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It's All There in Print



George Weissman, Treas. of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, and James Kutcher check over the transcript of the hearing held in Washington Dec. 30. The Veterans Administration backed down on its attempt to deprive the legless veteran of his World War II pension. For the first time a witch-hunt, administrative hearing was opened to the press.



The attempt to rob James Kutcher of the disability pension that was his due when he lost both legs in the Second World War has been defeated. The Veterans Administration, after its "I-make-the-rules" hearing, decided | the aid of scabs and police. that it didn't have enough grounds for picking the pocket of the Socialist veteran.

Very good. The fight for justice that Kutcher has corporation and it has succeeded waged for nearly eight years scored a victory. But Kut- na getting some scale new methods and plants, notably in the Columbus cher's civil liberties will not be restored until he gets his and Mansfield, Ohio, plants. job back. The fight goes on and it will continue until people There have been a series of are free to think as they please, to write as they please, to violent assaults on the picket associate with whom they please without fear of persecu- lines. Many have been injured tion. Nothing short of that will satisfy Kutcher — or the is dead. majority of the American people.

"You Restored My Pension ----Now Give Me Back My Job!" Kutcher Tells Witch Hunters

Seamen Rally Behind Westinghouse Strike

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By Art Sharon

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 - The three-month strike of Westinghouse workers remained at a deadlock this week. This, the nation's major strike, involving 55,000 production. workers, has turned into a deadly 🤊 test of strength between the ers. This kind of action deserves

second largest electrical manu- to be emulated by the labor facturer and the unions: the movement everywhere. AFL - CIO Electrical Workers

READY TO ARBITRATE union representing 45,000 work-The IUE leadership is pinning ers and the independent United much hope on the intervention Electrical Workers union, which of the mayors of cities that have come under government Westinghouse picket lines. These witch-hunt attack, representing worthies are meeting at present the balance. in Pittsburgh seeking a formu-

Negotiations that were sponla that would end the walkout sored by the Federal Mediation while submitting the disputed Service were broken off by the issues to arbitration. company in Pittsburgh but were The IUE has agreed to go

later resumed in Philadelphia. back upon the terms of the old The two sides are meeting at contract while submitting the the negotiating table, but the disputed issues to binding arbireal war continues at the plant tration. gates where Westinghouse is at-

But the critical issue of the tempting to smash the strike with strike, the company's right to unilaterally set production stan-Every strikebreaking trick in dards and move on to automation the book has been used by the without interference from the union — this critical issue of speed up, is being decided on in getting some scabs into the the far-flung picket line manned by Westinghouse workers. The binding arbitration proposal that the IUE leadership has so eagerly seized has been opposed so far by the corporation. The latter wants this stage

Big Business is watching the to be entered only after giving SAVE THE COUNTRY FROM RED FORCE AND VIOLENCE

Gray_

By Harry Ring

Jan. 9 - Senator Eastland

(D-Miss.), who has been busy

organizing a federation of race

terrorists in the South, has also,

taken charge of the search for

"subversives" in the nation's

ed effort. Thereby, they effec-

Even more disgraceful

the sellout of the liberal Dem-

that his union and the NAACP

VA Retreat **Opens Way To Victory**

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By Daniel Roberts

"It was a wonderful vindication of my position," said James Kutcher, World War II legless veteran, and Socialist Workers Party member, when he learned that the Veterans Administration had called off its latest attempt to deprive him of a livelihood by taking away his disability pension. "I think it was the publicity that made them retreat. . . I think now the court ought to rule favorably on my plea to get my job back and the government ought to stop trying to evict me from my house."

The Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, a non-paritisan group formed seven years ago after Kutcher had been fired from his job as file clerk with the VA office in Newark, is stepping up the fight to get him back on the job. The case will soon be argued in the Circuit Court of Appeals, possibly even this month.

VA RETREATS UNDER FIRE

The Veterans Administration Central Committee on Waivers and Forfeitures ruled on Jan. 6 that Kutcher had not been "shown, beyond a reasonable doubt, to have been guilty" of and inte [rendering] assistance to an enemy of the United States." With this formula the VA seeks to maintain its smear of Kutcher through innuendo even as it retreats from its attack under fire At the Dec. 30 public hearing conducted by the committee on certain that any such inquiry one of its fantastic treason "testimony" against him by faceless informers as unmitigated The Times, which has already lies. Kutcher's testimony that all witch hunters, also asserted, "It open - a right guaranteed by employ. We do not propose to deed, Peyton H. Moss, chairman hand that function over to the of the committee, repeatedly refused demands made by Kut-The editorial blast of the cher's attorney, Joseph L. Rauh Jr., that informers against him be forced to testify at the hearing where they could be subof the nine Senators on the sub- jected to cross-examination.

absolute minimum that had to be won — what gains have rect interest and concern. The an arbitration award that would been made in this fight against the witch hunt? In 1955 outcome of the strike will have substantially support the Westbeen made in this fight against the witch hunt? In 1955 the government, for the first time, began to invade the time description on "labor rela-tions" throughout the nation. For down the throats of the AS impartial and non-political administration of social security that reason there is a growing Westinghouse workers with greatlegislation.

The attempt of the VA to take Kutcher's pension away portance in the labor movement. was part of a political decision by the witch hunters to tighten the economic squeeze on political dissidents even to the extent of depriving them of what was legally and specifically theirs - old age pensions of Communist Party functionaries and the pensions of disabled war veterans.

structed to prevent their use by changing political powers. support to the Westinghouse dent of Westinghouse, to an The sole basis for determining pension payments has always been of a technical, not a political nature.

Kutcher's Job Fight

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In addition to Kutcher's means of subsistence - an Westinghouse situation with di- the IUE a severe beating. Then awareness of the strike's im-

er ease. This strike is serving to rude-

A signal demonstration has ly disrupt the labor-managementbeen made on the initiative of harmony pipe dreams that have the Baltimore branch of the Sea- been the favorite themes of AFLfarers International Union. In CIO leaders. It is almost like a that city the SIU initiated a dramatic confrontation of James as head of the Senate Subcomlocal labor rally under the ban- Carey of a year ago, when he mittee on Internal Security, The laws governing these payments were clearly con- ner of the unified AFL-CIO for introduced Gwinn Price, Presi-IUE meeting with great praise press. workers.

But even more important is for the new wisdom animating While Eastland declared for the SIU's action in dispatching the heads of industry and labor the record that the activities of In Kutcher's case the VA did not yield its usurpation its members daily to the picket and the end of the class strug- his committee were not aimed at line to help out the IUE work- gle. any specific paper, just "com-

President and Liberals

OF DIXIECRAT **OPERATIONS**

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ERRORISM

munism," it was quite apparent | propriety of any investigation | of unprecedented public indignathat, in addition to the destruc- of the press by any agency of tion. tion of freedom of the press in Congress." But, declared the general, he was out to do a Times, "It is the inescapable respecial hatchet job on the New sponsibility of Congress to make forfeitures Kutcher denied every York Times.

In its closed sessions last month be conducted in good faith and charges under oath, and branded the committee hauled 38 wit- not motivated by ulterior purnesses before it. Thirty of them pose."

were past or present employees of the Times. In the week of fired a number of employees for he had ever been "guilty" of was public hearings which concluded refusing to cooperate with the advocating socialist ideas in the Jan. 6 there were 18 witnesses. Thirteen of these were also past is our own business to decide the U.S. Constitution - was or present employees of the whom we shall employ and not never seriously challenged. In-Times.

CRITICIZED EASTLAND

Eastland sub-committee." The Times has in the recent period been critical of the "ex- Times, was an undoubted setcesses" of the witch hunters. back to the Eastland Committee. Even worse, from Eastland's The day after it appeared seven point of view, the Times has editorially advised Eastland and his committee absented themselves white supremacy cohorts to ac- from the hearing. But it would such revision can be made is on cept the Supreme Court ban on be a serious mistake to assume school segregation. that it in any way marks East-That day came and went with-

There was no direct effort at land's finish as a combined witch the hearing to show that the hunter and race baiter.

conservative Times actually com-Unlike McCarthy, who also mitted the diabolical "crime" of sought to build a mass fascist publishing radical views. East- base throughout the country, land confined himself to infer- Eastland has already a solid base ence and innuendo. By demon- of power in the reactionary strating with a parade of wit- movement of the Southern capnesses that various employees italists and landlords. Through of the Times had at one time alliance with the Northern libocrats is the conduct of the ofor another been allegedly associ- erals the Dixiecrats have won ficial leaders of the labor move- ated with the Communist Party, key position in Congress. Eastment. When last Fall, mass in- he put the sign of "subversion" land and other Southern racists

over the most authoritative have utilized that position, in dignation against the horrible collaboration with the McCarthy Mississippi lynching of 14-yearmouthpiece of U.S. Big Business. old Emmett Till was at its peak, With this attack on the Times, ites, to launch retaliatory meas-President Walter Reuther of the Eastland served due notice to ures against such Northern crit-

the press in general that if it ics as the Times. Eastland and his committe dared to criticize his nefarious have laid new planks in the activities, it was laving itself witch-hunting scaffold in the open to the same treatment. As a result of this attack, the face of a trend of setbacks and Times decided that the commit- reversals for McCarthyism gentee had carried its "excesses" to erally. These setbacks have been an extreme and trained its edi- registered in court and administorial guns on the committee. trative decisions, all of which In doing so it was again careful have sought to "regulate" the Congress opened. But the rally to establish the fact, as when it witch hunt while carefully avoidwas never held. The project van- finally opposed McCarthy, that ing any decision that would kick ished into the same thin air as it supported the fundamental any fundamental prop from un-

A FEW VICTORIES

The most recent of such decisions, in addition to the notable victory in the Kutcher case, (Continued on page 2)

The Veterans Administration's (Continued on page 2)

"So Strikes Are Treason!"

