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FBI Wiretappers, Perjurers

Truman Cloaks 'War Deal' with 'Fair Deal' Talk

"Conciliatory" is the most frequent press description of Truman's "State of the Union" message to Congress on Jan. 4. Conciliatory, of course, to the capitalists, the Southern Democrats and the Re-9publicans. Truman repeated most program in one sentence - care-

There was none of his last plan. year's tirades against the "privi-ledged few" and "the trickle-down concept of national prosperity."

As for economic prospects, these continue to be "good." He' boasted that the country had "met Absent this time were any threats and reversed the first significant about the government building its downturn in ecohomic activity own steel plants if the steel in- since the war." But he did not exdustry refuses to expand on its plain why his government econ-

ALSO MENTIONED

A modest three sentences were

Stalinists Agree To 11% Wage Cut For Fur Workers

leaders of the ClO International produce most of the furs manufactured in this country.

Gold, announced last week that today. they had agreed to a resumption There was just one thing on fore the war. Under this system for in our fiscal policy" is the the workers are paid lower wage demands of war, which Truman scales during the slack scason called "work for world peace." than in the busy season.

Jan. 1, 1950 to June 16, 1950, every federal tax dollar. But he restores the method whereby the was adamant against the "folly of fur bosses before the war saddled attempting budget slashes" which the workers with the financial would reduce arms spending. load of every decline in the industry.

the local press of the manner in on the members, now claims that the "differential was restored in the agreement of May, 1948, to go into effect Jan. 1, 1950,"

The Daily Worker also tries to justify the wage cut by upholding its "traditional" character - that is, that the Stalinists had failed before the war to fight effectively against this vicious "two-wage"

During the war, when the industry was continuously busy and prices were mounting steadily, the very specially skilled fur workers were able to break the "twowage" system and secure cenerally high wages.

Instead of fighting to maintain the conditions secured during the war, the Stallnists have agreed to a return to the cut-throat "twowage" system that was imposed on the workers back in the most exploitative days of the industry.

of the proposals he made a year fully refraining this time from ago. What was notable was his enumerating its specific ten points "tone," his "moderation," as even or the precise legislation he will the ultra-conservative press ob- push. However, his Congressional the ultra-conservative press observed. He "stuck to his guns on the Fair Deal program," a Scripps - Howard commentator said — "but they weren't blazing guns."

There was none of his last

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omists will not venture to predict a continuation of "good times" past the next six months.

In place of concrete analysis of devoted to suggesting the repeal today's economic situation, he subof the Taft-Hartley Act - which stituted grandiose predictions on his Congressional lieutenants had the "state of the union" 50 years already announced they will not from now, when it can be reasoneven bring up in this session. He ably assumed he will no longer be covered his promised civil rights in office and won't have to take responsibility for his promises.

WHAT HE OMITTED

He did not mention the tremendous corporation profits this year. He did not tell how labor's share in the national income has declined. He did not speak of deficit spending and the rise in the national debt to \$257-billion. He was silent on the 251/2-million families -two-thirds of the nation-with Fur and Leather Workers Union incomes last year under \$4,000, have agreed to an 11% wage cut including about 10-million who for 12,000 fur workers here who lived on less than \$2,000. He minimized the monstrous control of the monopolies as of a future ILFWU leaders, headed by Ben threat, rather than the reality of

"two-wage" system that which Truman was very emphatic prevailed in the industry be-, and specific. The "dominant fac-War costs, past and present, he The new agreement, to run from admitted, take 70 cents out of

His "Fair Deal" talk was pap. There wasn't a hint of fight in Few members were in at- it. The red meat of his mestendance at the union meeting last sage was the "warfare state" not week where the Stal'nist lenders the "welfare state." American pushed through the new wage-cutting contract. The Jan. 2 Daily buy social welfare and gigantic Worker, prodded by reports in militarism at the same time. Bepatibility. That is why Truman budgets words to human needs. but hard cash to the war program.

West German CP Purges "Titoists"

According to Associated Press dispatches from Frankfort a mass purge is now underway among Stalinists in Western Germany. Forty leaders are reported in recent weeks to have been expelled; forty others "either had been suspended or eased out of top party jobs." Among them is Hugo Paul, former chairman of the party in North Rhine-Westphalia. Kurt Mueller, second deputy chairman of the party, has publicly complained: "How deep in the mire of Titoism have some of our brothers

against the Socialist Workers open threat against the SWP in strates that not only has it never ity regulations of the armed for ganizations which former Attor-Party by individuals in New York New York.

SIU Officials Continue

Threats Against SWP

Spelling It Out

Armaments
Increased unemployment
Red-baiting

Ever bigger profets Atomie war Loyalty purges for

Union, among them its Secretary within unions and between unions in the forefront of the struggle Tressurer, Paul Hall. This report can be settled by the blackjack, against gangsterism in all its has now been directly confirmed is now attempting to extend his forms. The SWP had as much to by the makers of the threats jurisdiction to political parties do with the Fox case as Tor which presume to criticize his Mooney had with the dynamiting The Dec. 30 Seafarer's Log, criminal policies. His exaggera- of the Preparedness Day parade tiall's personal organ, devotes tion and misrepresentation of the in 1916 in San Francisco. 21% nages to the terroristic cam- Scattle incident is an old trick Just the opposite is true of the paign against the SWP. Under of hooligans who accuse their the pretext that the AFL sea- victims of "picking fights" with chine. It is branded as

men's union is in danger of at- them. "We also wonder," states the editornal in the official paper of tacks from "the Trotskyites," the anonymous threats made by phone editorial in the Seafarer's Log, the independent Pacific Coast are now openly repeated in the following the hooligan pattern, Marine Firemen's Union (Nov. Sil! nress. There is not even the "if they [the SWP] have any 17); "We would have no great hint of a denial of the charges idea of starting the same thing interest in what happens in the on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts. SUP if it were not for the fact It appears that James Fox, an We are not, as the record shows, that the goons who have pitched It appears that James Fox. an We are not, as the record shows, that the goons who have pitched official of the Sailors Union of partial to them, by any means. SUP men down the stairs for the Pacific, was beaten up in a But we'd like to give them some daring to stand up and voice their bar-room brawl in Seattle. The friendly advice. Don't try it."

Scafarer's Log, without any basis | Thin is a crude frame-up, but opinions, also have been used or whatever, attributes this incident it cannot conceal the facts on . (Continued on page 4)

record of the Hall-Lundeberg ma-

Shadow of the Blackjack" by ar

whelming majority of China's | their grasp. The Chinese people | outpost of American empire and | ernment | and | so | gaining | the weight against further develop-

The State Department, in the opinion of some commentators, is now drifting without a policy. However, this is not altogether

The great fear of American imperialism in the Far East is the fear of revolution. It supported Chiang's regime not only as part of its war plans against important because it viewed Chiang as the most reliable,

If China exploded, as well it might after virtually continuous their investments and even of that explosion could spread like eral" quota over the top. Two Youngstown branch filled its

APPROVED BY REUTHER UAW President Walter Reuther has accepted the

loyalty" purge of workers in private industry by advising United Auto Workers Local 669 at the Wright Aeronautical

Corporation plant, near Paterson, 9-N. J., to sign a contract granting the company power to fire alleged "subversives" and "poor security Acting on this advice by Reu-

ther and Irving Levy, UAW general counsel, Local 669 reversed its previous uncompromising stand against the clause and adopted a "modified" version. The "modification" would merely permit the union, after the company has fired worker for being "subversive," o file a grievance. The clause demanded by the

company and finally accepted by Local 669 states that in the event any government agency "concorned with security regulations" advises the company "to restrict any member of the Union from work on or access to classified information or material, the Union and the International will not hold the employer responsible for such action as it [the employer] may reasonably take to comply porations throughout the auto, of telephones because the Suwith its contractual obligations to the government.".

If the union has any complaint properly in attempting to comply" with so-called "security regulations," this complaint "shall be dustry. subject to the grievance proce-

Paul Hall, who has proceeded settling disputes in the labor

operated in a number of cases al- fault?



ers, like the six fired at Bell Air- by the FBI.) craft in Buffalo.

dure and arbitration provisions of "loyalty" purge is an illegal and Copion trial refused to permit any unconstitutional usurpation of inquiries into this matter. But the local union and Inter-power by the Truman Administra-OUT IN THE OPEN national recognize that the em- tion and the brass hats. It subployer has certain obligations un- jects to public branding and deernment as required by the secur- nected with or sympathetic to orhearing on the charges.

This means that the union ac- Although he doesn't dare encepts the whole system of the dorse the "loyalty" purge openly, 'loyalty" purge as such and re- Reuther is obviously not averse to tains only the right to protest it in practice, particularly since against any "improper" victimiza- he looks on it as a way of getion of workers whom the com- ting rid of his opponents in the pany may fire under the pretext UAW. If they are fired as "poor of "security." As the purge has security risks"—is that Reuther's

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Philadelphia, bringing "General"

to \$717. (The final scoreboard

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a big role in the 100% conclusion

Youngstown Branch was con-

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The Detroit Branch heard about

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gave Youngstown.

Illegal Acts Revealed in **Coplon Case**

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By George Breitman

The FBI breaks the law. Its agents and officials, testifying in court, commit perjury about the FBI's violations of the law. And yet nobody in the government indicts or attempts to bring to trial those people, sworn to uphold the law and paid to do so, who have admitted committing these crimes.

