

NET MELLON IN \$200,000 GRAFT

WITNESS TESTIFIES PAYING DAUGHERTY AID BIG SUM FOR BOOZE GRAFT PROTECTION

WASHINGTON, March 21.—In an amazing recital that dovetailed into the investigation of Jesse Smith, Harry Daugherty's friend, a man who acted as go-between for New York bootleggers today told the senate committee investigating Daugherty that he had paid \$200,000 to two men with "influence in Washington" to get permits for withdrawal of 50,000 cases of liquor from warehouses and distilleries, one of which was the Overhold distillery, at Pittsburgh, owned by Secretary of the Treasury, Mellon.

DUTY TO SMASH INJUNCTION, SAYS STRIKE SPEAKER

Garment Workers Hear Engdahl Flay Writ

J. Louis Engdahl, editor of the DAILY WORKER, addressed a spirited mass meeting of the garment strikers yesterday afternoon at 180 W. Washington St., declaring that it was not only their right, but their duty to violate the contemptible injunctions issued by the courts, including that of the labor baiting Judge Denis Sullivan.

Engdahl declared that the only wish of the DAILY WORKER, in its fight for the garment strikers, was to bring about unity of all workers throughout the city in support of this struggle.

Get Fitzpatrick Out. "Let us get John Fitzpatrick, Victor Olander, Oscar Nelson, all the members of the 'Committee of 15' and of the Injunction Committee of the Chicago Federation of Labor, out on the picket line," urged Engdahl. "Let us get Alderman Nelson active in the city council. Let us get the whole Chicago labor movement back of this strike. Then we'll win it easily."

"Conventions of the American Federation of Labor have repeatedly gone on record, demanding that workers violate the injunctions of the anti-labor courts," said Engdahl. "That is on paper. Let us translate these paper resolutions into action. That is our task at the present time in order to win out big."

Union Built By Fighting. Engdahl told of the big strike of the men's clothing workers in 1911, out of which grew the present powerful organization of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. He said there was no better time than now to organize the ladies' garment industry 100 per cent.

The strikers, who have been keeping the picket lines intact in spite of Sullivan's writ applauded the remarks enthusiastically.

Gary Contractors Plan to Wipe Out Organized Labor

GARY, Ind., March 21.—Forty-seven steel trust contractors have declared war on organized labor in Gary, Ind. In a full page advertisement inserted in the Gary Post-Tribune the following statement is made signed by the forty-seven steel lackeys:

"We the undersigned building contractors, electrical and painting contractors, hereby pledge ourselves not to pay any increase in wages during the coming year."

With this noble pledge as a basis, the anti-labor contractors of Gary, Ind., appeal to the public for support against the striking painters, who went out in a body this week. The contractors are unable to show that they cannot pay \$1.50 an hour which the painters are demanding.

The building boom in Gary reached unprecedented heights last spring when the steel trust was importing Mexicans and Negroes by the carload. The building contractors at that time put up flimsy shacks to house Gary's vassals.

BURNS MUST GO!

Students Ignore Court Writ

Planning to ignore Judge "Denise" Sullivan's contemptible injunction, University of Chicago students prepared last night to come out on the picket line early this morning in behalf of the brave girls who have been holding the fort with little outside assistance. The student picket squad was organized by the University Liberal Club, Ida Terbush, president, after Thomas Holland reported the police

brutalities and vicious injunction rulings which the bosses are using against the workers from the sweatshops. The students have been active in the special citizens' committee organized by the Chicago Church Federation to work for a strike settlement, but they feel that the Sullivan injunction is a challenge that forces them to take action on the picket lines.

Associated with Miss Terbush in the leadership of the movement are Miss Maida Bacon and Alexander Nelson. Several dozen students have been lined up and a good force is expected out this morning, with a larger group Monday morning. The special citizens' sub-committee meets this morning in the office of Miss Mary McDowell, of the Department of Public Welfare, at (Continued on page 2.)

CLARA SMITH, JAKE HAMON'S KILLER, HAD FATE OF HARDING, CAL COOLIDGE, IN HER HAND

By CARL HAESSLER
When Clara Smith Hamon, the genial Oklahoma murderer, goes on the Teapot Dome stand before the senate committee in Washington she will give the following facts if she tells the truth. Some of them are of court record, others have since been independently corroborated and the vital ones are vouchered for at first hand by a former associate of Jake Hamon who kept out of harm's way and unlike the late oil magnate is still alive and active in Chicago oil circles today.

Harding Hamon's Protege.
Clara shot and killed Jake. She killed him because of republican politics and she was acquitted because of republican politics. And the politics then as now were of oil.

A few hours before Warren G. Harding was nominated for president at the 1920 convention in Chicago, Jake Hamon, who held the Oklahoma delegation in his vest pocket, told his friend and former co-worker that Harding and Calvin Coolidge would be the Republican nominees and that Albert B. Fall and Hamon himself would be in the new cabinet. Then he entered the famous Blackstone hotel conference manipulated by Harry Daugherty.

Only One Yet Alive.
The nominations went off as scheduled and in due time the front porch campaign began at Marion, O. Among newspaper photos taken at the time is a fine group of smelly beaties flanking the late president. On Harding's immediate right is Hamon, since murdered in a sex triangle. On his left is Jesse Smith, seller of administration influence, since a suicide. The fourth man in the group is Harry M. Daugherty, probably the least respected man in public life today.

Fall made the cabinet as secretary of the interior but Hamon's expected appointment fell thru. Fall made good for the oil crowd and then was ditched by them and left public disgrace as a bribe taker who got caught.

Clara Was Stubborn.
Hamon might have been in the same position but for his private life. He was enjoying what theological authorities call "living in sin" with Clara Smith Hamon—his one lawful wedded wife notwithstanding. This was all right in Oklahoma oil circles, but was hardly the thing for a prospective cabinet man. The word went to Hamon to ditch Clara. He tried to but Clara refused to drop. The quarrel ended fatally for Jake. The trial ended happily for Clara who is now living in Los Angeles with an honest-to-God husband instead of an oil millionaire as a soul-mate.

Jake's Death Saved Harding.
The unpleasantry also ended happily at the time for the Republican administration. The grasping Jake with his promise of a cabinet job was out of the way and Clara had her court acquittal of murder as the price of her silence. If she had been convicted her squealing would have put the indelible stain on the Harding-Coolidge regime two years earlier than it actually became visible. The Teapot Dome and other gushers would have flowed their devastating way long before Harding descended to the grave.

