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GREEK GOVT. KILLS JEHOVAH WITNESS

"Watch the Birdie!"

MATLANTIC

UAW Officials' Collusion With Employers Revealed

Benedict Nathanson, director of the CIO United Auto Workers Aircraft Division, urged a closed meet- Anna L. Strong ing of industrial relations and personnel directors of

some of the largest plants in the D Los Angeles area to bar "com- conclusion of his main talk. The munists" from jobs and invited minutes read: the corporations to "check with" union officials "as to the political that employers not hire known beliefs of employment applicants," communists in view of the fact according to documentary proof that the communist party has in the possession of The Militant. | never been outlawed?

Nathanson's offer of collaboration to deny employment to all minutes of a meeting of the "Industrial Relations Section of Town Nathanson was guest speaker on and sex minority groups. the subject, "Communism and the Labor Movement."

The official copy of these minutes in our possession conand his "confidential" replies to questions, the minutes include the names of all those in attendance.

Typical of those present were Clayton C. Cole and E.-D. Stark- crimination applied only to "comweather, respectively of the labor relations and industrial relations departments of North American Aircraft. Although this group uses the label of "Town Hall," it is a private body which meets in closed session. Only invited guests that the UAW top leaders have may attend.

Nathanson's advocacy of political discrimination in employment and his offer of aid to the corporations to carry out this policy was stated specifically in his answers to questions from corporation spokesmen at the

For use of

members onl

"Question: Do you advocate

"Answer: Yes, they should not hire them. They should realize and ordered deported to America those the UAW officials and that there is no obligation on the on charges of "espionage and the employers consider politically part of any employer to hire any subversive activity." The issue "undesirable" is reported in the particular man. Hiring them is of the American Communist Parnot in the interest of national security. Contracts containing 'no for top honors in American jour-Hall," held on Sept. 22, 1948, at discrimination' hiring clauses are the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. intended to protect color, religious stallment of her latest pro-Stalin-

> this bar to employment to include fellow travellers?

tion to answer. The employer can zer Prize for foreign news redo worse than check with local porting, if the Pulitzer Prize comtains the following warning at unions as to the political beliefs mittee were not guided by politithe top of the first page: "Con- of employment applicants. Local cal considerations. For Miss fidential-For use of members unions are in a better position to Strong, wherever she has travelonly and not for publication." In know if applicants are commun- ed, in Europe or in Asia, has an addition to Nathanson's speech ists, fellow travellers or neither."

ALL MILITANTS MEANT Although Nathanson claimed their minds."

that his advocacy of job dismunists" and "fellow travellers," the employers use these terms to cover the entire area of union militants.

Nathanson indicated, moreover, in mind others than members or how the "forces behind Walter Reuther . . . have worked hard" to fight "communists . . . all the way down to the local level" and

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nalism also contained the last inist book, Tomorrow's China. . A. "Question: Would you extend review of this book signed by Ben Levine began:

"Anna Louise Strong would "Answer: This is a hard ques- long ago have received the Pulitican readers the clearest answers to the questions uppermost in

WITHOUT COMMENT

lished without comment the facts of a brief United Press dispatch about the arrest of Miss Strong, for more than two decades a wellin answer to another question, known apologist for Stalinism and regular visitor to the Soviet Union. The dispatch quoted a Tass sympathizers of the Communist news agency report that Moscow Stalinist) Party. He described newspapers had announced the gence agent, the American journalist, Anna Louise Strong, who, through negligence of certain foreign relations officials, made her way into the U.S.S.R."

MICHIGAN 1245

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SECTION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22, 1948

A meeting of the Industrial Relations Section of Town Hall was held at 12:00 o'clock noon on Wednesday, September 22, 1948 in Conference Room 5 of the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. Those present were:

Atkinson, T. A. Blonsky, George B. Cole, Clayton C. * Elliot, Walter H. Flagg, J. C. Hailey, Arthur * Harbach, Edwin Harkness, Ralph N.

Janofsky, Leonard S. Joiner, W. D., Jr. Komaroff, Michael I. Leslie, C. R. Mackey, M. P., Jr. Munson. Edward J. * Murray. Orval F. Neeld, John H. * Okrand, Fred Pace, Ernest M. Powell, R. B.

Rissman, Robert R. * Ruby, John P. * Ruby, T. E. Schenk, Casper Shellenberger, G. H. Starkweather, E. D. * Steven, John Swartz, Herbert Webster, Floyd E. Wolf, Louis N.

J. Stuart Neary - Chairman Sharp Whitmore - Secretary

Benedict Nathanson, Director Aircraft Division. United Auto Workers, C.I.O.

SUBJECT: Communism and the Labor Movement

The campaign against communism is an old and continuing fight. The campaign was an active one in labor unions before the battle against communists became a national

It takes hard work to rid local unions of communists. You can't beat them except activizing the members - sometimes even stealing some of their own tactics and using them against them. You must be as active and interested as they are. You must out-think

Do you advocate that employers not hire known communists in view of the fact that the communists party has never been outlawed?

Yes, they should not hire them. They should realize that there is no obligation on the part of any employer to hire any particular man. Hiring them is not in the interests of national security. Contracts containing "no discrimination" hiring clauses, are intended to protect color, religious and sex minority groups.

Would you extend this bar to employment to include fellow travellers? This is a hard question to answer. The employer can do worse than to check with local unions as to the political beliefs of employment applicants. Local unions are in a better position to know if applicants are communists, ellow travellers or neither. Before advising that this employment bar he

Photostat of portions of minutes of "Industrial Relations Section of Town Hall" meeting where Benedict Nathanson, UAW Aircraft Division Director, urged West Coast employers to bar "communists" from jobs.

Arrested As 'Spy' **In Soviet Union**

Anna Louise Strong, who was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize by the Feb. 11 Daily Worker, was arrested in Moscow on Feb. 14 ty's paper that cited Miss Strong

amazing faculty for giving Amer-

The Feb. 16 Daily Worker pub-



Slander Against SWP

By Farrell Dobbs

bombs of slander-that is the Stalinist method.

Benjamin J. Davis, one of the A TRUTHFUL REPORT 11 Stalinists now on trial, uses

Feb. 5 N. Y. Age. contention that their civil liberties

tion Co., finds the workers' ranks

solid. Not a street car, bus, sub-

way or elevated train moves as

basic working conditions won by

most of organized labor years ago.

The taxi drivers have also been

The solidarity expressed by all

other unions toward the 11,000

TWU members is surprising and

disheartening to the anti-labor

PTC management who had hoped

that fear of another fare increase

(the third asked in two years)

and the inconvenience suffered by

other workers would induce hos-

A sham struggle against a fare

increase has been the city admin-

istration's pretext for trying to

pressure the workers to accept a

3-cent increase instead of the 20

cents they demand. One member

of the City Council sought to raise

the scare that granting the union

demands would require a 33c fare!

(The fare is now 10c-13c.) Other

councilmen called for the declara-

tion of a "state of emergency"

so the Mayor could request troops

The capitalist press here is fill-

ed with anti-union propaganda.

Among other things it has printed

and the National Guard.

tility toward the strikers.

on strike for two days.

PHILA. TRANSIT WORKERS

SHOW POWER IN STRIKE

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16 - Now in its sixth day, with

the strikers continue the fight for | perfect refutation of this charge

Feb. 16—Smother the truth under aside as "kin-service," calling a blanket of lies and drive off | Moon's article "little more than Davis therefore tries to smother | religious principle. seekers of the truth with stink an eulogy of the Trotzkyists." Let the truth. us examine the "eulogy."

"Ironically," Moon said, "the the lie-and-slander technique in Communists, who now seek pubthe Feb. 13 Worker to confuse and lic support on the grounds that disorient the Negro people. Davis all dissident elements are threat-NAACP, for his remarks about Trotskyites whose leaders were sky and the atrocious lynching of imperialism. the trial of the Stalinists in the tried and convicted under the same the rest of Lenin's Central Comact [in 1941]." The Stalinists, he mittee. guarantee of freedom of expres- coming to the defense of the ac- betraying the country to Hitler.'

are invaded by the thought-con- Trotskyists turns out to be mere- their sabotage of the campaign trol prosecution. "Civil liberties ly a truthful report that the in defense of the Trotskyists who would be utterly without mean- Stalinists sabotaged the fight to

the charge that 85% of the PTC

workers opposed the strike. The

meeting was broadcast over the

local radio. The vote was practi-

cally unanimous. The tremendous

ovation of the workers shook the

foundations of every home with

It may come as a shock to some

people that American workers to-

day should be forced to strike

for such elementary demands as

the 40-hour week, overtime pay

for overtime worked, extra com-

pensation for week-end work, not

to mention decent wages. But it's

The company's claim about high

wages clashes violently with the

facts. From pickets at the Ridge

Depot, I got the following infor-

average of \$42 a week; car clean-

since they seldom have a full

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TRUTH ABOUT WAGES

a radio receiver.

ing," he said, "were they extend- | defend civil rights in the first where Trotskvists are

He repeats the big lie of the

der." That lie was invented by

sion" and upheld the Stalinists' cused anti-Stalin Communists." That crude lie was concocted by Moon's alleged "eulogy" of the the Stalinists as a pretext for were imprisoned solely because of their Marxist ideas.

Moon, who is not a Trotskyist, and can best be described as a New Deal Democrat, stated the defending the legless veteran of the American Civil Liberties civil libertarian view that freedom of ideas should extend to all, including fascists and the Ku Klux Klan. Here Davis finds raw material from which to fabricate further monstrous lies.