These are some of the sensational facts brought to light in the pre-trial hearings of the Copion-Gubitchev spy case in New York City. (The first trial of Judith Coplon, held last summer, resulted in disclosures about the FBI's operation of a vast network of informers and stoolpigeons paid out of government funds to spy ready, the main victims have been on individuals and organizations militant unionists and strike lead- kept under political surveillance

Defense counsel in the earlier Approval of this clause by Reu- Coplon trial had sought to raise ther is an open invitation to cor- questions about the FBI's tapping aircraft and other major indus- preme Court has ruled in a numtries to demand similar contracts. ber of previous cases that evi-It places the seal of the leader dence is illegal and cannot be used that the employer has acted im- of the largest union in the CIO in federal courts if it has been upon the extension of Truman's obtained directly through wire-"loyalty" purge into private in tapping or indirectly through leads discovered as the result of Reuther is well aware that the wiretapping. The judge in the first

In last month's pre-trial hearder the law pertaining to security, privation of their livelihood per- ing, however, Federal Judge Syl-On Dec. 19 The Militant report- in Seattle to the "Trotskyites" record. The entire 20-year history and in its contract with the gov- sons who are alleged to be concondoned violence as a means of ces, and agree that nothing con- ney General Clark put on his "sub- some examples of deliberate evatained in this agreement is intend- versive" list. These organizations sion, squirming and outright perthe AFL Seafarer's International on the theory that all disputes movement, but it has always been ed to place the employer in viola- have been denied even the right jury on the part of the nation's tion of such law pertaining to se- to know the "evidence" against most glamorized "law enforcecurity agreements with the gov- them, let alone a fair and public ment" agency and other government officials.

> Under questioning in November, two FBI agents admitted that they had "heard" about wiretapping in the Coplon case. But on Dec. 5 John M. Kelley, Jr., special assistant to the Attorney General, told the court he was "not prepared" to say if the FBI had engaged in wiretapping. The judge gave him a week to prepare himself.

On Dec. 12 Raymond P. Whearty, another special assistant to the Attorney General, submitted a number of affidavits admitting that the FBI had tapped phones in the Coplon case. But, the affidavits alleged, the wiretapping had disclosed no "information of value" to the prosecution. Furthermore, they said, Tom Clark, then Attorney General, had authorized the tapping.

RULED ILLEGAL

Judge Ryan then ruled that the FBI agents had acted illegally and that it was now up to the government to prove its evidence had not stemmed from "the tainted source" of wiretapping or "interception" of the defendants mail. Regarding the part played by Clark, he said:

"Whether there was a written authorization or not, it does not change the fact of the illegality of wiretapping and divulging."

The next day the FBI inspector in charge of the Coplon-Gubitchev investigation, Howard B. Fletcher told the court the FBI had de-(Continued from page 2)

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the well-known American Marxist, Arne Swa beck, on "Atomic Energy and Capitalist Socie-

Washington's Big Dilemma--Chinese Policy

made in the Dec. 19 Militant.

ed threats of gangster

associated with the officialdom of

found little difficulty in recogniz- of Truman's choice. We want to ing any number of new regimes in Latin America that have seized ment! power through force and violence. regime made clear that it would from the ruins. not interfere with the private empires of the giant Wall Street corporations, recognition followed as a matter of course.

of the administration toward ing up a new stage of developseizures of power in Latin America with its current quandary over what to do about the new regime in China!

choose our own form of govern-

The State Department has not of the Chinese people, the Trurequired that these reactionary man administration stands blinkregimes represent the will of the ing at the wreck of its costly people. None of them could meet attempt to keep Chiang in power, that requirement. If the new still hoping to salvage something

WORLD BALANCE UPSET

This is not so easy. The success of the Chinese people in ridding Contrast this benign attitude themselves of Chiang and openment that can lead to the overthrow of capitalism has upset the world balance of power.

American imperialism sought butcher Chiang Kai - shek today of its grandiose blueprint of rots on the garbage dump, assault on the Soviet Union. It attracting only blowflies from hoped to convert China into a the camp of outright reaction happy hunting ground for Big "naval protection to the posseslike Taft, Hoover and MacArthur. Business. This dream has been In the greatest peasant uprising punctured. The militarists have since the February revolution of been forced to retreat. The pro-1917 in Czarist Russia, the over- liteers see China slipping from like to convert Formosa into an with the Chinese Stalinist gov-

with the Stalinists, taking them of the Nationalist rats. on their word that capitalism will be maintained in China. They see no other way of saving their

An opposite group of diehards find recognition a very bitter pill to swallow. A section of the aspirations of the people in the Republican Party, hoping to make political capital from the debacle, political cost would far outweigh the Soviet Union but even more are even willing to risk war to the military advantages. The hated dictatorship of the military bases in China as part hang on to the island of Formosa. Herbert Hoover, apparently, in collusion with General Mac-

Arthur, on Jan. 2 called for U.S. sions of Formosa, the Pescadores and possibly Hainan Island."

Since the end of World War II. teeming millions have declared: have entered the arena of world a convenient haven for a dicta- possibility of throwing their the Truman administration has We don't want the government politics as a new colossal force, total Chinese government-in-This far - reaching defeat has exile. But even if more arms ment of the Chinese revolution. weakened the camp of imperialism | would enable Chiang to prevent | That requires silk glove diploand opened up rifts in its ranks, the Stalinist-led armies from macy at which the British are Instead of bowing to the will A section of the American capital- succeeding in an amphibious as adept as in bombing the ist class, who consider the main operation, there is still the defenseless villages of rebellious game lost in China for the time problem of the people in For- colonials. being, are now pressing for early mosa who are seething with recognition of the Mao govern- unrest and only waiting the opment. They hope to do business portunity to cleanse their island

POLITICAL COST TOO BIG Direct intervention would

deliver a fatal blow to the battered pretenses of the Truman administration that it favors the Far East to independence. The

In addition, the Truman administration feels the pressure of British imperialism. The British see the possibilty of keeping their fingerhold at Hong Kong, of hanging on to at least most of war and civil strife since 1931, Truman and his advisors would developing profitable relations a chain reaction throughout the

WHAT THEY FEAR

indeed the only serious counterrevolutionary force in China.

SWP FUND COMPLETED

By Reba Aubrey Fund Campaign Manager

The Socialist Workers Party's hree-month campaign for a 12,000 fund scored a smashing success. On Dec. 31 when the scoreboard was posted for the of the campaign. An outstanding last time, the grand total was example was the help Detroi \$12,057. The campaign slogan --IN FULL AND ON TIME --- was thus carried out to the letter in fident of completing a \$400 quot: true Trotskyist fashion. Raising this fund was not easy.

Unemployment, strikes, and the The comrades on the picket Enc increased cost of living were big felt the financial squeeze acutely obstacles for the working people They told us they could see no who believe in socialism. The way of completing their quota i achievement of a 100% success, by each and every branch, shows how well the comrades and friends of the party understand the need could to help their hard - hi to put their dollars where they Youngstown comrades. This was will count the most in the struggle against reaction and for a creased their own quota from world of peace and boundless \$80% to \$1,100. But the Detroit

plenty. The campaign finished with inside out to scrape together who Scattle Branch in first place. The they could. A day before the dead New Haven, Akron, Toledo and line the following wire came from Flint branches Ekewise crossed Detroit: "\$100 to aid Youngstown the 100% mark. But every branch complete fund quota. Detroit wins top honors for the sacrifices Branch is eager to express itthat put the finishing punch in revolutionary solidarity. We re-Our special thanks to the many Branch and others gave us wher

friends of the party who rallied the class struggle imposed a with nickels, dimes, quarters and similar need upon us." folding money to push the "Genmore contributions remain to be quota in full and on time, as did acknowledged: \$1 from J. B. of all the other branches.

The U.S. Plot to Rearm Germany Workers Forum

led down a garden path which leads to German rearmament" and are going to be gagged if return, before we have a chance frontiers of American security." to crush the German people. they make any protest about it. to reverse the present drift to-That is the warning issued by warn disaster." The North At- spiracy against which Warburg James P. Warburg, well-known lamic pact and the Military Aid correctly warus. And it is in-American banker and economist, Program, he said, are being used escapable that the administration ment of the military machine, ington Axis is putting out in its to a meeting of the American by the Truman Administration will try to extend its witch-hunt They are still freezing and stary- campaign to rearm Germany. Political Science Association in and the State Department as a attempt to silence opponents of

'As things are going now," said Warburg, "the American people future war. This policy must lead to rearm Germany. will not be given any chance to to "a heavy increase in our althink about this problem and to ready top-heavy military budget" false reason for attacking the reexpress their will. They will be and, in the end, to the rearma- armament of Germany. He says it REASON FOR OCCUPATION faced with the final step in the ment of Germany. led up to it. They will wake up Germany, "but how many Amer- occupation troops." He doesn't German people and prevent them tion publicly. mans - in some polite and 'safe' tion? . . . How many American man soil as a spearhead for at ism's plans to rearm Germany try. But it turned out that the German people by serving as merform of course - and that it has families have any idea that the tack on the Soviet Union; he just and transform that country into greatest opposition to the scheme cenaries and drill-masters for U.

sons and husbands and brothers would not be dependable from the Soviet Union.

