Newspaper Hits Subversive List In Kutcher Case

By Daniel Roberts

JAN. 18 — James Kutcher won the support last week of the influential St. Louis Post-Dispatch in his battle to Ten Thousand regain his federal job. Following return of his disability

Kutcher Civil Rights Committee quired sweeping power to brand stepped up its campaign to re- millions of Americans as "subinstate the legless veteran in his versive" and deprive them of file clerk position with the Vet- livelihood. From the time that Democratic

people.

erans Administration. Kutcher was fired in 1948 for belonging which was arbitrarily listed by

Official Verbatim Text of Kutcher Pension Hearing (See Page Two)

the Attorney General as "subversive.'

In its Jan. 10 editorial the Post-Dispatch declared, "The matter of [Kutcher's] dismissal ment had compiled 10 million at around 525,000. may well be questioned in the light of a statement by former staggering figure is too low, ac- GM announced yesterday it Senator Harry P. Cain, now chairman of the Subversive Activities Control Board. Mr. Cain Magazine (quoted in the Jan. 4 not offset the planned cuts in urged that the Attorney-Gen- Labor's Daily). Paynter says 70 production. The money will be eral's list be 'liquidated' as a agencies have drawn up "se- spent to build more efficient criterion for determining subversion . . . Since the light of viduals — one for every four GM's competitive position. When publicity has helped clear his name perhaps it will enable basis of "information" of face- turn out higher production with [Kutcher] to get his job back."

What is significant about the gossip. Post-Dispatch's support for Kutplies to all federal government cher is its realization that to return him to his job means to jobs, many state and local gov- Curtice said that the auto inattack the subversive list itself. Under this list, the Attorney teaching profession, and all pri- cars this year than last. If his General and countless petty gov-



pension on Jan. 8 under pres-9 sure of public indignation, the ernment bureaucrats have ac-Hit by Layoffs

DETROIT. Jan. 18 - Some President Truman first created 10,000 auto workers were laid to the Socialist Workers Party, the "subversive" list by execu- off this week throughout the tive order in 1947 as a means nation as production cut-backs of determining the "loyalty" of continue to spread through the

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Winter Can't Chill Their Spirit

federal employes, the adminis- GM, Ford, and Chrysler sectrative witch hunt has mushtions of the industry. roomed into a lethal cloud The reason for the reductions threatening the entire working is that sales are not keeping up

with production. New car stocks at year end were at a record **18 MILLION FILES** 750,000 compared with 357,000 Last year SACB member for 1954. Before the cut-backs,

Harry P. Cain reported that production was running 700,000 various branches of the govern- units per month while sales held "security" files. But even this

The one billion dollars that cording to Henry Paynter's Sur- would put into "expansion and vey for the January Bluebook improvements" this year will curity" files on 18 million indi- production facilities to improve workers in the U.S. - on the completed, these facilities will less informers plus neighborhood a smaller work force.

At the same time that he The "subversive" list now ap- made the billion dollar announcement, GM president Harlow H. ernmental jobs, including the dustry would produce 18% less vate industry working on defense estimate is correct, the layoffs

By Art Sharon

orders. It affects residents of this week were only the beginpublic housing projects, veterans ning.

receiving disability pensions, and members of the armed forces n the type of discharge they eccive. Granting of passports has been made contingent on the Gov't 'Neutral' in Fayor in the type of discharge they receive. been made contingent on the

been made contingent on the purge list, and, on the basis of recent cases, the possibility ex-ists that the Attorney-General's list will invade the whole field of social security payments. In addition, union bureaucrats use the "subversive" list for their purges against militants.

Since Kutcher openly admits U.S. government moved in to 11, carries the story of the beatmembership in the Socialist Workers Party, the outcome of his case will not hinge on ques-war contract. According to the grabbed me by the shoulder and In the tions of fact (that is, whether or Wall Street Journal, Jan. 13, clubbed me over the head. . . not there is proof he belongs) Westinghouse was awarded a There were four of them beating (such as the right to face his orders. If the 55,000 strikers have [police car]. . . I was hit several torney-General's list.

torney-General's list. Thus Kutcher's fight spear-heads the whole struggle against Westinghouse credit and general standing in the banking world must be considerably improved. Westinghouse credit and general to the cruiser." This is only part while I was down. The officers to the cruiser." This is only part of the whole labor movement must the arbitrary power exercised by of one account of what the local This is the second time that Big Business' thought-control the Administration has moved be rallied behind the heroic fight union president called, "one of the cops over the U.S. working peo- into the Westinghouse war. The worst cases of police brutality for survival of one of the largest ple. It deserves the support of first intervention came just beever seen.' unions in the country. all civil liberties defenders. Con-tributions for the fight should U.S. Justice Department anbe sent to the Kutcher Civil nounced that the United Electri-STRIKE FIGURES SHOW Rights Committee, George Weiss-cal, Radio and Machine Workers, man, Secretary, 325 E. 17th St., Independent, representing 10,000 New York 3, N. Y. "TREASON" RIFE IN U.S. of the Westinghouse strikers. would be cited as a "Communistinfiltrated organization." This charge threatens the union with the loss of its rights under the 4,200 strikes in the United States in 1955. This is a 20%NLRB. rise over 1954 but 20% less than the peak year of 1952. NEUTRAL - LIKE THE BOSS The strikes averaged six days James Carey, president of the shorter this year than last, and | The country must be full of nternational Union of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO, and the other resulted in 3% less time off. eaders of the union have been calling for federal intervention since the strike began. The govwas involved in the Korean war. war is "prima facie evidence ernment always replied that it This was more than any other that you are giving aid and aswould maintain a hands-off policy. year in history. These Koreansistance to the enemy." war-year strikes involved more But in reality it intervened twice workers, over three-and-a-half - both times on the side of the "American farmers are in a million, and more man days lost. company. This is neutrality - on deepening recession that requires the boss's side. 59.1 million than any other year The Westinghouse strikers got in history save one, 1946, when prompt action before it develops strong dose of government 4.6 million hit the bricks for into a full-scale depression that "neutrality" on the state level 116,000 man days. bankrupts farm - family agricul-There were over six-and-a-half ture," says a resolution adopted too. It was behind a strong statement of impartiality that the city million workers involved in 14,- by the Farmers Union Grain administration of Columbus, Ohio, 371 strikes during the World Terminal Association at its sent its armed police to break up | War II period between Dec. 8, annual stockholders meeting in 1941 and Aug. 14, 1945. St. Paul last month. the picket line on Jan. 3.

These sadistic beatings with | Local judges in Ohio, New While 55,000 Westinghouse blackjacks and clubs by "neutral" Jersey and elsewhere showed how workers are battling to win their cops killed the young striker, "neutral" the judicial section of strike, now in its 14th week, the Troy Tadlock. Labor's Daily, Jan. government was when they issued injunctions at the company's request to facilitate the herding

In the meantime James Carey and R. D. Blasier, vice president in charge of labor relations for nor even procedural questions total of \$11,000,000 in government me all the way to the cruiser Westinghouse Corp. are in a secret negotiating session accusers) but will attack the been toughing it out with less blows on the right side of my arranged by a federal mediator. very constitutionality of the At- food and accumulating bills, body, legs, arms and shoulders Why negotiations require secrecy

Striking members of the IUE-AFL-CIO carry a picket sign honoring their murdered union brother as they picket the Westinghouse plant in Baltimore. Picket Marie Wright admires the anti-freeze equipment of sister striker Margaret Widmeyer.

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slaughter in Korea. Eisenhower had to make a show of peace attempts but he and Dulles agreed that if the U.S. got "bogged down in stalemate," the war would be renewed. Negotiations began but soon ran into the stumbling block of the prisoners of war issue. In the meantime, Life explains, Syngman Rhee "wanted to renew" the war. So, this deadlock, "Rhee slammed the door in their faces by releasing the prisoners."

After receiving this news in the middle of the night. "Dulles picked up the direct phone to the White House . . to awaken the President." He told Eisenhower what had happened and "found the President calm and ready." The

with nuclear weapons, if the North Koreans now broke send some armed forces to prooff negotiations, "was reaffirmed. The Manchurian targets | tect American citizens in the South.

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"Send U.S. Army To South," Says **Philip Randolph**

Let the People Vote on War! Quill Backs **Demand to** An Editorial

The war-making powers must be taken out of the hands of the irresponsible imperialist madmen in Washington and placed in the hands of the people. That is the only conclusion that can be drawn from the revelations of Sec. of State, John Foster Dulles, about how he took the dolph, a vice-president of U.S. to the brink of atomic disaster three times in three | the AFL-CIO and president years.

Life magazine's Dulles interview Jan. 16, proves to the hilt that U.S. Big Business is bent on war. They must be stopped. The American people must reply to these war President Eisenhower call out threats with the demand for a popular referendum on war. federal troops "to liberate the

The Democrats and U.S. allies abroad reacted with a nowl of pain at Dulles' disclosures — not because they have any fundamental disagreement with the desperate plans 'to preserve the rotting capitalist system, but be- a luncheon of the Urban League cause all the propaganda efforts of the diplomats in the in New York, "the time has UN, the Voice of America, etc., to make the State Department's intentions look peaceful and defensive before the peoples of the world have gone down the drain. (See article by M. Stein on Page 3.)

In 1952 Eisenhower was elected to office because the American people believed he would stop the terrible "while negotiators were searching for a back way out of"

decision to renew the war and carry it into Manchuria

had already been carefully selected."

End Terror By Carl Goodman JAN. 18 - A. Philip Ranof the International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

vesterday demanded that Negro in the South."

