NEW YORK, Jan. 31 — The American Civil Liberties Union is undertaking a "preliminary study" of widespread violations of members' democratic rights by officials of

several AFL and CIO unions, the D-ACLU Board of Directors has Maritime Union and in the AFL

"Within recent weeks the ACLU has been disturbed by numerous Pacific. reports of illegal and undemocratic procedures in disciplinary bers taken by national administrations of several CIO and AFL unions," the Board states. The majority of cases "appear to have tion to the policies of the national press are rampant." leadership or the expression of opinions."

Although it does not name them specifically, the ACLU statement makes clear that its investigation is aimed primarily at practices in the CIO National

Newark Banquet For Jim Kutcher **Highly Successful**

J. Moran, Newark Director of Public Affairs, headed the list of prominent public figures here who warmly greeted James Kutcher at a homecoming dinner in his honor tonight at the Cadillac Restaurant. The banquet, sponsored by the New Jersey Kutcher Civil Arthur Garfield Hays, acting Rights Committee, marked the veteran's return from a sixmonths tour during which he presented the issues in his case to large sections of the labor movement and civil rights groups from coast to coast.

"This is more than a case of fighting for a veteran of World War II who has lost his limbs" said Moran. "This is an over-all fight on a fundamental principle of liberty and democracy. As one of the five city commissioners, I replied that the union had anam more than proud to lend swered charges of discrimination whatever assistance I can to the support of James Kutcher."

PROMINENT SPEAKERS

Warm applause frequently interrupted the militant speeches by the numerous labor and civic leaders who participated in Kuting was Peter J. Flynn, secretary-

International Seafarers Union and its affiliated Sailors Union of the

The ACLU reports "cases where membership books, without which proceedings of trade union mem- an individual's economic existence is imperiled, have been taken up sometimes by the use of force; outright expulsion of members has been practiced" and "violaresulted from individual oppositions of free speech and free

Stressing its non-partisanship, unpopular minority political the ACLU states its purpose "is not to condone of condemn the political beliefs of either individual members or heads of unions," but simply "to discover if, and to what extent, the civil liberties of working men and women have been violated." It asks cooperation of union leaders and members in its inquiry.

Another ACLU statement, reeased today, d'rects attention to the notorious Jim Crow practices in the SIU-AFL. It reports that in reply to protests which the ACLU has made to the New York State Commission Against Disrimination, the SCAD has informed the ACLU that the SIU "had still not accepted 'in toto' a suggested program to end such practices.

ACLU Board Chairman John Haynes Holmes, general counsel director Clifford Forster, Herbert Horthrup, chairman of the ACLU Labor Committee, and New York City ACLU director, Rev. John Paul Jones, have protested that "the SIU maintains separate hirthe SIU maintains separate hir-City ACLU director, Rev. John Paul Jones, have protested that ing halls for Negroes and whites and that Negroes are dispatched only to the stewards department for employment regardless of their individual qualifications."

The ACLU reports that SCAD Chairman Edward W. Edwards by stating that a single hiring hall "is impossible in view of the physical limitations of the union headquarters, but that larger quarters are being sought and when a new location is found the segregated hiring hall will be eliminated." SIU officials tried to production" basis without a concher's homecoming dinner. Presid- justify their Jim Crow practices on the ground of "practical diftreasurer of the New Jersey State ferences" and asked for more junction. CIO Council and chairman of the (Continued on page 4) time "to eliminate existing segre-gation . . . on a gradual basis." Truman did not refer specifically to the Taft-Hartley Act.

Workers.

But his direct intervention and his

emphasis on his "grave concern"

about the continued strike of more

than 100,000 soft coal miners and

the three-day week, left no doubt

that he intends to wield the Slave

Labor Law if the miners don't

resume five-day work on terms

Truman's ultimatum, to which

terms of a proposal for "volun-

with a gun pointed at his head.

Truman demanded a 70 - day

"truce" during which the miners

would go back to "normal produc-

dictated by the owners.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS VOTE FOR MERGER WITH SP

By a narrow margin the members of the Social Democratic Federation have voted in favor of merging their he demanded a reply by 5 P.M. on organization with the Socialist Party. Since a simultaneous Saturday, Feb. 4, was couched in referendum of the SP also ap-

tion some time this year.

Three-fourths of the SDF membership participated in the re- adopted as World War II apferendum voting. Of these, 52.6% proached, and by the "critical voted in favor of unity with the support" the Norman Thomas tion" at the wages and conditions SP, and 47.2% voted against. 64.8% voted in favor of simultaneous conventions of the two years the SP has supported the would pick a three-man "factgroups to consider a program for organic unity, and 35.2% voted in referendum neither to oppose dispute and bring in recommendaagainst.

The SP vote showed a considerably greater desire for unity, 86% voting for unity and simultaneous conventions and 14% against. This was a reflection of the fact that the SP membership is demoralized, sees no future as an independent organization and has come around to the viewpoint of the SDF on the major political questions over which their split took place in 1936.

While the SP referendum therefore took no stand on any programmatic questions, the SDF voted on two "advisory motions" to guide their leadership in the unity negotiations.

At the time of the SDF split.

NMU Seaman Reject Combat Communism," held in Curran Purge Move

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 - The Curran machine in the National opposition. By a vote of 902 to Brotherhoods officials. 827 the N. Y. membership meetofficial duties. The voting at the State." meeting was conducted by the Honest Ballot Association.

proved the merger, the prospect the SP leadership was flirting tary action, not compulsion." But is that the Social Democrats will with the idea of a centrist posi- it would be about as "voluntary" be reunited in a single organiza- tion of opposition to imperialist as a man handing over his wallet war. How little this meant was shown by the pacifist policy they leadership gave U. S. imperialism prevailing under the old contract after the war began. In recent that expired last July. Truman Marshall Plan and last fall voted finding" board to "study" the nor support the Atlantic Pact, while leaving its members free to do as they please.

But the SDF is more brazen Why not? It would give them 70 days to pile up surplus coal, and (Continued on page 4)

tions 60 days after Feb. 6. The mine owners immediately indicated delight at this proposal.

FER. 2 - The need for all-out | by then the cold-weather "burn- | ed out, "they are confident they

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THE DECISION RESTS

WITH ME, AND ME

ALONE!

two days ago moved to stiffen tion to resist the miners' pressure. in steel." the resistance of the profiteering coal operators to the contract board the "findings" of his steel threatened from another angle by demands of the United Mine board have already indicated what the Truman administration. The On the eve of yesterday's established a principle of \$100-a- federal court yesterday to fight renewal of negotiations between month pensions including federal NLRB General Counsel Denham's the union and Northern and Western mine owners, Truman issued a virtual ultimatum to the miners to resume work on a "normal tract or be clubbed into submission with a Taft-Hartley in-Truman did not refer specicorporations that industry - wide Denham.

> monopoly." Naturally, the operators are most agreeable to "fact-finding" because, as the N. Y. Times point-

Beginning this week Ernest Germain,

noted Marxist writer, becomes a regular correspondent for The Militant with a new column dealing with current events and problems of world importance:

European Notebook

(See first article on Page 2 of this issue.)

labor support to the coal miners ing season" will be over. The have a strong case, particularly was underscored when Truman operators will be in better posi- in terms of the fact-finding report As for Truman's "fact-finding" | Meanwhile, the UMW is being

the miners can expect. That board miners' legal counsel were in social security; the miners now pet tion for an injunction under get \$100-a-month retirement pay- the Taft-Hartley Act to restrain ments over and above social the union from taking any action security. The steel board also laid in support of what the operators, down the general proposition that and Denham on their behalf, call there shall be no industry-wide the "illegal demands" of the wage increases. And it supported miners. Truman has ignored the contention of the monopoly labor's demand that he remove

collective bargaining means union UMW Pre has stated he will make known the union's reply to Truman's ult matum before the deadline. H has previously strongly assailed government intervent on through the "fact-finding" device.

other unions would undoubtedly time without a contract. evoke an enormous response from

The UMW leader's hand has been strengthened to resist Truman's strikebreaking intervention by the magnificent stand of the miners, whose "no contract, no work" strike - primarily in the coal subsidiaries of the steel cor-

H-Bomb Faces **Humanity With** Annihilation

SWP Leader To Be Honored

Workers of the World, Unite!

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MILITANT

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 - James P. Cannon, national secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, will by a dinner and social to be held production of the Hell-Bomb. major effectiveness, like that of here on Feb. 11. Friends and members of the party will join in wishing him a happy birthday and pay tribute to his 40 years of devoted service to the labor and socialist movement.

liis career as a fighter for in the IWW before World War I. Later he became a leader of the Social st Party left-wing and one

World War II. Irving Pl., Sat., Feb. 11 at 7 P.M. launched immediately. After the dinner there will be brief speeches and the program to the Hell-Bomb actually incan be made by writing the SWP mission for the dinner and pro-

CIVIL RIGHTS MENACED The American people have now What does the decision relating been told not only to accept a course that may lead to universal

will conclude with a social evening volve? It involves directly the at 116 University Pl. Reservations lives of millions of people, if not New York Local at that address, civilians in all cities, big and or calling Gramercy 5-8149. Ad- small, in this country and throughout the world, who are the real targets of the Hell-Bomb whose

PA. MINERS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE BATTLE

By F. Forest

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 29 — "No contract, no liberties. Let there be no illusions work" took on new significance last week when 4,000 miners met here and decided to strike until a contract was won. These men have been

without a contract for 7 months; very(high and so is their defiance porations—has grown more wide- on a 3-day week for 42 days, and of any and all who try to tell them spread since Truman's demand have now been either cut off they are a "monopoly" and have that they go back without a con- entirely from credit by the com- no say over "production." pany store or are limited to \$1 At this crucial juncture of the a day for the entire family, and capitalist press as a revolt trated in the question of who struggle, the intervention of the miners' families are large. The against Lewis. But as one local entire labor movement would last straw was the audacity of union official put it, "Hell, if prove decisive. A direct appeal the coal operators in going to Murray and Green had fought

moral support and material aid the coal operators and the govwomen can tip the balance in Hartley Slave Law against their favor of a speedy victory for the working conditions. Their ranks

This has been played up by the by Lewis to the CIO, AFL and court to force them to work full half as hard as Lewis and the UMW there would be no Taft-The miners said nothing doing, Hartley Law!" Another said, "We the rank and file of labor. The and showed their defiance of both are the vanguard of the whole of Washington University in St. labor movement. We have often of millions of union men and eroment trying to util ze the Taft- been way out front and here we favor of letting the people decide are again. But we know that if we take one single step backward. we will lose everything we have fought so hard to gain over these