The story as here given is known to Hamon's former business manager as well as to Clara Hamon and the Chicago friend. It is understood to be in the hands of the senate investigating committee for use when two of the trio take the oath to testify.

World's Temporal Lord Will Receive Yanks in Throne Room

ROME, March 21.—All Americans in Rome are to be received by Pope Pius in public audience in the throne room of the Vatican after the consistory at which Archbishop Hayes and Mundelein are to be elevated to the cardinalate.

Archbishop Hayes made this announcement following his private audience with the Pontiff in the private library last night. "I found his holiness in excellent health and with a most alert mind," Hayes said. "Reports that his health is bad are sheer nonsense."

IMPEACH COOLIDGE! OUT WITH DAUGHERTY!

CHOKING THE INJUNCTION SNAKE



Labor Is Powerful Enough to Crush Its Enemies.

GELATIN LORD WILL FACE QUIZ IN BIG BRIBE

Sinclair Oiled Republican Machinery

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, March 21.—Will H. Hays, \$50,000 a year, czar of the movie world is on his way to the Capitol today to tell about the happy days when he was chairman of the Republican National Committee, the days when oil barons were generous and Harry Sinclair greased the elephant's trunk with 75,000 shares of oil stock valued at \$1,875,000.

Hays has not denied the truth of the above and has been busy consulting lawyers, expert in the art of evasion, who may seek to convince the oil scandal committee that Will H. Hays, is as clean as a hound's tooth.

It is freely stated around the Capitol that Hays will make an open breast of the gift. "What about it?" will be Hays defense, those in a position to know claim. We confess that this policy might throw the probe committee off its guard; witnesses to date with the exception of a few who spilled the beans on Daugherty, being in the Annius class and top notchers at that.

Harry Sinclair is due to appear before the committee today. It is believed that he will refuse to testify on the ground that anything he might

COLORED GIRL PICKETS PUT STEIN AND SEIDEN BOSSES ON THE RUN

Stein and Seiden, scab garment bosses, looked with angry eyes at three colored girl pickets, members of the Ladies' Garment Workers' union, who were patrolling the snowy sidewalk in front of No. 212 S. Market St.

"Move on!" shouted these new-fangled hundred percenters. "We won't stand for any colored pickets!"

The girls laughed at them and the two bosses retreated to their shop where eight untrained scabs are trying to do the work of 30 expert workers who are striking. Stein and Seiden are easily scared. Strikers tell with amusement of Brother Stein leaving his shop at night with a police body-guard to protect him against frail little girls. Stein huddles into his automobile and a copper takes the wheel and drives him home.

If you want more information page Officer 390 who acts as chauffeur for the boss, with his blue uniform changed for the civilian coat of Stein's clerk.

say would incriminate him. He has good reason for taking that position. Only a few weeks ago on his arrival from Europe, Sinclair jauntingly told newspaper men that he would take the witness stand and tell everything. Wiser counsels prevailed since then. It is now clear that there is a conspiracy on to run the investigation into the ground.

LAFOLLETTE TO SPEAK TONIGHT AT AUDITORIUM

Sticker Campaign Puts Hiram in Rear

Senator Robert M. LaFollette, who introduced the original Teapot Dome resolution, is scheduled to speak in the Auditorium theatre tonight. This speech will be LaFollette's first extended declaration on the oil graft exposes. The theatre's doors open at 6:30 p. m.

Dakota Vote Sensation. (Special to The Daily Worker)

FARGO, N. D., March 21.—The remarkable race made by Senator Robert M. LaFollette in the primaries here, on a sticker campaign, has created a sensation, not alone in this state but in the capitol. The LaFollette campaign was only a last minute effort. The fact that he led Senator Hiram Johnson of California, who carried on a vigorous speaking campaign indicates that the exploited farmers in the Northwest are sick and tired of the two old parties and have lost all hope in them.

LaFollette beat Johnson by almost 4,000 votes with 226 precincts yet to make returns. The vote stood: Coolidge, 47,947; LaFollette, 34,096; Johnson, 30,253.

SLEUTHS TRAIL MUMA, CHIEF FILM PLOTTER

Belief He Is Hiding in Daugherty Office

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, March 21.—Scouting parties were out again today looking for Jap Muma, bosom friend of the late President Harding, and self styled "master mind" in the criminal conspiracy under the auspices of Harry M. Daugherty, Jess Smith, William J. Burns and others to violate federal laws by illegally transporting the pictures of the Carpentier-Dempsey fight films from state to state.

It appears that Muma was the connecting link between Daugherty and the other criminals, which causes his testimony to have an added interest. It is expected that Edward McLean's business manager will prove a reluctant witness, but the web of testimony is so securely woven around him that any attempt on his part to lie his way out of the mesh of intrigue into which his crookedness has led him, will only result in whetting the appetite of Senator Wheeler for the truth.

If the sleuths who are hunting for Muma fail to locate him—it was rumored here yesterday that he was hiding in the Department of Justice building—Roxie Stinson will take the stand in a mood that bodes ill for the attorney general. The efforts of Mal Daugherty, Harry's brother, to rob her of her share of Jess Smith's fortune, did not hurt this woman's feelings half as much as the attorney general's besmirching of her character when he stated publicly, that Smith's ex-wife was on intimate terms with the Ohio grafter, long after a divorce was secured and that she recently registered in the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, with a man by the name of Fink, both occupying the same room.

Senator Wheeler placed in evidence today a batch of telegrams from and to Jesse Smith, Daugherty and McLean. These messages, according to members of the committee, showed what powerful influence Smith wielded at the Department of Justice and gave new ramifications of his dealings with the attorney general.

District Att'y Lays Blame for Beer Murders on Police

Half of Chicago's policemen were accepting bribes from breweries until federal authorities drove the breweries out of existence, District Attorney Edwin A. Olson charged today.

"The federal government took the police department out of beer by taking the beer out of Chicago," Olson said.

With thugs and gunmen running the breweries, corruption slowly spread in the ranks of police until it threatened to engulf the entire department. Beer was flooding the city, he said, and many of the murders of the past two years were directly attributable to the traffic.

Sixteen breweries have been shut down in this district in the past year, Olson said.

INJUNCTION AND STORM FAIL BOSSES

Police Drive Pickets Into Snow But Lines Hold

(Continued from page 1.) Consider what action it shall take against the infamous "Dennis" Sullivan injunction.

A poll of the members of the committee shows that the majority are thoroughly opposed to the vicious and unconstitutional action of Sullivan in attempting to order workers off the public streets and to prevent peaceful picketing. It is expected that the committee will organize agitation against the injunction.