"If we can send our Army to Korea for the protection of Koreans 6,000 miles away," he told come when the President must



A. PHILIP RANDOLPH

JAMES KUTCHER

Still No Federal Action As Till Killers Confess

By Myra Tanner Weiss

Now the entire world knows the ghastly details of how the 14-year-old Chicago lad Emmett Louis Till was murdered last August while visiting his great-uncle in Mississippi. The confession of 9-

the killers, J. W. Milam and and still does nothing. Eisen-Roy Bryant, was published in hower in his State of the Union the Jan. 24 issue of Look maga- message to Congress merely said zine. If the published account, it was "disturbing" that "alwith direct quotations, were legations persist that Negro fabricated, Milam and Bryant citizens are being deprived of could become rich men by sim- their right to vote and are likeply suing for libel. Their silence wise being subjected to unwarnow is final proof of their guilt. ranted economic pressures." (He Neither the U.S. Justice Depart- didn't mention that they were ment nor Congress can hide any also being deprived of their longer behind the "legal" white- lives.) He concluded that the wash of the Mississippi authorities.

on the head with the butt of a in this country that this ram-.45 Colt automatic. "We were pant terror is a mere "alleganever able to scare him," Milam tion?" Hasn't anyone ever told explained. So they decided to him that Negroes are segregated others," writes the Review of the million units - outhouses were pendents now has 38% more the statistical trade the Times' the Times does not say. "make an example" of him. "You throughout the South and dis- Nation's Business and Finance still the rule. This authentic picstill as good as I am?" Milam criminated against often enough snarled. The answer was "Yeah." in the North as well? Doesn't Times. The increase in corporate the propaganda about a prosper-Even after the beating, even he know that lynch-law is the profits after taxes is more than ous nation sounded by Big Busiwhen Till was stripped naked on way of life for the ruling white 30% over those in 1954. (\$22.3 ness spokesmen from President 1947-49.' the edge of a steep river bank, supremacists and that all this billion in 1955 as against \$17 bilwith a heavy cotton gin fan on has for years constituted "eco- lion in 1954.) Did the workers or hand to weight the 14-year-old nomic pressure" at the very farmers increase their income by farmers in 1955 is reported by the workers' money income went labor force (including all occupabody, the answer was still least? Can the history of this 30% in the last year? "Yeah." So Milam put out the country with its poll-tax, Ku boy's life with a bullet in his Klux Klan, and now White Citi- ditions of American families is right ear. (See editorial page zens Councils be reduced to a brought into focus by a three disturbing allegation that must three.) be "examined"?

OTHERS DIDN'T SCARE

FACTS OF LIFE Three other Negroes were

Someone should tell the polishot in Mississippi last year, two of them killed, because they didn't "scare." They thought "great crusade" that is being they had a right to register and organized in Georgia. Governor Bureau indicated that more than vote. The terrorists "made an Griffin, Jan. 11, at an overflow three million non-farm dwellings example" of them, too, and shot meeting of 600 in Americus, Ga., said, "The meeting here today them. The federal government has is the beginning of a great cru- private bath, toilet or running done nothing to end this terror (Continued on page 4)



The department of labor reports that there were

traitors according to VA offi-There were 5,117 strikes in cial, Peyton Moss, who said that 1952, a year when the nation advocating strikes in time of

Despite Rhee's provocation, Life points out, "the North QUILL SECONDS PROPOSAL Koreans and the Red Chinese did not walk out of the conference." Thus we were saved from the brink. But Dulles and Eisenhower were ready to let Rhee's provocation begin a new blood-bath, this time a radioactive one.

In 1954, French imperialism was losing its war to hang on to its Asian colony of Indo-China. "On April 4, Dulles went to the White House," reports Life, "with Admiral Arthur Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to present Eisenhower with a proposal for action. If Britain would join the U.S., and France would agree to stand firm . . . the three Western states could combine with friendly Asian nations to oppose the Communist forces on the ground in Indo-China just as the UN stepped in against the North Korean aggression in 1950. . . Eisenhower concurred." Then followed trans-Atlantic cables, conferences, dispatching of war ships armed with "atomic weapons" and preparations for a final conference with Asian puppets.

"But all plans were suddenly arrested on the afternoon march. Although the demonstraof Easter Sunday," Life reports, "when it became apparent tion was called off by its leadthat the British had had a change of heart. The British ambassador, Sir Roger Makins, called the State Department to report that he had new instructions from London directing him not to attend the Tuesday meeting."

Dulles suffered "frustration" because this war didn't come off. Was he also disappointed when China didn't move to claim its off-shore islands of Quemoy and Matsu? The power to decide the fate of humanity must not be left in hands like these.

Randolph was seconded in his demand by Transport Workers Union President Michael J. Quill. "If Federal troops can be used against labor during strikes." said Quill, "they certainly can be used to implement decisions of the Supreme Court." Last December the Pittsburgh Courier, leading Negro newspaper in the country, addressed an open letter to Eisenhower, calling for federal troops to protect Negroes from the white-supremacist ter-

In 1941, Randolph and Walter White headed a movement for a March on Washington of 10,000 Negroes to compel passage of fair employment legislation in war industries. It was reported that 100,000 were prepared to ers, threat of the action forced President Roosevelt to enact the FEPC executive order.

Currently, Dr. T. R. M. Howard of the all-Negro town of Mound Bavou. Miss., is campaigning for a march on the nation's capital to compel federal action against the racists.

In a telegram to Attorney General Brownell on Nov. 25, Dr. Howard said, "I am asking one million red-blooded Americans to march on Washington in protest to the deaf ear that you and the Administration have turned to the violence in Mississippi against Negroes." Dr. Howard is touring U.S. cities in the North and South speaking for his action proposal.

Last November, President Review for Oct. 1955 reports that Reuther of the United Auto the number of coal miners has Workers announced a nation-wide dropped from 267,000 in 1953 to civil-rights mobilization of la-189,000 in 1955 while coal production bor and the NAACP to take place in Washington at the beginning of the year. But neither

the labor officials nor the NAACP leaders did anything to

The 1956 Legislative Program now face still greater layoffs due adopted last week by the UAW International Executive Board-In summary, the effect the while challenging those "who, in boom year of 1955 has had on the the name of party unity, did not different classes in the U.S. in- raise the issue of the filibuster dicates that Big Business has a year ago, now in 1956 to profited at the expense of the make good on their civil rights workers and farmers and has promises" - remained silent as for a Washington mobilization.

wash of the Mississippi authori-ies. Milam and Bryant beat Till "charges" should be "examined." Can it be that the president is o ignorant of the facts of life Who Gained Most from the 1955 Boom?

By Harold Robins Eisenhower on down.

The true picture of living conparagraph article relegated to the

Morril, president of the National ticians in Washington of the tractors, to the effect that "a working their own land are genin this country were substandard, structurally unsound and without culture.

water.

He added that there were no Times states that "The average time) in 1955 than other employed during the greatest "Net profits of '55 shade all private toilets in more than eight factory worker with three de- categories in the labor force. In prosperity in the nation's history, money to spend even after he has method of selection is known by supplement of the Jan. 3 N. Y. | ture stands in sharp contrast to | paid his Federal income and the title of a little book called Social Security taxes than he had in the pre-Korean years of

> How seriously crisis hit the jumped by 30% in a single year, the Times Review, which reports up only 38% in a five-to-seven tions from soldiers to bosses and in a headline. "Farmers pinched year span, or approximately 6% farmers) increased by by falling prices and rising costs per year.

- Wholesale index at 119.4 for industry, is down to 83.3 for at even this modest gain in labor's gain accounted for by women. . agriculture - Some suffering money income, the Times spelosses - Further deterioration cifically selected a group of workseen as U.S. loan supports on ers about whom it could give the tion had been dropping fairly Association of Plumbing Con- basic crops pared." The farmers "happiest" kind of report. In this steadily since Korea, but this pendents."

while the big agricultural producers make far better than the average rate of profit for agri-How about the workers' share? home pay and more work (less and transportation fields." How prepared the ground for a per- to "make good" on his promise

"How to Lie With Statistics." However, the Times Review supplement does supply interest-Thus while corporate net profits ing data on changes in the U.S. working force. The size of the

unusual margin of one and one Furthermore, in order to arrive half million, with most of the Among teenagers of both sexes, the rate of labor force participacase, it picked "the average trend was sharply reversed in the factory worker with three de- summer of 1955. . . . "A relatively large proportion

This category was hard hit by of the long term unemployed are the slump that preceded the men past middle age and persons Korean war but had a larger take- previously employed in mining An editorial in the Dec. 24 N. Y. unemployment and more over | many are now permanently un- | manent army of unemployed.

Let us look at the record of employment among miners and transportation workers. The La- WHERE IS THE RALLY?

bor Department's Monthly Labor

tion has risen. "the Then in 1953, there was an average of 1.2' million workers employed by Class I railroads. In 1954, 110,000 less men moved implement the plan. greater amounts of freight. They to mechanization and automation.

back pages of the Review. It reports a statement by Robert T.

recent survey by the U.S. Census erally the ones suffering losses,

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Excerpts from Verbatim Text Official Transcript of Kutcher's VA Hearing

from the official transcript of provides: James Kutcher's public hearing held on Dec. 30 before the Veterans Administration's Central of mutiny, treason, sabotage, or Committee on Waivers and For- rendering assistance to an enemy feitures. - Ed.]

future benefits under laws ad-ACTING CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we will proceed with the ministration pertaining to gratuhearing. Mr. Kutcher, my name ities for veterans and their depenis Peyton H. Moss. I am acting dents. . . ." Officials of the Veterans Ad-

as chairman of the committee. This is Mr. John A. Cumberland, ministration are reluctant to ina member and this is Mr. George voke the forfeiture provisions of the law in any honorably dis-Hunter, also a member. . . .

charged veteran's case, more par-Mr. Kutcher, the records of the Veterans Administration show ticularly a seriously, disabled that since your honorable discomblat veteran, unless the evidence shows beyond a reasonable charge from military service on September 27, 1945, you have doubt that the veteran has combeen suffering from severe dis- mitted one of the offenses abilities incurred in combat in specified in said Section 4." This is not a trial. The sole the active military service and therefore, have been awarded purpose of this proceeding is to afford you an opportunity to maximum benefits for such disabilities. All persons receiving, furnish any evidence which in your opinion will apswer the or entitled to receive, complensacharges set forth in the letter tion from the Veterans Administration are subject to the addressed to you by this Comprovisions of Section 4, Public mittee under date of December Law 144, 78th Congress (Section 12, 1955. ...

Charges Become "Evidence"

"The evidence shows that you | obstructing such effort. "The evidence also shows that are and have been an active member of the Socialist Workers' in July 1950 and the summer of 1951 you attended a camp . . Party since 1938; that the So-[in] New Jersey, at which time cialist Workers' Party has been you stated that you liked the determined to be ... an organiza-'red' system of government; that tion which seeks to alter the form of Government of the United worker earns goes to the Govern- and regulations." States of America by unconstitutional means; that [by] your ment and under the 'red' governnumerous activities over the years it also appears that you earns; that the government of hearing of an administrative rendered aid and assistance to ar enemy of the United States or of people who are cheaters and rules governing the conduct of its allies by espousing and defending the Socialist Workers people.

