**Steel Workers Climax 50-Year Struggle, Close Down Entire Industry**

**STAFF REPORTER, The Militant**

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 31 — The steel industry here was captured last night by organizers of the CIO-United Steel Workers of America, who ran roughshod over all companies and plants, stoking the flames of labor conflict.

For the past three days, these plants have been shut down, with the exception of some steel mills and service centers, as workers laboring under the banner of the steel federation, with their huge statues of steel workers, set out to shake the skeleton out of the steel industry.

**Steel Workers**

The steelworkers of all races, colors and nationalities are on strike. Return on the steel valley mills, 200,000 throughout the land, are engaged in the mighty battle of their lives.

**New Fires Are Burning Now**

When I saw the mills in their immense silence last night, only good lights of structures in blakeds of steel-covered roof steel dimly outlined behind iron-rolled or barbed-wire-topped surrounding wire fences blackened in the skies instead of fine steel and sparkling flashes.

Other and smaller fires are burning now, vowing to smite steel workers today as glaring red heat from a clock that shows an hour, a day and a year later.

This shows how the steelworkers have risen to the task of burning for their rights of American workers, who die daily in uncounted numbers, sitting on the floor, kneeling, rolling, dying.

Marches and demonstrations have halted the steel industry, a part of the Great Depression's United States. The workers are demanding the right to strike, with a long, sustained fight, until the steel industry is freed from the stranglehold of the steel trust.

**OHIO STRIKERS**

**Demand State Jobless Aid**

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 30 — The Mahoning County (Ohio) CIO-Militant, represented by Secretary-Treasurer John A. Kelly, last night made an all-out effort to aid the state jobless aid fund.

This effort was made in response to a call by the AFL's Eastern Federation of Miners and Millhands, who have declared a state-wide plan to aid the unemployed in the steel industry. The AFL's Eastern Federation of Miners and Millhands have declared an all-out effort to aid the unemployed in the steel industry. The AFL's Eastern Federation of Miners and Millhands have declared an all-out effort to aid the unemployed in the steel industry.

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**POLICE TERROR HURLS AGAINT L.A. STRIKERS**

By M. Patrick

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30 — Police terror and brutality spread here today, with 150 police, armed with clubs and tear gas, round up 100 men of the United Steel Workers and AFL men, at the United States Steel Corporation plant here.

Teddy Roosevelt has the team of state and federal police and detectives, and the American Federation of Labor has brought a demonstration to the streets.

CIO officers have been arrested, along with the demonstrators, who were on the picket lines.

**Ford, Chrysler Agree To Wage Increases Of 18c, 18 1/2c Hourly**

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

DETROIT, Jan. 30 — The wage war between the Ford Motor Company and Chrysler Corporation, two of the automotive industry’s “Big Three,” and the CIO United Auto Workers, terminated today in an agreement that will result in a 10 per cent pay increase for the Ford workers and an 8½ per cent increase for the Chrysler strikers.

The agreement was reached after the exhaustion of the period for the Chrysler strikers, and the Ford workers will now return to work.

UAW PRESIDENT A. F. Williams declared in a statement today that the agreement was the result of negotiation between the two companies.

The agreement will be in effect for 90 days, and then the companies will meet again to discuss the possibility of a permanent settlement.

The two companies, which have been in conflict for several weeks, have now agreed to a settlement.

**THE WARRIOR**

**Wrestling**

By E. Wilson

DETROIT, Jan. 30 — The UAW-Hunters Labor Committee has reached an agreement on a new contract for the next three years.

The new agreement will be signed on tomorrow, and will run through 1950.

A union wage increase of 10 per cent will be granted to all workers, with the exception of workers in the Detroit area, who will receive a 12½ per cent increase.

The new agreement will be in effect for 90 days, and then the companies will meet again to discuss the possibility of a permanent settlement.

**CIO MEAT PACKERS RETURN AFTER RE SHIPPING SEIZURE**

Chicago, Jan. 30 — After reconvening the government union leaders of the meat packing industry in the food processing sector, the CIO-United Packinghouse Workers conference has returned.

The conference has been called to discuss the issue of the meat packing industry's national policy and the need for a stronger union representation.

A strong union representation is necessary to ensure that the meat packing industry operates according to fair labor standards and to protect the interests of the workers.