Watching "Committee of 15." At the same time the girl pickets are watching the "Committee of 15" of the Chicago Federation of Labor which has promised to meet Monday with the injunction committee of the Federation, also a committee of 15 members.

Strikers are demanding that this committee, which includes their paid attorney, Alderman Oscar Nelson, get on the job and carry out the mandates of the American Federation of Labor for the disregarding of labor injunctions.

"We will win!" the girl pickets told the "Committee of 15" Thursday.

They have determined to carry the fight to success regardless of what the "Committee of 15" does, but they are urging the committee to obey the orders of the Chicago Federation of Labor which promised to give full support to the strike.

Must Not Fear Jail.

They know that if the "Committee of 15" and the injunction committee take militant action that the strike will be won, even though some labor officials may see the inside of a police station in the course of the winning of the battle.

John Fitzpatrick, before the strike, told members of the Ladies' Garment Workers' Union that the Federation would be at their "command" when they went on strike. They are urging him to carry out his promise.

Alderman Nelson Must Act.

Alderman Oscar Nelson, the strikers' paid attorney, MUST raise his voice for them at the next meeting of the City Council Wednesday morning, they say.

Nelson MUST raise his voice against the use of the city police to break the strike and must see that action is taken. Strikers are impatient at his apparent indifference to date.

Five More Arrested.

Failing to worry the pickets by driving them into the snow storm, police late yesterday arrested five more: Julia Ley, David Rosenthal, Walter Zwiski, Stanley Skloris and William Wozick. They were hauled out by the union promptly, and will demand jury trials when arraigned in S. Clark St. Court today.

Picket in Snow Storm

With furious wind and snow driving thru the streets the girl pickets kept their lines firm on all fronts, yesterday, the beginning of the fourth week of the garment strike.

Whenever a girl sought shelter from the storm for a moment Mayor Dever's bluecoats would drive her with curses away from the doorway on the inner edge of the pavement where she was standing.

Only the "sluggers" whom the garment bosses have mobilized from the underworld, and the uniformed police and detectives, were allowed to stand out of the driving storm that made the second day of spring seem like the worst winter weather.

Injunction Arrests.

Garment bosses from time to time called the policemen up to their offices and they came down flushed and ready to charge on the pickets again. The bosses had purposely left their sidewalks covered with snow in order to make things hard for the pickets.

Three arrests were made during the morning. Those arrested were Freda Reichler, Elianor Sadlowka, and Jennie Lieberman. They were all taken to the So. Clark Street police station where they were held out for court today.

Injunction Arrests.

Three more strikers were arrested yesterday on attachments to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court. They were Harry Dixler, John Gottlieb and Lena Moritz. When they appeared in Judge Sullivan's court their cases were set to be heard next Tuesday morning. They are out on bond.

The other contempt cases which were to be heard before Sullivan yesterday were also set over till next Tuesday. The attorneys for the firms who secured the injunctions are very anxious to push the cases as fast as they can but Sullivan had his court calendar filled yesterday and the cases promised to last till Tuesday and he could do nothing to accommodate the bosses' lawyers.

Miss Corn Out On Bail.

The people who had been fined and who came before Sullivan yesterday

Why Isn't Oscar Nelson on the Picket Line?

OSCAR NELSON is vice-president of the Chicago Federation of Labor. He is a lawyer. He is a member of the Chicago City Council.

Oscar Nelson is employed by the labor unions who have had to fight the injunctions issued by Judge Denis Sullivan and other judicial lackeys of the Chamber of Commerce. He sometimes appears in court and splits legal hairs with the bosses' attorneys over the injunctions.

But nobody has seen Oscar Nelson on the picket lines since this dress makers' strike started. We have been told that he has refused to address strike meetings, fearing that by so doing he would get in bad with the courts. So far as we know he has not raised his voice in the city council in protest against the brutalities of Mayor Dever's police force.

Oscar Nelson does neither of these things, but he raves in the Chicago Federation of Labor when a radical introduces a motion calling for action on the picket lines instead of the futile policy of paying so much per head to lawyers for every striker hauled into court.

Surely a real labor leader would not be guilty of such criminal negligence. If Oscar Nelson thought of the interests of the workers, he is supposed to represent, instead of his own selfish advancement via the capitalist route, he would be on the picket line every day since this strike started. He would raise his voice so loud that every worker in Chicago would understand it as a clarion call to action. He would bring up the question of police brutality on the floor of the city council and he would insist that a committee be appointed to bring the facts concerning the sluggings of the police to the attention of the workingclass of this city.

Lawyer, vice-president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, city alderman—Oscar Nelson has sufficient titles to give him prestige. He is a public man. Why is he dumb? Is it because he is only against the Crowe faction of the republican party and is using the Dever democrats for factional political reasons?

We remember when John Kennedy—now secretary of the Washington Farmer-Labor Party and prominent leader in the movement to launch a national farmer-labor party on June 17—was in the city council. He surely made things hot for the bosses. Kennedy went to the trade union leaders and asked them what they wanted him to do for the workers in the city council.

But, of course, John Kennedy was a class-conscious fighter whose heart was true to the great movement for the freedom of all workers from wage slavery. Nelson is just a plain capitalist hack politician, who hopes to rise up in the world by making of himself a door mat for the bosses to walk on. He has not raised his voice in the city council. He has not appeared on the picket lines. He has not urged that "The Committee of Fifteen," of which he is a member, take action. He did not even attend the second meeting of the committee.

The DAILY WORKER calls the attention of the organized and unorganized workers of Chicago to the record of alderman, lawyer, labor leader Nelson, in this strike. We urge them to keep their eyes on him. We urge them to bring such pressure to bear on him as will compel him to raise his voice in the city council and demand a real investigation of police slugging.

terday all paid their fines and were released. Florence Corn, who was sentenced to thirty days in jail, was released on \$1,000 bonds pending the preparation of her appeal.

Twelve persons who were arrested Thursday along So. Market Street and who were arraigned in So. Clark Street police court yesterday all demanded jury trials. They were: Andrew Timm, William Elash, Morris Tiegman, Morris Sher, Freda Nitzberg, Sam Hoff, Nathan Held, Morris Gram, Isadore Litwinsky, Sophie Young, Pearl Cohen and Eva Boenfeld.

See Dever Today.

The officers of the I. L. G. W. U. are preparing to submit to the committee of 15 of the Chicago Federation of Labor in written form, all the facts on police brutalities in accordance with the request the committee made Thursday. The committee of 15 will as soon as they get the facts take them up with the mayor and demand immediate action. Police brutalities have been so extensive that the compiling of the data is a big job.

