

Current Events

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

READING books promises to become a popular indoor sport in this country before long if the authorities in various parts of the country continue to suppress harmless publications. It is true that some of the books should be suppressed in the interests of the mental equanimity of a certain section of the population. There is "Elmer Gantry" for instance. If I were a preacher, a man of the cloth, I would urge the author's deportation on the ground that he was born in Minnesota under false pretences and therefore an undesirable citizen.

READING is an uncomfortable habit for those who read, as well as for those who are written about. While spending a few happy weeks in Berrien county jail (Michigan) a few years back, in company with several other comrades we passed the time pleasantly and instructively reading books, magazines and newspapers. A local pugilist who got into trouble of a quite unpopular but not unusual nature caught the reading habit much to the amazement and horror of the attending detective who shrieked: "My God, so they got you reading." Reading is habit-forming vice.

THERE is a delusion in existence here in the United States that some races are more addicted to reading than others. The race from which I have sprung may not be the greatest book-consuming public in the world but they are not averse to burning the midnight gas over a choice piece of literature as is commonly supposed. And they have produced a James Joyce much to their horror. It must be admitted on the whole that the Irish have not been encouraged by their spiritual overseers to send ideological ferrets prowling among the spiritual rabbits in their mental burrows.

BE that as it may I was more or less interested yesterday on seeing a sign over a bookstore at 127 University Place which seems to give hope for encouragement. This place is near a branch of that gigantic national pawnshop known as the Morris Plan on the corner of Broadway and 14th. The sign read: "The Jimmy Higgins Book Shop." Gazing in the window I was still more amazed. Instead of seeing there "The Life of Saint Patrick" or "The Story of the Immaculate Conception" there were books on economics, politics, biology, historical works and fiction of the kind that Boston policemen consider inimical to their morals.

I DECIDED to drop in and see Jimmy but apparently he was elsewhere. So his manager replied to my questions and introduced me to his assistant manager who holds the fort while the manager is at lunch. An agreeable staff who know so much about books that it is impossible to leave this orderly, well stocked store without purchasing something—if you have the money. Whether you see Jimmy or not I can recommend his book store to the readers of this column. (Jimmy Higgins is not a person but an idea—Ed. D. W. What of it?—T. J. O'F.)

BRITISH propagandists in Shanghai are successfully insulting the intelligence of the reading public by explaining the split of Chiang Kai Shek with the Kuomintang as a maneuver to save the face of the Nationalist government owing to difficulties with the foreign powers. A realistic maneuver indeed! It is a rather serious piece of diplomatic trickery for the hundreds of trade union leaders who are being beheaded by the mercenaries of General Chiang Kai Shek.

The explanation of this cock-eyed "news" is that Chiang is under the tutelage of the foreign imperialist experts who have advised him to continue to strut his anti-imperialist stuff lest a sudden dropping of the hostile phrases might leave him without a corporal's guard of a following among the masses. But Chiang's tricks are not fooling the Chinese people. They are getting ready to mete out to him the punishment a traitor deserves. The guns and armies of the imperialists will avail him little when the mighty power of the Chinese workers and peasants pours down on him like a tidal wave.

THERE is a serious financial panic in Japan. So serious is the situation that it is not likely the new cabinet will risk gratifying the expectations of the anti-Chinese faction with a more aggressive policy in China. The economic system in Japan has been shaky since the end of the world war. Two disastrous earthquakes shook the country's economy to

FURRIERS TRIAL IN MINEOLA GOES TO JURY

Mineola Court Room Sketches By Gellert In Monday's "Worker"

A group of remarkable drawings by Hugo Gellert, brilliant radical artist, made in the Mineola court room where the trial of Ben Gold and the 10 other leaders of the New York fur workers has just ended, will accompany the complete account of the trial which will appear in Monday's issue of THE DAILY WORKER.

Among those sketched by Gellert in the court room are Ben Gold, I. Shapiro, S. Mencher, Judge Lewis Smith, District Attorney Edwards, Barnett Basoff, the stool-pigeon and star witness of the prosecution, the two "dicks" who cooperated with the right wing, and four members of the jury, including the foreman.

A full page will be devoted to an account of the case in Monday's issue.

Mussolini Outlaws Strikes, Boycotts And Minimum Wage

ROME, April 22. — Mussolini's labor-smashing policies reached their climax Wednesday evening with the adoption by the Fascist Grand Council of the "Charter of Labor."

Strikes and boycotts are outlawed while the principle of the minimum wage is denounced and declared "unsound."

Maurer and Woll Expect to Clash At Boston Meeting

(Special to The Daily Worker) BOSTON, Mass. April 22.—Labor circles here are watching closely the opening of the biennial convention of the Workers Education Bureau, when two of the most colorful figures in the trade union movement will have an opportunity to cross swords on an old grievance, if they care to. One is James Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor and of the Education Bureau and the other is Matthew Woll, vice president of the A. F. of L. and the Bureau.

They clashed recently on the National Civic Federation's attitude on old age pensions. Maurer, a leader in the pension movement criticized vigorously the policy of the Civic Federation, of which Woll is acting president. Here at Boston, however, they will find themselves on the same platform with full opportunity either to reach an agreement on the old age pension question, or to discuss further their views.

Sacco-Vanzetti Action. Some action is being planned on behalf of Sacco and Vanzetti, although the form has not yet been determined. It is urged that the 200 delegates go make a pilgrimage to Dedham jail, where the two workers are held pending their threatened execution on July 10.

One issue likely to precipitate lively action on the convention floor the opening day will be the status of the Workers School of New York. Claiming to be one of the largest, if not the largest labor college in America, the school is expected to ask a seat in deliberations. If the Bureau, however, follows out the action of the A. F. of L. convention, the Workers School may be banned because of its connection with the Workers Party.

Sacco and Vanzetti Must Not Die!



THE UNHOLY TRINITY—GREEN AND HIS ASSOCIATES

PURSUERS ATTACK TRAIN MURDERERS CLERICS SQUIRM

Papal Representative Admits Priests Led

MEXICO CITY, April 22.—Government forces, following hotly after the marauding band of clericals which day before yesterday burned to death 187 peaceful passengers on a Guadalajara Mexico City train, have caught up with the band at Yurechuar, a town near the scene of the massacre, and have inflicted a severe defeat upon them.

Arrest Traders. MEXICO CITY, April 22.—Archbishop Mora Del Rio, head of the Catholic Church in Mexico, and five other church dignitaries were arrested last night immediately after the issuance of a statement from the episcopate which accused the government of having been responsible for acts similar to that of the Guadalajara bandits.

Those arrested besides Archbishop Mora Del Rio included Archbishop Valdespino of Aguascalientes, Bishop Anaya of Puebla, Bishop De La Mora of San Luis Potosi.

Vatican Admits Leadership. WASHINGTON, April 22.—Irritated by the horror and resentment against the catholic church, whose priests led the clerical rebels who perpetrated the Guadalajara—Mexico City train massacre, the Rev. Pietro Fumasoni-Binobi, apostolic delegate to the United States, has hastened to deny that the Mexican hierarchy is responsible for it. However, Fumasoni-Binobi, direct representative of the Vatican, inadvertently, in his defense of the catholic rebels, admits that priests led the attack.

Feels Hurt By Charge. "The charge is without foundation and the result of the bitter hatred of President Calles for the catholic church," said the Rev. Fumasoni-Binobi. "This bitterness of the president of Mexico and his utter lack of logic must be evident to anyone who reads his statement."