"It is further shown that you are bad enough, they always hand Party's cause and thereby giving urged and advocated that the you a document saying: "These aid and comfort to the enemy members in attendance at the are the rules we will be guided by ... undermining public ... confidence in the United States camp cause strikes and get in by. This is the procedure we will demonstrate, that the charges are Government's administration of key positions and get the So- follow. This is what we will do." not true, but before getting to the war effort and hampering and cialist Workers' Party in con- Now I am saying: May I please that it seems to me perfectly

"Any person shown by evidence that you stated that the Party please have a copy of the rules satisfactory to the Administrator members couldn't wish them in, and regulations governing this of Veterans' Affairs to be guilty think them in, or vote them in; therefore, they should be overthrown and killed and then get a of the United States or of its new Government.

allies shall forfeit all accrued or "In view of the above, it appears that you have violated the ministered by the Veterans Ad- provisions of the above - cited statute."

With reference to the request in the letter of December 22 1955, from your attorneys "that at such hearing you produce any witness or witnesses upon whose testimony the Government intends to rely before the Veterans Administration Committee on Waivers and Forfeitures," you are informed that under the directive of the President of the United States dated May 17, 1954, the sources of the hearing. We are now giving the evidence on which the charges in this case are based will not be disclosed. . . . You may proceed

to answer the charges as set Chairman, that you don't have forth in the charges. any rules for this hearing?

"No Rules -- Just Answer!"

Acting Chairman: Certainly we | have the similar documents in have rules.

hearing?

ng this hearing?

can't do that.

this hearing?

the charges.

Mr. Rauh: Yes, sir.

Acting Chairman: A' copy of

Acting Chairman: No, sir. I

don't think there are - there are

too many rules and regulations.

We couldn't give you that to cover

any particular hearing. Sorry, we

Mr. Rauh: Do I understand

that there are no rules governing

Acting Chairman: Certainly. I

am the Acting Chairman of this

Committee, and I will, in a sense

determine what shall be done at

you an opportunity to answer

Mr. Rauh: Isn't it a fact, Mr.

the rules and regulations govern-

think there are any. That is the Mr. Rauh: Can we get them? Acting Chairman: No. Mr. Rauh: Thank you. Acting Chairman: You cannot that will satisfy me.

get them. Mr. Kutcher may now answer the charges. . . . Mr. Lipps [Acting General committee and give them the jumisdiction to hear the cases. Counsel for the VA1: Perhaps Mr. Rauh can be a little more specific There are no written published in this country half of what a as to what he means by "rules rules for guidance....

Mr. Rauh: In other words, there Mr. Rauh: This is the first time are no rules for the conducting of this hearing. That is all I am ment .the worker gets all he in my life I have ever been to a trying to get at. Is that correct? the United States is composed of tribunal in which there were not Mr. Lipps: That is correct. Mr. Rauh: Thank you.

crooks who oppress the working the hearing. Even at a security Acting Chairman: Okay. I will case, where I must say the rules make the rules as I go along then. Now go ahead. . . .

Mr. Rauh: We will contend as the afternoon goes along, and not true, but before getting to



[We publish below excerpts | disloyal - a charge that dwarfs | in strong disagreement with any | from editorial comment on the murder - without ever knowing denouncements of the American the VA has announced that Kut-Kutcher case that appeared on what the charges are based system of government he may cher can continue to receive his ground for taking away a pension. recently in the U.S. press. They or having the inalienable right have made. But we are convinc- pension since it must be estabtake in all phases of the case to face their accusers . . . ed that, however extreme, they lished beyond reasonable doubt In some quarters, "civil rights" can do less harm than the erosfrom Dec. 23, when the N.Y. Post broke the story of the Veterans and "civil liberties" have even ion of liberties exemplified in intentionally rendered assistance particular act of helping the Mr. Kutcher to prove he hasn't Administration's move to take become dirty words. But I am the Kutcher case." away Kutcher's pension, to Jan. unalterably opposed to tossing

8, when the VA dropped the the baby away with the water. N.Y. Post, "Dear Editor" attempt under pressure of public | It is not likely that Mr. Kut- Column cher will get to face his ac- Dec. 28: Restoring James Kut- or disagrees with the political will bear us out if we have to go that he has done it....

The following excerpts are in cusers as he did the enemy in cher's pension after the protest views of the veteran. This is a there, that there is no allegation If it is our burden to go forward indignation. ddition to editorial comment in Italy 13 years ago, on the stale of an aroused citizenry does not view that should be opposed in this letter of December 12 of at least I want the record to show

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ment.

[The following are excerpts 728, Title 38, U.S. Code), which trol of the Government of the Mr. Rauh [Joseph L. Rauh, Jr. | clear that even if they were true | victed the man it has no authority of the Government of the United States. It is further shown attorney for Kutcher:] ... May I there is no warrant for a with- to find him guilty here. The word "guilty" means guilty drawal of Mr. Kutcher's pension.

The first reason is that. . . . I in a court of law, not guilty bedo not believe that this body, the fore an administrative tribunal. Veterans Administration, has any It means guilty after an indictauthority to find a man guilty of ment under the Fifth Amendment, treason or rendering assistance after a jury trial and after all to an enemy of the United States. the fair play of a court room. I What it has authority to do is to say that this body has no decide if a court has convicted a authority to find Mr. Kutcher man and if the court has not con-l guilty of anything. . . .

Not Treason, But Thought Control

Acting Chairman: Your request | document is true - this docufor dismissal of the case on the ment of December 12 - is that ground as stated by you is denied, no crime has been alleged. . . and I will ask the General Counsel No crime is alleged without an to answer his questions with allegation that Mr. Kutcher intended to help an enemy of the authority under the law we have United States. There is no crime and regulations to consider forfeiture in a case of this kind. of rendering assistance to an enemy, apart from an intent to Mr. Lipps: To have an intenpretation of the law the Vethelp an enemy....

erans Administration is authorized What this amounts to - what to make a finding of guilty of these charges amount to - is very simple: if you are a penits own for the purposes of denysioner, don't exercise your right ing benefits or taking away of free speech, for "If we, the benefits. Mr. Rauh: ... In the last four

Veterans Administration, think that something you said is hurtyears there has been no case in ing the war effort, then we, the the United States where a man this particular instance? I don't has lost his pension except after Veterans Administration, will a conviction in a count of law, is take your pension away." I want to read you statements

Acting Chairman: I think that

Mr. Rauh: I might suggest to as detrimental to the war effort the committee that a legless vet- as anything Mr. Kutcher said eran is hardly the place to start anything that is in these charges.

Who Has the Burden of Proof?

Acting Chairman: Your motion

to say you can't stop. Those statements in the judgment of some people hurt the war effort. would defend the President's right to have made those statements but I also say to you that nothing in the letter of charges could possibly have done as much to undermine the war effort in Korea as those two statements

What the Veterans Administra-

If I rest my case right now, if

innocence it would have to ter-

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Seattle	200	212	106
Allentown	85	85	100
Cleveland	350	350	100
Milwaukee	250	250	100
Buffalo	1,760	1,705	97*
New York	3,520	3,125	89
Twin Cities	1.320	1,144	87
Philadelphia	440	357	81
Youngstown	250	200	80
Chicago	1,760	1,386	79
Akron	140	95	68
San Francisco	800	516	65
Boston	500	314	63
Oakland	300	187	62
Los Angeles	3,300	1,977	60
Newark	200	106	53
St. Louis	85	35	41
Pittsburgh	100	, 10	10
General		23	
Total through Jan. 17	\$16,185	\$12,963	80

FIVE CITIES TOP 100% **PRESS FUND DRIVE** that were made during the Korean war which were every bit

By Reba Aubrey

Five cities - Detroit, Seattle, Allentown, Cleveland and Milwaukee - have now reached 100% or better in the Socialist Publication and Press Fund campaign to raise \$16,185 by Jan. 31.

Detroit holds top place with Fannie Carter sent in the Twin 107%. Janet McGreager explains Cities' weekly check which keeps that their total of \$886 includes them on-schedule in the cam-\$4 from a friend who "donated paign with 87%. Realizing that it to the press fund he had been the campaign deadline of Jan. reading about in the Militant, 31 is only two weeks away, saying: 'We need more works Fannie says: "I imagine fund like the Militant and the pamph- supporters are really stepping it lets of Cannon - they are the up to fulfill the national total." only things that explain what is In addition to these top-brackgoing on in the world today." et scorers, 8 other cities upped A telegram from Seattle in- their percentages, raising the forming us that \$31 is on its national total paid to \$12,963 as way shot them over the goal line of Jan. 17, which is 80% of the and into second place with 106%. national goal. The telegram promises "more

Pearl Spangler sent \$26 for Philadelphia, saying: "It looks R. French sent this comment pretty good right now. I think with the \$65 contribution that we will finish on time." put Allentown among the 100%-Youngstown boosted its score ers: "I suppose this remittance to 80% with \$50 and Chicago hit will come as something of a

79% with a \$200 contribution. surprise. I wasn't completely pos-Akron's \$40 increased its score itive that we would be able to from 39 to 68%. San Francisco come through in time to beat the deadline, but I can see now that made a big gain also - from 26 I should have had more confi- to 65% — with a check for \$107.50. Ed Harris "anticipates" that San Francisco "will be paid Cleveland's \$50 pushed them in on time.' to 100%, but "we are endeavor-

"Starting last week," writes ing to exceed our pledge," says F. Franklin for Boston, "we L. Young airmailed \$200 which seemed to get into the swing increases Buffalo's score to 97%. again and it appears that we will Buffalo will finish 100% as usual." He sent

(Note: Since this was written that the veteran knowingly and enemy, there is no allegation of a ing? Is the burden of proof on to an enemy of the United enemy, there is nothing in here committed rendering assistance to States. But the implication re- except a censorship of Mr. Kut- an enemy of the United States or

point I am trying to make here. that correct? If you will just tell me there aren't any rules for this hearing s correct. Mr. Lipps: There are Veterans regulations which set up this

Reads statements by General changing the rules. The second ground for dis- Eisenhower before he became

missal, even if everything in the President.]

