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Demand A. F. of L. State Stand on Imperialism

Open Letter From Workers Party Reminds Executive Council of China, Nicaragua

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Over the signature of C. E. Ruthenberg, general secretary, the Central Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party of America has issued an open letter to the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, demanding that it take a stand, for or against the Wall Street imperialist invasions of Nicaragua and of China, and to state also whether the Executive Council is for or against the American workers and farmers in their struggle against American imperialism and the threat of a new imperialist war.

The Executive Council of the A. F. of L. is reminded in the letter that it has up until now not made any such public decision. The letter of the Central Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party follows, in full:

Where Does the A. F. of L. Stand on Intervention in Nicaragua and China?

An Open Letter to the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. From the Central Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party.

To the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C.

You have thus far made no public statement in regard to the policy of imperialist intervention in support of the investments and profits of the great international banking houses of Wall Street, which the American government is pursuing in its intervention in Nicaragua, its threats against Mexico, and its massing of naval forces in Chinese waters.

Wall Street Game. It was clear from the beginning of the intervention in Nicaragua that Coolidge and Kellogg were playing the game of the Wall Street exploit-

ers in that country, who desire to set up a puppet government which will be subservient to their wishes and aid them in the exploitation of the people of Nicaragua. This has become even more plain since the victories of the liberal forces representing the people of Nicaragua has been answered by sending of new forces of American marines and the virtual taking over the country by the naval forces of the American government. Do you believe that because the American government has recognized the Diaz government it has the right to force this government upon the Nicaraguan people with American bay-

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CURRENT EVENTS

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

THE British note to the government of the Soviet Union is a masterpiece of hypocrisy. Chamberlain charges the officials of the Soviet government with conducting hostile propaganda against the empire. Now, it is a well known fact that all capitalist governments are always at war with each other, using whatever means the times warrant. Only recently, the French government arrested, indicted and convicted English subjects engaged in espionage work in France. The bankers of one country make occasional attacks on the currency of another country.

Yet no sharp notes are dispatched because of such conduct. This kind of thing is quite proper. It is the way imperialist powers play the game. Why did the British send the provocative note? Simply because the victims of British oppression in the Orient regard the Soviet Union as their only friend in the world, because the workers' republic is a haven for the hunted victims of imperialism and because the headquarters of the Communist International is in the Soviet Union as the nucleus of the World Republic of Labor and also recognizes that between this stronghold of the world labor government of the future and imperialism there is a fundamental conflict.

Soviet Union has undoubtedly been giving moral support to the Chinese revolution. Any Russian workers or peasants who desire to risk their life in behalf of the nationalist revolution has the permission of the Soviet government. On the other hand, Britain and the imperialist powers have been supporting the militarists secretly and openly, with arms, men

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NEW WAR THREAT ON SOVIET UNION

Polish-Lithuanian Pact Is Baltic Bloc Scheme Hatched Great Britain

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—Announcement of an agreement between the fascist governments of Poland and Lithuania, hostile to the Soviet Union, coming on the heels of the dispatch of the British note to Moscow brings the possibility of an imperialist war against Russia led by Great Britain into the near future.

The pact fits in with the long-cherished British scheme to organize a Baltic bloc from which Great Britain could wage war against Russia.

News of the conspiracy created a shock in Berlin governmental circles though it has been known for a long time that negotiations had been going on. The development completely justifies the statement delivered to the press in Berlin by Georges Tchitcher-

in, Soviet foreign minister, that Britain was organizing a hostile bloc against the Soviet Union. This statement was given as one of the reasons for the provocative British note. Positive reports that Smetona and

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Marines Neutralize All Big Nicaraguan Cities "And Others," For Diaz

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Feb. 24.—Captain Woodward, chief of the American naval forces in the Pacific notified the Sacasa government today that no fighting would be permitted within a radius of 1,000 yards from Chinandega, Leon, Managua, Granada, Pasco Caballo, Cosmapa, Quezalgusga, Chichigalpa, Posoltega and other points where marines are stationed.

Two thousand marines are expected to arrive here today. Most of them, it is said, will replace sailors, who are now ashore.

British Note On Nicaragua Prearranged

May Help Coolidge in Fight With Opponents

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—The British note dispatched to Washington relative to the alleged need for protection of British nationals in Nicaragua was the result of a prearranged plan between the British foreign office and the state department, it was unofficially reported here today.

It is said to be a part of the arrangement between the two governments thru which the United States agreed to look benevolently on the British action in China while Britain would aid the state department in its policy in Central America in whatever way it could.

Coolidge and Kellogg can now go to congress with the British note and declare that its policy of landing an army of marines in the little country is proven justified.

The United States demanded that Britain would not land any troops and Great Britain is prepared to respect it, according to information here. Relieved State Department. Instead of viewing the presence of the British warship in Nicaragua waters with alarm, state department officials apparently welcomed it today. It relieves this government of the necessity of providing a "place of refuge" for British subjects, should conditions become serious, and at the same time it strengthens the state department's contention that the Nicaraguan situation is serious.

MUSSOLINI AND FRANCE COMPETE IN NAVAL POWER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Italy's real reason for rejecting President Coolidge's disarmament conference proposal was due to the Italian government's unwillingness to engage in any conference without assurance that she would be accorded naval equality with France, it developed here today.

Reports that the Italian government has made this plain in a "secret note" which accompanied the formal published communication were denied at the state department today. The department admitted, however, that the Italian ambassador in presenting his government's reply, made "certain verbal explanations."

Diplomatic Move. The state department said nothing about the reports, also current, that it knew all about the conflict between Italy and France, and the hesitancy

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Unemployment Rife in San Francisco Region; Discharge Women First

San Francisco—(FP)—Over 12,000 men and women are out of work in the San Francisco Bay region according to the U. S. department of labor. Women are the chief sufferers, both in factories and offices. Many railroad men are being quietly dropped.

Indian Troops Dislike China Service

British Try to Play Up Religious Prejudice

(Special to The Daily Worker). HANGKOW, Feb. 24.—Among the Indian troops landed in Shanghai by England, great dissatisfaction is spreading because of the unwillingness of the Indians to be used against a national revolutionary movement. The troops are particularly indignant about the propaganda of the British officers who attempt to incite the Indian soldiers by making them believe that the Chinese destroyed the Indian sanctuaries in Shanghai. After the soldiers convinced themselves on the spot that all this propaganda was made up of lies their mood was radically changed.

Profintern Greeted Shanghai Workers.

MOSCOW, Feb. 24.—The Executive Bureau of the Profintern sent a cable to the Trade Union Council of Shanghai greeting the heroic action of the Shanghai proletariat. The cable declares that the Shanghai workers have made themselves the vanguard of the Chinese revolution against the joint onslaught of the foreign imperialists and the Chinese militarists.

Blames British Government. LONDON, Feb. 24.—The political bureau of the British Communist Party issued a manifesto declaring that the responsibility for the mass executions in Shanghai rest entirely with the British government.

SENATOR CALLS REED'S PROBE ONLY POLITICS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—In a dramatic and heated cross fire of charges and counter charges, Senator James A. Reed, chairman of the committee investigating graft in the elections last year, requested additional powers today. Specifically he wanted to open the ballot boxes of the Pennsylvania senatorial election in which there is evidence of corruption. The Reed committee has the boxes.

Senator Arthur R. Robinson of Indiana, one of those a trifle implicated by the revelations of klan super-politics in Indiana at about the time of the Reed investigation, took the occasion to charge Reed with hunting publicity.

"He would need no campaign fund. This would furnish him with plenty of publicity. But why should the United States be forced to pay the contribution necessary for the ad-

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Horace Dodge Gambles At Games While His American Workers Toil

CANNES, France, Feb. 24.—Horace Dodge of Detroit was reported a heavy winner at the Cannes Casino today.

Dodge stated that his winnings at the tables here now amount to \$60,000. This is not a record but it is a very heavy haul as winnings go, even for Cannes which is now surpassing Monte Carlo in the size of stakes won and lost.

British Labor Protests Anti-Soviet Note

Britain Trying to Provoke a World Offensive

LONDON, Feb. 24.—British labor is extremely indignant over the provocative note sent by Chamberlain to the government of the Soviet Union. Left wing labor leaders fear that the foreign office has had assurances from other imperialist powers that the time was ripe to risk a rupture of relations with Moscow.

If the British imperialists declare war on the Soviet Union, the progressive laborites declare the "Hands Off China" committees that are now organized will be asked to add to their task the prevention of hostile action against Russia.

While the public in general is somewhat cold to the note as a result of the numerous "red scares" fed to them in recent years, there is real danger that the extremists in the cabinet will force the government to follow up the note with more drastic measures, hoping to provoke a world war against the Workers' Republic.

Circulating False Reports. Foreign office agencies are circulating reports of heavy massing of Soviet troops on the Manchurian border with a view to aiding a revolt against Chang Tso-Lin, which is said to be brewing. Chang's police are reported to be raiding Communist residences and seizing revolutionary literature.

The Morning Post, die-hard organ expressed the opinion that the Soviet Union would not cease to promote the interests of the Communist movement regardless of notes.

The Daily Mail, tory organ berated the government for not using more insulting language. The Daily Herald, labor organ mildly criticized the government, stating that the words of politicians and journalists, referring to Bukharin and others, should not be taken too seriously.

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United Front of Furriers and Cloakmakers to Fight Reaction, Unionize Trade

Huge Enthusiastic Meeting Unanimously Adopts Resolution for Joint Action

Shouts, cheers, applause and a mighty roar of approval from the thousands of furriers who crowded Cooper Union last night marked the passage of a resolution which brings the New York Joint Board of the furriers' union and the New York Joint Board of the cloak and dressmakers' in a solid battle line against the reactionary labor forces which are seeking to destroy these unions.

The workers could not wait to hear the resolution read to its end. They clapped enthusiastically as soon as they heard the proposal that the furriers should officially join hands with their comrades in the cloak and dress industry to fight more effectively against Matthew Woll, Hugh Frayne, Morris Sigman, Ozier Schachtman and their assistant union-smasher, Abraham Beckerman.

Last night's meeting at Cooper Union was called by the Joint Board to acquaint the workers with the situation in the union, to express defiance of the attempts of the International and A. F. of L. officials to reorganize the Joint Board, and to rouse the workers to the defense of those fur strikers who were suddenly called for trial this week.

Money Showered On Platform. "These fur workers, who were arrested for their strike activities, shall not be railroaded to prison as Sigman had done to the cloakmakers," said Ben Gold, manager of the Joint Board, during his speech; and the furriers not only shouted their approval, but when Gold said money was needed for the defense of these workers, coins and bills came flying at him till the platform looked like a bank teller's window.

Not only was every seat in the hall taken, and hundreds kept standing in the aisles at the rear, but there were dozens of seats filled on the platform, and in the front row was Morris Kessler, the 75-year-old fur worker who at the "right wing" meeting in Cooper Union, on Wednesday night,

challenged the chairman and other speakers to explain their tactics in trying to destroy the New York union. As soon as Kessler entered the hall he was greeted with cheers, and he was escorted to the platform by a group of his fellow-workers. All the workers in the hall stood up and continued cheering for this man who has been a union member for thirty years. "Hurrah for Kessler"; "You told 'em, Kessler"; were the cries from all parts of the hall; and even after Chairman Isadore Shapiro called the meeting to order, applause broke out again and Kessler had to rise and acknowledge their appreciation.

Enthusiasm marked every step in the meeting. Every speaker was welcomed noisily. Applause was frequent, and prolonged in spite of the chairman's efforts to stop it. The spirit of the whole mass of fur workers was such as to strike terror in those who have planned to depose or expel or reorganize them.

President Isidor Shapiro, of the Furriers' Joint Board presiding, declared: "We are going to deal with the court cases, and also tell the truth about the right wing meeting held in here yesterday.

"The so-called Furriers' Trade Union Committee said that all furriers would be welcome to their meeting and all who wanted to make a living should be present. Yet, when the furriers came they were not admitted."

He referred to H. Shlissel, a speaker (Continued on Page Five)

Harlem's Babies Live in Dingy Cellars But Rents Climb Higher and Higher

Harlem, gay quarter of the metropolis, hides suffering and privation beneath its carefree exterior. Will de Kalb, DAILY WORKER housing expert, in a careful survey of every section of Harlem, finds high rents and low housing conditions prevalent in the colored section. Tomorrow de Kalb will write about housing conditions in the Bronx.

By WILL DE KALB.

One community in the city well known to social workers in Harlem. Of all the "respectable" communities, its standard of living is the highest; and yet its living conditions are the most subject to criticism.

Several days ago, along with other newspapers, I was conducted through the Harlem Black Belt by James Middleton and William Battle, both colored, president of the North Harlem Improvement Association and chairman of the North Harlem Community Council, respectively.

Babies wailing in dark, stuffy rooms. Ricketty steps leading to dingy cellars where humans are herded with dogs and cats on a level of insanitary living conditions. Hallways black and airless as a cave. Unwashed milk bottles.

This is the picture that filled my eyes in Harlem's Black Belt. This is the picture that Middleton and Battle untiring civic workers, and the DAILY WORKER want changed in every detail. And still a majority of tenants we visited refused to express dissatisfaction when we could see the results of the landlords' negligences, so obvious were they.

