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First Court Test Of Housing Oaths Starts in Newark Wave of Fear Sweeps World At Eisenhower's China Move

NEWARK, Feb. 3 — The first court challenge of the federal housing "loyalty" oath was started here yesterday by the American Civil Liberties Union, representing three tenants at the Seth Boyden Pro-

ject - James Kutcher, Hyman occupying their present housing Kutcher and Harry L. Lawrence. accommodations" and restraining ACLU executive director Patrick the Authority "temporarily and Murphy Malin said the suit was permanently from evicting or of national significance because threatening to evict the plaintiffs its outcome might determine the unless they sign such oaths." Superior Court Judge Walter enforcement of the oath in public housing projects throughout the Freund then signed an order directing the Authority to show country.

Emil Oxfeld, New Jersey at-torney of the ACLU, filed the be so restrained. here. The three plaintiffs asked GWINN AMENDMENT the court to enjoin the Newark Housing Authority from "requiring the plaintiffs to sign

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ACLU Condemns **Trucks Law; Files High Court Brief**

The American Civil Liberties these groups. Lawrence, a teacher Union, in a "friend of the court" and disabled war veteran, has brief in the Supreme Court, has signed a state teacher's "loyalty" blasted the Michigan Trucks law oath but has balked at the housas being in violation of constitu- ing oath "because it infringes on tional guarantees of free speech my personal and civil liberty." and association.

The Trucks law requires that was willing to sign the oath. But all members of so-called "sub- he could not do so because living versive" organizations register with him is his son James, the with the state police and answer legless veteran who freely admits a series of stoolpigeon questions. his membership in the Socialist Arguments on the case of Wil-liam Albertson, secretary of the listed groups. refused to register under the law, KUTCHER CASE Michigan Communist Party who were heard in the U.S. Supreme

Court on Feb. 2, and the ACLU the SWP figures in another case filed its brief at that time. The ACLU said in its brief that tion for the last 41/2 years. He the registration provision of the was purged from his clerical job law "is so indefinite, broad and with the Veterans Administration general that it may require solely because of his membership

The court was also asked to

declare the Gwinn amendment unconstitutional. Under this amendthe ... oath .. as a condition of ment to the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, passed last

July, all tenants of federal housing projects must sign an oath that they and the members of their families do not belong to any of the 203 organizations arbitrarily placed on the At-torney General's "subversive" list. Neither Lawrence nor Hyman Kutcher is a member of any of

Hyman Kutcher, 73 years old,

James Kutcher's membership in which has aroused national atten-

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Kentucky Miner's Home Dynamited



Tommy Sizemore, United Mine Workers member, with his wife and six children outside home in Clay County, Ky., after it was dynamited in terror campaign against union. Sizemore has been helping organize mines in open-shop eastern Kentucky. The blast blew the children out of bed, left the youngest deaf. UMW International representative Tom Raney, leader of union drive in Clay and Leslie Counties, has himself been a target for violent attacks, narrowly escaping death several times.

Prague Confession ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES Exposed as Fake UNDERLIE SOVIET PURGE

By John G. Wright

Peoples of Europe and Asia Voice Bitter Protest at New War Threat

By Art Preis

Eisenhower's "State of the Union" message to Congress Feb. 2, whatever its immediate aims, has given the world a glimpse of the Republican administration's projected course of strategy abroad. And the world has drawn back in horror. Through the carefully couched phrases about "peace," every politically alert person can see that the real intention is to smash the Chinese revolution that drove capitalist warlord

SWP Candidates File Early, Start Campaign in L.A.

By Louise Manning

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1 - Intent on using all the time possible Seventh Fleet no longer be emto present its anti-war program, ployed to shield Communist the Socialist Workers Party com- China"; and (2) that "this govthe Socialist Workers Party completed the petition requirements ernment recognizes no kind of necessary to run for office well commitment contained in secret before the deadline. Close to 1,000 understandings of the past with signatures each were filed for Myra, Tanner Weiss for Mayor and Abbert E. Morgan for Board of Education, office No. 6.

Although the campaign has just order, at the start of the Korean started, our candidate for the Board of Education has already projected the socialist program against the war and the witch hunt at three meetings. He ap-peared before the Parents for Better Schools, the CIO Council Committee, and the Community Service Organization, predomi-

The second statement is obnantly Mexican-American.

Chiang Kai-shek off China's mainland and restore his bestial dictatorship over the Chinese people. It is also apparent that Eisenhower aims to restore the old boundaries in Europe by destroying the non-capitalist states in Eastern Europe.

This is the clear meaning of the general's two key foreign policy statements: (1) that he is "issuing instructions that the

war, which stated that the U.S Seventh Fleet would be sent to Formosa to prevent attacks from Formosa on the mainland, as well as attacks from the mainland on Formosa. Eisenhower's policy now openly sanctions and supports military assault on China by Chiang.

"sphere of influence."

Eisenhower's declaration has

The campaign around the Board Yalta and Potsdam agreements viously aimed at the wartime of Education is of considerable between the U.S., British and importance due to a number Soviet governments to carve up of factors, such as corruption and Europe and Asia, assigning

GEN. EISENHOWER

Eisenhower Gives To Big Business

By Thomas Raymond

President Eisenhower's first State of the Union speech revealed an outlook on domestic affairs reflecting the most reactionary

registration merely on the basis in the SWP. Last October, after of association with an organiza- four years of litigation, the U.S. By Canada Writer tion with a non-conformist point Circuit Court of Appeals in Washof view on any of a large variety ington ruled that such memberof social, economic or political ship was insufficient cause to questions. justify his dismissal and reversed acter of the trial of Communist

At the same time, the ACLU the discharge. Pending further Party leaders in Prague last ine of repressions be relaxed. Instead it demands ever made clear that it is participat. action by the VA, he remains in ing in the case only to defend the status of a suspended emcivil liberties, and not out of ployee. The Kutchers and Lawrence sympathy for the Communist

Party. (Continued on Page 4)



From February 8 to 14 there will be many meetings, speeches and newspaper articles celebrating Negro History Week. What meanings will be given to the various celebrations this year?

Unfortunately many speeches American society for the progress will have the conscious or un- the Negro people have made terrified SS sergeant who was a it. For example, in Stalin's latest conscious purpose of taking the (through struggle, suffering and prisoner of the French, and the and most ambitious "theoretical" ing to give primacy to the edge off the present-day struggle sacrifice, let it be noted) Amer- writer of this editorial, who had work, Economic Problems of So- production of means of producof the Negro people. These will ican society should be condemned

be the meetings where the pro-gress of the Negro people in for so long perpetuating that blot on civilization — racial discrim-America will be extolled, with the ination. There is, furthermore implication that freedom was not the slightest assurance of "automatic improvement" of the handed to them on a silver platter Negro's position as a second-class and that subsequent progress came about by the automatic citizen.

The lesson to be drawn from working of America's "free enterthe uninterrupted course of prise" democracy. The moral will be that Negroes today should sit decaying capitalist society is not back patiently and await the that of steady progress but in 1947 had his presidency of the further automatic betterment of their position.

many of the politicians, school fore Hitler's rise Jewish leaders due acclaim while still alive. He officials and big names who will and liberals pointed to the great has, in fact, set up a Joseph P. grace the platforms at such progress of German Jews in the Ryan Association whose sole celebrations are people who never lifted a finger in the contemporary clusions of automatic improvestruggle against Jim Crow. Many ment and the steady decline of its namesake. These affairs have of the newspapers that will one anti-Semitism. Then came the gas attracted not only fellow union day this week carry patronizing chambers.

little editorials on Negro progress STALINIST MEETINGS will on the other 364 days of the

year oppose civil rights legislation and foster anti-Negro prejudice by their news reporting. Many of the Governors who have issued proclamations about Negro struggles of the Negro people History Week, have themselves a have not abated their reactionary conscious and figure a proclama-

tion doesn't cost them anything. There is great danger in the pioning of Stalin's diplomatic Julling effect that this type of maneuvers to ward off the war Negro History' Week celebration that U.S. capitalism is planning. produces. Instead of praising

An important piece of evidence

demonstrating the frame-up charlessly against even a suggestion that its monstrous mach-

November has appeared in Mac- greater strengthening of the to-D lcan's Magazine, a widely read talitarian regime, greater "vigi- fore. Stalin pretends that it is eyewitness account of an event by the current blood purge inside economic life to give "primacy"

plodes completely one of the ex- been in the past purges. "confessions" made at the There is another feature of

The Lionel Shapiro, is a liberal re-porter known as "Maclean's although in a more muffled form. tion, as Stalin himself puts it European correspondent." facts set forth by him in the Feb. 3 issue of Maclean's are reprint- the development of heavy in- the most profitable, not being ed here:

has been promoted at the ex-Just before dawn of Feb. 11, pense of light industry, that is, 1946, a military command car at the expense of the living profitable, and sometimes altorolled southward from Prague, standards of the mass of the peoleading a convoy of five trucks. In ple.

the command car sat five men, strained and silent: one French and two American officers, a the constant attempts to justify production, Stalin says:

is brought prominently to the (Continued on page 4)

graft in the department, and the Eastern Germany, Eastern Europe growing fear that the inroads of including Poland, and Southern the witch hunt in the schools will Sakhalin Island and the Kuriles The Stalinist bureaucracy reacts fiercely and ruthundermine the very basis of free north of Japan to the Kremlin's

education as hitherto known in

the U.S. Our candidate Robert E. Mor- STORM OF PROTEST

gan brushes aside the superficial Canadian periodical. It is an lance," etc. This is underscored one of the "objective laws" of explanations given by the other k cked up a storm of protest all that took place in 1946 which ex- the Soviet Union, just as it has to heavy industry as against the of the school system. He explains even some of their governments, natural working of economic law," production of consumer goods.

