

NEGRO HEROES OF "VESTRIS" ARE HELD AS PRISONERS

TWO PITTSTON MINE STRIKERS SHOT DOWN BY LEWIS GUNMAN

1 DEAD, ANOTHER DYING; GUNMAN UNDER ARREST

Mine Town Virtually in State of Siege

(Special to the Daily Worker)
PITTSTON, Nov. 15.—Murder, inspired by the coal barons and carried out by the henchmen of the Lewis machine, broke loose again here yesterday with the result that one militant miner is dead and another is now in a hospital on the point of death.

Jacob Loyack, 21, together with his brother, Mike, 23, were last night shot down in cold blood by their cousin, John Loyack, while the two brothers were running to the assistance of their father, who was being beaten up by a scab in the employ of the Pennsylvania Coal Company. The younger brother, fatally wounded by a shot in the abdomen, died several hours afterwards. His brother Mike, hit in the thigh, is in a serious condition. The killer is in jail.

Murderer, a Lewis Henchman.
The murderer, a follower of the Lewis-Boylan machine, and a former secretary of No. 14 colliery, carried to a conclusion threats and warnings which the firelings of the Lewis-Boylan machine in the anthracite are on strike against the vicious contractor system and other evils.

Pittston has been turned virtually into an armed camp. Over one hundred state troopers parade the streets, preventing all gatherings of miners and forcing them indoors even from their own porches. A number of meetings have been viciously broken up at the orders of Mayor Gillespie and the county sheriff. The Chamber of Commerce has issued a warning to the coal diggers to go back to their pits. All efforts are being made to create an atmosphere of hysteria and terrorization, in order to break the resistance of the coal diggers.

Miners Roused to Mass Fury.
News of the shooting spread rapidly among the mine workers, who have been roused to the strongest determination to fight the coal operators and Lewis terror. A huge demonstration is being planned at the funeral of the murdered militant, which is to be held either Saturday or Sunday.

The brutal and open shooting of the two militant strikers occurred under similar circumstances which resulted in the murder last spring of Alex Campbell and Peter Reilly. These two leaders in the anthracite were brutally murdered by the paid gunmen of the then Cappellini machine. Since then Cappellini has been ousted. In his place Lewis has set up another henchman, William Boylan, who together with the operators is carrying out the same policies of terror and murder.

The shooting of the two Loyack brothers occurred last night about 6 o'clock in the Port Griffith section of Pittston. John Loyack, father of the two men, was suddenly attacked by a Pennsylvania Coal Company scab, who later gave the name of Joe "Greedy." A younger son of the old miner ran for his two older brothers, who were at the time in a poolroom conducted by Tom Wachnowsky. John Loyack, the murderer, had evidently been observing the beating up of the old miner from the window of a store conducted by Steve Rushin, another Boylan follower, in which the murderer had been hiding ready apparently to defend the first gangster.

Murderer Opens Fire.
When the two brothers rushed from the poolroom to defend their father, the murderer stepped from the store and opened fire. Both men dropped. Rushin, who had also stepped from the store, ran out to the fallen form of the miners and kicked them viciously.

Several days ago this same Rushin, who is one of the Lewis-Boylan gangsters, fired a number of shots at striking miners. This was complained of to the local authorities, but no action was taken against him due to the connection between the police and the Boylan machine.

A mass funeral is being planned for the dead miner for either Saturday or Sunday, at which thousands of miners will participate. The McGarry leadership of cowardices and betrayal which has characterized the Lewis-Boylan machine is being exposed.



Paid wages of \$45 a month (which were \$15 less if their skins happened to be black instead of white) for long hours of slavery, fed rotten food and huddled together in stinking holes, the sailors of the liner Vestris were forced to risk their lives to pile up bigger profits for the vessel's owners. Photo on the left shows lifeboat, crowded with survivors, with the sailors pulling desperately for life. This was one of the lifeboats that didn't happen to be so leaky and rotten that they sank as soon as they put to sea. Photo in the center shows some of the rescued members of the crew as they appeared when they arrived in dock on the S. S. American Shipper. On the right is Lloyd Keiger, one of the Negro seamen, who is now in Long Island College Hospital. Keiger was so badly injured that he had to have his hand amputated. Will Lamport and Holt give him a job when he gets out?



Crew Forced to Slave Under Horrible Conditions on Rotten Liner "Vestris"

STOKERS IN VESTRIS HOLD TIED TOGETHER WITH ROPE; LEFT TO "DROWN LIKE RATS"

Vessel Leaking as She Left Port Terrorize Negro Crew at Scab Institute

Heroic Negro Worker Saves 20 Lives Seamen Enraged at Boss Press Lies

Bitter against the criminal negligence and incompetence with which the death-voyage of the Vestris had been managed, fifty-seven of the crew and passengers of the lost vessel arrived in New York on the French tanker "Miriam" yesterday.

Charges further incriminating the Lamport and Holt Company came quickly as the crippled crew arrived.

"The whole trouble was that the coal port on the starboard side," said Evans Hampden, Negro fireman aboard the Vestris, "which was four feet above the water line, was not entirely closed when we left port, and couldn't be closed and locked, and the water poured thru it in the first heavy sea. With the ocean coming in they sent down bedroom stewards to bail it out with buckets."

