

An Ancient Heresy-Hunt

By James Kutcher

Sitting in a West Coast hotel room one evening and idly turning the pages of the Bible provided by the hotel management, I came across the section entitled Deuteronomy. In this part Moses is giving the Israelites a number of directives on how to behave themselves after they get to the promised land. Chapter 13 had a particular appeal for me. The sub-titles are "Idolatry to be put to death. Idolatrous cities to be destroyed."

all the spoil thereof every whit, for the Lord thy God; and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again." If you do this, Moses promises, then "the Lord may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers."

Now, it may be said that the comparison is unfair. After all, the Truman administration is not asking you to kill anybody or stone him with stones just because he harbors "abominable" thoughts, and they are not yet asking for the utter destruction of any city by either the edge of the sword or the atom bomb. It's true that modern methods are somewhat different. All they do to the twentieth century "prophets and dreamers of dreams" is stigmatize them as "subversive" or "disloyal" and deprive them of their livelihood if they happen to be working for the government or in plants with government contracts or as teachers in the public schools or even as clergymen in the churches.

'Fair Deal' Beneficiaries

By Henry Johnson

In his Mid-Year Economic Report, President Truman did not go out of his way to deal with the question of wages, especially wage raises. He mumbled a few words to the effect that he didn't think it was a good idea to cut wages now, and let it go at that.

should feel really impressed because like all the other Cabinet members Clark will be collecting \$25,000 per annum. His under-secretaries and those of other department-heads will likewise be in a much better mood to turn in a fair day's work.

Brass Hats Refuse to Change Segregation Policy in Army

By Albert Parker

400 Fla. Negroes Driven from Home

Groveland, Fla., a small town in the central portion of this Jim Crow state, has been the scene of unbridled Ku Klux terror for several days. Motor caravans have repeatedly raided the Negro quarter of this little town, pumping bullets indiscriminately into streets and dwellings.

Bus Strike in New York



A bus terminal is picketed by a contingent of 3,300 members of the CIO Transport Workers Union, out on strike against two privately-owned bus companies in New York City. The strike began when four mechanics were arbitrarily fired. The union is now demanding a new contract, the major issue in the unfolding struggle.

The Army refuses to change its Jim Crow segregation policy toward Negro soldiers in any way, and within the next week or two it is going to flatly say so to the President's Fahy Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services, according to the July 16 N. Y. Times, which evidently has a pipeline to the committee.

NAACP Plans Mass Conference For Civil Rights in Washington

(Continued from Page 1) hold the native peoples in bondage. The dilemma of the NAACP was illustrated in the resolution as presented, and later adopted. Although supporting the Marshall Plan, the resolution also urged the State Department to "adopt and pursue the policy of discontinuing aid to countries receiving Marshall Plan aid when they engage in military action to suppress movements for colonial freedom."

policy of reward your friends and defeat your enemies. The burden of his speech was that Negroes should seek to re-elect those senators who voted "right" on the one key question of the Barkley ruling on closure and defeat those senators who voted against it.

resolution: "We pledge our support to the attempt of the Longshoremen's Union to equalize wages in Hawaii compared with the mainland. We also warn the people that any attempt by the government to deport the President of the Longshoremen's Union now while the strike is on would be a direct interference by the government on the employers' side of a labor dispute."

The Army's reply and again rejected the Army's, setting a new deadline of June 20. Then the date was advanced to July 11, and now it is supposed to have been pushed up to Aug. 1. Nobody can accuse Johnson of being "unreasonable" or "hasty."

CLARK LIST SOLE BASIS FOR REGENTS WITCH-HUNT

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to an unrestrained witch-hunt that will make a shambles of the public school system. "Consequently, we defend the rights of members of every organization to employment in the schools, including members of the Communist Party, despite the Stalinites' contemptible policy where our rights are concerned, and despite our fundamental opposition to the Communist Party."