Iron Hand of Landlordism. "Don't want to get into trouble with the landlord," was the invariable response. A concrete example of the iron hand the landlords holds over the tenant as a result of the housing shortage!

The entire city should be ashamed of the living conditions in the Black Belt. In the winter, I learned, the streets are never cleaned. It is sometimes a week before ashes and garbage are removed. After filling the cellars with garbage, janitors stop col-

lecting it, and it gathers in the rooms. There it collects in the bathtub.

The buildings in Harlem are among the oldest in the city. No new ones have been built. Of a total of forty-five new houses erected in the past few years in the entire section, only five are renting at less than \$15 per room. The majority are renting for \$20 and over.

Is Harlem the Worst? Mellow with age, the buildings are in sad state of disrepair. Why I do not know, but for some strange reason the Harlem landlord seems to be able to get away with a good deal more than the average rent-gouger.

In the basement apartment of 1698 Park Avenue, Mrs. Eluf Banson, 64, said it had been eighteen years since her landlord had had the walls washed down! She paid \$22 a month for four rooms, two of them inner bedrooms, badly ventilated.

All the buildings are firetraps. The balcony fire-escape, long since condemned by fire underwriters, is in use in the majority of houses. Where there are four families on a floor, these are worthless. The hallways are wooden. And the houses were so haphazardly constructed, a good fire backed by a strong wind could wipe out an entire block!

East Harlem Bad Too. In East Harlem, populated chiefly by Italians, conditions are the same as they are in Little Italy, downtown. Only rents are five dollars or more cheaper. In Harlem proper, rents are the same as in Brownsville, Brooklyn. Only living conditions are worse. In the Black Belt, words to describe the situation, if employed, would only nauseate! The colored man is our

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# FILIBUSTER AND GAG LAW DECIDE ON BOULDER DAM

## No More Deliberation In U. S. Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The fate of the Johnson-Swing bill for the Boulder Dam rests for the moment on the ability of its opponents to filibuster until the end of this congress. All the fiction that the senate is a body of intellectual personages, chosen by the people of the United States because of their wealth of statesmanship and profound wisdom, has been laid aside. Sheer endurance of lung and larynx is deciding legislation.

### To Vote On Gag.

A "gag vote" or cloture, stopping debate altogether on the Boulder Dam bill, will be voted on tomorrow.

Selfish interests back of each group lend fury to the argument over Boulder Dam. The real estate men of California have speculated widely in the lands that irrigation would turn from desert to gardens, and the power companies of Utah and Arizona are frantic at the prospect of losing the rich sources of electric power involved in the project. It is said that over a million horsepower can be generated, to cut the rates of the existing power trust.

### Jamming Up Machinery.

Perched atop a legislative jam and opposed in the senate by one of the best-organized filibusters on record, the Boulder Dam bill faces great obstacles to enactment.

The senators from Arizona, Utah and Colorado, who fought the bill for five days and who drove their filibuster successfully through a tortuous thirty-hour, all-night session from Tuesday morning until Wednesday evening, were prepared to resume the battle today. Administration leaders, meanwhile, talked of throwing their support to some other bill, fearful that the Boulder Dam filibuster might destroy all other legislation now pending.

### Reclamation Project.

Sponsors of the Johnson-Swing bill, which would build a dam in the Colorado River to control floods, irrigate arid lands and supply cheap electric power, declared they would "go down to defeat, rather than surrender."

The bill held brighter prospects of enactment in the house, under a special rule, but even then, its foes could defeat it in the senate next week.

### Many Laws To Die.

A jammed legislative calendar confronted the senate with scores upon scores of bills and resolutions facing certain death in the few remaining days before adjournment. Among the major measures, which administration leaders hope to enact, were the new public buildings bill, the alien property bill, and the Andrews prohibition reorganization measure.

The senate agreed to consider the Tyson emergency officers' retirement bill at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

### Scorn Steering Committee.

The republican "order of business"—those measures given special preference by the republican steering committee—meanwhile passed almost unnoticed. The Boulder Dam and Andrews bills were named in this group while other measures were the railroad refunding act, the Capper "Truth in Fabric," the French spoliations, the Copeland coal control, the new commerce bureau and the prohibition civil service bills. The Andrews measure alone has a chance of enactment if Boulder Dam fails.

# SUBWAYS NOT FOR SERVICE, BUT PROFIT



Transit Bosses Sitting Pretty as Workers Stifle in Crowded Trains.

# N. J. PROSECUTOR GETS COLD FEET ON NEW MASSES

## Fails to Arrest Ruth Stout as Planned

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 24.—A squad of cops, a battery of cameramen and a regiment of reporters and 800 workers attended the Scott Nearing lecture at the Labor Lyceum, 14th St. and Springfield Ave., last night to witness or participate in the arrest of Ruth Stout, business manager of the New Masses.

But the arrest didn't come off. District Attorney Smith, who had barred the magazine from New Jersey on the ground that it was lewd, lecherous and lascivious, got cold feet at the last moment and permitted Ruth Stout to sell the magazine in the hall.

What the New Masses lost in the way of publicity, the cops and newspapermen gained in the way of education. Scott Nearing outlined the propaganda methods of capitalist newspapers and showed how the concepts of "law and order," inculcated in the minds of children, helped keep the working class docile.

American imperialist technique in Nicaragua was also described by Nearing.

# Alien Registry Bill Introduced In Congress

(Continued from Page One) his new district report to the post office there and give such information as may be required. Thereafter the district to which he has removed shall be deemed the district in which he is registered, and the original record of his registration shall be accordingly transferred.

Each alien registering, over the age of sixteen, shall be given a certificate of identification, which he must produce when required by any agent of the department of labor, or any local, state or national peace officer.

This combination of passport and residence regulations is an efficient spy system, useful in terrorizing foreign born workers who wish to join unions, of assistance to police officers who plan to frame them up for crimes they did not commit, and providing the possibilities for enormous amounts of petty graft.

# MUSSOLINI AND FRANCE COMPETE IN NAVAL POWER

(Continued from Page One) of England to go farther towards peace than her neighbors, and desired a rejection of the "disarmament plea," in order to prepare the way for a larger American navy.

The rejection "has certainly strengthened the naval program advocates in the house."

With resentment sweeping congress over refusal of France and Italy to accept President Coolidge's bid to a naval limitation conference, the house today prepared for a show-down upon the proposal to begin construction of three new \$16,000,000 cruisers. The senate already has passed the bill.

"Big navy" advocates were hopeful that the international situation would turn the tide in their favor.

The reopening of the fight found an odd alignment in the house with party lines knocked awry and the president's titular spokesmen opposing him. Speaker Longworth and Rep. Tilson of Connecticut, republican floor leader, were again ranged on the side of the "big navy" forces. In a previous fight, the cruiser proposal was lost in the house upon two votes, 177 to 175 and 183 to 161.

# Letters From Our Readers

Editor, The DAILY WORKER: I overheard the postmaster who wrote about on February 11, on page 4,—about the Brown-Museini case at Aliquippa, Pa.—state that he had no apology to make to any one regarding his attitude in this case and he had no use for Communists or the Soviet Republic and he would not change his tactics. He also said that he would not keep out of any other case against Workers Party men if he could help it and he was proud to be a member of the American Legion. I wonder what he thinks us working men pay him for—to stool-pigeon for a big-suckers corporation?—S. R. Woodlawn, Pa.

# KELLOGG TRIES TO STOP PROBE INTO NICARAGUA

## Senators to Go Anyway Officially or Not

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The department of state and the administration group if the senate are making heroic efforts to prevent the senate from sending any investigating committee to look into Latin-American affairs.

A first hand investigation of Latin-American affairs during the congressional recess by a committee of senators appears certain however, irrespective of whether the investigation is authorized by the senate.

Kellogg protests.

When the foreign relations committee met today to again consider the Borah resolution, proposing such an investigation, it became known that Secretary Kellogg had registered strong opposition to it. This was enough to stiffen the regular administration senators against it.

Borah and several other members of the committee, however, plan to go "on their own" if the investigation is defeated by a threatened "regular" filibuster against it.

Kellogg's note to Senator Holmes was curt and insulting in tone, implying that the senate should keep its fingers out of affairs that Kellogg wishes to handle.

Makes Kellogg Sick.

"I suggest," wrote Kellogg, "that before acting upon this resolution the committee may with advantage avail itself of the information which the department of state will be glad to supply. I, myself, am at the moment confined to my house by the doctors orders."

"When the committee has thus exhausted the informational resources of the department, it will, I am sure, be in a better position to decide whether it is proper for the senate to send an independent committee of investigations into foreign countries with which the executive is conducting difficult and delicate negotiations."

Before a sub-committee of the senate foreign relations committee a couple of days ago, evidence was submitted which indicated Kellogg had lied to the committee on the important matter of the number of American oil companies obeying the land law in Mexico.

The senate today called upon Secretary of State Kellogg to supply information as to whether the oil interests of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, Harry F. Sinclair and Edward L. Doheny are among the American companies which have refused to obey the land laws in Mexico.

In adopting the Norris resolution, the senate asked that Kellogg submit a list of any of the disobedient companies in which these three are shown to be interested.

Heart on Right (Wrong) Side. SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 24.—Luis Flores presents a most interesting case of the Chilean physicians. Admitted to a hospital suffering from influenza, Flores was found to have his heart on the right side.

# Congress Does Not Hear Demand for the Release of Sacco and Vanzetti

By J. LOUIS ENGDALH.

THE short session of congress rushes toward a close. In another week it will be history and among the matters that will be pigeon-holed, if labor does not rouse itself, will be the investigation demanded of the sinister activities of the department of justice agents in the frame-up of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti. Days are spent in arguing the merits of the Boulder Dam project in the far west, that will enrich the real estate multi-millionaires of California, but not one minute is being given to the attack on the working class in New England, that has kept two men close to death for nearly six years, and even now prepares to strap them in the electric chair.

The Detroit convention of the American Federation of Labor adopted a resolution demanding that the frame-up activities of the government's "D. of J." agents be thoroughly probed. It had been shown that agents had admitted they were definitely instructed to aid in the frame-up of these two workers. Charges had been made in open court that even now the department of justice, headed by Coolidge's friend, Attorney-General John Garibaldi Sargent, was concealing information that would result in the liberation of Sacco and Vanzetti.

In the face of this showing the A. F. of L. sought only a congressional investigation. It did not demand a new trial.

The resolution demanding the investigation has been duly introduced in congress. But that is all. The resolution slumbers in the archives of congress, like thousands of other "scraps of paper."

The well-paid legislative agents of the A. F. of L., so far as is known, have made no effort to secure action on this resolution. They have been too busy, no doubt, lobbying for the Pepper-McFadden Banking Bill, legislation urged by the big bankers and log-rolled to victory with the aid of the reactionary elements supporting the McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill.

It is certain that no effort has been made by the A. F. of L. officialdom to arouse the workers of the nation in support of the demand for a congressional investigation of the Sacco-Vanzetti frame-up.

The official bulletin of the Sacco-

Vanzetti Defense Committee of Boston, Mass., announces that this historic case has apparently reached its last chance in the courts of Massachusetts. These two men were convicted in 1921 of the murder of Frederick Parmenter and Alessandro Berardelli at South Braintree, Mass., in 1920, and the stealing of the Slater & Morrill Shoe Company payroll of more than \$15,000.

On an appeal the state supreme court denied the motion for a new trial. Then Celestino Medeiros, also convicted of murder, confessed in Dedham Jail that he was at South Braintree on the day of the hold-up there, one of the active participants, and that Sacco and Vanzetti were not there.

On the affidavit of Medeiros, supported by others, the attorneys on behalf of the two workers, Sacco and Vanzetti, presented another motion for a new trial, this time on the ground of newly discovered evidence. The servile lackey of the shoe and textile interests of New England, Judge Thayer, denied that motion and the case again went to the state supreme court. Another hearing has been held. The whole revealing story of the efforts exerted by the United States government to take the lives of these two Italian workers was again told, with the additional facts that had come to light. The decision of the state supreme court has not yet been rendered. The pressing of the demand for the congressional investigation, if supported by sufficient numbers of workers, will have a definite and favorable effect on the decisive court at Boston. It has been said that "the supreme court watches the election returns". The Massachusetts supreme court, in common with the capitalists of New England and the nation, watch the workers to see just how easy it will be to inflict this crime upon them.

Labor must show its teeth. During the few days that remain the voice of the workers must be heard in congress. It would be an achievement if the whole working class could filibuster so efficiently, thus pressing the demand for the release of Sacco and Vanzetti upon congress to such an extent, that it would be impossible for this parliament of the oppressors to transact any other business. Lift your voice for Sacco and Vanzetti.

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# DAILY WORKER DRIVE PROCEEDS

## The North Flings Down the Gauntlet

(By Worker Correspondent.) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Recently Paul Reiss, DAILY WORKER Agent of Los Angeles, addressed the Builders' Club of San Francisco in the interests of the Lenin Drive for 25,000 subs.

The quota of District 13, is 200 annual subscriptions. Comrade Reiss drew on his experience of last year's drive in which he piled up more points than any other sub getter in the country. He stressed the matter of a well selected list of prospects which should be sent in to The DAILY WORKER to receive a limited number of sample copies, these persons then to be followed up with personal solicitation. In the event that the prospect did not subscribe for the Daily he should be urged to subscribe for another of the party press.