Stokers Tied in Hold. Continuing his story, Hampden said that the stokers had been tied together in the hold, working frenziedly to keep the ship afloat. With each wave the danger of their going down increased. But when the life-boats were lowered from the deck, no word was passed to the workers in the hold. "They completely ignored us," the workers charged, "leaving us to drown in the flooded stockhold like rats."

For hours the stokers, all Negroes, had worked in the hold in water that splashed around their naked chests, going over their heads at times when sea-swells rolled the Vestris. But when the orders to lower the lifeboats and leave the sinking vessel were given up on deck, they were left to die in the hold.

Bravery of Negro Worker. Stories of the bravery of the crew in the face of danger were told by the passengers, giving the lie completely to previous rumors against the workers. One of the rescued women, Mrs. Clive Slaughter, told how Lester Watson, of the crew of the Vestris, had kept her head above water for hours while she was afloat, unconscious in a life-jacket. And all the while six of his ribs had been crushed in.

Many of the slanderous underhand accusations leveled against the Negro workers on the Vestris when the first reports of the disaster simpered in through the capitalist press were shown to be barefaced lies. One Negro worker, Lionel Licoirish, quartermaster aboard the ill-fated vessel, a diminutive man, had saved from certain death twenty of his fellow workers and passengers, swimming thru shark-infested waters to the rescue of white and black alike.

Twenty times this Negro worker placed his own life in jeopardy to come to the assistance of drowning people. Several of those whom he rescued had been in the water for more than fifteen hours, and were slowly succumbing to the exposure and the effects of the icy sea. When Licoirish had first boarded the lifeboat, there had been no oars there. Bravely he had slipped back into the water to regain the oars that were floating near a capsized lifeboat, and returning to his own lifeboat, kept the twenty lives safe until aid arrived.

Race Discrimination. Other examples of bravery among the workers were revealed, notably that of the stewards, Mrs. Clara Ball. On the Vestris, cases of discrimination against the part of white passengers toward Negroes were many. In one case, white passengers in a lifeboat, sighting two people drifting in the sea, one of them a Negro steward, had volunteered to take the white man, a passenger, aboard, but had refused to consider aiding the Negro woman worker. It was only after repeated entreaties that they were finally prevailed upon to take her aboard.

Negroes Indignant. The reporter had better be on the side. He got into conversation with a group of Negroes, who have talked with their fellow-workers on the sunken Vestris. They were all very excited and enraged at the manner in which the bourgeois newspapers had treated the wreck. They were indignant at the race prejudice, at the capitalist press treatment of the Negro seamen, which speaks as if the Negro workers were rats who are supposed to drown while the white passengers are off safely in the boats. They all agreed in condemnation.

As the facts of the Vestris disaster were slowly unraveled and verified from the long list of confirmed.

RIVALSAROUSED AT U. S. THREATS

European Jingoism Flay Armament Program

LONDON, Nov. 15.—"The great drama of Anglo-American rivalry" as it is designated editorially yesterday in the Italian newspaper, Tevere, has received a tremendous intensification from the Armistice Day speech of President Coolidge and the open announcement of the American government's intention to build what battleships it will, when it will.

Jingoism Aroused. The profoundest resentment is being expressed through the British press and public opinion against the American naval program, the British armament agitators naturally being the most vehement in pointing out the peril which the American program constitutes for British naval power.

The rapidly sharpening differences between the two powers on the armament issue have been given tremendous impetus by the American statements of position and the greatest amount of anti-"phobia" has been unleashed since the period of the war and pre-war.

The government's attitude is not only resentful, even in its official silence, but thru the newspapers and other publicity agencies, every effort is being made to stir up popular feeling against the American armament proposals in the interests of increased British armament.

Will Build Cruisers. Speaking yesterday, Lord Birkenhead declared that "we cannot go against the advice of our admiralty and the opinion of our government and surrender the right to build the number of light cruisers which we are advised are necessary to protect the empire."

Birkenhead further declared it is his opinion that the British Labor and Liberal Parties would do the same if they were in the position of the Baldwin government. "I am satisfied that, if Premier Baldwin's place were taken tomorrow by Ramsay MacDonald or Mr. Lloyd George, neither of these two statesmen would act against the advice of the British admiralty as to the number of light cruisers necessary to maintain the commerce of the empire," he said.

Most of the denunciations point out that the United States has been active in building up an empire in the shorter time at its disposal as have the British.

Continent Denounces U. S. Indignation against the American armament policies is by no means limited to the British press as advices from all over the continent of Europe show. The French are equally aroused at the American decisions and the Italian press has launched into a campaign of fury against the "American Empire."

Commenting on the Coolidge speech the Popolo d'Italia of Milan states in part: "It may be true that the American government spent \$100,000,000."

WASHINGTON, (By Mail).—Only 7.6 per cent of children 15 to 18 years old in rural areas of this country get a chance to continue their education beyond high school, due to poverty, the U. S. Bureau of Education admits.

