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"TAKE OFFENSIVE" IS RALLY CRY OF TRACTION MEN

"SAVE-THE-UNION" LEADERS HELD ON SEDITION CHARGE

Cops Intimidate Workers; Clear Hall

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 7.—Patrick Toohey was slugged and he and John Brophy were arrested by state policemen at Renton, Pa., after the police had broken up a large mass meeting of progressive miners under the auspices of Save-the-Union Committee late yesterday.

Toohey and Brophy, militant and progressive miners, addressed the meeting as spokesmen for the Save-the-Union Committee, which has called a national conference of progressive miners from both the hard and soft coal fields for April 1 in Pittsburgh. The conference is being opposed by the organized coal mine owners and the Lewis-Cappellini-Kennedy machine in the United Mine Workers.

Police Clear Hall. The union hall at Renton was cleared of miners when Toohey and Brophy were arrested.

Miners Threatened. Assistant Deputy Coffey warned Ignatz Perme, president of Local 811, "They won't get off so easily this time."

When Toohey described how Harding's order during the 1922 strike to hoist a United States flag atop a tippie and send troops didn't make the workers weaken, saying, "The flag and bayonets didn't dig coal," and told how marines protect capitalist interests in Nicaragua, a police corporal cleared the hall, saying, "Anybody speaking against the government can't speak here."

In turning to Toohey he asked (Continued on Page Two)

MINER SENDS ALL HE HAS TO "DAILY"

Spare Only Dollar for Defense of Paper

A letter containing one dollar for THE DAILY WORKER defense fund arrived at the offices of the paper yesterday morning. It came from a striking Ohio miner who was sending the only money he could spare to protect THE DAILY WORKER.

"I am awfully sorry that I can't do no better," he wrote, "the times are so dull and hard that it is hard to get a dollar. Often I wonder where I am going to get the next dollar for my family."

"For seven months I worked under the Jacksonville Agreement and then the present strike came. So you will please excuse me if I only help so little. I have a wife, children.

Hunger and Cold. "I hope many other miners will send more help to our paper. Here is terrible suffering, men, women, and children in rags. We haven't food to (Continued on Page Two)

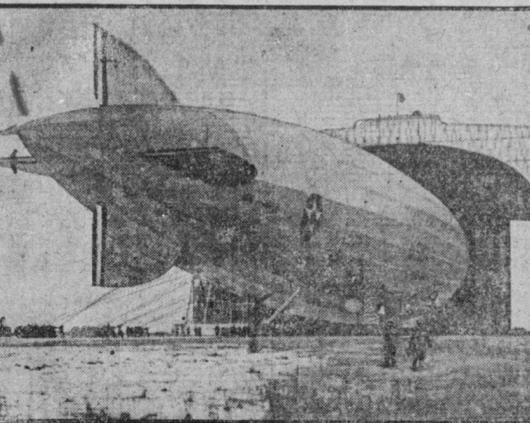
KELLOGG THREAT TO NICARAGUA

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Mar. 7.—U. S. Minister Eberhardt today received instructions from Secretary of State Kellogg, to inform the Nicaraguan government that the U. S. state department would take "drastic steps" if the Nicaraguan congress fails to pass the election law under which the United States will "supervise" the new Nicaraguan presidential elections.

The instructions were communicated to President Diaz, who hastened to assure Eberhardt that the Nicaraguan congress will consider the measure tomorrow. Diaz also assured the American minister that the election measure would be passed.

The conservatives in the "packed" congress headed by Gen. Chamorro are opposing the election law, charging that the United States is supporting Gen. Moncada for the presidency. Moncada surrendered the liberal army to Col. Stimson last year.

Another "Good Will" Trip to Latin America



After a sudden trip to Panama, the giant dirigible Los Angeles is shown above at its hangar in Lakehurst, N. J. "Good Will" was the official reason for the trip, as a mask of the real purpose—to look Panama over in order to establish an American military air base at this strategic point.

WOMEN OF ALL LANDS TO CELEBRATE TODAY

Today will be celebrated as International Women's Day by working women throughout the world. In the United States meetings are being arranged in Boston, Baltimore, Chicago and other large industrial cities. In New York 3,000 women workers joined in an enthusiastic celebration last Sunday at Central Opera House.

JOBLESS INCREASE THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Police Beat Workers in Breadline

Throughout all boroughs of New York the increasing unemployment is being felt. While the New York Council for the Unemployed continue actively to organize the jobless workers of the city, each day brings additional instances of the growing suffering of the thousands who have been thrown from their jobs.

Two instances yesterday revealed these facts, one in which 600 young workers swarmed into an office building in response to an advertisement for a \$16 office boy; another in which police continued to beat unemployed workers standing in the cold in the ever-lengthening breadlines.

"Wanted: Boy, over 17, to sweep and be generally useful; \$16 to start." Police had to be called in to quell the riot that resulted Tuesday when about 600 unemployed young workers rushed the office of Henry Romeike, Inc., a press clipping bureau on the twelfth floor of 200 West 19th St., in answer to the above ad. Fred Meyer, 18, got the job. The 599 others were turned out to rejoin the ever-growing ranks of the unemployed.

Textile Pickets Fight Back Charging Thugs

KENOSHA, Wis., March 7 (FP).—John Bucko, a union knitter on strike at the Allen A. Co. hosiery plant in Kenosha, is in the hospital with a fractured skull, the result of strong-arm tactics by professional strikebreakers against the peaceful mass picketing of the 230 strikers. The men and girls have been on strike over 2 weeks.

Kenosha is an open-shop city like many other Wisconsin towns and this is the first big strike in recent years. Only 20 knitters remained on the job and the company is having little success with the strikebreakers imported to work the costly and complicated knitting machines. The union is about to take legal measures against the national labor spy A. R. MacDonald, who has been seen inside the company fence, apparently directing operations of the strikebreakers.

Young Workers Here to Honor Ruthenberg

FRIENDS OF DEAD LEADER TO SPEAK AT GIANT MEETING

Will Expose Aims of U. S. Imperialism

Young workers will compose a large proportion of the thousands who will attend the Ruthenberg memorial meeting at the Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave., Sunday afternoon, Mar. 11. An impressive tribute will be rendered by them to the memory of Ruthenberg, who was the type of leader who appealed to the young workers.

At this meeting a protest will be raised against the shooting down of Nicaraguan workers by the marines of American capitalism; imperialism; gunboats in China and the increase in military and naval strength. At the same time the imperialistic conspiracy for a new attack on the Soviet Union will be exposed.

The men who were closest to Ruthenberg during his lifetime will address the workers gathered at the meeting including William Z. Foster, leader of the great steel strike; Bertram D. Wolfe, who was deported from Mexico for organizing the railroad workers there; Jack Stachel, director of the national organization department of the Workers (Communist) Party; William W. Weinstein, secretary of District 2 of the Workers Party and Robert Minor, editor of THE DAILY WORKER.

Thousands of little red buttons and posters containing a reproduction of the picture of Ruthenberg which he himself liked best, are being distributed.

LEWIS, COOLIDGE EXPOSE SELVES

Correspondence Shows Them Anti-Union

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Testifying as the first witness before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce investigating the coal situation, John Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America,



admitted that Calvin Coolidge in 1925 flatly refused to raise his hand to help the mine workers and gave virtual support to the coal operators who were flagrantly violating the Jacksonville agreement of 1924. Lewis disclosed some hitherto unpublished correspondence which he then had with Coolidge in which the

DANCE, SONG, SATIRE AT 'RED REVUE'

Revolutionary Revel on March 18 to Have Variety of Talent

The recent socialist banquet celebrating their municipal "victory" in Reading, Pa., will be one of the things that will come up for sharp lampooning at the hilarious "Red Revue" at New Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave., Friday evening, March 16. The socialists all got jobs in the city government on the promise of a "sound, business-like administration." This affair, one of the first of its kind to be presented in this city, will

I. R. T. Begins Scab Herding to Fight Workers



Over 2,000 scabs have been hired by the I. R. T. in preparation for a subway strike. The militancy of the New York traction workers is rising, and the dilatory tactics of the Amalgamated union leaders is arousing anger among the rank and file of the workers.

NOT DISCOURAGED AS SHOP GROUPS TAKE UP STRUGGLE

Union Officials' Surrender Arouses Workers

The traction workers are not discouraged. The fight will go on!

Rank and file efforts following the complete betrayal of the workers' cause by their union officials Tuesday took on surprisingly aggressive forms in spite of the temporary setback suffered by them when William D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated, surrendered under the Interborough attack, prevented the holding of a membership meeting and hurriedly left town. These groups have continued their fight while William B. Fitzgerald, vice president and other of the union officials stood calmly by as the I. R. T. launched forth on its campaign to crush the union.

Pressure on Officials. The aggressive activities of the rank and file group, it was learned, took two definite forms. Committees which in the past year or more have been meeting quietly, redoubled their efforts to enlarge and extend their contacts. Secondly, there were laid new plans for pressure on the Amalgamated officials to prepare the organization for immediate strike activity.

It can be reliably stated that the number, influence and power of these rank and file committees are considerably greater than is suspected and they will yet play an important part in the present situation. It is also known that leadership and direction for the struggle which is only beginning will be found at the proper moment. The company will not be able to carry out its program of reprisals unchallenged.

Show-Down For Officials. It can be stated even more reliably that the Amalgamated officials will be forced in the next few days to come from behind their cover of deception and to make a stand in the situation. Either that or they will be forced to admit their surrender instead of going on with the fiction that

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SEDITION CHARGE AGAINST GRECHT

Communist Organizer Is Held by Coal Police

BURGETTSTOWN, Pa., March 7.—The arrest here of Rebecca Grecht, field organizer for the Workers (Communist) Party, shows that the attack of the coal operators and the official and unofficial police on the organized miners is growing steadily sharper.

Her hearing on a charge of sedition and inciting to riot was postponed until tomorrow by Squire J. A. McKnight, of Houston. She was arrested Monday afternoon at a mass meeting in a crowded hall here. Hundreds of miners were kept outside the door by lack of seating capacity and standing room. The original charge was disorderly conduct but the more serious charge was added on the insistence of Corporal Pierce and others of the state police.