I suggest to you that when you start censoring what people have is denied. . . . Mr. Rauh: . . . Now we are

going ahead with the trial of Mr. Kutcher for either treason or rendering assistance to an enemy of the United States. There has been no clear differentiation made here. We ask the government to proceed and prove that Mr. Kutcher did these things. Now look at the situation we are in. In the United States of America a man

did. . . . is innocent until proved guilty. tion is doing here is setting itself up as a right to censor what penthe Veterans Administration believed in the presumption of sioners may say because if they say something that the Veterans minate the case because it hasn't Administration thinks is harmful to the Korean war, that is a put in one iota of evidence challenging Mr. Kutcher, and therefore I ask you now: On who is There is no allegation that Mr. the burden of proof in this hear-Kutcher intended to help the mains that the VA can cut off cher's public statements, and I is the burden of proof on the such pensions if it has a whim say, and I believe that the courts Veterans Administration to prove

the N. Y. Post, N. Y. Times and Washington Post quoted in the information will hamper the or and dignity it forfeited in Jan. 2, 9 and 16 issues of the effort to rout subversives from revoking these rights. Vets like Millitant. "Millions of Americans government service." will feel a sense of shame and What about routing justice? apprehension," said the Dec. 23 Is not that important, too? . . N. Y. Post, "about the condition of a government which can move | The Christian Science Monitor,

to deprive this man of his Jan. 6 disablility pension." The Dec. 29 The Jan. 1: I like the way The Post The law ... says that no one handled the Kutcher case. I was N. Y. Times called the VA's guilty of acts which would add up to treason can receive (dis- blacklisted and discharged while action "as little less than retaliaability) benefits. But it empow- in the Federal Service. I have tion for extremist political views," never been given the chance to and added, "That isn't the kind of ens the Veterans Administration, on evidence satisfactory to itself face my accusers. I have submitaction that sits well in a free alone, to adjudge someone guilty ted important documents, black democracy." The Dec. 24 Washof treason, although the perils on white, to the Senate Civil ington Post declared, "What has in such a procedure are reflected Service Committee. The comfreedom of speech come to in this mittee wrote me that after Jan. n constitutional precautions. land if men are to be deprived of The VA has declared Mr. Kut- 3 it will make plans about the nights on such a charge and such cher guilty, in effect, of treas- order in which hearings will be evidence as this!" (Also see story onable leanings. It is on the held, and in what cities. on p. 1 of this issue for reaction I did not lose my legs. But I ground that he belongs to an of St. Louis Post-Dispatch. lost the respect and love I had organization which on evidence

satisfactory to another office for our government. -F. Bram-Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Dec. 30 alone - that of the Attorney The VA was wrong to cut off General — has been listed as

Mr. Kutcher's pension so arbisuspect. Also that he has been trarily, as it virtually admitted accused of expressing anti-gov when it reinstated the pension, ernment sentiments. But his acpending a hearing, out of a cusers remain nameless, faceless 'sense of fair play and a desire persons whose veracity, thereto prevent hardship." What's fore, he cannot challenge. more, the law under which it did One of the very foundation cut off the pension is wrong if Mr. Kutcher is guilty of no more than membership in the Socialist the burden of proof rests upon Workers Party. For Mr. Kutcher the accuser. Yet under the shadid lose two legs in the service of his country; surely, for that, treason and a penalty amounthis private political opinion may ing to withdrawal of his livelibe indulged, however "screwball" hood, Mr. Kutcher's lawyer is the rest of us regard them.

* * * N.Y. World-Telegram, Inez Robb, Jan. 3

Ed.]

burden is on him now to answer It is no news that we live in the charges." parlous times, but surely not

This newspaper is not in symso parlous that men and wompathy with Mr. Kutcher's party en can be summarily tarred as - the Socialist Workers. It is



excuse that baring "sources of restore the government the honvigoróusly.) Daily Worker, Dec. 30 Kutcher and others, no matter We join with what we are what their beliefs, deserve betcertain must be the desire of ter of the government they ofmost Americans, in the demand fered their lives to protect.

that the Eisenhower Adminis--RALPH GROSSMAN tration halt this contemptible effort to take the bread from

the mouth of an American who served his country.

a Trotskyite group is no con- there is a prima facie showing of cern of ours in this matter nor guilt under Section 4 of Public should it be of the bureaucrats trying to rob him of his pension as an alleged subversive . . . There are other veterans, like the Communist leaders Robert Thompson and Saul Wellman, de- This letter is not evidence, this prived of their war pension letter is charges, and I say that rights in (as the N.Y. Times puts it about Kutcher) "retaliation for their extremist political

views." The VA should hold public hearings on these cases, too. Racine Labor, published by the

AFL-CIO, Racine, Wisc., Jan. 2 As a double amputee Kutcher Daily Worker, Joseph North's

received a monthly pension from column on "Hitler Officers the VA. On Nov. 30 this was Land," Jan. 8

cut off and he was given until You look at these former Hit- to let the record show in the year Jan. 12 to try to convince the ler officers and you think of 1955, in the democratic states of VA that his unpopular views are the legless veteran James Kut- America, that a legless veteran presumption of innocence — that not treasonable and that he cher who is dragged from tri- had the burden of proof of showdidn't say something which some bunal to tribunal, his veteran's ing his innocence before the faceless, unknown witness al- compensation taken from him by Veterans Administration which dow of an accusation imputing leges he said about the govern- men who doubtless sat the war was set up for the purpose of out heroically behind desks. They protecting veterans? Is that the

Such a protest arose, however, got sudden qualms thinking of way you are ready for the record that his pension check was re- the natural reaction the mil- to go? told by the VA board: "We feel stored until the case is disposed lions of our people would have to their cold-blooded action and for it to go. Proceed. . . .

In addition to all this, the they erased their ukase, but Newark Housing Authority is they continue to harass and separate problems we have been charges, is that right? trying to evict his parents. Ten- threaten him. -* * *

ants of public housing now have to sign an oath that no member The Louisville Courier Journal. of the family belongs to a black- Jan. 15

however. listed organization. Kutcher's Suppose James Kutcher said all parents had no such affiliations that the informants said he said: but they can't sign the oath and Why shouldn't he say it? When either must get out or kick their did it become treasonous for any crippled son out of their home. American to criticize the govern-This, too, is in the courts and ment, to argue against it, to ex- and there you say of Mr. Kutthe New Jersey Supreme Court press a hope of changing it? ... has upheld a superior court rul- He himself made the relevant the enemy," and that is the ing against the eviction, but in- point about his plight back in language of treason in the Condications are that the Housing 1949 when he was first beginning stitution and I say you are accus-

Authority plans to appeal to the his struggle to live in the country he fought for. ". . . The significant Such are the lengths to which thing in my case is not that I disagree with you on that. some people will go to persecute lost my legs but that I lost my people holding unpopular views. rights which are infinitely dearer Whatever became of the old and more precious to me

libertarian slogan, "I disagree Among those rights would seem enemy"? with what you say but I will to be the one . . . clearly guardefend to the death your right anteed by the First Amendment to say it?" to the Constitution....

my crime within the meaning of that the Veterans Administration the section under which you are is putting the burden on a legless acting, and we ask that the veteran to prove his innocence on a charge as serious as treason. charges be dismissed.

'Aid and Comfort to the Enemy"

Acting Chairman: As I stated | treason. We have no authority to at the outset we are affording do that. I don't think we are Mr. Kutcher, and naturally his gettting anywhere discussing this attorneys, an opportunity to about treason. That doesn't come That Kutcher is a member of answer the charges. We feel that into it at all. . . .

Mr. Rauh: Now since you and vour counsel make a distinction Law No. 144, 78th Congress. To between treason and rendering that extent the burden is upon aid and assistance to an enemy of him now to answer the changes. the United States, and since I Mr. Rauh: Mr. Moss, not a have spent the last two days whit of evidence has been put in. boning up on treason and am unable to find the crime of rendering aid and assistance to [an enemy of] the United States apart unless you are reversing the presumption of innocence, unless from treason, would you do us the honor of defining the crime with you are saying that we have the

burden of proof, you must put on which Mr. Kutcher is now some evidence to show that he charged? is guilty. Acting Chairman: The charges

Acting Chairman: This is not have been set forth in the charge court trial. etter, and I don't think I am Mr. Rauh: That is obvious but called upon to define the crime my question is: Are you willing except to repeat what I have said before, that he is changed with rendering assistance to an enemy of the United States or of their satellites.

Mr. Rauh: Mr. Moss, would you like to strike out of your charges the words "giving aid and comfort to the enemy"? Acting Chairman: No, I am not

striking out anything. Mr. Rauh: So you are leaving

Acting Chairman: We are ready the charge of the Constitutional language on treason in Mr. Rauh: Now there are two

Acting Chairman: We will leave discussing, Mr. Moss and Mr. Counsel. One is whether the it there. Mr. Rauh: I say this is a charge burden of proof is on you. You

of treason. You refuse to define said it is not a treason trial, the separate crime and I will leave it to the gentlemen of the Now I call to your attention

press to decide whether this is a treason trial or not. . .

(To be continued)

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dence in us."

T. Wilson.

will follow next week."

Los Angeles mailed in \$140, New York's \$324 contribution raised their total paid to \$3,125 increasing their total to \$1,976.50 or 89%. This city's steady pace or 60% of their \$3,300 quota. Bill Morgan's remittance of from the beginning of the campaign will enable them to reach \$95 for Oakland came with this their goal without a last-minute note: "We will make it just under the wire - don't worry.' crisis.

\$109.



Letters of appreciation of the | dealing with James Kutcher's Militant continue to come in struggle for his pension. John from our readers. "While work- Blaine sold 30 to former school-

ing temporarily mates, and Mike Adams sold 45 in a St. Louis to friends in his neighborhood plant," writes A. Nate Weiss and Julie Friend S., "a fellow sold 19 papers on the Brooklyn worker gave me streets, while Oscar Carlson, a copy of the Dorothy William and Elaine Militant and I Munroe sold 19 at a Brooklyn found it very in- meeting addressed by Emmett teresting." He Till's uncle, Mr. Moses Wright. enclosed a six- At an ADA meeting 35 Militants month subscrip- were sold by Sherry Cohen. Lou tion. "I think Guffin, Howard Mason and Prisyour paper is cilla Allen. Gordon Bailey and

gnand" writes an 84-year-old Ann Mann sold 25 papers on man from Detroit, and M. M. Union Square while Janet Pesends us a hard-to-spare dollar ters, John Adams and Esther from Minneapolis "for your work. Smith covered New York Uni-Am very glad to see you take versity."

up the struggle for what is Helen Baker encloses a renewright. You keep on doing it." al in her letter from Seattle John Collins sends two Militant with this comment: "This was secured at the time that Ann ubs and one for the FI from Darcy and I were out for an Detroit. He writes: "We have organized sales and distributions hour and a half during which time we sold sixteen copies of of the Kutcher issues on campus and before plant gates so that the pamphlet, 'Desegregation.'" Jim's inspiring efforts will reach Manuel Stone has carried out working people in Detroit." some sales and distributions on

Chicago's Hildegarde Swabeck the campus in Cleveland which says: "\$1.50 enclosed to cover have been rewarded with subs this new six-month sub. This and readers. Walter Gordon and was obtained at our New Year's Meryl Benjamin sold "Desegreaffair which, by the way, was gation!" and Meryl and Jean a very good and successful so- Simon distributed about 150 pa-

Winifred Nelson informs us from the Twin Cities: "Enclosed are three subs for the Militant with accompanying check. Even upon completion of a sub campaign you can't let down. I find that we have over 30 expirations to get. You'll be interested to know that I received one of the enclosed subs from a woman I used to work with, enclosed in a Christmas card. Nice way to say Merry Xmas, isn't it?" A report from John Tabor: "Here in New York we sold about 200 copies of the issue

cial.