"So Strikes Are 'Treason'!" is the way Labor, newspaper of 15 railway unions and the nation's most widely circulated labor paper, headlines the story on Kutcher's Dec. 30 pension hearing in its Jan. 7 issue, VA official Peyton Moss' statement: "If you're going to call strikes in wartime, it's prima facie evidence that you are giving aid and assistance to the enemy," didn't sit well with railroad workers who would all be branded 'traitors' by such a standard. "Moss' shocking declaration amounted to branding a basic American right as a crime . . . a ban on stoppages would be equivalent to involuntary servitude... Workers would be compelled to toil for the private profit of a private employer, regardless of how onerous the working conditions might be. . . Yet in trying amputee Kutcher, a high VA official sought to turn advocacy of that basic democratic right (to strike) into an act of treason," said Labor. It called the charges against Kutcher 'weird.'

Pull Civil Rights Fraud By Herman Chauka Reporting on civil rights, President Eisenhower in his the opening day of Congress. Jan. 5 State of the Union message to Congress solemnly out one of the liberals lifting announced that "in some localities allegations persist that a finger to carry out their pledg-Negro citizens are being deprived 9 of their right to vote and are But the liberal Democrats' re- tively killed all chances for likewise being subjected to un- sponse may well be character- passage of civil rights legislawarranted economic pressure." He ized in their own words as "too tion throughout the entire term recommended that a bipartisan little and too late." The civil of the 84th Congress. Congressional committee investi- rights record of the entire 84th gate these "allegations." LETTER TO EISENHOWER Evidently Eisenhower has not kept up either with the state of

blank. the union or with his mail. For on Dec. 10, the Pittsburgh Cour-

ier, leading Negro newspaper in The reason for the "blank" in the U.S., addressed an open let- 1955, and the certainty of the United Auto Workers announced ter to the President informing same score in 1956 - was made him that Southern Negroes are clear by a legislative caucus would organize a "giant rally" being deprived not only of their held by Northern Democrats of labor and the Negro people in ballot rights but their very lives. prior to the reconvening of Con-The Courier demanded that he Negroes in that state from a to "avoid . . . such issues as savage reign of terror.

Northern Democrats, with a harp eye on the 1956 elections, were quick to denounce Eisenthe Dixiecrats. hower's proposal for an obvious-

ly meaningless "investigation." Senator Lehman (D-N.Y.) label- actually took place the day Con- coattails, the labor leaders cling along with these extremes. led it "just a way of stalling." gress convened a year ago. They to the liberals. That is why the Senator Douglas (D-III.) chimed had promised a fight to revise union bureaucrats have refused SNOOPING IN GOOD FAITH in: "It's time we got some ac- Senate Rule 22 to eliminate to put any real pressure on Its editorial, published Jan. 5, tion. I'm more for action than Southern filibustering against Northern Democrats for deliv- declared at the outset, "We do are those of William Taylor, civil rights bills. The only time ery on their campaign pledges. Not question the right or the study at this point."

Congress - including its Northern Democratic members - was described by the CIO report, "Congress '55," as "totally

UNITY WITH DIXIECRATS

cision was the liberals' determination to maintain unity with

Washington when Congress regress. At that meeting, reported convened. The rally was to pour immediately dispatch federal the Oct. 27 N.Y. Times, the on heat for passage of civil troops to Mississippi to protect Democratic Senate leaders agreed rights laws.

compulsory civil rights legisla- WHERE WAS THE RALLY? tion." The reason for this de-

Reuther's talk. While the lib- principle of the witch hunt but der it.

than

Their sellout on civil rights erals cling to the Dixiecrats' that it was not ready to go



The American Veterans Committee was among the first of

many national organizations to give Kutcher support in his fight

for his job. Here Kutcher is shown at the 1948 convention of

the AVC as he was greeted by Chairman Chat Paterson (left)

and George L. P. Weaver, Dir. of CIO National Committee to

Abolish Discrimination (r).

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The American Way of Life

'What's Good for America...

The benefits of the great American institution of buying on the installment plan are going to be conferred on in a treason case this side of other countries if U.S. businessmen succeed in working the Atlantic?" With these words, out ways and means. However, the foreign install-

sumers."

They're not altogether altruisment buying bonanza may prove tic about it. Installment buying to be only a will-o'-the-wisp. has worked at home so well that With the installment plan also on a per capita basis every man, goes the collection plan and if of the legless veteran. woman and child in the U.S. is that's not successful, then the in hock \$137. Consumer credit- | repossession plan. And although U.S. manufacturers are willing days the Council of the King, "miracle working sales wonder" to extend credit terms to foreign sitting in the "starred chamber distributors, few will take the at Westminster" examined those as the Dec. 22 Wall Street Journal puts it-can further expand risk of financing foreign retailthe market for "shiny American] ers, "let alone individual con-

gadgets." The main idea now being worked over is to give the rest of the world a chance to enjoy American products now. And let them pay later.

SOME CATCHES

There are some catches, however. Abroad, "money is less plentiful . . . than in the U.S" and that makes for greater risk. This obstacle can be overcome by stepping up financing charges again." to say 25% of the cash price of For another thing, laws in purchase as compared to the 15 many countries often make reto 20% finance charge in the possession actions difficult and

U.S. There's also less ready costly. "There aren't many places cash abroad. But that can be outside the U.S. where you can met by making the down pay- put up a bond and immediately ment smaller.

Still worse, people in other In Egypt, for example, a pearly white General Electric re- countries haven't yet got the frigerator is advertised at 288 American habit of greeting bill Egyptian pounds (\$777) includ- collectors with installment paying the finance charges. The ment in hand. As a matter of down payment is only one pound fact, collecting installments in (\$2.88). The payments go for other lands can be unpleasant-38 months. A further inducement for the collector.

is a free "magic ten plastre to- In Central America, for inken," entitling the buyer to a stance, a businessman, "dangerdiscount of from two to five per ous when drunk," always keeps cent on the next appliance he a loaded pistol on his desk, "presumably to greet bill collectors buys.

The marketing manager of and other unwelcome visitors." the international division of He has already killed two peo-Avco Manufacturing Corp. claims ple. A credit agency lists him as that the introduction of the in- a risk.

stallment plan accounts for "prac-But Big Business is hopeful tically all" of a recent increase that the problems will yield to in Crosley refrigerator sales in American ingenuity and know Venezuela, "a good 50% of the how. In fact, in a cause as increases in radio sales in Mex- worthy as this one, the probico and television sets in Cuba. lems must yield. Their aim is to

In Brazil the American way spread America's "miracle workof buying seems to be going ing sales wonder," because, as they see it, what's good for over big. On-the-cuff sales "ac-American business surely must counted for 62%" of the automobiles chalked up there by one be good for the rest of the of Detroit's biggest auto pro- world. ducers.

financing foreign consumers more directly," says Walter Diamond.

"There are some good reasons"

economist for McGraw-Hill International. "For one thing they

be unable to pull them out repossess the merchandise."

why American companies don't want to become embroiled in Tops in Canada don't care to pour dollars into countries where they may later

to Medieval England. In those

accused of crimes too great to

be tried by ordinary courts.

There was no jury. Torture was

often used to gain confessions.

Chinese-Canadian, Normie Kwong, 26, was selected as Canada's outstanding athlete by sports writers and sportscasters. He is a professional football player on the Edmonton Eskimos team.

The Star Chamber

|As the king's agency it allowed| the latter "demanded whether he| rules of procedure, so bitterly By Robert Chester "Do you know that you are the no appeal. These Star Chamber be sent for as an innocent, or as fought for in earlier struggles first man in this country to be trials became especially numer- guilty? It was answered neither, for democratic rights.

ous and hateful in times of in- but as suspected only; Then he accused of treason at an admintense political struggle between demanded, who were his accus- body of the Constitution itself jury or witness . . . that your the absolute monarchy and the ers? It was answered, his (i.e. rigidly defines treason and protrial here marks the first rein- people. Wheelright's own) Sermon; . . . being acknowledged by himself victed of treasonous conduct "un-

One of the celebrated cases in troduction of the Star Chamber British history is that of John they might thereupon proceed, less on the Testimony of two Lilbuine, renowned pamphleteer, ex officio: at this word great Witnesses to the same overt Act, who became leader of the dem- exception was taken, as if the or on Confession in open Court." John Silard, counsel for James ocratic faction - the Levellers Court intended the course of the (Article III, Section 3.) Kutcher at the Dec. 30 hearing - in the Puritan Revolution of High Commission." The High before the Veterans Administra-1640-49. Lilburne was charged in Commission, Griswold notes, was in Washington is part of a new tion central committee on for-1637 with having imported cer- the Star Chamber. feitures, began his questioning

tain "heretical" and "seditious" books and haled before King The Star Chamber dates back

In 1689, William Bradford, a informers, making the rules as Charles I's Star Chamber. When Liburne refused to knuckle un- printer, was summoned before they go along, the witch hunters der to his inquisitors he was the Governor and Council of the are trying to turn back the clock condemned to be publicly whip- Province of Pennsylvania for of history. McCarthy, Eastland ped and pilloried. He was then printing the charter of the prov- and now Peyton H. Moss, chairkept in jail until he paid a heavy inces so that people could see man at the Kutcher hearing, their rights. When the Council have reintroduced the Star Cham-Mass protests, combined with

accused him of printing without | ber in modern dress. the support of Oliver Cromwell a license and demanded a con-- who was to become the most fession, Bradford retorted, "Gov- NEW TORTURE MEANS prominent leader of the Puritan ernor, I desire to know my ac- The present-day emulators of Revolution — finally won his cusers, I think it very hard to King Charles I of England's life at least, if not the wishes of ors point out in the last chapter. freedom. Lilburne then filed a be put upon accusing myself." methods do not use the rack to petition with Parliament, and, After further charges he empha- torture a witness into confessing in 1641, won a historic decision sized the point. "Let me know "guilt." They use the power of that his sentence had been "il- my accusers and I shall know security checks, "loyalty" firings legal and against the liberty of the better how to make my de- and slanted publicity to try to the subject." He was awarded a fense." huge indemnity of 3,000 pounds sterling.