TILL WE GET CONTRACT

Moose Hall where the union meets operators. "They" - that is how

Another said: The Wednesday he 's?" One old militant said cover today to get anywhere. And "He has no power whatever against all of us.'

labor when they claim they speak government during the war when agreement over how its mass pro-William Patterson was imprisoned duction should be undertaken. ting?" "Hasn't a man a right to

> The Militant was widely read (Continued on Page 4)

People Must Take the Power To Decide Peace or War

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

President Truman followed up his brazen declaration that the decision on making the Hell-Bomb was "his and his alone" by issuing on Jan. 31 the fateful order to go be honored on his 60th birthday full speed ahead with the mass 9-

Truman's Hell-Bomb order was the A-Bomb, lies in destroying timed deliberately with the not military objectives or forces publication of the semi-annual but primarily civilians, cities and report of the Atomic Energy industrial installations. Commission which boasts that the And the Hell-Bomb is merely mass production and stockpiling the second installment in the of A-Bombs has been greatly im- frantic atomic armaments race. orking class emancipation began proved and is proceeding at a There will follow inescapably the stepped-up pace. third, fourth and other install-

The same report indicates that ments, each spelling out more inthe Hell-Bomb project is already fernal destruction than the one of the founders of the CP. His beyond the blue-print stage and before. struggle for the principles of is actually in laboratory producevolutionary internationalism led tion. Senator McMahon, chairman to his expulsion from the Staliniz- of the Joint Congressional Atomic ed CP and the formation of the Committee, also deliberately left American Trotskyist movement, this impression at a press inter-He was imprisoned for opposing view on the eve of Truman's official announcement whose real The dinner will be held in the meaning is that the mass produc-Yew Starlight Restaurant, 55 tion of the Hell-Bomb is to be

suicide, destroying civilization and perhaps the planet itself; the all of them. It is the millions of Hell-Bomb decision involves directly all their democratic liberties as well. We have had a taste of what

The Hell-Bomb itself, with its

unlimited blast potential, spells

out the total annihilation of any

and all cities, any and all in-

habitants. How is it that such a

life-and-death decision is made

by a single individual?

happens to civil rights under a "security regime" involving the -Bomb. The production of the Hell-Bomb will provide the basis for a spy-mania and witch-hunts which will make the current ones pale by comparison. The Washington witch - hunters under the cover of "national security" will presently attempt to undertake the wholesale destruction of civil on this score. When it comes to the complete

surrender of their lives and their liberties, who must and should decide if not the people themelves? All these issues intimately linked with "the Hell-Bomb are more than ever before concenhail decide on whether there shall

LET PEOPLE DECIDE!

Dr. Arthur H. Compton, famous atom scientist and now Chancellor Louis, has come out publicly in on whether the Hell-Bomb shall be built or not.

In a statement issued Jan. 30 to the International News Service, Dr. Compton flatly rejected the contention that even this question could be safely left to "ex-Although it was Sunday, many perts, either militarists or scientists," and insisted that the decision must rest with the people.

> To be sure, Dr. Compton shies away from drawing the full and consistent conclusion that flows from his position, namely, that the people themselves must decide the over-riding question of peace or war. He even suggests that a "public opinion" poll would serve just as well. It would of course be little less than mockery to entrust the final say on any vital issue to the pollsters, the most discredited of all "experts."

But the gist of Dr. Compton's position is sound enough. It stands in refreshing contrast to the position of other scientists who have either remained silent in public, Some of the militants around or have plumped for the H-Bomb. here felt the full weight of the voicing this or that minor dis-

It is necessary to take the warmaking (not only Hell-Bomb probation periods. "Wild - cat- making) powers out of the hands of President and Congress and let the people themselves decide whether there shall be peace or atomic-hell war let loose upon our planet.

A 'Labor' Cover for the Legion-Hearst Mob So we had the spectacle of the company and made a speech in Harry Read of the CIO was and they were all talking exto deny civil rights to anyone By Art Preis they choose to call a "communist" CIO's National Secretary James which, while professing the need named to head the committee. c'tedly about the Wednesday There's nothing unique about Carey and Harry Read, the AFL's for opposing reaction in "peace- There was a good reason why this meeting of Lewis with the coal they were all white. The sponsors of the conference had Vice President Matthew Woll and time," he declared, "In the last choice was made and why anti-'overlooked" any invitation to Lewis Hines sitting cheek by war we joined with the Commun- "communist" union leaders were they referred to the coal opera-Negro organizations, however jowl with George Sokolsky, no- ists to fight the Fascists. In an- invited to play so prominent a tors - will know that we are

the American Legion and the Hearst press trying to whip up a mass vigilante movement against civil rights and "communism." From this stand-point the Legionsponsored and Hearst - promoted 'All - American Conference to New York City Jan. 28-29 was not especially newsworthy.

What gave this particular affair | BEDFELLOWS its special significance was its Maritime Union received it's first "United front" character, parmajor setback to-night in its ticularly the participation of attempt to purge the union of all leading CIO, AFL and Railroad

Together in one seething stew ing rejected the proposal of a of "anti-communism" were viruhand picked Curran trial commit- lent labor-haters and union oftee to remove Vice President Jack | ficials; fascists and self-professed | mission, reported that six organelected N. Y. NMU officials from red hot "socialism" and those who cause they were "extremely

in common beside a mutual desire tions.

an invitation to Merwin K. Hart's pro-fascist and ant'-Semitic National Economic Council, which had a representative participat-

Even though the publicity agents claimed that the 160 deletell - tale exclusiveness. W. C. Sawyer, director of the Legion's on the act." National Americanism Com-But all delegates had one thing refused to name these organiza- up and drop "the Bomb" first.

anti-"communist." But there was torious anti-labor columnist on the other war we will join the role at this conference by its staying out until we get a conhead of the strikebreaking Ameri- munists." can Legion; Senator Karl Mundt, gates from some 60 organizations that state's "Little Dies" Comrepresented "50,000,000 Ameri- mittee. The Chamber of Comcan citizens," there was a certain merce and National Association of Manufacturers were also "in Mundt, William Randolph

ous fascist movement that will communism" needs a "labor" develop in America.

A "LABOR" COVER

was a locked - door session from the Communist Party line." He U. S. if this country didn't hurry picked a 17-man steering com-

Hearst payroll; George N. Craig, Fascists to defeat the Com- anti-labor and fascist-minded tract. If you want to call it sponsors. Despite all their noise, "pressure," go ahead, said one. Carey wasn't waiting for the the professional witch-hunters of former acting chairman of the next war, however. Right in this the Hearst stripe represent only meeting doesn't matter, one way House Un-American Witch-Hunt "United Front against Commun- a small minority. The real or another, we will continue to Committee and co-author of the ism," he and the other union strength of the American people stay out until a contract is won, Mundt-Ferguson-Johnston police- spokesmen were joining forces resides in the working class and no matter what., As for Denham. state bill; Jack B. Tenney, Cali- with the very elements who will its unions. Even a Hearst-Ameri- his name is less than mud around form state senator who headed form the spearhead of any seri- can Legion "united front against here. "Who the hell does he think

that's what the Careys supply.

But these union officials betray The last day of the conference their trust and vilify organized Hearst Jr., Sokolsky, Lieut. Gen. which the press was barred. for millions of union workers in Lawrenson from office. Lawren- anti-fascists; anti-Semites and izations which had not been in- Walter Bedell Smith and Tenney Thereafter, the announcement was a movement sponsored by labor's under the Smith - Connally Act son was accused of opposing the Jews; those who damn even the vited, but which sought participa- keynoted the conference. All of made that another conference werst enemies, honey-combed with and two others got two-year illegal removal of regularly- "New Deal" and "Fair Deal" as tien, had been denied seating be- them foamed at the mouth about would be called to set up a per- Negro-haters and Jew-baiters and the "menace" of the Soviet Union mament organization and that aimed at the destruction of all office and with failure to perform sing hosannas to the "Welfare liberal or occasionally followed and what would happen to the Legion Commander Craig had democratic rights and liberal ideas work or not to work? Let them - including trade unionism - then go and dig the coal." mittee to direct the interim ac- under the heading of "combatting Carey got up in this unsavory tivities of the "United Front."

- European Notebook -

Europe, 1950

In 1900, world politics was European politics. The great European powers had divided the globe among themselves and as supreme rulers determined the fate of four continents. The English bourge- 9-

oisie ruled the seas and the mar- face is to be seen in every Eurokets. German capitalism ap- pean city. proached the pinnacle of its sci- In 1900, the rise of capitalist entific and economic progress. Europe saw at the same time the The French bankers were usurers rise of its gravediggers, the so-

become world politics. Europe is circles, advanced to the conquest divided between American imper- of the masses. In Germany, in ialism and the Stalinist bureauc- Sweden, in Austria, in Belgium, racy who as supreme rulers de- the socialist parties and trade termine its fate. The English unions already included the mabourgeoisie, having long since lost jority of the working class in their rule over the seas, see their their ranks. Everywhere, the proempire shrinking like a cheap suit letariat was gradually tearing itin the rain. The German capital- self free from a century of bruists are reduced to peddling their talization and ignorance, everyscientists and haggling over the where it was filled with fervent extent to which their factories hope of a better society. The road should be dismantled. As for the French bankers, they eke out their existence thanks only to the and the number of socialist workloans they receive from their ers is infinitely higher than it the ruins of Warsaw, in the Yu- for the defense of their elemen-American uncle.

In 1900, at its apogee, capitalist Europe was based on the exploitknights of European civilization put their brand on the African brush and the Pacific islands, the Arab oases and the towns of China. Everywhere famine, opium, syphilis and forced labor followed in the wake of the generals, the traders and the missionaries. They exterminated the Hereros in Southwest Africa; they depopulated entire regions in the Congo and New Guinea. Hunger, the most totalitarian force in the world, drove Chinese and Japan-

WARS AND REVOLUTIONS

en to forced labor, exterminated letariat.

cialist proletariat. Marxist ideas, In 1950, European politics has hardly emerged from intellectual to socialism seemed wide open.