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 22.—Rumors that the Mexican government has discovered a wide spread plot to assassinate the public officials may very likely be true, said representatives here, as it is known that the church has thruout its history resorted in times of crisis to inspired assassinations, but the local consul general has not heard of any seizure of the telegraphic service, nor any censorship established in Mexico City.

Foreigners Who Enter United States To Be As Immigrant Aliens

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Drastic changes in the regulations relating to aliens crossing the Canadian and Mexican borders into the United States were promulgated today by the department of labor.

Aliens residing in foreign contiguous countries and entering the United States to engage in existing employment or to seek employment will not be considered as visiting the United States temporarily as tourists, or temporarily for business or pleasure, but will be considered as aliens of the "immigrant" class.

5 Seamen Thwart "Shanghai" Plot; Boat Dangerous

An attempt to "Shanghai" five seamen aboard the S. S. "H. J. Lawrence" was frustrated yesterday when the men escaped from the ship by sliding down a rope to a coal barge which was laying alongside and from there taken ashore by a friendly lighter.

Vessel Dangerous. The men, George Pappoquos, J. Cringel, F. McKenna, B. Barran, and a messman, whose name could not be procured, refused to sail on the boat, a coastwise vessel upon which they had been working for four days because of its unsafe condition. They declared that the dynamo was out of order, endangering the lives of the men aboard; the pumps were also dislocated and held together by rope.

In addition, the mess service was inadequate, in as much as the single cook (instead of the customary 2 or 3) had been in a state of chronic drunkenness for the past few days. The escaped seamen had not signed any "articles," and were consequently not bound to leave with the ship.

J. Louis Engdahl Places Wreaths on the Graves of Liebknecht - Luxembourg

(Special To The Daily Worker) BERLIN, April 21. (Delayed)—J. Louis Engdahl, editor of THE DAILY WORKER who is bringing the ashes of C. E. Ruthenberg, general secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party to Moscow where they will be interred in the Kremlin wall, today placed a wreath on the graves of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxembourg, pioneer German Communists who were murdered in 1919 by the socialist government of Germany.

LABOR IN CITY OF PASSAIC IS FOR WEISBORD

Cheer Him at Campaign Mass Meetings

(Special to THE DAILY WORKER) PASSAIC, N. J., April 22.—Packing Ukrainian Hall and the Workers Home tonight hundreds of workers shouted their approval of the labor candidates for city commissioner—Albert Weisbord, Simon Smelkinson and Simon Bambach.

Discusses Unemployment. Albert Weisbord spoke on the question of unemployment showing the need of the mills either giving them work or pay them wages nevertheless. He demanded that the city start construction work on the parks, streets, etc.

Weisbord also spoke of the necessity of every worker being a member of a union. How in that way the labor movement would be better able to fight the bosses in the every day struggle.

Dunne Speaks. Greeted with enthusiasm, William F. Dunne, editor of THE DAILY WORKER said that "The world is watching the Passaic workers in this election campaign. The labor movement wants to see if the bitter struggle here for union recognition, wages and working conditions, which aroused world wide admiration and support has stimulated a class loyalty which sees in support of labor candidates a continuation of the strike struggle on another front."

Meeting Is Answer. "This tremendous meeting gives a partial answer to the American labor movement. An avalanche of ballots marked for Weisbord and his fellow fighters will be the final answer."

"This you will do and once more you will show the textile barons that the Passaic workers know how and when to fight for unionism and the power that it brings."

Heckled At Meeting. Speaking last night at Carpenters Hall at a meeting called by the democratic party he was heckled by the president and secretary of that organization. He also spoke the same evening at a meeting arranged by the League For Women Voters where he received a good reception.

It is apparent that an organized group of hecklers are visiting all the meetings where the labor candidates speak and carry on a campaign to disorganize when Weisbord has the floor. It is believed that they are being paid for this.

Sacco Vanzetti Meeting. The Sacco-Vanzetti meeting that was first arranged for last week will be held Wednesday evening, seven o'clock at Belmont Park, Garfield, under the joint auspices of the International Labor Defense and the Anti-fascist Alliance. Among the speakers will be Albert Weisbord, Robert W. Dunn and Pat Devine.

AFTER FOUR HOURS JURORS ASK TO HAVE PROSECUTION TESTIMONY READ

Judge's Charge Calls for Distinctions Between Groups of Defendants

MINEOLA, L. I., April 22.—At 11 o'clock last night the jury in the trial of Ben Gold and 10 other leaders of the New York fur workers charged with "assault" on a fur scab shop in Rockville Center during the strike last year, was still deliberating.

Return At 9:35. With all the evidence in, and the summing up of the defense lawyers and the district attorney, the case went to the jury at 5:30. At 9:35 the jurors filed back into the box, and the foreman asked that the transcript of three prosecution witnesses be read.

These included Greeve, one of the detectives who declared on the stand that he helped "work up" the evidence against the furriers; Miss Mary Fargas, who was a strikebreaker in Michael Barnett's shop, where the attack is alleged to have taken place; and Miss May Grefer, secretary to J. P. Coughlin, of the New York Central Trades and Labor Council.

All the testimony related to I. Shapiro, one of the members of the Joint Board. The questions of the jury relative to the testimony against Shapiro would indicate that a verdict on Ben Gold had already been reached.

SACCO, VANZETTI HAVE NOT MADE PARDON REQUEST

Attorney General Says Coolidge Will Not Aid

It has just been learned that both Sacco and Vanzetti, now in Dedham jail, have refused for two weeks to sign a petition to Gov. Alvan T. Fuller for a pardon. Vanzetti held that he and Sacco are innocent and fears that the word "pardon" may be misconstrued. Attorney William G. Thompson, defense lawyer, stated that a conference with the two framed-up men would be held shortly.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—President Coolidge and the department of justice will refuse any form of intervention to halt the execution of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti. This announcement was made officially by Attorney-General Sargent yesterday.

BOSTON, April 22.—Attorney William G. Thompson, counsel for Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, Italian workers convicted of murder on framed-up charges, today asked Gov. Alvan T. Fuller for another respite for Celestino Madeiros, condemned to die in the electric chair next Thursday morning.

A large delegation, representing trade unions and fraternal organizations, adopted plans last night looking toward a national conference to help save the lives of Sacco and Vanzetti, at the Labor Temple, 243 East 84th St.

Called by the Sacco-Vanzetti Emergency Committee, the delegates passed a resolution calling upon complete unity in the work of helping to free the two framed-up workers now facing death in the electric chair.

Enthusiastic support was given to the decision to join with other groups in New York City for the purpose of calling a local general strike in protest against the threatened execution of the two men. In order to have united and simultaneous action with respect to the stoppage of work, a committee was appointed to work in harmony with other groups in the city who have initiated plans for the strike.

More Demonstrations Urged. Additional protest demonstrations in behalf of Sacco and Vanzetti, similar to the one held in Union Square last Saturday, at which 20,000 workers protested the decision of the Massachusetts courts, were urged by the delegates.

The immediate selection of a committee representing organized labor in this city to call upon Gov. Fuller of Massachusetts was decided upon as one of the first steps in the campaign to free the two framed-up workers.