Mass Arrests in Latvia When Workers Hail the Russian Revolution

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

BERLIN, Nov. 15.—In connection with the eleventh anniversary of the Russian Revolution the reprisals against the left labor movement in Latvia have become acuter. During the last two days alone about 30 persons were arrested in Riga for participation in a strike of 1 hour, organized in the factories on Nov. 7. The premises of the workers' and peasants' paper, "Darbs Un Maiese," were searched by the police and several collaborators were arrested. The workers and peasants fraction interpellated on the new mass arrests.

HILFERS SELLS OUT TIRE STRIKE

Rubber Workers Bitter in Denouncing Faker

MILLTOWN, N. J., Nov. 15.—Harry Hilfers, American Federation of Labor organizer for the state of New Jersey, has completed his services to the Michelin tire bosses. He has smashed the strike of 1,200 rubber workers and succeeded in bewildering and driving back into servitude all those workers whom Michelin did not desire to fire. As a result of his betrayal of the walk-out, more than 100 strikers have been discharged by Michelin, many of them from the "secret process room" and Department No. 6. Among those discharged are many women workers.

Hilfers' persistent preaching of non-resistance to the bosses, his fake negotiation proposals and fake promises of what the strikers, under his guidance, could obtain from the Michelin bosses Tuesday caused the first break in the line of men and women strikers, who had doggedly surrounded the factory every morning and booed and hissed the scabs. The persuasive agents whom the American Federation of Labor fakers planted thruout the crowds of workers and who constantly spread demoralization, urging return to the shop, did the rest. When the workers returned to the factory, even the superintendent greeted them with a shout of surprise at the cleverness of Hilfers' job.

Hilfers has done his job so well that the Michelin Co. refuses to take back workers on any basis but the original wage cut. "Those who

CLAIM STARTLING INVENTION. LONDON, Nov. 15.—According to a great London daily, an English inventor has turned out a simple machine by which a small amount of electric power can be converted at small cost into relatively unlimited current at high voltage. If it is proved by the present government tests, it will make all existing methods of manufacture and distribution of power obsolete.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 15 (UP).—Six soldiers at Brooks Field were reported killed late today when an army transport plane crashed near the airfield.

17 SEAMEN DIE IN RAGING GALE

Lifeboat Crew Lost in Effort to Save Ship

FOLKSTONE, England, Nov. 15 (UP).—A lifeboat loaded with 17 men set out from the tiny fishing village of Rye Harbor early today, at the height of a fierce gale, to aid the storm-battered steamer Alice, and was lost with all hands. To the village, the disaster far overshadowed that of the Vestris. The lifeboat contained at least one man from every family in the village.

Making even more bitter the grief of the villagers was the fact that the lifeboat's errand of mercy was futile. The crew of the crippled Alice, a Riga steamer, had been removed to safety aboard the Hamburg steamer Smyrna five minutes before the lifeboat pushed out into the stormy channel.

WORKERS RELIEF TAG DAY COMING

Announce Stations for Getting Tags

The Workers International Relief, which will hold Tag Days on Nov. 17 and 18 to collect funds to enable it to carry on its work throughout the country, is appealing to all workers to aid it in this activity.

The following list of stations where workers can receive tags for distribution has been drawn up by the W. I. R.:

- Downtown. Progressive Labor Center, 60 St. Marks Place; Workers Center, 26 Union Square; Jewish Workers Club, 35 E. Second St.; 101 W. 27th St.; Workmen Circle Branch, 187, 57 St. Marks Place; Joint Board of Furriers, 22 E. 22nd St.; Independent Shoe Workers Union, 51 E. Tenth St.; Millinery Workers Local, 43, 640 Broadway, 4 W. 37th St.; Bakers Local, 1, 350 E. 85th St.; United Council of Working Women, 799 Broadway; Knitgoods Work. Social Club, 28 Union Square; Cloak and Dressmakers Union, National Organizing Committee, 16 W. 21st St.; Window Cleaners Protec.

TRAPS FOR WORKERS LURK IN MEXICO LABOR SCHEME

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Nov. 15.—Proposed labor laws, masking under an appearance of progressive legislation, were yesterday sent to the Mexican congress by President-elect Emilio Portes Gil.

The reform legislation, designed primarily to still the growing militancy of Mexican labor, contains clauses which control the workers thru strike rulings, arbitration courts and a national insurance scheme.

Collaboration between workers and employers is the keynote of the elaborate plan, which calls for con-

FIGHT BETRAYERS OF JERSEY SILK STRIKE

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 15.—While the officialdom of the Associated Silk Workers' Union brazenly continue the terror against the left wing, the constitutional strike committee, which the officials are vainly trying to dissolve, is going ahead with its functions and has issued a statement defying the strikebreakers and calling the workers to continue the struggle.

Threats of physical violence against left wing leaders are already materializing. The volunteer worker who, by automobile, escorted home the left wing girl leaders, Gertrude Mueller, Sophie Streehmen and Lena Chernenko, found the tires on his car slashed while it stood at their home. The car that followed them had no opportunity to catch up since he drove home over a circuitous route.

The statement was issued when the reactionary-controlled Joint Board, which became badly frightened at the mass manifestations of indignation by the mere to "negotiations" and made fake proposals for "harmony." These fake proposals were made last night when large numbers of workers accompanied the real strike committee to the union office and demonstrated their demand before the officialdom that no fake strike committee be organized since the workers endorse the committee where the left wing has a majority.