Stalin poses this question which to extend it into the universities Eisenhower projects. They rightly vate initiative. As has been often Soviet life that invariably meets must obviously be a subject of flow from the needs of the un- fear his foreign policy increases author of this account, with a similar savage reaction bitter controversy inside the popular, reactionary war in the prospects for prolonging the phrases are merely candy-coated Korea. Since it is impossible to Korean war, expanding the war synonyms for the unrestricted exconvince the people that this is a to the whole of the Far East and ploitation of the nation's populawar which helps them, it is lighting a powder train to ex-The We refer here to the stress in- reads as follows: ". . . why (are) necessary to eliminate all free dis- plode World War III. variably placed by the regime on our light industries, which are cussion, expecially among the

Even that old war-dog Winston youth who will be sent to die on dustry which under all the plans developed to the utmost, and why the battlefields. is preference given to our heavy retary Anthony Eden, has ex-So fearful is the Board of industries, which are often less

Education of any ideas which hower's statement regarding the might express doubt about the use of Chiang's troops. Eden told growth of the country." war aims of the government, that the British House of Commons This approach has alway

Arguing against nameless opthey have extended their thought that Eisenhower's policy would How touchy this phase of ponents who obviously favor an control to include not only so have "very unfortunate political Soviet reality is may be seen from expansion of consumer - goods "And called "reds," but the program repercussions without compensatwhat would be the effect of ceassponsored by the UNESCO ing military advantages." (United Nations Educational, This reflects especially the Scientific and Cultural Organmanaged to grab a reporter's cialism in the USSR, this subject tion? The effect would be to ization) because it appeared to working class through its Labor Motors to pay less taxes rather (Continued on page 4) (Continued on page 2) (Continued on Page 2)

opinions of the American capital ist class. It was a thinly veiled declaration that the nation is to be turned over to the mercies of the class of finance capitalists from which he drew his cabinet. The economic doctrines he

espoused are based upon the moss-encrusted tenets of the candidates for the degeneration over the world. The people, and most reactionary capitalists: "the that the witch hunt, and the plans express horror at the future and the "encouragement" of priseen in the past, these doubletalk tion and resources by the capital. ist class.

> Typical of Eisenhower's re-Churchill, through Foreign Sec- marks is this declaration: "We must develop a system of taxation pressed deep concern over Eisen- which will impose the least possible obstacle to the dynamic

> This approach has always been taken by capitalist spokesmen who, like the new Secretary of Defense, C. E. Wilson, maintain that "What's good for General Motors is good for the country." great pressure of the British Obviously, it is better for General (Continued on Page 2)

King' Ryan -- Success Story of Union Bureaucrat

By Joseph Keller

Joseph P. "King" Ryan, who catastrophic return to barbarism. AFL International Longshore-This was tragically demonstrated men's Association extended for

preceding century and drew con- visible function is the holding of periodic testimonial banquets for bureaucrats and waterfront em-

ployers, but the uppercrust of New York's political and racketeering circles.

Another type of Negro History Week celebration will be those run "Such popularity must be deby Stalinist organizations. These will tip their hats to the past duct their struggles under the week of the New York State politics, they are simply vote- guidance of the Communist Party. Crime Commission's hearings on The culmination of their program "MR. BIG" waterfront criminal activities.

for Negro rights wil be the cham-Ryan and William J. Mc-(Continued on page 3)

spicy ingredients to the unsavory These include the Penn Stevedor- the standpoint of the employer, Ryan lightened the fund by \$17,- regular salary of \$20,000 a year. stew which had been cooking for ing Co., which handles most of particularly McCormack. He ad- 000 in five years. The commission two months at the hearing, where the freight for the Pennsylvania mitted he paid his stevedores probers uncovered disbursement 30 percent of his union officials, hundreds of witnesses revealed Railroad that comes across the \$1.54 an hour in contrast with of the fund monies by Ryan for most of them hand-picked by him, the alliance of employers, gang- North River; the Jersey Con- the \$2.10 an hour usually paid such "anti-Communist" activity are known gangsters with crim-It should be pointed out that in Nazi Germany. There, too, be- life, has made sure he receives sters, capitalist politicians and tracting Company, handling the union longshoremen. Despite these rotten union officials to keep down Pennsy's freight on the New sub-standard wage scales, his luncheons at the swank Stork and bleed the longshoremen. Jersey side of the Port of New waterfront enterprises have been Club, \$1,330 for golf guest During the commission's ques- York; and the Morania Oil Com- singularly free of strikes. This charges, \$10,744 for insurance thorities on behalf of Albert ioning of Ryan, it was disclosed pany, which in the year 1951-52 freedom from labor difficulties he that he had not failed to avail got \$21/4-million of the \$21/2- said was because "I take a himself of the small material per-| million spent for gasoline and oil numan approach to the problem." quisites that thoughtful emplo- by the New York City Board of His "human approach" inyers so kindly provide for Transportation. cluded, first of all, Ryan. Mc-The hard-eyed, paunchy and fat- Cormack is a guiding light of the amenable union officials. In short, Ryan dipped not infrequently into jowled McCormack confided that Joseph P. Ryan Association. He

gether 'unprofitable"?

an "anti-Communist fund," sup- he and Ryan are "extremely close also sponsored Ryan for mempled by patriotic employers, to personal friends," that Ryan "con-bership in Westchester County's served." Ryan's career is some- acquire such weapons of anti-Red ferred" with him "about water- exclusive Winged Foot Country thing of a model of the American struggle as \$35 silk shirts, front problems" and that he gave Chub. When the club was resuccess story. How successful, in Cadillac cars and insurance pre- Ryan "advice and counsel." He organized and sold bonds, Mcand draw the moral that the fact, had not been fully appre- miums. He also withdrew \$31,- and Ryan were the nominal joint Cormack bought up Ryan's bonds shirts for dress occasions and officials - because the thugs keep long anti-Negro history. They Negro people today should con- ciated until the wind-up last 650.81 from the funds of the authors of a 1951 report on water- along with some others. union's I.L.A. Journal.

front conditions — which he ad-mitted he had never even read — of the employers' "human apthat found "the labor situation on proach" toward Ryan. He some-McCormack, who preceded Ryan the waterfront of the Port of New how got his personal funds in-

Cormack, his "extremely close on the stand, is the reputed "Mr. York is generally satisfactory distinguishably mixed with the personal friend" and multi-mil- Big of the New York wateriront. Irom the standpoint of the large gifts he received from Ryan's take of \$241,097 in 5 years providing huge additional profits empire employing thousands of prises and properties believed dustry and the government." shipping - industry firms and from the union treasury, only for the owners.

Ryan professed shock that some as \$817 for clothing, \$550 for inal records and numerous jail sentences. When, for instance, he Club, \$1,330 for golf guest had interceded with prison aupremiums, \$478 burial expenses Ackalitis, the thug who has since for his sister-in-law, \$460 for a taken over the "control" of the vacation cruise to Guatemala and Jersey piers, it was purely out of \$940 for repairs on his 1948 the noble impulse to help a "sick Cadillac. man," Ryan explained.

TRIMMINGS TOO

The fund provided Ryan with a \$40 hat to keep the frost off his tion to the evidence already discraggy dome; nine suits of silk closed by the hearings that shipunderwear, at \$8.50 per, to protect ping industry owners have been his tender skin; \$35.50 (apiece) "hiring criminals, bribing union four at only \$13 each for knock- the dockers in line." (Feb. 1 N. Y. around; a pair of \$17.95 gloves Fimes.) Ryan and his murderous, to protect his delicate mitts from thieving lieutenants have used the elements; \$346.16 worth of "anti-Communism" as the cloak 'ties, hose and handkerchiefs"; for their collaboration with the \$17.50 for perfume and \$7.50 for employers in stifling the resistone bottle of bath cologne. Of ance of the longshoremen and

The testimony of Ryan and his "advisor and counsellor" Mc-Cormack adds striking confirma-

Anyway, it is satisfactory from | called his "anti-Communist fund." | \$100,000 are accounted for by his dock workers, added the final worth upwards of \$100,000,000.