FAIR TRIAL PRINCIPLE

by the colonists. However, even

American settlers were battling

those being demanded in Eng-

examination.

Under pressure of the ascending stages of the Puritan Revolution, Parliament abolished the Star Chamber in 1640 on the written specifically to compel not be yielded to the witch huntgrounds that its methods were not in accordance with "due prothe government to observe those ers. cess of law." This act establish-

"WHO ARE MY ACCUSERS?"

ed the principle that every aced the principle that every ac-cused — no matter what the of-fense — was to get a fair trial UAW STRIKE SOLIDARITY based on testimony of witnesses WINS SQUARE D LOCAL or by other material evidence presented in open court, where t could be subjected to cross-

DETROIT, Jan. 6-The mem-| of UAW locals, the powerful bership of the local union at the Ford local 600 among them, the These legal concepts became Square D strike would have part of the English Common Law Square D plant here, veterans of and were brought to this country

the hard-fought strike to save prior to the Puritan Revolution, their union in the summer and Square D workers, Amalgamated fall of 1954, have voted to disfor procedural rights similar to affiliate with the independent Paul Silver, will more than United Electrical Workers and double its size.

land. And the battle continued to join Local 351 of the UAWup to the American Revolution. AFL-CIO. Local 351 was one of the first workers out of the UE and into ulatory powers to conserve the In his book, The Fifth Amendment Today, Dean Erwin N. UAW locals to come to the aid the IUE-CIO had relied heavily lush profits of oil, natural gas, Griswold of the Harvard Law of the embattled Square D work- on red-baiting, and had all failed mineral and other interests but School cites several examples of ers when their picket line was completely. It was the attraction very little to conserve the natur- property in Flint is worth close this struggle for democratic being smashed by the Detroit of the powerful UAW in the Derights in early American history, police early in September. The troit area and mass help on the Thus in one famous case in isolated and besieged local union picket line-in short, strike soli- monopolization in transport, at \$111 million or about one 1637, involving the dissident was under strong red-baiting at- darity - which brought the in radio and TV. "As of 1954, seventh its actual value accord-Massachusetts preachers Anne tack by the local press. Without Square D workers into the fold two AM networks - NBC and ing to Norman Bully, Flint CIO



MONOPOLY IN AMERICA. The Government as Promoter. By Walter Adams and Horace M. Gray. Macmillan Company, N. Y., 221 pp., \$3.50.

As indicated by its title, this book gives a partial picture of the role the government plays in shaping U.S. economy. Big Business gets the benefit. Monopoly in production is fostered. Campaign.

ers for the Democratic Party of all radio network business, phase of struggle against arbiwill probably use the work as a CBS having 40 per cent and trary governmental procedure. NBC 25 per cent," the authors source material in 1956. Basing themselves on faceless The authors hope that a major point out. As far as TV is conhange in federal policy can re- cerned, these same two companverse the trend toward monopoly ies "control some 85 per cent of of the last decade and a half, the total television business that Marx's prognostication of CBS 45 per cent and NBC 40

increasing centralization as the per cent." Add this to the fact that over basic trend of capitalist economy need not be the course that his- the span of the last 25 years tory must take. However, the "94 per cent of American cities picture they draw of the status and 18 states did not have comof monopoly today proves that peting newspapers," as the authsome capitalist economists, verifies Then one gets an idea of how instead of refutes the views of monopolized is the dispensing of Marx, the founder of scientific news. socialism.

Chapters IV through VII deal with the tax and expenditure SOCIALIST AMMUNITION policies of the government, "de-The presentation of some of fense" contracts, disposal of the technical ways in which the surplus war plants and legislagovernment has put the re- tion on atomic energy. In each sources of the United States at of these spheres government aid the disposal of the privileged to Big Business at the expense few in the Big Business circles, of the small capitalist is proved. The book is well worth studysocialist agitators in the 1956 ing despite the fact that the picelection than to the politicians ture of government service to n the middle-class or trade un- the monopolists is far from comion bureaucracy. Socialists will plete as the authors admit. The not have to square the reality of whole foreign aid program at Big Business domination, under the taxpayer's expense is de-Democrats as well as Republi- veloped primarily to provide

cans, with a defense of the capspheres of capital investment and markets for Big Business. italist system. An objective consideration of Chapter III deals with the regulatory powers of the federal the material presented by the

government in the exploitation authors, however, must bring the of natural resources. Here the conclusion that the federal govauthors demonstrate that the ernment which is supposed to prime concern of the federal represent the majority in the U.S., actually represents a small much the ostensible task of con- minority. It operates against the interest of workers, farmers and serving resources as it has been small busines - against all exto regulate prices in behalf of cept the priveleged few. This was so under the Democrats as The government uses its reg-

well as the Republicans.

General Motors Corporation al resources in question. to a billion dollars, but for tax In this chapter is also treated evaluation purposes is assessed CBS-accounted for 65 per cent council president.

been destroyed. With the aquisition of the government has not been so local 351, whose president is Big Business.

Significantly, all previous attempts to get the Square D

Hutchinson and John Wheelright, the dramatic and timely support of the AFL-CIO.

Mary Burton becoming over- | ture; a product of man's

Besides the Bill of Rights, the

vides that no one should be con-

The Dec. 30 Kutcher hearing

against government high-handed these bludgeoning procedures and famous Fifth Amendment was hard and bitter struggle. It will

drive the victim to his knees These instances in colonial through economic pressure. When Kutcher stood up against American history of struggles

ness, led to the addition of a demanded to face his accusers, Bill of Rights to the U.S. Con- he had behind him three centustitution. These make up the ries of precedent. The right to a first ten amendments. The now fair trial was won through long, will be of greater help to the

By Henry Gitano

EYLAND MANATUS, 1741 -Fourteen victims were chained with one another and with crews to the stake and burned alive, 22 were hung, and 70 deported, PANIC BEGINS while 144 men and women were iammed into the small prison during this year's "Summer of Suspicion" from May 11 to Aug. 29 in this town with its popula- Within three weeks, eight more tion of 10,000, one-fifth Negro slaves.

The previous winter, a Spanish pirate vessel was captured and lieved it was a plot of the Nebrought into this port, its crew was sold into slavery at auction. city. Local authorities interro-J. T. Headley reports that they gating a Spanish sailor were dis-"became very intractable, and in suite of floorings they reacived statisfied with his answers, where-both . . . What one poor wretch marily decide between execu-New York, N.Y., C. S. Francis & subversive lists, stables of inspite of floggings they received, upon the entire crew was imuttered threats that they knew prisoned. would reach their master's ears."

others.

the fires. Her master, John

Faced with proud slaves who Headley observed that slavewere rebellious and a series of owners "felt half the time as fires, this Island was engulfed though walking on the crust of by hysterical fear. A woman a volcano." The most stringent called Earle stepped into the measures taken to prevent slaves panic, stating she had observed Others testified that both Cuff from assembling, were to no three servants along Broadway, and Quack were the real culavail. Restive under their bon- one of whom cried out: "Fire,

One Defendant Freed in Ohio **Smith Act Trial**

CLEVELAND, Jan. 8 - U.S. District Judge Charles J. Mc-Namee last Thursday ordered the fires, the town government inrelease of David Katz, one of the tensified its hunt. The militia **11** Ohio Communist Party leaders on trial here for the past ten rested in mass and hurriedly imweeks under the Smith Act.

Katz, a former Cleveland bakery driver and the husband of another defendant, is the third person to be freed by a judge of the more than a hundred Communist Parity leaders throughout the country brought to trial on conhas been cleared by a jury.

Judge McNamee, in acquilting Katz, ruled there was insuf- oners, there was no evidence. ficient evidence against him to The reward had not borne any give his case to the jury. His fruit. admitted membership in the party and attendance at meetings is thus acknowledged as inadequate to prove conspiracy to advocate the violent overthrow of the government, as charged by government prosecutors.

Judge McNamee's action folargument by defense llowed counsel for a directed verdict of Carey, one of his tenants. acovittal.

defense witnesses this week.

space, they maintained contact massacre all inhabitants; Hughof incoming ships. governor. On March 18, the governor's house in the fort caught fire. Fanned by a fierce south-east wind, the flames spread rapidly.

-Reba Aubrev

fires broke out. Some declared that the Spanish slaves had set gro slaves to burn the entire others; and pardon and liberty death." to the slaves who should do the same, and rewards in money to invented, was heard and repeat-

a regular plot." to prolong his own life by implicating another servant, Quack. their own lives.

prits. The sentence of death fire, scorch, scorch, a little damn called for burning at the stake. by and by!" Then, Earle testi-The terrified men were chained fied, the men laughed in an odd to the stakes twenty yards way and the speaker threw up apart, with fagots piled chesthis hands as though communihigh.

cating with the Evil One. Both men in desperation cried Forthwith all "suspicious" perout that they had additional insons carying bundles were stopformation to reveal. The execuped and searched. Since nothing tioner ordered them unchained. incriminating could be found After discussing the advisability and nobody was seen setting of returning them to prison, the sheriff prevailed that die they

must according to plan. The was called out, slaves were artrembling men were again chained, the kindling wood piled prisoned. A reward of one hunaround them and the torch was dred pounds was offered with a applied.

full pardon, to anyone who Headley describes the atmoswould confess or implicate phere: "No lawyer was found bold enough to step forward and

On April 21, the Supreme defend these poor wretches, but Court of the region met, judges all volunteered their services to Adolphus Philipse and Daniel aid the government in bringing spiracy charges since 1949. One Horsmandin presiding. A jury them to punishment . . . This was impaneled. Though there little town was wholly given to was a plentiful supply of prispanic, and a nameless dread of some mysterious awful fate. Proceedings were all dignified and solemn, as became an Eng-

Mary Burton, an imprisoned lish court, yet the course the slave was brought before the trial took showed how utterly grand jury, but refused to be unbalanced and one-sided it had sworn in. After being threatened become.' with death, she "confessed" to TURNABOUT WITNESS crimes that had no bearing on

pathetic to Kutcher's side and Mary Burton, finding herself a hostile to the witch hunters. The Hughson, had permitted stolen heroine, came up with ever more legless vet won backing with his goods to be taken by Peggy imaginative accusations. Peggy courageous defense of his beliefs Carey after being condemned, and his rights. His attorney, The authorities persisted and turned state's evidence. Because Rauh, demonstrated clearly to all

The trial is scheduled to con- prodded Burton till she came up her confession did not secure the the newspapermen the illegality tinue with the introduction of with the "evidence" they want- promised pardon, she retracted of the VA's attempt at a treason ed. A great conspiracy of ser-leverything and admitted fabri- trial.

dage and confined to a narrow | vants and slaves. Negroes and | cating stories-stories which had caused the arrest of more vicwhites had organized to demolish Eyland Manatus by fire, and tims.