A committee of left wingers was called before the Joint Board and were asked to agree to three main proposals made by the officials. They are: that a new strike committee of 25 members be constituted, that the left wing be represented by five members there; and that no more membership meetings be called, the final decision remaining with the right wing Joint Board.

Army of Unemployed Grows in England

LONDON, (By Mail).—There was an increase in the number of registered unemployed in England to 1,336,000 in the week of Oct. 1, a gain of 41,166 alone in that week. The national total of registered unemployed workers is 260,525 greater than a year ago.

SENTENCE FARM GRAFTERS. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 15 (UP).—Charged with conspiracy to defraud, three officers of the Farmers' Mortgage Bond Corporation were sentenced in Superior Court today.

At the same time, the fundamentally pernicious character of much of the legislation is concealed under reforms which grant an eight hour day and give special safeguards to women workers.

Force Movie Bosses to Scrap Company Unions

LOS ANGELES, (By Mail).—The motion picture magnates in Hollywood have at last been forced to scrap their company unions. The recent refusal of actors to accept a 10 per cent reduction decided the fate of company unions.

DRESS WORKERS PLAN BIG STRIKE

Thousands at Big Meet Vote for Walkout

With a determination born out of the knowledge that they have nothing to lose anyhow, as the leader, Louis Hyman said, that wages can hardly be slashed any further, that union conditions in general can scarcely be depressed any lower, several thousands of workers in the dress manufacturing industry last night voted unanimously for a general strike for better conditions and for a union to safeguard them, after they are won.

Old Cooper Union, at 8th St. and 4th Ave., yesterday again resounded to the enthusiastic cheers and applause of workers who came to the realization that the only way to get enduring working standards is to wind them out of their class enemies thru struggle. And that the struggle must be directed against all their enemies, both bosses and

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TAMMANY HIDES BIG DOPE RING

Fears to Run Down Rothstein Killer

Fearing revelations which every device at the command of the Tammany Hall regime has not been able to walk together to conceal, Mayor Jimmie Walker yesterday announced that the police department would have to produce some results "within four days" in the murder case of Arnold Rothstein, millionaire gambler and underworld character who was shot two weeks ago.

"I have ordered that either the detective bureau produce some further facts by Monday," the Tammany mayor said, "or—admit they cannot."

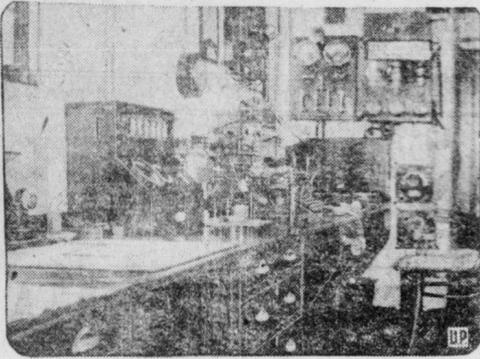
Fools No One. This was the piece of second rate camouflage with which the Tammany jazz mayor sought to still rising suspicion that everyone at the city hall is working frantically to hide the real facts in a case which it is now known involves not only the murder of a gambler, but the exposure of the biggest drug and dope ring in the country.

The staged fight which the Tammany mayor has for a week been putting up with his police commissioner, the theatrical communique.

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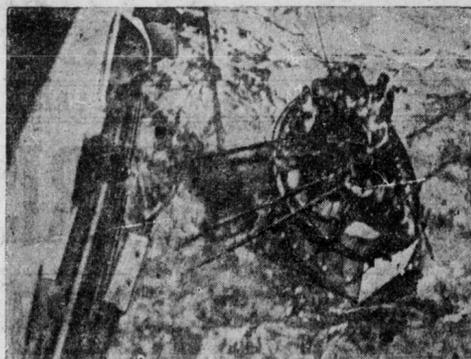
LIVES OF SEAMEN SLAVES RISKED AND SACRIFICED TO SAVE COMPANY'S PRECIOUS CASH



It is now definitely established that Lampont and Holt, owners of the Vestris and one of the worst among the slave-herding ship companies, deliberately sent out a vessel which had not one chance in ten



of surviving the seas, and then prevented an immediate S. O. S. call in order to save the salvage money. Photo on the left shows the radio room where the heroic operator, O'Laughlin, continued until



the very last to send signals in an effort to save the 339 passengers and crew. O'Laughlin went down with the Vestris. The picture next to that shows some of the crew who lived to tell the tale. Next



is a picture of one of the lifeboats, crowded with survivors, drawing up alongside the S. S. Berlin. On the right are F. H. Sadowski (left) and James Rae (right), two of the members of the crew.

DELEGATE OF RED AID DESCRIBES WORK IN EUROPE

Tells of Plans for Future Activity

Gibarti, representative of the German section of the W. I. R., last night gave the Daily Worker a brief outline of the work in Europe. "The W. I. R. in Germany is making great progress in its efforts to reach the broad masses and enlisting their aid in its relief work," he said. "We are counteracting the efforts of the capitalist state to destroy the workers relief organizations which are hindering their rationalization scheme. The social welfare institutions of the bourgeois state are entirely insufficient, and the situation requires the W. I. R. to mobilize the workers for their own defense and aid. Nevertheless, we are fighting the attack upon them by the state, and demanding the extension of their activities for the benefit of the laboring masses, and against the requirements of capitalist efficiency."