In 1950, the number of workers was half a century ago. There is goslav forests and in the moun- tary rights. Through their exno country in Europe where the tains of Norway. majority of the working class is ation, poverty and degradation of not in organizations which claim ary mentality of the working lessons of the victories and the a day's work but also for of the democratic intervention of vesting the bureaucracy with ever three continents. The fervent to be based on the class struggle. class leaders no longer corredefeats of the past. The crisis of tardiness. Severest penalty of all the workers through freely func-

NEW BELIEFS

youth has not received any Marx- practice. ist education for more than two decades. The workers' organiza- the peak of its prosperity, the tions are covered with the most perspectives, considered retroabysmal crimes. For these rea- spectively, were rather somber. sons, the road to socialism today Triumphant imperialisms were ese by the thousands over the seems longer, more difficult and preparing to hurl the continent more obscure than ever.

pletely unjustified is this pessi- petent leadership and by a lack In 1950, the decline and disin- mism, it suffices only to look clos- of revolutionary experience, was tegration of capitalist Europe is er at the relations between the momentarily impotent to assure not accompanied by prosperity masses and their leaders 50 years the rising. Only the Russian proanywhere in the non-European ago and today. In 1900, the so- letariat, under the leadership of world with the exception of the cialist leaders attempted to im- the Bolshevik party, succeeded in United States of America. Wars bue the instinctively anti-capital- seizing power from the propertied and famine, revolutions and coun- ist working class masses with an classes. But remaining isolated in ter-revolutions continue to extir- elementary Marxist education. a capitalist environment, the Ruspate thousands of unfortunate The wealth and stability of Euro- sian Revolution succumbed to the residents of Africa. Asia and La- pean capitalism created no basis barbarous past of the country and tin America. But the boons pre- for a revolutionary workers' underwent a frightful degeneraviously exported are coming back struggle, except on the periphery tion. This Stalinist degeneration to the donor laden with a half- of the continent, in Russia and in of a large part of the internationcentury's interest. We have re- Poland. The experience of the al working class leadership then turned to the times when bare- masses was limited to strikes and became the main obstacle to a vicfoot children are to be seen on the electoral battles. The reformism torious struggle against decadent highways of Europe. Jews, Ger- of the official leadership corre- capitalism. mans, Ukrainians, Balts have sponded to the sentiments and ilbeen transplanted, deported, driv- lusions of a majority of the pro- SUBJECTIVE CONDITIONS

And hunger no longer lies only hand, in Vienna as in Barcelona

French Against Viet-Namese



These women fighters are on their way to an internment camp after being seized by French troops seeking to smash the Indo-Chinese independence movement. France's puppet government in Indo-China is now awaiting U. S. arms and funds to be used to deny the Indo-Chinese people the right to establish a government of their own choice.

workers' suburbs of Paris and in stantly mobilizing these millions

sponds to the instinctively revolutionary surge of the workers But at the same time, the old and poor peasants but is in flageneration of socialist and com- grant opposition to it. The revolumunist militants, discouraged by tionary vanguard, still numericaltwenty years of defeats, has lost ly small, consciously expresses the its ardor and its confidence in ideas which millions have been Marxist ideas. The working class seeking instinctively to apply in In 1900, when Europe was at

into two bloody wars. The work-But to understand how com- ing class, paralyzed by an incom-

In 1950, when the disintegration Pacific. Vienna, Budapest, Petro- dinavian countries and Great the perspectives of socialism are beyond the ocean; its emaciated in Milan as in Athens, in the chronic crisis of capitalism is con- Fourth International.

periences of struggle they slowly The conservative and reaction- but surely are assimilating the ideas are finding and will find a reach of the vast majority of the itself. way. Before the Third World War workers. measure once again its forces with those of its enemies, and this battle is heralded under the most favorable subjective conditions at any time since 1923.

TO ASSURE EMANCIPATION The rise of bourgeois Europe saw the rise of the great national states. Nothing better illustrates the irrevocable decadence of the bourgeoisie than its inability to China by political maneuvers. unify the continent at a time our Europe, the Europe of the la- Dai which they set up in the boring masses, is a promise whose fulfillment comes closer with each French Foreign Legion and other step forward of the workers' French regiments. But that kind movement. The day is not far off of "independence in the framecontinent will inscribe these ma- the French colonial empire) has gic words on their banners in no attraction for the Indo-Chinese. every strike and every demonstration: "For the Socialist United States of Europe! All power to the committees of workers and pledged loyalty to Marshal Petain poor peasants!" To affect the fuas once were the Kanakas of the In 1950, except for a few Scan- of Europe seems to be definitive, sion between the proletariat and Japanese imperial sts to whom the revolutionary program exgrad, Berlin, Turin — these are Britain, the combative sections of more real than ever before. A pressed in these slogans is to asno longer the dwelling places of the proletariat no longer believe first wave of the European revo- sure the emancipation of the old in Indo-China, flirted with the triumphant modern monarchies - in a gradual development toward lution, from 1943 to 1945, was not continent from decadence and new Republic of the Viet-Nam in by C. L. Sulzberger, foreign corthey have become poor agglomer- socialism. The experience of the sufficiently broad to liberate the tyranny, from hunger and oppres- 1945,46 in an attempt to influence ations with wounds gaping in the last decades has taught them to workers' movement from its Stalstreets as well as in human flesh. fight for their rights arms in inist masters. But it aroused new sion, from unemployment and its policy, and then became a "NO SIGNS OF ENDING" sion, from unemployment and its policy, and then became a "NO SIGNS OF ENDING" sion, from unemployment and its policy, and then became a "NO SIGNS OF ENDING" sion, from unemployment and its policy, and then became a "NO SIGNS OF ENDING" sion, from unemployment and its policy, and then became a "NO SIGNS OF ENDING" sion, from unemployment and its policy, and then became a "NO SIGNS OF ENDING" sion, from unemployment and its policy, and then became a "NO SIGNS OF ENDING" sion, from unemployment and its policy, and then became a "NO SIGNS OF ENDING" sion, from unemployment and its policy, and then became a "NO SIGNS OF ENDING" sion, from unemployment and its policy, and then became a "NO SIGNS OF ENDING" sion, from unemployment and its policy, and then became a "NO SIGNS OF ENDING" sion, from unemployment and its policy, and then became a "NO SIGNS OF ENDING" sion, from unemployment and its policy, and then became a "NO SIGNS OF ENDING" sion, from unemployment and its policy, and then became a "NO SIGNS OF ENDING" since the policy is the policy of the policy and the policy are proposed by the policy of the policy and the policy are proposed by the policy of the policy of the policy are proposed by the policy of the policy millions to political life, and the war. That is the mission of the quisling again, heading a French "Approximately 35 per cent of

Yugoslav Job-Freeze

By John G. Wright

introduce such reforms as similarly affected. iberalizing the electoral laws and instituting "advisory" workers out authorization" of ration cards, and impose fines and other penalties for "unjustifiable absentee- contract and had no obligations."

sulting from unjustifiable absentecism."

own 5 acres or more; households management, insufferable work- further into the background with an annual income of 15.000 ing conditions tend to become not The bureaucracy, bureaucratic Last week's Militant reported dinars — a relatively high the exception but the norm. In methods of operation, waste and

Jovan Vesilinov, Vice - Premier much. of Scrbia, speaking before the councils in industry. Latest dis- Serbian Parliament, explained the ers councils tended in the director more to the fore. patches from Belgrade tell of the necessity for this drastic decree tion of solving these problems in workers to their jobs, deprive of 1949 among the state enterthat Serbian workers "quit their jobs because they were not under

Statements like that are typical According to the Belgrade cor- of the reasoning of narrow-minded cratic planning is, of course, afespendent of the N. Y. Times, bureaucrats. Yugoslavia is suf- forded by the Kremlin. Its ecohis decree makes six-month con- fering simultaneously from an nomic objectives, which flow from tracts compulsory in industry and acute shortage of labor, a huge transport; and three-month con- turnover of the labor force and conception of building socialism tracts in building trades, timber low productivity. These are con- in one country, are geared comindustry and farming. These con- sequences which inescapably ac- pletely to the needs of projected tracts may include a clause oblig- company all attempts to in- capital construction to which the ing the worker "to reimburse any idustrialize a backward country. effective loss in production re- The higher the tempo, all the greater the difficulties.

It means that severe fines may is to solve all these and similar toiling population, extorting be imposed not only for skipping difficulties within the framework greater and greater sacrifices, Stalinism, and especially the cour- is the loss of a ration card for tioning Councils (Soviets),

becomes an immediate threat, the The loss of ration cards is also housing, poor living conditions any and all plans is almost auto- grade leaders have publicly avow-

he promises of the Tito regime standard for Yugoslavia — are his recent speech to the Slovenian inefficiency, cracking of the whip, miners, Tito himself admitted as application of bureaucratic coer-

decision to promulgate labor by citing a huge turnover of more a progressive manner; the drastic legislation that would freeze than 60% in the first ten months labor legislation takes just the prises in that area. He maintained vitiates the role and meaning of possible to solve in this way such councils.

KREMLIN PRACTICES

The classic example of bureauthe fantastic and fatal Stalinist subordinated and which can be fulfilled, if at all, only by ever The cardinal Marxist precept tightening the screws on the more sweeping powers.

The theory of building socialism ageous resistance of the Yugo- leaving a job, which will hence- through the participation of the in one country is by no means an in the Soviet Union. If they conslav workers and peasants to the forth be construed as "breach of workers in the control and man- empty abstraction. Inherent in it Kremlin diktat, opens a wide contract." Food and necessities, agement of enterprises, and, in are bureaucratic methods and breach in the bureaucratic wall without a ration card, are so the final analysis, in the elabora- practices. With such a theory as and entrench itself, instead of through which revolutionary highly priced as to be beyond the tion and application of planning a starting point, the self-action being combatted and subjected to and intervention of the masses in In absence of these, inadequate the elaboration and fulfillment of control of the masses as the Bel-European proletariat will yet to be extended to all those who and, because of bureaucratic mis- matically pushed further and ed they wish to do.

cive measures against the mass of the workers, come more and

WHEN PRODUCTION ROSE

The whole history of Stalinist planning shows that it is imeither the problem of labor shortages or of labor turnover and productivity of labor.

On the other hand, the Yugoslav leaders have themselves admitted that conditions and production were highest in their own experience where the workers have been permitted the greatest elbow-room and participation. In fact, this record has been advanced as one of the main reasons needs of the masses are utterly for the introduction of "advisory" workers councils.

