Chi- where he spoke before hundreds

Rauh is a former secretary of the New Jersey Kutcher Com-Justice Felix Frankfurter and is mitee. It will be commemorated the address and a generous for Democratic Action in Wash- ing greetings from organizations

versity. A news broadcast over Rauh is not only a vigorous SUPPORTING GROUPS

Failing to crush the spirit of CIO Woodworkers on strike for the past eight months, the owners of Bond Bros. railroad tie plant

got a court order evicting families from company-owned houses. Here a mother and four children watch their furniture being

Why should there have been any different reaction? In other parts of the country the 19th century myth of Boston's civic purity and social

Thus, later editorials adopted the tone of "We know the city is amused by the stick-up, but do not forget the sanctity of private property, law Large Meeting and order." Yet the simple truth is that few be-**Held in Boston** sides the cops, the editors, and the insurance executives were disturbed about this "expropriation" of private capital.



Notes from the News

matic phones.

state council in its place.

stores.

The Supreme Court, by a 4 to 3 decision, has declared it perfectly legal for the Attorney General and the FBI to convict people on anonymous charges without any trial, to keep both the identity of the accuser and the nature of the charge secret even from the courts, to deprive the accused of a hearing, and even of the right to be released on bail pending final decision.

All these issues were involved in the case of a refugee war bride of German-Jewish origin who came to join her husband, Kurt Khauff of Ozone Park, N. Y.

Mrs. Knauff came into this country in August 1948 and was immediately locked up on Ellis Island, without a hearing. She was then denied release on bail and finally, again without a hearing, ordered deported because in the opinion of the FBI she would be a "hazard to security."

The identity of her accuser and the nature of the charges against her remain a secret today as they were when the FBI first placed her under arrest. Mrs. Knauff's own record proved of no avail. She fled from Hitler to Czechoslovakia from where she went to England where she served for three years as a flight sergeant in the Royal Airforce in wartime. After an honorable dis-

TRUMAN'S CHOICE as Democratic candidate

for US Senator in his home state of Missouri,

Emery W. Allison, was the man who appointed

and served on the Missouri Senate Committee

which for eight months refused to report out a

FIVE SHOP STEWARDS of Local 1154 of the

United Electrical Workers, who were given ten

days penalty to "think over" their refusal to

sign "loyalty" statements prepared by the com-

pany, were fired on Jan. 11 by the Stewart-War-

ner Corporation in Chicago. The victimized union-

ists declared that the corporation officials "are

not concerned with oaths; they want the Un-

American right to make employees toe a political

-AN INNOVATION in strike tactics was sug-

gested by Joseph Beirne, head of the Communica-

tions Workers of America. CIO. last week when

he proposed that the public use automatic equip-

ment as much as possible in case of a strike in

the telephone industry. He especially appealed to

and non-union line both on and off the job."

bill to give Negroes equal education rights.

By Fred Hart

charge she returned to Germany as a civilian cent R. Dunne in an address at employee of the American Military Government Socialist Workers Party headsince 1948. quarters. She married Knauff with the permission of mili-Before the largest audience to

tary authorities and came to this country only hear an SWP speaker in recent to be tried, convicted and ordered deported in years in Boston, Dunne analyzed the manner already described. All this was authe desertion of the fight for thorized by the then Attorney General Tom Clark, labor's rights by the official who now sits in the Supreme Court. leadership of the AFL and CIO

This whole procedure and the majority decision He demonstrated that the trade is so raw that Justice Jackson, speaking for the union officialdom with one or two dissenting minority, used language seldom heard exceptions is following the in the Supreme Court. He denounced the denial pattern set by the government of a hearing to Mrs. Knauff as "abrupt and bruand business in conducting loyalty tal." Attacking the government for its brazen purges within the unions. The contention that "not even a court can find out, Murrays and the Greens hope why this girl is excluded," Justice Jackson conthus to gain political and economic cluded: "The menace to the security of this counfavors from the bosses and, at try, be it as great as it may, from this girl's adthe same time, strengthen their mission is as nothing compared to the menace to own control over their member free institutions inherent in procedures of this ship. pattern."

He might have added that these are the "procedures" and "patterns" of a police state which is being imposed step by step on the American people.

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STUDENTS AT WAYNE UNIVERSITY in

OPPOSITION GROWING Government purges, firings of so-called subversives from private industry on orders from army and navy bureaucrats, FBI Gestapo methods, destruction of reputations by Congressional committees, he stated, will hit more and more people and create widespread resentment.