CHEN PROTEST AS POWERS PREPARE DRIVE ON HANKOW

1,500 U. S. Marines to Join 42 Warships

HIGHLIGHTS OF TODAY'S NEWS. 1.—Powers prepare for attack on Hankow. Concentrate warships, rush 1,500 American marines. 2.—Eugene Chen, Nationalist foreign minister, protests against presence of 42 warships off Hankow. 3.—France adopts more militant policy. 4.—Chiang Kai-shek makes bid for imperialist support; continues wholesale arrest and execution of labor leaders. 5.—Bukharin advises Communists to work within Kuomintang. 6.—American and British fire destroyed sections of Nanking, eyewitness testifies. 7.—Rumor alliance between Chen, Tso-lin and Chiang Kai-shek.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—That the imperialist powers are making preparations for an attack on Hankow, seat of the Nationalist government, was indicated today by the circulation of the report that the 1,500 marines aboard the transport Henderson, due in Shanghai shortly, are bound for Hankow.

Although Secretary of War Wilbur has declared that the ultimate destination of the marines is in the hands of Admiral C. S. Williams, commander of the Asiatic squadron, responsible for the Nanking bombardment, close observers of the situation believe that the Nationalist capital is the certain destination of the marines.

Bound for Hankow. Dispatches from London quote the Morning Post as saying that the American contingent will proceed directly to Hankow.

Chen Protests. Eugene Chen, Nationalist foreign minister, has protested against the presence of the imperialist warships off Hankow, according to a dispatch from that city. Conditions in Hankow and small number of foreigners in the city do not warrant the presence of 42 foreign vessels, Chen said.

The concentration of imperialist warships outside of Hankow is regarded as part of the preparation for a possible attack on the city. Latest reports put the number of imperialist war vessels in Hankow at 42. Other (Continued on Page Two)

Mother of 8 to Serve Ten Years in Prison For Shooting Daughter

Mrs. Christine Stoble, who shot and killed her sixteen-year-old daughter immediately after the girl gave birth to an illegitimate child, was convicted of manslaughter yesterday. She was immediately sentenced to serve 10 years in prison—the maximum sentence.

The judge presiding in the case accompanied the sentence by a denunciatory speech. During the entire time since she was arrested, Mrs. Stoble, a mother of eight children, has been in a half-crazed state, and even now refuses to believe that her daughter is dead.

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"Big Four" Agents Trained to Aid Swindle

Past Events of Insurance Expose.

This is the twelfth of a series of thirty articles exposing the fraud of "industrial" (weekly payment) life insurance. Previous articles have dealt with the methods employed by the "Big Four" in misusing "mutual" assets to the benefit of the banks which operate hand in glove with this powerful combine. The "Big Four" is composed of the Metropolitan, Prudential, John Hancock and the Colonial Life Insurance Companies. Names prominent in financial and government circles have figured largely in the series. Charles Evans Hughes, Governor Smith, Supt. of Insurance James A. Beha, Charles M. Schwab and Alanson B. Houghton are among those present.

How Weekly Payment Insurance Policies Terminate

LAPSE (TOTAL LOSS TO WORKER)

POLICY

DEATH CLAIMS

BY MATURITY (YOU GET YOUR MONEY BACK!)

75% 9% 1%

This illustration graphically tells "Big Four" on forfeitures on lapsed insurance trust the benefit of every \$50,000.00 last year on this item alone.

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By CHARLES YALE HARRISON

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Because they have a bearing on what follows it is advisable to mention once more the startling facts relative to "industrial" (weekly payment) life insurance lapse statistics. It must be remembered that whereas "ordinary" life insurance policies have a loan value after being two years in force, industrial life insurance policies have no loan values whatsoever. An "industrial" policyholder has been paying upon his policy for the past twenty years, during which time he may have deposited upwards of \$500, yet, if he is in desperate circumstances, and requires a loan, the "Big Four" will not grant it.

Get Little. In order to secure cash on a weekly payment life insurance policy, it must be surrendered. The available cash is usually about one-third of the total payments made during the payment-period. When the policy is surrendered for its cash value, it is automatically lapsed by the company and further protection, such as it is, ceases.

Ballyhooers for life insurance never fail to stress the point that life insurance is a great investment. Save for your old age. 97% of American workers are destitute at age 65, they say. They quote horrible examples of men who failed to make provision for their old age and who are now languishing in the poorhouse.

The claim is not being put forward in this series of articles that the principle of life insurance is not a good one. On the contrary, it is one of such great merit and of such great social significance that it should not be left in the hands of the swindling Wall Street financiers, who fatten upon the ignorance and credulity of 40 million workers; unwitting victims of the "Big Four" weekly payment life insurance combine.

Rates Too High. Certainly life insurance is a good thing, but not at the present rates which are more than three times too great for the benefits paid.

Certainly life insurance has a great social significance but not in the hands of the present Wall Street directors, who now control the so-called mutual companies to the detriment of the policyholders' interests and to their own aggrandizement and profit. Consider the question of weekly payment policy lapses. In the year 1925, one and a half billions of dollars of "industrial" insurance terminated on the books of the "Big Four."

Of this enormous termination only 9% were paid in death claims. One percent (1%) of these terminations were paid as death claims.

After all the propaganda about saving for one's age, we discover that the policy conditions are so harsh that only 1% of all terminated policies are endowments. If your agent ever tells you to save for your old age via a weekly payment endowment policy, tell him that you can find a better method than doing it with his company.

Most Policies Lapse. The above percentages, startling though they may be, are as taught compared with the figures on the "Big Four" weekly payment policy lapses. Of the total amount of yearly terminations 75% are total loss lapses. This means that insurers who are unable to hang on to their policies for the prescribed ten years (after which they may surrender their poli-

the story of the millions made by the weekly payment policies. Giving the insurance trust the benefit of every \$50,000.00 last year on this item alone.

Save for your old age!

3% of all terminations are paid as surrender values and the balance are what the N. Y. Insurance Report calls "expiries"; which is another name for a lapsed policy.

How to Sell It. I have before me a booklet issued by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the largest life insurance company in the world and the biggest seller of weekly payment life insurance in America. The pamphlet is called "Talks to New Agents."

It is a short course in how to sell industrial insurance. It says, "People buy life insurance because of salesmen who sell it to them. Your processes, stripped bare, may sometimes mean to plead, coax, drum or urge men into insuring their lives; but the more you apply cleverness—the greater your success." Nice business—plead, coax, drum! Further on it says, "Keep cost in the background."

The cost is so excessive that as soon as it is mentioned the prospect will fight shy, therefore it is advisable to keep cost in the background. Get him hot up about his old age, about the poorhouse, about anything, but don't mention cost. After you have scared the wits out of him, then you may mention cost... it won't matter then.

Get to Their Hearts. The booklet goes on to illustrate how to get at your prospect's heart-strings: "Suppose the case of, say, your uninsured neighbor, a good risk, aged 40, who earns a nice salary. He adores his little son, the cutest little four-year-old in the world. . . . You hand the child a small gift and the father is greatly pleased because the toy is a joy to the boy." This is known as sales technique! Great stuff.

Still further, "You must pour out the water of life insurance until the rock of resistance sinks out of sight—but you must pour it out with tact. Tact does not present a proposal (of insurance) with a crowd around; does not begin a canvass with talk about cost; does not show many figures; does not dwell on surrender values; does not leave sample policies until asked for. . . ."

From the beginning of his novitiate the new agent is primed to forget cost in talking to his prospect. As stated in the little lesson above, he must never talk about surrender values. Why should he. When the poor dupe discovers what his surrender values really are it is usually too late. Don't show figures! Of course not, they are unfavorable to the company. They expose the prima facie fraud. No, talk about the weather, bring the son a toy, kiss the baby, but don't mention cost. Don't show figures and above all don't leave sample policies. It might give the game away.