Relief in Crises.

Gibarti reviewed the work of the W. I. R. in mobilizing all the moral and financial power of the German workers at the time of the Russian famine, and in the crisis in Germany in 1923, as well as at the time of the British general strike, and the miner's struggle. Extensive relief work was organized for the victims of the Japanese earthquake in 1921 and of the Irish famine in 1925.

"In Germany, Czechoslovakia, France, Holland and Sweden, the W. I. R. called conferences of all organizations interested in social welfare work, pointing out the limitations and hindrances put in the way of their work by the capitalists, urging a working class basis for relief and social welfare work. A conference to be held next month in Paris will unite all the popular opposition of French workers' class groups and social welfare workers against the "rationalized" social welfare schemes of the government and the "Union Nationale", the aim of which is similar to schemes of American employers to make more efficient slaves of the exploited workers.

"There will be a conference in Vienna of the enlarged Executive of the W. I. R." Gibarti stated. "It will be held in January, and will take up the problems of mass relief in industrial struggles. It is to be attended by nearly all left wing leaders of the trade union movement."

Gibarti praised the work done by the W. I. R. in the United States and its plans for enlarged membership to enable it to function continuously on behalf of workers in need of help.

Olgin Will Speak at Opening of Bronx Workers Center

A gala opening of the Bronx Workers' Center will be held Sunday evening, Nov. 18 at the new headquarters at 1330 Wilkins Ave. (Freeman St. station.)

This occasion will be made the beginning of the second series of annual Sunday forums held in the Bronx. M. J. Olgin will be a speaker Sunday, on "The Immediate Tasks Facing American Labor." Other speakers will be Robert Minor, William W. Weinstein, A. Markoff, Rebecca Gratch. The center will be the quarters of the Bronx Shoe Workers' School, which will begin classes on Monday, Dec. 3.

The center will also be the headquarters of units of the Workers Party, branches of the International Labor Defense, and of the Women's Council.

MANDOLIN CONCERT
The first concert of a series will be given by the Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra tomorrow at 8:30 p. m. at 106 E. 14th St. The program will consist of chamber music numbers played by members of the orchestra.

The socialist party endorses the rubber league of nations, the fake Kellogg peace pact and creates the illusion that arm can be abolished under capitalism. Down with these traitors to the working class!

HORRIBLE PRISON CELLS Portuguese Exiles Treated Like Beasts

The Portuguese government exiles its prisoners, among them political prisoners, to the tropic prisons in Africa, where conditions are horrible, according to the correspondent for a London newspaper. He visited two of these prisons in Africa, one at Loanda, on the West Coast; the other at Mozambique, on the East Coast. He describes the prisons in the following words: "The Andamans, the British tropic prisons for Indians which I visited some years ago, is a paradise in comparison with them. "Inside Loanda prison I found

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Local, 8, 15 E. Third St.; Ukrainian Labor Club, 66 E. Fourth St.; Co-operative Cafeteria, 30 Union Square.

Uptown.
Czecho-Slovak Workers Home, 247 E. 72nd St.; Spanish Workers Club, 53 W. 113th St.; Hungarian Workers Home, 350 E. 81st St.; Unity Co-operative House, 1800 Seventh Ave.; Finnish Workers Club, 15 W. 126th St.; Negro Workers Relief Committee, 461 Lenox Ave.; Non-Partisan Schule, 104 E. 103rd St.; Women's Council, 1, 143 E. 103rd St.

Bronx.
A. F. W. Bakers Local, 104, 3468 Third Ave.; Bronx Workers Center, 1330 Wilkins Ave.; Lower Bronx Workers Center, 715 E. 138th St.; Women's Councils: 1668 Vyse Ave., 640 E. 139th St., 1387 Washington Ave., 2700 Bronx Park E., 2075 Clinton Ave., 2711 Williamsbridge Rd., 1387 Washington Ave., 1472 Boston Rd.

Brooklyn.
Women's Councils: 56 Manhattan Ave., 154 Watkins St., 1965 Bath Ave., 1111 Rutland Rd., 217 Brighton Beach Ave., 1373 43rd St., 604 Sutter Ave., Lithuanian Workers Club, 46 Ten Eyck St.; Scandinavian Workers Club, I. O. G. T. Hall, 65th St.; Russian Peoples Home, 652 Fourth Ave., So. Brooklyn; Long Island, Women's Council 14, 1 Fulton Ave., Middle Village; Astoria, 3175 33rd St.; Staten Island, 110 Victory Blvd.; Coney Island, Women's Council, 2901 Mermaid Ave.

Youth Conference For Workers Relief Stations.
Downtown, 60 St. Mark's Pl., 101 W. 27th St.; Uptown, 100 E. 103rd St., 351 E. 81st St.; Bronx, 1400 Boston Road, 1330 Wilkins Ave., 2700 Bronx Park E., 715 E. 138th St.; Brooklyn, 56 Manhattan Ave., 1965 Bath Ave., 154 Watkins St.