He asked "whether the Atlantic | died to defeat, is about to be standpoint of "American secur- | Warburg implies that the re- sion. Adenauer was forced to re-Alliance shall be permitted to nominated as our new comrade in ity." He wants to keep an Amer-arming of Germany is the aspir-treat on the matter, much to the carry us beyond the point of no arms to stand guard over the ican army indefinitely in Germany ation of the German people them- embarrassment of his American In Article on

It is indeed a dastardly conguarantee that Western Europe its foreign policies even to those of the last war. If they had their American militarists do not dare selves to deal with the militarist ment of fact, the other an inwould not be overrun in any who speak out against the plot

But Warburg uses a totally of the Wehrmacht. would be falling into a "Russian

ing amid the shambles and ruins

some morning to find that we ican citizens realize that we are disagree with the objective of from making any effective at- This was intended to test pub- other former Nazis who hope to have agreed to rearm the Ger- now right up against this ques- maintaining armed forces on Ger- tempt to halt American imperial- lic reaction primarily in this counteregain their total power over the now become 'unpatriotic' to would be conqueror, whom their fears that a new Wehrmacht a springboard for invasion of the arose in Germany itself, despite S: imperialism in one zone and the

selves, who are supposed to be masters. But it is precisely the German "militaristic" and "yearning for people themselves who are most revenge." This aids the propabitterly opposed to re-establish- ganda that the Wall Street-Wash-

way they would destroy forever to proclaim openly their desire elements who are being protected the possibility of the resurrection and intentions to convert Germa- and strengthened by both the U. ny into a military bastion. They have tried to make this appear as the desire of the German people: One of the main reasons why Thus, they forced their Western road to disaster precisely as they The American people, he declar- trap" because it would then "seem the Ailied occupation troops, re- German puppet, Chancellor Adewere faced with all the steps that ed, are opposed to a rearmed unreasonable not to withdraw our main in Germany is to gag the nauer, to first broach the ques-

END THE OCCUPATION The best way to assure that

The State Department and the to free the German people them- are two errors, one a mis-state-S. Government and the Kremlin. The day the occupation troops are withdrawn from Germany will be the day the German people will begin to take care, once and for all, of the cartelists, Junkers, ex-Wehrmacht officers and all the the Allied occupation and repres- Stalinist bureaucracy in the other.

refrained from attacking Stalin-

Confederation, is dealing heavy

outlawed the strike, arresting

some of its leaders and doing

The latest developments not

struck a crushing blow to the il-

who call themselves Marxists)

capitalist efforts at industrializa-

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loosening the chains of imperial-

not only of imperialist control but

agony of capitalism that have

War and Negroes

In the article "War and The there will be no resurgence of a Negro People" by J. Blake in rearmed neo-fascist Germany is The Militant of Dec. 26, there these should be corrected.

Blake writes, "Randolph's main went to press. concern is the protection of the interests of U. S. imperialism. . . This is not true. Randolph's main aim is to become the outstanding feader of the Negro people in the United States. I seriously doubt thit he is motivated in his actions principally because of his concern with the interests of Wall Street At the same time, his policy and actions lead to an objective support of U.S. imperialism. Randolph. like most union leaders today, is hoping that by supporting the foreign policy of big business be can gain a concession or two from them, an easing of Jim Grow restrictions, etc.

In another part of the article the results of the 1917 Russian Revolution are described in such a way as to run the danger of elaboration along the lines sugism and Peronism" when it called m'sunderstanding this titanic gested by Alvin, it is funfor united front action against event. Blake writes, "... which in damentally sound as a concise In Bolivia, another semiscolo- the government with the bourge- stituted fundamental progressive statement of the objective role ois-nationalist National Revolu- reforms after the 1917 revolurialist domination, the tin miners tionary Movement (MNR) and tion. . " (my emphasis). I am present Negro and labor leaderare paying with their liberty and the Stalinist-controlled Party of certain that Comrade Blake does ship. not mean to characterize the In his "answer," Rey never even revolutionary changes as reforms point, it is true that the statementions, let alone discusses, this in the sense that that word is ment may be subject to misja-30 better living conditions, as we question. He was caught with the generally used. However, the terpretation. Fundamental pro-

concentration camps, such as the even have the decency to apolog the one hand, they fear an out within the framework of capitalowe flieir positions as leaders of progressive. We agree that when were deliberate and blows to pieces his self-avowed claim to the workers to the fact that they the word "reform" is used - and rome from and are based upon the mass itself. This latter factor, policies, will lead to their replace- designations for the changes ment by other leaders, more brought about by a revolution -The growing wave of strikes in Argentina, waged in defiance of

Ed. Note: In all fairness to Compade Blake, it should be said that neither of the formulations objected to was printed in exactly the form she herself used in her article. This was due to a lack of space, which made it necessary to edit the article for the purpose of condensing it. Comrade Blake gave us permission to do this, but unfortunately correct political estimation. I feel had no opportunity to re-examine the shortened article before it

> However, we do not find Comrade Alvin's specific criticisms apply, although we agree with much of what he says. It is true that subjectively Randolph's main aim is to become recognized as the outstanding Negro leader. But that does not conflict with the view that objectively (to quote the whole sentence) "Randolph's main concern [with regard to the warl is the protection of the interests of U. S. imperialism; that is why he is willing to subordinate the interests of the masses in this country."

A careful re-examination of this formulation leaves us with the opinion that while it might have been improved by greater

With regard to his second gressive reforms instituted by the revolutionary abolition of The policies of the leaders of capitalism (which the article was we see no good reason for reso full of contradictions in their jecting it as one of the scientific honest, more daring and more its context should make clear what it is talking about. We-Milton Alvin, Toledo, O. think that was the case in the article being discussed.

V.R. DUNNE ADDRESSES 3 MID-WEST MEETINGS ON CIVIL RIGHTS FIGHT

DETROIT, Jan. 1 - Speaking to a large audience of workers and students in the SWP hall here Wednesday night, V. R. Dunne delivered a ringing call to the American

working people to fight back in Ddefense of their civil rights One part of this lie is that the against all the forces of reaction American ruling class and its attacking them. He urged the government agents stand for demorganization of resistance to the ocracy and civil rights; the other freedom-haters and the building part is that Stalin's Russia is a of a united front by everyone who land of Socialism and that Stalinwants civil rights. "We stand for ism stands for communism. No civil rights for all," he said.

capital - the ruthless industrial- es recognize the falsity of these ists, bankers, landlords, white su- contentions. premacists and race haters who Making it clear that he was not city and educational systems."

.The capitalist-minded labor bu- them last year. reaucrats were cited by Dunne as But everywhere that our the most dangerous obstacle in rights are under assault, resistthe way of a victorious struggle ance is appearing," he declared. against the capitalist witch-hunt- "It is our job to organize this reers. These officials misuse the sistance into a mighty mass movetrust of their members by taking | ment that will preserve and exorders direct from Washington, tend our civil rights. The Trot-Having abandoned a genuine fight skyists will fight until this goal against the Taft-Hartley Act, is won." they are now trying to outlaw sotapo and Stalin's GPU.

This is the epoch of the fantastic double-lie, Dunne declared.

Schedule of Dunne's Tour on Civil Rights

Buffalo - Jan. 12. Rochester - Jan. 18. Buffalo - Jan. 14. Boston - Jan. 15-16. Lynn, Jan. 17. Worcester - Jan. 18. New Britain - Jan. 19. New Haven - Jan. 20. New York - Jan. 21. Philadelphia - Jan. 27-28. New York - Feb. 3.

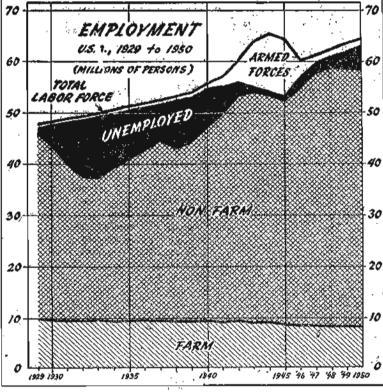
real progress in the civil rights The main enemy is "organized fight can be made until the mass-

have opened a long range cam- attacking the Communist Party paign to rob the workers of all rank and file, Dunne sharply derights everywhere," he continued. nounced the CP leadership's Their best helpers, because they treacherous role on civil rights are not so easily recognized, are in the Minneapolis trial of 1941 the motley crew of yes-men and where 18 Trotskyists were conwomen who occupy high posts victed, with the Stalinists apin the government and the publi- plauding, under the same Smith Act which was used to persecute

Thursday evening Comrade labor movement, which demon- the SWP for civil rights; strated how much could be achievto their principles.

Saturday night he was the guest of Detroit SWP at its annual New Year's Eve party, and rights and socialism. Everyone who heard him in Detroit could understand why the employers and their flunkies have good reason to fear this man and his ideas.

FLINT. Jan. 1 - Appearing in



This chart from the December AFL Monthly Survey tells the unemployment story of the last 20 years.

dressed an overflow crowd of auto in Washington and want to know struggle. workers, students and other Flint how they can fight back. residents at the Socialist Workers

Party Hall. His talk on civil rights kept the addience till the ernment 'loyalty' purge and witchearly hours of the morning, long hunt stem directly from Wall after the meeting had formally Street's Washington agents' plans, imprisoned miners. adjourned. Comrade Dunne's excellent rep- Vincent R. Dunne at his meeting was or will be, if any. But we place the fact that the "nation" is utation in the labor movement tonight at the Fort Meigs Hotel. doubt that the ruling oligarchy composed of classes with antago-

cialism in the unions at the bid-Dunne spoke before a meeting was responsible for the most sucding of their State Department sponsored by the SWP Youth cessful meeting the Ethit branch on this voyage of world-wide con-knows would try to bring into the The strikes are showing everymasters. Assisting these attacks Group, inspiring his audience with has held in the last year. Despite quest until they have brought the open the whole truth about the force" of Peronism is an instruon the pattern of Hitler's Gestheen an account of the experiences of the Trotskyists in the Minneapolis and Stalling CDI.

through perseverance and loyalty cy as "labor lieutenants of the questions of the speaker. State Department" met with tinue his tour on behalf of civil purging opposition from the un- ges and red-hunts are all parts conditions.

> showed, is only the first step of ening the unions," he said. Wall Street's drive to prevent the rank and file from organizing to erously to a piea for funds to slanderous statements against the tancy and solidarity of the workrank and file from organizing to help carry on the work of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of war and help carry on the work of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of war and help carry on the work of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of war and help carry on the work of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of war and help carry on the work of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of war and help carry on the work of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of war and help carry on the work of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of war and help carry on the work of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of war and help carry on the work of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of war and help carry on the work of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of war and help carry on the work of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of war and help carry on the work of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of war and help carry on the work of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of the So-Bolivian Trotskyists in Labor Acfight the twin evils of the the impending economic crisis.