The committee is expected to get the list of brutalities this morning from the union and Anton Johansen, chairman of the committee, John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation and Victor Olander, secretary of the State Federation, are instructed to immediately take them to Dever and demand drastic action.

Praise Sophie Altschuler.

Sophie Altschuler, who was beaten up by police officer 3181 last week and who is still under the care of a doctor, is receiving letters from all over the country praising her for her bravery and wishing her a speedy recovery.

A typical letter from a person who has never seen Sophie but who became interested in her thru seeing her story in The DAILY WORKER follows:

"Dear Miss Altschuler: The DAILY WORKER informs me of your splendid fight in the front ranks of the striking garment workers and your misfortune as a victim of police brutality.

"Please allow me to express my sympathy for you and commend you for your self sacrifice in the cause of labor. You are a splendid soldier for the workers' cause. Yours fraternally, Peter Kranburger."

SAN ANDREAS, Calif., March 21.—Altho forbidden by state law to teach any sort of partisan politics in the public schools of the state, a C. A. R. veteran told high school students that "You here in the hills are fortunately shielded from bolshevism, socialism, infidelity and other enemies of the country."

SEATTLE, March 21.—Bricklayers' international union is chartering in Seattle the only Pacific coast local of terrazo workers. The men prepare and lay composition marble-granite cement flooring in buildings.

SEATTLE, March 21.—The painters' union here has started a trade school to teach members the fine points of the trade.

BOSTON STRIKE SETTLED ON 42 HOUR WEEK BASIS

Too Much Reliance Put On Mayor Curley

(Special to The Daily Worker) BOSTON, Mass., March 21.—After five weeks of struggle the striking garment workers of Boston voted to return to work on a compromise agreement granting them the 42-hour week in five days instead of the 40-hour week for which they went out. This represents a gain of two hours over the 44-hour week they had been working. However, the new contract eliminates five holidays with pay. The contract is for two years. The previous contract was for one year only.

Some of the larger manufacturers, it developed after the meeting, are refusing to settle so the struggle is not yet over in these shops. 40-Hour Issue.

Many of the strikers thought they were voting for a 40-hour week agreement. When the agreement was put to a vote there was no separate vote on the number of hours and the duration of the contract. The only vote was on the rejection or acceptance of the agreement. The issue was not clear to the workers, because of the parliamentary procedure followed, and many who were determined to hold out for 40 hours, voted for the amendment to sustain the proposed agreement. The writer personally asked several who voted in favor what they were voting about, and they said that they voted for the 40 hours. Acceptance was urged by the international officers and the strike committee; whereas the rank and file, many of them indignant, had no spokesman. The discussion was monopolized by the officials, and brought sharply to a close.

Expelled Left Wingers.

The strike was called to get an apparent victory before the biennial convention of the international in Boston on May 5. Left wingers, the most active in organization campaigns and strikes, had been expelled from joint boards, from the union, and from their jobs in the shops. The international officialdom had to show "accomplishments." So the issue of forty hours was raised, at best an ineffective one, so long as piece work was tolerated and the vast majority are piece workers. Week work should have been fought for.

The fight for the 40-hour week won in New York a year ago, was carried to Boston and Chicago. In Chicago, about 1,000 workers have already returned on 40 hours.

At Curley's Kite.

It was after the mayor had interceded that proposals were made, leading to a compromise. According to one striker, "Forty-two hours was all that Mayor Curley could fight out for us." Since when must militants who advocate a better order, rely on political climbers to fight their battles for them; another feather in the cap of the politician who is mayor of Boston, who has lined up behind him in his campaign for governor all labor leaders who aspire to political jobs. Labor which should carry the banner of a farmer-labor party, and go along with the surprisingly alive farmer labor movement now coming out of the west, is tied to the political kite of Curley, the democratic mayor of Boston. And those like Ninfo, first vice president of the I. L. G. W. U. who from the platform proclaim themselves revolutionists, help along such political charlatans. Well did one striker ask, "What are you doing to make a reality of the dream you profess to have?" What are they doing? Carrying out the most vicious plan of expulsions yet conceived, covering anyone with vision. What answer could Ninfo give? He kept repeating "sacrifice," and "one hundred per cent victory."

Strikers' attorneys are laughing at the statement which the new Chicago Association of Dress Manufacturers has issued that a bond of \$1,000 would be demanded from each member of this association with the proviso that the money is forfeited if the member settles with the union.

Such a contract would not be worth the paper it is written on, say the attorneys. In previous cases the courts have ordered such funds returned. So this ambitious association which the Mitchell people are controlling will have to get a stronger chain to hold their members in line when they weaken before the determination of the strikers.

Dress Bosses' \$1,000 Bond Is Not Worth A Pinch of Powder

Chief Slaughter Has Disappeared: May Be Scabbing

NEW ORLEANS, March 21.—S. W. Slaughter, former chief of Tampa, Fla., while on his way from that city here has disappeared. As Tampa is the home of the open shoppers of Florida, perhaps the gentleman with the murderous name has stopped on the road to scab on something or other.

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Raid on Los Angeles T. U. E. L. Is Blamed On Labor Fakers

(Special to The Daily Worker) SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—Emanuel Levin, arrested on suspicion of criminal syndicalism in the latest raid in Los Angeles on Workers Party and Trades Union Educational League headquarters, is well known in this city, where he lived for some time and was an organizer of the People's Institute, broken up during the war. Persons here acquainted with the situation in Los Angeles offered proof that these raids are inspired by reactionary A. F. of L. leaders of the southern city. Incidentally Chief of Police Vollmer, who is outdoing the activities of the late Chief Oakes in the San Pedro strike, was "lent" to Los Angeles for a year by Berkeley, where he became famous for his "college police force" of "psychological experts." In Berkeley he was considered rather a progressive and liberal official.

Plan to Resume the Russo-Chinese Talks For Recognition

(Special to The Daily Worker) PEKIN, March 21.—The president today empowered Dr. Wellington Koo, former ambassador in Washington, to succeed Foreign Minister Wang as head of the Chinese delegation negotiating with Russia for a treaty to grant diplomatic recognition to that power.

It is reliably reported Russia will consider any plan China may formulate for resumption of the negotiations, considering neither party to blame for the breakdown.

Anything to Halt the Probe of Oil and The Attorney General

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Administration leaders in congress began a concerted drive today to force an adjournment before the conventions in June.

President Coolidge will head the house steering committee at dinner at the White House tonight to confer on early adjournment plans.