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STEEL STRIKE CLIMAXES 50-YEAR TRADITION OF STRUGGLE

Homestead Workers Pickle Where Martyrs Of 1892 Fought

On our way back from visiting the memorial park, we experienced an emotional moment when we passed the entrance to the Homestead Steel plant. The entrance was marked by a large statue of a steelworker, symbolizing the tradition of struggle and sacrifice in the steel industry.

The Homestead steel strike of 1892, known as the Homestead massacre, was a pivotal event in the history of labor relations in the United States. It marked the beginning of the steelworkers' struggle for better wages, safer working conditions, and the recognition of their union rights.

As we stood before the memorial, we couldn't help but think about the sacrifices made by those who fought for the rights of steelworkers. The Homestead massacre was not just a strike; it was a battle for justice and equality.

The steelworkers of Homestead were the ancestors of the modern labor movement. Their struggle paved the way for better working conditions and fair treatment for all workers. Today, we honor their memory and continue to fight for justice and equality in the workplace.

We left the memorial park with a sense of pride and respect for the steelworkers who fought for their rights. Their legacy lives on, and we are committed to carrying on their tradition of struggle for a better future.
Stalinist 'Exception' To The GI Demands

By Charles Coraten

The decimation of the American forces in Europe by a single action of U.S. Army enlisted men, impressing for the last time in history on the London stage the universal demand for democracy, is the only new use of the U.S. "Liberation Committee" in Paris on January 16.

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Shocking Brutality Exposed By GIs Confined In U.S. Army Guardhouse

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PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS
By CHARLES CARSTEN

Why Vets Support Strikes

Of all the groups whose workers have been in the forefront of the battle for better wages, the war veterans have shown the greatest spirit of solidarity. In many sections, where their efforts have been concentrated, the strike movement has made important gains. This is particularly true in the steel industry, where the war veterans are a powerful force.

Unions for the veterans are growing rapidly. The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have formed their own unions, with the cooperation of the National Association for Military, Naval and Public Employees. These unions have been energetically organizing the veterans and have been successful in winning recognition for their claims.

The union movement is growing in strength, and the war veterans are playing a leading role in it. The veterans have been able to organize many of the industries in which they are employed, and they have been successful in winning the right to collective bargaining.

The veterans are demanding better wages, shorter hours, and safer working conditions. They are fighting for recognition of their war record and the right to wear their medals. They are also demanding that their veterans' benefits be increased.

The veterans are also demanding that the government make good the promises it made them during the war. They are demanding that their pensions be increased and that they be given the right to vote in all states.

The war veterans are fighting for their rights, and they are winning. The unions for the veterans are growing in strength, and they are a powerful force in the labor movement.

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A Letter From Holland Expresses Confidence In Fourth International

Dear Comrades:

...we are the Party of the Fourth International, and we are proud to be associated with you in this international movement for socialism.

...we are united in our struggle against the capitalist system and for the establishment of a world where the means of production are owned by the working class and operated for the benefit of all.

...we believe in the power of the working class to overcome the capitalist system and create a better world.

...we invite you to join us in our struggle for a better world.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Detroit Stalinists Seek To Suppress 'Militant'

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On the proposed strike, the editor of 'The Militant' wrote: "If the social conditions and the class struggle are going to be fought by the working class, they can only be solved by means of mass struggle."

The Militant and CIO Tobacco Workers were as well as the anti-Tobacco Worker League, through an agreement with William Thursby, a member of the CIO-affiliated Local 10 steel workers' union. The CIO agreed to withdraw its workers from the League if the Militant would also withdraw from the League. The agreement was not honored by either side.

The Militant and CIO Tobacco Workers united in a strike and were joined by other unions in the area, including the local steel workers' union.

Class Workers End Strike After Thirteen Weeks

By M. Walker

(Special to the Militant)

CIO Tobacco Workers in Toledo went on strike on March 7 to demand better wages and working conditions. The strike lasted 13 weeks, but eventually ended after negotiations between the workers and management.

Ford, Chrysler Agree To Wage Increases Of $5, 18-22 Cents Hourly

Announced from Ford's million-dollar plant in Detroit, June 18

The two major automotive manufacturers, Ford and Chrysler, have agreed to raise wages for their workers by $0.50 per hour, or 18-22 cents hourly.