BOSTON, Jan. 16 - "The cam-

a progressive fight against the

dictatorial plans of Washington

and Wall Street," declared Vin-

the 6 million CIO members to help jam the auto-Even now, when the witchhunt is just beginning, workers throughout the country are suspicious and conscious that the real Detroit have organized a committee to raise funds purpose is not to catch communfor relief to striking Pennsylvania coal miners, ists but to terrorize militant who are being denied credit by corporation-owned

fighters for labor, weaken the unions internally, and prepare the country for another war.

Dunne reported that there are many signs that the ranks of the labor movement and leading prepared to resist these encroachments on their rights. This is

REP. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL' of New indicated in the support that has York has accused his fellow-Democrat Franklin rallied around James Kutcher and D. Roosevelt, Jr. of fouling up the effort to force John Mahoney, expelled from the Sailor's Union of the Pacific for a vote on FEPC to further his "personal political ambition" to become governor of New York. opposing the Lundeberg gang, Young Roosevelt circulated a rival petition to and in the outcry that has gone Powell's in order to bring the bill to a vote in the up over the law - breaking activities of the FBI. House.

5, 654, 656, 1983 and 2247; NEWARK - New Jersey labor,

United Auto Workers Locals Negro and religious leaders will 688; 736; 824; nonor James Kutcher, the legless United Steelworkers Locals

paign to preserve and extend our veleran, with a testimonial 1264; 1339; 1725; civil rights can be the key issue banquet Jan. 29 at the Cadillac United Rubber Workers Locals to rally millions of workers in

Restaurant in Kutcher's home 111; 202; International Electrical Work-

The speakers' list includes Carl ers-CIO Locals 440; 441. Holderman, president of the New Also, Retail Clerks Local 108;

Jersey CIO; Charles Allen, presi-Gas. Coke and Chemical Workers lent of the Newark AFL Teach-Local 287; Amalgamated Clothing ers Union; Harry Hazelwood, Workers Local 126; Amalgamated president of the Newark branch Toy Workers Local 304; United of the NAACP; and the Reverend Packinghouse Workers Local 624; C. Hodgson, executive officer of Construction Workers 1267; and tant: the Methodist Conference on Local 571 of the International "Hard on the heels of the anti-

Association of Machinists. Trotskyist campaign in the National Maritime Union come the

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8 P.M. in the Labor Temple. rule very definitely was menaced for a time in the NMU.)

against the Socialist Workers The resolution which was circulated through Atlantic and Gulf branches, and unanimously passed, charges the Trotskyites with using the trade union movement certain to have important polion the waterfront."

telligencer, which is cited in cor-and reuniting their forces with roboration, merely reported that increasing boldness. the dispatcher said his assailants were supporters of former members who had been expelled from the union.' [Since the writing of Seligman's article it was proved in a court hearing in Seattle that no-one but the dispatcher and another seaman was involved in the brawl. Both men were sen-

tenced by the judge.] "Third, the expulsion resolution is directed not only against

WELI devoted a few minutes comment to the Dunne meeting. Large Meeting Large Meeting

The anti-Trotskyist hysteria fomented by Paul Hall and Harry Lundeberg, heads of the AFL seamens' union to cover up their dictatorial rule and strike-breaking

policies, is too raw even for social democrats. In the Jan. 21, New Communists and SWP members Leader, which is the Number One but against any seamen who apologist for the trade union contributes to or as a fellowbureaucracy, the following item traveller knowingly follows the appears in Daniel Seligman's policies of' these parties. Which column, "Squinting at Labor" might, of course mean that anywhich we reprint, despite its one who knowingly follows CP whitewash of Curran, for the in- and SWP policies of fighting formation of readers of The Mili- Harry Lundeberg could be expelled."

1 Out of Every 9 reports of a purge of Trotskyites Jobless in Germany

in- the AFL Seafarers Interna-Unemployment, rising steadily, tional Union. As is usual in such has become the No. 1 problem of a dispatch from Frankfort in the Jan. 24 N. Y. Times.

> This represents more than 11% of the working force. Almost a quarter-million workers lost their jobs during the first two weeks of this month alone.

The official figures do not include an estimated 100,000 other "Second, the bill of particulars workers who have lost their employment but have not thought Party is vague in the extreme. proyment but have not account of the program of th ernment offices.

This explosive economic situation, reminiscent of the period in which Hitler rose to power, is for their own ends' and with tical repercussions. Either it will possessing a 'disruptive record spur the revival of militancy among the workers, or it will "The only specific charge in- serve as the breeding ground for volves the beating of an SIU dis- the growth of the fascists, who patcher, but the Seattle Post In- are already operating in the open

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