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MEN WHO FOUGHT FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS **IN EARLY DAYS**

By Joyce Cowley

The first Women's Rights Convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848. A great deal has been happen to the U.S. economy if written about Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott and war expenditures declined from the other women who organized this convention. But not much - as far as I can recall - has been written about about \$35-40 billion? This questhe men who attended the convention. In fact, if you were tion has a great importance beto judge by the half-hostile, half-amused manner in which cause the Pentagon projects that a great many men discuss the woman's movement, you would get the impression that it was a struggle of women against men. But from the start it was organized by women fighting. and men who understood that the fight for equality and freedom must be a fight for the rights of all the people, regardless of sex or race.

ion of the present and the im The early suffrage movement was closely allied to the mediate past. We must ask the question: Abolitionist movement which sought to end the slave syspresent boom? And in order to tem in America. The women who organized the Seneca answer this we will divide the Falls Convention had attended an anti-slavery convention output of the entire economy into in London where they were barred as delegates. A contwo main sectors, durable prodtroversy arose and they were finally seated — behind a ucts or "hard" goods (autocurtain. William Lloyd Garrison, who was to give the key- obiles, planes, tanks, guns, household appliances, tools, machines, note speech at the convention, refused to talk and sat etc.) and non-durable products or behind the curtain with the women. Apparently, the wo-"soft" goods (food, clothing, men got ideas. They returned home with the conviction paper, gasoline, shoes, etc. . . .) that it was not only the slaves who should be emancipated. This division may not be the best

When the delegates to the 1848 convention arrived way to approach the problem, but at the Wesleyan Chapel where it was to be held, they found methods by the manner in which the door locked. A young Yale professor climbed through statistics are made up by governa window and unlocked it from the inside. Originally, the ment and business agencies. It is women had not planned to have men take part in the not always possible to get the convention. But since it was a man who climbed through statistics we want for other, more the window to let them in, they decided on the spot to let any event, the division of the men participate. economy into durable and non-

It was a fortunate decision. Among the 31 men at- durable goods is not without meaning, as we shall see. tending, there was one who had the courage to support Elizabeth Cady Stanton's resolution for woman suffrage. DURABLES MOST UNSTABLE The women themselves were not quite certain that the Over a long-term period, the most unstable portion of the suffrage idea would be accepted throughout the country. economy is the durables group. When they wavered, Frederick Douglass, the ex-slave and The depressions are felt first of great orator, rose and delivered what has been described as all and most strongly in this one of the greatest speeches advocating the freedom of sector, and the booms are marked women and their right to vote that has ever been spoken by a great growth of the durablegoods sector. by a man. There are several reasons for

It was he who seconded Mrs. Stanton's motion and his this. Most important of all is the speech that swung the votes and launched the suffrage fact that the durables sector instruggle. With characteristic energy, Douglass entered the cludes the capital goods industries, those which produce new fight for women's rights. He was a prominent speaker at tools, machinery, factories, etc. every large meeting and convention. His Abolitionist news-When industry is expanding, the paper, the North Star, gave full and enthusiastic coverage enpital goods industries are to the woman's movement. In editorials he insisted again booming. And it is possible to and again -- "in respect to political rights, we hold woman maintain any sort of capitalist stability or equilibrium only durto be justly entitled to all we claim for man - the only ng a period of expansion of intrue basis of right is the capacity of individuals." dustry. When this expansion

A few years before his death, in a talk before the International Council of Women, Douglass declared:

portion between production and consumption asserts itself in the World Voices Fear at China Move There are few facts in my humble history to which form of a crisis. I look back with more satisfaction than to the fact, record-For example, during the "seven ed in the history of the Woman Suffrage movement, that | fat years" of the Twenties, the I was sufficiently enlightened at the early day, when only American Locomotive Co. aver- Party. Aneurin Bevan, leader of lished a formal policy that paves forced China into the war. a few years from slavery, to support your resolution for woman suffrage. When I ran away from slavery, it was for myself: when I advocated emancipation, it was for my for myself; when I advocated emancipation, it was for my cessation of capitalist expansion, Britain drawn into a third world any time Eisenhower deems the has been a move toward another

The Basis of the Boom: What Keeps Business at High Level?

By Harry Frankel If we turn now to the past along an almost-level line in the Consumer durables, by contrast period of the U.S. economy, we range between 180 and 200. But expanded only very slightly be-(Second of a series.) can see quite clearly how im- durable goods production, start- tween 1950 and 1951, but then In our first article we posed the

this instability, both ing from 180 three years ago, portant guestion which is now being so upward and downward, of the has climbed to more than 300! both in production and sales to widely discussed: What would durables sector is for our analysis. This has meant that durable When the slump of 1949 set in, it goods have climbed to the point affected durable goods most of where they account for more than their expected peak of \$55-60 bilall. Non-durables had been hold one-third of total national output, consideration: that it is just these lion to a "maintenance" level of ing level at about index number an unusually high percentage. 180 (1935 - 39 average equals Thus soft goods (primarily 100). They were not very much consumer - purchased) have not touched by the slump. But dur- shared much in the boom. But such a decline will take place during 1954-55 if there is no ables, on the other hand, which durable goods, have increased major war or extension of present had been up to about 230 at the enormously. Our next question beginning of 1949, dropped must be: What sustains this

In order to assess the economi

prospects for the future, we must

have some conception of the situa-

slows down or stops, the dispro

What sustains the

sharply throughout the year, durables boom? Here too the meeting non-durables at the end answer is clear from the facts. of 1949 at about index number If we divide the total output of 180. This decline in the durables the durables sector into three sector caused a rise in unemploy- parts, we find that two of them ment from the low level of about military hard goods and capital 12 million to almost 5 million. goods, have accounted for the Thus at the end of 1949 both entire durables boom, while the durable and non-durable goods third, consumer durables; has not production stood together at about | risen at all.

To give the facts on this very 180 percent of the 1935-39 average. From that point on the two briefly: The military sector of the capital and military sectors has diverge again like the open economy has roughly tripled in durables production has hardly goods increased by about 50% to risen at all since 1949, continuing a high point in U.S. history.

Durkin-Reuther Confab



Labor Sec. Martin P. Durkin (1.), former AFL official, chats in Washington with CIO Pres. Walter P. Reuther. Reuther is reported seeking top-level Washington post for a CIO representative.

dropped sharply in 1952, falling below the level of 1950. The extraordinary import these facts can be seen from this

two sectors upon which the boon now rests which are expected t peak of arms production reached. Both military capital - goods sectors, economi and business observers generally

agree, will have to decline if the present limited war situation is not expanded into a larger wa or into a full world war. wo sectors, and furthermore is based upon their continuous ex-

pansion to ever-higher levels, and when it is further considered that this constant expansion of the barely sufficed to keep all other then the effect of a simultaneous

lecline in both sectors may be magined.

A WEIGHTY ARGUMENT

and show that the economy is virtually foredoomed to a great slump if no major war develops. There is however a very weighty

argument raised by many capitalist economists which must be dealt with fully. They point to the ability of the U.S. economy drastic cut in the arms program in the years 1944-46 (a slash of war expenditures from 41% of the gross national product down

to 9%) as against the present projected cut from 16% to 11%. Both Marxist and anti-Marxist economists were in general agreement in 1945 that a great crisis was coming with the demobilization, but such a crisis did not

develop. Can a shock in the economy be averted by any means short of war in the coming period, as in 1946-49? We must try to make a careful comparison between that period and the present.

(Next Week: How The Crash Was Postponed.)



'The City Is Decaying'

Two recent statements help us to get our glimpse this week of the American way of life and what it is really like, not in the pages of Life or Look, but in reality.

On Jan. 28 a Brooklyn grand jury charged, in the words of N. Y. World-Telegram staff writer Norton Mockdecline simultaneously after the ridge that "New York is infested with so many firetraps and violation-ridden, health-menacing tenements and multiple dwellings that the city itself is deteriorating and decaying."

The snappy slick-paper magazines and the glowing speechmakers like to picture slums and misery as "a thing of the past" in this country. When backed to the wall by When it is considered that the facts they will admit that slums still exist but will claim present boom is based upon these that things are "improving." But listen to the words of the grand jury that investigated slum conditions after a tenement fire in Brooklyn that killed seven persons:

"Slums are being created much faster than they are being eliminated. Overcrowding is the germ of the slum disease. Occupancy of dark, damp and filthy cellars that lades of a giant scissors. Non- the past three years. Capital portions of the economy on a defy description, and families of six, seven and more, cookconstant (not expanding) level, ing, eating and sleeping in one room lacking proper toilet and bathing facilities, are spreading the slum blight.

> "It is the poor who get the least and not always at the lowest price. The problem has been festering for half a This line of argument would century, if not longer. The evidence adduced before us seem to complete our analysis disclosed that the greatest city in the world is, surely but not slowly, being permitted to deteriorate and decay.'

> This is a candid description of a city blighted by spreading cancerous sores in the form of slums. But of course, the apologists will cry, the slum-dwellers enjoy traditional American rights of protest in order to win fair play. For example the grand jury found a total of almost to pass through a far more 12,000 unrecorded housing violations. The people who are forced to live under these miserable conditions will of course be able to organize to improve their lot, such apologists say.

> > Here is where our second recent statement comes in. The National Federation of Settlement and Neighborhood Centers, which works mainly in the slum areas, issued a national report on Jan. 30 which said: "People in the neighborhoods are afraid to join anything."

The report stated: "Newspaper reports of people losing their jobs because of such associations and questions that they themselves have faced, create a kind of timidity and fear that is quite out of keeping with traditional American freedom we all cherish." It added that people in slum areas may be more sensitive to this witch hunt because "some of them knew that kind of fear before they came here. and in many instances it was the reason for their coming."

Here is a picture of America with the veil briefly drawn aside. "Slums are being created much faster than they are being eliminated" and the slum dwellers are "afraid to join anything" in the way of a protest movement because of the atmosphere of intimidation. It is not a pretty picure.

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people, but when I stood up for the rights of women, self more or less present in all war merely in order to fulfill time propitious. was out of the question and I found a little nobility in the branches of industry, was both Chiang Kai-shek's morbid and act."