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TOLEDO, Dec. 27 — "The govfor a Third World War," stated

Vincent Dunne's characteriza- by to his talk on Labor and Civil ing lords and U.S. imperialist in pen, the Peron government sides ed by revolutionary socialists tion of the trade union bureaucra- Rights" and remained to ask terests who dominate the country, not with the exploited masses, the

> hearty accord with those present. leaders today, was described by darity with the Bolivian tin min- cent two-month strike of 90,000 Dunne demonstrated how these Dunne in sharp terms. "They have ers who have been victimized in sugar plantation workers in the labor leaders even ape the State transferred the witch-hunting in- the cause of labor everywhere __ northern provinces of Tacuman, Department loyalty' program in to the unions; 'loyalty' oaths, pur- the struggle for decent living Jujuy and Salta was a good exof the State Department's plans The "loyalty" purge, Dunne to tame the workers and are weak-

> > The audience responded gen

Notes on -Latin-America

By J. Gomez

"objectivity."

Bolivia Tin Miners so Fight Repressions

nial country subjected to impeblood as well as sweat for their the Revolutionary Left (PIR). fforts to live like human beings.

have reported previously, the goods and couldn't wiggle out, statement is subject to missemi-feudal ruling class massa. But observant readers will under- interpretation. red hundreds of them. In addi- stand that his silence on this point 20 tion it has sent hundreds of other speaks louder than a million the Negro and worker masses discussing) should not be conmilitants to rot in the prisons and words. The fact that he doesn't bave a two-sided character. On fused with reforms introduced one in Laja, without any means ize for his distortions of the facts right struggle against the capital- ism, which certainly cannot be of legal defense. Among them are confirms the suspicion that they ist class. But on the other, they fundamental even if they may be Melquiades Luna and other working class victims belonging to the POR (Trotskyists).

Guillermo Lora, a leader of the The Strikes Miners Federation and a member of the Chamber of Deputies, was In Argentina forced into exile and then his pariamentary immunity was removed so that he could be tried for the the Peron government and the capable of fulfilling the needs and "crime" of leading the miners in Peron-controlled General Labor wishes of the mass themselves.

Now Lora has written a letter blows not only to the government to the Bolivian ambassador in but to the concept of Peronism as Uruguay, where he is exiled, ask- an intermediary force between or Bolivia to defend himself and the interest of the "nation" and "social justice." Illusions and dema-

We don't know what the reply gogy can't, in the long run, re-"They do not want to embark will welcome a defense which it nistic interests. Toledo workers listened attentive- submissiveness to the native min-It is the duty of workers every- soul and body of the real nation,

The role played by most union where to raise their voices in soli- but with the exploiters. The re-

One more thing about Bolivia: everything possible to break it. My article in the Oct. 31 issue, The fact that the strike was not calling attention to Juan Rey's smashed was due only to the milimeeting was noted in both Toledo in the Dec. 5 issue of that paper. only have exposed the demagogy Local 212. At Budd UAW Local of Rey's charge that the POR

Detroit Reports Busy Week End of Literature Sales

Mason of Detroit reports a busy he writes, "for what's over. I week end of literature sales fol- always wish I could give more lowing the successrecent subscription campaign for The Militant.

Here is the record. On Saturday two copies of The Mili tant and a copy o' the pamphlet, Amer ican Workers Need a Labor Party, were sold at a meeting featuring Scott Nearing.

On Sunday three Labor Party pamphlets and a Militant were sold at a speeting of Briggs UAW The main point of my article of the Peronists seeking to con- 306, a copy of Fourth Internathe ruling class. They have also lets and 14 Militants were sold; at Dodge UAW Local 3, two lusions of those petty-bourgeois Militants; at a meeting of the nationalist forces (including some NAACP, three Militants and five copies of The Struggle for Negro who put great hopes in Argentine Equality; and at an All-Slav Festival sponsored by the Stalnists, one Militant and nine copies of the Fourth International.

"This last distribution was" especially pleasing," writes Howard. "We have been trying for the general analysis of events to get into contact through distributions with some of the language groups in the city. This is the most successful attempt to date." The articles on Titoism and Stallnism were of special interest Winifred Nelson, Literature to those who came to the meet- | Agent of St. Paul, that J. P.

"Last week," continues Howard, 'a couple of comrades covered a the old country. And now in his meeting of Chu Tong, editor of later years he has read The Mili-The Chinese Daily News. They tant faithfully, awaiting its sold two Fourth Internationals, four Militants and three copies rade Rasmussen was one of the of the pamphlet, Letter to Amercan Negroes. "The youth section has now

established regular sales of our literature each Thursday on the campus of Wayne University. These are going well. Last week they sold eight Militants."

That's good going for the nembers of the Militant Army n the Detroit area. How about some of the rest of you oiling up your typewriters or getting a refill for the old ball-point pen and letting us know how your record compares with that of the Detroit omrades?

J. S. of Canada sent \$8 to: renew his subscription to The Militant and Fourth International, although the cost for the two publications in combination Literature Agent Howard is only \$4. "Buy a few stamps," and maybe I could, but my earnful conclusion of the ing power is getting pretty nearly exhausted I guess at the age of past 73. My wife is almost 70 too, but both of us are going strong yet and hope to see a taste of socialism yet. That will be our beaven."

> Thanks a lot, J. S. That's the spirit that keeps The Militant on the firing line.

L. B. Courts, an old-time Socialist of Sharonville, Ohio, and an active supporter of The Militant, writes us about the growing danger from the Catholic hierarchy to the American tradition of keeping church and state separate. He also thinks that American imperialism should stay out of China and hopes that out of the present turmoil there, the working class can come to power.

S. H. of New Jersey forgot to send in his renewal when his subscription expired, remembering it only a few weeks later. "Kindly mail the numbers I missed so far," he asks. "as I'm eager as seen through the eye of your wonderful paper.

We were sorry to learn from Rasmussen of Siren, Wis., died recently. "He was a socialist in arrival eagerly each week. Commany friends who, taken collecfively, help such a great deal in the struggle for socialism."

BOSTON

hear VINCENT R. DUNNE

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FBI Commits Crimes, Gets Away With It

(Continued from page 1) the records contained nothing of tapping in the Coplon case. use such material for developing the FBI had learned through

Later, however, Fletcher admit-FBI uses it.

DAMNING ADMISSIONS

Alan H. Belmont, boss of the 30 FBI agents who had engaged wiretapping. in this work were compelled to submit affidavits.

On Dec. 21 FB1 Agent T. Scott Miller answered that in May he summation in the first trial inhad had "no personal knowledge" cluded these remarks:

Miller admitted under defense reason would she have to think,

stroyed many of the wiretapping February!-had destroyed reports guilt, a consciousness of the ac- agents did? records in the case. He swore that of conversations obtained by wire- tivity in which she was engaged- Everybody knows the answers ical police system operating in ist domination not only over Ar-

evidence in prosecutions anyway, wiretapping that, Judith Coplon note, had objected to any ques- FBI was rewarded with a seat on Hoover himself? He didn't explain why, if that is planned to take a trip from Wash- tioning about wiretapping in that the Supreme Court. He didn't explain why, if that is planned to take a trip from wasn-tioning about wiretapping in that true, they even bothered taking ington to New York on Mar. 4, trial. So did Kelley, who at that the day when she was arrested time was asked if he would deny dential — From Washington, a Gestapo and Stalin's GPU. And the day when she was arrested time was asked if he would deny dential — From Washington, a Gestapo and Stalin's GPU. And the day when she was arrested time was asked if he would deny dential — From Washington, a Gestapo and Stalin's GPU. in the company of Gubitchev. This that wiretapping had been com- publication of the George Wash- if the American working class an advanced and aggressive semited under cross-examination, that blasted to smithereens the FBI's mitted and had answered only ington University Victory Council, doesn't awaken to the menace of where an "important clue" is re- claim that it had learned "noth- that "I have no knowledge at all there is an article in which FBI the Department of Justice's in- Argentina, is not in a position to vealed through wiretapping the ing of value" in the case through about it, sir, and we will not have boss J. Edgar Hoover dons a "lib- fringements on democratic rights, realize historic tasks of emanciwiretapping.

Another example of perjury was the testimony on Dec. 28 of FBI Agent Richard E. Brennan FBI New York Division, testified that he knew last February that did story has come out into the too but claimed a loss of memory the Coplon wire was tapped. At open; the judge forbade the press when asked the names of the the first trial on May 3, how- to print all the facts unearthed agents who had tapped the ever, Brennan had sworn that he through the FBI affidavits. But phones. Later on, however, some had "no knowledge" about any enough has come out so that im-

FLAGRANT EVASION

Special assistants Whearty and Miller was asked by Judge Ryan Kelley, who had run the govern- who broke the law (as the FBI May 18 when they said they had they were certainly guilty of eva- violation, or would be not? no knowledge" of wiretapping sion, at the very least. Whearty's

"What made her [Miss Coplon] A little while later, however, think her line was tapped? What

belief or speculation.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN? Only a small part of this sor-

portant conclusions can be drawn, especially if the following questions are asked:

What would happen to a radical if he had not known, at the first ment's case against Miss Coplon, did by wiretapping)? Would he will of the majority, and obeying Copion trial, that several FBI had not opened themselves to be prosecuted for it, no matter only the dictates of the governagents were guilty of evasion on charges of direct perjury. But how trifling or unintentional the ing few."

What would happen to a radical who evaded direct questions in court, as FBI agents and government officials did?

What would happen to a radical

"value" and that the FBI didn't On Dec. 27 it was disclosed that her mind, a thing of this nature?" body knows that the man who the majority, and responsible only all of Latin America. Whearty, it is important to authorized these crimes by the to the governing few, including derstand is that this is an epoch

handle the Communist menace."