If in this instance the Tito regime started to depart from the theory and practice of Stalinism, then in sponsoring such measures as the job freeze, they are still in part blindly following the same road as Stalin travelled tinue on this road, the Yugoslav bureaucracy will rapidly grow

WASHINGTON

By Charles Hanley

Having failed to crush the Viet-Minh movement by armed intervention, the French imperialists when this unification becomes a They have granted "independence" life-and-death question for it. But to the puppet government of Bao coastal provinces occupied by the when the workers of the whole work of the French Union" (i.e.,

> They know Bao Dai, ex-emperor of Annam, who supported French imperialism before the war, in 1940, collaborated with the Petain conceded military bases

ing for American recognition and | pended in Viet-Nam. . in a strug- | ously supported this imperialist military aid.

Bao Dai represents the feudal ords and their allies in the towns, the native bourgeoisie - a class which cannot resist the pressure of the native masses without support from foreign imperialists. The former emperor, who is scared by Mao Tse-tung's victory in China, wants to build up his own army and is hoping for American dollars and tanks which, according to latest dispatches, are to be shortly forthcoming. The French, American and British imperialists look at him with sym-

The bankrupt French bourgeoisie has spared nothing in order to reconquer that rich colony, the land of rice, cotton. rubber, silk and other important raw materials. Let' us quote a passage from a Jan. 27 dispatch respondent of the N. Y. Times:

puppet government and now look- France's military budget is ex-

ing. It is estimated that the overwhich is scheduled to be the struggle for independence. kcystone of the arch in Western defense preparations on the Continent and which may receive un States, continues to be per-

sign of ending. . ." Millions of French workers feel symbols of the birth of New Asia that this is not their war, but the than the long and tough struggle war of their exploiters. More and which the partisans of the Vietmore, the French dockers and Nam Republic are putting up other sectors of the French work- against the armored units and ing class are opposing shipments bombers of the French army, of war material and troops to against the former SS-men of the Indo-China.

var, for several years scandal- ernment."

gle that shows no signs of end- policy of intervention in Indo-China and of maintaining the all cost to France of the partisan "French Union," whereas the struggle amounts to \$500,000,000 French Trotskyists have opposed annually, when items not directly the imperialist war in Indo China visible on the budget are in- from the very beginning and alcluded. As a result: 1. France, ways supported the Viet Namese's

MERIT OUR SUPPORT

The people of the Viet - Nam to 50 percent of North Atlantic want complete independence; and aid appropriations of the United because President Ho Chi Minh is at the head of the fight against marently weakened. The bulk of the French forces, the Viet-Nam the fighting strength of her army people are supporting him and is fighting an invisible guerrilla his Viet-Minh government. Bao war against Ho Chih Minh's or- Dan, the agent of foreign imganization, the Viet-Minh. The perialism, has no prestige whatconflict shows not the slightest | soever.

There are indeed few finer Foreign Legion. They merit the But it should be remembered support of the American workers that the French Stalinist party who should protest in strongest which is now organizing actions terms against sending arms to of resistance and parliamentary protests against the Indo-Chinese Bao Dai or recognizing his "gov-

Atomic Energy and Capitalist Society trons proved too light and were of almost equal size. This is uranium - 235 which is one of have been converted into two jacket. Exchange of information

atom" means in reality the transformation of one kind of atomic and not subject to forces of reform, and in the process energy is released.

Experimental attempts of "splitshooting bullets at the atomic iron, lead or other heavy elements nuclei. What kind of bullets were used? Obviously one cannot crush | cheese. a microbe with a drop hammer weighing several tons: one must use something closer to the target, changes sometimes ocmicrobe's own size. The bullets scientists shot at the atomic nuclei by having some of their particles were particles of nuclear size - knocked out, they were transelectrons, protons, neutrons, alpha formed from one kind of nuclei particles, etc.

And yet the instrument that was used to shoot these bullets, a different weight. the cyclotron, is an imposing piece of machinery indeed. The largest in existence, recently built at one result in common: when the California University, weighs several thousand tons.

medium of a rotating electromagnetic field, impels the shoot- nucleus. This could hardly be ing particles around in a circular course until they have speeds corresponding to millions of volts of energy, and lets them go at the nuclear target.

jectiles, but the positively charged velocity (so-called slow neutrons) atomic nuclei tended to repel the hit a nucleus of uranium-235, the

used in the cyclotron only indirectly. Neutrons, when released,

When the cyclotron bombardment recorded rare hits on the curred in the struck nuclei. Either. into another kind, or they were simply transformed into nuclei of

The initial stage of these manmade nuclear transformations had bombarded nucleus broke into two fragments, one of them was The cyclotron, through the always very small, while the other contained all the rest of the called atom splitting.

THE PRINCIPLE

But in 1936 some German scientists discovered that when a Protons were used as pro- neutron of not high but low similarly charged protons. Elec- nucleus split into two fragments

The popular term "splitting the easily deflected. Neutrons, how- nuclear fission and the basic prin- several isotopes of uranium. protons. By this process the the very life blood of scientific ever, carrying no electric charge ciple of the atom bomb.

nucleus into another kind of pulsion, proved to be the most nuclear fission, scientists were weight. The atoms of most ele- of two neutrons. The result is atomic nucleus. Matter changes effective projectiles, even though able to calculate the amount of ments exist in several isotopes. that the atom is no longer an move at a speed of thousands of valence of mass and energy. In makes up, is determined by the the atom of a different and a ting the atom" were initiated by miles a second and penetrate the fission a small part of the total positive electric charge on new element altogether. In fact like a rifle bullet going through converted into energy. It is only the same thing, by the total num- not known to exist in nature. This ments was only one-tenth of 1 the weight of its neutrons. percent. But, as already noted, this still corresponds to enormous energy. Potentially this is the greatest energy source ever devised by man.

The energy release per fission of a uranium nucleus is approximately 200 million electron volts. It has been estimated that the atomic energy in one pound of matter, if it were all released, would be equivalent to the total electric power industry of the United States running for one month. But such an energy release involves what is called chain reaction.

emission of two neutrons, each stable. of these will produce fission, resulting in the emission of four happens to this unstable isotope

of life. But the chain reaction can also be perfectly controlled and nucleus two of the neutrons break gram in the universities and elseused for the production of atomic down and shoot out their two where. By 1940 the lid of secrecy power for the benefit of mankind. electrons, which pass into the elec- was clamped down. Natural

From this process of actual same element but of different increases by two at the expense energy set free by following The identity of the atom, that is, atom of uranium. It now contains Einstein's principle of the equi- the element which that atom 94 protons instead of 92; it is mass of the uranium nucleus is the nucleus, or what amounts to it is a man-made element, one a small part of the mass indeed; ber of protons in the nucleus. The new element has been named the difference in mass between weight of the atom is the sum of plutonium, and plutonium is used thee uranium atom and its frag- the weight of its protons, plus for the atom bomb.

DISCOVER NEW ELEMENT

Thus the uranium - 235 atoms carry only 143 neutrons in the same great release of energy. Non 92 protons gives a weight of 235, whereas atoms of the ordinary uranium-238 cary 3 more neutrons. But uranium - 235 is the explosive, or fissionable, kind whereas uranium-238 is not explosive. Moreover, the former is energy produced by the entire extremely scarce; it exists in extent of seven - tenths of 1 percent.

But the explosive chain reaction can proceed only through Neutrons are emitted in the uranium-235. When the neutron and limitless powers which may, under contract to the War Deprocess of nuclear fission, the projectile hits a nucleus of the under favorable social conditions, partment. average number per fission being far more predominant uranium between one and three. Let us 238, it is usually captured and land more fertile, and help to of World War II had scarcely suppose that two neutrons are absorbed within that nucleus. thus emitted, then the initial What happens in this case? By neutron supplied to a block of the addition of one neutron, urani- for socially useful purposes is of uran um-235 causes the fission of um-238 becomes uranium - 239, one atom, that will lead to the still another isotope, which is un-

However, to understand what possibilities.

From the unstable uranium-239 drawn into the atom bomb pro-So far we have considered only tronic orbit. Thereby two neutrons science was put into a strait-

Isotopes are simply atoms of the number of protons in the nucleus

When plutonium is bombarded with "slow" neutrons it undergoes fission exactly the same way as does uranium-235 with the nucleus which in addition to the explosive uranium-238, which is many times more abundant than the other isotope, has by this process been transformed into explosive material.

A GREAT TRIBUTE as a great tribute to modern ordinary uranium only to the scientific developments. For the future it holds great promise. man scientific workers had been Further studies of the awesome sent to the United States, and forces that are buried within the that around 1,000 would finally atom undoubtedly will reveal new be sent. They were put to work serve to transform industry, make

> Today, however, atomic energy little or no interest to the rulers of capitalist society. Their whole concern is centered on its military The development of bigger and

neutrons, and this multiplication it is necessary to take another better atom bombs is now a most will continue indefinitely. As the look at the neutron. The prevail- important part of an armaments fissions multiply the energy stored ing view is that the neutron is race on a monstrous scale. Active in the uranium nuclei is liberated. in actuality a collapsed proton- research in this field began here If unchecked, such a nuclear electron combination with the op- even before the United States chain reaction leads to a violent ex posite electric charges neutraliz- formally entered the war. Under plosion like that of the atom bomb ing and cancelling each other, and government sponsorship thouwhich is made for the destruction with the electron's motion lost. sands of scientific workers were

research, was shut off.

Scientists protested vehemently, but to no avail. They had used to imagine themselves to be free spirits delving into the abstract. theoretical realms of the unknown; now they became just hired hands, assigned specific tasks in research, while subjected to the indignities and persecutions of the witch-hunt campaign. Many scientific talents came

here from other lands. Many, who had formerly been prominent in the development of Hitler's war machine, came here from Germany, despite the fact that the United States immigration laws did not permit enemy aliens to enter. These were snatched up. so to speak, as one of the first acts of the American occupation authority, before they would fall into the hands of the erstwhile allies, Britain, France and the This magic in metals stands out | Soviet Union. Late in 1946 the American Military Government in Germany announced that 300 Ger-

The echo from the atomic blasts conquer the ravages of disease. faded away before preparations began to make bigger and better bombs for World War III.

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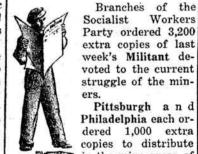
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THE MILITANT ARM

3,200 Extra Copies Of Miners' Edition Ordered by Branches Branches of the



Socialist Workers Party ordered 3,200 extra copies of last week's Militant devoted to the current struggle of the min-Pittsburgh and Philadelphia each or-

in the mine areas of Pennsylvania. Other branches planned sales among city workers to aid in rallying the labor movement behind the miners. Chicago ordered 450 extras; Milwaukee, 200; St. Paul, 75; Seattle, 50; and St. Louis, 7.