40,000 Bus Men and Tram Conductors in London Go on Strike

LONDON, March 21.—A strike of London bus men and tram conductors and motormen, involving 40,000 workers, started at midnight, it was announced officially at union headquarters.

Holds Out False Hopes? Gertrude Atherton, famous novelist, is working great harm to the womanhood of America by holding out "false hopes" of recapturing youth, Dr. Max Thorek, surgeon-in-chief of the American hospital here, and leading authority on gland transplantation, charged today.

Legion Suckers Needed. GULFPORT, Miss., March 21.—Now that the treasury is getting low and summer is coming on officials of the Joe Graham post of the American Legion have started a campaign for new members.

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Could Not Stand Cops. NEW ORLEANS, March 21.—

Out of work and penniless in a strange country, Henry Hunter, a native of Lundwick, Galicia, sought shelter in a police station one night during a recent cold snap. During the night he attempted suicide by slashing his wrists with a safety razor blade. When questioned at the hospital as to his motive in attempting suicide he said "there was too much cursing and swearing in the station that night." He is being held for insanity charges.

The Dollar Gets a Verdict. NEW ORLEANS, March 21.—

Down Louisiana way under the Code Napoleon the court crier receives a fee of one dollar if a jury returns a verdict; the jurymen also receive a dollar each when a verdict is returned. However, be it noted, that should the jury disagree, neither the jurymen or the court crier receive a penny for their services. Small as the sum is very few disagreements are noted on the minute books.

After Cheap Labor. NEW ORLEANS, March 21.—

The National Handle and Enameling Company of Chattanooga, Tenn., which manufactures handles for cutlery and various kitchen utensils, is after a location in this city, owing to the low cost of labor compared with their present pay roll. It is not stated whether they will reduce the price to the consumer or add the increased revenues to their own bank account.

Stay Away From Portland, Ore. PORTLAND, Ore., March 21.—

Electrical workers in the middle west are warned against man-catching ads of the Northwestern Electric Company, involved in a strike with Electrical Workers' local 125.

OUT WITH DAUGHTERY!

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MORGAN LOAN IS PROP TO FRENCH STEEL MONOPOLY

Reconstruction Graft Is To Be Financed

By LELAND OLDS (Federated Press Industrial Editor)

Support of the present reactionary government of France in an emergency which threatened wide-spread unemployment and radical labor activity is the real object back of the Morgan \$100,000,000 loan. J. P. Morgan & Co. is acting to protect its own enormous investment in the French steel trust. This corporation has received a large part of the money from the French loans which have so seriously inflated the currency.

French Bankers to Blame

The fall of the franc is not due to foreign speculators with malicious intent as the propagandists of international capital would have us believe but is due to the policy of the French bankers who by huge loans have vastly increased the amount of currency in circulation. The fall of the franc will be permanently arrested only by halting the loans of private banks, especially those to building contractors for reconstruction purposes. And the object of the Morgan loan is to prevent a complete stoppage of work as a result.

These conclusions are based on an analysis of the loan by the Alexander Hamilton Institute, one of the leading economic institutions of the country. Under the leadership of Jeremiah Jenks the institute is closely associated with the inside of big business.

40,000,000,000 Paper Francs.

The institute proceeds to point out that the policy of French banks has increased the number of francs outstanding to over 40,000,000,000 with billions more circulated as checks and drafts. In predicting the trend of the franc we must ignore speculation entirely and talk exclusively about currency inflation in France.

The institute points out the connection between heavy loans to contractors for reconstruction and inflation. It says: "The private banks of France have loaned so heavily to building contractors and investors in French government bonds that their resources are exhausted."

Reconstruction Graft

"The remedy for the franc is to have these private banks curtail loans to building contractors and to French investors in government bonds. . . . The credit of \$100,000,000 extended by the J. P. Morgan syndicate to the Bank of France is virtually a loan to the building contractors of France who are reconstructing the devastated areas."

But, the institute points out, it is likely that the French will not be called on to repay the Morgan syndicate at all. Instead it is likely that New York bankers will sell a French loan to American investors later on and use the proceeds to repay the Morgan syndicate.

French capitalists have been guilty of the most outrageous corruption in connection with the reconstruction contracts. Their graft running into hundreds of millions of francs has done much to produce the inflation which has depressed the value of the franc. Poincare has recently blocked the prosecution of the most flagrant cases.

Loans for Munitions

These same capitalists have received the major part of the boodle from huge loans to such countries as Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Roumania, another major cause of inflation. For the loans have really been spent in France for munitions. And J. P. Morgan has been a partner with these capitalists thru heavy investments in such corporations as Schneider-Creusot, the great French steel and munitions trust. This is the real background of the Morgan loan.

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Workers Party Demands Race Equality While Sleek Sanhedrin Leaders Betray Negro Workers

Not one representative of labor or the farm was on the executive committee at the Sanhedrin Conference which pretended to represent the Race which is composed of 98 per cent of workers and farmers.

As the DAILY WORKER pointed out in reporting the congress, the carrying out of the Sanhedrin's program for the elimination of the color line in labor unions was left to the representatives of business, real estate sharks, religion, and the capitalist government at Washington.

The Negro labor and farmer delegates to the Sanhedrin declared after the conference that they were not discouraged.

They pointed out that not only was the Sanhedrin forced to consider the labor question, but also that it brought before the Race that the basis of race discrimination is an economic one, and that the only hope for the oppressed Negro workers and tenant farmers is thru solidarity with the oppressed farmers and workers of other races.

Sanhedrin Betrays Race. The DAILY WORKER explained in reporting the Sanhedrin Conference, "Dean Miller comes from an institution subsidized by the republican administration. The real estate men GAIN BY THE POLICY OF SEGREGATION. The business interests generally gain by the policy of segregation."

"The Urban Leagues that act as open shop employment agencies in large Negro urban centers are as reactionary as any white chamber of commerce. They are against labor organization, and against aggressive racial action that might offend their white capitalist friends."

"Segregation into 'Black Belt' districts is one of the most vital issues before the Race at the Sanhedrin. Negroes are crowded into the worst parts of the cities and they are compelled to pay exorbitant rents—above the rates charged the whites. The poor people who are gouged by the rent hogs are crying out against the policy of segregation. But there are real estate men among the Negroes and other business men who gain by this policy. Their voice is not raised against this iniquity."

Effective Remedies Thwarted. "Two effective methods of remedying the housing evil are proposed by resolutions presented by the Workers Party delegates. "1.—Colored unions to refuse to pay exorbitant rents or refuse to live in inferior buildings or segregated districts. "2.—A demand for legislation making housing a public utility and compelling landlords to rent their places to the first comer, regardless of race or color."