HOOVER'S DEMAGOGY

Setting up such a system and violating freedom of speech for "communists," he said piously, "would mean the tearing of law enforcement from its democratic matrix and the creation of a 'state within a state,' or a law enforcement system unresponsive to the

But when the FBI operates a nationwide service of informers planted in labor organizations and assigned to spy on the most in timate details of people's personal lives, when it violates with impunity the laws it is supposed to

| questioning that he himself-last | if it wasn't a consciousness of who committed perjury, as FBI | uphold - what more fitting name can be applied to it than a politwhy should a thing come across to these questions, just as every- disregard of the laws binding on gentina's national life, but even

> eral" pose and says he is "em- then the FBI will develop more phatically" opposed to establishand more into a replica of the dictions arising out of the death ing "a national police system to Gestapo and the GPU, with Hoover protesting all the time that played the greatest part in arof course he is "emphatically" resting the growth and expansion opposed to the kind of system of the Argentine industrialization plans. which he heads.

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"Surplus-product must have been produced by the slave, or the slave-owner would not have kept any slaves. Surplusproduct must have been produced by the serf, or serfdom would have been of no use to the landed gentry. Surplus-product, only to a considerably greater extent, is likewise produced by the wage workers, or the capitalist would have no need to buy labor power. The class struggle is nothing else than the struggle for surplus-product. He who owns surplusproduct is master of the situation-owns wealth, owns the state, has the key to the church, to the courts, to the sciences

- Leon Trotsky, Marxism in the United States, 1939.



In the Shadow of the Blackiack

Every union man and woman, and every liberal for that matter, must view with the gravest alarm the threats of violence against the Socialist Workers Party by the officialdom of the AFL seamen's union. Responsible and progressive elements regardless of political beliefs, cannot be complacent towards an attempt to deprive a working class party of the rights of free speech and press by threats of brute force and raids on its headquarters. All minority opinion and organizations are threatened with intimidation and, in effect, with suppression by these powermad gangsters in control of the AFL seamen's union.

This is no private feud between the Socialist Workers Party and the Hall-Lundeberg gang. The facts in the case have been established at great length in The Militant. The waterfront lives under "The Shadow of the Blackjack," as the official organ of the independent Marine Firemen's Union puts it. Strikebreaking, union-raiding and the brutal suppression of rank and file criticism have become the primary strategy of the Hall-Lundeberg machine.

· Not only critics, but even those who dare ask "points of information" or presume to think differently than the administration, are pulled off ships, expelled from the union by kangaroo courts and driven out of the industry. The official union papers, which prohibit all free expression by the ranks, are jammed with-"confessions" and "retractions" by terrorized workers, a spectacle that strongly parallels the procedure in the blighted lands under Stalin's control.

Above all, this unscrupulous, dictatorial machine cannot tolerate any free and open discussion which would lead to an exposure of its notorious anti-labor practices. This suppression has partially succeeded within the union because of the machine's control of the jobs and livelihoods of the seamen. But it has no such power over the Socialist Workers Party. None of the thought-control, police-state bans decreed against Trotskyists in the SIU and SUP can silence the press of

In attempting to censor the press of the SWP by threats of violence these: pint-sized Hitlers are exceeding their "jurisdiction," to say nothing of running counter to the Constitution of the United States. This constitution guarantees the right of free speech and free press, and we aim to exercise them, with or without permission from Hall and Lundeberg. We believe that liberal and progressive labor opinion will back us up in this.

The Biggest Lie of All

"We enjoy more personal liberty in the" United States today than ever before," boasted Truman in his "State of the Union" message. You don't have to go farther than Washington, D. C., where Truman spoke, to know he lied.

Can a Negro sit anywhere on a bus in Washington? Can he eat in any restaurant, get a room in any hotel, send his children to any public school, live in any residential area, work in any government department? Would Truman like to take a poll of the Negro people in Washington about whether they are enjoying "more personal liberty than ever before"?

Would he be willing to submit the question to government employees in Washington? If they weren't too scared the FBI might find out how they would answer, they'd certainly not support Truman's boast. Washington is pervaded by an atmosphere of outright terror. Truman's "loyalty" purge, with its FBI wiretappers and snoopers, its dismissals without charges and open hearings, have made government employees afraid to open their mouths even in their own homes. They shake at the thought that maybe some malicious person will send an anonymous letter to the FBI that they once subscribed to the Nation magazine or voted for Norman Thomas in 1932.

... And this atmosphere has been spreading like a poison cloud over the whole country. They are forcing scientists and educators to take "loyalty" oaths; they are ferreting through the lists of public school teachers for "communists" and "subversives"; they are firing union militants as "poor security risks" and writing purge clauses into union contracts to permit corporations to kick out workers they accuse of "disloyalty."

"Un-American activities" investigations, frame-up "conspiracy" and spy trials, purges and "loyalty" oaths, wiretapping and stoolpigeons—these scream at us every day from the newspapers and radios. And the source is the White House itself.

Who dares to speak as he chooses today in America without fear of reprisal -FBI investigation, loss of job, "disloyalty" smear, even prison? That's the "personal liberty" the average American now "enjoys."

Labor Faces Political Betrayal

AFL President William Green has given virtual endorsement to the "strategy" of top Truman Democrats in Congress who have declared themselves opposed to any attempt to repeal the Taft-Hartley

Act in this session. Echoing the excuse of the Democratic leaders for abandoning the T-H repeal fight for another year, Green said in a New Year's statement that the prospects for repeal "do not augur well for success at the second session." He indicated the AFL would not press for action.

Rather, he said, "labor's best hope is for the election of a new Congress in November that will be committed to Taft-Hartley repeal." He failed to note that the present Democratic majority in Congress is already "committed to Taft-Hartley repeal."

The Associated Press has reported that CIO President Philip Murray said last week that "the Taft-Hartley Act will be repealed" in this session. If Murray made this statement, it can be considered conscious deception. He knows the Trumanites in Congress don't intend to make any fight on Taft-Hartley. And certainly there's no evidence that the CIO leaders intend to raise any serious fuss about it.

The Trumanites don't want the Slave Labor Law repealed-at least not in this session. They want it to remain as a campaign issue around which to appeal for the election of more Democrats to Congress next November. This is the real motivation of the Trumanite "strategy,"

as the current United Mine Workers Journal correctly points out. "It is evident the administration prefers to retain the NAM-T-H Law as an issue rather than make a genuine effort to get it off the statute books," says the Journal.

One of the main reasons why Truman isn't anxious to press the Taft-Hartley issue, and plans only to "make the record" on civil rights legislation, is his desire to appease the powerful right wing of the Democratic Party, particularly the Southern Democrats. He knows that if Taft-Hartley repeal comes to a vote, a large number of Democrats will vote against repeal as they did last year.

And that's one big reason why the union leaders like Green aren't anxious for the issue to come up for Congressional vote before the November elections. They'd have a hard time convincing union workers that Democrats who vote to keep Taft-Hartley are "progressives" and

"friends of labor." With few exceptions, the union leaders plan to support regular Democrats, no matter how corrupt and reactionary. This is indicated by the list of 26 Senators and 81 Representatives which the AFL's Political League has called on its members to defeat next November. Of the 26 Southern Democrats in the Senate, only one-Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, a bitter foe of Truman-is on the list. And only two Southern Democratic members of the House, Chatham and Bulwinkle, both of North Carolina.

'Social Scientists' and Labor

American Economic Association, essions, Dec. 27-30.

No matter whether these top oflation and high military exe penditures, or trends in the economy and concentration of ecoomic power, they found themelves doing nothing more origina' han echoing Big Business deinand for a docile labor force abdicated so much of their time in favor of "outside" speakers.

NAM DARLING SPEAKS

Thus, at the session on "Capital" sin and Economic Progress," disof the American Economic Association and Economic History Association, and presided over ov the erstwhile liberal ("near-Marxist" during depression perchief speakers was George W Cerhough of the reactionary Mastiture. This darling of the NAM is

f the "free enterprise system." he answer to the Nathan report barries could not "afford" the think that this topic referred entives to enterprise" it was.

Where Yugoslav Policy Is Basically at Fault

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signing of the trade agreement

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for Yugoslavia to seek loans

abroad and to enter into trade

agreements with Western Europe.

In general it would not have

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with Britain.

The keynote struck at the an-helped to clarify the trends in J. J. Spengler, professor at the qual conventions of the high the economy, the relations of "Harvard of the South" (Duke cademic societies, including the social forces, and even to challenge or at least criticize the "decline" of the whole world as Economic History Association, nunopolist powers. Those days, the Industrial Relations Research however, seem to have ended. Association, the American Poli- What we witnessed this year was because it votes, it is a potent tical Science Association and a the spectacle of a John Foster dozen others, was strongly anti- Dulies and of a brass hat speaklabor. This note was sounded on ing of a "hypothetical" enemy, tical levels." Moreover, he conthe first day of their conventions and of eminent names in the ecoin New York City and it con nomic field abandoning their even when laws are enacted thued throughout their four day findings of years for the sake of "peace."

conomists and self-styled "social Hurvard University, who had in | Finding Boards have changed the cientists" dealt with history and fluenced American economic strength of labor." Spengler conomic progress or present-day thought for more than a decade could think of no panaceas, but as the father of the theory of felt that if Professor Lindbloom "Imperfect Competition," n o w was right in his book on Unions rose to state that it had been and Capitalism the "unions are widely"misunderstood" and wrong incompatible with private capitaltheories of "exploitation" derived ism." from it. Chamberlin admitted that morropoly has been "built into" No wonder that these savants the economy, but insisted at the same time that "the welfare state people attending these convenideal itself involves both competition or more monopoly. This who have become members of the cassed under the joint auspices contribution was about as useful Executive Boards of these oras most of the others.

PATHETIC LEVEL .