Fifteen state police were scattered strategically through the crowd in the hall when the meeting began. Mike Pushkar, who was to have presided at the meeting, was kept out by constables.

Labor Party Urged. "There are no laws against striking and picketing and the injunctions are judge-made laws designed to enable the coal operators to kill the strike," Rebecca Grecht told the assembled miners.

She stressed the need for a mass labor party in the United States.

When placed under arrest in the hall she declared the arrest was illegal and told the miners she would come back to speak to them. A po-

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HUNDREDS OF WORKERS ATTEND I. L. D. BAZAAR

A steady stream of workers kept flowing into New Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave., last night, which marked the opening of the annual bazaar of the International Labor Defense. The bazaar is being held for five days, closing Sunday night.

The thirty booths of the bazaar were all gaily decorated and the visitors gathered around them eager to sample the wares and make purchases. The evening was formally opened by Rose Baron, secretary of the New York Section of the I. L. D., who thanked all those present and all who had cooperated in the bazaar, and then introduced Pascal Cosgrove, secretary-organizer of the Hotel, Restaurant and Food Workers' Union. Cosgrove discussed the work of the International Labor Defense and its significance as the chief defensive weapon of the militant American working class against the constant attacks of the capitalist courts.

Attractive Program. Cosgrove's talk was followed by a series of interesting dances by Helmi Korknobel, a pupil of Veronine Vestoff. A group of songs was then rendered by Lilly Korknobel.

The bazaar will open at 8 o'clock today and an even larger number of workers are expected to attend. The program this evening has been designated as "Finnish Night." There will be songs by Aino Saari, athletic exhibitions by several Finnish clubs and a number of selections by the Finnish B. S. S. C. Band. There will also be

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BOX STRIKER IS STABBED BY SCAB

The latest outrage of the paper box bosses against the striking paper box workers was the stabbing yesterday of Tony Leggio, a striker of 118 Chrystie St., by two scabs employed by the Crown Paper Box Company, 167 Wooster St. Leggio was talking to two strikebreakers when one of them pulled a knife and stabbed Leggio three times. Leggio fell with one lung punctured. His condition is critical. It is reported that the two scabs were arrested and released a few hours after the stabbing. Police headquarters, however, would give no information about the arrests. Gangsters hired by the bosses are patrolling the paper box district on Greene, Wooster and Mercer streets in automobiles.

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2 CLOAK HEADS' FRAME-UP FAILS

Fake Testimony Breaks Down, Case Dismissed

A two hour cross-examination of the leading witness in the criminal assault case against the two cloak strike leaders conducted by John Mandelbaum, union attorney, yesterday, led to so complete a break down of the obviously framed evidence, that the judge hearing the case was compelled to stop the farcical proceedings and ask for a motion for dismissal of the indictment, which was subsequently done. Frank P. Walsh also appeared for the defense. The defendants, who were suddenly called to trial on an indictment more than a year old, were openly termed "guilty" by the notorious Judge Rosalsky last year when he was called upon to set bail for their release. Rosalsky at that time demanded bail of \$25,000 each, which remained in force till yesterday. The trial yesterday took place in the Court of General Sessions, Part 4, before Judge Mulqueen.

Shown to be Spy.

Joseph Goretzky, and Elias Marks, left wing leaders who acted as chairman and secretary respectively of the picket committee in the bitterly fought cloakmakers' general strike of 1926, were charged with having assaulted Hyman Goldman, who acted as the district attorney's star witness, and whom the evidence in the trial yesterday proved to be a right winger in the pay of the employers' association. It was shown quite clearly by his own admissions that his function was to act as a spy, and also to help demoralize the ranks of the strikers.

The climax of the case came when Goldman admitted that he had first appeared before the grand jury and caused the indictment of two entirely different men for the so-called assault and, after being questioned by the grand jury at that time as to who specifically had assaulted him, had denied that Marks and Goretzky were involved. Yesterday on the witness stand Goldman's testimony proved that the indictment of the two left

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Section 2A to Meet to Aid "Daily" Tonight

A conference of the membership of Sub-section 2A called for the purpose of adopting plans to stimulate the drive for defense funds to save THE DAILY WORKER, and for increasing the membership, will be held tonight at the section headquarters, 101 W. 27th St.

The Sub-section already pledged \$500 for the paper, \$25 of which has already been sent in. The rest of the pledge will be sent in in a few weeks, according to the executive committee.

# Connecticut District Piles Up Subs in National Drive for Daily Worker

## SUBSCRIPTIONS COME QUICKLY, DIRECTOR SAYS

### Plan to Spread Paper Among Workers

Envelopes full of subs received at the office of The DAILY WORKER indicate that the New Haven district is not content to rest on its splendid record in the past but is pushing the national subscription drive to add 10,000 new subscribers to the paper with all its old energy.

The campaign under the direction of Anna Herbst, The DAILY WORKER organizer in District 1, is being intensified and the center of activities is being pushed outside New Haven into such towns as New Britain and Hartford.

"I get my subs quickly," says Anna Herbst commenting on the eagerness with which the Connecticut workers are subscribing to The DAILY WORKER.

Plans for a free distribution of the paper are being made to familiarize the workers in the Naugatuck and other Connecticut industrial sections with the workers' press. In this way it is expected to bring the paper to thousands of New England workers who have had only a casual knowledge of it before.

The New Haven section promises to take the lead in the national subscription drive before a month is up.

## 2 More Paper Bosses Sign Up With Union

Two more paper box manufacturers signed up with the Paper Box Makers' Union yesterday bringing the number of settled shops to 32. Clara Michaelson, secretary of the union, stated last night.

The seven strikers arrested Monday night, when eating in a restaurant at Hester and Allan Sts., were released on \$500 bail yesterday. They are charged with felonious assault. They will appear in the Tombs Court Thursday morning for a hearing.

The arrested workers are Philip Rothman, Charles Guardino, John Laure, John Pikeri, Vincent Cantone, Albert Schayer and Bob Anthony Graffo.

## Police Beat and Arrest Toohey and Brophy, Mine Leaders

questions about the flag and the army, punctuating them with punches, pushing him behind the piano on the platform and slugging him.

When Brophy attempted to speak to Toohey a policeman threw him across a bench several times.

After Toohey was beaten up by Corporal Onko of the state police Brophy and Toohey were spirited away in separate automobiles and kept in a private house in Renton one hour. They were threatened and quizzed by the police and then taken by Sheriff Robert Braun to Pittsburgh where they were kept hours and separately quizzed again.

They were finally released on \$1,000 bail each for a hearing before Alderman George Wilson next Wednesday afternoon.

The meeting had progressed about three hours when Sergeant V. F. Bunch, who is thought friendly to the Lewis machine, arrived.

Both speakers appealed to the unorganized non-union miners to join the strike under the leadership of the Save-the-Union-Committee and spread the strike to every mining camp section. They also stressed the need for a labor party as a means of electing judges, sheriffs and senators to protect the interests of the workers.

Corporal Onko has been a strike-breaker for years.

One of the arresting state troopers, a former marine, was particularly incensed at Toohey's remarks about sending the marines to Nicaragua and China and struck the speaker several times, knocking him down. The speakers were applauded when they assailed John L. Lewis, International union president, for his conduct of the strike.

### Meeting Is Raided

MORGANTOWN, Pa., March 7.—A meeting under the auspices of the Save-the-Union-Committee of the United Mine Workers was broken up and disbanded by the state troopers and deputy sheriffs when Vincent Kamenevitch, progressive coal miner, began to talk.

The rank and file miners are blaming the Lewis administration machine in this district for the suppression of Save-the-Union-Committee progressive mass meetings.

### Lewis Machine in Fear

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 7.—Maneuvers by the Lewis-Cappellini machine with the aim of dividing the ranks of the progressive miners have followed one another in rapid succession. Following the rejection by the

## Let Cat Out of the Bag



Capt. Richard D. White (above), naval attache at the American embassy in Paris, advocated a big navy in a Thanksgiving Day speech last year in Paris. It did not meet with the approval of Wilbur, for secret navy increase plans are more to the navy department's taste. So White was ordered to sea.

## FAIL IN FRAMEUP ON CLOAK LEADERS

### Fake Testimony Breaks Down; Case Dismissed

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wing leaders was sought by him and the employers who furnished him with lawyers, only after a long period of time, as the result of a calculated plan.

At the beginning of the case, Judge Mulqueen repeatedly cautioned the right wing bosses' agent not to talk so much. "You will hurt your case if you do," he said. "But after the witness, who maintained that Marks stole money from him at the time of the assault, was confronted with the minutes of a magistrate's court in which he had accused one Morris Cohen of having committed the "theft," and after being compelled to admit that the record was correct, the judge saw that if he further assisted the district attorney, he would make a fool of himself.

## Police Beat and Arrest Toohey and Brophy, Mine Leaders

unanimous vote of the members of Local 1703 of the "peace" proposal to open Colliery 6 offered by the Pennsylvania Coal Company cooperating with the union officials of District 1, a new conference call has been announced.

At a meeting held at Scranton yesterday Rinaldo Cappellini, working together with Mayor William H. Gillespie and officials of the mine company, announced a new move for "peace." It was decided to hold a general conference later in the week at which all groups are to be invited.

These maneuvers are the result of the growing mass opposition to the Lewis-Cappellini-Kennedy machine of betrayal and murder which is seeking to perpetuate its hold on the mine union. Over a dozen locals have already passed resolutions demanding the resignation of Cappellini who is held responsible for the murder of Campbell and Reilly.

### Haggood Freed

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Mar. 7.—Presiding Judge William S. McLean of the Luzerne County Court today granted writs of habeas corpus to Powers Haggood and his wife, held here in lieu of \$1,000 bail on charges of inciting to riot among Pittston miners.

Judge McLean set their hearing for tomorrow after granting the writs on application of Joseph Mulhorn and Joseph Flannagan, Wilkesbarre attorneys. Haggood and his wife have been in the county jail since Sunday.