It is due to the terrific number of weekly payment lapses that the enormous "Big Four" assets (steep pyramiding year after year. During 1925, conservatively estimated, the "Big Four" made upwards of \$50,000,000 on forfeitures on lapsed policies. But did the 40 million "industrial" policyholders benefit by these profits? Did the "mutual" directors lower the cost of insurance?

"Keep cost in the background."

BOSTON, April 22.—Scott Nearing will talk on "Dollar Diplomacy," the second of a course of four lectures at Lorimer Hall, Tremont Temple, on Monday at 8 o'clock. The lectures are being held under the auspices of the Workers' School of Boston.

GREEN THROWS AN ELEGANT PARTY FOR MacDONALD

Join Nabobs in Entertaining J. Ramsay

(From a Staff Correspondent) WASHINGTON, April 22.—President Green of the A. F. of L. and his cohorts of high priced labor union officials are having a high old time in the old town these days. Bedizened in afternoon clothes, formal evening dress, and even morning attire, they are hobnobbing with the high and the mighty—all in honor and homage of their good friend, J. Ramsay MacDonald, chairman of the British Labor Party and leader of His Majesty's Opposition.

Green's Buffonery Mr. Green startled newspapermen by dashing into the British ambassadorial mansion on Connecticut avenue Wednesday noon, all togged out in Prince-Albert and high collar. The British Ambassador, Sir Esme Howard, had invited him and Secretary Morrissey to be present at a dinner he gave for MacDonald.

Throws Swell Dinner Wednesday night, however, President Green and his boys came into their own. In the ultra-fashionable Hamilton hotel they threw a dinner party for the former Premier, at which several ambassadors, a number of politicians, among them Secretary of Labor Davis, and a group of labor union officials were present.

Mr. MacDonald in his press talks while here explained at great length how it came about that the Independent Labor Party did not renominate him for treasurer and how he expected to be elected to that office just the same.

How About Forward? "I am very fond of you Americans you know," he began, "and despite your bustle I think there is much to

"Mr. MacDonald," a reporter broke in, "is it true that the Forward is paying your expenses on this trip?" "That is not true, young man," was the reply, "they are no more paying my expenses than you are. I have written for the Forward and am their guest at the celebration."

"Mr. MacDonald, you are no doubt aware of the fight going on in the labor movement in New York, what is your opinion of the issues and factors, involved, as put forth by the Forward and THE DAILY WORKER and the FREIHEIT?"

"Oh, those last two papers, they are the Communist papers. Aren't they?" he asked and then went no further.

SOCIALIST ORGAN IS SPLIT OVER CHIANG'S TREASON

What may develop into a new split in the socialist party for Abraham Cahane, was indicated today when the latest edition of the New Leader, socialist party organ, appeared on the streets with Norman Thomas and James O'Neal locking horns in deadly combat over the recent split in the Kuomintang Party of China.

Dr. Thomas is severe in his condemnation of Chiang Kai-shek and brands him as a traitor to the Nationalist movement, even going so far as to accuse him of having received British gold, which is going far for such a cautious person as Dr. Thomas.

To quote from his column, "Timely Topics: "In no proper sense is the sorry split in the ranks of the Chinese Nationalist party a matter of principle or a right and left wing division. Gen. Chiang masks his own treason to the Nationalist movement by the familiar talk of the wickedness of the Reds. Apparently he is without support, save his own troops, the money of some Chinese merchants, and perhaps some British gold. He is charged with not accounting for \$90,000,000 of Nationalist money and of having reached a virtual understanding with the Northern militarists. Whatever offenses Chinese Communists in Hankow may have committed against Chinese unity they are insignificant in comparison with Chiang's criminal defection. In the long run he is likely to fall. In the meantime he has thrown Chinese affairs into new chaos. One way or another the powers may take advantage of that chaos. If they do they will only add to Chinese bitterness. It is highly important to remember that not the Northern militarists nor Chiang himself, although perhaps they may at times be paid tools of foreigners, British or Japanese, have dared to talk anything but the language of relentless opposition to the unequal treaties."

Lest the New Leader might be accused of one-sidedness James O'Neal takes up the cudgels for Chiang on the editorial page, which is not out of harmony with his support of the A. F. of L. officials who are aiding the bosses and bomb squad in trying to send furriers and left wing members of the needle trades unions to

jaill. Here is what O'Neal has to say: "The split in the ranks of the Chinese Nationalists is wide, and civil war is waged between the two factions. The Communists have set up in business at Hankow and the anti-Communists at Nanking. In Moscow the Communists are terribly shocked because CHIANG-KAI-SHEK HAS EXECUTED SOME OF HIS COMMUNIST OPPONENTS and is carrying the war into the opposition camp. With the Moscow braves' record of executions, jailings and exiling of Socialists, Chiang probably thought it wise to give his opponents a dose of their own medicine. We note that Earl Browder of the American Communist Party, Tom Mann of England and M. Doriot have gone to Hankow to advise the Communists. Chiang has issued a statement telling what happened."

The socialist officials have little use for a united front even among themselves but they seem to enjoy a divided rear.

MAYOR GREETES EX-PREMIER



Mayor James J. Walker of New York City is shown greeting J. Ramsay MacDonald, former prime minister of Great Britain, following the return of MacDonald from Boston and Concord.

MacDonald Lolls In Embassy of Britain; Sneers at Strikers

By LAURENCE TODD (Federated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 22.—J. Ramsay MacDonald came to Washington on April 20 and found it all dressed up to meet him. He sat in the British embassy and answered questions from press correspondents. He had lunch with Sir Esme Howard, the Tory ambassador, and a number of guests including Sen. Borah and President Green and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, with Secretary of Labor Davis.

In the evening, the A. F. of L. gave him a dinner at the Hamilton Hotel—a dinner for 60 trade union officials with a few public officeholders to round out the occasion.

Slanders General Strike Talking to the press men, MacDonald said the general strike had "struck labor generally," and because it had proved disastrously expensive to the strength of the labor movement he did not think it would be repeated in a long while.

He attacked Secretary Cook of the British Miners' Federation, saying that Cook is a strong trade unionist at 9 in the morning, but by 10 he is a syndicalist, by 11 is advocating political action, and by afternoon is again relying on industrial action. His own defeat at the hands of Cook's supporters, for nomination for treasurer of the Independent Labor Party, he dismissed as being of slight consequence. He said he would now be nominated by possibly 70 organizations, and expected to win a bigger vote than last year, in the Labor Party as a whole.

On China. When asked about the new situation in China, created by the anti-red move of Chiang Kai-shek, MacDonald said that the foreign powers are responsible for all that has happened. He did not discuss the class issue in the Chinese revolution. The interview was cut short by the hour for Sir Esme Howard's luncheon, at that point.

MacDonald answered a question as to his connection with the Jewish Daily Forward's anniversary celebration in New York, by explaining that he writes a London letter for that paper, and hence was asked to speak at its anniversary celebration, but he denied that the paper was paying his expenses on his American trip.

Supports Daily Worker The International Branch, Union City, N. J., has contributed \$15 toward the sustaining fund of the DAILY WORKER. Plans are also being made for the raising of funds for the paper periodically in the future.

Chow-lu, who has made a specialty of suppressing workers' and peasants' unions has been ordered by Chiang Kai-shek to Nanking, where there has been widespread unrest against his ruthless dictatorship.