Children's Committee For Workers Relief Stations.
Downtown, 17 E. Third St., 60 St. Mark's Pl.; Uptown, 143 E. 103rd St., 350 E. 85th St., 15 W. 126th St.; Bronx, 1400 Boston Rd., 2075 Clinton Ave., 1472 Boston Rd., 2700 Bronx Park E., 1668 Vyse Ave., 715 E. 138th St., 542 E. 145th St.; Brooklyn, 217 Brighton Beach Ave., 1111 Rutland Road, 154 Watkins St., 56 Manhattan Ave., 1965 Bath Ave., 1342 43rd St.; Staten Island, 110 Victory Blvd.; Coney Island, 2901 Mermaid Ave.

Killed Attempting to Dodge Automobile

TROY, N. Y., Nov. 15 (UP).—Attempting to dodge an approaching automobile after she alighted from a bus, Miss Mary Burns, 43, sister of Rev. Edmund Burns, principal of Troy Catholic High School, was almost instantly killed when she ran directly in front of the car.

MAY APPEAL SENTENCE.
CAMDEN, N. J., Nov. 15 (UP).—An appeal may be taken for Joe Cimino, alleged Philadelphia gangster, who was sentenced today to five years in the State Prison for the slaying of "Polack Joe" Devon last January. Cimino, also said to be a gangster, was shot in a political club last January.

WORKERS FIGHT CLASS-COLLABORATION SCHEME OF THE BOSSES AND THE UNION BUREAUCRACY. Fight back militantly against the offensives of the bosses.

LO, THE POOR MILLIONAIRE.
The estate of the late Henry Huntington, California millionaire, will float a bond issue of \$9,500,000 with which to pay its taxes and to pay notes Huntington gave in purchasing art treasures. The estate was last appraised at \$42,000,000.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL PARTY.
Women's Council, 18, of Boro Park, will have a tea party and interesting lecture tomorrow evening at 1373 43rd St. Admission free. Everybody invited.

CHILD KILLED IN TUB OF BOILING WATER.
UTICA, N. Y., Nov. 15 (UP).—While his mother's attention was diverted for a moment, Salvatore Medice, 12, tumbled into a tub of boiling water and died a few minutes after being pulled out. The child had been playing while his mother was washing.

PIERCE STORM IN JAMAICA.
KINGSTON, Jamaica, Nov. 15 (UP).—A fierce storm which started Wednesday was still blowing tonight after having destroyed 500,000 banana trees.

OHIO WORKERS IN MINE CAMP AND LABOR DEFENSE

Send Donations to Aid Arrested Militants
POWHATTAN POINT, Ohio, Nov. 15.—The workers of this town, one of the mining camps which has supported the National Miners Union, and militant labor organization have gone on record twice as supporting the Ohio District of the International Labor Defense.

Two weeks ago the South Slavic Lodge, S. N. P. J., 536, donated \$30 toward the defense of Frank Brbot, one of the framed up victims of the miners strike.

Today the office announces receipt of \$28.20, raised as a contribution to the Free Speech Fund, with which to defend several workers who were recently arrested while attempting to hold mass meetings. The International Labor Defense has taken up the issue of these arrests, and the donation from Powhattan comes as one of the first responses.

The workers in Powhattan Point recognize in the International Labor Defense the powerful shield of the working class, which stands by the workers in all their struggles, and pledge their support to the work of the I. L. D. continuously.

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tions with underworld characters whom any rookie detective can locate on one hours notice, the knowledge of the whereabouts of dozens of those closely connected with the former gambler without a single arrest by the police—what is all this but plain Tammany camouflage!

Whom is Tammany Hall shielding? This is the question! Charges of Rothstein's tie-up with dope peddling were made by United States Attorneys John Blake and Alvin Sylvester after they conferred with Inspector Coughlin, Edgar and Jack Rothstein, brothers of the slain gambler, and Maurice Cantor, Rothstein's counsel.

The gambler's connection with dope peddlers was first indicated last July when he went bail for Harry Klein, George Allen and Samuel Stein after their arrest on charges of conspiracy to violate the federal narcotics law.

Where is "Tough Willie"? "Tough Willie" McCabe, Chicago gangster, had not been heard from late today despite a proffer of immunity if he would appear and testify. Neither had George McManus, "Honest Gambler" and supposed witness to the shooting. Dire threats as to what might happen if they did not appear voluntarily apparently failed to reach the missing witnesses.

Rothstein's brothers enlarged the ever-widening circle of the gambler's known interests by declaring he was financially involved in Vantines, the Rothmere, Lark and Cedarpoint Corporations, as well as in the 51st Street corporation, the Fairfield Corporation, the Hooper Corporation and others.

Inez Norton, former showgirl and one-sixth beneficiary in the gambler's disputed estate, was called back from Atlantic City for questioning preparatory to becoming one of a number of possible witnesses before a Federal Grand Jury.

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WORKERS WILL FIGHT BETRAYERS IN SILK STRIKE

Strikers Now Fighting Bosses, Union Chiefs
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Each of the left wingers categorically condemned these cynical proposals and declared that the Strike Committee will continue its conduct of the strike, and also demanded an immediate membership meeting.

At the strikers' mass meeting this morning, Fred Heelscher, chief of the bureaucratic officialdom, rose to the platform and brazenly informed the membership that no more membership meetings will be called till "harmony" is achieved and also not till the strike is over.