He maliciously insinuates that no indication of a settlement, the strike by Local 234 of the Moon defended the "civil rights" CIO Transport Workers against the Philadelphia Transporta- of the hated Klan to terrorize and murder Negro people. And he lumps together "Trotskyist wreckers," fascists and the Klan. His sinister aim is to create the false was provided when the strike vote | impression that Moon favors freedom of ideas for the Trotskvists only because he holds that fascists and the Klan should have freedom of ideas.

Davis cuts two more lies from (Continued on page 2)

Report Dutch Troop Revolt in Indonesia

According to a Feb. 14 Associated Press dispatch from Singapore, a revolt of Dutch troops was put down in blood recently. Some 213 Dutch soldiers stationed at Fort De Kock (Bukitinggi), Sumatra, were executed "for revolting against their command."

Whether they rebelled mation: Maintenance men get an against fighting in a colonial war of conquest was not indiers earn only \$1.18 an hour, and cated. The source of the report was the Singapore office of the week's work, average about \$30 Republic of Indonesia. The oftake-home pay; a fireman and fice said that the slain men's watchman I spoke to averages bodies were buried in a fish \$38 take-home; the roadway pond.

American Press, Politicians And Clergy Silent on Murder

The Greek monarchist government, armed, financed and controlled by Washington, on Feb. 11 executed John Tsoukaris, a devout member of the "Martyrs of Jehovah," a Christian sect known in this country as "Jehovah's Witnesses." Tsoukaris' "crime" was refusing military service in accordance with his religious beliefs. He was tried and sentenced by a military court.

These are all the facts we have been permitted to know about the bestial murder of this religious dissenter by the U.S.-dominated Greek puppet regime. No thundering editorials have appeared in the American capitalist press about this atrocity against freedom of religion in Greece. Most newspapers didn't even report it.

The N. Y. Times, whose motto is "All the News that's Fit to Print," thought the military trial and execution of a humble follower of the Jehovah's Witnesses "fit" for a one-inch story at the very bottom of the last column on Page 4 (Feb. 12). The Times has filled page after page with reports and comment on the trial and imprisonment of Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary, with furious editorial outcries about "freedom of religion." The Feb. 11 N. Y. World-Telegram, anti-labor Scripps-Howard sheet, gave the Tsoukaris murder just four lines buried inside another article on Page 2. This paper has been unrestrained in frenzy and hysteria about the Mindszenty case and "freedom of religion" - in Hungary.

They Haven't Found Time

Roman Catholic Cardinal Spellman has not found time, between his exhortations for a veritable lynch campaign against "communism" in the name of "freedom of religion," to mumble a blessed word of "moral indignation" about the fate of John Tsoukaris, a disciple of Christ who took the Sermon on the Mount seriously. Pope Pius XII has not mentioned humble John Tsoukaris while denouncing the Hungarian government for daring to try a "Prince of the Church" in a civil court. With few exceptions, the clergy of all the other rich and powerful churches who joined in the chorus about the Mindszenty case have kept indecent silence about John Tsoukaris.

Truman and Acheson have not called Tsoukaris's court martial a "kangaroo trial," nor threatened diplomatic steps against the Greek government, as they did against the Hungarian regime. No capitalist politician has risen in Congress to enter his protest in the Congressional Record. The United Nations is not implementing its "Universal Declaration of Human Rights," which says that "everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. . . freedom either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, wor-

Demolishes Hypocritical Claims

FROM THE FEDERAL COURTROOM, NEW YORK,

Davis brushes these statements

Ing., he said, were they extend depend the lights in the said, were they extend to those who agree with prosecution under the Smith Act. By Stalinist standards, however, the truth is forbidden, especially though John Tsoukaris was not a Stalinist, it was enough that he

It is no secret that the Stalinists are capable of framing up their political opponents, including Cardinals. But the case of John discredited Moscow Trials that Tsoukaris at one blow demolishes the hypocritical claim of the Ro-'Trotskyism is not a political man Catholic hierarchy, the Truman administration and the capitaltrend or political party," that it ist press that they are championing "religious freedom" in their is "gangsterism, disruption, propaganda campaign around the Mindszenty case. They are merely wrecking, assassination and mur- using the issue of "freedom of religion" and the Mindszenty affair as one more means to prepare public opinion for a Third World spits venom at Henry Lee Moon, ened by the Smith Act, lifted not Stalin as a gruesome alibi for the War and to justify and incite the witch-hunt in this country against public relations director of the a single finger to aid the brutal assassination of Leon Trot- any who dare to oppose the foreign and domestic policies of U. S.

Moon branded the Smith Act added, "also sought to prevent violative of the constitutional believers in civil liberties from that the Trotskyists "were caught that the Trotskyis JOIN KUTCHER DEFENSE

Arthur Garfield Hays and Thomas I. Emerson, two of the country's foremost legal authorities in the civil liberties field, have just joined the National Committee of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee which is ?

fired from his government job on account of his political opinions. Mr. Hays is General Counsel

Protest on Purge By Willard Motley

CHICAGO - Willard Motley, author of the best-selling novel, Knock On Any Door, issued the following protest against the discharge of James Kutcher:

"James Kutcher's loyalty was not questioned when he was sent into battle. Why is it questioned now that he has come home minus his legs? Surely our gratitude is a strange thing indeed!

"The most subversive thinking in this country today is the perverted idea that mass purges (tragically misnamed 'the loyalty program') without benefit of judicial procedures are in the spirit of the democratic processes.

"A loyalty program is called for, yes. A loyalty program rooting out those who advocate this subversion of the Bill of Rights, not a 'loyalty program' which persecutes a loyal, legless veteran who has never denied his ideas nor dreamed that he

had to deny them. "When the Bill of Rights is forced underground, this is sub--not in the James Kutchers, but in the men who are trying to force upon us this vile programor it pogrom?"

Union and has conducted the legal defense in many of the most celebrated civil rights cases of the present generation. He is best-known for his work in the Scopes "anti-evolution" trial at Dayton, Tenn.; in the attempted frameup of the anti-fascist Athos Terzani in Queens County, N. Y .: and in the fight for free speech and union organization against Boss Hague in Jersey City, N. J. He became internationally famous for his role in the Commission organized to hold a countertrial of the Nazis' Reichstag Fire frameup of the German Com-

Professor Emerson, a former general counsel of the Office of War Mobilization, is now Professor of Law at Yale University Law School. He is also a national committeeman of the Progressive Party and was its nominee for Governor of Connecticut in the recent elections but withdrew in favor of Chester Bowles, the present Democratic incumbent.

Professor Emerson has published a 143-page report on the government's loyalty program in a recent issue of the Yale Law Journal, written in collaboration with David M. Helfeld. This comprehensive survey of the versive indeed, and it would seem entire question constitutes a that subversion is rife among us forceful condemnation of the administration's purge activities which are compared to those of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy.

munist Party.

World Events

Scandinavia Looks

and Norwegian governments have

been told to sign up for protec-

Why is the State Department

so set upon forcing these tradi-

ticularly Norway, to line up now

Soviet Union? Why not let them

try to keep out of the slaughter

The answer is that the war of

aggression plotted by Wall Street

is the most meticulously-planned

the world has yet seen. Not one

mitted to drag its feet.

and financial persuaders.

ing the narrow Skagerrak and

Kattegat straits, Scandinavia con-

trols passage to the Baltic just

as Greece and Turkey control

passage to the Black Sea. Control

over these bottlenecks signifies

power to deny Soviet shipping

are likewise the gateways to key

invasion routes. In addition,

Norway dominates the lanes to

This is not all. If you place a

ompass on a spherical map, cen-

tering one leg on Oslo, the capital

of Norway, and trace a circle

with a 2,000-mile radius on the

earth's surface, that circle will

cover virtually all the main in-

dustrial areas of the Soviet Union,

most of the main cities and the

heaviest population areas. A 2,000-mile flight is well within

bombers carrying atomic missiles

Norway is thus of vital im-

portance in the war plans that

NORTHERN BEACHHEAD

and harbor facilities in Norway

designed to meet Washington

Consequently, U. S. warships

and U. S. atomc bombers would

find the Scandinavian beachhead

already fitted out on the day the

cold war changed to a shooting

Moscow's alarm at these open

not without justification. We can

emotion by imagining the Truman

specifications.

KREMLIN ALARM

Murmansk.

access to the Atlantic. And it

STRATEGIC AREA

as in past wars?

Down Gun Barrel

Social Democrats Endorse Witch-Hunt in Colleges

The New Leader, rallying center for Social Democrats, Trumanite liberals and assorted Stalinophobes, has now given its formal blessing to the spreading invasion of the witch-hunt

into the field of education. In addition, as proof that there is ism, he is also the country's foreno service for capitalist reaction most publicist for the victory of which the New Leader is unwilling to perform, it has offered be fired from the teaching staff to the witch-hunters — free of of New York University because charge - a "non-political" for- of these intellectual commitmula which they can use as a ments? Obviously not, according academic purges.

rights begin with expressions of tolling deGaullist authoritariandevotion to democracy. And the ism. In short, it is not mere belief New Leader editorial of Feb. 5 or advocacy of belief, no matter is no exception: "Freedom of how reactionary, which disqualteaching is an ancient and ifies a man as a teacher in the respected part of the American eyes of the New Leader. system. . . It is well to have among the instructors teachers belonging to all parties and to all opinion groups from the most conservative to the most radical ... Americans have always believed in the freedom which provides Social Democrats; advocates of this sort of intellectual variety."

"But in this system of academic freedom, the Communists present a special problem. Can we increase and preserve our freedom of teaching by hiring and retaining as instructors men who are not free? Members of the Commen under the influence of Communist thought have made intellectual commitments. They, themselves, are not free to approach problems openly and critically. What they are bound to teach is sterile and prescribed. Any university or educational system is justified in rejecting such instructors on purely educational grounds. . .