Douglass, though one of the most prominent, was not the only "women's rights man" - as he characterized himself. The courageous men who joined the fight were subjected to even worse ridicule than the women and were branded "hermaphrodites" and "Aunt Nancy men." Men today may smile at this early struggle and find it a bit (homes, autos, appliances, etc.). quaint, but they benefit from the results. Yes, I said men. Thus between 1929 and 1932. Today they have healthier, better educated, more intelli- while industrial production as a Today they have healthier, better educated, more inten-gent and self-reliant wives. I don't for a moment believe whole dropped by almost half, the purchases of food declined by they would prefer the weak, sickly, prudish, clinging-vine only about 10%. Another way to type, so "dependent" she is more of a burden than a help. see this same fact is this: In the More freedom for women means more freedom for men. It same years that industrial prois equally true that in countries where women are held in subjection, men are less free. As Douglass said: "No man backbone of the durables sector, of India, echoing the "great can put a chain about the ankle of his fellow man without was cut by about three-quarters. concern" voiced by Prime Minister than more, and for the working "produce" and his encouragement at last finding the other end of it fastened about his own neck."

SWP CANDIDATES FILE EARLY. **START L.A. ELECTION ACTIVITY**

(Continued from page 1) anti-democratic registration reto advocate racial and national quirements. Our candidate for Mayor will be able to present the equality.

The Socialist Workers Party socialist program in the contest does not support UNESCO be- for the highest post in the city. cause the United Nations is an while our candidate for the Board organization set up to further the of Education will be able to reach aims of American imperialism, thousands of parents who are directly concerned with the proband thus cannot fight for equality, but it is in favor of discussing all lems of giving their children a ideas in the schools, including the good education, free from prejudice. ideas of socialism.

The participation of the Los Our participation at this time Angeles local of the Socialist is doubly significant because this Workers Party in this election year the number of candidates marks a new stage in its growth. running for office in the city has For the first time it has two increased about 25% over that of candidates qualified for the ballot four years ago, indicating despite the difficult obstacle of heightened interest in politics.



the cause and the consequence of squalid ambitions on the mainland

(Continued from page 1)

the depression. of China." The next day Bevan Another reason the durables publicly proposed, in answer to permitting "reckless action" that sector fluctuates so widely with Eisenhower, "to put the people's cludes those varieties of consumer goods which are most easily Nations)" and "to get Chiang eliminated from the budget Kai-shek away from it." This, he said, would "remove the Chinese people's anxiety that a counterrevolutionary war is being prepar ed on Formosa.'

ANXIETY IN ASIA Apprehension at Eisenhower' message is especially strong in duction as a whole was being cut Asian countries like India and in half, steel production, chief Burma. Virtually the entire press Finally, there is a third reason part of the economy. Durables respondent in Bombay called the trend of taxes even under the NATIONAL DEBT TO RISE "biting terms." The Christian past Democratic administrations, include government armaments purchases, which have been tied Science Monitor's correspondent it has now become the open tax ery closely to the boom-bust Ronald M. Stead reports from program of the Federal governtendencies in the economy in the Rangoon that Eisenhower "has

ecent period since the permanent struck a chill among some southwar sector became predominant east Asia nations - particularly throughout most of the capital- Burma."

Chiang himself, expressing one

ponses to Eisenhower's message,

slyly stated that "I . . . will not

Secretary of State Dulles, whose rip to Europe was timed to deal with anticipated adverse reactions Newark Fri. Night to Eisenhower's declarations, was busily engaged in attempting to **Socialist Forum** assure Washington's disturbed allies that there would be no presents "reckless action" by Chiang. But Movie Review Night everybody knows that use of ("Limelight," "High Noon" Chiang's troops for an invasion of

films) Fri., Feb. 13, 8:30 P.M.

ist world.

and two important foreign China would inevitably bring in its wake American armed forces to back up Eisenhower's ally. at 52 Market Street of the very few favorable re-



Negro History Week Civil War and Before 2. The Reconstruction Period 3. Since World War II Fri., Feb. 13, 8 P.M.

Militant Hall 116 University Place (near Union Square) Questions, Discussion, Refreshments **Contribution 25 Cents** LESSON OF KOREA

drive. As for Dulles' talk about not

Far East until the American would widen the war, we can troops are pulled out of Korea. the economic cycle is that it in- government of China on the dismiss that. The U.S. invasion At the same time, we must call a Security Council (of the United of Korea in 1950 was not con- halt to the policy of aiding sidered "reckless"; but there are counter-revolution in China, we already one and a half million must recognize the new Chinese

knows that Eisenhower has estab-1 not called "reckless": but

veterans of that "police action." government, end the blockade McArthur's march to the Yalu and establish normal trade rela-River border of Manchuria was tions with China.

EISENHOWER CLEARS PATH FOR BIG BUSINESS PROGRAM

(Continued from page 1) the workers and farmers Nehru, attacked Eisenhower in people to pay more taxes rather to the foremen and financiers to why durables are the shakiest what the N. Y. Times cor- than less. While this has been lay the whip on more strongly.

budget deficit. Even the less

since 1941. By pumping more

purchasing power into the econ-

(mostly for arms and war) than

ment. Thus the N. Y. Times, its reactionary editorial staff made very learned of his economists can happy by Eisenhower's message, inform him that this very budget commented feelingly: "We have deficit has encouraged the boom already lived too long with the notion that a million dollars in taxes has the same impact on the omy in the form of expenditures economy whatever form it takes." (Feb. 3). The clear intent is to lighten the load on business and of taxes, the federal government to increase the already ponderous has for a dozen years helped to burden that the low-income families must carry.

proportion between production Eisenhower addressed the foland purchasing power. When for demand by the State Department lowing words to the labor movewo years (1947-8) the budget ment: "The determination of labor deficit was eliminated, this helped policy must be governed not by the bring the slump of 1949. vagaries of political expediency but by the firmest principles and convictions." This remark is in- capitalism, and shows that U.S. Monthly Review forum discussing tended to convey to the unions capitalism has never emerged anti-semitism in the Soviet Union. the idea that the new administra- from its 1929 collapse on any Frank and Pete report that one tion will shed the policy of social

concessions, already 90% aban- asked of Eisenhower, does he greeted them very warmly and to back up his invasion. U.S. indoned by the Democrats, as fast know of any other way to keep said he knew the paper from fantry would be bound to follow as it is able. The new Big Business president does not, as there is no other way them around. Another who said Eisenhower's contention that

buttressed this warning with the open to capitalism. Thus when he was a Stalinist got into a the U.S. fleet has been "protecting. Communist China" from injunction that: "We all - work- he expresses the fear that the na- discussion with Frank and ended attack by Chiang is, of course, ers and farmers, foremen and tional debt will soon go beyond up buying the paper. false. It is now freely admitted financiers, technicians ad builders the limit set by Congress of \$275 - all must produce, produce billion (the present debt is over that Chiang with U.S. arms and backing has been conducting raids more, and produce yet more." \$265 billion). he is only speaking well describes some of the plans all along on China to the extent Since Eisenhower here mentions foolishness. If there is anything and activities of Los Angeles that his forces permit. The U.S. some who produce and others at all certain in this world, it is Eastside and Westside Militant fleet protected Chiang's Formosa who merely lay the whip to their that the U.S. national debt will salesmen. "Our Westside comtase of operations. It is not ex- backs, it is clear what he wants. soon go over the legal limit, and rades, a number of whom are pected that in the immediate He chooses these confusing words Congress will be forced to change students, have been carrying on future Chiang will be able to do in order to dress up in a more the law to set a new and higher sales both on and off the campus. much more than he has. But he palatable form his exhortation to limit.

global war. Eisenhower is con THE MILITANT ARMY tinuing and speeding up this war There can be no peace in the

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of The Militant.

Cannon series of articles

Donald, Wally and Harold.

"In the last few weeks we have sales were primarily conducted at noted particular interest in The rallies and other meetings. Since Militant and discussion about the then we have had good results on

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writes Minneapolis the campus in our sales of The Literature Agent Militant and of the Fourth In-Sherman. ternational containing Clark's Helen "The front-page ar- debate with the three NYU ticle on the Labor professors. At these sales we Party and the edi- distributed leaflets advertising the torials on the esca- Cannon series at the Friday night lator clause and forum. This gave us a chance to 'What About Tax climax our discussions with an Relief' are sure to invitation to attend the forum attract the attention and continue the discussions and win the approval there.

of any worker who "Errol. Leonard. Delores. and sees the latest issue Phyllis participated in this work, the success of which was evi-

"In addition, the very pertinent denced by the fact that at least and popular writings of Joyce 15 students came down to hear Cowley on the experiences and the lectures. Others showed an in-Among the less brilliant of problems of the working woman terest in our literature. Now we Eisenhower's declarations to the are a valuable contribution to the are planning to expand our sales joint session of Congress is his paper. This compliment to Joyce in connection with the coming determination to eliminate the Cowley is, indeed, long overdue. election campaign.

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> that the Rev. James H. Robinson Thanks to R. G. of East Greensurrender his passport. There was bush, New York, for his donation a very favorable response and 19 of 55c. to help print The Militant.





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It is a great pleasure to be

able to report the reprinting of

Who Should Wake Up?

"The working stiff should be on the alert and beware of tax shifts." This is the title of an editorial in the Jan. 15 United Mine Workers Journal. official publication of the United Mine Workers of America

Denouncing the "steady stream of bunk" about promised tax cuts under the Eisenhower administration, the editors of the Journal say: "The free-enterprise boys of the NAM and Chambers of Commerce have been firing salvos on taxes which, in effect, means a shift in the tax burden from the rich and the profiteers to the shoulders of the consumers."