Witch Hunt in Manhattan -- Mid-Summer, 1741 ... SEN. EASTLAND

ken out to a fresh water pond them. One servant to escape Burton was given her one hunand hung. A writer for C.S. execution himself, implicated Francis and Co. stated that dur- fourteen others, all of whom ing this period, "proclamations were executed except for still were made offering pardons to another confessor, who in turn Manatus was the early Dutch the buildings on fire. Others be- the free who should make a implicated another large group name for New York City. Sources discovery of the plot, or accuse who were likewise sent to their

> The city jails became overcrowded, forcing judges to sumtion and pardon to make room ed by another; and by degrees for new victims. A number of the story assumed the shape of those arrested declared that they confessed guilt for themselves 1950.

A servant named Cuff decided and others because they were

it did in its try to take away his

That is why the N. Y. Post

stated editorially on Jan. 10,

"Now that Kutcher has won this

round, we beseech the U.S. gov-

paign of harassment against him

- a campaign that began . . .

with his dismissal from a Vet-

cludes a current attempt to evict

him from the public housing pro-

A survey of the press from

coast to coast shows clearly why

the witch hunters retreated from

their attempt to take away Kult-

cher's pension. Judging by their

stories of the "hearing" the

reporters were generally sym-

ject in which he lives."

pension.

Edward R. Snow relates that: orities quite suddenly remember- time. Yet they admit that the son planned to become the new "scores of persons were so ed glaring irregularities in her frightened that they began to accusations and stopped the Twenty days after the court accuse their neighbors before executions. Proceedings were convened, two servants were ta- their neighbors could accuse brought to an abrupt halt. Mary bondage. Thus the real cause for dred pounds and left town.

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oppression of slaves.

The dateline is 1741. Eyland referred to are: (1) Headley, J. T. - The Great Riots of New York 1712 to 1873, N.Y., E. B. Treat 1873. (2) A Picture of Co. 1848. (3) Snow, Edward R. formers for hire, millions of files In dismissing the final contempt -Secrets of the North Atlantic with derogatory information, charge against him, a federal Islands, N.Y., Dodd, Mead & Co.

Both Headley and Snow, writtold, it was the only way to save ing 77 years apart, attribute this a challenge on the battlefield of reign of terror to human na-lideas.

wealth and influence. The auth- to continue until the end of slave owners were treading on a wanted to break out of their the summer madness of 1741 was the attempt to maintain the

the witch hunt is used by the now asking U.S. Attorney Genruling class to impose subservi- eral Brownell to apologize for ence. Appearing massive and powerful, American capitalism knows that it's treading on a had been indicted for contempt volcano. The witch hunt with its of Congress for balking at ques-

system that is deathly afraid of

confident fingered people of ness ever since the world began, stock. Appeals in Washington reversed Taylor had been included in the frameup of the late Harry the perjury conviction of former Dexter White. Along with White Painters Union official and Smith volcano, knowing that the slaves he was branded by a govern- Act victim Louis Weinstock. ment board as a "Communist Weinstock had been framed on the perjury charge for denying spy." After seven years, a new government board finally an- membership on a committee nounced that Taylor had cleared which no longer existed. The

(Continued from page 1)

Leon Kamin and Louis Wein-

Today, like two centuries ago, satisfaction. Taylor's attorney is viction on a technicality. calling Taylor a "subversive." Kamin, a Harvard professor tions of McCarthy's committee. blacklisting, and hounding of judge ruled, Jan. 5, that in its militant workers, will not save a questioning of Kamin the com- accomplish that necessary task.

himself of the charge to their federal court threw out the con-While such decisions are certainly welcome they are far from sufficient, as Eastland is currently demonstrating, to put an end to the drive against civil liberties and civil rights. Nothing less than a powerful independent political movement of labor and the Negro people can

| mittee had gone "beyond the

On the same day the Court of

scope of its power.



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pension stood suspended as of Nov. 30. presented the same kind of the hearing itself was attacked Again, it was the N. Y. Post

publicity for Kutcher's demand that he be given an open hearing - a demand supported by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) and other Congressmen - that forced the VA to grant the first

tinued. "there were no rules of procedure, no witnesses (except for the accused, Kutcher), nor ernment to abandon its long cam- any facts to back up the charges

cialist Beliefs Despite Pension Threat," is how the Philadelphia Inquirer headlined its Dec. 31 Associated Press story of the of the nation-wide TV sequences of the hearing.

It was public indignation which forced the VA to retreat step by step in its attack on Kutcher's pension from the time the N. Y. geoning procedure as the govern-Post broke the story on Dec. 23. ment intended to use on James Six hours after the Post hit the Kutcher, before public indignastreets, the VA announced that | tion stayed its hand.

Kutcher Fights for His Job "Legless war veteran James | Kutcher would retain his pension (Continued from page 1) Kutcher got a hearing yester- until after the administrative rulling in the pension case exposes day," said staff reporter Murrey | hearing. Originally, the disabliity the arbitrary character of Kut-Marder in the Dec. 31 Washingcher's dismissal in 1948 from his VA job. The Administration ton Post, "... but the conduct of

trumped-up "evidence" and as a denial of his fundamental warped police - mind logic in rights. Before it ended . . . the depriving Kutcher of his job as press saw a type of proceeding unlike anything that has come into public view.

"In this hearing," Marder conpublic administrative hearing in the witch hunt's history.

Finally, Kutcher's case roused

such nation-wide protest that the against him except the charges government witch hunters rethemselves. 'I'll make the rules as treated in this latest attack and we go along,' said Peyton H. restored the pension. erans Administration job and in- Moss. . ." The victory scored in the Kut-"Legless Veteran Sticks to So-

cher pension case should inspire the mobilization of forces to carry the seven-year struggle to complete victory. It should also arouse mass support on behalf of all witch-hunt victims. In parthis phase of the testimony. Kut- | ticular, civil liberties defenders cher's principled stand was also should fight to win back the diswitnessed by the public in one ability pensions of Robert Thompson and Saul Wellman, Com-

munist Party leaders railroaded to prison under the Smith "Gag" Act. Their pensions were taken away by the same kind of blud-

Kutcher hearing. Many other newspapers prominently featured



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... The Fight Continues!

(Continued from page 1) of the power to decide pension payments on a political ground. But it was forced to retreat. That is a beginning.

Furthermore, the VA was forced to continue payment of the pension until the hearing had been held and a decision reached. This knocks a hole into what has become the common practice of the government witch hunters - punishing first then deciding on "guilt" later.

Still another important, though partial victory was the fact that the hearing was opened to the press, radio and TV. The witch hunters have conducted their administrative hearings in the dark, making up the rules as they go along. The prosecutor acts as judge and jury.

The fact that the door was forced open in Kutcher's case does not mean that secret star chamber hearings have been abandoned. The VA did not disclaim the procedure as such. It merely exercised its dictatorial power to open the door when the issue got to hot to handle in the usual conspiratorial way. But it gave the American people a good enough look into the nature of these secret inquisitions to shame the nation. Star chamber sessions will not be taken for granted in the future.

The decision of this prosecutor-judgejury committee in effect admitted that the testimony of secret informers was not as reliable as that of a man who testifies under oath for all to hear, question and check.

But more important than anything else is the fact that Kutcher's fight has become known to tens of millions of people. Big Business parties in power, anxious to stay there regardless of the means, obviously don't have a sense of justice. But the average person who often gets booted around by those on top is concerned about

justice. Full victory for Kutcher will lie

with the American people. Kutcher understood this when he first

lost his job in 1948. Then he took his fight to the labor movement, the organizations of the minority people, to the students and professors, to the scientists and the artists. The fight in those days was not front page news. But over two million people protested the government's treatment of Kutcher and demanded that he be given his job back.

Kutcher had to tour the country a number of times. He knocked on thousands of doors and spoke to all who would listen. Those who listened didn't like what they heard. They gave aid to Kutcher's fight The VA would like to close the Kutcher

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HUNGER DECREE

case for the time being. They would like to leave the legless veteran thrown out of his job, blacklisted, without his day in court, without a hearing for his party.

But Kutcher and his friends will not allow that. Kutcher is not fighting a "hardship" case. He has said many times: "The significant thing about my case is not that I lost my legs but that I lost my rights."

In Kutcher's case the whole administrative and "legal" structure of the witch hunt is at issue. The "subversive" list, the Smith Act, and the entire edifice that has been built to transform non-conformist ideas into crimes.

That's why the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee is absolutely right in deciding to redouble its efforts as a result of the victory in the pension fight. With a complete victory in Kutcher's fight for his job, the witch hunt will be dealt a staggering blow and America will owe a debt of deep gratitude to the legless veteran who stood up and fought through the darkest years of our history.