And that's the formula. Purge the teachers not on the basis of certain political or theoretical differences - but on the ground that those who have such differences are automatically unable to teach the "objective House of Representatives of a teachers on "purely educational "anti-communist" oath by both selves: Jones because he tends to accept Marxist ideas — that's too crude. Fire him on the ground that he isn't a good teacher — that sounds more "democratic" and less "discriminatory."

The formula is not original, of course. It is borrowed, as virtually Moon of upbraiding the Negro all Social Democratic ideas are, neonle for "not rallying to the DR. DuBOIS WAS AMONG Smith Act and in defense of its fense lawyers on their feet obfrom one school of reaction or another. Stalin uses it in his purges too; educators ousted from schools in the Soviet Union the attitude of the Negro people are not only accused of deviating socialism but of "disloyalty" which disqualified him to work as a file clerk for the VA.

"DANGEROUS THOUGHTS" What does the New Leader mean by "intellectual commitments?" It obviously cannot mean mere beliefs. All teachers, to one degree or another, more or less consciously or firmly, must have some beliefs in theories or systems of ideas. If they don't, they are hardly fitted to teach anything. Take Professor James Burn-

ham, for example. A rabid propagandist for American imperial-

BENEFIT, CONCERT

JAMES KUTCHER Harriet Salerno, piano

Broadus Erle, violin Seymour Barab, cello

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 8:15 P. M CARNEGIE RECITAL HALL 154 W. 57th Street Tickets \$1.20, at

Kutcher Civil Rights Comm. 19 W. 10th St., N. Y. 11, N.Y. Night of concert - tickets at deGaullism in France. Should he

"democratic" mask for their to the New Leader, which has just completed the publication of Most attacks on democratic three articles by Burnham ex-

"Intellectual commitments," then, is Social Democratic jargon for "dangerous thoughts" dangerous, that is, to capitalism. Teachers with pro-capitalist commitments are acceptable to the "free enterprise" and agitators for war against the Soviet Union are not "sterile and prescribed" and can be depended on to give their students the

But those teachers who question or reject the premises of capitalism-either from the viewmunist Party or, often enough, point of revolutionary Marxism or of Stalinism, which the Social Democrats join the Stalinists in identifying as one and the same thing although they are opposites -such teachers are congenitally incapable of presenting the truth and must be driven from the campus. This is the gospel of democracy, 1949 model, as interpreted by the ideologists of the coming war of "democracy against totalitarianism."

WHERE DO THEY STAND?

Almost simultaneous with the the passage by the Oklahoma Zipper Plant Zipped Shut



Scene at soup kitchen of strikers at the zipper manufacturing Conmar plant in Newark, N. J., which was shut down for two weeks until the company met the demands of the strikers, members of the CIO United Electrical Workers. The strike was supported by AFL machinists also employed in the plant.

University of Oklahoma. (These New Leader do anything but suplegislators evidently believe that port such a measure in principle? students with such commitments.) by the State Senate, would subject violators to a \$500 fine and 10 days in jail.

It has aroused a veritable storm of opposition from the faculty and the courage to stand by their own are doing, and eventually they student body as well as nonacademic organizations-none of appearance of this editorial was whom parade as "theoreticians demand its extension throughout what reaction to this editorial, of democratic socialism" like the New Leader crowd. The following nothing fantastic about such a Dewey, a contributing editor of truth" and are not qualified as bill requiring the signing of an questions therefore present them-

THE 18 TROTSKYISTS CON- offer.

thought-control attacks on broad- panels.

er sections of the population.

VICTED UNDER THE SMITH

but contempt.

if teachers with "intellectual com- If it is in the interests of the mitments" have no place in Social Democratic concept of the schools, then neither have academic freedom to purge the school of those with dangerous The bill, now under consideration thoughts, why should they balk pleas for special privilege will at implementing their concepts not suffice to stop the march of along the lines followed by the reaction. You cannot put out a Oklahoma legislators? Will its fire by feeding it fuel. That is editors in their next issue have just what the Social Democrats intellectual commitments and ap- are going to get burned too. plaud the Oklahoma action and It will be interesting to see

affidavit introduced in the Taft-

AN UNEASY PLEA

Throw them out, but give more freedom to those of us who support you in this move-that is the note on which the New Leader editorial ends: "As long as teachers are democrats, as long as they are not disloyal, they these undesirables from office" should be encouraged to follow the truth and to encourage freedom of thought and discussion among their students. The effort to root out Communists-who are against freedom-must logically be accompanied by a conscious effort to increase the boundaries There is good reason for this

measy note in the Social Democrats' plea to the ruling class. They know well enough that witch-hunters don't always stop to draw fine distinctions about treating "democratic socialists" or even liberals differently from Marxists or Stalinists (see, for example, the dismissal from Olivet College of Professor Tucker . P. Smith, a member of the Socialist Party which is blood-brother to the Social Democratic Federation.) They know from the way Hitler treated the German Social Democrats that reactionaries are not always properly grateful for anti-comnunist formulas and tend to lump together and destroy every organization associated with the

The Social Democrats have good reason for trepidation, but their

the country's schools? (There is if any, will come from John possibility when you recall that this paper. Or from such recent the Social Democrats favor the recruits to its list of contributors grounds." Don't fire Professor faculty and students at the On what logical ground can the retention of the anti-communist as the novelist, James T. Farrell.

Gohey's question, the judge or

the request, of defense counsel,

Wilkerson started to say, "As a

Negro American . . ." But the

judge cut him off sharp, ordering

a yes or no answer or the invok-

advice.

Collusion With Bosses Revealed

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how "many locals have expelled under the UAW constitutional provision barring "communists, Nazis, Fascists, etc." from union

attempted expulsion from office of six officers in General Motors in the projected war against the Local 216, Southgate, Calif. The majority of these officers were prominent union militants and well-known anti-Stalinists who, at the same time, opposed Reuther's policies. Moreover, they were not charged with being "communists, Nazis, Fascists, etc.," but with refusing to sign Taft-Hartley affidavits. Nathanson added regretfully that the expulsions were "not achieved in this instance" because the membership' would not ratify them. In his main speech, Nathanson

incited the corporation representatives to intensify the witch-hunt and job discrimination by his scare-talk about "the extent to which communists are migrating to California . . . something that is not realized by most people." He added: "During the speaker's work at a San Diego office of his union he was made aware of the extent of this migration. Every day applicants for employment would come in asking about employment opportunities in aircraft. Most of these applicants were from the East and many of them could be identified by their | must not be forgotten that these use of Communist jargon."

Nathanson revealed that he and his associates have adopted, in part, the methods of the Stalinists hemselves in suppressing the rank and file and victimizing genuine militants who oppose the eadership's policies. It was the Stalinists especially who acted as fingermen for the corporations against union militants during the war. Now, Nathanson boasted to the assembled corporation representatives, he and his colleagues have found that the way to "beat ist act of treachery. Here is the offered the Stalinists a united Party. The courtroom was thrown the communists" is by "sometimes front to fight for repeal of the into an uproar, with all five de- even stealing their own tactics."

After heated debate of the constitutional issues involved in Mc-Gohey's question, the judge or-dered Wilkerson to answer. At Workers Show

(Continued from page 1) which is strenuous and often highly skilled, earn the magnificent sum of 98c to \$1.10 an hour for a 40-hour week and must work weekends at straight time pay.

Among the most urgent grieving of his constitutional right to ances of the operating employees, refuse to answer. Wilkerson then asked and received permission to motormen and drivers and women telephone his own lawyer for cashiers is the existence of 'swing' runs and shifts. A "swing run" is When he returned to the wit- a day's work divided into two ness stand he stated that he is a parts. They either work several hours in the morning, and the member of the Communist Party. balance in the afternoon, with an McGohey then went after Wilinterval of anywhere up to six kerson as though he was preparhours' "swing"; or they work the ing to demand that he be included biggest portion in the morning in the thought-control indictment and one or two trips during the under which the 11 Stalinist deevening rush hours. Despite constant protest by the union and The prosecutor demanded to proof that these runs could be know when Wilkerson joined the shortened, the PTC Schedule De-Communist Party, if he is a mempartment refuses to improve these ber of the CP national committee, conditions. For these hours a man and if he was a delegate to the receives an average of eight hours

Witkerson invoked his constitu-Here is one example: A man tional right to refuse to answer reports at 7:29 AM, works to any of these questions on the 8:43 AM. He goes off and has ground that he believed the prosto be available again for work at ecutor was trying to incriminate 1:06 PM to work until 7:10 PM, He must leave home at 6:30 AM and can't possibly get home from work until 8 at night. All for eight hours' pay. Although he may be "off" those hours in between, his time is not his own, since he must be available for szenty trial may be a "flagrant work at 1:06 PM. He can't do as injustice" and that there is little he pleases. These operating em-'authentic" information about it, ployees all work a six-day week. I hitch-hiked across the city

tion at the Callowhill Depot. The Paul and St. Andrew in New strikers' children, most of them under ten, were on the line with "But we do have plenty of information about the great world See Our Daddy More, PTC Must Adjust His Hours" and "PTC Un-

The Callowhill Depot think only that in Pittsburgh, where the

Franco was a fine Christian gen- asking from the extra profit they hope to get this bill cleared up and four renewal subs. Akron tleman." hope to get this bill cleared up and four renewal subs. Akron as soon as possible." Beston must sent one six month renewal.