Ten names were selected to be challenged through the columns of the Daily. New members of the Builders' Club were secured and plans were laid for the organization of a Workers' Correspondent Club.

### Boasts Of Los Angeles.

Comrade Reiss waxed eloquent in his boasts of what the southern part of the state was going to do in this present drive. He allowed a biting note aimed at the north to creep into

his remarks. He sent a subtle shaft of ridicule into the ranks of the assembled builders and was properly interrupted by a comrade who then and there challenged Reiss and the south to do their damndest and the north would go them one better. Not only would the north make its share of California's quota, but would beat the south to it.

### Feud Finds New Vent.

For many years there has been a sectional antagonism between the north and south of California. The fact that it has finally infected the party with its virus is due entirely to the provocative manner in which Reiss boasted of the achievements of the home town of Aimee MacPherson.

We northerners are not easily provoked. We yield to none in our admiration of what Reiss has accomplished in the past. But we say no comrade can rest on past glory. We are not sure that Reiss was authorized to speak in the name of the South. But he belittled us. We are determined that Southern arrogance shall be meted the treatment it deserves. Our challenge to the South is that we will make our share of District Thirteen's quota and that we will beat the South to it. And we dare Reiss and the South to accept our challenge.

# Furriers of Newark, N. J., Meeting Raise Sustaining Fund

NEWARK, N. J.—Despite a continuous downpour of rain, snow and sleet over 300 workers turned out here to listen to the truth of the happening in the unions of the needle trades in New York City. There was no interference of the police or any attempts to close the hall. This causes the progressive workers of Newark to believe that the Workers' Circle Hall was closed thru the request of the right wingers who are in control of the Workers' Circle Hall.

The meeting was called under the auspices of the Jewish Workers' Progressive Club of Newark. The chairman outlined the purpose of the club which is to educate its membership and the workers of Newark to a clear understanding of their problems in the trade union movement and to give expression to needs of the progressive

workers of the city.

Brothers Cohn of the Joint Board of the furriers and Brother Lange then briefly outlined the struggle of the membership in Local 25 of the furriers in Newark and told of their struggle against the officers in the International. He informed the workers that all the forces of reaction were lined up against the left wing and the progressive forces in the unions.

Brother Hyman, the chairman of the strike committee of the cloakmakers in New York City spoke next. He stated we are in the fight and will continue to be so until there will be democracy and honesty in the unions. As a result of his appeal many bonds were sold and a sum of money raised to carry on the fight. There were many workers present from the buildings trades and other unions in the city. They will, carry on the work within their unions to raise money for the cloakmakers.

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# MINERS' UNION COMMITTEE MEN HURRYING HOME

## Lewis Orders to Make Separate Agreements

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 24.—Members of the negotiations committee of the United Mine Workers of America are hurrying home today, with orders from International President John L. Lewis to make separate agreements with coal mine owners wherever they can. They are all either district or international officials of the union.

Lewis and the miners' union administration have made no preparations for a strike in the event of the negotiations breaking down, though they were many times warned by the progressive members of the United Mine Workers that they should do so.

### Progressives Prepare.

While the union officials engage in risky gambling with double-crossing company officials, progressives are understood to be rallying their forces and preparing to carry on an unofficial organization campaign among the non-union miners who produce over half the soft coal of the United States.

Unless these non-union men can be brought out, the strike is certain to be costly to the union.

### Hope Lies In Far West.

Meanwhile the Lewis administration and the Lewis negotiations committee have declared no other hope than that they can sign up enough outlying coal companies to influence the next negotiations conference, which will be held in two or three weeks.

They say they expect to get agreements in Montana, Wyoming and Washington state, although the union in the latter state is largely smashed. Montana and Wyoming mines employ about 8,000 men.

They also hope for some split in the operators' ranks in Illinois, although the Peabody Coal Co., the largest producer there, will have the expert advice and inside information of Frank Farrington, until last year president of District 12 (Illinois) and now the company's employment manager.

Farrington, like Lewis, was a great assaulant of progressives, and did his best to drive them out of the union.

Progressives are calling for an organization drive in the non-union fields.

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# When Aimee Was in Town

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### New Radio Man.

Hark her herald angels sing! Hallelujah. She was here with a new radio operator, a new choir, a new costume, and the same old line that brings penitent sinners into the fold, and coin of this blighted realm into the coffers somewhat depleted by her recent run-in with the California courts.

In the language of the show business, she packed them in and put it over at her New York shrine, the Tabernacle of Good Tidings, on West 39th St., near the main stem whose hydra-headed devil the lady-minister is going to dispossess. She threatens to return and do it all over again at Madison Square Garden.

### With Sex Appeal.

She knocks sinners for a row of Gideon bibles at two bits a throw or what have you. Aimee can put across the Word as effectively as Belle Baker singing a baby boy song and as effectively as Al Jolson crooning a mammy refrain.

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tumble—professional pride and spiritual bellyache—but you can bet your lost soul that Aimee's racket makes other soul-savers look like pikers. Will it pay, will it pay, will it pay on the great judgment day? Then and now, brother, Hallelujah, Amen.

Mass production, even in soul-saving, has its noted exponents, but none are as wise in an intuitive rather than tutored way. Aimee may be illogical, ungrammatical and practically illiterate, but she knows her onions.

### Those Carmine Lips.

Gaze upon her in an immaculate white robe, draped with a carelessly worn blue cape, holding the bible and a cluster of roses and lilies in hands gracefully poised in an appealingly spiritual gesture. Catch a flash of amber from her hair and eyes, amber set off by the carmine of her full red lips, a combination of seductive coloring as noteworthy as the aggressive character of her nose and chin. Worldly knowledge and success crown her marcelled and glistening head.

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# FIND BODIES OF TWO SAILORS IN TANKER'S HOLD

## Two Others Missing in Burning Vessel

The charred bodies of two sailors were found yesterday aboard the British tanker Black Sea off Payonne as rescuers fought to board the still smoldering vessel which blew up in the harbor Wednesday.

The two bodies were discovered amidships on the port side of the tanker. So terrific was the heat thrown off by the burning oil vessel, that the rescuers were unable to board her to make a thorough investigation of the extent of fatalities. The belief was expressed by rescuers that several others of the crew also may have lost their lives in the terrific blast and the fire which followed.

Police Crew Finds Bodies. The bodies were found by the crew of the police launch Gypsy, which pushed to the smoldering tanker's side when the captain of the rescue ship Resolute wireless that "several bodies" had been seen aboard the gutted ship.

It was admitted at the offices of Stimson, Spence and Young, owners of the tanker Black Sea, that four members of the crew are missing.

Seek More Bodies. The bodies of the two which have been recovered were taken to the Battery by New York harbor police. They were burned beyond recognition.

A hazardous fight was continued by rescuers to recover additional bodies for fear the ship would sink. Their efforts were almost fruitless because of the raging heat from the still burning ship.

The vessel which at last reports was lying off Sixty-ninth Street Bay Ridge, was leaking oil and still burning as police launches and other vessels stood by.

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# Anti-Labor President Of Cuba Can't Come to Dinner Coolidge Offers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. — The contemplated visit of the President Machado of Cuba, for which elaborate plans had been made in Washington, has been "indefinitely postponed," it was announced by the Cuban ambassador today after a long distance telephone talk with the presidential palace in Havana.

The president, it has said, is suffering from a severe attack of gripe. A White House dinner was to have been given President Machado, and he was to have been widely entertained in the capitol, after which he was to have made a tour of many states.

Machado is a member of a pro-American group in Cuba, and secured aid from the United States department of state in his efforts to break the general strike against sugar and railroad companies about a year ago. He instituted a reign of terror against labor organizations.

# UNCLE SHYLOCK TAKING ON ANOTHER WARD



The state department issued a statement recently declaring that Nicaragua appealed to the United States for protection. Here is the artist's conception of the situation.

# Bethlen As Premier Dictator of Hungary Going to "Canossa"

BUDAPEST, Feb. 24. — Count Bethlen, premier dictator of Hungary, is planning, for reasons best known to himself, to visit Mussolini at Rome. In view of the premier's aspiration to establish a Hungarian monarchy, much speculation is rampant as to whether Bethlen's trip is not made to assure the support of Mussolini for the establishment of the monarchial throne.

If he undertakes to perfect his plans to crown Archduke Albrecht as Hungarian king he would also need the sanction of the Vatican as both Bethlen and Albrecht are Catholics.

It is also thought that Bethlen is engineering an Italian-Hungarian alliance to counteract the alleged move for a Pan-German union between Austria and Germany, which plan would, it is asserted, have the backing of the Soviet Union.

Rudner Jury May Disagree. CANTON, O., Feb. 24.—Possibility of a jury disagreement loomed this afternoon, in the case of Ben Rudner, on trial for the murder of Don R. Mellett, Canton publisher, when the jury gave no indication of a verdict after deliberating more than three hours.

Irish Suffer Influenza. DUBLIN, Feb. 24.—The influenza epidemic is so severe in Ireland that the health ministry has issued orders that there be no wakes throughout the Free State.

An appeal has been issued to the public to check gouging and not to shout in public.

Pass Veterans Loan Bill. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. — The senate this afternoon passed the Neely bill, authorizing the director of the Veterans' Bureau to issue loans upon the bonus certificates of world war veterans.

# CURRENT EVENTS

(Continued from Page One) and money. The interests of over 400,000,000 Chinese against the interests of the militarist hangmen and their foreign backers! The Soviet Union takes the side of the oppressed millions. Britain takes the side of their executioners.

This is exactly what is behind the British note. The influence of the Soviet Union on the workers and subject peoples of imperialism is feared in no place more than in England. Over 300,000 Hindoos are watching the course of the battle in China. They see the Chinese, hitherto treated with contempt, now chasing the soldiers of imperialism all over the lot. They see them challenge the power of the mighty empire and they see Chinese revolutionary diplomats talk cold turkey to the cleverest Great Britain can pit against them. Subject peoples are beginning to understand that guns speak louder than words and the cleverest diplomat is he who can command the greatest number of lethal weapons, against an opponent or a combination of opponents, all other things being equal.

The assistance rendered to the British miners during their strike by the workers of the Soviet Union is an important factor in promoting the note. Over \$5,000,000 from Russia, where a new society is being built in the midst of a hostile world. Only a paltry \$50,000 from the conservative trade unionists of the United States, where the standard of living of labor is unquestionably the highest in the world, where unions have millions of dollars in banks, where because of those very reasons the revolutionary spirit is confined to a few.

The generosity of the Russian workers had a powerful effect on the British laboring class. While they were being jailed and clubbed by agents of their own government they knew that the Workers' Government of the Soviet Union was friendly and helpful to them within the limits imposed by diplomatic necessity. International solidarity took a great step forward. The right wing leaders of British labor were exposed in their true colors as enemies of the workers and as agents of the capitalists. The urge to struggle for emancipation from capitalism took on fresh vigor. In this dark night thru which labor is groping the beams from the Communist International directs it on its way and British imperialism and for that matter world imperialism, does not draw any fine distinction between the Soviet Union and the social revolution. They are synonymous, for which we bless the stars.

ONE of the most drastic laws ever placed on the statute books of any state in the union is the Baumes Law passed by the New York assembly, which automatically imposes a life sentence in a penitentiary on any person previously convicted four times. Several judges have branded the law as savage and barbarous, but the Court of Appeals in a decision declared it constitutional. For the time being it will be used against people convicted of burglary and other crimes against property. But the time will surely come when the capitalist government will take advantage of its provisions to incarcerate for life workers who are convicted in connection with strikes.

# Those Investigated in Indiana Scandal Rave

(Continued from Page One) announcement of the presidential candidacy of any member of this body? This resolution has all the appearance of being used to push forward into the limelight somebody's presidential campaign.

Reed Asks Extension. Senator Watson, of Indiana, one of those investigated by the Reed committee at the time of the Indiana scandal, took part against Reed in the argument, and Reed made a hot rejoinder to both of them, and denied all charges.

Reed has asked that the committee be prolonged until March 4, 1929.

# DEMAND A. F. OF L. STATE STAND ON THE QUESTION OF IMPERIALISM

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Should the Nicaraguan people have the right to self-determination and a government which they approve?

Coolidge's Pretenses. The hypocritical pretenses of President Coolidge in his message to congress are so clearly given the lie by the course of the American government in Nicaragua that every worker can see that what the American government is doing is setting up a dictatorship of the American government through its marines and by force suppressing the wishes of the people of Nicaragua. This American dictatorship in Nicaragua may be camouflaged by the servile Nicaraguan puppets of Wall Street, but the imperialist aggression of the American government in support of the exploitation of Nicaragua by the American banking houses is so clear that even the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor cannot help but acknowledge it. Nicaragua is to become another Haiti, ruled by the representatives of Wall Street backed by American bayonets and exploited by American finance capital.

Other Mobilization. At the same time that this imperialist aggression goes on in Nicaragua the American government is mobilizing naval forces at Shanghai as a threat against the Chinese nationalist forces, which are wrestling China from the clutches of the imperialist capitalist powers, which have looted that country during the last half century and inflicted the indignity of extra-territoriality and foreign tariff control upon its people. While the United States pretends to be in sympathy with the demands of the Chinese nationalists for the ending of the unequal treaties, it follows the lead of Great Britain in massing naval forces at Shanghai.