"The three-shell game the free-enterprise politicians seek to employ," they continue, "is to limit federal income taxes to 25 percent, impose a manufacturer's or production tax of from five to 10 percent and a consumer sales tax, such as the Federal Government now collects on gasoline. Right here is where labor should wake up to the realities of the tax situation."

Then comes the conclusion: "The working stiff must alert himself to fighting in every manner he can — from the local political level on up - against the kind of anti-tax crusade that leaves the common folks holding the bag."

This editorial stand, undoubtedly reflecting the views of John L. Lewis, is a good one we think — as far as it goes. We are all for being "alert" to the new tax gouge now in preparation.

It's our impression, however, that the "common folks" have been "alert" for some time, not only to any new schemes to heap

further taxes on the shoulders of the able to report the reprinting of Dr. DuBois' monumental book, poor but to the old ones under which they Black Reconstruction, originally are already staggering. The mounting tax published in 1935. For this book, burden is one of the big grievances of one of the outstanding historical workers, a grievance many of them voice works of this country, is must every time they look at the deductions for siders himself a socialist, or who reading for everyone who contaxes on the payroll slip. They have given wants to know the true history every indication of their readiness to fight of the U.S. since the Civil War, on this issue as well as others bothering them such as the war in Korea them, such as the war in Korea.

system and the current struggle Arousing the "working stiff" to the for civil rights. This book had a strong indanger is no problem; the problem is to

wake up the trade union bureaucrats, in- fluence, directly and indirectly, cluding the officialdom of the United Mine especially on young radicals and ceivable to me now, as it was the students in the Thirties. Interest first time I read this book, that emancipation meant to them, and Workers. The Journal proposes to fight in in it continued with the war and any objective reader can finish it the final chapter's ringing reply "every manner" from "the local political during the flood of books on the without being fundamentally con- to the traducers of Reconstruclevel on up" and yet in the last election the Negro question, but it has been Journal did not fight — it backed the out of print for several years and available only through libraries. Democrats, one of the twin parties of the Dr. DuBois is one of the most big corporations and the very party re- distinguished scholars in the counsponsible for the present intolerable load try, but the original publisher showed no desire to reprint the drawn by DuBois (although some of taxes. book even before the author was

We think the editors of the Journal should follow their own advice and begin the cold war and his association fighting on the political level. That means, with some of the Stalinistspecifically, advocating the end of company dominated organizations. Albert unionism in politics and doing everything possible to build a Labor Party. If the unfortunate that he had to put heads of the United Mine Workers, one of the most powerful unions in the country, take the lead in this, it is obvious what tradition of the miners and a logical con-

tinuation of the leading role they have played so often in the past in battling the big corporations on the economic front, would be hailed throughout the country by the rank and file of the unions.

Continue the Fight!

In his State of the Union message to Congress, President Eisenhower declared that he favors amendment of the Taft-Hartley law to make it more palatable to labor. But the actual process of amendment as it is now shaping up will not alter anything in the law of real significance to the labor movement, although it may change the name. And since the objections of the labor movement were not to the name of this act but to its specific union-busting provisions, the fight against the Taft-Hartley law must go on.

The very men who will be in charge of the so-called "revision" of the law are among the strongest supporters of the anti-labor purposes of the Taft-Hartley law. First of all. Senator Taft himself. despite the fact that he has left the chairmanship of the Senate Labor Committee for his higher post as Senate majority leader, will personally take over chairmanship of the sub-committee that will hold hearings. Then, the new chairman of the Senate labor committee, H. Alexander Smith, one-time New Jersey industrialist, a consistent supporter of the Taft-Hartley law. was Taft's own choice for the post. Finally, the new chairman of the House labor committee, Rep. Samuel J. McConnell Jr., is a Philadelphia investment banker.

EXPOSES THE LIES Reconstruction (1867 - 76) was himself and partly by other scholtremendous repercussions it would have. the final phase of the second ars, many of them Negroes. No Such a course, wholly in the militant American revolution, the only one has been able to refute these time when Negroes enjoyed any. facts, and it is not likely that thing resembling democracy in the South. It is probably the most dramatic period in this nation's book is DuBois' identification his outstanding error in this existence and certainly the most with the revolution he describes ied-about period. For decades the and the masses of Negroes in eading historians, educators and its vanguard. His objectiveness in other molders of public opinion presenting the facts does not

abored energetically to falsify, mean that he is neutral or nondistort and obscure the real facts committal about the side he takes about one of the most magnificent as most American historians and inspiring chapters in Amer- usually are, including the better ican history.

Saifer is to be commended for

reissuing the book, although it is

such a high price on it.

ships of the capitalist class and ones like Beard. On the contrary, its federal government, main-DuBois took them all on in this he is a partisan, passionately on book, and tore them to pieces, ex- the side of the revolution, defendtained in the South by military posing them in all their nakedness ing it against its enemies, seeing power, supported by the Negroe as prostituted peddlers of class the events through the eyes of the and for a time by a large section and race prejudice. It is incon- oppressed slaves and freedmen of the white masses, suppressing

W. E. B. DuBOIS

balance sheet of Reconstruction.

More significant is the fact that

nothing written on the subject

since 1935 has contributed anything to alter the main picture

works, notably C. Vann Wood-

have added to our knowledge and

understanding of certain aspects

Many factors combined to make

this a great book. The first is the

solid array of facts that it con-

tains, dug up partly by DuBois

The second strength of the

FOR THE REVOLUTION

vinced that here is the true tion).



In the opinion of Lucha Obrera,

these people "overestimate the

struggle for freedom. The general

mperialist power" to contain the

The recent purchase by the panicky way they also seek to USSR and full interchange among U.S. government of 5,000 tons of carry this pessimism and con- Latin American nations." As a step in this direction, the coal mine struggles, and to prevent the organization of Southern labor. It has also that the State Department in-that the State Department in-that the State Department in-must be sold to Yankee imperial-tion of a big pool of raw mate-must be sold to Yankee imperial-tion of a big pool of raw mate-isls" produced in Latin America tin from the nationalized mines formism into the ranks of the been used in many thousands of minor tends to relieve its pressure ism at any price and no matter rials" produced in Latin America

achievement for DuBois. For a that would help the capitalists to things from him in this book, long time he was one of the chief retain political power in Wash- things it is specially fitting to advocates of the petty-bourgeois ington. (Later, the Northern acknowledge when Negro Histheory that the salvation of the capitalists came to an under-Negro people depends primarily standing with the counter-revo-on their "talented tenth" of edu-lutionary planters which led to From cated leaders. He did not com- the withdrawal of the federal of Negro historians out of which

pletely shake off the effects of troops and the establishment, it grew, we learned to re-examine this theory in this book, but he through force and violence, of 19th-century history from the overcame it and his own middled white supremacy on a capitalist standpoint, among other things, class outlook to a remarkable basis.) degree. The insight that resulted DuBois made the mistake of of that class — the slaves — on

provides the book with an impact, calling these Reconstruction gov- whose oppression and exploitapower and eloquence that lift crnments a "dictatorship of tion an entire social system was many passages above the level of labor," similar to the dictatorship scholarship and polemic into the of the proletariat created in realm of lasting literature (for Russia in 1917. But as J. Meyer example, the moving and some- pointed out in Fourth Internatimes even lyrical sections of the tional (November 1949), "Far Black Reconstruction. chapters on the slaves' role in from doing harm, the conception

LINKS WITH TODAY

ably the only book ever subsidiz

ed in part by the Carnegie Fund

that predicts and favors the

"dictatorship of the proletariat"

DuBois is not a Marxist, al

though he was clearly under its

influence when he wrote this

book. His attempt to adapt certain

Marxist categories for use in his

own revolutionary-democratic so-

ciology is not always successful;

respect, the characterization he

made of the Reconstruction gov-

ernments, became the main

weapon used against the book by

Reconstruction govern

were dictatorships all

- but they were dictator.

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the Civil War and on what that lay behind the mistaken for example, of the part played formula was the strength of by the slave in the Civil War, DuBois' book: he recognized that qualitatively superior in its conthe Negroes in particular had creteness to anything tried in ried to carry out ideas that went this field previously, opened new beyond the prevailing concep- frontiers for Marxist students and led to the fruitful re-

ions of bourgeois democracy." Another strong feature was his (The May-June 1950 issue of the examination of the decisive role same magazine contains two of the slaves in the anti-slavery effort to relate the struggle over Reconstruction to the class strugmovements that preceded and useful articles on Reconstruction gles of our own time. Not content and on DuBois' work and inhelped to precipitate the second to deal with Reconstruction as American revolution. For this fluence.) merely a finished episode of his

service we are all in the debt of WE LEARNED TOO tory, he sought to discover in it Dr. DuBois, despite our difthe roots of the contradictions and But if part of the value of this ferences with him on many curconflicts that characterize 20thbook derives from DuBois' at- rent political questions. century capitalism. This is prob



tory Week is being celebrated

From this book and the school

of the experiences and struggles

based. All this had been ignored

for the most part, even by the

Marxist movement in this coun-

try, before the publication of

But DuBois' masterful analysis,



Under supervision of British imperialists, spear-carrying guards surround African nationalist rebels arrested in Kenya as drive continues to wipe out liberation movement. British imperialism, hard hit by colonial movements everywhere, is concentrating on Africa as one of last strongholds.