By Joseph Hansen that would grant bases in Cuba, Mexico and both sides of the Panama Canal to Russian submarines and atomic hombers Of U. S. Imperialism while Soviet generals openly Scandinavia is looking down distussed plans for pulverizing the gun barrel of American im- American industry with a lightperialism. The Danish, Swedish ning atom bomb war. What would

Washington's reaction be? One military writer, Col. R. tion under the North Atlantic Ernest Dupuy, frankly admits in Pact or suffer the consequences. the Feb. 12 Christian Science Monitor that "From the Moscow viewpoint, Norway's inclusion in tionally - neutral countries, parthe Atlantic Pact immediately establishes a definite and intolerable danger spot, at the very doorstep of the Soviet Union

That is why the capitalist press is speculating on the possibility of Moscow moving forward to occupy Finland as a defensive military measure if Norway joins the North Atlantic Pact.

of the small countries in the vast The Kremlin, however, would military coalition is to be perfind such a drastic move highly distasteful, for it would provide The "good" little countries who fresh grist to Wall Street's waragree promptly to take protection mongering propaganda mill. The can count on Marshall Plan car-Stalinist bureaucracy is endeavrots and Atlantic Pact armaoring to keep Scandinavia out ments. Those who offer even of the North Atlantic Pact token resistance will be given a through diplomatic and economic taste of Wall Street's economic pressure. The Norwegian shipping and fishing interests, for instance, plying a profitable trade Scandinavia occupies a strategic with the Soviet Union, can be place on the military maps of touched where it hurts most, in inter-continental warfare. Flankthe pocketbook.

The answer of the Swedish rovernment to the squeeze from Washington and Moscow is a proposal to form a regional Scandinavian Neutrality pact, Whether Washington will grant

the Scandinavian countries a breathing spell by easing its opposition to such a pact or press relentlessly for early adherence to the North Atlantic Pact remains to be seen. A tactical concession would seem in order. But up to now the Truman Administration has steadily stepped up the tempo of its war preparations and, as in the case of the Rio Pact, has displayed little patience with the grumblings, fears, hesitation, procrastination and maneuverings of the small countries it is lining up for the slaughter of another war.

Dissident European the range of present-day heavy Stalinists Meet In Switzerland

contemplate saturating Soviet The Socialist Leader, newspaper transportation. lines and inof the British Independent Labor dustrial complexes with atom Party, reports in its Jan. 29 issue that dissident Stalinists from Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark, Sweden and Norway's evident hesitation at signing up with the imperialist Switzerland recently held a congangsters for protection has ference in Switzerland to plan a forced the State Department to campaign against the Moscow eadership

compelled to grant bases to the exact differences between these United States under the North Stalinists and the official Kremlin Atlantic Pact. This assurance is leadership and does not make simply a diplomatic maneuver. clear their attitude toward the The capitalist press has revealed Tito opposition in Yugoslavia; that while bases will not be but does declare that "the gathergranted openly, still adherence ing is not to be confused with to the North Atlantic Pact will the Trotskvists." mean construction of air fields Another interesting report, in-

dicating growing anti-Kremlin sentiments among Stalinist ranks appeared in the Feb. 6 Germanlanguage Cincinnati Free Press. "The postal administration of the Soviet Sector of Berlin," says this paper, "decreed a postal prohibition against the Communist Party Opposition (KPO). The KPO came out with wall posters in the past few days, in which they preparations for attack is thus accuse the SED functionaries (Stalinist) of the Soviet Zone get an idea of the Kremlin's and their bosses in the Soviet Union of betraying the working Administration in a comparable class. Moreover, the SED leadersituation; Suppose the Soviet ship was called upon to express Union stockpiling atom bombs, themselves on the fate of two the USA without the secret of leading functionaries of the old tapping atomic energy and Mos- Communist Party of Germany cow deliberately organizing a who disappeared without a trace Gulf of Mexico Security Pact in the Soviet Union."

Answer to Ben Davis' Slanders Moon, who has exposed a Stalin-| Marxist-Leninist principles, have | is a member of the Communist

THE FIRST TO JOIN THE latest victims. With their typical jecting. CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENSE COM- disregard for correct principles, After

JUDGE'S ACTION

The last witness for the de-

In cross-examining Wilkerson,

MITTEE FORMED TO DEFEND the Stalinists have rejected that

Stalinist lie and slander, and to federal jury panels are packed

It is equally necessary to op- fense was Doxey A. Wilkerson,

pose the thought-control prosecu- director of the Stalinist Jeffer-

tion of the Stalinists, because their son School, who submitted many

conviction would be used by the tables, charts and maps to show

capitalist government for new systematic rigging of federal jury

For that reason, the Trotsky- the chief prosecutor, John Mc-

ists, in accordance with correct Gohey, demanded to know if he

(Continued from page 1) the whole cloth when he accuses

support of these agents of fascism," the Trotskyists. Moon didn't say a word about

toward the 18 Trotskyist defendbut also of failing in their duty as teachers, And when James were, that a big section of the Kutcher was fired in Newark, he Negro people did lead their and the Stallman and t from the Stalinist political line ants in the first thought-control Kutcher was fired in Newark, he Negro people did lend their sup- garbage with your bare hands. the Stalinist of further evidence could either answer the question, was not accused of believing in port to the defense of the Trot- But it is necessary to expose every in support of their charge that the judge said, or refuse to an-What Moon exposed was the fight against every Stalinist with representatives of the rich, tion.

Stalinist sabotage of the fight to frameup, so the Negro people before whom no worker or Negro defend civil rights when the Trot- and the whole working class will can get a fair trial. He has inskyists were convicted and im- recognize the Stalinists for what structed the government to proprisoned under the Smith Act. they are-vicious and dangerous ceed with its answer to the de-That is why Davis attempts by misleaders who deserve nothing fense charges. vicious lies and slanders to incite the Negro people against Moon.

"Why," Davis demands, "does he national office of the NAACP maintain Trotskyist and pro-Trotskyist gnats on its staff, while firing such heroic giants as Dr. DuBois, an historic leader of the Negro people?" Dr. DuBois, by the way, is at present collaborating with the Stalinists.

THE ROLE OF DUBOIS

Davis is caught suppressing an eading impression that the 'giant," DuBois, gave no support to the Trotskyist defense. He seeks thereby to bolster his slanderous attack on the "gnat,"

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Stalinist convention in 1944.

defense. The Roman Church never very undemocratic Francisco grant them the increase they are payment of our Militant bill. I Massachusetts sent in one new

the Rev. Dr. F. Howard Callahan of the Methodist Church of St. just in time to catch a demonstra-

power which has leaped to his fair to My Daddy." found it necessary to excommuni- "poor management" would make a cate Hitler. The Roman Church fare hike necessary if they won managed a modus vivendi with their demands. They pointed out Mussolini, This church trusts transit workers get an average of Peron and his regime in Argen- \$1.50 an hour as compared to the tina. This church has supported \$1.35 average of PTC motormen Franco from first to last. And here, the Pittsburgh company the American spokesman for on a 13c fare. Catholicism who is now calling It is not the official position America to a holy war in the name of the union, but the consensus of democracy is the same Spell- of opinion among the strikers at man who came back from Spain the carbarns, garages and depots few years ago to tell us that I visited was that the PTC could

THE MILITANT ARMY

has been assigned to the post of city literature director. Already Comrade Gold has organized Militant sales at New York University, New School for Social Research, Brooklyn College and in the needle-trades area. In line with this expanded program New York has increased its bundle order by 100 copies.

While we are writing about New York we have to mention the excellent efforts of John Eager. John has sent in two new six months subscription obtained from workers in his shop in the

a money order for \$16 as part sent in four renewals. Lynn,

The New York SWP is taking be complimented. Through prompt ts Militant and other literature payments on bundle orders and work very seriously these days. clearing up of old debts the Harry Gold, a hard working and branches can help relieve the politically experienced comrade, financial burden produced by the recent fire.

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John Fredericks of Pittsburgh, Again we hear from Rena sent in two renewal and one new Breshi of Boston: "I am sending subscriptions last week. Detroit

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"The bourgeoisie of a number of civilized countries has already shown and is continuing to show how, in case of internal danger, it changes without much ado the parliamentary form of its rule for an authoritarian: dictatorial, Bonapartist or a fascist form. It will make the change that much faster and more decisively in time of war when both internal and external dangers will threaten its basic class interests with ten-fold force. Under these conditions the support by a workers' party of 'its' national imperialism for the sake of a fragile democratic shell means the renunciation of an independent policy and the chauvinistic demoralization of the workers, that is, the destruction of the only factor which can save humanity from disaster."

-Leon Trotsky, War and the Fourth International, 1934.



LENIN

Why They Can't Answer Taft

At the Senate Labor Committee hearings, the union spokesmen wriggle like worms on a hook when the Republicans ask them how they square their objections to legally-sanctioned use of injunctions with Truman's claim to unconstitutional "inherent powers" to enjoin strikes.

The union leaders reply evasively because they are still trying to keep up the pretense that the debate between the Trumanite Democrats and Taft Republicans is over the principle of government use of injunctions in labor disputes. Truman and Taft, however, are in 100% agreement on this score. Truman has said he "would have no objection" to "spelling out" an injunction clause. He just thinks it "unnecessary" inasmuch as he claims "inherent powers" to invoke court action against strikes.

So vulnerable are the union leaders on this point, that they are trying to avoid all mention of Truman's statement. For instance, the Feb. 14 CIO News, which devotes whole pages to the debate on pending labor legislation, manages to omit even a reference to Truman's momentous declaration of autocratic powers to intervene against unions and strikes.

The weakness of the union leaders on this, as on the whole question of labor laws, is that they agree with the underlying principle. Truman's labor program and Taft's rest on the same foundation, namely, the right of the capitalist government to intervene in union affairs and to limit the union's freedom of

Because union leaders accept this principle, their arguments sound feeble when they object to what the Republicans call "putting teeth" into the labor law. How can they accept the basic principle of government intervention and oppose the power of the government to enforce intervention?