The object of sending these forces is the same as that which is pursued in Nicaragua—the use of force in support of Wall Street investments and exploitation of China and to keep China as a field of imperialist exploitation by the American capitalists.

No Message to Workers? Have you no message to the American workers and farmers in regard to these events? Will you not raise your voice in protest against the wholesale beheading of the Chinese trade unionists of Shanghai by the Chinese warlords who support capitalist imperialism in China, because they called a strike to show their support of the Chinese nationalist cause?

The open imperialist policy which the government at Washington is following in the intervention in Nicaragua and the sending of American forces to China, and which is also apparent in the threats against Mexico over the oil leases, carries with it the threats of involving this country in a new imperialist war. The workers and farmers of the United States will pay the cost of such a war, in the sacrifice of lives upon the battlefields and the sacrifice of wealth which they produce and a consequent lowering of their standard of life.

Workers Protest. Hundreds of thousands of workers have already expressed their protest against these imperialist policies of the government. Notably the Farmer-Labor Conference of Minnesota, representing the view of the quarter million farmer-labor voters of that state, the Chicago Federation of Labor, and scores of local unions of the American Federation of Labor.

In spite of the seriousness of the situation which the imperialist policies of the government is creating and all it involves for the workers and farmers, in spite of the open, brutal use of the American forces to subdue the people of the countries which are fighting American imperialist exploitation, and in spite of the protest of the masses of American workers and farmers against these actions, the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has remained silent.

Where Does Council Stand. Does this mean that the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has aligned itself with the

Wall Street imperialists and their government at Washington and against the workers and farmers who are fighting these policies of imperialist aggression?

The American workers and farmers want to know why the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has taken no stand in regard to this situation. The following statement to the American labor movement, published in the "Chinese Guide in America" expresses the attitude of the Chinese people of this country, and at the same time of the workers and farmers who are in sympathy with the aspirations of the Chinese nationalists to free their country from the grip of the imperialists:

"Many readers and Chinese in America have expressed surprise that no official utterance on the present crisis in China has been made by the American labor movement, especially in view of the fact that the Nationalist movement in China is the only group that is building up the organized labor movement of that country. Has the organized labor movement of America no opinion on intervention and the use of American naval and military forces in China?"

The Central Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party joins in this demand that the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor declare its position — with the masses of workers and farmers in the fight against American imperialism, or with the Wall Street imperialist looters of other countries and their government?

The workers and farmers of this country who are opposed to the imperialist policies of the government do not want a mere declaration from the Executive Council. They want action on the part of the Executive Council to mobilize all the forces of the workers and farmers against the policies of the government, and thus to stop the drift towards a new imperialist war. They want the Executive Council to join in calling great conferences of all labor and farmer organizations to throw the pressure of the power of the workers and farmers against the imperialist policies of the government—to build a united front of all workers, farmers and liberal forces against American imperialism and to fight the development toward a new imperialist war.

For Wall Street or for Workers? The Central Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party has taken the initiative to mobilize the power of the workers and farmers against American imperialism. It has thrown all its strength into the struggle. It calls upon the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor to declare its position in this struggle without further delay.

For the Wall Street imperialists and the government at Washington which is carrying out their policies in the rape and exploitation of weaker countries, or

For the workers and farmers of the United States in the fight against American imperialism and the threat of a new imperialist war?

Where does the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor stand?

Central Committee, Workers (Communist) Party, C. E. RUTENBERG, General Secretary.

Youngster Wins Dog Race. QUEBEC, Feb. 24. — Youth triumphed over age today when Emile St. Godard, 21, of Le Pas, Manitoba, won the 120 mile three-day eastern international dog sled derby—in a total elapsed time of eleven hours 37 minutes 35 seconds. Leonhardt Seppala, 50-year-old veteran of the famous serum drive to Nome two winters ago, came in second. Twenty minutes and twenty seconds behind his youthful opponent. Godard's victory marked his second winning of the Quebec classic.

SOFIA, Feb. 24.—Severe earth shocks have been felt in northern Bulgaria. Many buildings have been damaged, but there have been no reports of casualties. Severe storms are raging along the Black Sea.

# WRITER SWEARS KELLOGG LYING ABOUT MEXICO

## Doheny Hired Bandit to Steal Oil Land

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The lie direct was again given Secretary of State Kellogg when Walter N. Liggett, a writer who has been making a special study of Mexican-American relations, testified before a senatorial committee that Kellogg's latest statement as to the number of American oil companies refusing to accept the Mexican law was false; that in fact 127 out of 147 companies accepted the law, and that Andrew Mellon, Harry Sinclair and E. L. Doheny control 82% of the acreage of the 20 companies defying the Mexican government. He wound up by describing how Doheny got most of his oil lands through buying up properties that his paid bandit, Pelaez, had promised to destroy, thereby forcing the owners to sell for almost nothing.

Will Doheny Confess? Liggett dared Willis to bring Doheny to confess as to how he got his Mexican lands, and why Standard Oil of Indiana refuses to continue payments on its purchase of his claims.

Liggett started things going by saying Kellogg's statement that the Calles regime is on trial before the world was an insult to the sovereignty of the Mexican people. Willis interrupted him to say that Kellogg was not the issue in this hearing. Liggett retorted that Kellogg, by his hostile statements and his "gas attack" through his former law partner, Assistant Secretary Robert Olds, had made himself the issue. Liggett reminded Willis that the committee had not summoned newspaper men and Olds to testify on the "Bolshevist hegemony" propaganda incident to "see who is lying."

Resolution Against Invasion. The investigation was in the Willis-Shipstead sub-committee of the foreign relations committee of the senate. The debate turned on the Frazier resolution instructing President Coolidge not to make war on Mexico while congress was not in session.

Willis finally declared the resolution to be an "insult" to the president. Frazier, who was present, replied that he sought merely to protect the right of the American people to determine when they were to be put into war.

Crusading for Justice. Rev. Hubert C. Herring, secretary of the social relations commission of the congregational churches in the United States, who recently led a good-will delegation of some 60 American clergy and church press representatives on a visit to Mexico City, declared the Mexican people are solving their own problems. He said the Kellogg policy of ill-will now "threatens the best administration Mexico has ever had—the administration of President Calles."

He testified that he found the Mexican people in the mood of a crusade for social justice, growing out of the injustices of 400 years of oppression. In his opinion the United States should meet this situation "with care and sympathy, since no peaceful relations can exist between our two peoples unless we meet the Mexicans halfway."

Mexicans Arming. Miss Carnelia N. Woods, for the Society of Friends, who was a member of the church mission to Mexico, said the Mexican nation is alarmed and afraid of the United States because of the aggressive attitude of Kellogg. The poems of Mexico, she found, "are determined to assert their rights as human beings—to break through the upper crust of society which has held them down in servitude, and to work out their own salvation."

Benjamin C. Marsh, executive secretary of the People's Reconstruction League, which staged the hearing, warned the senators that the armed forces of the United States had already seized Nicaragua, and that the next step would be Mexico, which is a far richer prize.

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# Plumbers Helpers of Brooklyn Will Meet

Brooklyn plumbers helpers are invited to attend a mass meeting Friday evening, at 8 p. m. in Brownsville Labor Lyceum, 219 Sackman St., Brooklyn. Organization of all Brooklyn plumbers helpers is the goal of the American Assn. of Plumbers Helpers, which is sponsoring the meeting.

Admission to the American Federation of Labor union, the United Brotherhood of Plumbers and Steam Fitters, is the further object of the American Association.

Officers chosen at the last meeting of the American Association are: C. Miller, president; vice presidents, H. Rosen (1st), Moe Patrick (2nd) and J. Jantzen (3rd); J. O'Farrell, recording secretary; Alexander Sperlriggen, financial secretary; Mortimer Jacobs, treasurer. The treasurer is being bonded. Eight trustees were elected besides the officers.

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# Federal Judge Faces Impeachment Trial

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. — Additional charges may be filed against Federal Judge Frank Cooper of the northern New York district, Representative La Guardia (R) of New York, told the House Judiciary Committee, as the committee opened its impeachment hearing today.

The threat to enlarge the scope of the case beyond charges that Judge Cooper connived at "under-cover" operations by dry agents came after Representative Graham (R) of Pennsylvania, told La Guardia that the committee had decided to limit the case to matters contained in La Guardia's original charges.

"I assumed that the committee would follow the precedent in the English case and allow presentation of any evidence of misconduct," said La Guardia. "I am ready to go on the civil side of the court and show conduct unbecoming a judge and neglect of duty by filing supplemental charges."

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# LAWRENCE MAYOR AGITATING FOR CHILD SLAVERY

## Admits to Daily Worker He Opposes Bill

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
LAWRENCE, Mass., Feb. 24.—It was reported in the local papers here last Friday that Mayor Rochefort went before a legislative committee hearing at the State House in Boston and opposed a bill sponsored by the A. F. of L. which would raise the age limit of children from 14 to 16 years before securing employment in the manufacturing industry. The mayor gave as his reasons that it would increase the financial burdens of the communities by causing the cities to have to build more school-houses.

On the strength of the above report your correspondent sought an interview with His Honor where, after a wait of one hour in the outer office, I was ushered in the inner sanctum as the previous patient made his exit through another door, just like the workings of a one-way street.

When "On His Own."  
There being no need of personally introducing myself, I proceeded at once to inform him of my important mission, namely: that of interviewing him for the New York DAILY WORKER. The mayor readily admitted the truth of the above report, and when asked who authorized him to appear before the legislative committee, he replied that nobody authorized him, but he went because he had charge of the finances of the city of Lawrence.

"Are you aware that the bill was sponsored by the American Federation of Labor and that you are opposing a labor measure?" he was asked. He replied that it was only the electricians in the A. F. of L. movement that wanted it and pushed it through the convention.

In answer to the next question, if he had any other reason for opposing the bill, he said, "Yes, there were many parents that he knew that it would work a hardship upon, as it would deprive them of their children's earning power for two more years."

"Then you are opposed to the further education of the children of America?" was the next question.

At this he started to put on his over-shoes, saying, "No, but I think a reasonable limit has been reached."

"Have you any intention of again becoming a candidate for mayor at the next election?" I ventured, and he retorted that he didn't think it was a proper question to ask at this time; furthermore, he had not given the matter sufficient thought and could not say.

At this point the mayor seemed to have had enough and walked towards the door followed by your correspondent, thus ending the above related interview.

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# North Carolina to Ban Ku Klux Klan; State is Aroused

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 24.—The senate today passed without dissent the Johnson-Haywood bill to prohibit the organization or operation of secret orders within the state.

The bill was sent by special messenger to the house, where an effort will be made by supporters to have it passed at tonight's session. The bill was introduced yesterday.

Introduction of the bill followed the resignation of Judge Henry A. Grady, North Carolina grand dragon, as a result of a break with Imperial Wizard Hiram W. Evans.

# Left Wing Member of "Devil's Angels" Wins Right to Be Communist

(Special to Daily Worker.)  
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—An attempt, apparently, to disrupt the flourishing atheists' organization here, "The Devil's Angels," failed when the angels met and dismissed charges against an active member, L. P. Rindal.

Wm. F. Walling, a Republican and ex-soldier, and Wm. George Henry, the president of the local unit, formerly a member of the Christian Endeavor League, seem to have tried to start a crusade against radicals in the organization.

Right Wing Charges.  
Various charges, of "being interested in other organizations than in the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism" (to which "The Devil's Angels" is affiliated) were made against Rindal. The real basis for the movement to expel him was that he distributed copies of THE DAILY WORKER which contained favorable mention of the Atheist organization.

Defends Position.  
Rindal's defense was that he had a right to be a Communist if he wanted to.

Queen Silver, youthful publisher of a magazine devoted to the interests of the young, and secretary-treasurer of the organization, with Grace Verne Silver, chairman of the speaker's committee, resigned in protest against the persecution of Rindal, but were re-elected when Rindal was vindicated.

Continue Work.  
The vote seems to indicate that "The Devil's Angels" will continue its work, without permitting interference with its members because of their radical political opinions.

An actively functioning local of the Junior Atheist League has been formed in Los Angeles, with a full list of officers. For the time being, meetings are regularly held at 10 A. M. at 1803 N. Grammercy Place.

Both organizations are holding public meetings and social affairs.

# Weinstone to Teach Course in Problems Of Communist Party

"Problems of the Communist Movement," a new course offered at the Workers' School is scheduled to begin Tuesday, March 1, with William W. Weinstone as instructor. The course is a study in the history of the Communist Party and the Communist International and the historical treatment of the various problems that these two organizations have faced in the course of their development as well as of the problems they are facing today.

Problems of leadership, the relation of the Party to the masses, the united front, the tactics of the Communist Party to the trade unions and tactics of the Party in the trade unions, the relation of the Party to the socialist party, the labor party and similar problems will be taken up.

Weinstone is the general secretary of the New York District of the Workers Party and both his position and his past activities fit him admirably for the giving of this course.

The course will be given on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock and the fee for the three-months period is \$3.50.

# Williamsburg Party to Give Entertainment

An entertainment and dance will be held Saturday evening at 29 Graham avenue, corner of Cook street, by sub-section 6-B of the Workers Party. Williamsburg workers are cordially invited.

Another Ward Scandal.  
CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 24.—Margaret R. (Peggy) Ketcham, society girl and amateur athlete, admitted today that five days after she was granted a divorce from Charles E. Cope, she was married to Samuel W. Wilkinson, Ward Baking Company official, of Bridgeton, N. J.