Acting Chairman: Because we used that language doesn't mean

your own words. . . . Take your opening statement and go up nine lines from the bottom on page 2

cher: "Giving aid and comfort to LOS ANGELES **Friday Night Forum** ing him of treason.

Acting Chairman: I have to Fri., Jan. 27 - Labor in the '56 Elections Mr. Rauh: Will you tell me Speaker: Thomas Kerry

whether you used the words "Giving aid and comfort to the 1702 E. 4th St., 8:15 P. M.

that we are charging him with

there is a prima facie showing of. of guilt, and to that extent the



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The federal government has added an law as was Kutcher's. Basing themselves ugly new weapon to its witch-hunting on this 1943 statute, the VA has pro-arsenal with its infamous practice of claimed its right to revoke the pension of arsenal with its infamous practice of cutting off veteran and old-age pensions from those it deems "un-American."

This latest thought-control device is in some ways even more lethal than the subversive list, the purge of government employes, congressional "investigations," etc. Several million disabled war veterans and their dependents rely largely or exclusively on their pensions for subsistence. Millions more would find themselves in complete destitution if their old-age pensions were withdrawn. All of these people are now under an even more powerful pressure to conform - or else.

James Kutcher's successful fight to complete restoration of his disability pension by the Veterans Administration constitutes an important setback to this new totalitarian practice. But the victory cannot realistically be considered definitive until the practice of political tampering/ with anyones pension rights is completely eliminated.

The next immediate step in the fight to get the government's hand out of the pockets of pensioners is to win restoration of the pensions of the Communist Party ex-GI's, Robert Thompson and Saul Wellman.

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The attempt to paint the case of Thompson and Wellman as different from that of Kutcher is completely fraudulent. Their cases are fundamentally identical and their right to reinstatement of their pension is dictated by the VA's decision in the Kutcher case.

The pensions of Thompson and Wellman were revoked by the VA under the same

claimed its right to revoke the pension of any veteran it decides is guilty of "treason." The unconstitutionality of an administrative agency finding a citizen Bertram D. Wolfe, a former guilty of treason without due process of

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law is not even debatable. The VA tries to bolster its flimsy case against Wellman and Thompson by pointing to their conviction under the Smith

tors do not necessarily rep esent The Militant's policies

"Entered as second class matter March 7, 1944 at the Post Office at New York. N.Y., under the act of March

are express

"Gag" Act. This is a double frame-up. The both the Communist Party and Socialist Workers Party leaders are in themselves frame-ups. Each conviction was based solely and exclusively on the expression of ideas. This original frame-up is now given an additional twist with the VA's attempt to equate the Smith Act convictions with proof of treason. The charge of treason hands, he has the foolhardy never entered into a single Smith Act trial.

pension of William Z. Foster, Alexander portray Lenin as an arbitrary Bittleman and other Communist Party figures is so blatantly crude that a veteran ambulance chaser would be hard pressed to defend it. Although no court has so illiterate notion that Sukhanov ruled, the Social Security Administration was "more Bolshevik than the arbitrarily decided that the Communist Party is an agency of a foreign government and that Foster as chairman of the Party is an employe of a foreign government and therefore ineligible for pension.

Pensions earned by a lifetime of labor or the sacrifice in war of physical capacities are not "privileges" to be doled out or displeasing the Bolshevik "dicrevoked on the basis of political orthodoxy. tators" "who hold his fate in They are hard-earned legal rights and the American people must make the government understand this to be the fact.

The Taylor Case

How much harm has been done to our basic rights by the widespread and reckless use of star chamber methods in "loyalty" hearings? The government retreat in the pension case of James Kutcher and the clearance of William Henry Taylor on Jan. 5 gives us an inkling of the extent of the damage.

Taylor, a former employe of the Treasury Department and now on the staff of the International Monetary Fund, a United Nations agency, won his case after eight years of agonizing harassment.

In 1945 Elizabeth Bentley, a notorious government paid witness, mentioned Taylor's name in connection with Harry Dexter White and other Treasury Department officials as part of a "Soviet espionage ring." Taylor's name was also included in two reports submitted by the FBI to the White House. Attorney General Brownell claimed the reports identified Taylor as part of an espionage ring, but the contents were never divulged. Taylor was fingered again by Elizabeth Bentley before Congressional committees, even though he publicly and categorically denied the charges and demanded the right to confront his accuser at a public hearing. The right was never granted.

sian experts, commits a number Wolfe says that Sukhanov "begins by being more Bolshevik convictions obtained under this Act of than the Bolsheviks, welcomes revenge. The whole generation of its basic accomplishments. They strations as honoring the funcleft,' but before long he has

inconsistencies or retouch his memoirs to conciliate the powerful who hold his fate in their courage to publish his praise The basis for withdrawing the old-age and criticism side by side and to

dictator ignorant of economic laws, Trotsky as highhanded, Stalin as a 'gray blur.'"

Leaving aside the politically Bolsheviks," merely because he stated the incontestable fact that Lenin was the most authoritative leader of the left wing of the Russian working class, it is useful to examine Wolfe's contention that Sukhanov showed "foolhardy courage" in publishing his memoirs in 1922 without fear of their hands."

lated from the rest of the world, ACCEPTED MOSCOW TRIALS Wolfe may think that since he himself failed to become aware

of the police tyranny of Stalinism until after he had swallowed A REMINDER

History Taught Dulles Nothing

By Morris Stein

Dulles told the world in the spired by the American example. courage" to criticize Lenin and Jan. 16 issue of Life magazine GOOD WILL SQUANDERED that the U.S. was on the brink But all the good will the U.S. of war three times in three enjoyed in the colonial world years. In fact, he described just has been squandered mainly because Washington exposed itself how the U.S. was preparing to with futile maneuvers to isolate bitterly attacks Bolshevism from enter the civil war in Indo-China and defeat the Chinese revolubeginning to end? Instead of in 1954 with ground troops tion. In India, for example, we just as it entered the Korean have today this paradox: the U.S. is far more hated and fear-

ed than Great Britain, India's direct oppressor for a century direct evidence on the Korean Dulles' own words belie the battlefields that superior armacontention he boastfully makes The more isolated U.S. imment alone will not win a war. in the Life interview that his perialism becomes because of this growing opposition, the artfulness prevented war. The more it must rely on naked fact is that the U.S. had come far-flung military power very close to being pushed over military bases and nuclear weathe "brink" of all-out war not pons. This military power, howonly in Indo-China but also in ever, can never halt the colonial isolate and defeat the Chinese Korea and over Formosa. The revolution. American imperialism revolution. is embarked on a one-way road Wall Street clique in Washington WHAT CHINA ACHIEVED to self-destruction. The danger has pushed towards war only to is that it will bring disaster to The revolutionary overthrow be frustrated every time by cir- the rest of the world as well. of the Chaing Kai-shek regime cumstances beyond its control. by the Chinese masses, resulted Everyone now knows Dulles' Even now it has not given up conception of smart, effective in the expulsion of the imperialdiplomacy for safeguarding the ist overlords; the unification of peace. His story of how we have the country; the abolition of

trade unions, is a new and pro-The slanderers of the Russian | sure their democratic rights and gressive force in history, even Revolution have fared no better. give representation to the workthough it became saddled with Despite decades of propaganda, ers of all crafts. In its first years the CIO

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nation and degeneration. But its

achievements - industrial union-

The coming American revolu-

tion cannot be stopped any more

in the past have given rise to

workers' organizations will be

Backward countries, after they

accomplish their socialist revolu-

tion, are weighed down with

these social blights of their cap-

eradicated. These conditions -

NEXT STEPS

monstrous bureaucracy. The in 1949, 600 million Chinese peoyears of high tide in mass rev- ple, over one-fourth of human- showed what workers' democracy olutionary activity, when the ity, took the road of October in the unions could be. Subseworkers' state of Russia stood 1917 and swept the landlords, quently the CIO suffered stagagainst the capitalist world and moneylenders, capitalists and immaintained a genuine democracy perialist agents out of their fundamental conquests and in the Soviet, the party and the country. Just last month the Indian ism and the organization of the trade unions, are a constant repeople turned out by the millions key basic industries of the minder that with the resurgence

of the revolution the Stalinist to greet the representatives of country - have been retained. bureaucracy will be shattered the Soviet Union. Here is elo- With a new rise in working and removed. quent proof of how the Russian class activity and radicalization