Comrades in the West Virginia coal fields ordered 200 extra ing 25 Militants a week to sell copies. Jim Singleton, Literature and distribute to his student Agent in Morgantown, West Vir- friends, E, has been getting our ginia, notes that The Militant is literature into the hands of Stalparticularly appreciated by the inists and liberals on the campus." miners in times of struggle "as the press in the region vacillates when the pressure is on."

The New York Local ordered 200 extras to launch a one-month subscription campaign for The Militant. Nearly 50 points were scored during the first Sunday success. In one day they sold 22 mobilization (each 6 month sub- Militants, 5 FI's and assorted scription scores 2 points). Beazie. from the Bronx branch, was high scorer with a total of 6 points. Irving Beinin and Doris, who went other year. "The Militant is a paout as a team, were runner-ups per that I highly recommend to with 6 points between them.

Militants at a meeting of the New paper but it helps.

York delegation to the Civil Rights Mobilization. This meeting was held several days after the delegation had returned from

Washington. Dixon Woods, Literature Agent in San Francisco, reports that about eight Militants are sold each week at the University of California campus in Berkeley. San Francisco has also started the first of a series of monthly renewal mobilizations.

From Los Angeles, Bert Deck writes that "Vivianne is now back selling at her regular street corner. She sells about 20 Militants in an hour. R. takes time to sell on the campus although working full time in a factory; five copies of Fourth International and a Militant were sold last week. Last night Helen sold 20 Militants in a half-hour at the CIO Council meeting. These three will be taking regular weekly stints at selling our literature. D. is now tak-

Comrade Howard Mason of Detroit writes that "at a meeting of officers of the Chrysler unions. 7 Militants were sold, in spite of the fact that other political papers were being given away free." He also reports that the Detroit youth "resumed their campus sales and met with phenomenal pamphlets. Not bad, eh?"

H.A., of Chicago, sent \$2 to renew his subscription for anall workers I come in contact As prizes to top sub-getters with," he says. And a friend from during the campaign, New York Canada, H.D., sent in \$2.80 from is offering a table-top radio and his unemployment check of \$14.40 a copy of Paul Blanshard's Amer- as a contribution to The Militant. can Freedom and Catholic Power. H.D. will no doubt agree that you Two comrades of the New York don't have to be unemployed to Local, Ray and Ruby, also sold 24 appreciate the value of a socialist

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"The bourgeoisie and its agents use the war question, more than any other, to deceive the people by means of abstractions, general formulas, lame phraseology: 'neutrality,' 'collective security,' 'arming for the defense of peace,' 'national defense,' 'struggle against fascism,' and so on. All such formulas reduce themselves in the end to the fact that the war question, i.e., the fate of the people, is left in the hands of the imperialists, their governing staffs, their diplomacy, their generals, with all their intrigues and plots against the people."

-Leon Trotsky, The Death Agony of Capitalism, 1938.



Spotlight on Union Dictators

The announcement by the American Civil Liberties Union that it feels impelled to investigate "illegal and undemocratic" practices in several AFL and CIO unions - including the Seafarers International Union and the National Maritime Union — reinforces the charges this paper has repeatedly made about the scandalous violations of union democracy by officials of these organizations.

We have made it plain that we believe the bureaucratic trampling on membership rights in these and other unions should be eliminated by the action of the members themselves. Only the union ranks can effectively eradicate these abuses and keep vigilant guard against their recurrence.

But we recognize that sometimes the membership is rendered almost helpless by sheer terrorism and gangster violence and that it has no other recourse than to. obtain the aid of disinterested and nonpartisan organizations like the ACLU in bringing attention to conditions in their unions. That is the case in the NMU, where the Curran machine has had the help of the city police to crush the opposition, which represents a majority of the New York members. Likewise, in the SIU, the members have been terrorized

by goon-violence.

By its splendid record in the defense of civil liberties for more than three decades, the ACLU merits the confidence of union progressives. While it is extremely regrettable that ACLU intervention should be made necessary, we are glad that this intervention is being undertaken by an organization whose concern for democratic rights has been demonstrated in hundreds of cases.

In exposing the Jim Crow practices in the SIU, the ACLU has taken the step of protesting these practices to a government agency, the New York State Commission Against Discrimination. To invite government intervention into unions for any reason is always dangerous, because it reinforces a precedent which in 99 out of a hundred cases results in aid to the employers against the unions.

But here again, the responsibility for such intervention rests squarely on the SIU officials. They invite SCAD intervention by their enforcement, through economic reprisals and physical intimidation, of racial discrimination in the union, which in turn reinforces the discrimination maintained by the shipping companies to create division and conflict among the workers.

"Always Refreshing"

Commenting on the struggle between the UE and the IUE-CIO, which is increasingly becoming a battle of injunctions, Lemuel R. Boulware, General Electric vice-president in charge of labor relations, said last week:

"It is always refreshing to see unions apply to the courts for the supposedly hated injunction, as there is inherent in such moves the admission that the injunction is an honorable and useful instrument."

And that's the truth. When unions seek injunctions against other unions, they create the atmosphere in which employers can seek injunctions against unions, and that kind of situation is "always refreshing" to the capitalist class.

These are not the only kind of actions by unions which benefit and please the ruling class. Take the case of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, where President David Dubinsky has succeeded in imposing the rule that all members wanting to be candidates for office in the union must first sign the non-communist affidavit required by the Taft-Hartley Act.

Taft and Hartley could both say with full honesty that it is refreshing to see such a requirement in the ILGWU because inherent in such moves is the admission that the Taft-Hartley Act is a good thing.

The brass hats who want to establish a military dictatorship in this country must view with similar satisfaction the expulsion of oppositionists from the maritime unions. If it is all right for union bureaucrats to expel members from the maritime industry because of their political beliefs, why isn't it all right for military bureaucrats to do the same in other industries?

We have always condemned the union bureaucrats for being capitalist-minded, particularly in their politics but also in their general values, objectives and methods. Nothing confirms this indictment more graphically since the beginning of the cold war than their shameless adoption from the arsenal of decaying capitalism of the most reactionary means of repression. Nothing pleases the capitalist class more, nothing serves the real interests of the labor movement less. The ruling class has a stake in maintaining the present conservative leadership of the unions, but the workers surely have

Doubts in the Ruling Circles

Last week's Militant quoted Supreme Court Justice Jackson's sharp dissent on Jan. 16 in the case of the war bride whose "abrupt and brutal exclusion" from this country was made by the Attorney General "without a hearing." Pointing out that "not even a court can find out why this girl is excluded," Jackson called attention "to the menace to free institutions inherent in procedures of this pat-

This police-state pattern, which is applied to U. S. citizens as well as the foreign-born, is beginning to arouse apprehensions and doubts even within the ruling circles of this country. Here are a few

Supreme Court Justice Black, who had dissented with Jackson in the war bride case, made a speech to the American Jewish Committee in New York on Jan. 21 in which he said that a government that "convicts and punishes people without fair trials has reason to fear." He made no reference to the government witchhunt, but it was plain that the witch-hunt was what he was talking about.

On Jan. 27 Democratic U. S. Senator Lehman of New York, speaking at an ADA dinner in Washington, expressed support for the "objectives" of the "loyalty program" and said the government has the right to demand "complete loyalty" from all its employees in "sensitive," policy-making or confidential jobs. (The purge is applied to ALL government employees.) But, he added, no individual should be branded disloyal by an administrative body: "No such finding [of disloyalty] should be made for any individual, except after a judicial proceeding, with all the safeguards for the accused which Anglo-Saxon and American law provides. . . I hope some way can be found to bring the extreme and unfortunate aspects of this program to an end ... I sincerely hope that the entire loyalty program may be reviewed, and a better system, more consistent with the American tradition, be developed and estab-

The next day the N. Y. Times, in a belated editorial comment on the war bride case, said "the point that troubles us is the grant to any official - no matter how able or how honorable - of the absolute power to make a decision of this gravity without the necessity of holding a hearing even in camera." It admitted that under present regulations aliens, slanderously accused, "really have no means of protecting their own reputations." (The same goes for citizens slanderously accused, although the Times

does not say so.) In great part these sentiments are motivated by fears lest the purge injure U. S. pretensions about democracy abroad and by concern lest the purge, by going "too far" and perhaps silencing "safe" criticism, hurt the political interests and stability of the capitalist system itself. But whatever the motivation may be, these expressions of doubt indicate that an aggressive campaign against the purge by the labor movement is overdue.

Why Revolutionary Socialists Favor Victory Of British Labor Party

renders the victory of this party Labor Party is to be left in power. in the coming elections important for workers everywhere.

ersal free health services. But common also to capitalist polipreserved.

wasteful competition and superexploitation that only such a drastic measure as nationalization could bring some order into the chaos and restore a degree of eapitalist efficiency and profitability. And, secondly, the owners of the nationalized establishments were comfortably compensated with government bonds that bring them a stable annual interest rate. Finally, no socialist plan has been set up to operate the nationalized industries in coord nated fashion; the "new" manoperations.

FOREIGN POLICY

So far as British imperialism s concerned, the Labor government has appeared to bring about Burma and Ceylon. But, in reality, wage-freeze. Only one district, the the "New Commonwealth" - as Attlee and Co. have rebaptized



the British Empire - is only the expression of a new world relationship of forces.

The "grants" of independence were made necessary by the mirable clarity as follows: greatly weakened position of British capitalism, and its inability to cope by means of the old strong-arm methods with the nsurrectionary masses of awakened Asia. This becomes particularly repressions of the native populations in Malaya and in Nigeria, where Attlee's troops find the situation more manageable. With xploitation of the former colonial native capitalist class of India, Ceylon etc.

Internationally, the Labor government has simply continued the policy of Churchill, accepting the ole of Wall Street's junior partner in the cold war against Staiinist Russia.