### Mass Meetings

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 7.—The coming week many mass meetings will be held in various parts of the strike area, to be addressed by speakers of the national Save-the-Union-Committee. The committee is going directly to the membership and carrying its program to them. Within the past two weeks more than twenty-five mass meetings have been held in the Tri-District strike area.

Friday, March 9th, at a mass meeting in the town theatre at Hastings, Pa., sponsored by the local union and to be addressed by Pat Toohey, 1,500 are expected to attend. On the same day a meeting will be held in Midway, District 5, Kemenovich, Jurich, Siders, etc., speaking.

Sunday, March 11, Canonsburg, Pa., Kemenovich, Maglicano and local speakers, Alexandra Hall, 2 p. m. Same day, Bairds Theatre, Portage, Pa., District 2, Toohey speaker.

The membership is responding to the call of the Save-the-Union-Committee to mass picket, violate injunctions, build Labor Parties, organize the unorganized.

## STRIKING MINER SENDS HIS ALL TO THE "DAILY"

### Recalls Ruthenberg's Call to Struggle

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cat sometimes. It is not the worst to be hungry when it is warm, it is in the cold that it is worst."

"The company has its cops here to bust up our meetings and to beat us up when we do or say the least thing. They pull the speakers off of the platforms at meetings and arrest them like they did Tony Minerich the other week.

"If I could only help you more I surely would be glad to do it. The DAILY WORKER is the only paper that fights for the interests of the miners. They know it. We are too poor to all get the paper regularly so we pass it around here.

"The workers must not let the capitalist crush our paper as they are trying to smash the striking miners in this country. They can starve us to death but they can't starve The DAILY WORKER. So long as we have a cent we would give it to help our paper."

The miner who sent us this letter has contributed to The DAILY WORKER before. In the midst of the terrible struggle that is taking every ounce of the miners' strength and courage to continue, this worker has donated the only money he could spare, a dollar. Let all other workers do as much. Rush your contributions to The DAILY WORKER, 33 First St., New York City.

## LEWIS, COOLIDGE EXPOSE SELVES

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president urged that Lewis "go to the courts" to settle his dispute with the coal companies.

Stabilization of the bituminous coal industry through the elimination of "uneconomic mines," with the resultant elimination of 450,000 miners from the present total of 800,000, is the solution offered by Lewis for the miners' crisis.

"Progressive mine operators," he admitted, "have cooperated with us and the government in carrying out this program and to insure peace in the industry through long-term agreements."

The correspondence between Coolidge and Lewis reveals also that Coolidge admitted that the government had helped to make the Jacksonville agreement, which the operators have since flagrantly violated.

Lewis, as a member of the National Republican Committee, sold out the workers in the 1924 election campaign, and expected to receive as his reward an appointment as secretary of labor. When Andy Mellon, dictator of the United States government, for reasons of his own, forestalled the plan, Lewis became a bit peeved.

This is being given as the probable reason for the 1925 "complaint" to Coolidge, Cal, who is the errand boy of Mellon, naturally refused to speak against his master, the owner of one of the largest coal companies in the country, the Pittsburgh Coal Company.

## 150 WORKERS FLEE THROUGH FLAMES

CHICAGO, March 7.—One hundred and fifty employees of an oil burner manufacturing company fled through a raging inferno of fire here this afternoon following the explosion of oil tanks on the first floor of the four-story building.

## Maurer Will Not Be Socialist Candidate

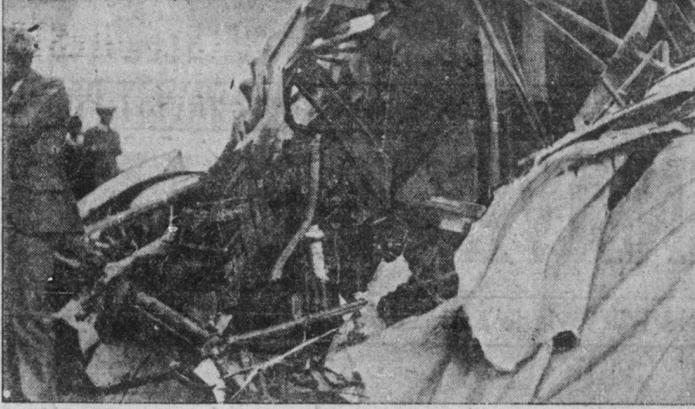
READING, Pa., March 7.—James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor and city councilman, stated yesterday that he was "too busy to run for president." He had been mentioned as a possible choice of the socialist party.

"I am positively not a candidate," he said. "I would not accept the nomination unless I could make a tour of the country and that would be impossible because of my councilmanic duties."

## Three Workers Killed

CENTRAL ISLIP, N. Y., March 7.—Three men were killed here today when a quantity of dynamite with which they were blasting stumps exploded prematurely. They were Julius Dunn and Edward Dixon of Central Islip and Walter Berg of Islip.

## Plane Crash Kills 5 Mised by Militarist Propaganda



Five young men, talked into trying to emulate Lindbergh by the militarist propaganda of the capitalist press, were killed when their home made plane crashed at San Diego, Cal. Photo shows remains of the wrecked plane. The dead men were found by a military campaign to trap the American youth into becoming air-conscious. Aviation courses are being introduced into the public schools as part of this campaign.

## 'FRISCO UNEMPLOYED RAIDED AT MEETING

(Special to The DAILY WORKER.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 7.—The unemployment situation in San Francisco is admitted by city authorities and civic bodies to be the worst in years. Vague promises by the board of supervisors to institute public works have not yet materialized. However, police raids on the unemployed are an hourly occurrence. Those unable to show visible means of support are hauled before the courts, charged with vagrancy and sentenced in batches without opportunity to testify in their own behalf. The jails are crowded, the food fierce and the treatment accorded the unfortunate jobless is nothing short of abominable.

Workers Party Active.

The Workers Party of San Francisco has been actively engaged in the organization of the unemployed into councils.

San Francisco has no ordinance regarding street meetings nor is a police permit required. So the charges were dismissed. It was the second time Owens had been arrested by the same cop on Fillmore and O'Farrell. The other case was also dismissed.

Profitable Charity.

Community Chest promoters are not slow in fastening onto the unemployment situation to further their game of gouge. The Salvation Army is one of the worst in the business. It gets a godly share of the fund and finds the business of saving souls a profitable one. Every morning at their wood yard at 868 Harrison hundreds of shivering men may be seen huddled together waiting for a chance to chop wood and earn a ticket for a meal and a night's lodging.

Beginning Feb. 27th the Workers (Communist) Party began a week of intensive agitation and organization work. Though speakers are few, 18 meetings were scheduled for the week, culminating in a mass meeting at Waiters' Union Hall, where a San Francisco Council of the Unemployed was organized.

Workers' Demands.

The giving of one week's pay in lieu of notice to a worker in the Heberlin Shop was also the signal for an immediate walk-out. The demand of the strikers who have already organized picket lines, is that no worker be thrown from the job by the union bureaucrats for fighting against the right wing policies in the union.

A meeting last Sunday of nearly every worker in the trade unanimously decided that a general strike be called if immediate reinstatement is not affected.

It was learned that Benjamin Schlossberg, secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated is already on his way to Toronto in an effort to settle the dispute, but it is doubtful, according to the sentiment here, whether the workers would be willing to make any concessions, since most of them believe that the attack against the left wing was made under the express instructions of the national leaders of the union.

Excuse 7 Bosses.

The issue used by the union officials in ordering the workers' discharge was that they refused to obey a union order posted in the shops, Schlossberg, secretary-treasurer of that distribution and circulation of the Canadian Jewish Communist weekly be stopped immediately.

## UNIONS ANSWER MINE SLAYINGS

N. Y. Workers Give More Relief Funds

Relief funds are pouring increasingly into the office of the Pennsylvania-Ohio-Colo. Miners' Relief Committee, 799 Broadway, which is cooperating with the Workers International Relief. Workers' organizations, including trade unions, and individual workers are becoming more and more active in the collection of funds.

The reasons ascribed by Fannie Rudd, secretary of the committee, for this increasing activity are the activating influence of the special collection drive—still being carried on by women workers and other volunteers—and the reaction of New York workers to the murder of Alex Campbell and Peter Reilly, militant miners.

Unions Support Miners.

The Bakers Workers Independent Union has donated \$160; Suspender Makers Union 750; \$25; the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Local 1164, \$100; Local 1895 of the same union donated \$20; Workmen's Circle, Branch 150 gave \$25.

The Hungarian Miners Relief Committee, composed of Hungarian workers, yesterday turned in \$222.05 as its latest contribution. The Egg Inspectors Union 11254 donated \$25; the Glass Workers, Mirror Bevelers and Cutters Union, Local 258, turned in \$100. The Amalgamated Food Workers, Local 164, which has generously supported the striking miners since the opening of the campaign in New York, has donated another \$100.

Pullman Porters Give.

The congregation of St. Phillip's Church, through the Rev. S. H. Dishop, its rector, donated \$37.25; the Refuge Church of Christ the Apostle, through Rev. J. Lawson, donated \$40, taken up at a collection. The Russian Students' Club turned in \$19.55; the Pullman Porters, appealed to at a meeting by I. Munsey,

## WOMEN THROUT WORLD CELEBRATE

### Many Meetings Planned in America

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work eight hours a day and will soon work 6.

If our women would only centralize their attention and their ability on the economic field, we would have no children in the factories and we would have more highly developed citizens in the future.

Hoping your International Women's Day will be a great success, I remain, with sincere good wishes, Very truly yours,

MOTHER JONES.

Women workers of other great industrial centers are holding International Women's Day demonstrations this week. Chicago women are holding their celebration today, March 8, at 8 P. M. in Northwest Hall, Northern and Western Avenues, with Anna David, Edith Rudquist, and others as speakers. New Haven holds a meeting on Friday, the 9th, and Springfield on Saturday, the 10th, Baltimore on Sunday, the 11th, with a Woman's Banquet in the evening. The organizations of Boston will hold their meeting on Sunday, the 11th, at Paine Memorial Hall with Juliet Stuart Poyntz as speaker.