The Wolfes have the special revolution lives in the conscious- the bureaucratic degeneration task of discrediting, not Stalin-ness, of the oppressed toilers will be overcome. sm (the world working class everywhere. Only those completehas no admiration for Stalinism), ly deluded or deliberately lying but the Russian revolution and could depict the colossal demon-

tionaries, Khrushchev and Bul- than the birth of the CIO could leader of the Soviet proletarian entire Central Committee of Len- thesis home and to do this they ganin. These faded carbon copies be stopped. The next revolutionof the "gray blur" only served as | ary steps of the American workin's time and tens of thousands rewrite history no less uncon a symbol in the eyes of the In- | ing class will arise-just as the dian masses of the revolution CIO did-out of the iron neces-The American workers in parthat freed Russia from Medieval sities of the class struggle. And others were simply caught up in victims for this kind of propa- Czarist backwardness and open- once the victory of the American the general sweep of the Stalin- ganda. It is assumed that the ed the possibility of a vast in- workers' revolution has is been dustrial development and cultur- achieved then the conditions that American working class, in The function of Wolfe's falsi- view of its political immaturity al advance. That's what the peofications is as follows: Capitalist at the time of the Russian rev- ple of Asia want for themselves bureaucratic degeneration propaganda against socialism and olution, can be made to swallow today And will it prove possible to a version of history which instop the socialist revolution in poverty, scarcity, inequality, culdiscriminately lumps the revolunatural outcome of any attempt tion, its first heroic period, the America by capitalist lies about tural backwardness — are part the Russian Revolution? One and parcel of the capitalist sysant of the nature of revolution the socialist revolution against

in general and of the coming that system. American revolution in particu-The attempts of reactionary

lar, to entertain such a belief. COULDN'T STOP CIO Could the capitalists stop the italist past. Without industrial semi-revolution of the CIO in resources and within the confines the 1917 revolution cannot be was no lack of historians who the Thirties by anti-union prop- of their national boundaries, buerased. Workers can understand sought to discredit the Great aganda? Or by anti-union viol- reaucratic deformations are that the Soviet Republic, after French Revolution by adducing ence and terror? Remember that bound to exist. If no relief comes winning its first victory in a the fact that the generation fol- the capitalists had plenty of from the victory of the revolubackward, overwhelmingly agri- lowing 1789-93 suffered even propaganda ammunition. They tion in industrially advanced cultural country, remaining iso-worse economic and political could point to the bureaucratized, countries the bureaucracy achardships than the pre-revolu- racket-ridden AFL and hold it quires tremendous power. For tionary generation. up as a horrible example of these very reasons, the victory Yet such preachments did not

what uinonism would bring. But of the socialist revolution in the prevent the French Revolution the mass production workers U.S., heartland of the most infrom spreading to the rest of saw through all that once they dustrally advanced capitalism in Europe and replacing the out- decided that the time had come the world, would mark the defmodel feudal system with the to unionize. They simply put initive finish, not only of world Workers can understand that then-progressive system of cap-, their titanic power into building capitalism, but of the Stalinist militant unions that would en- and labor bureaucracies as well.

erably.

in 1911, was in large part in-the Russian Revolution by a slaves of the white imperialists. show of force. They combined to They look to the Chinese and invade the territory of the young Russian Revolutions for inspira-Soviet state with their superior tion.

arms. The U.S., too, under Pres-Just see what happened in the ident Wilson, was represented in little. Arab kingdom of Jordan this adventure with an expedi- when the British overseers tried tionary force. It all failed mis- to force it into the Baghdad Pact — a part of Wall Street's

The Chinese revolution occur- system of military alliances. ed when the U.S. still had the Four governments have fallen in Jordan in four weeks, toppled monopoly of atomic weapons. The masses weren't intimidated by the mass action of the workby it. And, finally, the U.S. had ers and students.

> NO EMPTY PHRASES The economic backwardness and misery of the colonial peoples have forced them to think in international terms. Communism and capitalism are not empty abstractions to them. They know from experience that it hasn't been communism but capitalism which has kept them under subjection for generations. This is why they react violently against any line-up by their governments with the imperialists. Dulles' views on war and peace will certainly not buy any good will among these people.

employe has engaged in espionage and the decimation of the Trotskyist opposition and the Moscow trials. subversive activities..." that he is now privileged to

When Taylor continued the fight at a backdate the practices of the new hearing on Oct. 19, 1955, he was Stalinist counter revolution to the forced to limit his evidence to only a few period of Lenin and Trotsky's points - whether he was a Communist in leadership of the Soviet state. Hawaii in the 1930's; how he obtained his inconsistency and a direct histreasury job; and whether he was unfaithful to his trust on that job. laration that it took 'foolhardy

The witch-hunt victim was forced to accede to the arbitrary restrictions. He Trotsky. presented a number of character references by prominent Hawaiians who knew fact that Lenin the "dictator" allowed the distribution of Sukhim there, repeated in detail the means hanov's book - a book which whereby he was offered the job with the Treasury, and repeated once again his denial of any espionage activity.

On the basis of this testimony, which ing the author, Lenin engaged was merely a repetition of all his past in a theoretical discussion with conflict in 1950. But the British claims, the Board reversed itself and wrote him. He wrote two articles in backed out of the scheme.

Monday, January 23, 1956 [Last of a series of four reviewarticles. Previous installments were in the Nov. 14, Nov. 28 and Dec. 12, 1955 issues of the Militant.] In his review of N. N. Suk-

By Murry Weiss

hanov's The Russian Revolution 1917, A Personal Record (N. Y. Times Book Review May 15) apologist for Stalinism, who is currently a pace setter in American imperialism's stable of Rus-

of characteristic falsifications.

V. I. LENIN Lenin as 'the most authoritative Bolshevik leaders, practically the must drive the anti-revolution caught a terrifying glimpse of of party militants were wiped scionably than the Stalinists do. the 'hateful countenance of Bol- out in the Stalinist purges. Left shevism.' Not one to conceal his Mensheviks like Sukhanov and ticular are regarded as ideal

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ist dictatorship's iron broom. revolution depends nine-tenths on passing off Stalinism as the

to draw an equal sign between Russian revolution.

encircled by hostile imperialism, fell victim to these unfavorable conditions and suffered internal

degeneration.

the Soviet Union, like their italism.

to overthrow the capitalist sys- Stalinist political counter revolutem. For everyday purposes it tion and the rise of the Stalinist would have to be totally ignor- tem. They are not the result of is enough for the propagandists police state into one pot. the Stalinist bureaucracy and the PREACH AGAINST CHANGE The difficulty, however, is that historians and apologists for

the memory of the time when outlived social orders to preach workers' democracy flowered in against the evil consequences of the years immediately following revolution are not new. There

Only in the course of a libel suit against the Washington Daily News did Taylor and his lawyer have the chance to confront professional witness Bentley. She admitted on the witness stand that she had never seen William Taylor or known him personally.

Last July the Board, without presenting the evidence for its findings, issued its verdict: "this board is convinced that the

Is it possible to justify the murder of Emmett Till? J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant, the perpetrators of the fiendish murder, think it is. In their own words: "We were never able to scare him. They had filled him so full of that poison he was hopeless."

What poison? the child said, "I'm as good as you are. I'm not afraid of you." He kept saying it as they beat him in the face with the heavy .45. They couldn't beat it out of him. Whether the details are accurate or not, this explanation from Milam and Bryant is important. It is their justification for the crime. In their eyes and in the eyes of the rich and powerful few who profit from the Jim Crow system in the South, and of the demoralized and depraved who follow them, a Negro who is not afraid, who believes he is equal, is a poisoned enemy who must be destroyed.

To justify the torture killing of a child these men tell a story which shows their victim acting as if "freedom" and "equality" were words to live by, as if self respect were as important as life itself. To anyone with an ounce of decency in his heart, such sentiments and such actions are the mark of a hero. To the racists of this country they are the supreme justification for murder, the mark of a poisoned mind which must be destroyed or it will destroy their "way of life."

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Milam and Bryant are not psychopaths.

Taylor on Jan. 5, 1956 that "on all the evidence there is not a reasonable doubt as to your loyalty."

On the basis of what now evidence? None whatsoever. Bentley's testimony, the FBI reports and the Attorney-General's charges are exposed as a pack of flimsy lies.

It becomes clear that the only reason for Taylor's vindication was his persistence in fighting for his rights. But what of the tens of thousands of workers who are accused but do not have the resources to carry on such a fight? They are forced out of their jobs, blacklisted, hounded and persecuted.

Away with this foul procedure that has ripped apart the very fabric of the Bill of Rights! We have the right and the duty to demand: No more star chamber proceedings! Give the accused the right to face his accuser!

The Martyrdom of Emmett Till

Their crime was no unreasoned act of his book as data on the revolumadness, unless it be the madness of the economic and social system of the South. Such crimes are the logical outcome of an attempt to maintain a system of exploita- logically - as a matter of tion based on race. Human dignity itself is the arch enemy of Milam's, Bryant's and Sen. Eastland's "way of life."

Fighters for human dignity are the finest things a nation can produce. of what Wolfe intended — it is Precisely these fighters, who refused to a refutation of the slander that scare, were victims of the recent wave of the regime of Stalinism is but violence in the South. Their names bear ship of Lenin." repeating. They shall never be forgotten:

Harry and Harriet Moore, blown to bits by a bomb in Mims, Florida, on Christmas descriptions of the Bolshevik night 1951 for organizing for the NAACP; leaders when he was swallowed Rev. George E. Lee, killed by a shotgun of the 1930's. It is undoubtedly Brookhaven, Miss., for urging Negroes to vote; Carl Braden, a white man from in the Executive Committee (of rather than directly. In the planet. Louisville, Ky., who served 8 months in the Soviet) for the Bolsheviks, prison and faces 15 more for buying a in addition to Kamenev. . . house for a Negro in a restricted neighbor- During his modest activity in blast in Belzoni, Miss., on Nov. 25, 1955, for urging Negroes to vote.

Emmett Till, though he never expected and not leaving any trace. There fate has focused the world's attention on a system where human dignity is punished by torture and death.

Menshevik theory that Russia was unready for the proletarian evolution.

But there is both an internal

torical refutation to Wolfe's dec-

How does Wolfe explain the

suppressing the book or punish-

The translator-editor of the English version of Sukhanov's book, Joel Carmichael, who certainly cannot be accused of Bolshevik bias, says, "When published in the Soviet Union in 1922 it created a great stir; it was required reading for party circles and considered an indispensable source-book for the study

of the revolution.

about him.'