FORY FEARS

In spite of the services rendered to the British ruling class, however, the Labor Party now faces a veritable life-and-death onslaught by the Conservatives, the Tory party which has been the tradiional heart and brains, of these

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same rulers. Just because they ! For revolutionary socialists, for are the most sensitive, the most realization of this program howclass-conscious workers, it is clear conscious and devoted representa- ever, is the powerful trade union that the British Labor Party gov- lives of the capitalists, the Tories movement. . . The removal of the ernment has acted essentially in know that the gains made by Labor Government is their [the the interests of the capitalists crisis - ridden Br.tish capitalism Tories'] first objective. That is during the four and a half years under the Labor government, the why the election will be bitterly it has been in power. Never- degree of stability attained after contested. . . theless, the world as well as the shake-up of the war, can very domestic relationship of forces easily be destroyed again if the defeat these [Tory] plans if Labor

. For they know that behind the

Labor Party stands the solid mass The Labor government has tried of a nine-million strong trade to solve the new and grave and union movement which first complicated problems confronting brought it to power in 1945. They Britain within the framework of know that within this trade union capitalism. The Laborites have movement, there has been great greatly expanded social security, tolerance and patience with the notably the introduction of univ- leaders but a growing resentment toward their politics of making "welfare state" measures are capitalism work and of working with the capitalists. They know cians like the Trumanites here that this kind of patience cannot at home who consider such con- last forever. They see the signs cessions to the masses indis- of trouble in the powerful vote pensable if capitalism is to be in the Trade Union Congress against the latest government The Labor government under- wage-freeze. They know that the took nationalizations of industry alternative to such measures of of considerable scope: But, first, placing the burden of the ecothe industries nationalized - coal, nomic crisis upon the shoulders of railroads, utilities - were in the the working masses is revolumain in such a decrepit state tionary action, making serious inowing to outmoded machinery, roads into the economic power of and undermining the enthusiasm capitalism.

MOOD OF MASSES They do not trust the Labor Party either to be able to resist the pressure of the masses in such a direction or to enforce further capitalist measures by outright suppression. The Tories are not far from wrong about the moods of the masses. The vote in the Trade Union Congress on the wage-freeze reflected a much more powerful current in the ranks, if we judge by reports in agements have the same old British newspapers recently capitalist managers; the workers arrived here. They report voting themselves have not been given on the wage-freeze propositions any measure of control over the district by district in the National Union of Mineworkers, as an example: In the Kent District the miners voted 100% opposed, in the South Wales District 90%, Northumberland 60%, with the Yorkshire, Lancashire, Derby and hastic changes, with the "grant- Scottish districts having previ-

> policy a majority. Obviously the Labor leaders "set the trade unions free" by the movement. Government after the General Strike of 1926.

Midlands, gave the government

LEFT WING VIEWS

The revolutionary socialist wing of the Labor Party, in its publication, the Socialist Outlook, sums up the election issues with ad-

"The capitalists are of course

thankful that this Government has shown such an incredible leniency towards them . . . these undoubted concessions to Tory pressure, while they confuse, clear when we witness the brutal bewilder and disappoint the working class, do not satisfy the capitalists. For them it is all or nothing. They want a Government which is directly under their he "New Commonwealth," British own control - instead of one capitalism - under a Labor gov- which, in the final analysis, is ernment - has merely arrived at answerable to the organized workcompromise in which it is forced ers. The Tories want power uno accept a reduced share in the adulterated. Power to extend the working week without overtime masses in partnership with the pay; power to abolish the food subsidies; to slash the social services achieved under the Labor Government: to reduce taxation of the rich; and to regiment the population in readiness for the war which they and their American counterparts are preparing ...

"The working class could easily



CLEMENT ATTLEE

would come before the electorate with a clearly defined socialist program. As it is, however, the Government's repeated capitulations to Tory pressure are sapping of working people. Furthermore. it is probably too late to change the present policy before the election takes place. But this fact umpleasant though it is, must on no account deter the socialist wing, which at all times is the most devoted and hard working section of the movement, from throwing itself wholeheartedly into the battle. Indeed, the responsibility for regenerating the enthusiasm of the working class rests primarily with this socialist rank and file. It is this section of the movement which is most interested in securing decisive Labor victory.

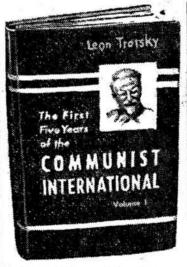
"OUR FIRST TASK"

"If the Tories win it will be defeat for the international working class. Reaction throughout the world will be encouraged. Our own movement will be forced into ing" of independence to India, custy gone on record against the from the capitalist attacks which will inevitably follow ...

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WHAT DID CIVIL RIGHTS **MOBILIZATIONS ACHIEVE?**

Scene: The White House, the morning of Monday, Jan. 23. The President is holding a conference with the Democratic leaders of Congress, including Rep. Rayburn, the Speaker of the House. It is the morning of the day on which Rayburn will be asked to let the House vote on an FEPC bill which was bottled up in committee all last year. It is also six days after the leaders of the National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization met personally with the President, asked him to direct Rayburn to let the FEPC bill come up for a vote today, and got his oft-repeated promise that they could count on him to continue the fight to enact his civil rights platform.

What were the President and his Democratic colleagues talking about that morning? We do not know. But we do know that Rayburn left the conference, went to the House and there refused to let the FEPC bill come to the floor. (This move fitted in perfectly with the Dixiecrat strategy of postponing House action on FEPC so that the beginning of the Senate filibuster against this measure can be delayed as long as possible; the later the Senate filibuster begins, the harder it will be to defeat it.) Both Rayburn and the White House let it be known that the FEPC bill, on which the whole nation was awaiting action that day, was "never mentioned" at the

Better than a dozen articles or a score of editorials, this simple little incident shows how little was achieved by the Civil Rights Mobilization - and it also shows why.

We did not believe that the mobilization would be able - in three days -- to force Congress to pass the FEPC bill; our estimation that the mobilization did not achieve much is not based on any such unrealistic expectations. But what it could have done - and what it needed to do to obtain successful results - was to show the capitalist parties and their leaders in Washington (1) that the fighters for civil rights legislation are wise to their shoddy maneuvers over the issue, and (2) that the labor, Negro and liberal movements propose to retaliate against all politicians responsible, openly or behind the scenes, for blocking favorable action in this session of

Nothing New Was Added

Neither of these steps was taken. The mobilization was turned into just another lobby - bigger than usual but not different in kind from the ones that failed miserably in the past. It showed the members of Congress that the organizations participating in the Civil Rights Mobilization want FEPC passed, but they knew that before the mobilization. In short, nothing substantially new was added to the civil rights fight by this mobilization.

The legislative key to the passage of the FEPC and other rights bills lies in Truman's hands at the present time. If he really wants them passed this year, he can apply the necessary pressure on the members of his own party. But as last year's session demonstrated, he prefers to let it hang on as a vote-catching issue. The measure of the Civil Rights Mobilization can be gauged by the fact that never once during its three days of activities was this undeniable truth about Truman even mentioned to the delegates or the public.

Roy Wilkins, acting secretary of the NAACP and leader of the mobilization, wired Rayburn after Truman's Democratic Speaker had refused to let FEPC come up for a vote on Jan. 23 that his action can be interpreted only as "a slap in the face" to civil rights advocates. That is correct, even if it is politely put. But note this: Truman did not regard it as a slap in his own face: he did not reprimand his lieutenant; this was another matter he probably "never mentioned." How can anybody seriously claim that the mobilization was effective when it did not even succeed in persuading Truman to direct his subordinate to let the House vote on FEPC?

Another important thing to bear in mind: Wilkins sent a letter of complaint to Rayburn, but he did not send such a telegram to Truman. Why not? Wilkins knows that Truman is Rayburn's boss. Doesn't Wilkins want the people to know the whole truth about this. slap in the face? How does he expect to arouse the masses for a successful fight if he doesn't let them know who their enemies are in

Two-Faced Exploitation and Evasion

Of course Truman is too astute to administer a slap in the face personally; that wouldn't be smart politics when he is banking on Negro and labor votes. In fact, four days after the Rayburn incident, Truman held a press conference where he said that he was standing firm on civil rights (for the 71st time) and that he knew nothing about a rumored compromise with the Southern Democrats. But the very next day, several of his cabinet members and three top Trumanite labor leaders delivered speeches at an administrationsponsored "Southern harmony conference" in North Carolina and none of them uttered a single syllable about civil rights. Like Truman, they can talk your ear off on the question in the North but the cat seems to make off with their tongues when they are in Dixie.

Truman is able to continue this two-faced exploitation and evasion of the issue for only one reason: He knows that he has the labor and Negro leaders of the Civil Rights Mobilization in his pocket, that they are afraid to break with him politically, and that therefore they will keep on covering up for him before the masses (just as they did on the Rayburn incident). He wasn't bothered by the mobilization and it had no effect at all in persuading him to change his double-dealing course because he knew in advance that its leaders would not breathe or tolerate a word of criticism against him. If he can get away with the way he has handled the question up to now, a major part of the blame must be put on the Negro and labor leaders who encourage him to do so.

There will have to be another mobilization (perhaps many of them) before the civil rights fight is finished. But they won't make any more headway than the last one unless they are based on the simple principle that no capitalist party or capitalist politician can be relied on and that all of them must be fought without mercy. And that won't be done until the labor and Negro rank and file assert themselves and tell their leaders: "We want you to quit acting as stooges for Truman and recruiting sergeants for the Democratic Party that slaps us in the face every chance it gets. If you don't vant to fight Truman as well as our other enemies, then the honest thing for you to do would be to resign your posts of leadership in our organization and go on Truman's payroll where you belong."

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confessed FBI lawbreaking don't come cheap. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has submitted a report to the House Appropriations Committee demanding \$57,400,000 to run his secret police agency for the fiscal year beginning next July 1. This is \$594,859 more than for the current year.

No doubt Hoover looks on this as a modest increase, considering the almost unlimited possibilities for breaking the law just by wiretapping alone. His snoopers, he admitted several weeks ago, are listening in on around 170 private lines at the moment.

The public simply has no idea of what it costs to do a first-class job of invading the privacy of American citizens by illicit methods. In the first trial of Judith Coplon, it was revealed that the FBI had not less than 14 agents and informers at one time or another "investigating" actor Frederic March. And they couldn't even get anything on him.

But that kind of item just comes out of pettycash. Imagine what it costs to keep a flock of stoolpigeons inside the unions looking for "subversive" activities. This phase of the FBI's work was disclosed in the Foley Square trial of the 11 Stalinist party leaders.

Good FBI agents don't come at bargain rates, either. You need experts to tap wires and then get up on a stand in the federal courts and perjure themselves convincingly about not knowing anything about wiretapping by the FBI. You have to have educated people, the kind who can rob mailboxes and read other people's letters, as was revealed in the Coplon case.