18 Million "Security" Suspects

The scope of popular protest and indignation that swept the country over the Veterans Administration's attempt to deprive James Kutcher of his disability pension surprised not only the VA officials: even those who have been actively engaged in the fight to restore Kutcher's rights since he lost his job in 1948 did not expect such a widespread, emphatic reaction of disapproval of the witch hunt.

One important clue to understanding this popular feeling is the simple fact that Kutcher has become representative of a large segment of the population of the all those stigmatized by suspicion, all those deprived of professional opportunity: add those who must speak, teach or write conformist banalities for fear of becoming suspect; add the relatives and the friends of these victims; and we see there are

literally millions of Americans chafing under the thought-control yoke and looking for some way to lift its weight off their backs. These are the most direct victims. We must also take into account the millions who indirectly, yet keenly, feel the op-These are the most direct victims. We pressive atmosphere of the witch hunt and

increases granted in public and JAN. 10 - A general strike increase in the cost of living index. throughout Chile began yesterday This would throw the whole despite the arrest of about 250 burden of one of the world's worst unionists. Jan. 6, including the inflations onto the workers. head of the Central Labor Union Union spokesmen declared that (CUT), Clotario Blest. Baudillo hunger would stalk the nation. Casanova, General Secretary of Ibanez cancelled all military the CUT, went into hiding and leaves and ordered into the capital announsed defiantly that the four army regiments and a navy strike would take place as force of 500 to swell the military scheduled. The nation-wide strike

force of Santiago to 30,000. This was called by the Chilean unions armed strength combined with to protest anti-labor legislation Ibanez' police power was mobilizthat was passed by Congress. ed to smash the workers' protest Last Thursday, Jan. 5, Pres. strike. Carlos Ibanez adjourned Congress Interior Minister Benjamin Viand declared a "state of seige" elo said in a radio broadcast that which put an automatic ban on

the general strike call constituted public meetings, subjected the "an attémpt against public order press and radio to censorship and and the nation's security." He uthorized police to search homes also made the change that "inand make arrests without warternational communism" was try-

ing to incite the nation, as if a cut in the workers' living stand-The law that was passed by ards, low as they already are,

Jongress would limit all wage were not incitement enough.



One cop swings a club at a Greek student while another in background gets ready to join the fight. Police brutality in Athens is aimed at breaking up an anti-British demonstration over the Cyprus issue.



ernment could have worked out ditions under the new workers

THE MILITANT

Since the strike began most of | the economic crisis lies in the But this quick victory of reacprivate employment to 50% of the the U.S. press has blacked out formation of a workers govern-tion in Guatemala was made news on its progress. The N. Y. ment and the organization of a Times correspondent today quoted planned economy.

The history of the last fifteen a government official to the effect that the strike was a failure on years demonstrates conclusively its first day. But the Times corthat the capitalist class cannot respondent admitted that the solve this crisis except at the majority of Santiago's sanitation expense of the workers and peasants. Leaving the problem in workers were out and some plants the hands of this class can only were affected. In addition 8,000 lead to the eventual destruction coal miners went out in southern of the Chilean labor movement. Chile and 6,000 copper workers

But could the Chilean working struck. The labor movement of Chile class take power? Wouldn't the through long and militant strug-U.S. do everything in its power to prevent such a solution? A gles over the past fifteen years workers' government in Chile won the principle that wages should be tied to the cost of would mean an end to U.S. exliving. This did not mean an imploitation of the rich copper mines and other sources of lush provement in living standards. It merely helped to keep the profits in Chile. Furthermore it standard of living at its meager would be a signal for a struggle for emancipation from Wall subsistence level. How necessary Street's domination throughout this defensive struggle has been can be seen in the fact that the Latin America. One has only to glance at the cost of living rose 88% last year. events of Guatemala in 1954.

U. S. "EXPERTS"

There a capitalist government Following the 24-hour general that was merely liberal enough strike last July 7, so - called to permit the workers to organize economic experts from U.S. corand fight for decent wages from porations went to Chile to "ad-U.S. imperialists like the United vise" the government on anti-Fruit Co. was overthrown with inflation measures. The new the help of the U.S. State Dewage-cutting law was drafted on partment. A brutal police dicthe advice of these U.S. "extatorship was put into power. perts."

It is not unlikely that these U.S. advisors also suggested the witch-hunt technique of handling the inevitable opposition of the unions to the new law. In any event the blanket charge of "international communism" as the inspirer of opposition to Ibanez' hunger edict comes from one of the final chapters in the textbook for police dictatorships. The labor bureaucracy in the U.S. should study well how the "subversion" charge is being used in Chile. Interviewed in prison, Senor Blest answered the charge of communism by pointing out that the walkout was "strictly economic and not a political move.' In this answer of the head of the Chilean labor movement is contained the explanation for the tragic frustration of the Chilean working class. A political struggle is precisely what is needed to solve the economic crisis of

Chile. Blest and the CUT have been tied up in a political alliance with the capitalist class. They have supported the regime of Ibanez that now imprisons them. Because of this alliance, the labor bureaucracy has refused to take an independent road toward political power. Yet the only solution to possible precisely because the labor bureaucracy and the Stalinists were afraid to mobilize the people for defense of their liberty. They relied on the liberal capitalists. They hoped that reforms would be permitted. The consequence of this policy was death and prison for many, and virtual slavery for the rest.

Strikes, as costly as they are to the workers, are necessary and often unavoidable at certain stages in the development of the class struggle. But if under conditions of acute social crisis they are not a means of mobilizing the class for a final solution to the problems of the workers, they eventually exhaust the fighting strength of the working class. When that happens the door is open for the capitalists to completely smash the labor movement.

The Chilean labor movement is not alone. It has many allies that can and will come to its aid. All of Latin America is tired of being bled dry by the avaricious power of Wall Street. The colonial people in the Western hemisphere are inspired by the struggle for freedom in Asia and Africa.



THE FIRST LENINGRAD | crowds smashed windows in the performance on Christmas night American consulate and ripped of George Gershwin's opera, down the U.S. flag, as they had Porgy and Bess, was greeted by done in demonstrations three a ten-minute ovation when the weeks ago. In the capital city curtain went up. According to of Amman, demonstrators burnthe Dec. 29 California Eagle and ed American technical aid headother U.S. Negro newspapers, quarters. Towns throughout Jorthe American troupe was the dan were hit by general strikes. The British-trained and financed toast of the town. Days before the show, Leningraders were Arab Legion - the armed forces cueing up for tickets in sub-zero of Jordan-fired rifles and tear weather. Leading Soviet figures gas against their fellow countryas well as U.S. Ambassador men, killing 11 and wounding 38 according to a dispatch from Charles Bohlen, were among the 2,300 people in the audience at Syria. The demonstrations came on the heels of a Supreme Court the Palace of Culture to hear the almost entirely Negro group. decision voiding elections prom-The troupe had a two weeks' engagement in Leningrad as part in which the people would have of a tour of the Soviet bloc, the chance to vote on whether

of the world. * * *

AN ITALIAN POUJADIST movement is in the making, reports Paul Hoffman in the Jan 7 N.Y. Times. The Jan. 2 election in France of 52 Poujade movement adherents-an incipi-

ants-is inspiring a similar de-

ised by King Hussein for April, which in turn is part of a tour Jordan should join the Baghdad pact (also known as Middle East Treaty Organization). On Jan. 9 huge student demonstrations took place in Damascus and other Syrian cities supporting the Jordanian demonstrators. Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia are opposed to the Baghdad anti-Soviet pact, which includes England, ent fascist grouping based on Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Pakistan. shopkeepers, artisans and peas-

* * * PRIME MINISTER EDEN'S

velopment in Italy. The issue giving rise to this movement is government in England is coming under increasing attack by the same in both countries ----

Just consider. One out of every four working Americans is on some kind of a government blacklist according to Henry Paynter in the January issue of Bluebook magazine. Senator Hennings of Missouri, who heads the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, said Dec. 10 that testimony before his committee revealed that the Civil Service Commission alone keeps files of derogatory information (compiled from neighborhood gossip, newspaper clippings, professional informers. and other such sources) on some two million Americans. Paynter estimates that in the more than 70 government agencies engaged in this practice, there are at least 18 million such files.

These figures reveal the startling scope of the witch hunt today.

Take all those who have lost their jobs.

Everyone knows that Negroes are denied their right to vote in the South, that a reign of terror exists there which murdered a boy of 14 in Mississippi. President Eisenhower has brazenly described this shameful fact as an "allegation" that should be "investigated." What does the President now have to say about the Jan. 24 issue of Look magazine which publishes a full confession of the murder of Emmett Louis Till by J. W. Milam?

Look magazine, in a copyright article, directly quotes the killer as follows: "I just decided it was time a few people got put on notice. As long as I live and can do anything about it, niggers are going to stay in their place. Niggers ain't gonna vote where I live. If they did, they'd control the government. They ain't gonna go to school with my kids. And when a nigger even gets close to mentioning sex with a white woman, he's tired of livin'. I'm likely to kill him."

Look magazine, which declares that it is ready to document its story in court if necessary, then quotes Milam as telling young Till just before he put a bullet in his head, "Chicago boy, I'm tired of 'em sending your kind down here to stir up trouble. Goddam you, I'm going to make an example of you - just so everybody will know how me and my folks stand." This foul product of the Jim Crow system accomplished his purpose. He did make known to everyone — including the federal government - how he and his

are eager to see it done away with Every mass need finds its focus sooner

or later in some issue or personality. The Kutcher case has become such an issue, and Kutcher such a personality.

To be sure a number of dramatic cases have precipitated widespread protest in recent months. These have involved cases of mistaken identity, guilt by blood, or even prominent witch hunters themselves who have been caught up in the bureaucratic foul-up of the thought-control drive.