WORKERS' DEMOCRACY

its dream to reconquer China and That's the way it was in the defeat the Asian revolution. workers' democracy created by

WAR PERSPECTIVE the Russian revolution before the Stalinist bureaucracy came to World War III is inherent in power. Sukhanov, who unlike the entire policy of the State most of the right wing Menshe-Department. It continues to supviks refused to work with the port the butcher Chiang Kaiimperialist and white-guard counshek. It places at his disposal ter revolution against the young all the instruments of war in-Soviet state, was regarded as a cluding the seventh fleet. Promipolitical opponent by the Bol nent administration spokesmen sheviks. What was of value in talk now of supplying him with nuclear weapons.

tion, materials for historians All this will not help Chiang and scholars, was duly noted; his Kai-shek, Washington's puppet, criticism and theoretical attacks any more than the billions of were met politically and ideodollars in cash and military sup- action." plies helped him when he was course.

still master of the Chinese main- NEITHER LOGIC NOR Thus, contrary to Wolfe's falsiland with a huge army at his HISTORY

fications the reception Sukhanov's disposal. But it will — as it The idea that peace can be book met in the Soviet Union of already has - earn the U.S. the maintained by foaming at the 1922, proves exactly the opposite hatred of the colonial people and mouth and brandishing weapons of the advanced workers the has no support either in logic world over. or history. So long as the U.S. Yet there was a time when had a monopoly of nuclear weaa continuation of the "dicator-

the U.S., itself born in a vic- pons this claim had some semtorious colonial revolution, was blance of plausibility. But this Wolfe points out that Sukhanov was paid off for his unflattering thought of highly among the monopoly was broken in 1949.

masses the world over. Even Even if the U.S. has more the world where anti-communism after developing into an imbombs, or bombs of a more as a cause can attract any mass perialist nation, the U.S. had devastating caliber than the Sosupport. Least of all can Dulles little resemblance, on the sur- viet Union and China, or both, enlist the support of the colored blast in Belzoni, Miss., on May 7, 1955, for true that Stalin was not one to face, to the colonial powers of there is no real advantage in urging Negroes to vote; Lamar Smith, forget that while Sukhanov des- Western Europe. In Latin Ameri- that. It makes no difference if peoples — yesterday's colonial

shot and killed on the courthouse steps in cribed Lenin and Trotsky as ca - Wall Street's private pre- you have 100 or 1,000 nuclear 'cosmic titans" he said of Stalin: serve - Washington has ruled bombs if it only takes 100, let largely through native agents us say, to destory all life on the "At this time Stalin appeared

Philippines, at one time a U.S. We know that Hitler could colony, political power was evenintimidate the world for a time tually turned over to the native with superior armed force. But hood; Gus Courts, maimed by a shotgun the Executive Committee Stalin capitalists. Control is exercised in the end his bluff was called mainly through economic power. and World War II was the reproduced — and not only on me The U.S. was therefore look- sult. Hitler, the expert in war - the impression of a gray blur, ed up to in colonial countries, threats didn't come out on top. looming up now and then dimly particularly in bourgeois circles If bellicose threats have little it, has a place on this list. For his cruel is really nothing more to be said of India and China. It was to effect against rival imperialist them a country worth emulating. powers, they have even less ef-Nevertheless, it would be ri- Sun Yat-sen, the leader of the fect against revolutionary strugdiculous to regard Sukhanov's first Chinese revolution which gles. The allied countries tried fate as merely a result of Stalin's overthrew the Manchu dynasty after World War I to subdue

been on the brink of all-out, nu- feudal relations on the land; the clear war on three occasions in the last three years is not very comforting. "Of course," says the nationalization of industry; Dulles. "we were brought to the and the institution of planned verge of war . . . We've had to economy.

look it square in the face - on the question of enlarging the Korean war, on the question of getting into the Indo-China war, initiative of the Chinese youth, on the question of Formosa." Then Dulles adds, with the bra- them an eagerness to sacrifice in vado of a madman, "We walked to the brink and we looked it in the face. We took strong against foreign invasion. People

The "heroic" posture Dulles strikes up may impress some people in the U.S. during the election campaign. But it does not weigh very much in the struggle of U.S. imperialism to

liberation of the women from endless centuries of enslavement; All these and other accom-

plishments of the Chinese revolution unleashed the vigor, the fired them with enthusiasm, gave order to build the country industrially and to safeguard it inspired by the vision of a bet-

as a social system.

ter life will gladly fight and die for their cause.



them only for the American people, he appears to have misgaged their frame of mind. The American people have been subjected to almost ten years of anticommunist conditioning by propaganda and the witch hunt. Yet, if Dulles thought that after the Life magazine build-up he would he widely cheered as the anticommunist Superman, he was gravely mistaken. The American people are rightly afraid of nuclear war just like the rest of the world.

But even if Dulles intended

They do not quite feel comfortable alongside Dulles at the brink of war.

The Negro Struggle

Youth Want Jobs

In Detroit, where big layoffs in auto plants are under way and the fear of unemployment is again beginning to grip the working class, a group of high-school-age young people recently discussed the job prospects of Negro youth.

Some of them, viewing the problem more realistically than the professional "youth advisers" who rant about the "great opportunities before our young people today," recalled stories of organized campaigns of picketing and other forms of mass pressure to compel employers to hire Negroes. They heard about such things from parents or relatives or older friends who participated in such actions in the past, and they wondered whether that might not be the method they would have to use to get jobs.

For the benefit of these young people and others like them throughout the country, someone should write the history of organized movements to seek job opportunities for colored workers.

Such a history should record, from available statistics, the changes which have taken place up to now in the employment of Negroes. It should show what economic and political conditions provided the framework for those changes, and describe the methods used to win gains when conditions permitted.

The forms of struggle are so many and so varied and so deeply imbedded in the life of the Negro communities within the cities and towns, that it would be necessary to dig into the files of the Negro press,

and to ask the men and women who participated in the struggles to tell their stories

Only the movements which made demands for government intervention — like the March on Washington Movement, or campaigns for federal, state, or local fair employment practices legislation - have, January, 1954, David J. McDonas a general rule, received much publicity ald, president of the United outside of the Negro press.

The struggle for non-segregated public Fairless, former president of schools," which made some notable legal United States Steel, made their gains in the past few years, is, in a sense, goodwill tour of the Youngstown also part of the fight for job opportunities district plants of the steel trust for Negroes. Colored parents know very well that their children must be equipped with equal education and training if they are to compete for equal job opportunities when they leave school for the labor market.

For young people like those in the America, there is no class strug-Detroit area, the efforts of colored work- gle." We must hasten to add ers in industry, frequently through con- time-dishonored depending on sciously organized caucuses, to open new job opportunities through union enforce- originate in the grey matter of ment of non-discrimination clauses, is par- David J. upon his accession to ticularly important.

But the direct action method that has had particular dramatic appeal and de- collaboration policies of his preserves a special chapter in any history of decessor, Phillip Murray. organized drives for jobs for Negroes is the boycott and picketing combination of the "Don't Buy Where You Can't Work" campaign.

Next week's column will discuss some of the background of this type of movement, its possibilities and its limitations.

Class Collaboration Dream Versus Reality

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By Mose Peterson YOUNGSTOWN, Jan. 15 - In Steelworkers, and Benjamin F. Speaking to a collection of Local Union officers, grievance men and company bosses, David J. McDonald summed up his eagle's-eye view of the relationship between capital and labor briefly and bluntly thus, "In

that this line (time-honored or which class you are in) did not the Steel-union presidency. Mc-Donald merely clarified and em-

phasized more openly the class

HARD TIMES

The 1954 recession deepened, ayoffs mounted, and the steelworkers conducted a dog-eat-dog "class struggle" - against each other. However, as thousands of

with pauperism and hunger, the the end of the year found the number of workers. world. In 1955, the steel industry

oust to boom. The workers went from the field of theoretical ob-

the rank and file began to ex- dormant, McDonald got a size-|cal, real life, and even bloody haust their unemployment com- able crumb thrown his way in event taking place at this mopensation and came face to face the 1955 wage settlement and ment — the Westinghouse strike. worker was getting a deaf ear comforting fumes of class col- Blood is flowing on the picket-

Two women are among 89 strikers arrested after 100 club-

swinging cops assaulted the mass International Union of Elec-

trical Workers picket line outside struck Westinghouse plant in

Columbus, Ohio. One striker, Troy Tadlock, 34, died after being

worked over by the cops. Eight others were injured.

Education in Class Struggle

To demonstrate the advanced recovery and went quickly from steel union leadership we will go their shoulders.

tude."

vote. The leadership of the op- struggle on a state or local basis

.. Lynchers Confess

sade which will sweep the state in Mississippi nothing is done.

(Continued from page 1)

Someone should tell the Ad-

ity of transportation."

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million." The labor movement by

But the most important fact

panies. But to save human life

DEMOCRATS SHARE GUILT

the Democratic Party. An in-

The Democratic-controlled Sen-

In the meantime the Negro

vestigation could have been or-

back to work, the volcano became servation and take up a practi- poration at nearby Sharon, Pa., house strikers.

THE MILITANT

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1956



MODERN PAUL REVERE

for it. The ranks, too, have been Taking the role of Paul Re- indoctrinated, brainwashed as it vere, these men promptly set were, with the theory of class out to arouse the leadership, and collaboration. Thus far, payday through it, to mobilize the rank strike fund collections is the and file to take a stand with only action sponsored by the their embattled fellow workers at leadership among the ranks. the Sharon Westinghouse plant.

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Paul Revere didn't have a tele- FACTIONS COME FIRST Committees from the Sharon phone but he didn't have to deal local seeking funds and help, with union official staff men either, at least on that first ride. run into the still-hot faction The initial responses from these fight between the Molony-Grif. fin group and the McDonaldbureaucrats to the plea to reinforce the Westinghouse strikers Hague group. It is runnored that picket line were about in this both factions attempt to line up vein — "I can't do nothin, — the the IUE locals on their side as District Office hasn't okayed it," a price of help - somewhat like or "We gotta be careful on ac- the man who won't defend your count of the Taft-Hartley Law," freedom of religion unless you or "We gotta honor our con- join his church.

tracts with steel." And besides, After a great deal of prod-Sharon was a long way off from ding, it appeared the Mahoning Youngstown: ten miles! So far County CIO Council was going as can be known that initial ap- to proceed with two highly impeal at a critical moment in the portant actions; (1) a districtlife-and-death struggle of a big wide mass meeting with rank local union to a number of Steel- and file participation and (2) a workers' staff men did not pro- fund raising banquet. Probably duce a single picket through by design the bureaucrats butchtheir efforts. ered this idea up for fair. They

IUE local 617 fought off that have decided to combine the mass In the Westinghouse affair first back-to-work movement in meeting and the banquet at five glittering, spurious gospel of the steel union leadership almost something is going on that looks Sharon and since then has put dollars a head and hold the aft unity of interest of boss and completely anesthetized by the suspiciously like a class struggle. up a gallant battle and it has fair jointly with the AFL. The done it pretty much alone. The five-dollar tab will freeze out and a fishy eye from a growing laboration, living in a dream lines and strikers, cops, bosses pressure against the union keeps nearly all workers not on a increasing and it becomes daily union payroll and insure an aumore urgent to give the 100,000 dience of officials. The bureaustaged its spectacular economic paralysis and inertia of this laboration looking nervously over Steelworkers in this district some crats are indeed sick with the leadership towards joint and disease of class collaboration ----When the Westinghouse Cor-poration at nearby Sharon, Pa., house strikers.