Then just consider the cost of the FBI's "industrial" activity. You have to pay a man something more than the regular union scale to work in a plant and ferret out strike "agitators," union militants and similar "poor security risks."

Then think of the wastage that goes into the FBI's violations of the law. All that wiretap evidence is inadmissible in Federal courts, so the FBI has to dig up "independent" evidence. Besides, it has to destroy the illegal evidence, as it did in the Coplon-Gubitchev case, because if enough public howl and stink were raised they might try to toss FBI agents in jail for committing felonies in violation of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

And for some mysterious reasons, even when FBI wiretap records are produced as evidence, as in the Coplon-Gubitchev case, all you can hear is squawks and gibberish. You can't prove a thing priced skill to do a first-class fool-proof job of destroying material evidence.

What annoys no few taxpayers, especially those concerned about the protection of civil rights, is the 100% record of failure by the FBI to catch perpetrators of violence against the Negro people or union leaders. The FBI is mighty good on digging up characters like Whittaker Chambers and election as reported in the West pumpkin-shells full of allegedly implicating documents when it goes after an Alger Hiss; but it In the absence of an opposition received 2,540 votes in its favor to can't seem to pick up a single useful clue in the state, rank and file protest was case of the lynching of the two Negro couples in indicated in the voting on a pro-Georgia or the shot-gun mainings of UAW President Walter Reuther and his brother Victor.

From all recent disclosures, it seems that the bar members of the Communist highly-touted FBI (it still boasts about catching Party and the "Trotskyite Party" Dillinger some 15 years ago) breaks more laws from the union. than it enforces, and keeps more lawbreakers on its payroll than it catches. And a lot of people in this country are coming to the conclusion that even \$5.74 a year - let alone \$57,400,000 - is too much to pay for a "law-enforcement" agency that acts as a law unto itself, tramples daily on the Bill of Rights and more and more constitutes itself as a secret police on the pattern of Hitler's Gestapo and Stalin's GPU.

A Traitorous Silence

Neither the CIO, the AFL nor the newly-formed International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has issued a public statement on the State Department's announcement that it intends to push for admission of Franco's Spain into the United Nations, thereby permitting Washington to renew full diplomatic relations with the Spanish butcher.

This silence is surprising in view of their repeated formal declarations in the past against any dealings with the fascist regime which wiped the whole Spanish labor movement out in blood.

The ICFTU manifesto, issued in London last December, specifically declared: "The free trade unions of the world will support with all their strength the efforts of the peoples suffering under police-state rule - such as those of the Soviet Union and its satellite 'popular democracies,' Franco Spain, and all forms of military dictatorship in Latin America and throughout the world - to free themselves from totalitarian oppression." (Our emphasis).

The CIO convention last fall declared in its foreign policy resolution that "in no circumstances should ERP aid be given to that regime [Franco's]. We reaffirm CIO policy condemning Franco's fascist regime in Spain."

It was easy for the Trumanite union leaders to express these sentiments while the State Department made no open moves to embrace Franco and bolster up his tottering regime. But will these union leaders now dare to fight the line of the State Department, whose policies they have followed like a shadow?

So far, we have only a report by Louis Stark in the Jan. 25 N. Y. Times that unnamed top labor officials have met with Secretary of State Acheson to express "chagrin" and "deep disappointment" at his declaration of Washington's intent to push a UN resolution that would permit its member nations to restore diplomatic relations

Up to now, the union leaders who have supported the State Department's "cold war" measures have pointed to the continued diplomatic cold-shoulder given to Franco as the outstanding

evidence of the "humanitarian" and "democratic" intent of American imperialism's foreign policy and war preparations.

With this last piece of camouflage pulled off the ERP and Atlantic Pact, how can they pretend that American money and arms are going to "defend" and "build up" democracy in Europe? One labor leader, quoted by Stark, said he had asked Assistant Secretary of State Geo. W. Perkins "how labor could support the Marshall Plan, which aimed at strengthening democratic regimes. and then see our own country deal with a dictator

Of course, these labor leaders never did believe their own malarky about the Marshall Plan being just a "humanitarian" venture to bolster "democ racy." But it embarrasses them to have their shabby fiction stripped from them. For it is certain that the UN resolution will be just a step toward inclusion of fascist Spain in the ERP and the Atlantic military alliance.

We may still hear some feeble bleats from these union officials about the State Department's policy of the extended hand to Franco. But it is extremely unlikely that they will put up any kind than the SP in its support of the Manoney Defense Committee has of consistent and vigorous opposition to this po- State Department's imperialist not been able to function openly licy. The fact that Acheson's announcement did policy. Thus the first of the SDF in either of these ports. not immediately bring forth from them any strong advisory motions called for "appublic protest is sufficient to indicate they will proving the Atlantic Pact

The Murrays and Greens are labor lieutenants to preserve the peace of the of the State Department. If the State Department world." This was approved by a tells them to shake hands with Franco, they'll vote of 96.6%. shake, sooner or later. As James B. Carey, national secretary of the CIO, speaking on Jan. 30 tion was electoral policy. The to the American Legion's "All American Confer- SDF split away in 1936 because ence," has already declared: "In the last war it wanted to support Roosevelt, we joined with the Communists to fight the Fas- and since then has consistently cists. In another war we will join the Fascists backed capitalist candidates. The to defeat the Communists. . .

They propose to "support with all their strength dates, but with decreasing success the efforts of the peoples suffering under police- in term of votes and with instate rule. . . to free themselves from totalitar- creasing reluctance to oppose the ian oppression"-except when the State Depart- New Deal-Fair Deal candidates ment gives any police state its blessings.

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from them. Some folks complain what's the sense of paying wiretap experts for that kind of botched-up job, but others point out it takes high-priced skill to do a first close feet priced skill to do a first close feet pric REFERENDUM

> Growing opposition in the Sailors Union of the Pacific to the high-handed, bureaucratic rule of Harry Lundeberg's machine was expressed in the returns of the union's

> > the Commies and the Mahoney

paganda against the dues increase

asking a "point of information"

about Lundeberg's strikebreak-

ing in the Canadian Seamen's

Union strike. Members of a com-

mittee who rallied to his defense

were similarly thrown out. An

entire ship's crew was expelled

from the union for contributing

to the Mahoney Defense Commit-

tee prior to the passage of a reso-

lution making such contributions

were expelled for similar "of-

fenses" and many others were

compelled to sign public "con-

fessions" retracting their support

Outside of Seattle, strong op-

position to the dues increase was

hown in the Port of Wilmington,

Calif., where the proposition failed

471 voting in favor to 369 against.

The winning percentage was also

lacking in Portland although the

"ves" votes were proportionately

larger than in Wilmington. The

Less imposing in number but

portance was the vote of almost

one-fifth of the membership

against the constitutional amend-

ment barring union membership

to members of the CP. "Trot

skyites" or those who "assist"

them. The amendment carried

5.029 to 788. It lacked a two-

thirds in Seattle and Wilmington

where the opposition vote was

against the dues increase.

almost as heavy as that cast

The 788 votes against the witch-

hunt amendment are especially

significant in the Sailors Union

of the Pacific where the main

stock-in-trade of the officialdom

for more than ten years has been

attacks against "politicals." It is

obvious that a growing section of

the membership is beginning to

understand the connection be-

tween the bureaucratic strike-

breaking, union - raiding policies

of their officialdom and the

attempts to outlaw all opposition

by branding them "commies and

to get a two-thirds majority, with

of the expelled member.

illegal. A number of other sailors

to block its passage."

Coast Sailors, its official paper. crease from \$2 to \$3 a month posal for an increase of dues and constitution. This provides the on a constitutional amendment to

The proposal for a dues in-

National Telephone Strike Scheduled

Some 100,000 telephone workers are scheduled to go on strike Feb. 8, to be followea on March 1 by 220,000 more, if the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. continues its refusal to engage in genuine collective bargaining with the CIO Communications

Joseph A. Beirne, union president, said the AT & T menopoly has refused to consider the unions demand for wage increases, shorter hours and pensions, and has even turned down arbitration. In event of a strike, he urged telephone users to increase their calls to "jam" the lines.

A six-week telephone strike was broken in 1947 when the workers were in independent unions. They have been reorganized more solidly in the

Social Democrats Vote Approval to Merger With SP

(Continued from Page 1) other pacts to checkmate the advance of totalitarian power and

Another past point of conten-SP continued to run its own candiinasmuch as their political differences with them have grown smaller and smaller. Now the SP is holding a discussion on its leaders' proposal to abandon their independent electoral activities, with the likelihood that this proposal will be adopted at its next

convention. On this question too the SDI is taking no chances. Its second 93.1% in the referendum, makes 'candidates for public office shall not be nominated in opposition to organized labor candidates except in states or cities where a Socialpolitical party and has the support of a substantial section of lingo, it means capitalist party PAC. LEPL. etc.)

The entire SP leadership favors unity with the SDF, although a ing the SDF's financial strong-

Since, however, the SP leaderreunited politically.

Chrysler Strike Begins

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Members of the CIO United Auto Workers are shown as they streamed out of a Chrysler Corporation plant in Detroit as the union struck to enforce demands for a 10c hourly wage or pensionwelfare package. The strike soon forced the shutdown of many other plants in the same industry.

Successful Banquet for James Kutcher in Newark

(Continued from page 1) Committee, who spoke for State CIO President Carl Holderman, mable to be present because of llness, emphasized the keynote

of the occasion by declaring: "The question of civil liberties oday is of greater importance han at any other time in the history of our nation. We in the CIO, along with various other against the American people. These moves are steps that start-

ed the road to Hitlerism." In a fiery speech, Ewald and former mine union leader, reminded the gathering of the witch-hunt following World War , and told how the Illinois miners had fought against fascist-minded groups which concealed their labor hate behind super- patriot-

A Slight Case Of Double-Talk

Two weeks ago, U.S. Steel's President Benjamin Fairless told a Senate committee his company hadn't made a "fair profit" in 20 years. Last week, U.S. Steel announced 1949 net profits of \$165,958,806, its highest since 1929. Without deduction of "strike losses," last year's take would have surpassed the 1929 peak.