Such excesses are part and parcel of the witch-hunt atmosphere, and they have the quality of making a lot of people angry, but each such case loses its significance as it is straightened out.

What is unique is that a movement of widespread protest has developed around a case which poses the most fundamental issues of the witch hunt.

The Till Murder Confession

"kind" stand. His kind rallied to the support of the killer and his brother. A "trial" was quickly staged and in 67 minutes a jury acquitted them. A grand jury, hearing the charge of kidnaping Till, refused even to indict them despite their confession of guilt. The Southern racists demonstrated beyond question where they stand. The sensational revelation in Look again raises point blank the question of where does the U.S. government stand.

A lone journalist went down to Missis sippi and got the full story of the murder of Emmett Till and got it right from the killer's mouth. Can anyone believe that the mighty U.S. government with its vast "crime detection" apparatus could not do as well? The blunt fact is that they could but they refused to act.

The confession of this degenerate childkiller constitutes a full-scale indictment of President and a Justice Department that refuses to act against the racists in the face of publicly proclaimed violations of the U.S. constitution. It includes the Democratic leaders in Congress who will not enact legislation against Jim Crow for the der of the day and no one could sake of their alliance with the white supremacists.

ugly confessions to Look for \$10,000. Apthe government stands.

forms.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28-The History of the Russian Reva coup d'etat. olution and its degeneration unler Stalin was presented last night on television. A one-hour program called, "Nightmare in Red" tried to cover this immense era in history and sum it up

with the formula: "Bolshevism equals Stalinism." This is an old chestnut which has been roasted many times in many different

were concerned with only one ob-Last night the form was a ported to show how a revolution tion and restore power to the film was very effectively done. expressed the determination of source he could find on the Rusthe background a commentary bread. Only the Soviet power privileged bureaucracy which unwas able to repel foreign imon the film. Those who have seen such clas-

perialist intervention and Czarsics as "Ten Days That Shook ist counter revolution. When Lenin and Trotsky took gime which tore Russia out of The World," "From Tsar to Lenin," and others, will see old the leadership of the revolution tonished by the commentary at- The old army of the Czar had in the world capable of withuse of old documentaries the ped to fight a civil war. Trotsky slaught of Nazi Germany in rest of the film seemed to be built the new Red Army, using World War II. newsreel scenes of the Thirties the Red Guards of the revoluand battle scenes from World tion as a base when the new Soferent commentary, or none at for its very life. The old forces appreciated by all who know the White Army and aided by imreal history of the Russian Revolution and the rise of Stalinism.

TRUTH IS STRONGER Truth is stronger than fiction. And in this case the fiction, in the workers comes out in full the growth of unions with this all liberty." the form of the commentary, force. Never before in history propaganda. The workers under stands out in bold relief. No one had a people risen from abject stand that only they can get rid

who saw the film would doubt defeat suffered in an imperialist of the bureaucrats and rebuild the necessity of the Russian war, thrown off the age-old their unions as fighting militant Revolution. The parasitic and chains of slavery, formed a rev- organizations. They know that petty lives of the Czar and the olutionary government, and in the bosses are not opposed to everyone who aids and abets the murder- court are shown by such pass- the heat of battle forged a new the bureaucracy but to unionism ous Jim Crow system. That includes a times as roller skating on the army to beat off the sustained itself.

The Russian workers know decks of the Royal Yacht, danc- attack of the rest of the world. ing at balls, and lavish pomp and No commentary, however much this too. And so do the Chinese ceremony in the midst of a it lies about the real course of workers and peasants. If their country of starving workers and history, can ever refute the facts revolution suffered the growth of a new revolutionary nation of bureaucratic deformations, easants. The revolution was on the or- born from the ashes of the old. they know that only by spreading the revolution and winning stem the surging tide. This is RISE OF STALIN the most advanced industrial

one positive side of the film. It From the Civil War, the film countries to the socialist path did not try to gloss over the fact moves on to the New Economic will they overthrow the bureau-Milam is reported to have given his that revolution had to come. Policy, the collectivization of the crats and forge a socialist What was tried, as many before peasants, the development of in- brotherhood of man on the basis parently he wasn't worried about where have tried, is to make the view-the government stands and incompetent Kerensky gov-l tempt is made to compare con- tion of capitalism.

state to the worst atrocities of a democratic republic if only the Czarism. Here the real point of Bolsheviks had not carried out the film begins to emerge: the What the producers of "Nightrevolution achieved nothing but misery and Bolshevism equals mare" failed to show is that the Stalinism. The workers revolureal situation, following the overtion, the commentary preaches, throw of Czarism, was one of will always lead to the enslavedual power-the Soviets (workers' ment of the workers. There is councils) versus a capitallist prono other path for the revolution visional government. The Rusto take than degeneration into sian capitalists opposed the revolution from the beginning. When a brutal dictatorship of one man they were thrust into power by or a party - a "nightmare in the right-wing socialists, they red.

This is the way the capitalist "documentary film" that pur- jective-how to crush the revolu- propagandists hope to save themselves from a world in revoluwent wrong and degenerated in- landlords, factory owners and tionary ferment. Don't overthrow to a "Nightmare in Red." The Czarist generals. When the Bol- capitalism, they say, for you will sheviks raised the slogan "all only get something far worse. The editor used films from every power to the Soviets" they only | The technique of this propaganda is quite simple: lump to sian revolution and the develop- the Russian people to carry gether the revolutionary action ing Soviet State. He then chose through their revolution to the of the workers and peasants what he wanted and wove into end and win land, peace and with the subsequent rise of a

dermines the achievements of the revolution; ignore the vast accomplishments of the Soviet re-

release published at their remedieval backwardness and made quest in the Jan. 6 La Verite familiar scenes but will be as- they had to start from scratch. it the second industrial power French revolutionary socialist newspaper, these officials give tached to them. Aside from the disintegrated. It was not equip- standing and defeating the on- the following reason for their demonstration: "The government of the French Republic instead The same kind of propaganda of . . . recognizing the Algerian is directed against unionism in personality, has instituted a War II. By substituting a dif- viet State was forced to fight the United States. The open- blind repression and created an shop interests never miss an op- atmosphere of war . . . All the all, it is a film that could be of Czarism organized in the portunity to scream about the prisons of Algeria are packed bureaucrats and racketeers who with arrested Algerians, and perialist interventionists forced control the unions at present. veritable concentration camps the young workers state to fight | They identify unionism with the have been established . . a terrible civil war to maintain practices, privileges and crimes national leader, Messali Hadj, their revolutionary gains. Here of this bureaucracy. But they remains in exile and deprivedall the power and sacrifice of haven't succeeded in stopping as during the last 20 years-of

> IN JORDAN, a new wave of demonstrations swept through all cities on Jan. 7 and 8 against the country's joining the U.S.sponsored Baghdad military treaty. In the Jordan-administered section of Jerusalem,

namely the heavy squeeze that the British Labor Party and also by sections of his own Consertaxes are placing on small provative Party. The two main prietors. Tax strikes have been causes of the Tory government's conducted in the last several troubles are (1) failure to check years in both countries. In inflation and refusal to grant Northern Italy, rice-growers and cattle-breeders, both hit by the wage increases; (2) the crisis of slump of agricultural prices on British imperialism in the Middle East - particularly in conthe world market, held meetings last week to consider action nection with the Baghdad treaty -in the face of the rising Arab against taxes and declared they were going to follow the Pou- nationalist movement. jade example. Neo-fascist groups

in Rome also hailed the successes of Poujade. Failure of the work ing class leaders in both countries to conduct a militant line of struggle for socialism has pushed the small proprietorswhose grievances against Big Business-dominated governments are legitimate-into the arms of fascist demagogues.

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and region have resigned their

posts in a body. In an official

IN CUBA, popular revolt is mounting against the U.S. Government-backed Batista dictator-"During December," reship. ports R. Hart Phillips in the Jan. 8 N. Y. Times, "the island suffered a wave of student disorders with accompanying street fighting with the police, a strike of sugarmill workers attended by riots, sabotage to communi-

ALL ELECTED MOSLEM OF. cation systems, the burning of cane fields and bombings." FICIALS IN ALGIERS CITY

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The Negro Struggle By Bob Himmel

Wayne Students Hail Georgia Tech Demonstrations

Our hats are off to the students of Georgia Tech. Their militant demonstration against the Governor of Georgia, who tried to cancel their Sugal Bowl game because the opposing football team included a Negro player, is a welcome sign. At the end of a year marked by widespread racist violence against the Negro people, it shows that the Griffins, Milams and Bryants by no means represent the sentiments of all the white people in the South. While the "White Councils" still hold the upper hand in the South, the students of Georgia Tech have given the world unmistakable evidence of new trends, especially among the younger generation, that don't bode well for the future of the Jim Crow system. Students everywhere can draw inspiration from the Georgia Tech example of an effective blow against adult delinquency.

"But," we've heard it said around Wavne campus in Michigan, "let's not exaggerate. . After all, they were not demonstrating against the Jim Crow system as such, or even against the principle of segregation. All they were really concerned about was not being denied their Sugar Bowl game. Football, not segregation, was the issue with them. And what's so remarkable about that?"

This objection, in our opinion, misses the whole point. Just as in both Egypt and Israel it is today dangerous and difficult to openly advocate Arab-Jewish labor solidarity, so in the Deep South it is dangerous and difficult to become identified as an open and active opponent of segregation. Unable to get free or frequent expression, anti-Jim Crow sentiment must choose carefully the occasions that are most favorable for its appearance. The Governor's high-handed action provided such an occasion and the students made the most of it. The form was a protest about a football game, the content was a protest against Jim Crow.