This the workers greeted with indignant shouts of protest, but Heelscher went right on. His next move was to demand from Sophie Streichman, the left wing head of the relief committee, that she turn over to him all records pertaining to the work of her committee. This was refused on the grounds that the membership was overwhelming in support of the old strike committee and that no order of a few officials would be recognized as overriding the will of the membership.

Storms of excited protest filled the hall when Heelscher retaliated by announcing that strikers would get their weekly relief allotment if the records are not turned over. This statement he made as he threatened the relief leader with court action.

When Louis Stein, right wing chairman of the old strike committee, went to take the chair at the opening of the meeting, he was met with a barrage of shouts from the members who demanded to know why the strike committee of their choice was not permitted to work.

At a mass meeting of women workers, presided over by Lena Chernenko, special women's organizer, a resolution denouncing in the most emphatic terms the strike-breaking tactics of the officialdom, were unanimously passed.

At the strikers' meeting, Organizer Poteka declared that if the left wingers do not get out by tomorrow, he would issue instructions to the Syrian workers that they go back to work immediately. The last part of his statement was made in the midst of a flood of hisses and catcalls that rose from the assembly. A more concrete example of bald faced strikebreaking was as yet not offered, were the cries heard all thru the hall.

The left wing yesterday announced that plans are already being executed for the publication of a daily strike bulletin, which will be the organ of the real strike committee and will discuss daily issues to keep strikers informed as to what's going on.

The statement which replies to the "harmony" proposals of the reactionary clique in control of the Joint Board is now on the press and will be spread broadcast among the membership, as a rallying agent for continued struggle against the silk bosses.

After a sharp denunciation of the illegal dissolution of the strike committee as a strikebreaking step by the officials and of their A. F. of L. betrayal methods in conducting the strike, the committee of the left wing strike committee rejects the fake harmony proposal, and calls upon the workers to follow them and the National Textile Workers' Union into more militant struggle that will win the strike and real union conditions.

TOWN COUNCIL SENDS POLICE TO AID SCABS.
WAUKESHA, Ill., (By Mail).—The increasing demand for policemen to protect strikebreakers of the Davis Adler Co., plant here is causing some hesitancy even in the ranks of the common council.

One alderman said that the sooner the scabs got out of town, the better it would be. But the council granted the request of the company for two more policemen to aid the scabs.

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The only known experiment on a human was the injection of "Gistolizat" into the body of an 80-year-old man. His resistance against fatigue was vastly increased, Professor Tushnoff said. According to reports Professor Tushnoff has declined the invitation of certain Americans to go to the United States and continue his experiments at their expense.

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DRESS WORKERS PLAN BIG STRIKE

Thousands at Big Meet Vote for Walkout

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the socialist labor betrayers who line up with the bosses. The workers in the dress industry, in calling for strike preparations do so with the full knowledge of the fact that in the coming struggle they will have to face two enemies, and as speaker after speaker pointed out, the only way to fight with chances of victory is to fight both at the same time. One is the dress manufacturer and the other is the officialdom and the squads of gangsters the officials of the defunct International may send to break the strike.

The decision on the strike does not mean that a strike call is to be issued immediately. The question must yet go to the local meetings, where the problems to be faced will be discussed from all angles.

Great demonstrations greeted the introduction of the two chief speakers, Ben Gold of the Furriers' Union and Louis Hyman, chief of the National Organization Committee. Gold's announcement that he soon hopes to appear before the cloak and dressmakers as a full fledged member of an Amalgamated Needle Trades Union and not as a guest, was given an uproarious ovation. All speakers dwelt with and aroused great enthusiasm when they spoke of the coming amalgamation step, which is to be taken at the convention of both unions in December.

Charles S. Zimmerman, head of the dress department, Ross Wortis, secretary of the N. O. C., Emma Yanovsky, of Boston, J. H. Cohen, shop chairman leader, I. Horowitz, of the left wing cutters' union and H. Koretz were the other speakers. J. Weinberg, assistant head of the dress department was chairman of the meeting.

Another Hollywood Arsenal Explosion

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Nov. 15 (UP).—The arsenal at the Metropolitan Studio blew up this afternoon. The explosion was the second of its kind in two days, the arsenal at First National Studio having exploded Wednesday.

First Soviet Costume BALL

Saturday Eve., Dec. 15th AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

AUSPICES: Daily Worker Freiheit

AUSTRALIA COAL DIGGERS HELP MINERS OF U. S.

Militants Send Funds to New Masses
International working class solidarity was again evidenced yesterday when the New Masses, proletarian monthly magazine, received a check of 20 pounds, about \$100, from the Workers International Union of Australia, mining department, in response to an appeal printed in the magazine for the aid of the struggling miners in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Natalie Gomez, business manager of the publication, turned the check over to the Workers International Relief.

In sending the check, C. T. Vinnal, secretary of the contributing union, wrote: "For some time past we have been faced with the big problem of having many mines in this district shut down. We have had to make a fortnightly levy in order to care for our unemployed."

The attitude of the militant unions of Australia and the yellow United Mine Workers of America is brought into sharp contrast by the actions and words of the Australian mine workers' leader, who continues: "In making this small donation we recognize the grim and determined fight the American miners are putting up, and wish them every success."