Bombard Nanking. Two thousand white guard Russians and 7,000 Shantung troops, surrounded by Chiang's troops, are in Pukow and continue to shell Nanking. These shells are coming principally from guns mounted on armored trains and are taking a daily toll of lives in Nanking. The normal population of Nanking, which is 1,000,000, has been cut down by the flight of the panic-stricken populace. Few shops are open and business is at a standstill with the city over-run with soldiers.

Bukharin Advises Moderation. MOSCOW, April 22.—Pointing out that the Communist Party must work within the Kuomintang and ally itself with all of the national forces, but the extreme right, N. D. Bukharin in a statement issued yesterday said, "We must utilize the national forces united in the Kuomintang with the

Who is Behind the Prosecution of the Militant Needle Trades Workers?
Who Are Matthew Woll's Fellow Conspirators?
They Are Leaders of the National Civic Federation!
Woll is Acting President of the Labor Hating Civic Federation.

Ben Gold and 10 other members of the Furriers' Union and 40 members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union are being framed up by a combination of high salaried labor leaders and capitalists. They are trying to jail them for long terms.

There is a United Front of the Special American Federation of Labor Committee, headed by Vice President Woll, and the National Civic Federation, dominated by the most powerful capitalists in the United States.

Matthew Woll is the connecting link in the conspiracy. Samuel McRoberts is treasurer of the National Civic Federation. His corporation connections are as follows:

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Action Against Home Bootlegging Is Due

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Federal "intervention" into home brewing, wine making and small distilling may become necessary as a result of an enormous increase in this method of producing intoxicants, it was learned at the treasury today.

While Gen. L. C. Andrews, dry chief, has passed up the "little fellow" in the drive against big sources of liquor supply which have been keeping the bootleg market satisfied, officials admitted today that the question of home manufacture of intoxicants is looming as a "serious" problem.

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Scores Killed When Bridge Falls

TOKYO, Japan, April 22.—Scores of Japanese villagers on Shikoku Island were killed and injured when Mima Bridge cracked under the weight of a 17,000-pound stone today. The stone, drawn by horses and followed by 1,000 persons, was intended as a monument in honor of Tamada, a greatly-admired liberal leader.

exception of the extreme right which is flirting with the militarists."

Chiang Seeks Reinforcements.

MANILA, P. I., April 22.—Professing admiration for Filipino soldiers, Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, Chinese nationalist general, sought to recruit twenty-five experienced Filipino soldiers here today for service in his army. Several Filipino soldiers of fortune are now with Chiang, among them is Vicente Barros, a former major in the Philippine Scouts.

Japan More Aggressive.

TOKYO, April 22.—That the new Japanese government will adopt a more aggressive policy in China is predicted here.

"Japan cannot remain indifferent about what is happening in China," Premier Tanaka said in a statement issued this afternoon, "as it is directly and deeply affected by it." Japan is ready to cooperate with the other powers, he said.

LECTURES and FORUMS

THE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE

At Cooper Union (8 St. & Astor Pl.) at 8 o'clock. Admission Free

Sunday, April 24.—Dr. Irwin Edman: "Science, Salvation, and the Modern Soul."

Tuesday, April 26.—Prof. Henry E. Cranston—"Evolution Today."

Friday, April 29.—Everett Dean Martin: "What is the Matter With Modern Ideas?"—The Type of Man Who Thrives in the Modern World."

AT MANHATTAN TRADE SCHOOL

Lex. Av. & 22d St. at 8 o'clock. Single Admission, 25 cents. Reduction for Course Tickets.

Monday, Apr. 25.—Houston Peterson: "Plautsch and the World of Illusion—"A Literary Saint."

Thurs., Apr. 28.—Dr. E. G. Spaulding: "Questions People Expect a Philosopher to Answer—"What is the Personality?"

Sat., April 30.—Dr. Scott Buchanan: "Platonic Attitudes—"Dialectic as a Method in Philosophy."

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21 Day Moratorium In Japan; Call a Special Meeting of the Diet

TOKYO, April 22.—The twenty-one day bank moratorium was officially ordered this afternoon. A special five-day session of the diet was called to open May 3rd.

The financial crisis has extended even into the imperial family. The imperial household department held an emergency conference today to advance money to princes who were short of funds.

New England Working Women Have Arranged Conference For May

BOSTON, April 22.—A conference of women labor organizations in New England will be held here Sunday May 15 to mobilize the women to fight against imperialist wars and for the right of the working women.

The agenda calls for action on the following points: to fight imperialist war, to carry on an effective campaign to unionize the working women. To encourage and assist the working class women to become citizens of the United States. To fight for equal pay for equal work. To combat child labor and to consider the question of training the children of the workers in sympathy and support of the aims of labor. To fight for government maintenance of working women for a specific period of time before and after child birth and demand legislative action legalizing birth control. To develop political consciousness and activity among working women. To participate in all struggles of the workers jointly with other labor organizations. To provide for the educational, cultural, and social needs of the working class housewives. To render material and moral support to workers engaged in struggles against capitalists, (relief in time of strikes, lockouts, etc.)

The conference will be held at Credit Union Hall, 62 Chambers St., at two p. m.

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Boston Starts Training Class

BOSTON, April 22.—The Young Workers League of District One has organized a training course on Organization and policy of the Young Workers League.

This course will be given in 7 lessons with 2 periods every lesson. The course contains instructions on structure of the Y. W. L. duties and function of units and officers, how to build shop nuclei, how to get new members, discipline and policy of the Y. W. L. on every field of work. Nat. Kay the District Organizer of the League will instruct the course.

U. S. Army and Navy In Big Practice For New "War to End War"

BOSTON, April 22.—All is set for the big "war game" to be played off the southern New England coast during the week of May 16th.

The U. S. battle fleet will represent the "invading forces" and the U. S. army forces will take the part of the "defenders."

Army war college students will provide personnel to represent the commanders and staff of the landing forces.

The official purpose of this bit of jingoism, euphemistically described as "army-navy exercises" is said to be to test out certain plans of defense and to give practice to high commanders and staff in the detail of "command and logistics connected with the handling of large bodies of troops."

Festival Dance Tonight.

A spring festival dance will be held tonight at the Astoria Mansion, 62 East 4th St., by the Downtown Section of the Young Workers' League.

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Swift Butchers in Ore. Strike Against "Bonus" System; Join the Union

PORTLAND, Ore., April 22.—The workers at Swift and Co. Kenton plant have gone on strike, more than 400 strong and joined Butchers' Union, Local 656, which is now conducting the strike.

Dissatisfaction started a week ago with the introduction of a "bonus" system that was used to speed up the workers.

Less than fifty workers are left in the plant, all the girls also walking out. Only the office workers are left. The strike meetings are being held at Odd Fellows' hall.

Farm Population Drops 649,000 in 1926

WASHINGTON, (FP)—April 22.—A decrease of 649,000 persons was registered in the census of farm population in the United States last year as compared with the year 1925, says the Department of Agriculture. The total farm population on Jan. 1, 1927, was 27,892,000.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimates that 2,155,000 persons moved from farms to cities, towns and villages, last year, while 1,135,000 moved to farms, making a net movement of 1,020,000 persons away from farms. Births on the farms totalled 658,000, and deaths

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Striking Plumbers Helpers Decide to Continue Struggle

At a packed meeting of some fifteen hundred members of the American Association of Plumbers' Helpers held at the Church of All Nations, which was addressed by J. F. Walsh, the organizer, and C. E. Miller, the president of the organization, it was decided to continue the strike in Brooklyn.