This is the issue on which the Republicans have pounded the union leaders. They have not answered it because to do so means to oppose the principle underlying Truman's program. They would have to declare to Taft: "We are against any interference with the unions or their freedom of action by the government. This is a capitalist government. It is nothing but the executive committee of the employing and propertied class, and to accept its intervention is to accept the intervention of the class it serves.'

Union leaders who believed this would be capable of putting up a real fight on the crucial issue of labor legislation, as on all other crucial issues. But the incumbent union leaders believe in capitalism and in the capitalist government. That is why they are incapable of putting up a real fight. That is why they compromise, retreat and, in the end, capitulate.

Take Away Their War-Making Powers!

In both World War I and World War II. Congress plunged America into the slaughter without consulting the people. Today the capitalist ruling class is preparing to take America into a third world conflict, thus once again raising the life and death question, who shall have the power to decide on war or

The Socialist Workers Party has long advocated that the war-making powers be taken away from Congress and placed in the hands of the people where they belong. The record shows that Congress, representing the interests of Big Business, cannot be trusted to keep America out of war. Only the great mass of people, those who do the fighting, the sacrificing and dying, have a vital interest in maintaining peace. Therefore, the Socialist Workers Party advocates that the final decision on war or peace be made through a referendum vote of the people.

The Truman Administration is pushing in the opposite direction. It wants to take the war-making powers away from Congress and lodge them—in the White House.

How to do this without amending the Constitution or appearing to violate it is now being argued in the capitalist press. On the surface, the issue is the wording of a crucial clause of the secretly-negotiated North Atlantic War Pact.

As first formulated, this clause would require the United States to take "military and other action forthwith" if it was decided that

any of the signatories to the war alliance was under "attack." However, the Senate could not approve such an alliance without violating the Constitution, for it clearly commits America in advance to enter the projected new war without action by Congress. The actual decision and time of entry would lie within the discretion of the White House.

It is reported that to get around the obvious violation of the Constitution, the secret gathering of war plotters changed the clause to read, military or, other action. Last week Secretary of State Acheson after consulting with leading Senators indicated that he favors dropping the word "military."

This is merely to facilitate speedy passage of the war-making alliance. As Wall Street's mouthpiece, the N. Y. Times cynically observed in an editorial Feb. 14: "No doubt, whatever the wording, it is the intent that counts, and the present intent of the North Atlantic Pact is self-evident.'

That intent is to knit together a world-wide alliance for imperialist war and to commit the United States to that war in advance, by-passing Congress and leaving the fatal decision in the hands of one man-the occupant of the White House.

Against this ominous attempt to give Truman dictaorial war-making powers, the labor movement must respond by organizing to take these dangerous powers completely away from the political representatives of Big Business and restoring them to their rightful possessors, the people.

Silver Lining for Loan Sharks

Here is a grim bit of news from the world's largest city: A survey of New York's 130licensed pawnbrokers reveals a sudden boom in business since Labor Day.

The parade to the pawn shops has increased cash loans 10 to 25 percent over last year, according to the N. Y. Times, and the trend

Most of the demand for extra dollars comes from workers unable to get by on wages that have not risen in proportion to the skyrocketing cost of living. How much of the demand is from unemployed workers was not reported.

Some of the loan sharks fear that the boom in their business portends a general business depression. "They say they know the signs from last time." Others hold that nothing is indicated but a return to prewar normalcy.

To this straw in the economic wind should be added a Feb. 13 survey of the Associated Press estimating the total number of jobless railroad workers at 100,000. Most of this unemployment, according to AP, "is related to declines in business."

Other indications of the same type could be cited; yet it is still too early to say that we are already in the first phase of a major economic collapse.

Nevertheless, workers concerned about the welfare of their families and the need for steady work at adequate wages can draw little comfort from news items like these. The most prudent course is to prepare for the eventuality that the capitalist system may be near another depression with its accompanying mass unemployment.

Union militants must start right now to prepare security measures. They must act in advance in order to safeguard their livelihood. For example, in the union contracts that are up for negotiation in the coming months, a clause might well be included providing for a sliding scale of hours. If slashes are made in company work schedules, let the total available hours of work be spread among the total number of employees without any lay-offs or any cuts in weekly take-home pay.

A measure like this will help insure every worker against loss of his job. The 30-hour week can likewise prove effective in cutting down mass unemployment.

On the other hand, nothing at all can be gained by deferring action in hope that the blind forces of capitalist economy will somehow not jell in a depression for a while yet. It is necessary, we repeat, to act in timebefore the disaster of unemployment strikes. Issues in Washington's Time and Ours THE STRUGGLE TO WIN **COLONIAL INDEPENDENCE**

By Joseph Hansen

When the peoples of Indonesia and Indo-China struck out on the road to independence at the close of World War II, they expected sympathetic understanding and aid from the United

States in their struggle: Weren't 3the thirteen American colonies fought their way to leadership of the first in modern times to achieve their freedom from imperialist rule?

The Indonesians and Indo-Chinese reminded America of its heroic past. They recalled how the founding fathers had been led to battle by George Washington in defense of the inherent right of the people to overthrow an unjust and oppressive government.

But the pleas of the Indonesians and Indo-Chinese for help against the tyrannical rule of foreign despots were not heeded. America's rulers today are the spiritual descendants of the Tories who upheld foreign tyranny. They hold ritual services in honor of George Washington, while they violate all the democratic principles for which the first American Revolution gave heart and contion was fought.

Those colonial freedom-fighters of our time who think they might | no little role in the great French receive assistance from capitalist Revolution that broke out a few America in view of its own revolutionary past are quickly disil-America seek to estalish a colonial empire of their own. They project conquest of the entire world, even at the cost of atomic

In Washington's time, America was the inspiration of the oppressed masses throughout the vorld. The democratic ideals of the American Revolution were not new or peculiar to the western shores of the Atlantic. They were imported from Europe. They had been worked out long before by revolutionary - minded European thinkers. America's contribution was a practical demonstration of how to put these views into prac-

Derided as "crack-brained,"

the American people and eventual success against the British Empire, at that time the mightiest power in the world. Washington's perseverance

against stiff odds expressed on the military field the iron resolution and determination of political leaders such as Sam Adams and the ranks of the rebels headed by the Sons and Daughters of Liberty. Through eight bitter years in their struggle against the "legally-constituted" government, these fighters bucked discouragement and apathy and proved the power of stout-heartedness in a just cause. They showed that revolutions can be won

INSPIRED OTHERS

The success of the American fidence to resisters against oppression in other lands, playing years later. And for decades afterward, the American victory inlusioned. Today the rulers of spired peoples throughout Latin America seeking freedom from the empire of Spain. As these countries won independence they found protection under the shield of America from the imperialist

designs of the European powers. "All this has been changed America herself has become an imperialist power and the shield over Latin America has been changed to a yoke. No power is so hated by the poor people south of the Rio Grande today as Yankee imperialism.

No longer does the American government offer aid and comfort to colonial rebellions anywhere on earth. American capitalism stands on the side of the colonial despots. At this very moment Truabused as "subversives," the tiny man's administration continues to groupings of revolutionaries send dollars, goods and arms to scattered along the seaboard imperialist France and the Neth-

Kutcher Case Is Attracting Wide Attention in Schools

The Case Of The Legless Veteran is attracting the attention of many ex-GI's and other students on university campuses in longer the home of freedom and different sections of the country.

issues in the Kutcher case with was elected Chairman and Miriam Everett Fraser, Dean Emeritus of Baraks, Secretary. Minnesota Law School, before a large audience at a panel discussion arranged by the Civil Liberties club. Dean Fraser, taking Calvin S. Hall, head of the Psythe Truman administration side, chology Department, as saying: contended that "no man has a "Injustice has been done when a right to employment in the government of the United States— loyalty to his country is dismissed the loyalty program."

ized for them, as Kutcher has mittee. been. He pointed out that not only was Kutcher being deprived of his civil rights but that the Socialist Workers Party was being discriminated against by its inclusion on the Department of Justice blacklist without a hear-

CHICAGO UNIT

On Feb. 11 a branch of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee was successfully launched on the University of Chicago campus at | Andrews shows that Negroes are meeting called by the local not afforded complete equality in chapter of the American Veterans Committee. Representatives of the Americans for Democratic of his remarks, I feel it necessary Action, Young Progressives of to point to the fact that today, America, the Committee On Civil amongst the workers in the shop, Rights, the Politics Club and other organizations which have endorsed the case were present.

Plans were made to secure adto blame the company. ditional supporters from the faculty and the student body through the circulation of petitions and

West Coast Unions Help Legless Veteran

A number of CIO unions on the West Coast have rallied to James have more of a Victor Rieselian Kutcher's defense in recent weeks. | air to it. The San Francisco branch of the CIO Marine Cooks & Stewards Union unanimously endorsed the much because of Murray's parcase at its last meeting. This ticular desire to help bring it action took on added significance about, but rather, it flows from since the local is dominated by the fact that Murray, in the the Stalinists.

Other Bay Area locals coming closer to the interests of the to Kutcher's support include the bosses, and, in order to maintain Joint Board of the CIO Textile his position (which he no doubt Workers Union, representing Locals 71 and 158 which have endorsed the case, and Carmen's Union, Local 250 of the CIO Transport Workers Union.

The Reserve Tribyne, student

paper at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, quotes Dr. man with a record of so great "civil rights are not involved in The case represents part of a

Workers

Criticizes Article

On Negroes and CIO

In his article on Negroes and

the CIO (Jan. 31 Militant) Joseph

the CIO, as we are led to believe.