## GRECHT FACING SEDITION CHARGE

### Police Hold Communist Organizer

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liceman at this point clapped his hand over her mouth.

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Sharkey-Risko Bout

The principal topic of conversation among boxing fans these days is the Jack Sharkey-Johnny Risko bout at Madison Square Garden Monday night. According to all indications the Boston boy will be the winner and will be matched with Tom Heeney. Whether the survivor of the elimination bouts will be able to give a good account of himself against Gene Tunney is a question that should be given serious consideration. When one remembers that

defeat of Sharkey at the hands of Jack Dempsey and Gene's victory over Dempsey it seems sort of doubtful. While Sharkey and Heeney are better than the average heavyweights that are by no means in the championship class.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 7.—Answering criticisms that his devotion to golf would impair his ability to hit home runs, Babe Ruth inaugurated his season's training by smacking six wallops into Crescent lake, outside the training park of the New York Yankees here. Several rookies could not conceal their mirth when Ruth missed the ball entirely, whereupon the Bambino stepped to the pitcher's box and fanned several of the youngsters.

## DENVER POLICE JAIL 32 IN DRIVE ON UNEMPLOYED

### Organization of Men Is Feared by Bosses

DENVER, Colo., March 7.—Acting under the direction of Mayor Ben Stapleton, raids have been made upon many labor headquarters here resulting in the arrest of 32 workers participating in the organization of the jobless.

Chief of Police R. Fred Reed was ordered to arrest all progressive workers who are active among the unemployed and continue raids against all meeting places of the jobless.

The raids are the aftermath of an anonymous letter received by the mayor accusing him of being responsible for the critical unemployment situation.

It is believed that third degree methods will be used against the arrested workers in an attempt to discover who sent the letter to the mayor.

### Crisis in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—Social welfare organizations have sent a resolution to Mayor Mackey setting forth that "unemployment in Philadelphia has reached the stage where action must be taken by the city, business organizations and industry itself."

The mayor was urged to appoint a committee on unemployment to consider the situation and devise ways and means of meeting it.

### Labour Urges ublic Work

CHICAGO, March 7. (F.P.)—The growing unemployment among Chicago unionists was the principal topic before the Chicago Federation of Labor March 4. A number of delegates urged favorable votes on the bond issues for public improvements coming before the voters at the next election. Building trades workers were less concerned about the situation.

## Right Wingers Fail in Attempt to Frame Gebel Progressive Fur Worker

A verdict of not guilty was brought in by the jury in General Sessions, Part 6 yesterday in the case of Max Gebel, a furrier who was tried for "assault" charges growing out of his activities in the 1927 furriers' general strike.

It took the jury but a few minutes to see thru the flimsy evidence marshalled by the right wing in the union for the prosecuting attorney. Gebel, a middle aged man, and the head of a family of small children, had been out on bail furnished by the Joint Board Furriers' Union, since last fall, pending trial.

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Sunday afternoon, March 25, at 2 p. m., the workers of New York and vicinity will celebrate the sixth anniversary of the Freiheit, Jewish Communist daily, at Madison Square Garden, 50th St. and Eighth Ave.

At the anniversary demonstration the struggles of the Freiheit for the last six years will be reviewed; A mass pageant in which 1,000 actors from the Freiheit Dramatic Studio, Freiheit Gezangs Verein, Freiheit Sport Clubs, Dramatic Sections of the Bronx, Downtown and Brownsville Clubs will participate is being arranged.

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# State Cops Aid New England Textile Bosses, Worker Correspondent Says

## RHODE ISLAND'S TROOPERS CALLED TO BREAK STRIKE

### Police Injure Worker in Demonstration

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
 FALL RIVER, Mass. (By Mail).—Fearing the success of the Warren village strike, where the workers have succeeded in pulling out many of the strike-breakers, who had been induced to go to work, and getting them to join the union, the Parker Co. of Fall River has brought in the state police of Rhode Island and Massachusetts to aid them in the fight.

On Friday after the strikers had conducted a demonstration in front of the mills, when the scabs were being escorted to the trains, the police began their usual campaign of terrorism and one striker, Antone Papa, had to receive attention from a doctor. He had been brutally attacked and beaten over the head with an iron pipe.

John Znoj, another striker, has been arrested and is being held on no stated charge.

Preparations are being made by the state police of both Massachusetts and Rhode Island to protect the scabs. The scab herders who shook with fear when they arrested peaceable pickets during the Sacco-Vanzetti demonstration in Boston, will be in their element now.

Workers in the textile plants of Fall River are not so strange to them as were the pickets on Beacon Hill. Strike-breaking is the everyday job of the state cops.

W. G. MURDOCK.

## Bosses Behind Insurance Deal to Grab Wages

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
 The DAILY WORKER is a workers' paper and every day I read letters written to it by workers from different shops, so I thought that it might interest you to know how insurance companies try to squeeze out some more profits from the saps with the willing help of the bosses, of course.

Today an insurance agent came up and tried to induce the workers to take out an industrial group insurance. I remember a year ago you ran a series of articles exposing the fraudulent nature of this scheme.

The agent handed out an "announcement" telling the conditions, which were the following: You pay in thirty cents weekly, and rest will be paid by the company. I have a slight idea, that rest of the balance will go into the pocket of one of the officials as commission. If you are discharged before your sixtieth year, then you lose all that you paid in, and our factory changes its employees very frequently.

In case of sickness they very vaguely promise a weekly ten bucks but you can never tell where the trick is when all the conditions are very indefinite.

The company lent a willing hand to the Hartford Insurance Co., which comes out with this scheme. It is one more way to make profits from the little pittance we workers get. It is clear at the same time, because the bosses are let out of their duty to insure the men. Of course there is no need to have a state insurance which comprehensively would insure us who bear the brunt of the burden of the society. What we need is state protection on the job, when you are sick or out of a job. Of course you cannot expect such laws from the imperialist parties of this country. We are out to build a party which will fight for the workers' rights.

—N.

## CHICAGO WINDOW WASHERS IN BIG STRIKE MEETING

### All Pledged to Stay Out to Last

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
 CHICAGO, (By Mail).—At a strike meeting of window washers, local 34, Chicago Federation of Labor, the strikers demonstrated a strong determination to win the strike. The hall, tho it is a large one, was far too small to accommodate all the window washers who turned out.

After five weeks of struggle against the Chicago Building Managers' Association, no one of the window washers is for a moment considering anything but the success of the strike.

Every member of local 34 put himself on record to stay out. Every member of local 34 who is working outside the strike zone, the Chicago loop buildings, put himself on record as willing to support the strike organizationally, morally and financially, even tho it takes his last cent.

Strikers are on the picket line, windows are still dirty. The prospects of winning are very good. Other organizations are coming to the support of the window washers daily.

Up to the present time twenty-four arrests have been made. Strikers' meetings are held every day.

—A WINDOW WASHER.

## Women Strike in Umbrella Shop for Raise

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

Our shop has been on strike for two weeks. We all belong to the Umbrella and Handle Makers Union and worked at the Famous Umbrella Shop, 39 East 21st St. We joined the union years ago because we didn't want to have to take our work home in order to make enough money to live on.

In our trade we get paid by the piece and the very fastest can't make more than \$25, even though they work ten and twelve hours of the day. Most workers don't make more than \$15, and some not even \$12. Then they take the materials home with them and work until late at night in order to make a few dollars more. In the umbrella stores, most of the workers have to work until 8 to 9 o'clock at night anyway.

There are over 2,000 workers in our trade, but most of them are not organized. They work often in shops of from 30 to 50 workers, and from 48 to 50 hours weekly. There are many small shops, too.

Our shop is only a small one, just seven of us, but every one is on the picket line. We came out when the boss cut our wages, and we will not go back for any lower wages than we were getting before the cut. We will fight until we get better conditions.

A WOMAN WORKER

## BOSSSES USE DOPE SHEET IN EFFORT TO SMASH STRIKE

### Urge Creditors to Cut Off Strikers

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
 PENOWA, Pa. (By Mail).—I am sending you a letter which has been mailed to me by my son, a striking miner in Illinois. As I have not seen it published in any of our papers I struck me that you might not have seen a copy. Here it is and it will explain itself.

Mr. Robert Fulton, 707 E. Walnut St., Gillespie, Ill.

Dear Sir:

So you are on strike?

And because you are on strike you think that we who work eight hours every day in the week should support you while you lay around and do nothing.

Why are you on strike?

Because you are not man enough to bargain with the world on your own merit. You can not say to your employer, "I do so much work, and so much better than such and such a man and so I should have more pay," which should be the true basis of increased salary.

Instead you get in with a bunch of loafers who are too lazy to increase their efficiency, and say "We'll lay off for a few months, and then the boss will realize how important we are." And while you are laying off you live on the products of the labor of others—parasite on the Nation.

"Strike" is a high toned name for "Plain Ornerly Laziness."

If your creditors all sue you, you will have to pay cash for everything you get—and to do that you will have to work to live.

The first settlers of Virginia were gentlemen who thought themselves too good to work—the decree went out, "Those who would eat must work." The condition is now reversed—the laboring man is now too proud to work, and the same decree will have to be issued against them.

Creditors victimized by lazy strikers can put a stop to this yearly loss by mercilessly closing down on each bad debtor who uses this way of avoiding payment of his just obligation.

Yours very truly,  
 ELMER RICHARDS COMPANY.  
 (Signed) B. E. Roberts,  
 Mgr. Legal Dept.  
 In replying use back of this letter.

Editor's Note: This reproduction of a Company letter, published by Elmer Richards in Chicago, is one of those insidious doses of venom with which the bosses' hope to poison the strikers and sap their morale.

Here they are attempting to attack the strikers' working class self respect by calling them loafers because they have turned against the hell which the bosses have made of their lives, and are fighting the bosses for the right to get at least as much to eat and as good barns to sleep in as cattle get. In reality it is the boss who is the "loafer," and it is because the worker has found this out and is threatening to drive him from his privileged post as the true "parasite on the nation," that is on the labor, and hence the life of the workers, that the bosses are frightened and will not stop at any means to defeat the workers, and whip them back to slavery.)