Substating the Sacrament.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—General Lincoln C. Andrews, prohibition enforcement "czar," today worked out new regulations to tighten distribution of sacramental wine.

Booze Airmen's Death.  
A board of inquiry to investigate the circumstances and determine the cause for loss of the Dehaviland airplane in which Lieuts. Willard Harris and William Gray left here last Thursday has been appointed and will visit various places later today along the New Jersey coast.

# QUEEN MARIE HAS SPECIAL HATRED AGAINST CHICAGO

## Attendant Reveals She Wanted Many Arrests

CHICAGO—(FP)—Shouts of "Cotzofanesti!" and banners bearing the dreaded name are still ranking in the memory of Queen Marie of Rumania after her circus tour of the United States. She is particularly angry with Chicago where the largest demonstrations against her unsavory record were organized and where the influential Chicago Federation of Labor scathingly denounced "bloody Marie" by resolution.

"Flock of Swine."  
The World Wide News Service copyrights an article by a lady attendant of the queen at Bucharest in which Marie is quoted as saying of Americans: "My son was right when he said they were a flock of swine." She found it horrible to hear shouts from the crowds asking, "Hey queen, how's the old man?" Ferdy, her husband, happened to be ill at the time.

"Her majesty bitterly complained," writes her attendant, "against the treatment afforded to her in Chicago. She was very angry at the police because they did not make any attempt to suppress hostile demonstrations against her."

"Cotzofanesti."  
In fact, however, the police did arrest members of the International Labor Defense who held Cotzofanesti banners aloft when her auto proceeded to the city hall. One demonstrator was assaulted by the cops. Cotzofanesti is the name of a small Rumanian town where the queen and two of her daughters were caught in nightgown parties with army officers during the world war.

It has become a term synonymous with treason if uttered in Marie's kingdom. The exposé of the wartime royal orgy was made in Chicago by THE DAILY WORKER, the Communist newspaper.

I. L. D. Reception.  
While the Americans who are regarded by Marie as a flock of swine were crawling before her and kissing her bloodstained hand," says the International Labor Defense, "our organization prepared concerted hostile demonstrations against her American tour."

"International Labor Defense demonstrators assailed her with placards when she landed in New York and at every industrial town where she stopped off we made it hot for her. She got the worst reception in Chicago and she entirely avoided Cleveland where we had warm plans for her coming."

Federation Assails Her.

The Chicago Federation of Labor resolution states in part: "Whereas Queen Marie of Rumania now visits our country to solicit help for a government that cruelly oppresses the workers, peasants and trade-unions within its borders, destroys their legitimate trade unions and peasant organizations and denies them the right of free speech, free press and freedom of assembly, Resolved, that the sympathy of our labor movement is with those who now suffer under the iron heel of Rumanian capitalism."

In the Minneapolis common council she had been denounced as an international gold-digger.

# Hackensack Builders Fight Injunction in North Jersey Court

Whether or not open shop bosses will succeed in temporarily checking the move to organize the unorganized in Bergen county, New Jersey, just across the river from New York, will be determined this morning when the building trades and teamsters' unions will protest an injunction against them obtained by the bosses.

The restraining injunction prevents Hackensack unions from interfering "with the plaintiff's business" by boycotts, sympathetic strikes, "and the wearing away of customers." The building boom in northern New Jersey has led to the growth of many open shop buildings and trucking firms.

The labor forces which are restrained by the injunction and which will fight it before Vice Chancellor Church this morning are Locals 825, 825A and 560, Steam and Hoisting Engineers, Teamsters, the Hoisting and Portable Engineers' local of Northern New Jersey and Iron Workers' Local 45.

# Movie Organist Halts Panic in Showhouse

An organist who played his instrument with undiminished vigor prevented a possible panic yesterday afternoon when fire broke out in the City Hall Theatre, a motion picture house.

The 150 members of the audience filed out in orderly fashion, the fire which started from a film and was restricted to the projection booth, was first seen by Herman J. Von Eck, the organist. He stood up, informed the audience there was a small fire, and then proceeded to accompany their quiet exit with a thrilling march.

# The Manager's Corner

## PUBLICITY FOR YOUR AFFAIR

We receive numerous requests from comrades and organizations asking for publicity for affairs and various activities. In this connection a tip or two may be necessary. If we were to crowd the paper with long-winded announcements of affairs about to be run or laudatory accounts of what we have done, THE DAILY WORKER would very quickly lose its news value and the workers who read the paper for the news would soon get tired of reading about matters which should properly be contained in a party bulletin. The effect would be disastrous upon the circulation of the paper.

For this reason it is necessary that comrades throughout the country use their skill and judgment in writing up affairs in such a way as not to affect our circulation. The New Masses sent in a story the other day which is a good example of what can be done. The story of the possible arrest of Ruth Stout was cleverly linked up with the story of a meeting which was to be held there. What we want is real live news in every story that is sent in. Then the announcement of the event you want to advertise can be tied up with this story. Another good example of how this should be done was the publicity in connection with the Hands Off China Meeting in New York, which linked up the meeting with an excellent resume of what the capitalist press is saying about the Chinese situation. If you want your stuff properly handled, write it up cleverly, write it newsily, and you will get results.

—BERT MILLER.

# ALLEN OF KANSAS GIVEN POINTERS BY B. MUSSOLINI

## Fascisti Think He Will Be Next President

ROME, Feb. 24.—Mussolini was busy today with ex-Governor Allen of Kansas who is visiting here. The Italian newspapers have been hailing Allen today as the next president of the United States. Mussolini loaded the Kansas down with a big batch of blue books, dealing with the creation of the corporate state, his measures against strikes and his compulsory arbitration laws.

When Allen was asked his opinion of Mussolini, he said, "The Duce is an ace among the world's statesmen." Allen, while governor of Kansas, enforced his infamous compulsory arbitration law, under which Hagood and Dorcy were sentenced to prison terms for declaring a strike of coal miners a couple of years ago.

Harold Granata, of New York, fastened a beautiful platinum wrist watch today on the wrist of Mussolini, in behalf of the Italian American Society.

After thanking Granata, the Duce said, "America is the greatest business country in the world. I am applying American business methods to the government of Italy."

# Don't Pack Workers Quite So Close, Asks Citizens' Union Head

New York workers are packed more closely than sardines and the present zoning laws are doing nothing to help them, according to a letter sent by the Citizens' Union to the Mayor's Committee on City Planning and Survey.

Recommending a radical change in the zoning laws, the letter signed by Dr. William J. Schieffelin, chairman of the union, exposes the horrible overcrowding in various sections of the city.

"With limitations mainly as to the proportion of lot space which may be built upon, the tendency of builders is to crowd too many families into a single unit," the letter declares.

Would Restrict Crowding.  
Pointing out the possibility of changing this condition, Dr. Schieffelin says: "We are informed that, during the last few years, students of zoning have worked out reasonable graded regulations as to the permissible number of families per acre, the minimum area per family and the maximum number of families per foot of street frontage. With additional restrictions on this new basis, a more reasonable distribution of population would be assured."

The criminal neglect of many landlords was brought clearly home when seven persons, members of two families, in Brooklyn and Ridgewood Queens, were overcome by gas fumes Tuesday night. Joseph Miller, 40, his wife Edith and their three children of 1347 East Ninety-sixth Street, Brooklyn, and Lena Myerson and her niece, Roselle Meyerson, of 1733 Catalpa Avenue, Ridgewood, were overcome by gas in their respective homes. All were revived by pulmonologists.

# Death Liquor Seller To Face Heavy Term

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 24.—A person who sells poison liquor which causes death, would be guilty of manslaughter, first degree, under the Jenks bill, which was unanimously reported to the assembly today by the codes committee.

Governor Smith's appointment of Dr. Raymond F. C. Kieb, as state commissioner of corrections, was unanimously confirmed by the senate.

Read The Daily Worker Every Day

# Lovestone to Address Workers of Cleveland At Bazaar on March 5

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 24.—A bazaar has been arranged by the District Executive Committee of District 6, Workers (Communist) Party to take place on March 5 and 6 at Gardina Hall, 6021 St. Clair avenue.

On Saturday evening, the bazaar will open and there will be dancing. On Sunday at 3 P. M. Comrade Jay Lovestone will speak and there will be a great concert with a well known chorus among the features, and a play given by the Y. W. L. In the evening there will be dancing and the bazaar will end with a whoop.

These two dates should be reserved. They must be made red letter days in Cleveland. Tickets may be procured at the District Office, 5927 Euclid avenue, Freiheit Hall, 3514 E. 116th street, office of the Freiheit, 13599 Kinsman Road, Hungarian Hall, 4309 Lorain avenue, and South Slavic Hall, 5607 St. Clair avenue.

# Classes in Communism For Cleveland Party Members and Y. W. L.

Classes in Communism in Cleveland are now in progress. One is being held at the Freiheit Hall, 3514 E. 116th street, on Sundays, at 10.30 A. M. These classes are open to all Party and Y. W. L. members and sympathizers. Every comrade should take advantage of the class and should induce sympathizers and prospective members of the Party to attend. A second class will be started in a few weeks at the South Slavic Hall, 5607 St. Clair avenue, and will probably be held on Friday evenings.

# American Negro Labor Congress in Chicago Plans Surprise Talk

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—The last meeting of the American Negro Labor Congress Open Forum, held Sunday February 20, proved a huge success. The open discussion in which almost every one took a part shows that we are going forward. Our meeting next Sunday, February 27, is expected to be even better, because of a pleasant surprise we have in store for all who attend, for this reason we are not announcing the interesting topic for the evening nor the principal speaker. Come and enjoy the program at 3518 So. State street, Johnson Hall, 4 P. M.

# Seaman Hurt When Oil Tanker Burns

One man was seriously burned and another injured last yesterday when an explosion set fire to the oil tanker Black Sea docked at the Constable Hook Refinery of the Standard Oil Company at Bayonne.

A second explosion threw flaming oil over a half dozen tugs while the tanker was being towed first to the mud flats.

A crew had barely finished loading the tanker with 25,000 barrels of naphtha and kerosene when the first explosion wrecked the pumping room and set fire to the cargo. David Davis, 37, a seaman, sustained an injured leg when he jumped from the deck of the tanker to the dock.

Flames rose 50 feet in the air when a second explosion spattered burning oil on the seven tugs.

# Wall Street Ambassador To Spain Sees the Pope

ROME, Feb. 24.—Ogden H. Hammond, the American ambassador to Spain and his wife and children were received by the pope today. His holiness presented each member of the family with a silver rosary.

Wants His Liquor Straight.

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# DRAMA

## Philadelphia Workers' Theatre Has Two Good Dramas Coming Along

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—One of the most interesting features of the cultural life in Russia that has developed from the Revolution is the establishment of the Proletcult Theatre. It is, of course, well known that the government has subsidized and extended the theatre but of greater importance and of far more reaching influence are the workers' own theatres.

Plays By Unions.  
Almost every factory group or local union or party unit has its dramatic expression and the worker learns even as he enjoys. For in these plays the lessons and technique of the struggle for freedom are given.

The Labor Movement in America must not neglect this important phase of its task and indeed already in many places efforts have been made to establish such activities. In Philadelphia there has been in existence for some time the Workers' Theatre Alliance which, through the efforts of Comrade Alfred Sobel (Director) and Comrades Weinberg, Thompson, White, Tobin and others has done remarkable work.

Benefit Strikers.  
With very little assistance and practically no finances several plays have been presented for the benefit of various labor activities, such as the Passaic strikers, and at the present time the Alliance players are preparing to present a new play based upon that great struggle, the title being "Passaic."

Two other plays are under consideration, "Mr God Is Not In," by Harbor Allen, and "Singing Jailbirds," by Upton Sinclair. It is commendable that such a small group has accomplished so much and it aims to develop this work to the utmost, not only locally but throughout the country. The efforts being made in various localities should be linked up to the greater strength of all.

Comrade Sobel invites all interested to communicate with him. Many working-class plays are of such a character as to require masses of participants, for strike picketing scenes, etc.

Who can better depict such scenes than workers who in real life have been on the picket line and felt the clubs of the forces of the boss? Address communications to our temporary headquarters, 521 York Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

## ALLAN DINEHART



Is featured in Thomas Buchanan's new play "Sinner" at the Klaw Theatre.

## BROADWAY BRIEFS

"Babbling Brooks," a comedy by E. D. Thomas will have its premiere at the Edyth Totten Theatre tonight.

A testimonial performance to Maurice Schwartz will be given by the Yiddish Art Players at the Yiddish Art Theatre next Thursday evening, when the premiere performance of "The Rev. Dr. Silver," by Sholem Asch, is presented. Maurice Schwartz will essay the leading role.

Marcella Swanson was engaged yesterday for "The Adventurer," the satirical comedy by Raffaele Calzini in which Lionel Atwill will be starred.

William Pringle, last seen in "Princess Flavia," has been engaged for "Yo-San," the new Shubert operetta which opens Monday in Newark.

The Winter Garden revue "Gay Paree of 1927" will celebrate its 150th performance next Friday evening.

There will be a meeting to discuss "The Menace of Censorship" at the Guild Theatre this Sunday afternoon for the subscribers of the Guild. The speakers will include Frank Crownshield, editor of Vanity Fair, Joseph Wood Krutch of the Nation, Owen Davis, playwright, Lawrence Langner, a director of the Guild, and Miss Theresa Helburn, executive director of the Guild.