While I can support the validity

with the speed-up being the order

cf the day, it is a common prac-

tice to blame the union for an

oppressive condition rather than

Although it was quite correct

of Andrews to expose Philip Mur-

ray on this question, especially in

view of his professed intentions.

believe that what should have

been more firmly established is

that Murray is acting in the in-

terests of capitalism, not the CIO.

Otherwise, the article tends to

The Negro is not receiving full

equality in the CIO today not so

epoch of imperialist decay, draws

greatly enjoys) he feels the need

of defending the society that is

GEORGE WASHINGTON

erlands enabling these powers to wage wars of colonial conquest in Indo-China and Indonesia.

In Washington's time, not even Bourbon France followed such a reactionary policy. France helped the American revolutionaries. Had France followed a course like that of Truman today, then it would have helped George III put down the "subversive" movement in he thirteen colonies and the Amer ican Revolution might have been drowned in blood.

In the resplendent afterglow of 1776, the victims of persecution and bigotry in other lands turned to America as a haven and these refugees were welcomed.

NO LONGER A HAVEN

That has been changed. Today the victims of barbarism abroad are barred entry by cruel immigration laws. These laws hit harduge, for the age-old right of asylum is denied refugees whose views do not conform to the reactionary specifications of the today! Truman's decrees, his two parties holding government

The Statue of Liberty is no onger a symbol of America, welcoming the oppressed of the world. That figure, expressive of the democratic ideals that gave intellectual fire to the first American revolution, has been replaced civilization.

in other lands, America is no the champion of independence; it is the home of Wall Street and Paul of Greece and Chiang Kaishek.

The profiteering capitalists and their political stooges have succeeded in monopolizing the government so that it no longer genuinely represents the people. America needs to be cleansed. A new generation shaped in the revolutionary tradition of Sam it's a privilege" and declared that because of political affiliations. Paine, Patrick Henry and George Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Tom Washington and expressing the pattern of suppression of civil lib- needs and desires of the Amer-In rebuttal Mr. Byrne pointed erties in this country." Dr. Hall, ican masses is needed to lead the out that every government work- like Dr. Donald C. Barnes, head revolutionary struggle against the er has the right to his political of the History Department, has Tories of our time and to guide beliefs and should not be penal- joined the local Kutcher com- America into the full democracy

member in the last analysis cap-

italism is the cause of Jim Crow

and that an attack against the

boss on this score can best serve

to expose Murray's relationship to

ED. NOTE: We think Comrade

Williams is trying to break

through an open door. Andrew's

article did not in any sense ac-

cuse the labor bureaucrats of

originating Jim Crow, which, as

virtually all of our readers know,

is a product of the capitalist sys-

tem. Its purpose was to show

that on the whole the labor

bureaucrats, despite fine words to

the contrary, tolerate inequality

for the Negro instead of fighting

to abolish it. In our opinion

Andrews' article was a real con-

tribution to the fight against Jim

Crow. Progress in this fight can-

not be made unless the workers

learn to recognize that words are

not enough, and that rank and

file pressure is needed to mobilize

the unions for consistent struggle

against all forms of discrimina-

The Militant has received

hold up the publication of such

material for a week or two, but

those on hand will soon be print-

tion wherever they exist.

attempting to prolong his power, ed. Meanwhile, we urge all read-

In this respect, it is quite cor- ers to continue sending their com-

rect to attack Murray, but re- ments and questions.

Paul Williams,

Oakland, Calif.

dependence, proclaiming the colonists' determination to be free, was a ringing answer to King George III who claimed the "divine right" to rule them by lecree. "The history of the present King of Great Britain is a his-

tory of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these States. . "He has refused to assent to

The American Revolution was a

exercised by the head of the gov-

ernment. The Declaration of In-

aws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. . . He has made judges dependent on his will alone. . "He has combined with others

to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution and unacknowledged by our laws . . depriving us, in many cases of the benefits of trial by jury . . taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our government."

This was the despotism they organized against and overthrew est at those most in need of ref- by force of arms. Their grievances against George III are not so different from many the workers might well write against Truman "subversive" lists denying a fair and open trial for the accused. are as autocratic and as dangerous to the people's liberties as were the English king's.

PAINE'S INDICTMENT

Hatred of such tyranny was the life-blood of the American by the sinister symbol of the atom | revolutionists, inspiring the cold bomb, threatening death to tens and tattered armies of "Conof millions and the destruction of tinentals" to fight on through the grant improved living conditions bitterest hardships. The burning In the eyes of working people words of Thomas Paine, great pamphleteer of the colonial cause, are immortal attacks on autocratic rule.

In the Crisis papers which On Feb. 4 Waldo Byrne, the holding of meetings on the the main powerhouse of reaction, Washington asked him to write a cynical pretender to the crown secretary of the Minnesota civil liberties issues involved in the prop and support of puppet during the darkest days of the of George III. He deliberately Kutcher committee, debated the Kutcher's case. George Blackwood kings and foul dictators like King revolution, Paine constantly lash- overrides herent" rights; all rulers by American people. decree are base usurpers.

"Men who look upon themselves born to reign, and others to obey," Paine warned, "soon grow insolent . . . their minds early poisoned by importance." His words apply just as well to the chief executive today, who arrogantly claims the right to decide that men must work regardless of conditions, and to break strikes by injunctions and

NO LEGAL AUTHORITY

"Independency," Paine wrote 'means no more than this, whether we shall make our own laws, or whether the King, the greatest enemy this continent hath or can have, shall tell us there shall be no laws but such as I like." (Emphasis in the original.) Nor did the colonial revolu-

tionists, having thrown off the

RESISTANCE TO THE USE **OF ARBITRARY POWERS**

By Ruth Johnson

of "inherent powers" still rings Despite the fact that the mer-

With hypocrisy gained in long practice, the capitalist politicians this week will proclaim their devotion to George Washington and the program of the War for Independence. Without a blush, Harry S. Truman will ?lead their chant of "American. yoke of the despot in England, ism" while his arrogant claim despotism on American soil.

in the public ear. This is a cynical chants and planters succeeded in denial of what the American putting over a conservative Conrebels of the 18th Contury fought stitution, the powers which True man claims for himself today are not granted by the Constitustruggle against arbitrary power tion. Far from it. Under the provisions of the Constitution, the President is the chief administrator, with strictly limited powers to make recom-

mendations to Congress. As executive he has no right to make laws, and no judicial rights what-

Moreover, Article 10 of the Bill of Rights, passed by the first Congress under pressure of popular demand, specifically forbids him to usurp other authority.

It declares in unmistakable words: "Powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States

respectively, or to the people." Nowhere will you find in it a hint of "inherent" powers of the President, or the granting of absolute rule to any individual. The young American republic, born in the struggle against British autocracy, was founded on the desire of the colonists for democracy. So long as American capitalism expanded and prospered, the American people were able to preserve most of the democratic righs they had conquered through struggle and

even extend them. CYNICAL PRETENDER

Today, capitalism is senile and confronted with unsolvable problems. Since it cannot go forward, it reverses the pattern and falsifies the traditions of its

Step by step, capitalism now attempts to restrict and wipe out the rights of the people-freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assembly, the right to a fair and public trial. Unable to to the masses and thus to hold their support, it turns toward despotism in a vain scheme to halt their demands.

And the chief executive of the ed the King's "inherent" or discards the cherished traditions "divine" power. Only the whole of democracy in a brazen effort people, he said, have any "in- to usurp rights belonging to the

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It happened in one of those big, sprawling factories with stained, dirty windows that have been slowly and surely gathering filth year after year until they get so gray and rusted that the workers can't look out into the street. And when they get broken (as factory windows always do, even though you never see anybody break them) the management sends a maintenance man to stick a piece of tin or sheet iron into the frame, and that gets all rusted over too.

This factory made electrical appliances, and hired over a thousand men and women for as little as they could pay them. There was a union there, and a pretty good one, but wages and conditions were still bad.

But when the snow came down and covered the factory roof and the sidewalks and drifted white into the sides of the gray and rusted windows, and when radios began to play Christmas carols and the 25th day of December drew close, the factory began to blossom out with Christmas

The union negotiating committee went in to try to get a Christmas bonus. Management was full of Christmas spirit but not that full. They couldn't afford to pay it, they told the committee. They just couldn't do it. But they didn't mind if the workers had a little fun.

So around the 20th, the fellows and girls in the shop began putting up red and green streamers over the old, rickety machinery. On the 21st some of them brought in little trees and set them up in the middle of the departments. By the twenty-third most of the aisles were turned into gay red and green tunnels with crepe paper over-head. There were silver stars and red and silver letters saying "Merry Christmas" fastened to the wire netting around the tool room, and the girls on production lines had already drawn names out of a box to see who would buy gifts for

The company couldn't give a bonus. They couldn't pay decent wages or ease off on the speedup or improve conditions, but they didn't mind if the workers celebrated a little. They didn't even mind if there wasn't much work done on the 24th and the workers paraded around wishing each other Merry Chritmas, the fellows kissing the girls and drinking a little whiskey smuggled into the plant.

There was one worker, a guy named Ray, about 40 years old with a wife and three kids. Ray didn't get any bonus, and he didn't have any fun either. He didn't kiss any of the girls, and fun either. He didn't kiss any of the girls, and he didn't have any whiskey, and he didn't even wish anybody. Marry, Christmas, Because on the wish anybody Merry Christmas. Because on the 23rd of December he was working at his punch press trying to bang out his quota. He wasn't careless. His machine was supposed to be safe. But you know how punch presses are. The press repeated while Ray was taking out a piece. And Ray's right hand was completely crushed.