## DRAMA

### Chaplin the Master Clown—"The Circus" at State Theatre



Charlie Chaplin

The passing years may have aged the old master a bit. He's had his troubles too. But the spark of genius that lights up the face of an audience and brings out good healthy laughter is still in Charlie Chaplin.

A youngster, a few seats away, howled in glee through an hour of "The Circus" last night at the Loew's State and a crowd of theatre folk other kids and older folks grown young again kept howling with him. Only Charlie Chaplin can do this and does persistently to confound the super-sophisticated critics who see his genius dimming in each successive picture.

It's Charlie of old in "The Circus." The master of slap-stick clowning in a picture written, acted and directed by himself. No memorable "bits" are in this, perhaps, as in a few other pictures, particularly "The Kid." But neither are there any dull spots in this hilarious comedy.

Poor sap, he breaks into the circus in a rush, with a persistent cop behind him. His escape brings the circus audience to hysterics and Charlie to a much needed job. His antics make him the hit of the circus tho boob-like he is unaware of it and he asks for a raise in pay only under provocation. He gets locked in a lion's cage and he becomes a tight-rope walker. Both occasions are unusually good comedy. He's told to dust a gold fish bowl and does it thoroughly, dusting off live fish as well. He tumbles and stumbles and with his perfect mimicry added, makes "The Circus" a lively, delightful comedy that will shake the weariness of a hard day's labor out of your weary bones.

A few spots of unnecessary sentimentality do not add to the picture, but neither do they do it much harm. Charles Chaplin in "The Circus" is Charlie of old, clowning to your heart's content, in derby, cane and old shoes and turning corners at high speed on one leg, making children out of grown-ups. "The Circus" is not the best that Chaplin has done. A number of his films have been better. It is, however, an enjoyable good evening, with a lot of good hearty laughter. And that's rare.

ANNE SHOEMAKER.



Plays an important role in "Whispering Friends," George M. Cohan's new farce at the Hudson Theatre.

### JANE AND KATHERINE HEAD BILL AT JEFFERSON THEATRE

The youthful talents of the stage and screen, Jane and Katherine Lee, head the vaudeville bill at the Jefferson Theatre today, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. These two little girls appear in a comedy sketch. Jimmy Lucas, author and comedian, appears on the surrounding bill assisted by Geraldine Herbert in a travesty. Other acts are: The Briants, Vic Plant and Jim Galvin, assisted by May Hall; Scotty Holmes and his Highlanders; Jack and Sol Freed; Fred Hayden, Louise Manning and Tommamy Hayden, and Marie Sweeney.

The screen attraction is "Beau Sabreur" with Noah Berry, Evelyn Brent, Gary Cooper and William Powell.

### Screen Notes

King Vidor will direct Marion Davies in "Polly Preferred," an adaptation of the Broadway play. Vidor recently completed "The Patsy," also an adaptation of a stage play, starring Miss Davies.

Official pictures of the Jack DeLaney vs. Tom Heeney heavyweight elimination bout are on view at the Hippodrome, Broadway and Cameo Theatres.

MAY AMEND NORRIS PLAN.  
 WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.— Debate over disposition of the government's \$100,000,000 Muscle Shoals project entered its closing stages in the senate today with all indications pointing to enactment of a slightly amended Norris plan.

LEGISLATURE ENDS MARCH 23.  
 ALBANY, N. Y., March 7.—The 1928 session of the state legislature will come to an end on March 23 instead of March 16 as has been originally scheduled by the assembly.

## March Eight Commemorates Woman's Revolutionary Work

By JEANE E. DEAN.  
 Woman's Day—March 8th—is set aside the world over by Communists to commemorate woman's contributions to the revolutionary movement. It also marks the day when women of the International make renewed pledges to best serve the cause of labor for the emancipation of the working-class.

Woman who for centuries has been the double victim of the private property system, and who has therefore lagged behind male workers, is gradually catching up to him. Modern industrialism is tearing the proletarian woman out of the "home," forcing her into the factory, compelling her to make equal strides for freedom with her male co-workers.

In industry to stay.

Woman under capitalism has entered industry to stay. Neither marriage nor maternity exempts an ever-increasing number of women from the industrial vortex. The shackles of wage-slavery binds her, they grip her, they exert a stranglehold upon her. Woman must seek emancipation from wage-slavery. To that end, she must traverse along the same path as man. She too must use the same means, the same weapons to rid the world of slavery. Woman's struggle for emancipation is tied up with the class struggle. Woman cannot march alone to victory. She cannot use avenues set aside as feminine to reach her goal. On the road toward revolution there is no recognition of sex, as there is none for color, race or creed. The class struggle is one. It must include both sexes, yet woman's task is infinitely more difficult. Our effort must therefore be redoubled.

Under private property rule, man, the male, is the more favored sex. Because of that, his status is somewhat more elevated economically, sociologically and culturally. Woman must beat back the tide of centuries of discrimination, restriction and backwardness. Woman to a considerable extent has yet to catch up to her male co-workers, in order to achieve the same degree of class-consciousness enjoyed by the longer industrialized male.

Because woman is more new to industry, because of historic and physiological handicaps, woman has developed somewhat slower. That does not stamp her as inferior. She has not had an equal chance for cultural development and therefore she is more eager to hasten the day that will bring equality of opportunity for development. The working woman must be drawn into the class struggle. It is necessary to facilitate the awakening of her class consciousness so as to hasten the DAY of emancipation. That is the meaning of MARCH 8TH. To that end the revolutionary movement has dedicated WOMAN'S DAY, for the freedom of woman, for the freedom of mankind.

## Call Labor Party Conference in Arnold, Pa.

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
 ARNOLD, Pa., (By Mail).—The working masses of this district are beginning to realize that nothing can be expected from the old capitalist parties, Republican or Democratic. They understand that the only way to get rid of starvation, unemployment, low wages, injunctions, evictions, tear-gassing, clubbings by state constables, and the Coal and Iron Co. gangsters' and all the terrorism of the courts and judges who are turned loose to smash the unions and drive wages down and down is to build their own Party.

They realize that only a Party of their own, that is a Labor Party can help them in their struggle for better conditions, for strong unions and a better life generally.

So they have called a conference at which they elected a prominent Labor Party council made up of trade unionists, especially miners.

The council has issued a call to all local unions and labor organizations to send delegates to the next general conference of the Labor Party in Arnold, Pa., where elections of candidates to the various offices will take place. Every working man and woman is invited to attend without charge.

—J.

## Power Trust Takes Huge Excess Profit

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Judson King, director of the National Popular Government League, is getting out a circular dealing with the loot which the power trust is taking from the American people. King has compared the price paid for electricity in the United States, under private ownership, with that in Ontario under public ownership.

He finds that for domestic, commercial and street lighting, the American people are paying \$700,000,000 more than they would pay if the rates were the same as in Ontario. Allowing for taxes, interest on investment and other legitimate costs, the total of excess cost of electricity to the American people in 1927 was about \$500,000,000.

This explains in part the activity of the power lobby in Washington this winter. It also explains the willingness of certain of the bigger electric interests to make terms with organized labor, which pays much of this bill.

## Students Return

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., March 7.—The 200 striking students of the Irvington High School returned to their studies yesterday after walking out Monday in protest against the removal of William McClelland as superintendent. Decision to return was made following an appeal to the student body in executive session in the auditorium by McClelland. Members of the faculty were barred from the meeting.

## Rumor of Giant Steel Merger in Wall Street

A giant industrial affiliation which would embrace six corporations in the equipment and steel industries with gross assets of over \$600,000,000 is being discussed by Arthur W. Cutten, of Chicago, and the Fisher brothers, of Detroit, automobile body makers and stock market operators.

According to rumors in Wall St. yesterday the corporations involved would include Baldwin Locomotive Co., Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., Westinghouse Air Brake, American Steel Foundries, American Rolling Mills and Standard Steel Car companies.

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## Hoboken Blues



# Traction Men Form Their Own Shop Groups to Forestall Company Attack

## "WE MUST TAKE OFFENSIVE," IS WORKERS' CRY

### Men Not Discouraged by New Betrayal

(Continued from Page One)

They have anything to gain from Jimmie Walker, the Tammany Hall mayor.

The information can now be disclosed (of which greater detail will be given in later editions of THE DAILY WORKER) that these officials have had a rude awakening from their complacent belief that the rank and file was being deceived by their treacherous dealings with the corrupt Tammany Hall machine.

Underestimate Militancy. The Amalgamated officials are not the only ones who have underestimated the understanding and rising power of the workers. The interborough gang of feudal masters is even more guilty of this mistake. THE DAILY WORKER can state definitely that proof of this fact will be forthcoming in a much shorter time than that group of bitter ends now believes.

In the meantime the interborough yesterday followed its open defiance of the Amalgamated of the day before by the summary discharge of at least five and of perhaps as many as ten additional members of the union. These discharges will continue, it was intimated, until about 200 of the most active and militant members of the union will have been fired.

While this campaign to smash the union and to stamp out all traces of organization is being carried out the officials of the Amalgamated, their advisors, Hugh Frayne, organizer for the American Federation of Labor and the officials of the Central Trades and Labor Council who have promised "every support" are standing idly by unable even to give forth one of their usual flowery and meaningless "statements."

Stupidity, deception, cowardice and final betrayal have been the order of developments since the officials of the Amalgamated took charge of the situation in the autumn of 1926. The climax came Tuesday when after numerous repeated boasts that "the Amalgamated is a militant organization which protects its members," these officials surrendered their whole cause under the cover of the deception that they would not become a tool in the interborough 7 cent fare game.

A Subterfuge. That this is manifestly a subterfuge can be seen from the fact that Tammany Hall are part of the whole fare steal. The policy of Tammany Hall is, however, to prevent a fare increase until after election for political reasons. The traction companies are seeking to secure the increase now in the fear "that something may come up to prevent the deal after election."

The DAILY WORKER wishes to say to the thousands of New York traction workers:

There must be no discouragement or let up of activities. It is true that another defeat has been suffered because of the treachery of your union officials.

