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All The Half-Truths Fit To Print

Over the past three months this column has established the fact that the media in this country has been transformed into urinals for leaks from the Justice Department.

It appears that when the Justice Department has a case that won't hold water, and is spending millions of dollars on investigations that turn up no solid evidence, it can always count on getting a little help from its plumbers in the media.

A case in point these days is NBC News, which announced it will air 300 hours on "organized crime" over the next few years. To NBC, organized crime is synonymous with organized labor.

From March 9th to March 12th, NBC *Nightly News* aired a special segment: "Organized Crime — Organized Labor". The chief investigative reporter for this report is none other than Bob Windrem. Windrem was exposed in this column three months ago. Rather than being

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AFL-CIO Says Low Interest Rates No. 1 Priority

The AFL-CIO, sitting in executive session for the first time since the Reagan election, issued an economic policy statement making reduction of interest rates the number one priority in turning the economy around.

At the moment the AFL-CIO Executive Council released its economic position paper, Paul Volcker, Chairman of the Federal Reserve, was sitting before a congressional committee stating that the money supply would be tightened more severely and that deeper cuts in the budget would have to occur. Volcker indicated this was the only basis on which he would support the Reagan tax cut program.

High Interest Rates Choke Economy

The AFL-CIO statement forcefully pointed to the fact that the "high cost of money spreads throughout the economy and is built into the cost of all

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GLEASON STANDS UP TO ANTI-LABOR WITCHHUNT

Thomas W. Gleason, President of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), "welcomed the opportunity to testify" before the Senate Permanent Investigation Subcommittee's hearings on alleged union corruption. "Prior witnesses," he stated, "have misled the Congress, have slandered both the ILA, myself, and the entire shipping industry.

Gleason then launched a vigorous attack on the Subcommittee's star witnesses, most of whom were convicted criminals. "The Subcommittee has received and apparently accepted the hearsay testimony of informers, accomplices and convicted criminals: all persons of low credibility with every motive to distort the facts. Those witnesses were not subjected to probing cross-examination to get a

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