But even if we were to grant that "football, not segregation" was the main issue for many and perhaps most of the Georgia Tech students, that still would not detract from the objective significance of their demonstration. It would mean that thousands of Southern white students, indifferent to the segregation issue or even supporters of the Jim Crow system in general, are being driven into active opposition to particular manifestations and a candidate for re-election. His forms of that system. Such students may not question the sacredness of segregation in the abstract, or as a matter of principle, but they fight, and very militantly, against concrete Jim Crow actions and patterns that affect them practically and personally. Who can deny that this represents something new, and potentially very revolutionary, in the South?

As a matter of fact, this is the way most of us develop new social and political attitudes - not by first embracing general principles and then adjusting our conduct accordingly, but by finding our personal wants and needs in conflict with existing institutions and customs, and deriving general principles — later on from the experiences and lessons of such conflicts. That's the route by which many white people are entering the struggle to Philip Murray as Steelworkagainst Jim Crow in the South today. And ers president, did not enjoy the that's the route by which most Americans same authority as his predeceswill join the fight against the other social sor. His joint tours through the

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Griffin Beating Mystery By William Bundy James P. Griffin, District 26 By Griffin, District 26

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James P. Griffin, District 26 director of the United Steel Workers of America, has found the going difficult in the past few months. Even though he was president of the Ohio CIO Council and was chairman of its convention, Jan. 5, he declined to be declination followed widespread reports that he would meet stiff opposition if he decided to run. This development followed the severe beating he suffered last month. by "unknown" assailants during his attendance at the AFL-CIO merger convention in New York, where Griffin was set upon in a hotel room by four or five men who badly mauled him and left him with a dislocated jaw. Here are some facts which

may shed light on this strange sequence of events. Early in 1955 one of the vicepresidents of the Steel Workers, James P. Thimmes, died. The

question of who would fill the vacancy precipitated a sharp internal union struggle, the first of its kind in the union.

David J. McDonald, successo plants with Benjamin Fairless and economic evils of capitalism tomorrow. and other management bigwigs the union ranks. The 1954 recession in steel production also built up a restiveness that sought a means of expression.

When McDonald appointed a tive board opposed him. Joseph P. Molony, director of District 4 (Buffalo) was nominated in opposition and a poll of the membership was set for October 25. 1955. A sharp contest between the two factions began.

The election campaign reveal ed no real differences between

vas not to be ignored by the ower ranks of the bureaucracy. In the voting McDonald's man Hague won by a two-to-one malower ranks of the bureaucracy. Hague won by a two-to-one majority. While no open purge is in progress the attacks on Grif fin, who was a most influential Molony supporter, might be an indication of the course of events.

THE MILITANT

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1956

Appeals in Cincinnati last Thursday reversed a year-old It was widely rumored that ruling of a lower court and directed U.S. District Judge someone in Griffin's district John H. Druffel to frame a de-O (Youngstown) was planning to cision that would end public before he himself would be "in raise the issue of steelworker's school segregation in Hillsboro, contempt of court," Hillsboro election before the AFL-CIO Ohio, at once. But the judge, in- fighters for equality were not merger convention, and that stead of complying, took the in- | relying on legal suits alone to might have been the cause for itiative in organizing further opthe physical attack upon Griffin. position to immediate integra- their children. It is evident from these events tion.

that the McDonald machine in Disregarding any pretense of the Steelworkers Union will rejudicial impartiality, Judge Drufact against any opposition with fel told newsmen that he "will savage violence. Any opposition. act only on directive of the U.S.

based on the needs of the ranks to succeed, must build its base Supreme Court." He announced of the steelworkers. Thus the in the ranks of the union. This his intention of meeting with the contest remained throughout a can be done only by basing it- Hillsboro school board to secure clique fight with McDonald reself on a militant program anstheir agreement to take the case wering the needs of the men on to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The real significance of the speed up, on working conditions, election campaign was that, for on automation, etc. The "co-"I will ask the Hamilton County Bar Association to name an the first time in the union's his- trusteeship" of unions and bosses attorney to represent me and tory, a contest could take place. that McDonald advocates must the case can be taken to the The ranks would have the op- be answered by a working class Supreme Court in my name," he portunity to choose rather than program against the bosses. said. vote approval of the administra- Nothing else will succeed. In a 2-to-1 decision, the Aption-picked candidate. It could

peals Court had ordered Judge change in sentiments of other Druffel to issue a decision "which will provide for the im-WEAKNESS IN WORLD mediate admittance to school on BOOM was noted by Warren Lee

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Pierson, president of the Intera non-segregated basis of school age Negro children not now in the parents said today that they national Chamber of Commerce any Hillsboro public school ... " are delighted with the Appeals and former president of the Ex-This referred to a group of Court decision, but will continue port Import Bank, in the Jan. 8 children whose parents have their boycott of the Jim Crow steadfastly refused to send to school indefinitely if the school the Jim Crow Lincoln school to board decides not to comply and which the local school board as- permits Druffel to appeal the latest ruling. signed them. The appellate court also direct-Also being considered is

supporters were sent to the hos- alone, there would be little cause ed Druffel to "further provide proposal to cut through the red pital by several carloads of "un- for worry about the immediate by permanent injunction for the tape of the federal courts by known" assailants armed with economic future," he said. His end of all racial segregation in initiating an action under Ohio central point is that in the the Hillsboro public schools on law, which bars public school or before the commencement of segregation. A complete reversal the school year in September, of all previous decisions of the

Ohio Supreme Court would be While observers throughout required in order to refuse an would be made after October 25. capitalist world, particularly in the state wondered how far injunction against the jim crow to make his own prejudices law board.

By Jean Simon

CLEVELAND, Jan. 8 - The U.S. Circuit Court of

win integrated education for

Plans were made by parents

and supporters of their struggle,

to attend the Hillsboro school

board meeting tomorrow night,

when the board will decide

whether to comply with the new

court decision or to let eager

Judge Druffel proceed with fur-

One of the three opponents of

immediate integration on the

five-man school board was de-

feated in an election held since

the fight began following the

Supreme Court decision of 1954.

His successor's views and any

members of the board will be

demonstrated in the vote Mon-

ther delaying tactics.

day night.

Notes from the News

AUTO PRODUCTION by General Motors will drop 12% in 1956 according to GM president Harlow H. Curtice. Henry Ford 2nd said Jan. 9 that his company was up against the "stiffest kind of competition" and that 1956 was not likely to be as good a year as 1955 in the automobile business.

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THE WORD "COP" has an "unsavory connotation," says J. Edgar Hoover. "I abhor the word in reference to members of our profession (it is) degrading to law enforcement and the stature it has achieved through long years of dedication to responsibility." - New York Times, Jan. 8.

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"COP ARRESTED as leader in \$360 armed holdup." - Headline in New York Post, Jan. 8. * * *

FEDERAL SURPLUS FOODS are now to be distributed to needy in New York state under a plan similar to that in 36 other states. This demand was carried to Washington by a nonpartisan delegation of 10 women from Buffalo headed by Dorothy Haines, SWP candidate for State Semator in the 55th district, during the widespread unemployment last winter. * * *

"Communist activity or Communist membership. "The exercise of that right cannot be denied, lest the denial itself be a violation of the Constitution," said Mrs. Wannamaker. * * *

THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS which provided bail for Communist Party Smith Act victims and has been under constant attack by governitself at a convention Jan. 7 in New York after the Subversive Activities Control Board ruled that the congress must register as a "subversive" organization. Its executive secretary, William L. Patterson, will wind up the affairs of the national organization and its 19 local chapters.

SOCIAL NOTE: Grand Duchess Olga, sister of Solidarity

the late Czar Nicholas II, the last emperor of Editor: Russia, Archduchess Maria Ileana of Austria. grandaughter of Nicholas II, and Princess Vera



Ray of Hope Editor:

Mamie Bradley, mother of Em-Very happy to see by my local nett Louis Till, spoke this even- paper that Jimmy Kutcher's cas

ions of the ranks would find expression in contests for office. But this is not what the McDonald leadership could tolerate.

In the Pittsburgh area, the Molony campaign trailer, with New York Times. "From charts, its public address system, was statistics and reports, 1955 looks

and went off the campus.

sizeable minority of the execu- death. In Chicago, four Molony be measured in production figures

"ball bats and lead pipes."

was filled with threats and ru- sated for by the strength of an- 1956." mors about the changes that other, and that some parts of the the two factions. Molony and his McDonald's control of jobs in the Far East, "are experiencing Judge Druffel could go in trying practices of the Hillsboro school ment agencies since its formation in 1949 dissolved supporters developed no program the union apparatus was a pow- serious economic reversals."

set on fire in the middle of the like the best economic year the personal cohort, Howard Hague, night. Three campaigners nar- free world has had since WW to the post of vice-president, a rowly escaped being burned to II. But if economic strength could

have signified a step toward un-

ion democracy where the opin-

McDONALD

taining the upper hand.

McDonald's campaign did not economic sphere, the weakness of inspire union democracy. The air one member cannot be compen-

SCREENING OF MARITIME WORKERS by the U.S. Coast Guard has been carried out by unconstitutional methods according to a decision by the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals last October. But the screening procedure will continue since the Dept. of Justice has filed notice that it will appeal the decision. An injunction to halt the Coast Guard's star-chamber procedures against seamen and longshoremen cannot go into effect until and unless the appellate decision is upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

INCOMES UNDER \$1000 a year are what 75% of Americans over the age of 65 get, and at least 64% of this age group maintain separate households according to "Economic Needs of Older People" the report of a three-year survey sponsored by the Twentieth Century Fund. Only 15% of the aged enjoy incomes over \$2000 yearly. * * *

UNION DUES AND FEES account for halfa-billion dollars in yearly income to the nation's unions according to a Handbook of Union Government and Procedure published by the National Industrial Conference Board.

