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Secretary of State
Washington

353, February 5, 8 p.m.

Revealing and significant analysis has just been complete by Embassy of news and comment (apart from foreign affairs) regarding USA, published in eight chief Moscow dailies during January.

American coverage consisted of approximately 70 items totaling about 280 column inches. Roughly 2/3 of this space was devoted to reconversion difficulties and industrial strife. These materials included large number of reports on strike situation and growing proportions of US unemployment. Impression created was one of universal and justifiable labor unrest with wide-spread popular support. Editorial comment placed full responsibility upon employer (*) attempting to curtail worker rights and living standards. Press ridiculed statements by US Senators that present labor unrest is Moscow-inspired. In reporting West Virginia mine catastrophes, press quotes DAILY WORKER statement that mine owners and state mine authorities were to blame.

Racial and political discrimination was given 20 inches. One article reported exclusion of negro soldiers from US-bound ships for lack of segregated quarters. Another featured protests against anti-negro discrimination involved in selection of southern city for track meet. Large article on anti-poll tax campaign played up techniques employed by southern states "to deprive negroes of voting rights". Two articles described protests of "progressive organizations" against alleged persecution by House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Portions of President's speech and press conferences dealing with internal affairs received in all about 50

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