But this is the time for redoubled efforts and the moment for the preparation for a real fight! A strike on the traction lines is inevitable because the companies cannot go on enslaving its men under the yellow company union, under decreasing wage levels, and under the growing speed-up which the company is introducing.

Ready For Action. The New York traction workers are ready for action and the traction companies will learn this fact in spite of their present stupid arrogance. A strike is on the way, a strike must come! The union of the workers cannot be defeated! The reprisals and the attempted intimidation by the company of its thousands of men will create the necessary militancy for the battle. Not weakness but power will come from these attempts.

The traction workers must understand that an increase in fare will not result in the promised 15 per cent increase for them. The company will not carry out this promise. Only a child or fool would continue to believe such a thing. Even if the increase were granted at first in order to discourage organization it will certainly be taken away later.

Secondly, only a union can prevent inevitable wage cuts and worsening conditions on the New York traction lines. Such wage cuts and

## WORKERS PARTY ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY

**District Literature Conference.** A district conference of literature agents and members of the literature squad will be held tonight at 108 E. 14th St. Room 42, at 8:15 p. m. The speakers will be William W. Weinstein, D. Benjamin and A. Gussakoff.

**Downtown Concert.** Unit 3, Section 1, will hold a concert March 17 at 49 St. Marks Place.

**Instructions To All Units.** The interborough drive leaflets and the unemployed leaflets are for sale to Party units at \$2 a thousand at 108 E. 14th St. The Ruthenberg leaflets must be distributed from March 7 to 9. They can be secured free of charge at the district office. Copies of THE DAILY WORKER should be distributed at all traction barns and power houses by all Party units.

**Plenum Reports.** Meetings to discuss the last Party plenum will be held in the units in the New Jersey districts. The following cities have arranged meetings: Newark, Friday, at 8 p. m., at Mercer Progressive Workers' Center, 93 Mercer St.; Jersey City, Sunday at 2 p. m., Elizabeth, Wednesday, March 14, at the Labor Lyceum, 515 Court St., at 8 p. m.

Meetings in other cities will be announced later. Speakers at all these meetings will be representatives of the Party central executive committee.

**Sewage Scandal Discussion.** The Queens sewer scandal will be discussed at a mass meeting arranged by the Long Island Section at Berman Hall, Woodway and Second Ave., Astoria, L. I., Friday, March 9, at 8:30 p. m. Speakers will be W. Weinstein, Bert Miller and H. M. Wicks.

**Traction Stickers Ready.** Traction stickers at \$2 a thousand are now for sale at the district office. All Party units must come for their quota at once.

**Organizers Meeting Friday.** A meeting of all unit section and subsection organizers will be held Friday at 8 p. m., at 108 E. 14th St. Unit organizers will report on their experiences in the membership drive.

**Young Workers Dance.** The Young Workers League, Upper Bronx, will hold a Spring Dance Saturday, March 24, at 1347 Boston Road.

**Dance For Striking Box Workers.** The Downtown Section, Y. W. L., will hold a dance Saturday night at 39 St. Marks Place for the benefit of the

lowered standards are the rule throughout the country among the unorganized workers. You will get yours if you fail to fight for a union. Prepare in advance. Organize your shop committees to include larger numbers. Exercise care, but act!

The motormen must abandon their present attitude of partial indifference. They will suffer with the others. They have been the leaders in the past. They must not be the last. Back to the militancy of 1926.

Thirdly, prepare the fight against the corrupt and demoralizing influences of Coleman, Fitzgerald, Mahon, Frayne and the others by taking the power in your own hands. These men cannot hold you back. Do not believe that they are the union. A union is a good thing and you can get rid of these cowardly leaders and substitute honest and militant leaders of your own.

Organize! Organize a shop committee in every barn, power house and terminal. Fight. Take the offensive. That is the best defense against the attack of the company. Show that you are men and will not lay down. Talk strike. Demand action from your officials. Show the company that you mean business. Demand support from the labor movement. Unite your ranks, no discrimination against any section of the workers. No sections which can hold back. Prepare for the inevitable strike!

## Unemployment Growing Thruout New York City

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the auspices of the New York Council of the Unemployed. "Unemployed workers: don't be driven into the army as a result of hunger and cold—fight for effective relief!" This was one of the declarations contained in the leaflet.

**Meetings Planned.** Several other unemployment meetings are being called by the New York Council of the Unemployed preparatory to this one, however. One will be held today, 2 p. m., at 60 St. Marks Place. Three meetings are announced for Friday: 10 a. m., 7 E. 15th St., for unemployed iron workers; 2 p. m., at 133 West 51st St., for unemployed food workers, and another at 2 p. m., at Rutgers Square.

While the Unemployed Council was active organizing, police beat up several unemployed workers who were waiting on the bread lines at the Holy Name Mission, 307 Bowery. The police claimed that the workers had crowded around, and gotten out of line, and to keep order, they clubbed them and punched them. Many of the men were badly hurt.

Another worker has committed suicide as a result of unemployment. Brun Wagenfeld, 50, a cook, was found dead in his room at 421 E. Ninth St. with gas flowing from a stove, it was reported yesterday.

**Dr. Liber Lectures Saturday.** Dr. E. Liber will talk on "Youth and Rational Living" Saturday at 49 E. 34th St. under the auspices of the World Youth Alliance. The talk will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p. m.

**NOTICE TO NIGHT READERS.** Anyone desiring a copy of THE DAILY WORKER between 11-12 p. m., can obtain it from Comrade Sol Berman at the Cooperative Restaurant, 30 Union Square.

striking paper box makers. Admission will be free.

**Paris Commune Celebration.** Sections 2 and 3 will celebrate the Paris Commune at an entertainment and dance, Saturday evening, March 17, at New Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave.

**Section 4 Meeting.** Units A, L 2 and 3 of Section 4 will meet Thursday at 8 p. m., at 143 E. 103rd St. to act on the traction situation.

**Scott Nearing Lectures.** Scott Nearing will lecture Wednesday, March 28, at Bryant Hall, Sixth Ave. and 42nd St., under the auspices of Sections 2 and 3.

**Open Forum Postponed.** The Section 1 open forum will not be held Sunday due to the Ruthenberg memorial meeting.

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CONTINUATION  
**MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
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## TECHNICAL MEN WILL PROTEST

### To Demonstrate Before Estimate Board

With their negligible salary increases still undisturbed after many weeks, the Union of Technical Men plans to make a demonstration at a meeting of the city board of estimate at noon today.

Both union and non-union technical workers employed in the city engineering service are expected to participate to the number of 1,000, made at a recent meeting of the union.

**Committee Formed.** A committee headed by N. B. Sparer, vice-president of Local 37, will attempt to address the board of estimate in the name of the membership.

The decision to stage the demonstration follows several protest mass meetings and months of futile correspondence with Budget Director Charles K. Kohler and other Tammany politicians.

## Farmer Wife Burned To Death in Explosion

MILLVILLE, N. J., March 7.—A father and mother were killed and their two children were seriously burned today as the result of the explosion of a can of gasoline which apparently had been placed too near the stove.

Harry Erickson, 35, a farmer, and his wife, Myrtle, were killed. The two children were taken to the Millville Hospital.

The accident occurred in their home at Delmont, 15 miles south of here.

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## Labor and Fraternal Organizations

### Workers School Classes.

The following courses are scheduled to begin this week at the Workers School, 103 E. 14th St.

Sunday at 3:30 p. m., American History For Pioneers, Tom Foley, instructor.

Sunday at 3:30 p. m., Fundamentals of the Youth Movement for Pioneers, Leon Platt, instructor.

The week of March 12 will witness the beginning of three courses for young workers, students and Young Workers League members—Course for Pioneer Leaders, Problems of the Youth Movement and League Functionaries Course.

**T. U. E. L. Dance.** The Trade Union Educational League will hold a dance Saturday, March 31, at Harlem Casino, Lenox Ave. and 116th St.

**Junior Friends of Nature.** The Junior Section of the Friends of Nature will hold its monthly meeting Friday at 8 p. m. at the Bakers' Union Hall, 350 E. 85th St.

Members of the Junior Section will hike Sunday to Buttermilk Hill.

**Foreign Born Affair.** The New York Council for the Protection of the Foreign Born Workers will hold an affair Sunday, March 18, at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St.

**Mohegan School Dance.** The Mohegan Modern School will hold its fifth annual concert, bazaar and dance Friday at 8:30 p. m. at Beechoven Hall, 210 E. Fifth St. Proceeds will be used for a new school building at Peekskill, N. Y.

**Freiheit Ballet.** A rehearsal of the Freiheit Jubilee Ballet will take place at the Irving Plaza, 18th St. and Irving Place, today at 10:30 sharp, Edith Segal announced.

**Boro Park Concert.** The Workers' Club of Boro Park will hold a concert and package party at 1273 43rd St., Saturday, March 10.

**Lecture on Birth Control.** Dr. Hannah M. Stone, director, Birth Control League clinic, will speak on "Birth Limitation and the Workers" at the Cooperative Colony, 2700 Bronx

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## Hundreds of Workers at Annual I. L. D. Bazaar

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general dancing every evening of the bazaar.

**European Features.** Tomorrow night, a German and Hungarian program has been arranged, in which the "Prolet Buehne" will present a one-act sketch. Saturday afternoon will be Children's Day, opening at 1 o'clock and a program of special interest to children will be put on, with the Pioneers playing a prominent part. In the evening the International Costume Ball will be held, and prizes will be given for the best and most original costumes.

The bazaar will close Sunday night with a concert by the Brooklyn Art Trio.

Labor and fraternal organizations, representing many nationalities are cooperating in the bazaar which will provide funds for the defense of workers who are being victimized by the capitalist courts.

Park, E., Sunday at 11 a. m. Dr. B. Liber will preside.

**Rebel Poets Night.** The Poets Forum will conduct a Rebel Poets Night at the Labor Temple, Second Ave. and 14th St., Tuesday, March 13, at 8:15 p. m.