But the Sanhedrin did not urge definite action of any kind against the housing evil, and hence accomplished nothing in this direction. When presented with the opportunity for leadership of 98 per cent of the Race on the labor and housing problems, the Sanhedrin, controlled by conservative capitalists, as it was, did nothing.

"What does the Negro in America require in order to escape his conditions as an oppressed race?" asks Robert Minor in the current issue of the Liberator. "He requires abolition of restrictions upon his right of residence—that is, abolition of 'Black Belt' segregation."

Profits Deciding Factor. Commenting upon the results of the Sanhedrin toward achieving a solution of the housing problem, Mr. Minor continues, "When it came to a question of housing, it became evident that the Sanhedrin Conference was heavily dominated by Negro business men. These men are theoretically in favor of the emancipation of their race, and they talk eloquently to this effect. But when Negro working people among the delegates, thru a delegate representing the Workers Party, offered a resolution calling for legislation by which the black-belt residence district could be broken up and landlords compelled to rent living quarters at a fixed rental to the first comer regardless of color and independently of the landlords will, this measure was killed because the Negro real estate men made enormous profits by con-

Bosses Open War In Seattle on the Building Trades

By HARVEY O'CONNOR. (Staff Correspondent of Federated Press)

SEATTLE, March 21.—Altho facing the biggest year in history with \$25,000,000 scheduled in new construction, the local building industry has been thrown into panic by activities of the open shoppers of the chamber of commerce and the Associated Industries.

After a committee of the local chapter, Associated General Contractors of America, had successfully negotiated a blanket agreement with the Building Trades Council, the contractors in general meeting suddenly turned down their own committee's report. The results were:

1. Mayor E. J. Brown cut short a vacation in Vancouver, B. C., and rushed back to Seattle in an attempt to restore industrial harmony. He severely reprimanded the chamber of commerce for its disrupting attitude.

2. Individual unions of the building trades, which had agreed to ask no wage increases for the coming year, immediately set in motion machinery to press pay increase demands.

3. The Building Trades Council in an appeal to the public, denounced the Associated Industries and the chamber of commerce for breaking the concord which has been established a year in the local building industry and which was to have been prolonged by the written agreement.

Catch International Bandit.

MARSEILLES, France, March 21.—Love of a woman led to the arrest of Paul Camilleri, member of the gang which carried out the famous Shattuck jewel robbery in New York in 1922. Detectives, who had been shadowing the man's sweetheart for weeks, pounced on the international bandit here last night, just as he was meeting her.

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

One of the correspondents of a well known news agency who was covering the Daugherty quiz, was suddenly taken off and shipped to Bridgeport, Conn., to glut the curiosity of the capitalist press readers with little items of news about the circus, which now starts on its yearly round to amuse the American people. The press association advises its clients that the correspondent will supply them with "springtime stories, with nothing of oil scandal or investigation in them." The capitalist press, tho compelled to publish the news breaking with such fury around the heads of the Coolidge cabinet in Washington, does so reluctantly so when another circus shows up, they trot along and try to switch interest to the most innocuous.

Much fuss was created in St. Joseph, Mich., by Daugherty's agents during the Communist trial, about an alleged sum of money received by the radicals to carry on this government out of the hands of the oil grafters. While Attorney General Daugherty was busy trying to frame the Communists in Michigan, it appears from the evidence presented at the D. J. probe in Washington, that the famous friend of law and order was engaged in protecting criminals and sharing in the proceeds of their energetic looting of the United States resources. We venture to say that the farmers of Berrien county, who were called on to pay the costs of the trials are having a hearty chuckle now. They refused, of course, to be saddled with the expense of the trials after D. J. died, promised that the expenses would be paid by outside sources. Who paid the bills? Were they paid from the proceeds of the oil and booze graft?

The New York east conference of the Methodist Episcopal church does not know whether or not it should favor another war. Several speakers voiced their opposition to organized murder in behalf of the capitalists, but Bishop Wilson, whose religion is of the shirt sleeve variety, that swallows every dogma, lock, stock and barrel, from the transmutation of water into wine to the immaculate conception, upheld Mars eloquently, and declared that if there ever was another war that he would do more killing or cause more killing—the gentleman remained in his pulpit—than in the last big carnage. When the bishop reached the heights of his gory rhetoric he was stopped by a great burst of applause and many of his followers of Jesus frothed at the mouth with patriotic frenzy.

These are hard days on Oswald Garrison Villard, enemy of armaments and the trustification of the press. We do not wish the venerable Mr. Villard any ill. He is as consistent as it is possible for a liberal to be, but he has our sympathy when he bases his hopes for world peace on the flimsy foundation of British Labor Party imperialism, and his goal of a free press on a vague prayer that modern capitalism will go back to the days when Horace Greeley thundered in the New York Tribune and the elder James Gordon Bennett edited the New York Herald. Now, the Ramsay MacDonald government continues to shoot Hindus, and capitalist papers continue to consolidate, the latest merger being the New York Herald and the New York Tribune. The former was swallowed by the latter.

A new move was initiated here a few evenings ago to give the Illinois state police force bill another forward boost. Speakers from New York told of the favor with which the cossacks are received in that state by organized labor. The movement for state police is nationwide and it would be a matter of little surprise to have the so-called leaders of the trade unions everywhere boosting the cossacks. Labor officials in this vicinity, until quite recently had a reputation for progressiveism, but they are turning to the right so fast that they promise to outstrip Gompers and company before very long. They are quite busy just dodging action in the dressmakers' strike.

A local district attorney tells us that half of the Chicago police were accepting bribes from brewers engaged in selling beer in violation of the national prohibition law, until the federal department did away with the beer. It was then that the beer runners began to kill each other—when the stuff got scarce and the competition grew too keen. Naturally Mayor William E. Dever did not like this, so as usual, he asked the district attorney to give him the evidence and he would furnish the police. But perhaps the latter are too busy breaking the strike of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. Know-nothing Dever seems to know as little about police brutality in the strike as he knows about the beer grafting.

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The Daugherty investigation, like the Teapot Dome exposures, leaves Brother Gompers cold.

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Not so. Vociferously garrulous and insistent that he be allowed to appear and denounce Soviet Russia before the senate investigating committee headed by Borah, he has indulged in no similar outburst relative to the Daugherty-Burns matter.

It may be argued that Brother Gompers knows nothing detrimental to these assiduous agents of the employers, but to admit this is to admit that he is the most monumental dumbbell that ever carried a union card.