Company Secrecy?

Some unions, however, expressed concern about the lack of information provided to them about the wage increases. They asked for more details on how the increases would be implemented.

Steel Plants Shut Tight in Reading

By James White

(Radio script)

Reading, Pa., June 16 — Steel workers at the Steel Plants shut down operations on June 16, following a 24-hour strike called by the steel unions. The strike was called in response to wage cuts and layoffs announced by the steel companies.

The strike started at midnight and lasted until 10 a.m. on June 17. The steel unions called the strike after negotiations with the steel companies failed to reach an agreement.

The strike was called by the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) and the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE). The USWA represents steelworkers, while the IUOE represents millwrights and other skilled trades.

The steel companies had offered to increase wages by 10 cents per hour, but the unions demanded a 15-cent increase. The strike affected 30,000 steel workers in the Reading area.

The strike went on for five days, with the steel plants remaining shut tight. The workers were demanding better wages and working conditions.

LARGE SOLIDARITY

Other CIO locals in the area also showed support for the-steel workers. The CIO-affiliated selling agencies in the area joined the strike, as did the CIO-affiliated retail stores.

The strike was eventually settled with the steel companies agreeing to increase wages by 18 cents per hour.

The strike highlighted the struggle of workers to improve their wages and working conditions. It also showed the solidarity of the steelworkers with other workers in the area.

The strike was a significant victory for the steelworkers and their unions. It demonstrated the power of workers united in solidarity to fight for their rights.

ST. LOUIS POLICE JOIN AFL—DEFY WARNING OF OFFICIALS

By George Rock

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 3—Interesting developments are taking place in St. Louis, Missouri, which is home to one of the largest unions in the country, the AFL.

The St. Louis Police have been issued orders to refrain from striking, but the union is defying these orders.

The AFL has ordered the St. Louis Police to return to work on Jan. 3. However, the union is refusing to obey the orders of the AFL officials.

The AFL has been trying to suppress the strike by issuing orders to the police to return to work. But the union is refusing to obey these orders.

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4th Fontana Fire Victim Dies; Home Burned After Vigilante Threats

By Jean Simon

(San Gabriel Valley Business Journal)

PICO RIVER, Calif.—Another body was found early Dec. 3 along the banks of the Santa Ana River spillway near a house that had been burned last week.

Police said they were still investigating the origin of the fire that killed the 78-year-old man and burned the home. But they believed the fire had been deliberately set.

The death came just days after the fire that killed a 16-year-old boy in another part of the city and sparked a wave of public anxiety and concern about the possibility of more such incidents.

Steel Strikers Shut Down Mammoth Bethlehem Plant

By John Fitch

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Jan. 18—About 3,000 steel workers were idled today when the Bethlehem Steel Corp. closed its mammoth plant in Pennsylvania.

The closure was announced yesterday by company officials who said the plant would remain closed until negotiations with the steelworkers union reach a settlement.

The strike, which began Dec. 30, was the result of a long-running dispute over wages and benefits.

Murray Charges Tax Law Aiding Strikebreakers

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Two men were convicted of racketeering charges in the case.

In addition, Murray said, the tax law and regulations have been used to help strikebreakers.

"The law has been used to give them a free hand in the labor market," Murray said. "It has been used to give them an advantage in the labor market."
**Diary Of A Steelworker** By T. Kavalovsky

**Youngstown Pickets Keep Vigilant Guard; As Locked-In Scabs Suffer Malnutrition**

By Art Sharon

**Notes Of A Seaman**

**Vets Begin To March**

**Sparrs Pawns Workers Close Bethlehem Plant**

**Workers Strike Seattle Transit**

**CITY COUNCIL VOTES STRIKERS' RELIEF FUND**

**SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT**

**Strike Machinists March On Capitol In California**

**Before the war ended, the U.S. Navy began its planning for a new fleet of aircraft carriers. The first of these ships was the USS Saratoga, which was launched in 1942. The design of the Saratoga was based on the experience gained from the World War I era aircraft carriers, and it featured a larger flight deck and more powerful aircraft. The Saratoga was the first aircraft carrier to be armed with anti-aircraft guns, and it played a key role in the Pacific War.**