It was announced that the independent bosses are offering to the helpers \$6.00 per day, this is a considerable gain as the average wage of the plumbers' helpers was \$4.00 per day.

"The fact that the independent employers, in order to get helpers, are willing to pay them \$6.00 per day shows that we have won a first victory," said Miller. "But the only way the employers can show that they are willing to pay a decent wage is by signing an agreement with us. A signed agreement with the union is the only thing that will guarantee improved conditions."

Will Fight For Lockout.
In regard to the possible lockout, Miller said, "It is unfortunate that the employers should resort to this desperate method, nevertheless, they will not find us unprepared."

James F. Walsh, the organizer, said, "We have helped the Brooklyn plumbers in their just fight for improved conditions. We are going to help the other journeymen in their attack of the employers. We will not permit any helpers in any locked out shop to do the work of the locked out journeymen. We will strike in sympathy with locked out plumbers. We are making preparations to unionize the helpers who are still outside of our ranks. We are calling a special mass meeting for Tuesday evening, April 26, at the Church of All Nations."

Bazaar News.

Thousands of workers and housewives pledged themselves to collect articles. The time to get busy has come. Everyone who has made the pledge must carry it out. Everybody else must help. The bazaar will have large numbers of buyers. Large quantities of merchandise will be needed to supply the demand.

The Downtown Workers Club has arranged for special collection committees for every night. All downtown workers are requested to report for collecting of articles, nightly at the headquarters, 35 Second Ave., on Wednesday, after the collection, at 10 p. m., Louis Hyman will be at the club to address the workers for the bazaar.

I. L. D. Dance Tonight.

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"War Dangers," Topic Of Passaic Forum Talk By Weisbord — Sunday

Albert Weisbord, leader of the recent Passaic textile strike and now labor candidate for commissioner in the forthcoming city elections, will speak on "War Dangers" at the open forum of the Hungarian Workers' Home, 27 Dayton Ave., Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Sun Spots and Storms.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Old Mother Earth, next year, again must withstand a gigantic electric bombardment from the sun which recurs in maximum intensity once in every eleven years.

With the sun reaching in 1928 its greatest period of activity, in the zenith of the solar spot cycle, an immeasurable shower of mysterious electrical impulses will descend upon the earth.

Already with electrical tornadoes on the sun's surface roaring to their greatest intensity, the results apparently have been felt on the earth, in an unprecedented wave of storms and other atmospheric phenomena.

Tableau At Jewish Workers University Ball.

An impromptu tableau was arranged by the guests at the ball of the Jewish Workers University last Saturday, that netted the neat sum of fifty dollars for the defense.

Mr. I. Stern impersonated Green of the A. F. of L. Wasserman acted as Sigman, Davidovitch as Schactman, Bloom and Siskind as gangsters and Seltzer as a Forward reporter. A "Schactman" and a "Sigman" booth were opened and the gangsters went to work on the registration, the charge for which was one dollar with Sigman, and 10 cents with Schactman.

Joseph Freeman to Speak on Russia At Workers Forum

Joseph Freeman, who has just returned from Soviet Russia after a year's visit there, will speak this Sunday night, April 24, 8 p. m., at the Workers' School Forum, 108 East 14th St., on "Soviet Russia in 1927." Freeman was formerly editor of the "Liberator" and of the "New Masses" and together with Scott Nearing wrote the study of American imperialism, "Dollar Diplomacy."

Problems of Russia.
How Soviet Russia is building up socialism within its territory; how the workers and peasants of Russia are solving the complicated problems of the new society; how Soviet Russia is a source of strength and inspiration to the Chinese revolution—will be related by the speaker who has been able to make a thorough study of these problems.

Cultural Aspects.

In a second lecture on "Soviet Russia in 1927" that will be given by the same speaker on Sunday, May 8, at the Workers' School Forum, the cultural aspects of the Soviet Republic will be dealt with. Educational experiments, the extending of education to the masses, changes in art and drama, children's colonies—will be some of the topics discussed.

There will be no forum on Sunday, May 1st, due to the May Day meetings held in various parts of New York City. Lectures and discussions will, however, be resumed on the following Sundays.

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IRISH WORKERS WILL CELEBRATE EASTER REVOLT

(Continued from Page One)
its base. The rise of the Nationalist movement in China, the stabilization of the power of the Soviet Union from Leningrad to Vladivostok and the hostility of the United States gave the Japanese ruling classes plenty to think about during the past few years. The Japanese workers are murmuring under the oppression of the government. Yet they are developing in strength and power. Intervention in China just now might be the signal for a revolution at home.

WE hope there will be a good attendance at the mass meeting to commemorate the Irish rebellion of Easter Week 1916 which will be held tomorrow evening in Bryant Hall, 725 6th Ave., near 42nd. There are thousands of radicals of Irish birth or descent throughout the country who could be made acquainted with the Communist message thru meetings of this kind if they could only be reached. The real leader of the Easter Week uprising against British imperialism was James Connolly, one of the ablest social revolutionists in theory and practice that the modern labor movement has produced.

THE bureaucracy of the American Federation of Labor have sunk to unfathomable depths of infamy in their attempts to crush the left wing in the trade unions. They are meek and humble servants in the pay of the employing classes. And as vermin of all kinds are preyed on by lesser vermin, so the socialists are living on the labor fakers as the labor fakers are living on the capitalists as well as on the workers. Matthew Woll and his lieutenants are acting now as auxiliaries of the New York bomb squad in trying to railroad the leaders of the fur workers and ladies' garment workers to jail. The thing is so astounding that words are inadequate to paint its iniquity.

The eleventh anniversary of the Proclamation of The Irish Republic during the Easter week revolution of 1916 will be commemorated at a mass meeting in Bryant Hall, 725 Sixth Avenue (42nd street) next Sunday, April 24, at 8 p. m., under the auspices of the Irish Workers' Republican Alliance.

This rebellion was the first revolutionary outburst of a subject people that challenged an imperialist power from the time the bugles of war were sounded until then. On the following year the banner of revolution was raised in Russia and was never hauled down.

The spark that was ignited in Ireland by Connolly, Pearse and their comrades will be fanned into a burning flame by the workers and peasants and Ireland. It is the purpose of The Irish Workers' Republican Alliance to help keep that spark alive and to feed the flame.

Among the speakers will be William F. Dunne, editor of The DAILY WORKER, Pat Devine, from the famous Clyde in Scotland, Marius Charles Underwood, Actors' Equity Association and T. J. O'Flaherty. Admission is free.

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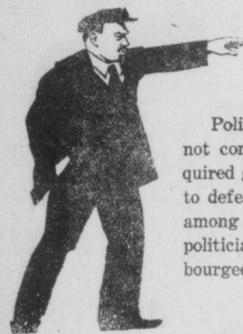
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—LENIN.

On Lenin's Birthday.

Today, April 23, is the birthday of Vladimir Ilyitch Ulianov Lenin, the greatest leader of the working class in all history, whose death called forth the most widespread and profound sorrow among the masses ever displayed.

Wherever workers and farmers are robbed by the capitalist class and their agents, rivers of tears were shed for Lenin. In the Soviet Union, where the masses rule thru their Russian Communist Party, millions marched past his bier in the piercing cold of a Russian winter.