About all that was left of academic chairs, liberal thought were appeals iod) Louis M. Hacker, one of the against considering Keynes as a are fledgling "social scientists" "cinister revival of Marx in who came as "discussants" thinery and Allied Products In- to which liberal thinking has sunk papers that ostensibly take issue alled upon in any emergency to Blors and American Capitalism," reality kowtow to them. And mswer any and every criticism in which most of "the allied social finally there is the 97% rank and n the New Deal days he was including the American Economic jobs, or none at all, and who hope called upon to give Big Business' Association, American Political to improve their lot by "conanswer to the TNEC findings on Science Association, American tacting" the right people and tlie concentration of economic Sociological Society and the Inpower. In recent days he provided dustrial Relations Research Assoriation.

and "proved" Ahat the steel Lest any unsuspecting reader pension plan. He asked the American capitalism's relations to audience "to relax" and treat other capitalist powers, let me what he had to say as a sermon. hasten to assure that in "scien-And a sermon against "the con- tific" lingo "economic power spiracy of the unions and the blocs" means "interest groups' government" against "private in- and - you can guess it - that the most powerful "economic the uselves with the workers in There were years when these bloc" against which the entire a struggle to reconstruct society enventions used to be presented session was directed was - labor. in their common interests.

The American Stalinists are ap- United States and Western capital- | Council but on the field of the

let no opportunity slip. And the entering into trade agreements against the kremlings the pro-

they have little or no control:

Here, shricks the Daily Worker, abandoning internationalism, in isi confederation is being felt

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federation; the Titoists favor it

Without appealing to the in-

ternational working class and

mobilizing its support, the posi-

tion of Yugoslavia remains un-

tenable. But internationally the

Titoists continue to place stress

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iosi time in lying about and hand work of the Kremlin.

slandering Yugoslavia. They now blame the Yugoslavs for

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blockade imposed by Stalin and, but do nothing to premote it.

University), that he foresees the a result of it. He concluded that because labor is so numerous and "power economic bloc" influencing economic decisions "on high politinued, labor is so strong that against it they are unenforceable: "Neither the Taft-Hartley Thus E. H. Chamberlin of Act nor the Government Fact-

PITTFUL BLINDNESS

Within the ranks of some 4,000 tions there are quite sharp caste netition and monopoly," and distinctions. There is the top 1% lience it "is no longer clear where who have climbed as high as the we should move" - to more come academic ladder will take them, ganizations and who try to make contacts in the world of finance with philanthropists to endow

Then there is another 2% who medern dress." The pathetic level that s, they come prepared with can best be illustrated by the with the papers of the older men session on "Economic'. Power or invited speakers, but which in science association" participated. file who have very poor teaching making a good impression. When enough back slapping of the right persons has taken place, they nom to berate labor themselves or applaud those who do.

The pitiful thing about their behavior is that they, like the labor movement, are victims of capitalist insecurity and have

One of the major weapons the

Yugoslavs have in their struggle

program is to arouse tremendous

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What is reprehensible is the the Balkan's but throughout

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THE STRANGE CASE OF GENERAL YAMASHITA

By John G. Wright

The Case of General Yamashita by A. Frank Reel is an excelently documented and eye-witness account of the first American war crimes" trial. It was staged under Gen. MacArthur's orders n Manila toward the end of 1945. (University of Chicago Press, 1949. 324 pp., \$4.)

The author, one of the men assigned as defense counsel in the case, was a practicing labor lawyer in Massachusetts before the war and brings a crusader's zeal to his treatment of the subject.

In Reel's opinion - buttressed by facts, arguments and detailed malysis - the trial of Yamashita was a legal farce - "unjust, hypocritical and vindictive." The defendant was deprived of his most elementary rights and condemned unjustly by a military kangaroo court. When the case came up for review before the U.S. Supreme Court, two Justices — Rutledge and Murphy — filed dissenting opin-

The defendant Yamashita did not arrive in the Philippines until early in October 1944, that is, shortly before the unleashing of the American offensive for the recapture of these islands. He surrendered in September 1945. He was thus in no way connected with any fighting in the Philippines prior to that time or with the "Bataan leath march of 1942."

Prior to his assignment to the Philippines, Yamashita's active role in the war was confined to his feat in the Malayan campaign where with 30,000 troops he bluffed the British into surrendering Singapore with 100,000 troops. Thereafter he was sent to Northern Manchuria where he drilled troops thousands of miles away from

Yamashita was apparently in bad odor with the reigning, Japanese Army circles, especially Tojo, and was being victimized by them before he fell — as a convenient scapegoat — into the clutches of the American Big Brass, headed by MacArthur.

Among the most flagrant features of his trial was the nature "evidence" that was ruled admissible. MacArthur instructed the military commission of five American generals to admit any and all evidence which "in its opinion would be of assistance in proving or disproving the charge, or such as in the commission's opinion would have probative value in the mind of a reasonable man."

Guided by this sweeping directive permitting them to do as they ze pleased, the commission admitted not only perjured witnesses, affidavits, depositions and other statements, impossible to verify, but also hearsay and opinion evidence tendered by the prosecution. Newspaper accounts and even a Hollywood movie, "Orders from Tokyo," figured as "evidence."

While for twenty days the court heard testimony of this sort, the defense found itself denied the opportunity for any adequate wander back to the discussion preparation. Three weeks before the trial began a bill of particulars was presented "specifying 64 items setting forth a vast number of atrocities and crimes allegedly committed by troops" under Yamashita's command. On the first day of the trial, the prosecution filed 59 more specifications "of the same general character, involving perhaps as many incidents occurring over an equally wide area." The defense was never granted an opportunity to prepare for the everything to gain by allying supplementary kill, although this was originally promised and subsequently artitrarily denied.

Taking the stand in his own defense, Yamashita denied all the charges against him, pointing out that nine days after his arrival n the unfamiliar situation in the Philippines he was "confronted with a superior American force." His troops were scattered, his communications were poor and at no time was he able "to make personal inspection and to coordinate the units under my command."

"The facts are." Yamashita testified. "that I was constantly under attack by large American forces, and I have been under preessure day and night. Under these circumstances I had to plan, study and carry out plans of how to combat superior American Torces, and it took all my time and effort." How, he asked, could he be held responsible for the action of troops from whom he was cut off and of whose activities he knew nothing?

Yamashita's testimony stood up under grueling cross-examination and there was not a shred of evidence produced at the trial that he had either knowledge of or was personally connected with any of the atrocities and innumerable "war crimes" charged against latest occasion has been provided or taking loans is to blame them gram of the Bakkan Federation. him.

Workings of the Military Mind

MacArthury from Tokyo where he took Emperor Hirohito and other eminent Japanese "war criminals" under his wing, brought pressure to bear for haste. Justice Murphy characterized it as "needess and unseemly haste." Reel suggests that MacArthur's impatience was at least in part explainable by personal political considerations. He was anxious to get the Yamashita trial out of the way before the Nuremberg trials began. "Within a matter of weeks or even days, Nuremberg and not Manila would command the headlines in American newspapers."

In the opinion of Justice Murphy, Yamashita "was rushed to trial under an improper charge, given insufficient time to prepare an adequate defense, deprived of the benefits of some of the most elementary rules of evidence, and summarily sentenced to be hanged."

Justice Rutledge was equally emphatic in his opinion that Yamashita was denied a "fair trial." The majority of the Supreme Court, however, placed its seal of approval on the Manila travesty. MacArthur hanged Yamashita.

What makes this book particularly valuable is that it provides an insight into the workings of the military mind that is asserting itself more and more in the conduct of this country's affairs. Militarists like MacArthur are simply the purest expressions of this authoritarian type. Witch-hunter Tom Clark, who now sits on the Supreme Court, is a civilian counter-part of these ruthless enemies of civil rights.

Let us recall that what was cynically denied to a defeated Japanese general at Manila has since been denied at home to thousands of civilian employees of the federal government and other victims of the "loyalty purge" — without even the formality of public hearings, let alone a public trial.

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The finance capitalists who control American economy have a colossal accumulation of idle capital. They cannot invest it profitably at home where production has since 1948 far outstripped the domestic market. To find fields for profitable investment all over the globe has become a life and death problem for them,

Arthur Gorman, financial writer, in the Jan. 3 N. Y. World-Telegram says that this year will provide nothing less than "a test by fire" for Truman's Point Four program, which is designed to tremendously expand American capitalist investments in colonial and semi-colonial countries. This, says Gorman, "is the biggest challenge the capitalist system has ever faced."

"If the [capitalist] system is to survive," he declares, "the United States must take over a capital exporting role similar to that played by Great Britain in the 19th Century." But the obstacles to this, he confesses, are truly "forbidding."

For one thing, a large portion of Europe and Asia, comprising the Soviet Union and countries under Kremlin control, are "out of the orbit of potential capitalist markets." Throughout the rest-of the world "governments are unstable." Consequently, "the 'climate' is said to be unfavorable over most of the earth's surface for profitable foreign investment."

The "top brains in America," he adds, have been "seeking for six years now a solution to the riddle of putting U. S. capital to work abroad in a satisfactory way" - that is, in a profitable way. But no solution has been found.

It can be solved - even temporarily - only by forcing every other nation to permit the investment of American capital on a preferred basis, with no taxes, with no restrictions on the Of Census Bureau withdrawal of profits to America. This means other nations must agree to become complete vassals to American finance capital, to Wall Street.

Alas, admits Gorman, "the prospects - except in a few scattered areas - are admittedly not

This dilemma - how to invest its "enormous 'superabundance of capital'" - was described decades ago by Lenin as the outstanding and unique feature of modern imperialist capitalism. The imperative need to find profitable fields for capital investment has twice exploded into world war between competing capitalist nations. It is this need which today gives terrific impulsion to American imperialism for war against the Soviet total unemployment "estimates?" Union and to secure Wall Street's domination of

But Lenin pointed out, in his book Imperialism, if capitalism "could raise the standard of living srbitrary and fail to include of the masses, who are everywhere still povertystricken and underfed, in spite of the amazing advance in technical knowledge, there could be no talk of a superabundance of capital."

Only under socialism can the "superabundance of capital," transformed into social wealth, be on public relief rolls, and still utilized for the needs of the people. So long as others who somehow are not private profit remains the mainspring of American economy, the accumulation of capital must remain a source of war and imperialist exploitation of the world masses.