Notes from the News

STRANGE AFTERMATH - The Stalinists mourned the death of Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy as "a staunch Roosevelt, New Deal progressive. . . even after FDR died." The funeral services for Murphy were scheduled to be given by Father Coughlin, the fascist priest.

burgh of a heart ailment at the age of 64. He was a one-time lieutenant of John L. Lewis who broke with the miners' chieftain in order to line up with Philip Murray.

THE DEMOCRACY ISSUE - Another glaring weakness of the conference was the failure of the delegates to take a single step to democratize the Association by placing real control of policies in the hands of the membership. The majority of the Resolutions Committee rejected the various resolutions that had been presented by branches seeking to achieve this end.

FOR ENDING PURGE - The delegates also condemned the President's loyalty order as resulting in "police inquisition, star-chamber proceedings and grave injustice," and stated further: "We oppose wholeheartedly the President's loyalty program, the Mundt-Ferguson bills and their counterparts in the states such as the Ober bill in Maryland. We call upon the President to revoke the loyalty order forthwith. We further pledge the full resources of the Association to aid and assist in every way in challenging the constitutionality of this order in the courts and to continue giving assistance to individuals affected."

STALINIST PROVOCATION - "You have heard here this afternoon a provocation by the spokesman for the Communist Party who has said, in effect, that it's perfectly all right for you to declare the Socialist Workers Party subversive and deprive our members of their right to employment in the public schools, and that what's wrong with your outrageous procedure is that you shouldn't have dragged the Communist Party into it."

COURT OK'S JIM CROW - The Court of Appeals in Albany has ruled in a 4-to-3 decision, that the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has the right to bar Negroes from its Stuyvesant Town housing project although the project was made possible by tax exemptions and other help from the state.

A STEADY PROFESSION - At least 100,000 former Nazi officers and soldiers are now serving with foreign armies in Russia, Egypt, French North Africa, Indonesia and various Arab countries, according to high-ranking former German staff officers in Frankfurt. Thousands of them are also battling with the French imperialists against the people of Indo-China.

PUZZLING QUESTION - Overheard at the Bill of Rights Conference: "What I can't understand is if the Trotskyites are 'fascists,' as the Communist Party calls them, then why are they defending the Communist Party defendants on trial? What kind of fascists would support the civil rights of the Communist Party?"

TIMELY DEMAND - The CIO Packinghouse Workers Union is asking for a 30-hour week at 40-hour pay in its negotiations with Swift & Co.

TWO LABOR LEADERS DIE - A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, died on July 16, at the age of 76. Whitney attracted national attention in 1946 when as leader of the national rail strike he denounced Truman's strikebreaking actions and vowed to oppose Truman's election, only to back the latter in 1948. Three days later Van A. Bittner, vice-president of the CIO Steel Workers, died in Pitts-

STALINIST JOURNALISM - As last week's Militant story on the UAW convention reported, Claude Bland, a leading member of the anti-Reuther, anti-Stalinist "Committee for a Militant and Progressive UAW," declined nomination for the UAW presidency because, among other things "the majority of this convention retains confidence in the present leadership." The July 15 Daily Worker, deliberately distorting Bland's remarks, makes it appear that he said his group "retains confidence in the present leadership."

NEW ENGLAND UNEMPLOYMENT HIGH-EST - Almost half of the 98 biggest production centers in the U. S. had unemployment totalling 7% or more in mid-May, and the total reached 23% in some areas, according to one government agency. New England was hardest hit.

FEINBERG ACT HIT - Repeal of the Feinberg Act was unanimously urged by a special educational conference, sponsored by the New York University summer session students and faculty at Chautauqu Institute.

ANTI-DEPRESSION FORMULA - The U. S. Steel Corporation, which says it won't pay higher wages and pensions to steel workers because that would cause depression, raked in net profits in the first quarter of 1949 at an annual rate of \$256 million - more than 25% higher than its 1948 all-time profits grab.

BIGGEST BOSS - The government today is the largest single business enterprise in the world. In conformity with its size it is, naturally, also the largest single employer. A recent survey by Professor Solomon Fabricant of New York University estimates that last year one out of every eight or nine workers in this country was employed by one government agency or another.