**Social in Middle Village.** The Women's Council of Middle Village will hold a social this Saturday evening at 1 Fulton Ave. Ray Ragozin will speak there.

**Lecture On "British Youth."** Tom Fleming will lecture on "Youth in the British Labor Movement" at the Harlem Forum, 143 E. 103rd St., tomorrow night at 8.

## APPEAL WON IN PASSAIC CASE

HACKENSACK, N. J., Mar. 7.—Jack Rubinstein, one of the leaders in the famous Passaic textile strike of 1926, who was sentenced to six months in jail and a \$500 fine for his strike activities has just won an appeal to the New Jersey State Supreme Court.

The appeal was made on the basis of the fact that the judge who first heard the case instructed the jury who had at that time brought in a verdict of guilty on a minor charge to go back and return a verdict of guilty on a much more serious charge. The court in granting the appeal said that the county judge had no right to do so.

**Literature Agents Meet Tonight at Conference**

All literature agents, and literature squads are to meet tonight at 108 E. 14th St. Room 42 at 8:15, according to an announcement made by A. Gussakoff, district literature agent.

William W. Weinstein, organizer of District 2, Workers (Communist) Party and D. Benjamin, agitprop director of the district, will speak at the conference.

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## Stock Up---Wages Down

While General Motors corporation joins its chief competitor, Ford, in slashing wages, its stock on Wall Street rises \$189,225,000 in three days. After a continuous rise General Motors' stock reached a new high of 150 Tuesday which raises the stock by eleven points which means that although not a single dollar of capital in the form of machinery, buildings, raw material or labor-power has been added to the great automobile trust, productivity has increased to such an extent that the stockholders can realize the average rate of profit off an additional \$189,225,000 which brings the 17,400,000 shares of General Motors to an open market value of \$2,610,000,000.

There are rumors that General Motors is going to begin the manufacture of airplanes, but these are not substantiated and have nothing to do with the present rise.

The rise of General Motors is significant also as indicating that in the so-called automobile war against Ford the Morgan-DuPont-Mellon group is more than holding its own.

Of special interest to auto workers is the fact that in face of the great competitive war between the two foremost combines the stockholders still realize millions of dollars off their labor simply by virtue of the ownership of industry.

It is a signal to the workers to organize and fight to resist the wage cuts, the speed-up and the general devaluing conditions that use up men and throw them on the human scrap heap faster than the machinery of production itself is used up. At this time the objective conditions in Detroit and in the auto industry in general are favorable for a drive to organize the industry so that workers may be something other than mere automatons.

## Mellon Intervenes in U.S.S.R.

The secretary of the treasury of the United States and the real chief of that group of reformers which constitutes the Coolidge cabinet by grace of Teapot Dome,—Mr. Andrew W. Mellon—has decided that a certain moral obloquy attaches to the lifeless gold bars sent here by the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics to establish credit for the purchase of machinery. Unlike the gold of Harry Sinclair, these gold bars are immoral. Behind these gold bars lies Revolution. If not for the proletarian revolution, they might still be the possession of the old Imperial Bank of Russia, reasons Mellon.

Mellon's action is fraught with deep and dangerous significance. The Wall Street government is going farther than any other imperialist state in the world is going at the present moment in disputing the right of the workers' republic to existence. Mellon virtually takes a monarchist stand in relation to Soviet Russia. At least he is taking a position in accord with the first demands of the monarchist riff-raff which has long been besieging every capital under the patronage of the most reactionary sections of the bourgeoisie and decayed bourbon aristocracy.

No longer able to maintain the farcical pretense that the Soviet state is "unstable" and "about to collapse," the U. S. government in Europe, the proletarian Soviet state, is to be prevented from trading in the world market. Not merely the relatively "passive" action of refusal to recognize the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, but preparation for active aggression seems to be the program of Mellon.

There is in this, for American workers, a flash of light on the inevitable role of American imperialism as the leader of world reaction in open warfare against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

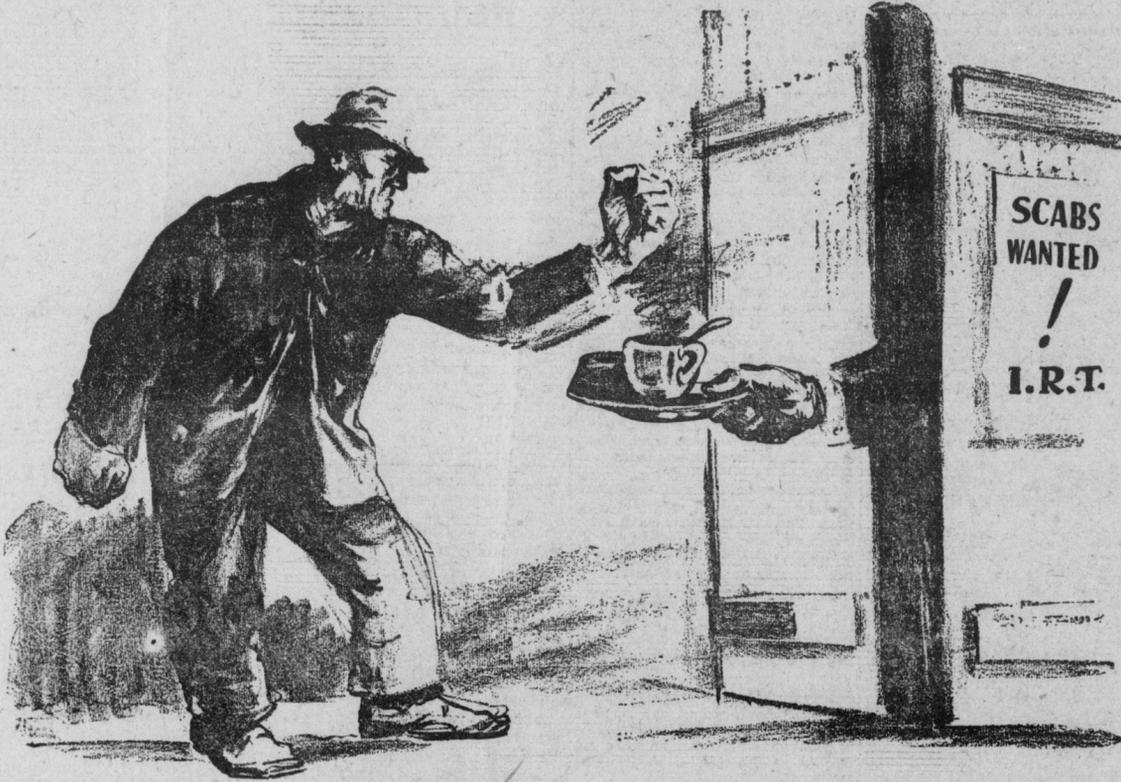
## Appeal to Chicago Women to Aid Miners' Relief Tag Day

By ANNA E. DAVID.  
Of the three million organized workers in the American Federation of Labor, the miners' union is the biggest bulk of the organization and its strongest section. The conditions of the miners have never been any too good, but since they have been on strike for the past year, their conditions have been reduced to the point of starvation. In spite of the attacks of the police, injunctions, lack of food and clothing for themselves and their children, the miners have put up a struggle which will go down in the revolutionary history of this country.

The extreme industrial depression and the large number of unemployed makes the capitalists of this country even more daring than heretofore in their attempts to destroy the existing labor organizations and to prevent the formation of new unions. At the same time, the miners' union is being attacked from the part of the exploiting class who have at their disposal the police and the government machinery and all the channels through which publicity is given. With all of this at their disposal, they hope to smash the miners' union.

relief for the miners has been and is being received by them from the progressive workers of the country; for it is these conscious workers who realize that the fight against the miners is a fight against the laboring class of the country. Should the coal barons succeed in breaking the union, the general labor movement will receive a great set-back. We can not and will not permit the weakening of the miners' union. We must put up one fight. The miners' fight is our fight.

## STRONGER THAN HUNGER



Hundreds of jobless workers have turned down scab jobs on the I. R. T. Class loyalty is stronger than hunger.

# The Workers Party Membership and the Plenum of the Central Committee

By I. AMTER.

The Plenum of the Central Executive Committee of the Party pointed out three poignant facts, viz., that there is an acute danger of war—an imperialist war against the Soviet Union; a sharpening of the attack on the working class, as evidenced in the fight against the miners; and thirdly, the growing resistance of the workers.

War is no more an abstraction—an abstraction based upon the theory and fact that the contradictions of capitalism lead to imperialist war. War is becoming an actuality. Preparations are being made by every country—including the Soviet Union, which realizes its proximity and is preparing men, women and children to resist gas attacks. It is obvious in the preparations of the U. S. Government in its navy and aircraft program, which will swallow up billions of dollars, while Coolidge is howling about \$473,000,000 for flood-control and threatens to veto the bill. Billions for war purposes, actual warfare going on in Nicaragua and constant readiness for it in China. Mental, physical, industrial and military preparations—to say nothing about the sharp relations between the U. S. and Great Britain—and of the entire imperialist world and the Soviet Union!

**Conference Failure.**  
The Geneva and the Havana Conference—and now the new Geneva Conference—what do they signify? Are they attempts to ensure peace? There are not—they are attempts in Geneva of the United States and Great Britain and France to establish their hegemony—and in Havana, the efforts of American imperialism gracefully and peacefully to put the ring of slavery into the noses of South and Central America.

And the coming Geneva Conference? Will it produce peace—with its regional security pacts, which mean mutual treaties of war between different groups of imperialist states and their satellites. There is no peace on the horizon or in the zenith—war is treading the earth with ponderous steps—and the workers must beware that they are not caught unprepared.