A Letter of Thanks

By Rose Karsner

The following letter was written by Comrade Rose Karsner to the membership of Local New York of the Socialist Workers Party, thanking them for the dinner they had arranged in honor of her 60th birthday.] Dear Comrades:

I am just recovering from the dizziness occasioned by the event of my 60th birthday. Permit me, at this belated date, to thank you one and all for the beautiful luggage and the surprise dinner you tendered in my honor --- and a surprise it was indeed! More precisely stated, it was a shock.

Although the entire party knew about the dinner, I was completely in the dark about it. This was possible because in the first place I was recuperating from an illness and had not been around at headquarters for a number of days when the preparations were going on. Secondly, I could not, in my wildest dreams, suspect the party would single me out for such tribute. The gesture made me so dizzy that I was not able at the dinner to give voice to the thoughts that were racing in my head. Now I have sobered up and can speak out.

I was a symbol that night. A symbol of all the rank and file activists in our party, who plod along doing the day-to-day work, year in

and year out, unsung and frequently unnoticed. The dinner was a testimonial to these comrades. criminated against workers, Ne-

The occasion of my 60th birthday was an opportunity for the Party to publicly declare its high esteem of the valuable contribution to the building of the Trotskyist movement made by what are known as the Jimmy Higginses, to tell the activists of each and every branch how 1 in 8 of all non-farm laborers highly the Party values their work.

I feel gratified that our National Committee had the wisdom to take advantage of this opportunity. I am happy that I was able to be the medium through which the Party could tender such a public testimonial to our activists.

This is the first time in the history of the Trotskyist movement that our national leadership made such an avowal of what it always thought about the Jimmy Riggins worker. I am sure it won't be the last.

To Local New York goes the honor of organizing the first national testimonial to the rank and file activists of the SWP.

Together with all the other activists in our Party - my thanks!

Rose Karsner

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Jobless Estimates Highly Doctored

By Robert Phillips

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That government estimates of total unemployment in the U.S. are questionable was admitted by Philip M. Hauser of the Bureau of the Census, in a paper presented before the American Statistical Association on Dec. 29.

In response to a question, Hauser admitted that Census are "not very meaningful," that the methods for determining just who are the unemployed are workers who are employed for one day a week, others who have become discouraged because of a long period of unemployment and who in desperation have gone classified as unemployed despite the fact that they're not working.

More detailed "statistics" presented in Hauser's paper rip the cover from the current so-called 'low level" of unemployment, 514% of the labor force. They show heavy concentrations of unemployment in the textile areas of New England and the South, in one-industry towns, and especially among the most dis-

groes and laborers. While one worker out of every workers, and 12.8% or more than were unemployed. The statistitians gratuitously term these workers as "marginal," even ment among them approximates Dowson. Ex-police constable C. >the high-water mark of unem- H. Mahoney, campaigning on a vespectability. They vigorously ployment for all workers in the late thirties.

one out of every ten workers was McCallum, who boasted after his grams." Instead of a program unemployed for 6 months or more electoral victory that he had "no dealing with the real issues, they in 1949. With more than 500,000 reported as having exhausted their unemployment insurance again carried the banner of inbenefits today, this would mean | dependent political action for that actual total unemployment is more than 5 million, or 1.5 Canada's second largest city. million beyond the "total" re- Neither the influential reformported by the Census Bureau.

The mass of the government that the questionable statistics office, pecome even more questionable under class secutiny.

Backs Civil Rights Fight



Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn Dodgers second baseman, adds his voice to the growing demands for passage of civil rights legislation by the 81st Congress. Here he tells a press conference why he is "100% behind" the Jan. 15-17 Washington conference called by the NAACP and 50 other national organizations to rally public opinion in favor of the civil rights bills.

Dowson Gets 15,600 Votes 20 was unemployed in October 1949, 11.2% or 1 in 9 male Negro In Toronto Mayoralty Race

By Barry Brent

TORONTO, Jan. 3 - In its fourth successive campaign and will not permit delegates of for mayor, the Toronto branch of the Revolutionary Workthough the extent of unemploy- ers Party rolled up 15,600 votes behind its candidate. Ross

Further, the report states that cumbent, Tory wheel-horse Hiram pitiful little patch - work "proprogram," polled 133,320 votes.

The RWP, the Trotskyists, the entire labor movement in ist Co - operative Commonwealth Federation nor the Stalinist Labor so-called unemployment data Progressive Party put forward a shows clearly that the detailed candidate to challenge the capital- party issued a clarion call to the figures contradict the totals and ists for the highest seat in civic

Their campaigns for the lesser offices were permeated with

"common sense" platform, re- avoided their party labels and ceived 19,658 votes, while the in- gave no labor content to their offered themselves to the elecovate as the solvers of all problems.

> The RWP, on the other hand, bared the question as it is labor versus capital. Dowson pointed out that the City Hall ward-heelers are not guilty of "inchtitude" or "bungling" but of defending capitalism. The occanized labor movement of this city, 100,000 strong, to adopt and vote for a program of militant class struggle, aimed at the real issues confronting them, and to sweep a labor mayor into office as a big step on the road to a Wockers and Farmers Government. It pointed out that the only ultimate solution to the crisis of mankind was a new society based on production for use, not profit - the co-operative society of

socialism. The RWP campaign, though greatly limited by lack of funds and personnel, was hard-hitting real labor campaign of the election; as it has been for the last four years. Almost 40,000 copies of the party's election program were distributed at factory gates class areas. The Toronto branch's sound truck, emblazoned with signs, cruised through the crowded streets broadcasting its inspiring message of class struggle and socialism.

Dowson spoke at more than ; posing the capitalist politicians and putting forward the RWP program on unemployment, hous- a rotten leadership (which can The press, with last year's poll of 23,645 votes staring them in the face, was no longer able to maintain as an effective black-out on the RWP campaign. Scattered reports were printed on sections of Dowson's many speeches.

RWP PLEDGE

While the total vote rose in this olection, the labor vote for the most part declined or remained static. Last year the workers action for civil rights who are were inspired by the electora' being victimized and discriminattriu:aphs of the CCF; this year ed against by the NECRM leaderthe crushing federal election ship. defeat thrust many into apathy. | POLITICAL PARTIES This general condition, however, is not only a labor vote, but to

Civil Liberties Movement Can't Afford Blacklists

The decision to exclude "communist-front" and other organizations from the National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization will probably not have an important effect on the size or effectiveness of the >-

NECRM conference which is other American minorities than scheduled to meet in Washing- they are with the rights of the con Jan. 15-17 to press for the inhabitants of Mars. adoption of FEPC and other civil ights legislation.

But this decision raises crucial problems that can have disastrous there wouldn't be any need for a consequences for the organiza conference in Washington. (Intions participating in the conference, especially for the tions in the NECRM are led by NAACP, its initiator and spark-

The NAACP leadership had previously explained its refusal to invite the Civil Rights Con- parties all the more indefensible.) gress and other Stalinist-front organizations to serve as spon- parties like the Socialist Worksors of the mobilization on the crs Party (Trotskyist), who were ground that the Communist Party fighting for full social, economic betrayed the Negro struggle dur- and political equality for minoriing the war and has shown on many occasions that it favors NECRM affiliates were themmany occasions that it ravors seives still guilty of the worst civil rights for some people, Jim Crow practices. Furthermore, but not for all."

THEIR OWN BLACKLIST Since then, NECRM chairman

tee saying that they "do not want discrimination, such ['communist dominated'] organizations to be registered" : the Washington conference because they don't consider them to be "motivated by a sincere desire, to bring about the speedy enactment of FEPC, and the entire c.vi rights program.

letter were "the Civil Rights Congress, all political parties, and the ten unions now under investigation by CIO on charges of Communist domination: American Communications Association; Fishermen and Allied Workers; Food, Tobacco, Agriculfural and Allied Workers: United Public Workers; United Office and Professional Workers; Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers: Fur and Leather Workers; International Longshoremen and Warehousemen; Marine Cooks and Stewards; United discrimination with regard to Furniture Workers."

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But how do you judge if an organization is "motivated by a civil rights bills? Do you use a crystal ball? When two organizations say that they are for such legislation, how do you decide that one is sincere but the other is deceitful?

Clearly enough, the criterion being used by the NECRM leaders is arbitrary in the extreme and it lends itself to all kinds of discriminatory abuses. No movement dedicated to a fight against discrimination can benefit from the practice of discrimination; on the contrary, it serves only to discredit itself and detract from its own efforts to secure passage of the civil rights bills.

HARMFUL EFFECTS.

The stupid and reactionary effects of this policy are illustrated in the case of the ten labor organizations on the NECRM's "blacklist." They may not be large and they may suffer from also be said of some of the groups permitted to participate) but that doesn't change the fact that they are genuine unions, representing thousands of workers.

Even if the NECRM leaders are convinced that the leaders of these ten unions are not "sincere," can they say the same about the members of these On election night hundreds of unions and do they have the right thousands of listeners heard to bar these union members from participation in a fight for civil rights legislation which vitally affects their welfare?

All that is achieved by this method is to bar thousands of workers, whose sincerity is as great as that of any NECRM leader, from a fight in which they belong as the union allies of the Negro people. Instead of hurting the Stalinists, it only plays into their hands by enabling them to pose before the members of these unions as advocates of united

Just as false is the ban on "all importance to the RWP vote. It that some political parties express interest in civil rights legislation only for demagogic reasons and with the rights of Negroes and

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The Democratic and Republican parties certainly fit into this category; if they didn't, cidentally, most of the organizamembers of these parties, but they are not barred - which makes the exclusion of bona fide unions led by members of other

On the other hand, there are ties at a time when many of the the SWP was the first to hail the dea of a united Negro and labor conference on civil rights in Roy Wilkins and secretary Arnold Washington. There is only one Aronson have issued a letter on rame for the exclusion of such behalf of the steering commit- groups, and that is rank political

HOW TO FIGHT

We Trotskyists don't condemn the NECRM blacklist procedure because, we are opposed to fighting Stalinism; we condemn it because it does not and cannot fight Stalinism effectively. The way to fight Stalinism is by counterposing to it a superior program and convincing the masses that it is superior, not by adopting the bureaucratic methods against political opponents which the Stalinists specialize in and which always boomerang against their

Aside from the effect of this policy on the NECRM, a temporary grouping, we are conterned with its implications for the NAACP, the most important Negro organization in the U.S. Up to now, the NAACP has cor-"ectly followed the policy of nonthe politics of its members; it has not trafficked in "loyalty" oaths: and its constitution does not disqualify any member from holding office merely because of his

political views or affiliations. But what will be the result of this new criterion of "sincerity" which its leaders have adopted with regard to the NECRM? Does this foreshadow the adoption of similar procedure within the NAACP itself?