Lenin left two great and indestructible achievements, which have become monuments to his genius and courage and fortresses of the class struggle—the Soviet Union, ruled by workers and peasants, a living source of strength and inspiration to the oppressed masses, and the Communist International, the organizer and leader of the proletarian revolution.

Today the steady march of millions of workers and farmers toward liberation, the gigantic mass struggles which, as in China, are shaking world imperialism to its foundations and making a ghastly farce of its boasted "stabilization," bear out the statements of Lenin that this period is the "epoch of wars and revolutions"—the twilight of capitalism.

The official labor movement of imperialist America hates the very name of Lenin, but thousands of workers love it. The labor officialdom, which makes no protest against the invasion of Nicaragua, remains silent as the imperialist plot against Mexico unfolds itself, which watches either approvingly or passively the rapid preparations for war on the Chinese trade unions, the peasant organizations and the masses in general, sees in the name of Lenin the symbol of the revolt against their continual betrayals, which is in the making.

On Lenin's birthday the Communists of the United States renew their pledge to follow the line of Leninism in the American class struggle and to show by their loyalty to their class, their energy in the class struggle and their unflinching devotion to the interests of the masses that our dead leader's example and teachings have found deep roots in the most powerful imperialist nation in the world.

On Lenin's birthday we take up anew the challenge of American imperialism and its agents in the ranks of the labor movement.

What Difference Is There Between Mussolini and Green?

All intelligent trade unionists, reading the despicable decrees of Mussolini's "fascist charter of labor," would view with alarm the effort to enforce similar conditions upon the American working class. Mussolini is known to all the world as a blackguard despot, who has deprived labor in Italy of every gain it made through the long years of bitter struggle previous to the fascist usurpation of governmental power. From him no one expects anything but oppressive decrees for labor. He is the incarnation of capitalist despotism, the head of a brigand band of the very scum of Italy in the service of the big industrialists and bankers of that unfortunate country.

But are the workers in the United States free from fascist tyranny? Between Mussolini's decrees as reported in the press today and the well-known utterances of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, there is little to choose, as a comparison will readily reveal. Here are the principles (?) of these two agents of the capitalist class set side by side:

MUSSOLINI

"The fascist charter of labor embodies the fundamental principles of the fascist state, which is based primarily upon the theory of replacing the class struggle by fruitful co-operation between capital and labor, establishing equality of rights and duties between them, raising the standard of production and eliminating waste in industry. Both labor and capital must carry out their tasks for the common good."

The only difference between Mussolini and Green is that the fascist state enforces its decrees through its political power, while Green tries to enforce it by turning the unions into agencies for increasing production. If Green can succeed in enforcing his policy of co-operation with the employers upon American labor they will need no Mussolini at the head of the state; the right wing officialdom of the American labor movement will answer the purpose equally as well.

However, there is one factor that will eventually deprive Green and his cohorts, Woll, McGrady, Lewis, Sigman, of their fascist roles in the American labor movement and that is the rank and file of the labor movement that, in spite of the shameful alliance between the right wing officialdom, the employers, the police and the courts created to destroy the militant elements

Negro Problems and Tasks

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MASS migration of Negroes from the south to the west, north and east presents a complex of problems not only to the southern white capitalist, but also to the Negro masses themselves. With particular urgency these problems impose themselves upon those Negro organizations which sincerely strive to represent and work for the interests of the Negro masses as against those of the small group of Negro capitalists and against the ramified powers of the white capitalists.

FOR the capitalist interests of the south, the exodus of large masses of Negroes creates the serious problem of labor shortage. Employers of labor in the south, agrarian as well as industrial, are actually alarmed of the situation. They are becoming frantic at the mere thought that the inexhaustible supply of cheap, unorganized and docile labor is being seriously interfered with. The task that these capitalists see before them is to stop this exodus by all means at their command. By persuasion and cajoling if possible, by force if necessary.

TO the Negro workers, to the farmers, and to all militant fighters for the liberation of the race, the situation presents a different complex of problems. These are all related, of course, to the fundamental conditions of Negro life in the United States. They can find their complete solution only in the light of such social and political changes as will bring about the full emancipation of the Negro race. But at the same time tasks must be formulated which can be successfully applied in the immediate situation. And it is with some of these tasks that the present article proposes to deal.

IT occurs to me that of late the Negro of the south has been somewhat neglected. Is this so, or not? If it is so, then a serious mistake is being committed. For after everything has been said about the tremendous economic, political and cultural importance of the new Negro centers

of the trade unions, are more and more coming to understand the role of the labor faker and will soon challenge their rule in every union just as they are today being challenged in the needle trades in New York.

Just as it is the task of the Italian workers to settle accounts with their fascist oppressors so it is the task of American labor to settle accounts with the Greens, Wolls, Lewises and other would-be Mussolinis of this country.

Stop War on the Chinese Labor Movement and the People's Government in Hankow!

The dispatch of 1,500 marines to Hankow, as stated by Paris dispatches (altho "denied" by Washington thru the transparent deceptive method of stating that they will be "under the command of Admiral Williams"), the adoption of a hostile policy towards Hankow by France under British pressure, the more menacing tone of the Japanese government spokesmen, the continual additions of American gunboats and those of other important imperialist nations to the fleet in front of Hankow—all show that open joint warfare on this great industrial center and its working class is contemplated.

The imperialist powers are going to strike at the center of the Chinese labor movement in the iron and steel industry, they will try to drown the unions, the leaders of the liberation struggle, in their own blood.

The plan is clear. Chiang Kai Shek, in return for his ruthless slaughter of labor union officials and members and his ruthless suppression of the workers, will be given some form of recognition. Thru Chiang Kai Shek world imperialism hopes to establish itself more firmly than ever in China, to ride more securely than ever upon the backs of the toiling masses in the cities and countryside.

The trade unions and the peasant organizations and the Communist Party which has taken the lead in building them, are the sole obstacles in the way of militarist-imperialist domination of China. It is around these organizations that the mass liberation has been built. Their destruction therefore is equivalent to the destruction of the liberation movement itself.

Against this damnable imperialist conspiracy the working class of the imperialist nations must set its face like flint and act so determinedly that world imperialism will not dare to carry out its bloody scheme.

We can be sure that a war on the People's Government at Hankow will be but a prelude to a new world war. If the Chinese liberation movement is suppressed even temporarily the imperialist rivalries will flare up into a conflagration which oceans of the blood of workers and farmers will not serve to quench.

We stand face to face with war today. Let no one be fooled by the lies of imperialism's puppets in Washington.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING FOR WAR! Will the American masses allow themselves to become the executioners of the Chinese liberation movement? Will they allow themselves to be marshalled as cannon-fodder for Wall Street?

Do they want their corpses and mangled bodies to be strewn over the globe so that fat robbers can become still fatter?

We do not think so. But if there is not organized a mass movement of such dimensions that the rulers will be afraid to disregard its protests, all these things will happen as surely as the sun sinks in the west.

American labor officialdom must be made to speak out against the war plans of the Coolidges and Kelloggs.

In every local union, every co-operative society, every fraternal and benefit organization, in every central labor council resolutions denouncing the presence of American forces in China should be introduced and passed and the IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS AND WARSHIPS DEMANDED.

Stop war on the Chinese labor movement—stop war on the People's Government!



