

Janice Kingslow stars here in drama on racial hatred

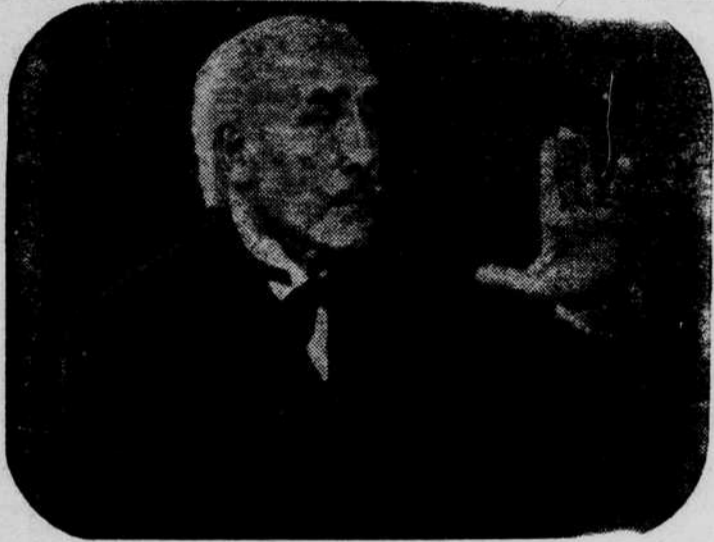
"Trial by Fire," a drama on racial intolerance, will be sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress on Friday evening, January 21st, at the Eighth Street Theatre, 741 S. Wabash Ave.

The play stars Janice Kingslow, radio actress and former member of the cast of "Anna Lucasta," and Fred Pinkard, radio actor.

Other members of the cast are from the Hull House Players,

Sheil House, Columbia College, Friendship House and the Chicago School for Expression.

"Fighting" Father George H. Dunne, S.J., a former Chicagoan, wrote "Trial by Fire" from the record of a Los Angeles coroner's inquest into the deaths of a Negro family in a fire of "mysterious origin," the plot unfolding the sinister forces of race hatred involved.



MAESTRO ARTURO TOSCANINI, seen here on a television screen, had these words to say about Wilhelm Furtwaengler as far back as 1937: "Anyone who conducts in Germany has not the right to conduct Beethoven."

Local union will fight for top farm supports

ROCK ISLAND, Ill.—(Special)—The executive board of Farmall Local 109, CIO Farm Equipment Workers, unanimously went on record this week for farm legislation guaranteeing farmers full 100 percent of parity for farm products. They said if any reductions must be made in acreage it should be made on the large farms.

The resolution was approved shortly after President Truman's State of the Union message indicating the White House had decided to fight for legislation that would cut parity payments to farmers.

ose Three Babies



BEREAVED by the death of three of their four children when a flash fire swept their Chicago home, Herbert Nichols, who rescued their five-months-old baby, Dale Jay, is shown comforting his grief-stricken wife, Bernice.

WHAT LABOR SAYS ON T-H 'IMPROVEMENTS'

Reaction of Chicago labor leaders to President Truman's opening messages to Congress this week ranged from "wait-and-see" endorsement to charges that the President is "already back-tracking on his election promises."

From the large bloc of labor chieftains who thumped for Truman in the election came statements of support approaching enthusiasm, but bearing a strange paradox.

They hailed the Missourian's call for "repeal" of the Taft-Hartley Act, yet they omitted reference to Truman's proposed "improvements" which they roundly denounced when he first made them two years ago.

Suggested amendments to a restored Wagner Act got the main attention, though, from unions which had aimed fire at Truman during the campaign.

Ernest DeMaio, peppery district president of the CIO electrical workers, typified the reaction of one group of unions. DeMaio told *The Standard*:

"Before he was re-elected, Truman promised outright repeal of Taft-Hartley. He led workers to believe he opposed all anti-

labor legislation. But in his speech to Congress, he advocated laws to 'cripple labor, such as the prohibition of strikes in 'essential industry,' and the outlawing of 'secondary boycotts' and 'jurisdictional strikes.'

"In addition, his proposals with respect to wages laid the basis for wage freezes at a time when increases are more necessary than ever before to sustain our economy at full employment levels."

DeMaio concluded: "His proposals for universal military training and continuation of the cold war indicate he still persists in catering to big business instead of responding to the needs of the American people."

Delegations from UE-CIO will go to Washington next week, DeMaio announced, bearing union

petitions for full scrapping of the Taft-Hartley law. As the petition gathering continues, it was reported that well over 10,000 union members have so far signed in Chicago alone.

Ralph Helstein, international president of the CIO packing-house workers, withheld attack on Truman in a cautious approval of the message.

"It is apparent from his address to Congress that the President intends to stand behind his campaign promises," Helstein stated tersely.

AFL circles boasted little more decisiveness than the CIO in their feelings about the proposals. Illinois Federation Secretary Victor A. Olander stood pat on:

"I want to see what kind of bills are introduced before I decide whether they're good or bad," he said. "They can mean enforced labor, depending on the nature of legislation enacted."