This is the appointed time, if Brother Gompers so desires, to put considerable of a kibosh on the injunction activities of employers and their governmental tools. Always a great believer in the force of public opinion and the author of several theses upon that interesting subject, Brother Gompers should know that the American public has turned its thumbs down on oil gladiators like Daugherty and Burns.

Much good would accrue to labor from such action. The timid tribe of politicians would begin to think twice before glorifying injunction processes and in the future the vision of a squirming attorney-general and his gumshoe aids would be always before their eyes.

We fear that Brother Gompers is not made of such stern stuff. He is lifted to great heights of denunciatory eloquence only when a workingclass of a whole nation like Russia win to victory by other means than the use of the union label and "rewarding friends and punishing enemies."

Abusing Our Patience

The political atmosphere is clearing and the likelihood for the organization of a third party opposed to the republican and democratic organizations is becoming more definite.

Of course, the organization of a third party resulting from a split of serious magnitude in the republican and democratic parties would be a most welcome step in the direction of completely divorcing the working and farming masses from the democratic and republican camps, from the reactionary capitalist outfits.

ist interests dominating the two old parties take great care, some Wall Street faker or quack will jump on the bandwagon, get a place of prominence and importance in the new movement of revolt against the big business interests and thus utilize his position to sabotage and betray the very progressive movement he is supposed to be serving.

The reported suggestion that Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy in the Wilson administration, will be a vice-presidential candidate of the third party movement in order to give it a broad enough base to appeal to former democratic, as well as republican followers, is a dangerous case of the above character. Daniels is an agent of the big capitalist interests, despite his proclaimed piety, or perhaps because of it.

Even to hint the name of Daniels is to abuse the excessive patience of the manhandled American masses. In pursuance of his pious policy, Mr. Daniels, as secretary of the navy, in co-operation with Mr. Payne, then secretary of the interior, made leases on navy oil reserve lands to many big oil concerns.

Daniels, who is now beginning to smear himself with progressive paint, handed out valuable oil leases for a song to the following corporations: The Boston Pacific Oil company, the Associated Oil company, Union Oil, Buena Vista Oil, Caribou Oil, General Petroleum, Record Oil, United Oil, and the Consolidated Mutual Oil company.

The workers and farmers will not fall for any such tricks. To the farmers and workers it does not matter whether Consolidated Mutual capitalists plunder the government with the aid of Daniels, or the Sinclair interests rob the country with the aid of Denby. Daniels is as guilty of aiding and abetting criminal capitalist ventures as Denby was.

Supply and Demand

One of the iron laws on which the present system of capitalist exploitation of the workers is founded is the iron law of supply and demand.

When the farmers are broke and are compelled by the big bankers and manufacturers to sell at prices lower than what it has cost them to produce, the economic experts earning their hire emit a wild cry to the heavens that the law of supply and demand is at work.

When a new wage-slashing campaign is launched by the bosses, the workers are told that there are more workers than needed, that there is a greater supply of workingmen than there is a demand. And who will dare tamper with this immutable law of supply and demand? Wages are cut to the bone. Farm prices are reduced to the vanishing point. Profits mount. The law of supply and demand is vindicated and saved!

The fact of the matter is that the law of supply and demand is not to blame. The source of the difficulty for the workingman and poor farmer is the capitalist control of the means of production and exchange, the control of the railways, the grain elevators, the transportation and marketing facilities by a small group of powerful financiers and industrialists for private profits.

An illustration of this point is the following condition confronting the farmers. According to the estimates of the Department of Agriculture the farmers have more corn, oats, and barley at this time than they had in the corresponding period a year ago. On the other hand stocks of wheat are less this year than a year ago at this time.

The law of supply and demand as it works in the United States is subject to the conditions of the world market of international capitalism. These conditions are wretched and hopeless, because of the very nature of capitalist production and exchange. Consequently, the conditions of our farming population are just as hopeless and wretched. The desperate state of affairs has been pictured by the noted farm expert Mr. Yoakum before the Kentucky farmers in these significant words:

"The world's greatest agricultural country is faced by a situation more menacing to the country's future than can be said of any economic problem in any part of the world."

Perhaps our capitalist misleaders would have us believe that the law of supply and demand is responsible for six and a half million farms having gone thru bankruptcy and foreclosure in the great depression?

The German bourgeois parties will have at least two-thirds majority in the new Reichstag after the elections of May 4. In addition to that they will have a neat fascist dictatorship to supplement the democracy, that will be jammed down the workers' throats. The Socialists are losing out everywhere. Philip Scheidemann, once leading light in the German republic, after the revolution, is now mayor of Cassel.

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"Efficient" American Capitalism

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE. OVER-PRODUCTION is alarming the American capitalist class. The spokesmen of this class are not exactly hysterical but I would not blame them if they were. The evidence submitted by such devoted adherents of capitalism as James J. Davis, secretary of labor, showing the tremendous productive capacity of American industry, when coupled with the phenomenon of the ever-narrowing world market, gives real reason for the grave concern manifested in the more analytical capitalist journals.

There is even an undertone of fear in the trumpet note of prosperity sounded by the daily press of capitalism.

Spurred on by the prospect of enormous profits during the war period, the industrial capitalists doubled, trebled and quadrupled the capacity of their plants. There is absolutely no grounds for believing that even the European markets were restored there would be an outlet for the full volume of production for which American industry now is organized.

The situation is further aggravated by the fact that in the constant war upon the living standard of the workers, the desire for ever cheaper production and thru the introduction of labor saving devices American industry, in addition to its tremendous expansion, has become more efficient.

Overproduction Figures. Illuminating indeed are some of the facts cited by James J. Davis to prove that the influx of a million immigrants yearly would absorb but a negligible portion of the goods which flood the domestic market whose saturation is an important factor in the imperialistic adventures of American capital.

Starting with the soft coal mining industry we find that it is able to produce one billion tons per year. The yearly consumption of soft coal is something like one-half billion tons. The soft coal mines then, can, with the present equipment and manpower, produce twice the amount of coal needed.

The shoe market can absorb, under the most favorable conditions that have obtained, 325,000,000 pairs per year. The shoe industry can produce 578,000,000 pairs.

The Endicott-Johnson shoe factory, thru its efficiency system, gets an average of 12 pairs of shoes per day from each employe. With other factories operating on the same basis 25 per cent of the workers now employed in the shoe industry could produce enough to take care of the domestic market or the whole industry would need to operate but one-fourth of the year.