# AMUSEMENTS

**Neighborhood Playhouse**  
406 Grand St. Drydock 7518  
Tonight and Every Eve. (Except Mon.)  
Matinee Saturday  
"PINWHEEL"  
By Francis Edwards Farago.

An AMERICAN TRAGEDY 6TH MONTH  
Longacre West 48 St. Mats. Wed and Sat.

**KLAW THEATRE** W. 45th St. Evs. 8:30  
MATINEES THURS. & SAT.  
"SINNER"  
With Allan Dinehart & Clairborne Foster

San. HARRIS THEATRE West 42nd St. E.  
Twice Daily, 2:30 & 8:20  
WHAT PRICE GLORY  
Mats. (exc. Sat.) 50c-1. Eves. 50c-2

**Bronx Opera House** 149th Street, E. of 3rd Ave.  
Pop. Loose. Mat. Wed. & Sat.  
"LOOSE ANKLES"  
New York's Laugh Sensation.

**BROADWAY**  
ROADHURST W. 44th St. East 53rd St. Mats. 120  
Extra Mats. Feb. 22, 23, 24 and 25

**Civic Repertory** Cor. 6 Av. & 14 St. Tel. WATSON 7767.  
EVA LE GALLIENNE  
Tonight. "CLAUDE SONG"  
Saturday Matinee. "CRADLE SONG"  
Sat. Eve. "JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN"

**CRIME**  
OF N. Y. UNDER-  
WORLD IN 4 ACTS  
Thea. W. 42 St. Evs. 8:30  
Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30

# Detroit Women Expect Scott Nearing Women's Day; Speaks for I. L. D.

DETROIT, Mich.—The Detroit Federation of Working Class Women will celebrate Woman's Day this year on March 7, with a bazaar and dance. Many surprises will be disclosed at the affair only and we are not permitted to mention them at this time but I did succeed in getting some very confidential information and that is that Scott Nearing will be there to greet the bazaar in the name of the I. L. D., that many artistic articles of rare value have already been made and some obtained which will be both sold and raffled off, that a women's chorus is being organized to sing some working class songs, and for those who dance we will have the jazzist orchestra.

All this and much more will take place on March 6, 1927, beginning at 1343 E. Ferry avenue, Detroit.

**OPENING TONIGHT**  
CHANIN'S THEATRE MASQUE  
"PUPPETS OF PASSION"  
45 St., West of B'way Telephone: Chick. 1200.  
Evenings 8:30. Mats. Wed. and Sat.

**WALLACK'S** Mats. Wed. & Sat. W. 42 St. Evs. 8:30.  
What Anne Brought Home  
A New Comedy Drama

Thea. 48 St. W. of B'way. Evs. 8:30  
Matinees WED. and SAT. 2:30  
**Bonnie**  
Musical Bon Bon with  
Dorothy Burgess, Louis Simon,  
Wm. Frawley, George Sweet.

**PLYMOUTH** Thea. West 45th St. Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. Mats. Thurs. & Sat. 2:30  
WINTHROP AMES'  
Gilbert & Sullivan  
"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"  
Thursday Evenings Only, "Iolanthe"

# The LADDER

Everybody's Play  
WALDORE, 50th St., East of B'way. Mats. WED. and SAT.

# EARL CARROLL Vanities

Earl Carroll Thea., 7th Ave. & 50th St. Mats. Thurs. & Sat. 2:30

Theatre Guild Acting Company in  
PYGMALION  
Week Feb. 28.—Brothers Karamazov  
GUILD THEA. W. 52 St. Evs. 8:15  
Mats. Tues., Thu. & Sat. 2:15

# NED McCOBB'S DAUGHTER

Week Feb. 28.—The Silver Cord  
John Golden Th. 58, E. of B'way Circle  
Mts. Tue. Thu. & Sat. 1:15.

Admission is only 25 cents so that everybody can be present.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The third term issue, revived by rumors that President Coolidge plans to seek a renomination and re-election in 1928, may be well thrashed out in the senate, it appeared today, through debate on the La Follette resolution.

The resolution aroused the united opposition of administration senators although the insurgents were inclined to favor it. The Democrats also split upon it, although not from any desire to support Coolidge for a third term. Some democratic leaders privately wish the president would seek re-election in the belief that any democrat can defeat him on the third term issue.

# DUCHEN PICKETS FREED BY JUDGE; STRIKE GAINING

## All Skilled Workers Are Out Now

By SIDNEY HAUER

Three strikers who were arrested while peacefully picketing in front of the Duchon Mill at 2402 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, Monday morning on the charge of disorderly conduct were acquitted by Judge Haubert of the Jersey Avenue Court Wednesday morning.

Upon several occasions the police interfered with the picketing of the strikers issuing an ultimatum to the effect that no picketing would be allowed in front of the Duchon Mill. They insisted that the strikers carry no signs or other evidence of the fact that the Duchon Mill was on strike.

The strike was called by Knit Goods Workers' Local 55 of the United Textile Workers after two strikers were fired for belonging to the union. The grievances are discrimination and victimization of union members. The union is demanding of the Duchon mill: 1) Recognition of the union. 2) Reinstatement of the discharged union men. 3) No discrimination. 4) The forty-four hour week.

### Endure Police Persecution.

In spite of the fact that the workers did not go outside the bounds of legal and peaceful picketing they were arrested and force to endure police persecution which ended in their trial before Judge Haubert of the New Jersey Ave. Court.

If anything was needed to openly justify the cause of the strikers this victory has done so. They have taken heart from it and are taking part on the picket line with more militancy than ever before.

The Duchon Mill is entirely crippled. All of the skilled union members have left the shop and it will not be long before it is closed from basement to roof and all operations cease. The remaining workers who are mostly young and extremely exploited girls are rapidly joining the ranks of the union.

This strike is of particular significance to the 20,000 knit-goods workers throughout Greater New York. The union is actively engaging in a membership and organizational drive in all departments of the trade. Especially is this of significance to the Roschel workers in the trade.

It is imperative that all members of the trade in New York join the union now so that the splendid work of organizing and winning for the workers the right to a union and better conditions, may more effectively and powerfully be carried on.

# Furriers in United Front With Cloakmakers

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er at Wednesday's meeting. "First he was a contractor, then a boss and now he wants to be manager of the Joint Board," charged Shapiro.

Fannie Warshafsky, business agent of the Furriers' Union, asked: "Why were all women barred from last night's meeting? These right wingers now want their jobs back. These men when they controlled the organization told the workers to vote for republicans and democrats, to support the capitalist government that is opposed to the workers interests."

"These men have now asked the American Federation of Labor for help in their fight against the left wing. They raise the cry of Communism. Let me tell them this, the Communists whom they abuse ask for the unionization of the workers. The Communists will defeat the right wing in their struggle against the workers interests!"

Louis Hyman, manager of the Joint

# JOINT ACTION BY CLOAK MAKERS AND FURRIERS PLANNED AT MEET

## Other Resolutions at Cooper Union Denounce Expulsion of Furriers from Central Council.

Three resolutions adopted by unanimous vote at the furriers' demonstration at Cooper Union yesterday evening outlined in full the policy of the membership in support of the Joint Board. The expulsion of furriers' delegates from the Central Trades and Labor Council, the attempted destruction of the union by the right wing bureaucrats and formation of a joint committee of action by the Joint Boards of the ladies' garment workers and furriers were dealt with. The text of the resolutions is:

**Joint Defense of Unions.**  
The bureaucratic officials of the International Fur Workers' Union and the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union have launched a campaign to destroy both unions by means of gangsterism, injunctions, frame-ups and terroristic tactics.

This organized clique of bureaucrats, in its desperate fight against the workers, has succeeded in destroying the union conditions which had been won by the workers through many years of suffering and struggle.

The same destructive and treacherous policy which has been practiced by the Sigman machine in the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union is now being pursued by the bureaucratic officials of the International Fur Workers' Union in their attempts to destroy the Fur Workers' Union. Be it therefore

### Form Joint Committee.

**RESOLVED** that we, the thousands of fur workers of Locals 1, 5, 10 and 15, gathered at Cooper Union this 24th day of February, 1927, hereby urge and call upon the Joint Board of the Cloak and Dressmakers' Union and the Joint Board of the furriers' union to form a joint committee for the purpose of defending our unions and maintaining decent standards of work in the shops.

### MOBILIZATION FOR DEFENSE OF UNION AND PROTECTION OF UNION CONDITIONS.

The officers of the International Fur Workers' Union, together with some of the officers of the American Federation of Labor, have for the last several months been carrying on a campaign of slander and malicious provocation. The same bureaucratic officials have attempted to frame the Joint Board and its members with charges of bribing New York police. Finally the bureaucratic officials of the International Fur Workers' Union and of the American Federation of Labor have emerged into the open with a campaign similar to that pursued by the bureaucratic machine of Sigman intended to destroy the strongly organized union of the New York fur workers.

### Preserve Union Standards.

Be it therefore resolved that we, the thousands of fur workers of Locals 1, 5, 10 and 15, members of the New York Joint Board, assembled in Cooper Union this 24th of February, 1927, hereby authorize and instruct

# Board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, was greeted with thunderous applause.

He pointed out how the Jewish Daily Forward exaggerates.

"Usually when the furriers have a meeting the Forward claims that it is packed with cloakmakers and when the cloakmakers have a meeting they claim that it is packed with furriers," he asserted. "Tonight they are lost because while the furriers are meeting in this hall there is a monster meeting of cloakmakers in Manhattan Lyceum."

Samuel Leibowitz, assistant manager of the Furriers' Joint Board in his address told of the right wing's attempt to recapture Local 25 of Newark from the left wing. He also pointed out that the mass of the furriers are unorganized and if they all belonged to the union there would be 25,000 in the organization.

George Parakotas, a Greek furrier, declared that the Schachtman gang have united with the Greek Brotherhood, which he called the "scabhood."

Pass Unanimously.  
M. H. Cohen, secretary of the Joint

# ILGWU CHAIRMEN PLAN DRIVE FOR DEFENSE FUNDS

## Cloak, Dressmakers to Hold District Meetings

A constructive and comprehensive program to combat disintegration of the cloak and dressmakers union was outlined in resolutions adopted at a meeting of shop chairmen of the industry held in Manhattan Lyceum, 88 East 4th Street, after work on Thursday. The meeting was under the auspices of the Council of Shop Chairmen.

The plans call for a series of district and general mass meetings in the residence sections of the cloak and dressmakers, an active drive for defense funds for the imprisoned cloak makers, and a drive for sale of "Save the Union" bonds. It particularly calls for an active campaign against the open shop menace which has developed in the industry due to the weakening of the union by President Sigman's expulsion policy and betrayals of the workers to the bosses in his attempt to gain control of the union.

### Reaffirm Loyalty to Joint Board.

Workers who have been forced to register with the International are urged to reaffirm their loyalty to the Joint Board and to pay dues to the Joint Board. That there are many such workers, who, fearing to lose their jobs, after the exhaustion of the long strike, yielded to the threats of the International and the bosses and registered, although their sympathy and loyalty lies with the Joint Board has been proved to Joint Board leaders, according to statements of Louis Hyman, manager. Many of them have explained the situation to Joint Board leaders, but are loyal and pay their dues to the Joint Board in spite of their registration, Hyman declared.

To meet this situation, the Shop Chairmen's Council will carry on an intensive drive to unify all such workers under the leadership of the Joint Board.

Just as the meeting was closing a group of furriers, headed by Ben Gold, general manager of the Furriers' Joint Board, entered the hall with greetings from the fur workers who had just been meeting in Cooper Union.

An enthusiastic demonstration broke out as soon as Gold appeared, and continued while he and a small group of furriers made their way to the platform. More than a hundred other members of the delegation were unable to enter Manhattan Lyceum because the hall was so crowded, but they held a demonstration of their own outside and pledge their support to the Furriers' Joint Board and the Joint Board of the Cloak and Dressmakers.

Among the speakers at the shop chairmen's meeting were Louis Hyman, Joseph Boruchowitz, Joseph Goretzky, I. Brauner, and five other members of the shop chairmen's council.

# New War Threats Against Soviet Union

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Pilsudski have at last shaken hands were received from Riga today, though the fact that secret negotiations between them have been under way has been known here for some time.

Lithuania Neded Money.  
The Lithuanian need of English credits played a decisive role in the negotiations and overcame the Lithuanian resentment against General Zeligowski's seizure of Vilna in 1921 which had converted the whole Baltic into a smoldering volcano.

Under the agreement Poland acknowledges Lithuanian sovereignty over Vilna and promises to return it "when Bolshevism is no longer dangerous." In return Lithuania accepts the Polish military occupation of Vilna until the "Bolshevik danger is eliminated."

Reestablishment of trade relations is expected to follow.

Hostile To Germany.  
The agreement is hostile to Germany and her hopes of getting back the Polish corridor and also against the tacit agreement to the Polish-Lithuanian Union, which virtually means the Polish annexation of Lithuania which has long been favored by Pilsudski.

It remains to be seen, however, if the Smetona government is strong enough to make his country accept the agreement.

Had Tough Luck.  
All previous governments that negotiated with Poland have been overthrown and there are reports that the christian democrats, one of the biggest parties in the country, is preparing for a new coup to seize the government.