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in the north, east and west, which one can successfully dispute, yet the fact of the matter is that the bulk of the American Negro race, its most exploited and persecuted section, continues to live and suffer in the south. Does this fact carry any meaning at all to the Negro emancipation movement, to Negro labor and to Negro farmers? If it does not, it should. It would be a grave injustice to the millions of Negroes in the south and would be a fatal political mistake from the point of view of the liberation struggles of the American Negroes as a whole to hang the fate of the race on migration from the south and the upbuilding of new centers in New York, Chicago, etc. Not

that these latter developments are in any way harmful to the Negro masses. Far be it from us to entertain any such views. The point we are trying to make is that the exodus from the south and the upbuilding of new Negro centers elsewhere, taken by themselves, do not offer a complete solution to the Negro problem in the United States.

WHY is it so?

First, because not all the Negroes are migrating from the south. Though the forces creating migration are still operating very intensely, yet the probabilities are that the bulk of the race will continue in the south. The overwhelming majority is still there. Even a cursory glance at conditions will show that the scope of Negro migration from the south is bound to become smaller. There are at present several powerful factors working in that direction.

FOR one thing, the industrialization of the south. While some of the earlier features of the industrialization of that section of the country may have contributed to aggravating Negro conditions in the south, thus swelling migration, yet the further this process proceeds the more will it operate, up to a certain point, as a force keeping the Negro masses in the South instead of driving them out of there. Negroes will undoubtedly continue to move from plantations and farms to cities and industrial centers, the same as whites do, and for pretty nearly the same reasons. Negroes will also continue to migrate north, east and west, prompted by the same forces as whites are. But mass exodus from the south altogether, the recent phase of which has undoubtedly been accelerated by the cotton crisis, is bound to diminish considerably.

PARTICULARLY so, when some of the later attendant features of industrialization begin to manifest themselves. Trade union organization, for instance, which, if it develops in the south along modern and militant lines, will give the Negro workers there, same as the whites, a certain feeling of independence and a weapon for struggle to protect their interests. Progressively closer contact with organized white workers, consequent upon industrialization, will certainly give the Negro worker a deeper feeling of self-confidence and a larger sense of power against his exploiters than he has at present. Which by itself will make the south look more desirable in the eyes of the Negro masses than it does now.

ALSO cultural opportunities are bound to increase for the Negro masses in the south with the development there of a modern labor movement. The entire ideological level of the masses will be raised to a higher plane and most of the medieval features of the typical south will disappear as a result of the development and intensification of the class struggle and the building up of labor and farmer organizations. These struggles are also bound to produce economic opportunities in the matter of employment, wages, and working conditions generally at least as good, or bad, as in other sections of the country. Thus the present urge among the Negroes from the south elsewhere will inevitably be weakened to a very low point and migration will assume more or less normal proportions.

This is one reason why one cannot bank the solution of the Negro problem on mass migration from the south. But there is also another reason, and here we come to—

SECOND, the mere leaving of the south and taking up residence in another section of the country solves only part of the problem even for those who migrate. Because immediately as they set foot on new territory they are confronted with in-

numerable new problems. Suffice it to enumerate only the following: employment, wages, residence, union affiliation, education for the children, recreation, etc. These are no small matters as every Negro who has migrated from the south can testify, Negro life in New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh or Philadelphia may be more interesting, and the problems different there than in the south, but the difficulties of life in the former are no less than in the latter.

Undoubtedly these questions are being given serious thought by the Negroes and Negro organizations. But the question is, how correct is this thinking and what is its effectiveness? In other words, what basic approach is being made toward the solution of these questions?

FOR it must be understood that the task of finding employment, the question of wages, residence, union affiliation, etc., in cities like Chicago, Pittsburgh or New York, present to the Negro an entirely different aspect than they do to the white worker. In the attempt to solve his difficulties, the Negro comes up against the entire proposition which is known as the Negro problem. Hence, the approach toward the solution of these difficulties must be made in a basic and radical manner. Every one of these questions must be considered in the light of the entire Negro situation, north, east, south and west, and policies formulated in accordance with it. There is no shorter or simpler way of handling effectively these questions.

THERE are two dangers which the Negro masses must particularly guard against at present. One is the danger of adopting the attitude that mass migration from the south will do the job for them. The second danger, closely connected with the first one, is to accept and look upon the new Negro centers in the north, east and west as the haven of deliverance and liberty towards which the hopes, ambitions and aspirations of every Negro must be directed.

To fall into the first danger is to become fatalistic and passive. It is to make the fate of the Negro masses depend upon something which, by itself is neither good nor bad, and which cannot under any circumstances solve the Negro problem. To fall into the second danger is to ignore and neglect the suffering and the struggles of the basic part of the Negro race—the Negro masses of the south—as well as overlook the vital practical tasks of the Negro masses in these same new centers.

What is the correct approach? The correct approach to the pro-

Wilkes Barre Comrades Send More Funds For Sustaining the Worker

True to his promise Mike Borich, organizer-secretary of the Wilkes Barre, Pa., group of the Workers (Communist) Party has sent in the balance of the fund pledged for The DAILY WORKER, totalling \$43.00. Less than a week ago a similar amount was mailed in to the office, with the promise that another contribution would be forthcoming. The workers in the anthracite realize the importance of maintaining The DAILY WORKER as the spokesman for the working class in its struggles against reaction in every form.

Entertainment and Dance.

Bronx Branch, International Labor Defense is giving an entertainment and dance, at 1347 Boston Road, Sunday evening, April 24, at 8:30 P. M. D. Benjamin will be the speaker of the evening. A good musical program has been provided. There will be dancing and refreshments. Come and bring your friends along.

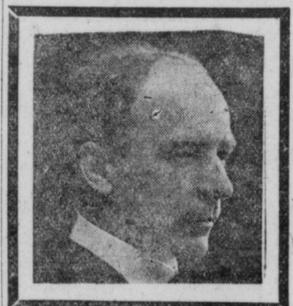
blems discussed here is to be found by adhering to the following principles:

One.—That all the individual problems of the Negroes form an inseparable part of one big problem—the Negro problem.

Two.—That the Negro problem is by its very nature a national problem, involving the Negro masses of all sections of the country, whether south, north, east or west, which must be considered from the point of view of the struggles of the whole race for its complete emancipation.

Three.—That this struggle for the emancipation of the whole race in the United States forms an organic part of the struggle against American imperialism and must be conducted jointly with the white workers and with all others, regardless of color, creed or race, who are suffering under the iron heel of American capitalism.

It is by following the above principles, which underlie the activities of such Negro organizations as the American Negro Labor Congress, the Chicago Committee for the Promotion of Unionism among Negroes and similar organizations, and which begin to make themselves manifest also among the progressive elements of the old Garvey organization as well as among radical Negro intellectuals and farmers, that the present day tasks of the Negro masses can be correctly formulated and successfully fought for.



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From every corner of the continent we are receiving words of encouragement and support in our fight against the employers' patriotic organizations, which are seeking to destroy labor's most courageous and beloved organ, The DAILY WORKER. The workers recognize clearly the reason for the attack and the necessity for meeting it with all the resources at their command.

But we must state that although the comrades may recognize the danger in the situation, they are not responding as they should. Words alone will not help at this time. We must have money to fight our case against the odds piled up against us.

We therefore call upon all comrades to get on the job at once in defense of The DAILY WORKER. Failure to respond quickly and effectively, with money raised through donations and loans from every possible source, will be welcomed by the enemies of labor, who are seeking to crush The DAILY WORKER. This means every party member, every reader of The DAILY WORKER. This means YOU.

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