SOUTH AFRICA'S only repre-| Filipino government and the Huk sentative of the Negro population guerrillas who are still active in their resistance movement despite "annihilation" by the Manila gov-

leaders propose for the law are very minor. For example, since the law now requires a non-Communist affidavit from union officials before their union may be eligible to use the National Labor Relations procedures, but says nothing about employers, one proposed amendment would simply re-

be required. The Taft-Hartley law has already been used as a significant club in the hands of employers in the packinghouse industry,

goes on to broadly extend the types of union officials from whom affidavits will

The changes which these Republican

strength of individual local unions has been whittled away and their bargaining chase was aimed at heightening power reduced.

Furthermore, it remains on the books as a gigantic union-busting weapon, which resources - rich country from the Hochschild and Aramayo mowill certainly be used when the capitalist class feels ready to begin its intended offensive against the very existence of the union movement.

Changing the name from "Taft-Hartley" to "Smith-McConnell" will not change any you demonstrate willingness to of this. The labor militants should resist any effort to compromise on this fight. and push their leaders to make an all-out fight for repeal of this slave-labor statute.

But the CIO did not specify any wish for

a return to the old index. Rieve pointed out

that the CIO had itself made a number

of suggestions for changing the methods

of calculating the cost of living that would

more truly reveal the real changes. "We

regret that many suggestions have not

been adopted," Rieve said. He pointed to

tion of another index which takes into ac-

new index is designed primarily to meas-

Thus, we see, neither the old index,

certain of the heaviest devourers of the

workers' incomes and deliberately minim-

izes certain others. These indexes, as put

out by an agency of the capitalist govern-

manipulated to the advantage of the cor-

ure the buying power of net wages"

that is, wages after taxes.

"We strongly urge the parallel publica-

one specifically.

and unspectacular c a s e s, where the against the revolution started what the conditions. there last April by the workers OLD ARGUMENTS

country.

and peasants. In fact, the pur-Lucha Obrera points out that such false arguments were forthe difficulties faced by the people merly used to defend the Patino, in freeing their mountainous,

grip of foreign capitalists. With this token purchase, the would be a catastrophe for the

State Department is in effect telling the Estenssoro governnent that there's more money where that came from provided

play ball with the Eisenhower administration and the big business interests it represents.

the State Department pressure. However, in face of the armed, has to go easy.

mission. According to the Feb- workers should demand that Bo-

ruary issue of Lucha Obrera livian tin be placed on the free (Workers' Struggle), official world market and sold to the newspaper of the POR (Revolu- highest bidder, whether Chinese, tionary Workers Party), which English, Russian or Japanese. has just been received here, "This The workers "should demand

tendency now maintains that the breaking of the imperialist Bolivia cannot free itself from encirclement blocking trade relathe Yankee orbit and must in- tions between the countries of evitably remain in the grip of the Western and Eastern Europe count the taxes paid by people since the colossus of the North. In a the China of Mao Tse-tung, the



(Continued from Page 1) these meetings of the Communist will carry on the unceasing, unment, have been and are now rigged and Party's sell-out of the struggle

There would not be the "confusion in the American labor scene" that Rieve comnature of race prejudice embrace plained of in his statement on the new an explanation of the Kremlin's who are not corrupted nor inindex, if the labor unions, in cooperation current use of anti-Semitism.

with the farmers' and housewives' organ-| THE REAL CELEBRATION

izations, compiled their own reliable index Fortunately there will be anand made it the basis of cost-of-living esreal source of the unreliability of the present index — its authorship by an agency has written into the official history books. They will show the present and of the future.

order to place them more world in parliament, B. P. Bunting, \mathbf{the} advantageously on market. Thus Latin America elected by the natives of Eastern repeated announcements of their no longer appear as Cape Province, is going to be exwould "small, separated republics" faced pelled from the assembly, like ernment.

his predecessor, because of his by monopolists. "An economic power would be born which could political views, the Minister of iopoly of Bolivia's tin mines and Justice announced. discuss prices and conditions of to contend that "nationalization

sale as equal to equal with any other colossus." Among other ad-PRIME MINISTER MALAN vantages, this would enable the

will ask the South African Parlia-Latin American countries to de ment for dictatorial powers to be crease their dependence on imused in "emergencies." Malan perialism and their "sharp probwants to rule by decree to

iems of subsistence could be adfacilitate his persecution of South Africa's Negro majority. The Bolivian workers and peas

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BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT Paz 1953. Two others were removed Estenssoro denied rumors that from their present posts but given the U.S. had requested the dis-

allies. Lucha Obrera points to the missal of union leader Juan The revolutionary socialist pacolonial peoples "who are rising Lechin from his post as Minister per points out that "tin is a against the imperialist oppresof Mines, as a condition for the

strategic material which all nasion" and "the peoples of the J.S.-Bolivian tin deal. The Trying to pave the way for tions need and which must be Soviet bloc who are struggling Bolivian government also signed major concessions, Estenssoro's purchased no matter what." Conagainst the ring of death which an agreement Jan. 26 selling half supporters argue that there is no sequently, if sales are blocked by the 'democratic bloc' has placed of that country's tin output to a other possible course but sub- the "Anglo-Yankee boycott," the around them.' British company. The entire pro-

FOR SOCIALIST AMERICA duction of the former Patino The Bolivian workers must seek mines will be bought by a Liverpool firm indirectly controlled by allies among their own class he Patino interests. abroad, making the workers of

China, Argentina and the United States understand that their own VICENTE TOLEDANO, wellfate is involved in the struggle known Stalinist Mexican labor going on in Bolivia. If the imleader who once wielded great perialist U.S. were replaced by a influence throughout Latin Amersocialist America. "our victory ica, declared he now supports would be assured and the dif-Pres. Adolfo Ruiz Cortines, alficulties in our evolution toward

though he ran against him in the higher social forms in large part election. Toledano claims that overcome. We have been forced Cortines has adopted the opposito take the lead in seeking the tion's program and should theredestruction of imperialism in our fore be supported by labor. Corown country, facing up to the tines, however, is continuing in negative aspects involved, with the tradition of his predecessor the sure knowledge that those in in office, Miguel Aleman.

No mention will be made at all the American people. They are struggling for the same will carry on the true spirit of goal."

THE VENEZUELAN dictator ship of Col. Jimenez is frequently Looking forward to a socialist daunted struggle for the full poli- Western Hemisphere, Lucha identified with the U.S. by the against Jim Crow when it suited tical, social and economic equality democratic majority that voted Obrera points out that it has beagainst him, reports Sam Pope the Kremlin's purposes during the of the Negro people and all other come an imperious necessity to Y. Times correlast war. Nor will Stalinist peoples. These will be the celebra-Brewer, N. build a harmonious politicaldenunciations of the reactionary tions of revolutionary socialists, economic structure linking all the spondent. A "whispering campaign" has spread the rumor that Negro militants and all others Americas. "The victorious revoluthe illegal December coup through tionary workers will establish which Jimenez became presiden timidated by the ruling powers continental unity, thus doing what of Jim Crow America, nor misled the native capitalists cannot do was approved by the U.S. Emby Stalinism. despite all their discourses on this bassy. Brewer does not believe

this. but indicates: "There is no These people will not pay subject. The revolution of the other type of Negro History Week hollow homage to the heroes of proletariat at the head of the doubt that U.S. business men find the present government a good calator wage clauses. This would avoid the celebration. These will be the the past. They will pay the only native masses and exploited ones that expose the distortions homage those dead fighters would middle classes, on destroying imone for them to deal with.

> **ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS** unity of the Americas." started Feb. 2 between

IN BURMA the Karen insurgents captured the important river town of Einme, 90 miles

west of Rangoon, Jan. 28, in their deepening drive into the Irrawaddy Delta area. The government forces retreated.

SIX RUMANIAN ministers were "purged" from that country's Stalinist cabinet in January other jobs.

MINISTER OF HEALTH in the new French cabinet is M. Beutemy, the former director of Marshall Petain's pro - fascist secret police in 1941-42, and the Vichy government's prefect of the Loire Department and of the region of Lyons. A healthy person indeed. . .

A BIG TRIAL is probably being prepared in East Germany against prominent SED (Stalinist) members who lived in Western Europe or America during World War II and were at that time in contact with Jewish relief organizations.

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DETROIT National Negro **History Week** "Will Eisenhower Attack Negro

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Use Labor's Own Measuring Stick

The great confusion and controversy touched off by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' announcement of its new revised costof-living index has caused a closer examination by the unions of how this index is compiled and whether it reflects accurately the real rise and fall of living costs.

A change upward or downward of the relative weight of the major factors such as food which make up the index, can mean the gain or loss of millions of dollars to workers whose union contracts contain cost-of-living escalator wage clauses tied to the BLS figures.

In the case of the new index, lesser importance is given to the factor of food, which represents a higher percentage of total family expenditures for the lower income levels than the upper. Under the old index, food had a relative weight of 35.1 per cent; under the new, only 30.1 per cent. Thus, an increase in food prices, which bears most heavily on the workers, would be reflected to a smaller extent in the new index than the old.

What especially disturbed the CIO, according to Emil Rieve, CIO Vice-President and chairman of the CIO Committee on Economic Policy, was the idea that the BLS might institute a policy of "constantly changing the yardstick" and thereby "complicate the process of labor negotiations." This would enable the government to revise the statistics to the advantage of the employers whenever the latter desire.



trend throughout the world has vantageously resolved." 'created an unfavorable relation of forces for imperialism." In ants must not become The Estenssoro government of Latin America it has suffered heartened over the U.S. boycott Bolivia is inclined to respond to "serious defeats and will suffer and think that they have no still more. . ."