They grabbed him and put him on the platform of an electric truck, and one of the other fellows held on to him as they rode through the red and green tunnels, past the wide-eyed girls who were all prepared for their Christmas party the next day, under the hanging silver stars and past the silver words, "Merry Christmas" on the wire screen of the tool room, and down to the first aid room. They tied up his arm to stop the bleeding, and an ambulance took him out past the gray and rusted windows of the plant and on

I never heard about Ray's wife and kids and their Christmas, and I didn't hear any more about

Spies, Spies, Everywhere!

By Henry Walsh

Don't trust your neighbor. Suspect your friends and relatives. Keep an eagle eye on your brother, sister and wife and especially on your mother-inlaw. One of them - the most innocent of the lot, the least open to suspicion — is likely to be a Russian spy. This isn't the jittery squealing of some nervous nellie in the Hearst papers. It's the reasoned judgment of the most safe-andsound institution in the country - the United States Army. And don't get the unpatriotic idea that the Army is running off at the mouth in a fit of hysteria. The Army speaks from experience

One year ago MacArthur's sleuths tracked down the "most successful and complete" spying operation in Japanese history. On Feb. 11 the N. Y. Times printed the release as a "story of espionage, intrigue, passion and betrayal." A Soviet spy ring, led by one Richard Sorge, who was reputed to be a grandson of a secretary of Karl Marx, worked its way into the inner sanctum of the German legation in Tokyo and the Japanese government, ferreting out highly confidential information which they forwarded to Moscow. Sorge himself was so successful as to be eventually appointed press officer of the Nazi embassy. His collaborators, says the Times, were "a clever, well-informed group of agents of several nationalities and a variety of protective colorations." "Writers, artists, journalists, a soldier, a seamstress: . . the group worked in the best tradition of fictional spies. Members arranged meetings through code words, established contact by matching serial numbers on currency, and exchanged notes in cigarette packs."

The sinister operations of the ring were as nothing compared to the information they forwarded to the Kremlin. Truly outrageous! Stalin was notified (1) that the Japanese cabinet would not enter an alliance with Hitler against the Soviet Union and Great Britain; (2) that Japan would center its attack on South Asia rather than the Soviet Union; (3) that Hitler was planning to hurl an army against Moscow on June 20, 1941; (4) that Japan would push southward against Indo-China and not north to Siberia.

You can readily see what a heinous, horrible crime was committed and how grateful we should be to the Army for making it public. True, the Soviet Union was the ally of the U.S. in the war, and Hitler and the Mikado its foes. True, Sorge's messages led to a withdrawal of the Red Army's troops from Siberia to the Western front thus engaging the Wehrmacht, weakening their resistance to the Allied offensive, shortening the war and saving American lives, as Roosevelt used to say. True, Moscow notified Washington about Sorge's discovery of the impending attack on

But don't be soft-headed. There's a great principle involved. Spies are spies. And such superctever spies are positively a menace. Hirohito's government, properly alert, apprehended the ringleaders, hanged Sorge and a Japanese collaborator by the neck and sentenced a couple of others to life imprisonment. Take a leaf from their book. If you want to safeguard country, God, fireside and family - Be Vigilant! Your daughter's diary may not be so innocent as it appears.

National Heart Week

By Grace Carlson

Starting on Valentine's Day and continuing until Feb. 21, we will observe National Heart Week in the United States. This is the period set aside by the National Heart Association to acquaint the public with heart disease and to raise funds for research in this field.

Heart disease is the nation's number one killer, but, contrary to the popular belief, it takes its victims among the young as well as the old. Heart disease causes more deaths among children between the ages of 10 and 15 than any other disease. In this age range, it is usually rheumatic fever - a disease of poverty - which strikes down young victims.

After the age of 45, one out of every two deaths is caused by diseases of the heart and blood vessels. In fact, heart disease takes a greater toll than the five other leading causes of death combined - three times as many deaths as cancer; six times as many as accidents; seven times as many as pneumonia; ten times as many as tu-

During the last 50 years, great advances have been made by medical science in the understanding of and treatment of cardiac cases. Electrocardiographic methods, roentgenography and fluoroscopy have been developed as aids in diagnosis and treatment. Surgical techniques have been evolved for the relief of certain congenital malformations of the heart, such as that found in "blue babies."

New drugs such as penicillin, streptomycin, heparin and dicumarol have been found to be great aids in clinical treatment of cardiac patients. Yet much remains to be learned by medical scientists. As yet, the causes of the three most important cardiovascular diseases - hypertension, arteriosclerosis and rheumatic fever - are unknown.

Much remains to be done by social scientists, too! Overwork and overworry are the twin evils, which aggravate cardiac conditions and shorten lives by 10, 15 or 20 years. Physicians, who have a fine understanding of the physical, emotional and social maladjustments of the cardiac cripple cannot tell him how to end overwork and overworry in this cut-throat capitalist society.

I think that the best way to observe National Heart Week is to re-dedicate one's self to the cause of socialism. In a Socialist United States of America, the billions now spent on atomic bombs could be devoted to research into the causes and treatment of heart disease, as well as the many other diseases that disable human beings and drive them to early graves.

And in a Socialist United States, we could do away with overwork and overworry for our cardiac patients. The National Heart Week of towould be expanded to all 52 weeks of the socialist year. Under Socialism, we would put through the finest heart program of them all: "From each according to his abilities: to each according to his needs."

Notes from the News

CLEARED, BUT - The Loyalty Review Board has cleared William W. Remington, Commerce Department official, of the "communist spy" charges made by Elizabeth Bentley. Remington was put on a new job, however, so that his work won't touch the "dramatic issue of national se-

MODEST DEMAND - The editors of the New Republic say they "support in principle a North Atlantic pact," but they won't feel 100% happy about it until they get "a joint declaration from Congress of the ends to which our blood and treasure are to be used."

RESISTANCE MOVENT - A group of postal workers from six cities has organized to get an injunction in federal court to test the constitutionality of the "loyalty" purge.

YES. BUT - The Turkish government is reported to have received a questionnaire from the editors of Information Please Almanac, asking "Do you permit workers to strike?" The answer was: "Yes, but not collectively."

INSCRUTABLE JUSTICE - On the same day that a Newark, N. J., judge was sentenced to prison for 10 to 15 years for embezzling \$633,000, a fourth offender in Newburgh, N. Y., was sentenced for 15 years to life because he stole \$35 worth of chickens.

CANDID LIBERAL - Paul A. Porter, former 'OPA chief and administration supporter charged that the government purge was political in origin, designed to show "in an election year that the executive would do a better job of witch-hunting than Congress." Describing it as "a competition" between bureaucrats and politicians as to who can find the most Communists," he advocated the abolition of the whole "loyalty" program.

ALIVE AND THRIVING - The House Un-American Committee, which Truman called a dead duck, has received the largest appropriation in its in the United States," Miss Schulhistory — \$200,000.

to notice the present trend early BLOOD ON COAL - 1,015 miners were killed last summer. As always, layoffs made at the dinner, which is to and 54,100 others were maimed in the product in industry bring emergencies begin at 6.45 P.M. Reservations for workers and their dependents are \$3.75, including gratuities. tion of coal in this country last year.

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Weinstock Uses Lie-and-Run Technique to Dodge Debate

States Plot Own Witch-hunts Grow

State laws to outlaw "communism" are sprouting like poisonous weeds in the heat of

he government's anti-red drive. In Maryland the Ober Bill, the nost farreaching of those under consideration, would impose 20year prison terms and \$20,000 ines for the "crime" of memberhip in any organization labeled 'subversive." The law would also et up powerful thought-control machinery to "assemble any and all information about communsm" and initiate persecutions

hrough a grand jury indictment. The Ober Bill further demands "loyalty check" of all public employees, an anti-red oath from any candidate for public office, and a report from all private educational institutions on what hey are doing to "combat communism" as a qualification for state aid.

At Albany, the New York State Legislature is considering a bill to bar "all Communist Party members" from holding public office, and force all city and emfurther demands that the use of versive by the Attorney General of the United States."

North Carolina has proposed similar bill making it a felony to elong to any party "which advocates overthrow of the government by violence." It also establishes "loyalty oaths" for state President Harry Bridges to public office.

passed a bill requiring a yellowlog oath from all students and faculty members of the University of Oklahoma. The bill is now before the State Senate.

Strong opposition to the Marythe Senate to kill the Oklahoma

These are heartening steps toward the fight that must be made on a far greater scale against the menace of federal, state and local laws threatening the democratic rights of all Americans.



HARRY' BRIDGES

Veterans Picket Landlord



Members of the American Veterans' Committee picket a Chicago landlord, William Schmidt, who voices his rage from a second-story window. The ex-soldiers protested the landlord's scheme to convert his apartment building into "just another flop-

ployees to take a "non-communist" oath. A companion bill LONSHOREMEN BLAST public buildings be barred to groups declared to be sub-

By E. Harris

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13-Four thousand members of CIO International Longshoremens and Warehousemen Local 10 Morris ("Filthy-Mouth") Davis, The union leaders wrote as folhere have rejected by a three to one vote the proposal of ILWU

employees and candidates for solve the problem of unemployment in the West Coast stevedor-In Oklahoma the State House ing industry by kicking approxiof Representatives has already mately 1000 union members out of the industry.

The stormy three-hour Local 10 meeting was completely dominated by the rank and file. Other than Bridges, only Germain land bill has already been regist. Bulke, ILWU International Exeered by the State CIO Council cutive Board member, and two and many other organizations. speakers from the floor sup-Nine campus organizations, sev- ported the plan. Most Stalinist far signed petitions urging an enraged rank and file took over the meeting. Late in the meeting when Bridges attempted to defend his plan he was round-

> Member after member took the floor to denounce the plan as "union-busting." One speaker stated that the proposal was absolutely unprecedented in the trade union movement and that if anyone should be kicked out it should be the makers of the proposal.

ly booed and told to sit down.