A so-called Baltic league against the Soviet Union, long favored by France, has been taken up by England and favored by Poland, Latvia and Estonia but was always wrecked on Lithuanian animosity.

MRS. ROGIN announces to her friends and patrons that she will open a new

Vegetarian Restaurant at 249 E. 13th Street, N. Y. C.

# CHICAGO LABOR BUYING BONDS TO AID UNIONS HERE

## Financial Aid Comes From All Sections

With a check for \$700 received yesterday, Chicago completed the purchase of \$2,000 worth of cloakmakers' bonds in one week.

This splendid record follows the arrival of A. Weiss, one of the Joint Board business agents, in Chicago, and shows how completely the dressmakers and other workers of the windy city understand the present critical situation in the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

Weiss has been in Chicago only ten days and the splendid response to the bond appeal there is giving fresh impetus to other parts of the country.

From all sections the R. A. I. C. shares are coming in large numbers. During the past week \$920 worth of bonds have been purchased by Dallas, Texas. Branch 35 of the Workmen's Circle has bought \$325 worth of bonds; \$65 has come from the Los Angeles Young Men's Association, and \$25 from the Lithuanian Working Women's Alliance. The Freiheit Singing Society has, so far, raised \$700 and this group of young workers is still keeping up its good work.

### Workers Buying Bonds.

Renewed interest in the "Save the Cloakmakers' Union" bond issue is being displayed in the shops too, and in addition to large contributions from several shops, smaller payments are being made regularly each week for the purchase of bonds. The workers realize that the fund must be kept growing in order to take care of the imprisoned strikers and their families.

The majority of the bonds already purchased have now been mailed out and if anyone in New York has not received his bond he should call for it at the office of Local 22, 16 West 21st Street, at once.

The slogan of the cloak and dressmakers now is "Every Bond Holder a New Bond Purchaser," and in addition to buying a new bond, each subscriber is being urged to sell one to a friend. In this way the \$250,000 mark will soon be reached, and the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union will be once for all rescued from those treacherous officials who have tried to destroy it.

# Newark's Workers Buy Bonds to Help Cloakmaker Board

NEWARK, N. J.—Despite a continuous downfall of snow, rain and sleet, the workers of Newark turned out Saturday to hear the truth about struggles of the Joint Board of the cloakmakers against the International.

They packed New Montgomery Hall, which is situated in the heart of the working class section of the city.

Representatives of the Joint Board of the furriers and the cloakmakers outlined the fight, the forces of reaction lined up against the honest and progressive forces in the New York needle trades. A representative of the Furriers' Local 25 told of their fight with the International officers and the injunction issued against the local which has been vacated.

The workers gazed all the speakers an enthusiastic reception and also responded with the buying of bonds circulated by the cloakmakers' Joint Board. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Jewish Workers' Progressive Club of Newark, organized to educate the workers to their position in society so that they can more effectively carry on their struggle against their common enemy, the employers.

# Landlords Thrive on High Rents in Harlem

(Continued from Page One)

most persecuted citizen in New York. And he must pay for it, at the rate of five and ten dollars more than anyone else.

Some Contrasts!  
In West Harlem and Harlem proper, where the average salaries are \$40 and \$35, the average rent is \$50. In the Black Belt, where the average weekly wage is \$30, the average monthly rent is \$55! In East Harlem, where the average wage is \$28, the average rent is \$37!

And still, rooms throughout the entire district are at a premium! Who can account for this fact? Assemblyman Jenks, who studies the housing shortage from a ninth floor window in the Hotel Ten Eyck, Albany?

Yet Harlem is one of the gayest sections of the town. Carefree, living from day to day, it has transplanted the merriment of New Orleans to the north of New York town, and perhaps in that respect, if in no other, the section has been improved.

But the Harlemite is serious when he walks into the polling place in November, to cast his vote. And maybe the politicians who have created, and are maintaining the housing shortage, will find that out.

Sub-Section 6-B to Dance on Saturday  
An entertainment and dance will be given by members of Sub-section 6B of the Workers' Party at 29 Graham Avenue Saturday evening. Everybody is welcome.

# Youthful Silk Worker Sinks Bullet in Brain As Protest on Future

GARFIELD, N. J., Feb. 24.—Another youthful suicide was reported to the police here today. Theodore Tatarah, 19, of 1087 East 24th St., Paterson, shot and killed himself at the grave of his brother, in the cemetery of Saints Peter and Paul here today, according to the police.

Young Tatarah was employed in a silk mill at Paterson. He left school when he was 15 years old. A note, written on a small pad, begged forgiveness of his parents, and expressed a hopelessness toward the future. In a postscript, he wrote: "I never was any good, anyway—wasn't smart or ambitious or a genius."

A second note, apparently directed to the finder of his body, read: "Please don't think I am insane, because I am as sane as anybody, but it takes a lot of nerve when you are planning your own death, like an architect his building."

# Freshman Radio Gets Fresh With Workers

The Chas. Freshman Co., manufacturer of radio apparatus, exercised its petty spite on workers who took off Washington's birthday as a holiday, without pay.

The company wanted them to work right thru on straight time pay. Some of them were late from three to five minutes getting back to work the next day, and the company made this an excuse for preventing them from working at all that day, also.

# Cutters of Local 10 Call Demonstration On Expulsion Policy

A meeting of the cutters of Local 10 Ladies' Garment Workers, has been arranged by the progressive members for Saturday, February 26, at the Stuyvesant Casino, 140 Second Avenue. Louis Hyman, Charles Zimmerman, and prominent members of the local will speak.

"Although the cutter's local is supposed to be composed of 'Dubinsky's boys' the active henchmen of Sigman, there is a large and growing group of progressive cutters who see clearly the ruin into which Dubinsky is plunging the cutters," the sponsors of the meeting declare.

"Already 18 cutters have been expelled upon faked up charges that they were working without a union card, in spite of the fact that they had no jobs. This is supposed to be an object lesson to other cutters, and Dubinsky hopes that the expulsion of these 18 will quiet the ever growing protest against his methods. We are calling this meeting to point out to all cutters that their union is in danger and they are being led to betrayal."

# Factory Street Nucleus No. 3 to Meet Feb. 25

The meeting of the Factory Street Nucleus No. 3 will be held on Friday, February 25th, at 108 E. 14th St. at 6 p. m. Many important problems concerning factory activities will be discussed. All members of the unit must attend this meeting without fail.

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**Save Workers From Prison.**  
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Referring to the International, Gold asked, "Why don't they come and capture the local meetings if they say the furriers are with them. Something must be rotten in Denmark when the 'Trade Union Group have to call a meeting and exclude furriers who were invited to speak by the Joint Board at a previous Cooper Union meeting? Why did they not attend our previous meeting instead of calling one of their own last night?"

**Challenge Beckerman To Debate.**  
"At last night's meeting Abe Beckerman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers challenged me to fight. Being a furrier, I am not afraid of a fight."

"But why fight? I challenge Beckerman to debate with me in any hall, Madison Square Garden if necessary, and discuss before the membership of the 12,000 furriers and the 50,000 members of the Amalgamated, the question of whose policy is right."

"In referring to the expulsion of the fifteen furriers from the Central Trades and Labor Council, Gold asked, 'If I am guilty of graft, why expel the locals? Expel me.'"

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## The British Note to the Soviet Union is a War Threat

Great Britain's note to the Soviet Union is deliberately provocative.

Even though Britain's endeavors to set up a united front against the Soviet Union from Roumania to Finland were not well-known, the language and general tenor of the note is in violation of all established rules of diplomatic procedure. This of course the Soviet Union does not mind as it shows a hostility which corroborates the statements made by Chicherin and other leaders of the Soviet Union.

A reading of the note discloses the rather surprising fact that the British foreign office is unable to cite any of the many overt acts of which it claims to have knowledge. It confines itself to complaints against statements made by Bukharin and others, statements which the whole world knows express the policy of the Communist International. It would be just as good an excuse for a note to America threatening to break off relations if anti-British speeches of prominent democrat and republican party members were treated in the same way.

But this of course applies only to the conventional diplomatic relations between capitalist nations. The British foreign office does not need such evidence as propaganda leaflets to convince it that the existence of the Soviet Union is a danger to British imperialism. It needs to look only at China to have additional proof every day.

Why was the note sent at this particular time? First, because the powerful die-hard tory group in the British cabinet has forced acceptance of its immediate policy and second, because of the demoralization created in the ranks of labor by the desertion of the coal miners followed by their defeat leads the British rulers to believe that this moment should be utilized to strike another blow at the Soviet Union. Third, because the opportunity to show that the present tory policy, and the tone of the note itself, differs but little from the policy and the tone of the note sent by MacDonald when he was premier during the brief reign of the Labor Party.

The punch has been taken out of the note by the recent defeat of Sun Chuan Fang upon whom the Tories had built great hopes but nevertheless the open expression of hostility at this time means that Tory Britain, with its agents in the ranks of the labor movement remains an implacable enemy of the worker and peasants' government of the Soviet Union.

The British labor movement has now a splendid opportunity, which will not be neglected if it follows the lead of the Communists and the left wing. The imperialists answer the cry for freedom coming from the throats of hundreds of millions of workers and peasants with the threat of new imperialist wars. Britain's working class should take the lead in dealing another smashing blow to world imperialism by cracking this new offensive of reaction into a million pieces.

## Another Right Wing Failure

The right wing in the needle trade unions again came off second best in the Cooper Union meeting Wednesday afternoon which was supposed to show a substantial rank and file following for the reactionaries in the Furriers' Union.

Not even all the right wing gangsters from the Amalgamated and International Ladies' Garment Workers' Unions which were rushed into the hall could give the meeting the appearance of being a genuine trade union gathering.

The police patrolled the streets around the hall but the left wing forces held demonstrations in spite of the interference. When some three hundred left wingers arose in a body and left the hall the meeting, so far as having a mass content, was over.

These offensives of the right wing serve only one purpose—to divert the energies of the membership from the main task of organizing the needle trades in New York City. The left wing has taken the correct position when deciding to concentrate on organization work in the shops, build the unions and leave the right wing to either continue to aid the bosses or acknowledge defeat. This does not mean that the right wing gangsters are to be allowed to work their will on the rank and file; it is by no means a policy of pacifism and any right winger who so interprets it will be sadly disillusioned.

It does mean, however, that the right wing will not be permitted to stop the organization of the industry and drag the needle trades workers down with it to defeat.

## America's Orderly Election Procedure.

"One Shot, Two Slugged, Three Kidnaped; 61 Arrested, 16 Guns of All Types Seized."  
So runs one of the New York World's heads over the story of the Chicago primary elections.

Americans, far more accustomed to the peaceful solution of public problems at the polls, never resort to violence as do the more backward peoples south of the Rio Grande.

It is only in Latin America, according to the best editorial talent the capitalist press can purchase, that disorder and bloodshed accompany elections.

Wall Street-Coolidge government has just occupied Nicaragua in order to teach the natives to emulate our peaceful parliamentary methods. The Nicaraguans are expected to vote to give the whole country to Wall Street as soon as they understand that nothing but peaceful elections are to be held under the cannon of American battleships with American marines looking on over the sights of machine-guns.

Chicago politicians and gunmen are only amateurs after all.

## "Washington Has Come to Personify the American Republic"—Pres. Coolidge

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE.

THE Washington birthday speech of President Coolidge was a hymn in nasal New Englandese to the great American god of business to whom, according to Coolidge, George Washington was the first national figure to pay the homage due so puissant a deity.

What could appeal more to the army of real estate boosters, salesmen, loan sharks, building contractors, "pay-as-you-go" furniture dealers, hard-surfaced road promoters, implement manufacturers and dealers, etc., who preach the gospel of "service" to victims whose susceptibility to the creed has been calculated with mathematical accuracy, than the following testimonial to the revered George.

This practical business ability and interest in broad and general affairs made him one of the first to realize that the future of the American empire lay in the regions beyond the Alleghenies in the territory of the Ohio and Mississippi.

THE thrifty father of his country displayed no particular acumen in believing that America would expand toward the west. If one wished to be nasty about it one could say that the Atlantic Ocean on the east made expansion in any other direction impossible especially in a period when the diving suit and submarine had not yet been invented.

In the absence of a marine or amphibious civilization increase in population was bound to enhance the price of the virgin territory the thrifty Washington acquired by the purchase of land warrants at ridiculously low prices from needy investors and by other questionable methods.

"Actually," said Coolidge, "no American has ever done so much to open up vast tracts of land, first under the British and then under the American flag, fitted to become the home of millions of American farmers."

THAT Washington held his shadily acquired titles against genuine settlers who braved the dangers of the frontier to carve homes for their families out of the virgin forests, is a matter of record. By these acts alone he automatically becomes the patron saint of the modern real estate speculator and all others of the leech tribe preying upon the workers and farmers of America.

Washington has come to personify the American Republic. He presided over the convention that framed our Constitution. The weight of his great name was the deciding factor in securing its adoption by the states.

AMERICAN historians whose opinions amount to a pinch of snuff are agreed that the Constitutional Convention was nothing more or less than a secret and conspiratorial gathering at which no single representative of other than the landholding, merchant and shipping groups was present. An examination of the social background of the delegates to this convention made by anyone interested enough to consult recognized sources will substantiate this statement.