In sharp contrast, AFL President William Green whooped it up: "The AFL will be glad to cooperate in such a constructive program."

Michael Mann, regional CIO director, sided with Truman in regretting "abuses" of unions leading to the restrictions the President wants. But he added, "We're confident ways and means will be found to handle them consistent with the best democratic traditions."

Mann thus fell in step with his chief, CIO President Philip Murray, who out-bailed the field in praise of Truman:

"The President has kept full faith with the people who elected him. The program is in the best tradition of constructive American liberalism. It will offer hope to democratic peoples throughout the world and assure domestic prosperity."

As for Truman's labor curbs, from Murray: no comment.

Concert celebrities explode: 'It's Furtwaengler or us!'

The air-tight scheme to Kulturize the Chicago Symphony Orchestra by bringing Conductor Wilhelm Furtwaengler here from Berlin suddenly splattered wide open this week.

A roster of musicians reading like a gilt-edged program for an international music festival has served public notice on Edward L. Ryerson, symphony president: "It's Furtwaengler or us."

Among the celebrated virtuosi refusing to collaborate with Furtwaengler's swastikaed baton are Andre Kostelanetz, Lily Pons, Artur Rubinstein, Fritz Busch, Vladimir Horowitz, Gregor Piatigorsky and Nathan Milstein.

First internationally known musician to declare that his art will remain unblighted by Naziism was Isaac Stern, in a statement for *The Illinois Standard* three weeks ago.

DEMANDS PAYCHECK

Ryerson, it appeared meantime, will pay heavily in symphony funds for his belief that the music world would be uninterested in Furtwaengler's Nazi past. Reports were rampant that the steel magnate-impresario has retreated before the anti-fascist salvo, but that Furtwaengler is demanding \$50,000 due him under his eight-week contract whether or not he plays here.

George L. Kuyper, symphony manager, told *The Standard* that the orchestra's board has not met to make a final decision on cancellation of the offer. New York newspapers have reported, however, that Ryerson has made up his mind to withdraw. Traditionally, his decision is tantamount to a vote of the board.

Among the artists' statements of refusal to play under Furtwaengler, are these:

ARTUR RUBINSTEIN: "My feeling against the Nazis is deep seated. They burned my entire family alive. Furtwaengler was at the service of Hitler and Goebbels constantly, played for them, shook hands with them. He certainly doesn't belong in the United States."

FRITZ BUSCH: "He is man without character and I don't think that a man without character should be allowed to con-

duct Beethoven, Mozart and Haydn."

ANDRE KOSTELANETZ: "If the Nazis had won the war, Furtwaengler undoubtedly would have been conducting in the United States. Under the present circumstances, however, I feel that both the American public and American musicians

should be spared from this Nazi culture."

LILY PONS: "Furtwaengler does not belong in this country which gave many lives to fight the Nazis."

Young Progressives of Illinois announced they are conducting a campaign to get symphony subscribers to refuse renewal of their support for the 1949 season should the appointment be effected. They reported that 200 signatures of protest against the Furtwaengler offer were obtained outside Orchestra Hall at one recent concert.

BRAVO, ISAAC STERN!

The *Standard* sent the following telegram this week to Isaac Stern, distinguished young violin soloist:

MR. ISAAC STERN
NEW YORK, N. Y.

YOU WERE FIRST OF MOUNTING LIST OF DISTINGUISHED MUSICIANS PUBLICLY PROTESTING FURTWAENGLER OFFER WHEN YOU TOLD ILLINOIS STANDARD 'I DEFINITELY WOULD NOT LOOK FORWARD TO PLAYING UNDER FURTWAENGLER.' HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PROVEN COURAGE AND DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT.

ROD HOLMGREN, MANAGING EDITOR,
ILLINOIS STANDARD.



ONLY NEGROES in 81st Congress are Representatives William L. Dawson (D., Ill., left), and Adam C. Powell (D., N.Y.). Rep. Dawson, who was named chairman of the House committee on executive expenditures, becomes the first Negro to head a congressional committee.

Truman collides with Truman - Henry Wallace

Henry A. Wallace, former presidential candidate of the Progressive Party, said this week that President Truman's proposals for domestic reform come into "headlong collision" with his foreign policy.

Pledging the Progressive Party's support for the domestic program the people voted for on Nov. 2, Wallace warned that "abundance and security for the American people is unattainable so long as we pursue a course that spends our substance and our manpower on a huge program of militarization and armaments for ourselves and western Europe."

Commenting on the labor section of the President's State of the Union message, Wallace said it was "a fatal retreat from pre-election commitments."

The President, he said, "retains the language of his repeal Taft-Hartley campaign slogan but destroys its substance. His call for Wagner Act amendments for curbing strikes means that he proposes to continue to hold the dagger of Taft-Hartley injunctions against workers."

Wallace said that the President's message indicates he "intends to continue and intensify the cold war policy whose bankruptcy is daily confirmed in China and Greece." In those countries, said Wallace, America is wasting "billions of dollars which could and should be devoted to meeting the needs of the American people."