RANK AND FILE PROTEST

play into the hands of the em- not used, the employers get a of which refused to support the hind your smokescreen and let the ployers by furnishing them with kickback. The employers there- struggle against the government's workers judge your charges and a large group of trained long- fore will oppose a four-week job persecution of the Trotskyists. shoremen outside the union.

One Negro member said, "The would mean that the strike won time as there is adequate em-A leaflet distributed to the

- illness, accidents, and other

unforeseen difficulties arise. Un-

employment insurance provided

by law is not enough to give

"The tight pinch of personnel

cuts is being felt not only by

pushed out of executive jobs.

had occasion to help war vet-

erans whose allowances have been

ington. Conscientious objectors

those we have served. And often

we have aided displaced persons

and other essential protection.

Mutual Aid at a dinner in the

King Arthur Restaurant, 405

West 23rd St., on Friday,

for Mutual Aid is non-political,

non-partisan and draws no line

of color or creed in rendering

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kind said today. "We first began

League's eexcutive secretary.

March 4.

29th ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

BY LEAGUE FOR MUTUAL AID

overcoats, helps individuals in a Repeatedly this winter we have

Steady increase in applications inordinately held up in Wash-

jobs in recent months is report- coming out of prison are among

"Our office is in effect a tem- from war-torn countries, not yet

Fifth Avenue.

perature chart of unemployment adjusted to their new life here."

terest in having men laid off from the industry and proposed that the union fight to get unemployment benefits for its members.

tion act. We are entitled to the ent hiring hall set-up as a subterfuge to evade the unemployment compensation act."

A ROTATION PLAN

obtain unemployment insurance rotten stew. Others pointed out that it would unemployment insurance funds is CIO and AFL conventions, both painters union. Get out from berotation. As the leaflet put it: "The employers' responsibility for union has just gone through a men cut off from the industry ceal the support to the pardon ingmen to associate with! 95-day strike to preserve itself. ends after 26 weeks. However, if To end up by taking orders from the men are laid off but remain "ployment."

industry the union controls hiring. Through its hiring hall, it fills the employers' orders. Through all union members. NEW YORK - Twenty-nine years of continuous service

When work becomes slack, a | tions. to men and women in the labor, liberal and progressive movemember's share of the work falls ments facing emergencies will be celebrated by the League for as low as \$25 or \$30 a week. He is partially unemployed, but un- for this cowardly action: "There able to draw compensation, be- is much doubt as to the right of cause he makes more than \$25 a the council to submit to the week on the weekly rotation sys- electorate an ordinance under National in scope, the League families food, shelter, and medical tem. This amounts to a "hidden these circumstances. . . someone lay-off." Each man gets two or might bring this into court." three days a week and is unemployed (laid off) the rest of the issue on the ballot, made at the

manual workers, but by many If available work is rotated obviously a sop thrown to the persons who lately have been over a four-week period, however, tense, attentive crowd of more so that one quarter of the union than 300, Negroes who jammed is laid off every week, the "hidden layoff" comes to light and the the ordinance and to soften this workers would become eligible for blow they agreed, eight to one, unemployment compensation.

READ

The League's office is at 104 FourthNo appeal for funds will be International

In recent weeks we have had an exhibition of the slanderand-run technique of Stalinism in the New York District Council 9 of the AFL Painters Union. When the Stalinist trial under

the Smith Act began, Louis Weinstock, former Stalinist secretary of the Council, was reminded by The Militant and other papers of the scabby role he had played in the case of the 18 Trotskyists indicted and convicted in Minneapolis under the same law.

Weinstock stormed into the Council not to deny the charges documentary evidence of his correspondence with the Department of Justice and the prosecutor, approving the Minneapolis convictions, made that impossible. Nor to honestly admit his crime against the principle of labor solidarity and try to explain it that would be too much to expect from a Stalinist hack. What Weinstock wanted to know was why Martin Rarback, present secretary of the Council, had released the information to the press — that is, why Rarback didn't cooperate in suppressing the truth!

The last thing Weinstock wanted was to be obliged to publicly defend his treachery. That's why the indictments of the 18 Minhe turned down Rarback's challenge for a debate with an SWP representative on the Stalinist and the Trotskyist trials under the Smith Act. Failure to accept the challenge was a plain admission of guilt and for anyone else would have been a cause for

But not for the Stalinist hacks. This was the time for the slanderand-run strategy - for abuse, not only fought Olson's martial mud-slinging, vilification, confussion, distortions and half-truths. military stockade for violating it. Stalinist secretary of painters' Local 848, was given the job of meeting by a group of longshore- striking from cover without fear the local labor movement to demen exposed the shipowners' in- of being brought face to face with clare a general strike against the accused and substantiating "military tyranny": his charges and lies in a public debate.

signed by him are now circulating been witnessed. A dastardly blow The leaflet said: "Brothers: in the painters union. They are a has been struck at the very heart We've got a contract and we've compendium of every Stalinist of the labor movement under the got an unemployment compensa- slander against Trotskyism since command of Floyd B. Olson, Gov-1924, ranging from charges of ernor of Minnesota." benefits of each. We are being advocacy of world revolution back to 1934 because he is countlimited to the contract and are fascism"; from "5th columnists ing on short memories. But this being cheated out of our unem- for Franco, Mussolini and Hitler" is just a reminder that we haven't eral professors, and 1,500 of the supporters of Bridges kept quiet ployment compensation into which to spokesmen for "revolution" in forgotten the treacherous Stalin-University's 12,000 students have or tried to straddle the issue, as we have paid millions of dollars. Palestine. The mimeographed libel ist role in the teamsters strike The employers are using the pres- of "Filthy-Mouth" Davis follows when the Daily Worker condemnthe same pattern as the Proto- ed the strike leaders as "countercols of Zion, which denounces the revolutionists" and "played ball" Jews both as "international fin- with Tobin who denounced the anciers" trying to uphold capital- Trotskyists as "communists and ism and as revolutionists trying radicals." The Stalinist leaders to overthrow capitalism.

> in such a way that each member pick two examples — one a half- to send Trotskyists to prison. would be temporarily laid off one truth and one a downright lie -

The aim here is to find partment and at the same time to con-

campaign given to the 18 Trotskyists by unions comprising 5,000,-000 organized workers, non-Trotskyist and non-Stalinist. But who controlled the Minnesota CIO during the war? The Stalinists! And who controlled the Minnesota AFL? Daniel Tobin, chief instigator of the prosecution against the Trotskyists and the Minneapolis teamsters!

But that isn't all that "Filthy-Mouth" Davis omits. On Aug. 16, 1948, the Hennepin County CIO Council, the Minneapolis affiliate of the state CIO body, completely reversed its former position by adopting a resolution protesting the indictment of the 12 Stalinists and demanding the restoration of the civil rights of the 18 Trotskyists. Realizing the enormity of the crime it had committed' against labor solidarity during the war, the CIO Council confessed that "such indictments have in the past been prosecuted for lack of a united mass protest of the labor movement as witness neapolis 'CIO-Socialist Workers Party members in 1941."

2. Now take a downright lie. Davis says that "the Trotskyites" who advocated in 1934 to play ball with Governor Olson of Minnesota and hailed as a victory the sending in of troops to break the strike. . ." The facts are just the contrary. The Trotskyist Dunne brothers and other strike leaders law but they were thrown into a lows in the Northwest Organizer on Aug. 4, 1934, in an appeal to

"Never before in our time has such a direct and outright act of Two mimeographed leaflets strikebreaking by military forces

The leaflet also offered a de- Lack of space prevents us from Tobin — and with Roosevelt continued to "play ball" with tailed plan of how work could be dealing in this article with all of in obtaining the first conviction rotated among the union members Davis' falsehoods. We will only under the Smith Act by helping

Davis entitles his second leafweek in three or four, in order to which are typical of the whole let "I refuse to be gagged." Who is gagging you, "Filthy-Mouth" 1. Davis justifies Weinstock's Davis? It must be Weinstock or benefits. Under California law, if treachery by quoting from war- Foster because it certainly is not money paid by the employers into time resolutions of the Minnesota us or even the leaders of the those made against you in fair and open debate! Or stand conners-in-crime in the labor move- demned as liars, scabs, and frameup artists unfit for honest work-

the employers and turning our in the industry the employers' Dakland City Council Knocks In the West Coast stevedoring FEPC Ordinance Off Ballot

By William Gorman

OAKLAND - Without any prior announcement, the the same hall it rotates all work Oakland City Council has taken the city FEPC ordinance off on a weekly basis equally among the ballot, where it had been placed for a decision by the voters in the coming municipal elec-

> City Attorney John Collier offered the following legal pretext

The decision to place the FEPC Council meeting of Jan. 6, was the Council chambers. The Counto put the question up to the people of the city.

But the financial and political tion ordinance! bosses of the city undoubtedly and put the finger on those in the fight against discriminaresponsible for it. That was why tion.

the City Council felt it had to prevent a direct vote on the issue by the people.

The FEPC fiasco is filled with important lessons for all opponents of discrimination in Oakland. First, the milk-and-water FEPC ordinance was limited to discrimination in city employment only, which considerably reduced the amount of support it would

Second, it was presented by Mayor Smith's hand-picked "Civic Unity Committee." When its spokesman was asked by a councilman if discrimination existed in city employment, he replied there was no discrimination thus wiping out at one stroke the whole need for an anti-discrimina-

And finally, the four "probecame alarmed at the prospect gressive" councilmen voted unof a vigorous campaign over this animously with the reactionaries explosive question, which would to take the FEPC ordinance off undoubtedly expose the whole the ballot. This shows how little scandal of Jim Crow in Oakland the liberals can be depended on