By Art Sharon

Tom Katsikis, well known socialist in the New York Greek community and among members of the painters' schools on the basis of "apti-"health" and "availabilunion where he played an active role for many years, died of heart failure January 5, 1956. The Virginia AFL-CIO opposed

He was 57 years of age. was no literary phrase. The Death robbed the witch hunt- great historical movement of the working class toward socialism ers. The Department of Immigradominated his life and all his tion agents, after several years of persistent harassment, were thoughts.

It was a singular pleasure and tion action against Tom. It did completely refreshing to talk to not matter to them that Tom Tom. Idle chatter and small itself had the resources to at suffered lameness, heart disease change talk were a burden to

Notes from the News

FOUR-FIFTHS OF CHARITY contributions, or \$40,675 of a total \$57,000, collected by Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Inc. was spent for "fund raising costs," testimony before a New York State legislative committee revealed last week. No legal action is contemplated against Donald Z. Klauth, executive director of the corporation, whose family pockets \$75,000 a year from such "charitable" activity.

THIRTY DAYS IN JAIL and a \$100 fine is what a Bronx merchanit seaman got, Jan. 5, for putting a slug in a New York subway turnstile thereby "cheating" the Transit Authority of 15 cents. Charles L. Patterson, chairman of the authority, and a public official, applauded the decision.

NEGRO DEMOCRATS walked out of the Duval County Democratic Executive Committee in Jacksonville, Fla., last week when a white Democratic leader, Lt. Gen. Sumter L. Lowry (ret.), attacked the NAACP as "loud and arrogant" and said that the NAAOP's real interest is to "create a mongrel race." Lowry's comment on the walkout by the 25 Negro leaders was: "It shows they have no tolerance of the white people's view in this matter."

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the free shots for children until the private doctors could get "caught up." In either case children in populous Allegheny county must now do without polio shots or pay a private physician for them. * * *

"RAGS TO RICHES" opportunities are not what they used to be according to a study of the James Abegglen state: "Whatever our national said that every man's chances are as good as the next man's, for birth in the higher occupational levels improves these life chances considerably."

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ATOMIC ENERGY as it affects the wage earner and his family will be the theme of a conference, Jan. 28, in Cleveland sponsored by AFL-CIO unions in the area and the American

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nation's top business executives by two univer-sity of Chicago sociologists. In their book "Big Business Leaders in America," W. L. Warner and hopes, the business leaders of America are a select group, drawn for the most part from the upper ranks. Only to a limited extent may it be said that every man's chances are as good as the

By Harry Ring

Senator Eastland's newly formed 12-state federation for the preservation of Jim Crow scored an opening victory, Jan. 8, when its Virginia representatives secured the amendment but it failed to a two-to-one majority in favor D of an amendment to the State in the face of a requirement of

federation, curiously named the WEAK LEADERSHIP KOHLER REJECTED REUTHER'S New Year Federation for Constitutional The referendum was a stacked

and scabs are using methods that have all the angels of class col-

PAY FOR POLIO SHOTS is a must in Allegheny County, Pa., since the free inoculation program for school children has been stopped by D. A. Williams, the county's health officer At first Williams cited opposition to the program. by doctors on grounds that it was "unfair competition" and "socialized medicine" as his reason for the stop order. Last week he denied this, slaying that the reason was a shortage of vaccine among private physicians, and that he stopped

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proposal that "an impartial arbitrator selected by Government, is represented in affair. Still, a more effective Pres. Eisenhower" settle the 21-month-old strike Virginia by the Committee for campaign by the opponents of that emerges from the Virginia in Kohler, Wis. Reuther promised that if the plumbingware firm agreed to this "clean start" the UAW would "do all in its power to foster-a new era of good relations." Herbert V. Kohler replied: "Certainly we will not do so (arbitrate) to bail your union out of the position in which its own irresponsible and illegal conduct has placed it."

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Individual Rights which includes the amendment, would have roll- contest is that the Negro people the state's "most prominent" ed up an even more impressive and their allies cannot wage the citizens. The Virginia referendum, with

position was largely in the hands alone. Just as the Eastland-Byrd its outcome virtually guaranteed of the clergy and was by no gang are mobilizing and coordiin advance, is a demonstration means inspiring. Many of them nating their forces on an inteof the highly conscious approach publicly supported the secondary grated regional basis so must being used by the white suprem- tactic of the racists to avoid the opponents of Jim Crow maracists. Their strategy is adapted integration — the "non-racial" shall their forces in the same to the particular situation in gimmick of assigning pupils to way. each state. In Mississippi where the line is sharply drawn, they employ open bloody terror; in Georgia, state officials use direct defiance of Federal laws and regulations. In a border state like Virginia, the "legal" approach is being utilized. LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE

and Southern regions to let the world know regardless of what The long-range approach of the Supreme Court says, does' or the racists to the segregation thinks that by the grace of God fight was indicated by Democratic Senator Byrd who led the affairs.' fight for passage of the Virginia Jim Crow amendment. As soon ministration what's going on in ganized by Congress but that as the vote was in he advised state officials to "go slow" on the legislature of another state would have disturbed the "unity" working out the actual details in the Union. The Mississippi of the Democratic party. of their reactionary school plan. lawmakers are preparing bills of their reactionary school plan. lawmakers are preparing bills The Democratic-controlled Sen-"We are in for a long, drawn-that would fine anyone who re-fuses to accent lim Grow waits to give Senator Eastland's Inout struggle," he said, "and may fuses to accept Jim Crow wait- to give Senator Eastland's Inhave to shift strategy from time ing rooms at bus and train ternal Security Subcommittee

ing rooms at bus and train terminals \$1,000 and a year's \$285,000. With this lush fund Of Smith 'Gag' Act to time." term in jail. Railroad and bus Eastland will continue his witch The Virginia racists who, accompanies that obey the Inter- hunt of the press. In his spare cording to the N. Y. Times' state Commerce Commission's time Eastland will use his high Southern correspondent, are ban on segregated accomodations position in government to see to noted for their "gracious will be fined \$1,000 a day. An- it that there is no "internal munist Party leader, under the living," are ready to preserve other bill would empower the security" for almost half the thought-control Smith Act. This Jim Crow regardless of what Mississippi Board of Bar Ad- population of his home state of was the first conviction under a it does to the entire school missions to prevent "outside Mississippi and other millions new provision that makes mere system. With the passage of the lawyers" from handling segrega- throughout the country. amendment they will now use any kind of facilities for schools

tion cases in Mississippi courts. The executive authority is people in the South continue so long as they are "segregated." The Jan. 15 N.Y. Times reports supposed to see that the laws of their struggle for liberation that Virginia communities are the country are enforced. That from Jim Crow. This struggle prepared to use "American Le- includes the constitution. And should inspire the whole coungion halls, homes and even Eisenhower who claims the au- try, and would inspire it, if it barns" for class rooms until they thority to take this country into were not for the fact that this can build private schools or war over the off-shore islands of history-making effort is not

manage to "transform" the pres- China, certainly has the author- considered news by most of the ent public schools into allegedly ity to do something about the big daily newspapers. segregation and terror that ex-"private" ones.

The heroic Alabama bus fight ists in the South. is now in its seventh week. The white supremacists brought When the Brink's robbery took Forty thousand people in Montout 300,000 votes for this kind place six years ago the Justice gomery are fighting the Jim

of a school system. This repreharsh penalties under the Smith sents less than half the total Department moved into the Crow bus system with a boyvote in the Presidential election search for the robbers with an cott. They walk to work. or-Act. The American Civil Liberties Union protested that the trial of 1952 and less than a third estimated total of 500 law en- ganize car pools, ride bicycles revealed no "overt act inimical of the adult population of Vir- forcers. The N.Y. Times reports live as if the city were in a to the Government." ginia. Opponents of the measure that from Jan. 17, 1950 until state of siege. Had such con-

Sixteen C.P. members are now rallied 150,000 "no" votes. Of Jan. 13, 1956, "Some of the certed popular action and solithis 110,000 votes are estimated best police brains in the country darity resulted from a flood, an serving jail terms under this Act to have been cast by whites have been directed at the solu- earthquake or a hurricane, the and about 100 more have been mainly from large cities like tion" of the Brink's robbery. nation's press would be writing convicted. Some are out on bail Norfolk and Richmond. The esti- That effort was made to save glowing editorials about the pending appeal or have served mated 40,000 Negro votes came the money of insurance com- sacrifice and ingenuity of man. their sentences.

and had been politically inactive him. Despite his enforced inacfor many years. Had he lived tivity his young and active mind one week longer he most likely was as much interested in workwould have been torn from his ing class politics in 1956 as it wife and child and been on his was when he first became interway to Greece to an uncertain ested in socialism as a young fate. boy in Greece.

The fact that the agents were Tom was no stranger to the breathing down his neck did not pleasures of joyous living. Alkeep him from his lifelong conthough seriously lamed while a fidence in the socialist future of cavalryman in the old Greek mankind. He refused to be cowed army he led an active and com. by the witch hunters. He saw plete life. He worked on the them clearly as the agents of a most hazardous outside scaffold decayed and doomed social or- painting jobs. At home he set a der. He maintained a broad hisgood table and most of the time torical view and did not bother it was his own excellent cookto conceal his contempt for ing. Then his appreciation of a those who kneeled in fright to tumbler or so of good Greek the demands of the witch hunt. resin wine - and one should add Tom stood out in the New York his cavalryman's appreciation of labor movement as one of that a good story made him a master band of militant unionists who host. Evenings with Tom will The Democrats have done no would not bend to the opportuwarm the memories of his many more than Eisenhower. The ter- nist crew who make up the sofriends for years to come. Georgia will continue its own rorists in Mississippi belong to called official family of labor.

To him the term "labor faker"

The U.S. Court of Appeals

upheld the 1955 conviction of

Claude Lightfoot, Chicago Com-

membership in the Communist

Party the basis for a Smith Act

The court ruled that the aim

of the Communist Party is

"violent overthrow of the Gov-

ernment" and C.P. members must

therefore be aware of that aim.

Lightfoot was executive sec-

retary of the Illinois C.P. He was

sentenced to five years in the

federal penetentiary and \$5,000

Lightfoot's conviction raised a

storm of protest against the new

prosecution.

fine.

Lightfoot Case

Those who knew Tom Katsikis were fortunate. He was the kind of fighter who made you feel good that he was on your side. We will remember and cherish his memory for a long time.

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