"Throughout the history of New Jersey Kutcher Committee, America it's always been the Arthur Chapin, director of the game of the monopolists to keep New Jersey CIO Civil Rights down the working people," he said. "But today we have the CIO and AFL and refuse any longer of its weak seniority provisions, to take these blows lying down. I am glad to be among this group of people tonight. They are the genuine 'Voice of America.'" James Kutcher, after describing

the results of his tour, struck this theme in his own speech: "If strategy - absence of picket lines I never realized it before," he and meetings. Workers were adgroups, are fighting not only for said, "I realize it now better than vised to show militancy by stay-James Kutcher, but for the end- ever - that the greatest and ing at home. The chairman of the ng of all these reactionary moves most powerful bulwark in the Chrysler Local 7 Flying Squadron protection and preservation of advised the local membership: civil rights is the labor movement. It was through the initiative and firm support of the New about this strategy: ". . . we're Sandner, CIO Regional Director Jersey State CIO that I gained getting smarter all the time." access to the CIO movement throughout the country. Now this any plants, and almost no meetsupport has extended all over the ings have been scheduled. Office country to include AFL and in- help go to work and skeleton dependent unions as well as power-house and maintenance hundreds of fraternal, religious, crews with union passes are percivil rights, Negro and other or- mitted entry. Executives go in and ganizations. All these people regard my case as a key test of as stating that strikes cannot be civil rights for the American peo- broken in this era. However, many

"ITS OWN STAKES"

Harry Hazelwood Jr., president of the Newark Branch of the NAACP, declared "the NAACP has its own stakes in this fight soup kitchens and help out the for Kutcher and part of our aim will be to acquaint the public with the facts and issues involved."

Among other speakers pledging continued aid to the Kutcher defense were Herman Sirota, international representative of the ILGWU-AFL: Reverend Chester Hodgson, executive member of the Methodist Federation for Social Action; Charles Allen, president of the Newark Teachers' Union, AFL; and George Pfaus. chairman of the New Jersey Americans for Democratic Action.

George Novack, national secreary of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, who accompanied where else, shows how those who value civil liberties have answered of this campaign: 'Are you for control persecutors?"

Through its souvenir program nd the collection at the banquet the New Jersey Committee expects to raise at least \$600 to aid Kutcher's fight for justice.

CORRECTION

Last week's Militant report on the NMU erroneously stated that Morris Weiner is a Stalinist. He was one of the seamen expeller at the Jan. 19 NMU meeting in New York for participating in the resistance to Curran's illegal removal of regularly elected officials of the union. We apologize for the error to all concerned.

Strengthened Basic Contract ble 8 to 1 strike vote taken five tonths ago and seven months of egotiations were brought to a head on Jan. 25 when 89,000 Chrysler Corporation workers hit he bricks and brought 25 plants o a standstill. Shortly thereafter, eight Briggs plants employing 24,006 were compelled to close. Strikers include workers of Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge, Dodge Truck and DeSoto.

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The men anticipate a long attle, feeling that the company's tail indicates its desire to break heir union. They were indignant t the company's arrogance in efusing a meager 10-cent wage aise or a company-paid pension olan of like cost. The corporation and offered pensions costing less han three cents per hour.

The CIO United Auto Workers raising a treasury of several inition dollars to support the strike through a \$1-assessment on each working union member, collection to begin after the third week of the strike. Meanwhile 'lying squadrons patrol all plants, vhile soup kitchens feed men and

Before the walkout, Walter Reuther, heading the UAW negoiating team, proposed that Chrysler grant a 10-cent raise either for wages or pensions. He said he was willing to arbitrate all other issues in dispute. But now that the strike is on, new confract demands are being drawn

OTHER DEMANDS

While Chrysler had demanded five year extension of the present agreement, militants are demanding that contract changes be included in any settlement. The present agreement, extended 'wice, was negotiated early in 1945, and has aroused great opposition in union ranks because lack of a union security clause, numerous wage inequities, poor grievance procedure, and company rights to set production standards.

Reuther has pushed a "boycott" "Don't come near the plants." Reuther is quoted as having said

No mass picket lines exist at out freely. Reuther is also quoted unionists are not so optimistic in view of recent Packinghouse Workers and Bell Aircraft experiences.

But workers instinctively are turning up to picket, maintain strike. Office workers were stopped at the Main Dodge plant by pickets, and 50 who could not prove union membership were turned back. At a Dodge Main stewards' meeting, great dissatisfaction was voiced with the policy of no-picketing. It was felt that mass picketing and mass meetings help build morale. strengthen the hand of union negotiators and insure membership control of the strike.

WHAT WORKERS FEAR

Moreover, despite the new top strategy, some locals have decided on their own to call meetings. James Kutcher on parts of his For example, Chrysler Local 7 tour, stated: "The splendid has scheduled weekly membership esponse here tonight, as every- assemblies. Sentiment for mass picketing, keeping out office help, calling out power-house and the question we raised at the start maintenance workers, continues to mount. At the same time, senti-James Kutcher or for his thought- ment for a straight 10-cent hourly wage raise receives more positive support than the demand for a weak pension plan of like cost, while contract changes are now beginning to occupy the thoughts of the membership.

> Above all, militants are becoming aware of the danger of settling for 10 cents in one form or another, and throwing the rest to arbitration. Arbitration at Ford has cost Ford workers a paid lunch period and given the company sole rights to set or speed up production lines. Chrysler workers fear that arbitrators may give the corporation a fiveyear extension of the present roiten agreement.

The Jobless Cab Driver

By Robert Chester

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25 - At 1670 Mission St. an agile five-year-old girl led us up the three flights to room number 48 and looked in. Then she called down the hallway to the medium-built man coming toward us: "Daddy, two men to see

We shook hands with Joseph Breen, the unemployed cab driver, father of five children, who is facing eviction for failure to pay rent. His wife is in the hospital expecting their sixth child any day. The daily newspapers carried sympathetic articles, but we felt that there was more to it than had been printed.

Breen glanced over The Militant. "Published weekly in the interests of the working people, he read. "Sure I'll tell you about my case." He brought up two chairs, placed the baby in the high chair to keep her put, while he expertly shooed the other two children down the hall to the room that served as bedroom for the family. A fourth child, covered with a coat, was curled up sleeping in the only soft chair in the room. "He's not feeling well," the father explained.

The stove and kitchen table dominated the small room. A washstand type of sink was in the corner. The dingy buff walls were broken in two places showing the lath underneath.

"My troubles began with the strike last year, when we were out from New Year's Eve until the middle of May. I did my picket duty at the Palace Hotel and received my \$20 a week in strike benefits. Of course it all went on the table. After we won the strike I went back to Yellow Cab and worked until Nov. 29, when they cut back 100 men. Last hired, first fired, Since then I've been drawing my \$25 per week unemployment insurance. All that goes right on the table. With five kids it takes a strict budget to

"The rent for the two rooms is \$30. I was not able to pay rent during the strike, so the landlady agreed that if I would paint the hallway she would take off \$80. I worked on it for five weeks. After the first week my brother and her sister

came in to help but they were too old to do much good. When the hall was done the landlady had me sign a paper agreeing to the deduction from advisory motion, supported by the rent. Then I worked two more weeks cleaning the showers and bathrooms, but she would it the position of the SDF that not take off any more. I figured I had something more coming to me.

"The landlady has tried to make it tough for me. She vells and curses at the kids whenever they run down the hall. She even swings a mop ist organization is a recognized or broom at them. I told all this to the newspapers but they didn't print it. I hope you do.

"We tried to find a place to live, but who will organized labor." (The expression rally to the support of the miners trip to Library showed that the rent to a family with five kids? We applied to the housing authority for low cost housing, not mean independent labor candibut they say there is a long waiting list and we dates running against the capitalhave to wait our turn. We have a final eviction ist party candidates; in SDF "Murray and Green come to our could not even get hold of him notice to move this morning. I went to the union lawyer and he got a postponement for a day or candidates. Democrat or Repu-

"My wife didn't know much about this. She has enough to worry about as it is. She first went to the hospital on Jan. 5 because she didn't feel well and was there until I got my first post- minority has expressed opposition ponement. As soon as it was arranged my wife to the new electoral proposal. A found out about it. A doctor told her 'You can section of the SDF leadership, go home now, your family is not being evicted particularly the group dominatafter all.' But she had to go back again yesterday.

"So far the union is the only one to help me. holds (such institutions as the The business agents and the lawyer got together Jewish Forward) is not so en- without a contract, they will find put in a stint at the mines upon and are trying to help out. I'd like to say this. thusiastic over the unity proposi- they will have no workers for his return home, but even when For years I gave money to every charity that tion, and last November even even a one-day week." came around, the Community Chest, Red Cross called for its rejection in the and so on. I wish I had some of that money now. referendum. But they don't seem interested in helping me one bit when I really need it. They won't even spare ship is prepared to make any has recently had a lot of publicity. a nickel to call me up and see if there is anything political concessions required, it A miner by the name of Dickson out who backed him and why. But

"The landlady leases this apartment house and "Old Guard" SDF objections will press, "challenging the dictator- him here. His own father reone other from a real estate agent. She must be overcome and that the two ship of Lewis." It was played up pudiated him; the older Dickson get at least \$300 a month out of each of them. groups will reunite organiza- by the press all around this is a good man and he is sticking But she still tries to take advantage of a guy tionally just as they have become region and in the Pittsburgh with us, and we are all staying when he is down."

PENNA. MINERS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE THEIR BATTLE

(Continued from page 1) support? Bah! Murray's talk of to find out why, where, when. legal aid is doing us a hell of a

enough lawyers already?"

administration and whether it will

LIBRARY, Pa. - This home of get odd jobs. the giant Consolidated Coal Co. papers as well.

and the article urging labor to port of the miners. However, a "organized labor candidates" does met with aproval, and also with workers were out 100% and that skepticism so far as the AFL and it was impossible to reach Dickthe CIO leaders were concerned. son. The local union said they

It then turned out that young blican, who have the support of lot of good - haven't we got Dickson had gotten himself another job before he ever made the All eyes are now on the Truman statement. Secondly, that he had never been a full-time miner. He use the Taft-Hartley Law. But is a young vet whose greater part the miners here are staying out in the army was spent AWOL; of the pits. "If," said one, "the this was emphasized by some Southern operators get 'smart' miners because they felt it may and also go to the courts and try have something to do with the to force us to work the full week forces that were behind him. He every one else was working full time he'd work only part time and

One said: "He is sure to talk sooner or later and then we'll find seems probable that even the wrote a letter to the capitalist he hasn't got a single man with out till we get a contract."