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A TEACHER'S SUSPENSION because she used the Fifth Amendment to refuse to answer questions before the House Un-American Activities Committee was revoked in Tacoma last month. Mrs. Margaret Schuddakopf was suspended last Aug. 31 without a hearing by the Pierce county school superintendent. She appealed to the state superintendent of public instruction, Mrs. Pearl Wannamaker, who lifted the suspension. Pierce county prosecutor, John O'Connell, said that the decision came as a "terrible surprise," and that he would appeal it to the Superior Court because the effect of the decision is that a teacher can publicly refuse to answer questions in regard to

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of Russia, niece of Nicholas II headed the line the Kutcher Case or of the necwhich received Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, Mas. David Gimbel, and other members of America's ruling families at a ball on Jan. 12 libertarians giving full support Gallagher, was the principal celebrating New Years Eve (by the imperial to the Kutcher Civil Rights speaker at the protest meeting Russian calendar overthrown by the Revolution Committee to the readers of the at City College. He pointed out Militant. in 1917, that is).

Party was honored to have Com- student interest, for housebreak "THE DEATH OF EMMETT TILL" a song by Mrs. A. C. Bilbrew has been recorded by The our annual picnic last Septem-| students 'safe' and conformist.' Ramparts and will be released this week on a nation wide basis by Dootone Recording Comcourageous fighter in the finest of the Kutcher Civil Rights Company, the nation's largest Negro owned and traditions of the socialist move- mittee. operated recording firm. ment, and feel it the duty of all

members of the Socialist Party, THE BOYCOTT OF JIM CROW busses by Ne- U.S.A. - as well as our comgroes (who constitute 75% of the riders) in rades in the other socialist or-Montgomery, Alabama has forced the bus comganizations — to extend to him pany to increase fares by 50% in an attempt to and to the Socialist Workers make up for losses. Negro citizens, led by Party solidarity in the heroic vintually all the city's Negro ministers, are fight being waged against those demanding a "first come first serve" rule on bus who would make of our country seating, greater courtesy on the part of drivers, one mass concentration camp. and employment of Negro drivers on routes serving predominently Negro areas. ward Socialism!

ROWLAND WATTS author of "The Draftee and Internal Security" a study which spotlighted the Army's practice of giving less than honorable discharges to soldiers on the basis of their pre-Army political beliefs and associations, has been appointed staff council of the American Civil Liberties Union. Watts, national secretary of the Workers Defense League, will succeed Herbert Monte Levy, who is retiring to private law practice.

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* * * "A UNION ORGANIZER of textile on picket duty in Johnstown, N. Y., was knocked down and It was held to protest a college dnagged several feet by a car driven by a strikebreaker. . . The organizer was arrested and here are the exact words of the charge against him: 'Allowing the car to drag him down the street and injure his arm'. . . It's a good thing his arm which violates the very basis of wasn't broken or he probably would have gotten the chair!" - From the Lorain Labor Leader, Jan. 5. 1955

Local Nassau-Suffolk Socialist Party, U.S.A * * * Witch Hunt At City College

Smash the witch hunt! For-

George R. Stryker

Secretary-Treasurer

Editor:

Last week I attended a meeting at the City College of New York. ruling requiring all political and religious clubs to submit their membership lists to the school administration. This measure, political freedom on the campus was advocated by Buell Gallagher, the head of City College, and a self-proclaimed liberal. He says he is for academic freedom. Yet he dares to sponsor one of the worst witch-hunt

measures to afflict a college during these recent years. Here is how Gallagher defends his position on the thought-control lists: "If we are to develop a sound

democracy and maintain full freeout. The faculties have been dom, we need to discourage the purged. Only City College remains clandestine and the secret and - an outpost of resistance to the encourage the open and competitive.'

academic witch hunt. It is clearly the purpose of this political-Gallagher argues that students in political clubs "should stand up | listing move to intimidate the student body; to create an and be counted" because "a peratmosphere in which the thoughtson does not have the right to control academic cops can move disclaim responsibility while enfreely against "subversive" projoying the benefits of freedom." fessors without fear of student What "benefits of freedom" are there for members of radical poli- demonstrations and strikes. The tical groups? There is plenty of situation demands action. Those "freedom" for the conformists. who say, "don't stick your neck

whatsoever?

discovers these benefits are gone Prof. H. H. Wilson, a liberal City College, New York essity of all socialists and civil- of a different stripe than Buell

Boom in Baltimore that the ruling was "one more

Editor: Local Nassau-Suffolk Socialist technique for dampening down The regular daily papers omit rade Kutcher as a speaker at ing the young, for making (deliberately I am certain) a great deal of news which is pubber. We all recognize in him a Wilson, incidentally, is a member lished in Socialist papers, and it is because I am not willing to Naturally, Gallagher let it be

Our Readers Take the Floor

known that all he wanted was to reading Socialist papers as long get rid of the "communists." But as always, an attack on the civil as the pressures set up by the liberties of one minority puts the | witch hunt do not make it imliberties of all in jeopardy. Bepossible for me to do so. sides, the plan backfired. The

Conditions in Baltimore are Young Progressives of America and the Marxist Discussion Club To remain on the campus of the reactionary American Legion it arrived in Chicago for burial. ficially they were willing to (which is active in all parts of sacrifice the protection of their the United States), there is the pity nor weeping about the loss beries.

added situation that the Mayor of a good son. Here was a mothmembership. But the Students for and other city officials are Cath- er seeking a way to save other Democratic Action, under pressure from its members, refused olics and are therefore subject mother's sons, trying to bring to hand in its membership lists to the despotism of the Roman justice to bear on this and the at its present level and the day Catholic Church which considers many other cases of "unsolved" that its rules and regulations are crimes against the Negro people

Mrs. Bradley.

All the political clubs, except above and beyond any State, City Though Mrs. Bradley urged the Young Republicans, got together and formed a Political or Federal laws. her audience to place their faith Industrial expansion in this in God she called on each and Action Committee. A referendum showed the student body was City is tremendous and there are everyone to use the right to the

plenty of jobs for all except a ballot, to visit their representatwo-to-one against the lists. Galfew people. While salaries are tive in public office placed there agher began to "compromise." not as good as they could be, by the ballot they had cast, to He promised the lists would be

kept locked in a safe, which could there is, in general, no distress. learn exactly where they stood only be opened with permission Competition among the retail on the pressing questions of the of a student-flaculty committee; stores is extreme. "Free gifts" times and to inform them that never talked to us before, just and any student who requests it are offered to people who buy if they did not live up to their paid for the paper and that was could have his name removed things. In one case, besides a avowed beliefs that they would it. He invited us in this time and number of these "free gifts," one be removed at the next election. . after a semester. store was advertising "no down- One woman in the audience With this shift in position Galpayment" with the offer that then asked about the mobilizaagher ostensibly abandoned his they would give one hundred tion that Dr. Howard had urged 'stand up and be counted" line.

dollars in cash to anyone sign- be held in Washington, D.C. It was opened a nucle, so bibterness expressed itself. Then why is he so anxious to push through a political registra- ing an installment purchase Mrs. Bradley didn't know other agreement for furniture or house- than that there had been some tion system? Why not have comhold appliances. All of this will talk of such a mobilization. The being screened off the job, beplete freedom to join any club inevitably lead to future trouble. woman then urged that delegates cause many years ago he had without any official snooping But at the present time, the from every local union and been involved in the fight - in majority seems to feel that "we Negro organization, every white fact played a leading role in the Political life in the other city never had it so good," which, in and colored person who could fight - to get Negroes the right colleges in New York has died

relation to the past, especially get there should be mobilized in the depression years, is quite Washington soon after the con-was used against him in the true. This artificially stimulated

'boom" is certain to lead to a 'bust" and if I am any judge, in the not-too-distant future, at Negro allowed to live without ment on our idea for running which time, during the disillu- fear or reprisal for lifting his candidates from the ranks of the sioning period, an appreciable number of people should be will- cheering and applause that met could see no friends in the Demoing to give more consideration to socialism.

L. M.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

A Militant reader

Baltimore, Md.

ing, Jan. 2, to about 300 or 400 is getting at long last a good Negro and white workers at press coverage. Please extend Soldiers and Sailors Memorial my personal congratulations to Hall, the same hall in which those responsible for the nation-3,000 persons listened to Dr. wide, fine publicity. Howard speak on the brutal mur- | I enclose a clipping from the

der of Mrs. Bradley's son. Dr. Toledo Blade, Dec. 30, that I Howard spoke here last Oct. 23 think you will find interesting, with the sponsorship of the [The clipping told the story of NAACP at which time officials Joseph Hammond whose compenof the NAACP, many dignitaries sation for 33 months in a prisof the city and union representaoner of war camp in Korea has tives appeared on the platform been withheld by the government be "fed" only one side of the with Dr. Howard. This evening despite the fact that Hammond story that I intend to continue only a companion lady and a who holds the Bronze Star for Reverend Beck of Buffalo, N. Y., bravery and was honorably disappeared on the platform with charged from the Army has never been tried on any charges whatsoever,-Ed.]

Reverend Beck introduced Mrs. Bradley who spoke in a clear The Militant's arrival each and concise manner faltering week brings a ray of hope after extremely difficult because, in only when she described the a steady diet of capitalist propahanded in their membership lists, addition to the pressures from mutilated body of her boy when ganda and distortion, plus the mundane events of daily life Here was not a mother seeking such as auto accidents and rob-

My contribution isn't much but will help the good cause know. Keep the paper at least will come. Happy new year. D.M.

Toledo, Ohio

NUMBER 3

Witch--Hunt Victim

Editor: We had a very interesting discussion with a man who had

we spent about an hour there. Chuck described him as being like a pressure cooker with the top screwed down tight --- when it was opened a little, so much

He started by telling us of vening of Congress to demand screening hearing. Not only is he that troops be sent into Missis- screened, but his son too, for sippi to be kept there until jus- nothing other than being his son. tice was established and every He was very much in agreevoice in dignity. The spontaneous Negro and union movement. He this suggestion showed very cratic party and nothing, of clearly the mood of the audience. course, in the Republicans.

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