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The Negro Struggle -**Stalin's Anti-Zionism**

By Jean Blake

To understand the true nature of Stalinist anti-Semitism which is a dominant feature of the current purge and frame-up trials in E. Europe and the Soviet Union it is necessary to distinguish between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism. The accusations against the victims lump together "Jewish, Zionist, Trotskyist, Titoist, agents of American imperialism." This mixes up many things, many of them inconsistent with each other.

For one thing, anti-Jewish, or anti-Semitic, and anti-Zionist are two different things. Many people are anti-Zionist without being anti-Semitic. That means they may be opposed to the Jewish state of Israel, for any one of a number of reasons, without being in favor of discrimination of any kind against Jews. (Just as many people are opposed to the policy of supporting, the "Negro" state of Liberia for many reasons, without being in favor of discrimination against Negroes.)

Many Communist Party members, trying to excuse the present purge, argue that it is directed against Zionism, or Jewish nationalism, not against Jews. They appeal to working class internationalism with the line that Zionists, in defending the Jewish capitalist state of Israel, ally themselves with world capitalism, particularly American capitalism, against the Soviet Union and its anti-capitalist allies. Therefore, they say, the Soviet Union is justified in taking measures against Zionists.

But let's examine this Stalinist anti-Zionism for a moment. The first thing that becomes apparent is that there is nothing of a principled internationalist character about it. It is too inconsistent. Not concern for the international working class struggle against capitalism, but the changing needs of Stalinist foreign policy in the interest of preserving the bureaucratic Substandard regime in Russia is what determines whether the Communist parties throughout the world are pro-Zionist or anti-Zion-All the proof that's necessary is the line For Jobless ist.

of the Communist Party from the time of Hitler's attack on the Soviet Union through World War II. The Stalinists were living standards in the face of high on the band-wagon of the bond drives mounting inflation, the workers for Israel, and in the various Jewish cultural movements supporting those drives. Check back issues of the Daily Worker and adequate unemployment compenother Stalinist publications of that period sation has received little attention if you doubt it.

As a matter of fact, the Trotskyists, whom they now link with Zionists, were front becomes glaring, however, five were given two-year senthe one working-class tendency that did in strike situations where workers not succumb to this pressure. The Social- are out any length of time. ist Workers Party and genuine Marxist internationalists throughout the world continued to point out that the establishment prospect. of a Jewish national state would not solve were set in the first place not the problem of anti-Semitism and perse- With prices skyrocketing, those cution of Jews. Only elimination of the rates are now outrageously incapitalist causes of modern anti-Semitism | adequate. can do that.

(For a Marxist analysis and proposed solution of this problem, we recommend The Jewish Question by A. Leon. It can be obtained for \$1 from Pioneer Publishers, 116 ment indicates that payments in University Place, New York 3, N.Y.)

Stalinist anti-Zionism, then, is merely a tool of the Kremlin's foreign policy, and has nothing to do with criticism of Zionism as a solution to the problem of Jewish oppression.

Next week we shall discuss "What is anti-Semitism?"

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In the struggle to keep up

Thirteen CP Leaders Sentenced Compensation To Prison in N.Y. Witch-Hunt Trial

By George Lavan

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 - Another nail was driven into the coffin of have managed to gain wage increases although they still trail U.S. political freedom as Federal behind prices. But the fight for Judge Edward J. Dimock sentenced 13 Communist Party leaders to prison under the policestate Smith Act. in union circles in recent years

because of the high rate of em-Seven of the Stalinist leaders ployment. The weakness on this were given three-year sentences, tences and another a one-year sentence. All were fined, the total A jobless worker, forced to being \$64,000.

live on unemployment compensa-Before sentencing these secondtion, is up against a really tough ary leaders of the CP, Judge Di-Compensation rates mock, in a cheap publicity move, offered to send them to the much above the hunger level. Soviet Union rather than prison. This offer was calculated to let the newspapers crow, if the victims chose the Soviet Union, that

A study recently prepared by here was final proof of their the Labor Department shows that allegiance to a foreign power. If unemployment compensation now the victims rejected the "offer," lags about 50% behind the rise in which has no legal basis, the prices and wages. The Departpapers could crow that they preferred jail in the U.S. to most states would have to be inliving in the USSR. All 13 prisoncreased up to a minimum of \$38 to ers vehemently rejected Judge

\$40 a week to restore the ratio Dimock's "offer." between wages and unemploy-

ment compensation to the 1939 REMINGTON CASE ernment's "evidence" against Another blow at American Remington which is also a lot of that he did not know about the level, a rate scarcely calculated to induce many workers to prefer liberties was the conviction of garbage.

After a loyalty board hearing nist League while a student at William W. Remington for per-The following table, prepared jury. This outrageous verdict was failed to find him guilty, the head Dartmouth College. by Labor News Service on the the culmination of the long per- of his department fired him so Should a higher court be unable secution of the 35-year-old that his department would be to stomach this conviction the basis of Labor Department figures, shows how great the gap defendant. It is worth reviewing above reproach. Then Remington government can drop the case has become between the 1952 the history of the case. was called before a Grand Jury. and re-indict Remington, not on House Armed Services Commit-Remington was named by pro- There he was accused by Elizabeth the original charge or even on the tee on Feb. 4 that the number of rate and what it should be to

maintain the 1939 ratio. As you fessional stool-pigeon Elizabeth Bentley of being a member of second set of charges, but on military officers has multiplied can see, even bringing unemploy- Bentley as a "subversive" who the Communist Party. Remington the charge that he lied in deny- four times since the height of ment compensation up to the had given her a war-time secret had two possible courses of ac- ing the accusations in this case. World War II, when the U.S. 1939 level would still leave this formula about making garbage tion. He could refuse to testify on "As business goes, so do we all." He then form of insurance far from ade- into rubber. This garbage testi- the ground that it might tend to legal departure introduced in the times larger than now.

chose not to re-try the case. In-LATTIMORE CASE stead it had him indicted for per-The newspaper of the Mine, jury in his testimony at the trial Mill and Smelter Union, whose which had just been reversed by

the Court of Appeals. As was to be expected in these days when an accusation by a witch-hunting prosecutor almost automatically brings a conviction, Remington has been again sentènced to prison. He was given three years for allegedly lying when he said in his first trial that man under lengthy and une he never gave classified informa-

or he could persecution of Remington. answer. Apparently he is young means this: A man is accused of and foolish and he chose to breaking a window. He denies it answer. He was thereupon in- and in higher courts the case against him is overruled. Theredicted for perjury.

upon he is re-indicted, not for breaking the window, but for The jury found him guilty - a alleged perjury in denying the verdict that is not surprising in charge.

> However, Remington's big legal mistake was in testifying at all, The Fifth Amendment was put in the Constitution for the protection of the innocent against inquisitions and legal persecutions. Remington should have invoked

But the government, unable to his constitutional right to refuse prove that he had ever been a to testify. member of the Communist Party,

> leaders are also targets of the witch hunt, points out that Owen Lattimore's recent indictment is based on the testimony he gave during days and weeks of questioning. Had he refused to testify, the witch hunters would have no basis for his legal persecution. but, as any lawyer will tell you,

scrupulous questioning can be tion to a Soviet spy courier and rapped into enough seeming inconsistencies to afford a legalistic existence of the Young Commubasis for a prosecution.

TOP-HEAVY WITH BRASS

Rep. Davis (R-Wis.) told the This is a new and sinister armed forces were two to four

Sloan and Marx By Lewis Peterson

When the Papal Inquisition in 1633 forced Galileo to abjure the theory that the earth rotates on its axis and moves around the sun, it is said he rose from his knees atter repeating the formula of abjuration, stamped on the ground and exclaimed, "Eppur si muove!" \rightarrow "Still, it moves!'

The American capitalists with their modern Inquisition — the witch-hunt against radicals - try to force Marxists to renounce and abjure the findings of Karl Marx, founder of scientific socialism, and his analysis of the operations of capitalism.

The capitalist rulers are especially anxious to stamp out the Marxist teaching that capitalism is a class society of exploiters and exploited; that the modern state with its military and police agencies is an institution for the protection of the exploiters; and that "the executive of the modern State," as Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels wrote in their Communist Manifesto of 1848, is "but a committee for managing the common affairs of the whole bourgeoisie," the capitalists. No one would say of Afred P. Sloan, chairman of the General Motors Corp., that he is a Galileo, still less a Marxist. Yet even this bitter opponent of all liberal thought the other day inadvertently confirmed that "still, it (capitalist society) moves" as the Communist Manifesto said over a hundred years ago.

ing of 500 industrialists in New York City. described the national administration as quate to bridge that difficult gap "in part, the general staff of our society. Hence of business."

sloan lacks the scientific precision of Ala. language of Marx and Engels, but his idea Ari. is very clear all the same. He's saying that Ark. the government is indeed 'a committee for managing the common affairs of the w bourgeoisie," as Sloan calls it, "the gen staff. . . of business."