**Unemployed Problem.**  
The attacks on the workers—the slashing of wages, the lengthening of hours, the killing system of speed-up, the army of unemployed, a permanent army that will never again find a job in the factories. The assaults of the unions, beginning with the miners; the constant, unbridled use of injunctions, police, sheriffs, national guardsmen, the brutal forcing of workers, the trampling on help "rights," the anti-injunction moves and the anti-strike bills to be presented to Congress for enactment into law—these things are known to every worker today, for we are going through a period of sharp attacks on the working class.

workers are beginning to resist. The attack on the miners' union, after the pail of the official hand has been lifted, has called forth violent resistance by the miners of Pennsylvania and Ohio under the leadership of the left wing. "To hell with the injunctions," "Onto the picket lines," "Away with the officials who have led us into this mire"—these are becoming the slogans of more tens of thousands of miners only last year supporters of Lewis and his gang. The strike of the Ladies Garment Workers and of the Furriers demonstrated the militancy of the workers who were freeing themselves from the senile grasp of the Socialist Party. Militancy and left wing policies—a new breath of the fighting spirit is entering the body of the American worker, who has risen out of his lethargy and intends to get his own!

**Miners Await Daily.**  
In this fight what does one find as far as the Party is concerned? The attack on the Daily Worker and the Uj Elore are one answer. The capitalist and the authorities know that the Communists stand behind every one of the fights that the workers put up. They know that the miners await the arrival of the Daily Worker each morning, disappointed if it fails to arrive on the morning train, and down again for the evening train, to learn the latest from the battlefield, to feel a greater sense of solidarity through the columns of the Daily Worker.

**Communist Opportunities**  
The attacks on the working class will be launched with even greater violence on our Party, as the animating and guiding hand of the workers in their struggle.

What then does the situation present to the Party? Greater and more profound opportunities for establishing the leadership of the Party than ever before in the history of the Party. The elimination of the Socialist party as a party, claiming any rights within the working class. The extinction of the Socialist Labor Party, the slow decline of the I. W. W., despite the small prestige which it gained in the Colorado strike, and which it has lost through its shameless tactics (in trusting Governor Adams, the "progressive" governor of Colorado, in withdrawing the mass picket lines at his request during the sessions of the Industrial Commission, and, if the restraints be broken, the return to work in the mines before the Industrial Commission has reported, but on the condition that they will accept the Commission reports which puts the I. W. W. into the category of the reactionaries); all this gives our Party the opportunity to build up its ranks and develop its leadership of and FOR the working class in the present and future period of struggle.

**Mobilize for Struggle.**  
After the report of I. Amter, member of the CEC of the Party and District Secretary of District 6 (Ohio), the DEC Plenum unanimously adopted the following resolution:  
"The DEC Plenum wholeheartedly approves the thesis of the CEC in its appraisal of the economic and political situation and calls upon the membership of District 6 to reorien-

tate itself to the new situation, which demands

(a) Fullest activity of the whole membership.

(b) Fullest loyalty of all the members.

(c) Complete discipline of the Party membership.

"The miners' struggle, the rising resistance of the workers everywhere, the attacks on the trade unions, the injunction issue, the anti-strike campaign, indicate clearly that the workers are entering a period of bitter struggle, both to maintain their standards and to protect their organizations. These struggles together with the danger of war and an attack on the Soviet Union will lead to sharp attacks of the capitalist class and the capitalist government on the working class and particularly on the most advanced section, the Communists.

"The campaign of the Party for relief of the miners; for saving the trade union movement and building up the unions; for protection of the foreign-born; for building up the Young Workers' Communist League; the Negro, Women's and Co-operative department, for work among the farmers, and the building up of the Party and raising its ideological development, demand complete unity of the Party. Every Party member must realize his duty as a Communist and must show full loyalty to the Party so that the Party as a whole will be able to do its work. Discipline is absolutely necessary—more than before, otherwise we will fail in our tasks and the working class will suffer.

"Forward to work under the leadership of the Central Executive Committee. Each member doing his part to consolidate and unify the Party and increase its leadership over the masses."

**Tremendous Task.**

It is obvious that our Party—which is the only growing proletarian organization in the country—with its 14,000 members, is an extremely weak organization. In a country with 35,000,000 workers and 6,000,000 farmers, this Party of ours has a gigantic task, made the more difficult because of the language differences, the youthfulness and inexperience of the Party membership, the powerful strength of our enemy, the capitalist class and the capitalist government, the close alliance of the reactionary officialdom of the unions with the government and the capitalist class.

Nevertheless, our Party does not and will not shrink from its task. The working class has no other leadership but our Party. The workers are turning more and more to the support of the Communists. The delegations to the Soviet Union are opening the eyes of the workers—the native workers—to the truth about the Soviet Union. The treachery of the trade union leaders, the unmasking of the government, the bursting of the bubble of "prosperity" and "opportunity" are revealing America as the Communists have analyzed it.

**First Place to Party Work.**

With these gigantic tasks before us, how can our Party perform its duty if the three basic conditions mentioned above are not fulfilled,

viz., fullest co-operation; fullest discipline and fullest loyalty? It is clear we will fail in our work if these conditions are not realized.

What is full co-operation? It means the giving of all the energy and time to the Party work, not shrinking from tasks imposed, considering the Party work the most important in the world; doing the work in the trade unions, not mechanically, but with the real intention of building up the unions and establishing the influence of the Party in the unions, in the fraternal organizations, clubs, among the women, Negroes, co-operatives, farmers, etc. Not showing unwillingness to do Jimmy Higgins work and also propaganda and organization work, considering all the work of the Party as important for the growth of the working class movement—and of the Party.

**Discipline Essential.**

Full discipline. Our Party does not yet know what discipline is, even though some members are of the opinion that our Party today is merely imitating the discipline of the Russian Communist Party. These comrades do not consider whence the disciples of the Russian Party came—that it came from the necessity of the class struggle, and that, as we can surely avoid vicious attacks, our Party will be prepared to meet them only if it is well disciplined.

But, even assuming that these attacks might not come, how can our Party do its work if it is not a well-knit-together, well-oiled machine, each part fitting into the other and working with precision and power in order to batter down the machine of our enemy. Only in this way can a Communist Party perform its work—and succeed in leading the workers from the daily struggles into the gigantic proletarian revolution.

**Devotion to Party.**

And finally full loyalty. What does this mean? This means something that must be cultivated in the Party—a devotion to the Party—not something abstract, but something that attaches a child to its mother, something that it prizes above everything else—something that will be willing to sacrifice everything for—be willing to die for. In America, in 1928, this sounds like a poet's phantasy. We have to learn from the Russian Communists, O, yes, from the Hungarian, the Bulgarian, the Italian Communists. Even though we are not yet called upon to give up our lives, we must create among the membership that love for the Party, that loyalty and devotion that will place the Party above everything else.

And loyalty to the Party as a whole, not to a section, not to a faction, not to a department of the Party work. We must draw all the activities of the factions, departments, auxiliaries, toward the unifying center, the Party—so that the Party as a PARTY becomes the center, the sun radiating its energy, its power, into all ramifications of the working class.

Let us go forward under the leadership of the Central Executive Committee—each member doing his part, helping to consolidate and unify the

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# Importance of Literature Task in Party

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WITH the reorganization of the Party, with the clarification of the ideological level of the Party membership was also raised. A better and clearer understanding of Party campaigns, of various phases of activity and a greater participation in general Party work was the result of this clarification. This, of course, is a great step forward. There are, however, a few shortcomings and certain phases of important Party work are still very much neglected, which is mostly due to the fact that the Party as a whole previously paid very little attention to this work and therefore the membership was not taught to consider this work of any importance. Our literature work is an outstanding example. While this is important Party work which must be linked up with almost all the Party's internal activities, ideological campaigns as well as all the external activities, such as campaigns for a labor party, trade union unity, recognition and defense of Soviet Russia, etc., the machinery for carrying out this work is so rusty that it needs complete rebuilding, a new mechanism and much oiling in order to make it function well.

We find that not only the members of the Party who are not directly responsible for literature sales, but even not all the literature agents take this work seriously enough and are guilty of great negligence in this field of activity. Certain steps are being taken at present to entirely reorganize the department and find a solution to this problem.

The organization of the District Literature and Bookshop Committee (Sub-Committee of the District Agit-prop Committee) is a great step forward toward a greater stimulation of literature work. It is, however, clear that the efforts of this committee alone cannot solve the problem. What is necessary is a machinery, a district apparatus, cooperation and help not only from all the literature agents and functionaries of our district but also the entire Party membership.

The District Literature and Bookshop Committee has therefore outlined a definite plan of activity the carrying out of which will bring us nearer to the solution of this problem.

The first steps towards the organization of the machinery is the election of well functioning Section Literature Agents. They in their turn should see to it that live and capable comrades should be elected as literature agents in each unit.

The second step is the organization of literature squads in each section.

**Literature Squads.**

The Literature Squads are to be organized on a basis similar to The DAILY WORKER Builders. The objective should be to draw in as many comrades as possible into this activity until the entire Party membership participates in this work. The squads are to see to it that there is appropriate literature at mass meetings, as well as at open forums in their sections, at union meetings, meetings of fraternal organizations, workers' clubs, etc. In addition to this the squad will be charged with the duty of putting the Communist, our Party monthly organ, on the newsstands and to check up on the monthly returns. The literature agents will have to arrange for the distribution of pamphlets and books in front of shops and factories. It is proposed that educational meetings led by capable comrades should be arranged for the members of the squads at which this or the other pamphlet is to be discussed. The members of the squad will be charged with the duty qualified to speak at units on the pamphlets. The literature agents must try to get into this work as many sympathizers as possible.

**Establish Bookshops.**  
The objective of the District Literature and Bookshop Committee is to establish bookshops in every section which have permanent headquarters. For that purpose a special fund must be raised. Units should buy their literature direct from section literature agents and in such a way help to establish a section center for the distribution of literature.

**Organization.**  
The most important prerequisite in carrying out this program of activity is the cooperation and help the literature agents will get from unit organizers and other Party functionaries. The unit organizers must see to it that the question of literature is put on the order of business at every meeting and the literature agents should be given enough time to take the question up.

Only through such cooperation and a real understanding of the importance of this work will we be able to go forward to much greater achievements. The increased sales in several sections in this district is a good indication of the possibilities of our efforts along this line.

Party and to make of it the leader of the struggling masses!

This is the spirit of the three membership meetings that have already been held in District 6—in Cleveland, Youngstown and Akron. This is the spirit that must animate the entire party.