NAACP FUTURE AT STAKE

We ask these questions because it is no secret that the Stalinists are engaged in a serious campaign to take over the NAACP and that they have already scored successes in the elections for executive board in some importantbranches. It is likewise no secret that this Stalinist campaign has been made easier because of the drastic decline in NAACP membership (a 40% loss during the last year alone).

The temptation to fight the Stalinists by witch-hunt methods (as the CIO leaders are doing) must be very great in top NAACP circles today. If they yield to it, they may be able to do some temporary damage to the Stalinists but it will be at the cost of far greater damage to the NAACP itself. In fact, we don't hesitate to predict that attempts to impose on the NAACP the discriminatory policies adopted by the NECRM would make a shambles of the NAACP and further reduce the support for which it relies in the Negro comnunity.

The members of the NAACP have a duty to perform. They should let their leaders know that they will not tolerate any political purges within their own ranks, and that they don't view with favor the discriminatory policy their leaders accepted in the NECRM. The fight for full equality has enough difficulties to overcome without being burdened by a system of thought-control inside the NAACP.

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Notes from the News

"THE BROOKLYN EAGLE has learned that Carlo Tresca was murdered on the order of the Italian Fascists for \$500,000 paid to the crime syndicate that rules in New York and other cities of the United States," Ed Reid wrote in that paper last week. The Tresca Memorial Committee is asking that Reid appear before a grand jury to tell what he knows. The Committee's annual commemoration of Tresca will be held Wed., Jan. 11, 8:15 P. M., the seventh-anniversary of his murder, at the northwest corner of Fifth Ave. and 15th St., New York City.

AFL AND CIO LEADERS are pleading with the New York City administration not to go through with the 5% cut in relief allowances scheduled to go into effect on Jan. 16. Just two months ago these same labor leaders were pleading with the voters, including those on relief, to elect the same administration instituting this cut in their living standards.

STRIKES IN 1949 accounted for the loss of 53 million man-days in the U.S. This was the second highest figure in the country's history, about 50% higher than in 1948. 1946 was the highest year, with 116 faillion man-days lost

through strikes. In that year 4,600,000 workers were involved in work stoppages; in 1948 the figure was 1,960,000; and last year it was 3,100,000.

THREE NEGROES were lynched in the South last year, according to the annual Tuskegee Institute report, but this does not include the many cases of murder "similar to lynching," such as killings by one or two persons rather than mobs, killings by deputies "bent on vengeance," etc.

SOCIALIST PARTY Labor Secretary William Becker has resigned that post to become an organizer of the AFL National Farm Labor Union in California. Norman Thomas deplored the lack of "financial and other resources" which prevented the SP from keeping Becker on its staff.

less a highly profitable one, was kept a deep secret up to the last moment. 1,200 employees have been thrown out on the streets.

CHINESE POLICY

Thus, in the Far East the Truof communism," has meant above ernment of India in acting as a guish between the Truman adall the prevention of revolution native pillar of western imperial ministration, which supplied and its containment if it did ism. break out. In accordance with this policy, the State Department tried to speed establishment of tical support, and the American bolstered up those native elements, | Since this unclean puppet governmainly the colonial bourgeoisie, who were inclined by their own economic interests to fall in line with imperialist aims.

Consequently, when the flames of the peasant uprising spread like a grass fire across China, lighting the skies of the whole hastened preparations to fall back well as native reaction. to other positions.

POLICY IN FAR EAST,

The pretense at "democratiz-And now MacArthur has gone so far as to enunciate the "right" India. The squabble over Formosa ment of China should be offered off the ship by union officials in dictional rights and I will do so of the Mikado's regime to "selfdefense," which is a diplomatic in the general retreat. way of calling for the rearmament of Japan.

In Indonesia, where a servile native bourgeoisie opened up the ple of Truman's reactionary

of western imperialism, Washing-Ibillions of dollars poured down Far East and blow the whole ton pressured its Dutch cousins the Nationalist drain, America Sakarno will follow in the path East, who constitute the majority man Doctrine,"the containment marked out by the Nehru gov- of mankind, do not easily distin-

> The French capitalists have style with money, arms and poliment, however, lacks the slightest foreign policy. semblance of mass support, Washington has listened sympathetic-

arms to hold the line there. The Philippines have not been further delay and the renunciation breaking in the Canadian Sea- should be done by the longshoreleft out of the calculations. There of any further support of Chiang men's strike. the American military machine or his reactionary clique. Far East, the State Department has strengthened its own bases as: Food and clothing should be of the SS Island Mail was ordered be or you wouldn't be giving evenue.

Doctrine in the Far East, American imperialism has thus been by the prolonged strife for which The crew had made its contribution the rest of the Commies." To forced to drop back from its the Truman administration bears tions prior to the adoption of a make his point more emphatic, ing" Japan was cut short. Reac- front line trenches in China to a big share of the responsibility. resolution by an intimidated mem- bundeberg added: "I can bring tion was given the green light. the second line of defense reach- Economic and financial aid to bership forbidding such contributyou up on charges on the basis ing in the arc from Japan to speed the long-range develop-tions. The crew had been ordered of your not protecting our jurisrepresents only a tactical phase on a generous scale with no Scattle and instructed to go to if you don't shut up!"

HIGH COST

The cost to the American peothat would act as a loyal agency has been high. Aside from the people

THE N. Y. SUN, one of the oldest dailies in the country, has been bought out by the Scripps-Howard newspaper trust. The former owners of the Sun hypocritically blamed the unions for "forcing" the paper out of existence. The transaction, doubt-

colonial empire of world imperial- into granting them a degree of has lost incalculable resources of tion to their bureaucratic, dicta- had in any way opposed Mahoney's autonomy. The hope is that friendship. The people in the Far torial and strikebreaking rule.

has consistently fostered and the Bao Dai regime in Indo-China. working people who were never Mahoney, a veteran member of Machine's witch hunt." consulted about this reactionary the Sailors Union, was expelled 4. An old-time member of To win back that friendship stitution, for the "crime" of SUP meeting in San Francisco will not be easy. A start can be having asked a "point of in- on November 14 to complain that ally to French pleas for more made by demanding recognition formation" at a union meeting shoring up of cargo on ships was that the RWP pledges to carry of the new government without about Hall-Lundeberg's strike- too much work for one man and

Chiang's dictatorship in lavish

sent at once to relieve the worst expelled by the Lundeberg ma- away our jurisdiction to the In carrying out the Truman distress. We should help rebuild chine for having contributed to Commiss. If you don't like this bhe land and industries gutted the Mahoney Defense Committee, union, get the hell out and join

strings attached. possibility of a nationalist regime policy in China and the Far East for the long-suffering Chinese men under charges and they ing to run this union like Hitler a very large extent a socialist that they are no more concerned remained aboard ship.

SIU OFFICIALS CONTINUE

(Continued from page 1) men's unions."

the nammer and sickle."

AFL Scamen's union, respon. Mahoney. sibility for it cannot be attributed

organ of the Mahoney Defense ren Gillard and Warren Stiles . .

1. The entire deck department

members of the Marine Fine- Murco, was pulled off the SS Chief Washakie in Oakland, and After marshalling names and his SUP union book was taken places in two full editorial columns from him. He was then charged to demonstrate the methods of with thinking that Mahoney had and impressive. It was the only cannibal unionism employed by not had a fair trial and expelled. Hall-Lundeberg, and Co. against A replacement was sent by the the Firemen's Union, the paper union officials to take his job on concludes: "While the shadow of the ship. De Marco was "tried" the blackjack hangs over us, by members of the union's negowe'll resist it. It's just as bad as tiating committee, all on the union and door-to-door in the working payroll. Three other members of Whether or not the Fox incident the crew of the same ship had in Seattle had any connection their books returned after signing with the internal struggle in the a statement retracting support of

3. "The machine," writes the to the Trotskyists except by Defender, "is yanking members scoundrels and liars. It must be off ships, pulling books, and score of election meetings, exlaid directly at the doorstep of forcing retractions from members the Hall-Lundeberg machine under the threat of expulsion." which has created an atmosphere [An entire page of the Dec. 16] of terror and intimidation for West Coast Sailors, is filled with ing, taxation, the franchise, etc. the purpose of stifling all opposi- "retractions" from seamen who expulsionl. "In addition to the The Hall-Lundeberg reign of retractions forced from the crew terror is reported in elaborate of the Mission San Gabriel and detail in the Dec. 20 Defender, the expulsions of Brothers War-Committee. Here are a few of the two members of the India Mail developments they recount which and six members of the Terminal have taken place since John Knot have suffered from the

men. This was Lundeberg's reply

"You're a Commie. You must

Seattle and stand trial. Fort- At this point a member at the That's in the spirit of the real unately their refusal to comply rear of the hall shouted out what gives even greater weight and political parties." We all know America, the America of the with this order was backed up everyone must have been thinkworking people who feel the by the Seattle membership who ling: "There have been enough warmest friendship and sympathy refused to take the jobs of the expulsions already. You are tryran Germany.'

2. A young seamen, Tony De

in violation of the union's con- the union took the floor in an

Dowson over the air between election results. He pointed out that his defeat was a defeat for al! labor, ending with a declaration forward its campaign for socialist e lancipation every day of the year, through every possible

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