Marvels of the Machine. In the most modern smelting plants a ton of pig iron is produced at the total labor cost of the time expended by one man for an hour and twelve minutes. In the industry as a whole under present conditions, all the market can take care of for a

year can be produced in seven months. If the entire industry is brought up the level of efficiency now prevailing in the best equipped plants all the iron and steel needed for existing markets can be produced with a working force reduced by two-thirds. Machinery is displacing with startling rapidity men in occupations hitherto believed to be especially the province of the unskilled workers. In the brickmaking industry of Chicago there is now a machine that turns out 49,000 bricks per hour; it is handled by one man. If the entire industry is equipped with such machines it is estimated that 5,000 men can do the work for which 33,000 are required now.

Lowering Labor Costs. The larger proportionate increase in the wages of the unskilled workers during and since the war has prompted the employers to have devised and installed machinery for the rough jobs of loading and unloading material, clearing rubbish, etc.

In one plant in Bridgeport, Connecticut, hot iron cauldrons are handled by a conveyor operated by one man; twenty-five workers were formerly employed on this job. All kinds of automatic lifters, stackers, and pilers are now being installed in warehouses and on the water front displacing the unskilled workers in an occupation which until lately, was thought machinery-proof.

That distribution in many lines has reached the limit of expansion is shown by the fact that in the distribution of foodstuffs there is one wholesaler for every four manufacturers; one wholesaler for every fifty-five retailers and one retailer for every group of seventy families estimated to include 315 persons.

"The ideal condition," says the steel trust secretary of labor, "is when capital and labor balance." Just exactly what he means by this he probably does not know himself, but doubtless he has a vague vision of some Utopia where labor produces just enough commodities for the market and then starves quietly until further demands revive industry.

A Grave Problem. He seems to understand that American industry is confronted with a problem of the gravest character but it is too much to expect that he could show any knowledge of the fact that it can never solve that problem while the ownership of industry remains in the present hands.

Even the ad clubs, the rotary clubs and the kiwanis clubs recognize the necessity of increasing consumption; they are engaged in artificially stimulating demand but they do not know that they are forced to operate within the narrow limits of the wage system. They are the bitterest opponents of the unions and other working class organizations engaged in attempting to increase the income and raise the standard of living of the workers. It never occurs to the capitalists and their hangers-on to relax their

warfare on wages and as a matter of fact they cannot because of the competitive nature of the international struggle for markets.

Destroying Markets. Every nerve is strained to reduce production costs, i. e., to use less labor-power—to get along with less workers while at the same time increasing the output of commodities. It is in this manner that capitalist industry destroys its greatest market—by reducing the purchasing power of the great bulk of the population, the working class.

There are no great new fields of exploitation for the American capitalist class to conquer. The backward nations of a quarter of a century ago have now their own economy and require less manufactured commodities from America; raw materials they produce cheaper than we can.

American industry is organized for a world market; during the war it became the premier exporter of manufactured products because other nations were organized for war alone. Even before 1914 the American workers were suffering from mass unemployment, insanely efficient capitalist production had glutted the world markets.

The Future. There has been a fall and rise of production since the war and now the period of readjustment is almost over. During that period the class of industrial workers had been increased by millions; white and negro farmers have been driven from the land and are competing with the older "hands"—to use the English term that so well expresses the capitalist opinion of the workers. Cumulatively devised machines that do the work of hundreds of thousands of wage-earners have made American industry the most efficient in the world. It is centralized and ruled with an iron hand and it has summoned to its aid the best technical talent; its processes—chemical, mechanical and electrical—are the wonder of modern industrial civilization.

American industry has everything but markets. Like the sow that eats its young, American capitalism by its war upon the workers of America, its assistance to the ruling class of every other capitalist nation in the war upon their working class, has destroyed the greatest factor making for stabilization of American capitalism—a working class with a large consumptive capacity resulting in a high standard of living.

As the days pass we will hear more and more the whimpers of such apologists of capitalism as James J. Davis. As the ranks of the unemployed grow and industry stagnates—a process already beginning—the note of fear already perceptible will grow louder until it drowns out the triumphant note of the prosperity song that is chanted now by most of the babbitts.

Enthusiastic Support Given to Farmer-Labor Party Fund

By C. E. RUTHERBERG (Executive Secretary, Workers Party of America)

The following letter received from the Harlem Jewish Branch of the Workers Party in response to the call sent to the party branches for contribution to the Farmer-Labor Party Campaign Fund which the party is raising to carry on its work in support of the June 17th Convention, shows the spirit of the membership on this question:

C. E. Rutherford, Executive Secretary, Chicago, Ill. Dear Comrade: The appeal which you have sent to the party branches and sympathizers for support of the Farmer-Labor Party Campaign Fund, a campaign which is now in full swing, reached our branch a few days ago and the readiness and enthusiasm with which the appeal was met was great. The members of our branch have the view that the establishment of a Farmer-Labor party supported by the masses of farmers and workers is of the most vital importance to the movement in the United States and donated \$25 from their scant financial resources.

A class, mass Farmer-Labor Party supported by the proletarian elements and organized on a nation-wide scale should be the slogan of this great campaign.

- Yours in class consciousness, JOB WEISMAN, Sec. Harlem Jewish Branch. Branches which have sent in their quota since the last report are: Harlem Jewish Branch.....\$25.00 Rocklin Finnish Branch..... 3.00 Wilkes-Barre Ukrainian Branch..... 5.00 Zeiler South Slavic Branch..... 25.00 Toluca Italian Branch..... 10.00 South Bend Russian Branch..... 10.00 Cicero Checho-Slovak Branch..... 10.00 Chicago Finnish Branch..... 20.00 Chicago Scandinavian Branch No. 10..... 5.00 Amesbury Finnish Branch..... 10.50 Elizabeth Polish Branch..... 2.00 Astabula Harbor Finnish Branch..... 15.00 Gary Russian Branch..... 4.00 Lanesville Finnish Branch..... 8.00 Omaha English Branch..... 10.00 New York Lettish Branch..... 10.00 Philadelphia South Slavic Branch..... 10.00 W. Frankfort South Slavic Branch..... 1.00

Party branches which have not yet acted upon the Farmer-Labor Party Campaign Fund appeal should make it a special order of business at their next meeting and see that every member purchases one of the Farmer-Labor Campaign Fund Labels.

We are in the midst of our greatest campaign, comrades of the party, and every party unit must make its contribution to make the Farmer-Labor Campaign a success. Every dollar contributed will aid the party in increasing its activity in support of the June 17th Convention and make more certain the organization of a mass, class Farmer-Labor Party at that convention.

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