THE convention had no authority from the people for any action other than a revision of the Articles of Confederation. Congress, on February 21, 1787 had stated that the only reason it authorized the convention was for "the sole and express purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation."

The purpose of Washington and his fellow-conspirators was to insure their property against the populace and perpetuate the rule of the propertied classes. James Madison who kept a record of the proceedings that was not published until fifty years afterwards, stated during the debates:

In future time, a great majority of the people will not only be without land but any other kind of

property. These will combine, under the influence of their common situation, in which case the rights of public property and the public liberty will not be safe in their hands.

THE purpose of the convention was as stated above—to entrench the colonial capitalists and landlords so strongly that they could not be dislodged by popular protest and revolt. The purpose of the convention was no more sinister than the methods used to put over its decision as the law of the land.

The great majority of the population was disfranchised. Property qualifications were required for voters and the requisite qualifications were possessed only by the small minority represented by the delegates to the constitutional convention.

MCMASTER, in his book "With the Fathers," says:  
Of the mass of unskilled laborers, men who dug ditches, carried loads, or in harvest time helped the farmer gather in his hay and grain, it is safe to say that very few, if any, in the course of their lives cast a vote.

The late Woodrow Wilson, in his "History of the American People" states that:

There were probably not more than 120,000 men who had the right to vote out of all the 4,000,000 inhabitants enumerated in the first census. (Taken in 1790)

IT will be seen that approximately one person in thirty-three was allowed to vote on the Constitution. The men, says Fisher in "Men, Women and Manners in Colonial Times," averaged one vote to every four or five persons and:

This disfranchised majority, which included from three-fourths to four-fifths of the able-bodied men of the colony, had no more part or lot in the government than the women and children.

Washington was one of the principal beneficiaries of this condition.

NOT "the weight of his great name," as Coolidge says, but the disfranchisement of all but the colonial aristocracy and their hangers-on together with the wholesale use of fraud, bribery and corruption before and during the voting on the constitution were the deciding factors "in securing its adoption by the states."

"Washington has come to personify the American Republic," says Coolidge and, in view of the circumstances, we see no reason why he is not entitled to this dubious honor.

WARE in Pennsylvania, with his \$3,000,000 corruption fund, Smith in Illinois with his campaign financed by a public utility magnate who heads the open shop movement in that state, Coolidge who fights the farmers whose early prototypes were plundered by Washington, Tammany Hall with its servile smile for the transit interests and police clubs for striking motormen and needle trades workers, Chicago with its elections held in a welter of blood and bribery—this is the republic of American capitalism whose course was charted by Washington.

COOLIDGE makes Washington the god of practical business and practical business is robbing the workers and farmers. For this reason the Coolidge speech will meet the approval of all elements who are sharing directly, or indirectly in the distribution of the loot.

Our business as intelligent workers is to show to our class the implications of the Coolidge speech and organize it for the purpose of putting an end to robbery which Washington, as a leader in the formation of the state machinery of American capitalism, believed in, justified and extended while the ragged and starving veterans of the American revolution were deprived of all voice in determining what the future form and purpose of the American government were to be.

## Washington Hears More About "Red Plots"

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Another Red plot has been discovered by Secretary Kellogg, according to authentic information received by your correspondent today.

Diplomatic circles were stirred by the report that agents of Moscow are responsible for the New York subway jams. This information was conveyed to G-2 Headquarters at Governors Island with the request that the army's gunshoe experts watch all wearers of red neckties and all subscribers to THE DAILY WORKER. These culprits are also thought to be responsible for anti-CMTC propaganda.

Other bulletins given out by the state department today made such an impression that several newspaper correspondents were rushed to Walter Reed Hospital with fractured ribs brought on by prolonged laughter. President Coolidge spent the day

playing solitaire with the official spokesman.

No fights between senators and congressmen took place today and Will Rogers appeared greatly depressed due to the resultant lack of copy.

A Chinese Communist plot is seen in the attempt upon the life of an official high in British circles. This official, whose name is withheld by the Department of Justice, sent his laundry to a Washington Chinese laundryman who has been in communication with the Cantonese Government.

The jagged edges of the returned collars are offered by Department of Justice laundry experts as proof of the sinister attempt upon the life of the British diplomat. The laundry man is under surveillance and several British warships are on their way to China, according to my infor-

## What Price Aliens?

By EDITH RUDQUIST.

NO one knows as yet just how the Aswell bill is to be enforced. The only enforcement-provisions therein are contained in Sec. 16, where the Secretary of labor is authorized to make regulations, and Sec. 17, which expressly gives him power to employ assistance for enforcement. Under this latter clause it is intended that he employ an army of officials to engage in man-hunting crusades.

These officials will have unlimited opportunities to extort money; to bribe; and to blackmail and wreak boundless oppression and wrongs upon inoffensive, innocent aliens and alleged aliens. These inspectors will be practically free from control and so able to do very much as they please, as were those employed under the provisions of the Chinese Exclusion Act. The opportunities and temptations which the Aswell bill affords, practically unchecked, indicates an imminent danger to aliens and natives alike, who happen to incur the personal dislike of the inspector.

Free Play for Grafters.  
By means of this law any individual or organization which happens to be prejudiced or economically jealous of an alien resident can have him arrested with possible deportation as the outcome.

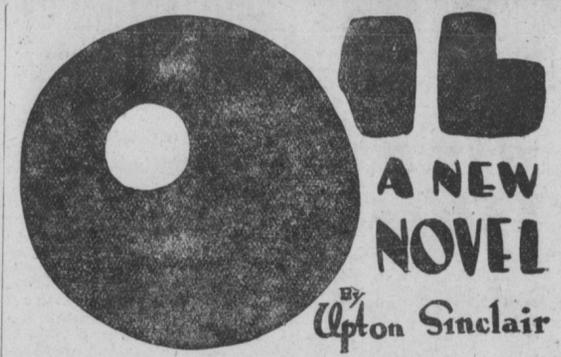
What group of government officials have yet proved to be free from bribery and graft? No more so will these prospective ones be. With a bribe the records of the registered aliens can be "fixed" in any way that is wanted.

Convenience for the Klansmen.  
What a wonderful chance it will give all the 100%-ers, Ku Kluxers, American Legionnaires, K. of C.'s, etc., to "get" their men. The records (according to Mr. Aswell's proposal) are to be kept in duplicate; this duplicate "shall be filed in a central office." Convenient access to the records of each alien is thereby given so that within a few hours any alien can be apprehended and arrested for all sorts of alleged crimes. The record shall also contain a complete list of arrests and convictions with a record of final disposition of the case. If a record is not in suitable condition for the sinister purpose of the 100%-ers they will no doubt find some "honest" government official who is willing to "help them out."

Undercover Blacklisting.  
The use of the blacklist has met with legal objections in some states. The Aswell bill does away with the need of every private blacklist. A complete, efficient and centralized record of every alien worker's activity will be kept by the registering officials for the use and benefit of the employing class. All this without having to keep on their payrolls—as is now the case—stool-pigeons and provocateurs. Mr. Aswell very liberally provides that "the Secretary of Labor may request the co-operation of all federal, state, territorial or local courts and police and peace officers in making such reports."

These records will be a splendid aid in obtaining convictions. In labor trouble cases where the charge is picketing, rioting, loitering, etc., these records will have more weight in evidence than any policeman's or civilian's testimony. They will be government records and as such the inference is that they are true and accurate. This also eliminates the bosses' own sheriffs and deputies as witnesses. Then they have only to report to the registering officer and when his report is offered in evidence it will be neither cross-questioned or challenged.

Bearing Witness Against One-self  
Even the certificate of identification, which every alien is always to carry on his person, is also to contain information in regard to his status, so that any inspector or anyone who so wishes (peace officer) "Virgin Man" Case to be Tried.  
Producers and the cast of "The Virgin Man", one of the three raided plays, lost their fight yesterday for trial by a jury.



A NEW NOVEL  
By Upton Sinclair

What was the meaning of this raid? According to the newspapers, it was the patriotic indignation of sailors from the fleet. There had been an explosion on one of the battleships, and several men had been killed, and the newspapers had printed a story that one of the wobblies had been heard to laugh with satisfaction. It is an ancient device of the master press. In old Russia the "Black Hundreds" were incited by tales of "ritual murders" committed by the Jews, Christian babies killed for sacrifice. In Britain now the government was forging letters attributed to the Soviet leaders, and using them to carry an election. In America the deportation delirium had been sanctified by a great collection of forged documents, officially endorsed.

It was a spontaneous mob, said these law and order newspapers. But this fact was noted; on all other occasions there had been policemen at these wobbly meetings, to take note of criminal utterances; but this night there had been no policemen on hand. Nor were there any afterwards; Bunny and the other "reds" might besiege the police department and the city government, and offer the names of the principal mob leaders, but there would be no step taken to punish anyone for this murderous raid!

Bunny didn't expect to find Paul, but there he lay, flat on his back, with several people bending over him. His left eye was a mass of blood, and seemed as if destroyed by a blow; he lay, limp and motionless, and when Bunny called his name he did not answer. But he was alive, gasping with a kind of snoring sound.

A doctor! A doctor! There were several in the neighborhood, and people rushed away to look for them. From the days of Bunny's residence in Beach City he knew the name of a surgeon, and hurried to a phone, and was so fortunate as to find the surgeon at home. Bunny told what had happened, and the other said he would come at once; in the case of injury to skull or other bones, X-ray pictures would be needed, so he gave the name of doctors who did such work, and Bunny did more telephoning, and arranged for one of these to be at his laboratory and await developments. Also he ordered an ambulance from a hospital.

Then back to the hall, where Paul lay in the same condition. Rachel had laid a clean handkerchief over the battered eye, and put a pillow under his head. The other victims had been carried away, and the door of the wrecked hall shut against the curious crowd.

The surgeon came, and said it was concussion of the brain. There was evidence of a heavy blow at the base of the skull—either Paul had been struck in the eye, and had hit the back of his head in falling, or else he had been knocked down by a blow from behind, and later struck or trampled over the eye. The first thing was a picture; so the unconscious body was taken to the X-ray laboratory, and pictures were made, and the surgeon showed Bunny and Rachel the line of a fracture at the base of the skull, running to the front above the oral cavity. There was nothing to be done, it was impossible to operate in such a place. It was a question of how the brain

had been affected, and as to that only time could tell. They must keep the patient quiet.

There was a private hospital in the town; so before long Paul was lying on a bed, with a bandage over his eye, and his head in a sling to avoid pressure on the injured place; and Bunny and Rachel were sitting by the bedside, gazing mournfully. Womanlike, Rachel was reading his thoughts. "Dear heart, are you going to blame yourself all your life because you didn't rush in and get your skull broken, too?" No, he couldn't have prevented the harm, he knew it; but oh, why did it have to be Paul's brain—the best brain that Bunny had ever known! He sat with a horrified, brooding stare.

But there was another ordeal to be faced. Rachel reminded him, "We've got to tell Ruth." She offered to attend to it, to spare his feelings. She got her brother Jacob on the phone—he had just got home from a committee meeting, and now he must call a taxi, and drive to Ruth's home and bring her to the harbor.

Two hours later Ruth came running up the stairs, her face like a mask of fright. "How is he? How is he?" When she entered the room, and saw Paul, she stopped. "Oh, what is it?" And when they told her—"Is he going to live?" She drew nearer, never taking her eyes off his face. Her hands worked stretch out to him, and then draw back, because she might not touch him; they would go out again, as if they had a will of their own. Suddenly her knees gave way, and she sank to the floor, and covered her face with her hands, sobbing, sobbing.

They tried to comfort her, but she hardly knew they were there. She was alone, in the dreadful corridors of grief. Bunny, watching her, felt hot tears stealing down his cheeks. It wasn't natural for a girl to feel that way about a brother, Vee had said; but Bunny knew how it was—Ruth was back in those childhood days on the lonely hills of Paradise, when Paul had been her only friend, a refuge from a family of fanatics, with a father who beat her to make her think like him. Back there she had known that Paul was a great man, and had followed him all these years; she had watched his mind unfolding, and learned everything she knew from it—and now, to see it destroyed by a brute with a piece of iron pipe!

(To Be Continued.)

## Powers Hapgood Tells Of Lewis Gangsterism In March "New Masses"

The gangsterism of the Lewis machine is exposed by Powers Hapgood in an article in the March issue of the New Masses which will appear on the newsstands tomorrow. Hapgood, Harvard graduate and miner, knows whereof he speaks having been beaten up twice by Lewis's thugs.

"Three days before the attack, when I first arrived in town," says Hapgood describing the tactics of the Lewis machine at the recent miners' convention, "I had been invited to a cheap hotel room, hired for the purpose by three administration officials, one of whom had used the name of a friend of mine over the telephone inviting me to the room.

"When I got inside, the three officials, one of whom had a loaded automatic, attempted to beat me up so that I would have to go to the hospital instead of the convention. They were a little drunk, however, and they bungled their game. After a twenty-minute fight, finally broken up by the police who entered the room, their intended victim escaped with only a few cuts and bruises."

A series of brilliant sketches by Michael Gold, poems by Lola Ridge, a story by Joseph Freeman, an article on "Revolution and Sex," by Upton Sinclair and drawings by Diego Rivera, Hugo Gellert, William Gropper, Louis Lozowick and William Siegel are other features of the magazine.

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