The capitalists understand, and have ways understood this key fact, even tho they try to tell the workers that Ame has no class struggle and that the gov ment is an impartial agency standing al the various groups in our society. The c talists have not one, but two parties to sure their continued control of the gov ment apparatus and the capitalist st

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49.43 stituting "the production of means really speaks here is the voice acute the key problem of labor is no longer an economy of of production" for the original of self-interest of the ruling productivity. Periodic crises of scarcity. A material base exists 39.53 39.43 subject under discussion, that is, Soviet caste. The production of articles of "heavy industry." Stalin pretends 40.00 42.65 that heavy industry alone per- consumption depends directly on such as these are completely dis- goods and capital goods. mits the expansion of the "means the mass of consumers. The regarded. The bureaucracy is 40.65

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Under the original conditions panied with a complete disregard branches of economy. Depressed massive working class and its for the unexampled flowering of planning are thus prepared. But fundamental considerations the production of both consumer

CONSUMER CONTROL

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same token, the bureaucracy is

compelled to disclose more and

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WILLIAM REMINGTON

mony set the tone for all the gov-

THE MILITANT **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1953**

NUMBER .

"Our country is predominantly a business society," Sloan told a luncheon meetAnd today, as Eisenhower's cabinet appointments show, the capitalists are tak- Mich. ing directly on themselves personally the Minn. operation of the government! Miss.

American workers, when they begin to Mo. Mont understand the class nature of the govern- Neb. ment as the capitalists do, will act with Nev. class consciousness like the capitalists. N. H. They will build their own party, a Labor N. J. N. M. Party, to establish a government that will $\begin{bmatrix} N & M \\ N & Y \end{bmatrix}$ be "the general staff" or "committee for N. C. managing the common affairs" of all who N. D. do the useful work of society — a govern- Ohio ment that will represent not capitalist Okla. "business" but the overwhelming majority Penn. R. I. in America.

Notes from the News

A U.S. OFFICER in Korea has been courtmartialed for beating and kicking to death a Korean Presbyterian minister. The officer broke into a smile when the court martial announced a two-year sentence. Rev. E. Otto de Camp, head of the Presbyterian mission in Korea, said of the light sentence: "This will be the biggest blow to Christianity in Asia since it was introduced by the first missionaries." Chun Pil Sun, head of the Presbyterian Church in Seoul, declared: "It is obvious now the life of a Korean means nothing to the United States Army."

* * A MISSISSIPPI JURY awarded \$5,000 to Mrs. Mary Dunnigan because a newspaper erroneously listed her as Negro in reporting an auto accident. Despite a printed correction, Mrs. Dunnigan had a nervous breakdown and had to be treated in the state mental hospital.

READING LABOR ADVOCATE, official organ of the Berks County (Penna.) Socialist Party, editorially advocates in its Jan. 30 issue that the death sentences of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg be commuted to imprisonment.

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546 COAL MINERS were killed in mine accidents in 1952, according to the U.S. Bureau of Mines. It also estimates that 36,800 miners were injured in mine accidents.

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LOGIC OF WITCH HUNT. The Southern States Industrial Council, an organization dominated by industrialists and bankers, officially declared that FEPC "is of Communist origin and inspiration." * * *

19-YEAR-OLDS are now being drafted for the first time since the start of the undeclared war in Korea.

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IMPARTIAL (?) PRESS. A few hours after Eisenhower's address to Congress, the Associated Press sent out the following dispatch: "He (Eisenhower) made a hit with television viewers

and radio listeners in his first appearance before Wash Congress." How did AP know? Does it claim to W. Va. have made an audience survey in the brief time Wis. between the speech and their dispatch? Or does Wyo. AP color the news? * * *

PROTESTS to Texaco (the Texas Company) over its contributions to Merwin K. Hart, one of America's leading anti-Semites, have brought the reply that Hart "is a patriotic American, protecting the American way of life."

NEGRO JOURNALISM has come a long way in this country since the first Negro newspaper was published by John B. Russrurm 116 years Today there are 204 Negro papers published, not including school and college publica-

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PUERTO RICAN AUTHORITIES have in dicated their concern over the U.S. Army courtsmartial for refusal to attack of 91 enlisted men and one officer, all Puerto Ricans. Following the incident the Puerto Rican 65th Regiment was withdrawn from the line for "retraining." The defendants got sentences ranging from 11 months to ten years. Several months ago General Thomas E. Phillips, U.S. Army retired, declared that if U.S. troop losses had been proportionate to Puerto Rican losses they would have amounted to hundreds of thousands. For some time there has been discontent in the 65th Regiment and in Puerto' Rico because of the feeling that Puerto Rican troops in Korea were being given more than their fair share of the fighting.

RUTH REYNOLDS, pacifist writer, who was framed and sentenced to six years at hard labor for allegedly being a member of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party, is now out of prison on \$20,000 bail. The American Civil Liberties Union is one of the organizations which has interested itself in her case. Miss Reynolds is in the U.S. and is telling her story to interested audiences.

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HIDDEN FROM PEOPLE **First Court Test** nost exclusively among the all costs. bureaucrats themselves. The **Of Housing Oaths Starts in Newark** from public view.

(Continued from page 1) harge, in their complaint, that heavy industry promotes swift whole, they nevertheless provide the Gwinn amendment violates formation of privileged layers, the bureaucracy with a contheir rights of free speech and furthest removed from the pres- venient pretext for siphoning off association and due process of sure of the ranks. It also provides a larger share of the national inaw. One of the six violations of the privileged layers with a come — an indispensable transac-41.64 due process cited is the fact that plausible explanation of why they tion for the bureaucracy.

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MALIN STATEMENT Executive director Malin was

quoted as saying:

Joseph August Lupia, of New "The Kutcher-Lawrence case York, has been arrested by the FBI on a charge of misuse of effort to have the courts reverse the mails to solicit contributions this unwise and unconstitutional to the All-American Council, an

organization set up to combat "Communism." Lupia, who got \$3,500 from one New York busistake. The cherished traditions of nessman, used all but \$18 for personal expenses such as ali-

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cities is thus becoming the bas Again, giving top priority to these may be to the economy as a reaucracy's law of life and death, Hence its savage intervention in Soviet economic relations to maintain conditions of scarcity by the disproportionate expansion f heavy industry. This is one of the reasons, by

consumer goods is completely is in this role that the bureausubordinated to the expansion of cracy is able to retain the greatest independence from the mass of

heavy industry. Actually, much higher tempos the people and claim to play a of Soviet industrial expansion progressive role, a mask it cannot than any thus far achieved would afford to drop before the Soviet marks the beginning of an ACLU be opened up by more rational masses.

oath. We are undertaking this effort solely because of the funda-mental civil liberties issues at Prague Confession Exposed as Fake

(Continued from page 1) American democracy, free speech and association, and due process assignment to cover this secret of law, must be actively defended expedition.

military attache, and that the latter had informed the Amer-At first light we had reached if our high democratic ideals are the village of Stechowice, about icans who "the next night" sent to have real meaning. We hope a jeep into Czechoslovakia and that the courts will uphold these fifteen miles south of Prague. recovered the archives. For this constitutional protections, which The ashen-faced German, Sgt. dastardly treason, Reicin pleaded, are the heart of our democratic Cunther Achenbach, led us on toot through deep forest and he could only be happy if he sufsociety."

Last week the International heavy snow to the spot where he Workers Order, another group on had buried the archives of the the Attorney General's list, ob- Nazi occupation of Czechotained a temporary injunction slovakia. He had staked his freefrom a federal court in New York dom from the dreaded, French against enforcement of the Gwinn prison camp on the accuracy of his information. Moreover, he had amendment. Alan Reitman, ACLU assistant mined the cave with two thoudirector, yesterday said his or- sand pounds of explosives and and broke Reicin's neck by twist- appealed for a review of the ganization would ask the court to he knew the peril that attended ing his nead sharply around. continue the injunction. "It would its opening.

facilitate matters if the (New) was described in an article in this at these Communist show trials York) court would stay action pending the outcome of the con- magazine in 1946. are false, but seldom have we had stitutional test begun in Newark," Last Nov. 25, in Prague, Bed- such specific and detailed proof

rich Reicin - on trial for his life Bedrich Reicin, a lifelong Comhe declared. The Newark plaintiffs last along with Slansky, Clementis munist and chief of Czech miliweek received eviction notices and eleven other defendants - tary until his arrest, blandly arose March 1. Nine other entered the witness box and con-before a packed courtroom and figures. Included are 20,440 killed dated families besides the Kutchers and fessed that in January of 1946 he confessed to a crime which (1) in action, 13,033 missing in action Lawrence failed to sign the oath, discovered the existence and loca. was not a crime, and (2) he and 95,951 wounded.

tion of the Nazi archives, divulged neither committed nor had the this information to the Yugoslav remotest connection with.

parasitic character.

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These are the facts which Lionel Shapiro set forth. They show that, as in the Moscow trials of the late Thirties, whenever any alleged fact was submitted to the court which could be checked the statement of the Internaevidence and sentences before an impartial international working.

Korea Casualties

U.S. battle casualties in Kores have reached a figure of 129,424, an increase of 271 over last week's

fered hanging. The court obliged him. Ten against evidence, that fact turned days later he was hanged in the out to be false. It helps to verify Czech manner. A short thin rope

was looped around his neck and tional Secretariat of the Fourth he squirmed from the gallows for International which last Novemmerciless seconds until the ex- ber said that the Prague trial ecutioner ascended a 'stepladder bore the "GPU trademark" and

We have of course long class tribunal. This adventure in full detail suspected that the "confessions"