In answer to the same printed appeal the New Masses also received a check for 5 pounds, ten shillings, about \$27, from M. A. Bannister, a 68-year-old miner of New South Wales.

ZAGREB POLICE EXILE WORKERS

(Red Aid Press Service)
ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (By Mail).—The worker, Michail Becardi, who was sentenced by a court to three months prison, did not get his freedom back after serving his sentence, but was given over to the Zagreb police who exiled him from the city for a period of five years.

Since October 8 the worker, Stjepan Stepanic, was in a Zagreb police station, in order to be sent back to his home town with the next transport. He was banished from Zagreb for a period of five years.

The student, Alfred Bergmann and Jelena Cekić were kept in jail for 32 days and were only given over to the court a few days ago. Both are accused with "Communism," with no evidence against them.

Because they demonstrated against the cosacks who paraded with a tsarist banner, five workers were sentenced to 14 days each.

The Struggle Against Trotskyism and the Right Danger

Declaration by Central Committee of Workers (Communist) Party of America

On October 27th the Political Committee of the Central Executive Committee unanimously expelled from the Party James P. Cannon, member of the Political Committee, Martin Abern, member, and Max Shachtman, alternate of the Central Executive Committee, on the following charges:

"The Political Committee declares that the statements made by Comrades Cannon, Abern and Shachtman and the statements made by other comrades, prove without any doubt that the comrades mentioned are sharing the views of the Trotskyist Opposition outside the Comintern, are trying to make an attempt to organize a Trotskyist faction within our Party; therefore the Political Committee expels Comrades Cannon, Abern and Shachtman from the Party, stating at the same time that the comrades have the right to appeal against the expulsion to the Plenum of the C. E. C., to the Party Convention and the Comintern."

The C. E. C. refrained from publishing the facts regarding the expulsion, until now because it did not want to distract the attention of the members of the Party and of the working class from the election struggle. Now that the election campaign is over, the C. E. C. takes this occasion to present the facts regarding this new, significant outbreak of Trotskyism within the Party and even within the leading committee of our Party.

RECURRENCE OF TROTSKYISM IN THE WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY.

The main facts regarding the appearance of Trotskyism in the party and its leading committee are the following:

On October 16th Comrades Aronberg, Bittelmann and Foster submitted a statement to the Political Committee containing the following charges against Cannon, Abern and Shachtman:

"It has become clear, in recent weeks, that Comrade Cannon, supported by Comrades Abern and Shachtman, is carrying on activities, leading to the crystallization of a Trotskyist faction in our Party. Comrade Cannon is making a political platform of such propositions as: keeping an open mind on the question of Trotskyism, studying the question, spreading doubt as to the correctness of the C. I. attitude on the question and urging the need of re-examining it, etc. (2) Trotskyism has been correctly condemned by the C. I. as a social-democratic and counter-revolutionary tendency. Trotskyism employs left phrases to cover up right deeds. Comrade Cannon's variety of Trotskyism in the U. S. constitutes a tendency to develop a right wing orientation for the American Section of the C. I., under cover of reopening for discussion the C. I. attitude on the question of Trotskyism.

(3) The main dangers in our party, as in the C. I., come in the present period from the right. The minority is committed to an uncompromising fight against the right danger in our Party no matter from where it comes or under what covers it makes its appearance.

(4) "The minority therefore completely disassociates itself from Comrade Cannon and those who hold similar views. The minority decides to wage a merciless fight against this Trotskyist maneuver of Comrade Cannon and to wage this fight as an organic part of its general struggle against the right danger and the right wing of our Party (the Lovestone group)."

The Political Committee demanded that Cannon and his associates should give a straight-forward, clear-cut answer to the question: Are they in agreement with the views of the Comintern or do they share the opinions of Trotsky? Cannon, Abern and Shachtman at first evaded giving an unqualified rejection of Trotskyism. Thereupon the Political Committee decided to remove them from some responsible tasks and to carry on a further thoroughgoing investigation to find out all the ramifications of Trotskyist propaganda and any attempt to crystallize a Trotskyist group within the Party.

Extensive hearings followed, in the course of which Cannon and his associates had unlimited possibilities to express their views, to defend themselves against the charges, and to produce any evidence they chose.

The investigation revealed the following outstanding facts:

Already for some months previous Cannon had shown a leaning towards Trotskyism. He had minimized the role of the Party and its achievements. He questioned the ability of the Party to lead in mass struggles. Growing pessimism, skepticism, and cynicism characterized his attitude in the Party organization. He showed a growing lack of interest in the affairs of the Party, a failure to contribute anything to the deliberations of the leading bodies. In the World Congress he used, without mentioning Trotsky's name, one of his documents as a weapon against the C. E. C. He absented himself from voting on the Trotsky question in the 6th World Congress.

After his return from Moscow, Cannon and his associates began a more or less open propaganda for the re-opening of the Trotsky question, despite the final decision of the 6th World Congress confirming the expulsion of Trotsky from the Communist International. They raised the slogan of a fake "study" of Trotskyism. They made covert attacks on the policies of the Comintern regarding the Chinese revolution, the Anglo-Russian Committee. They declared that the building of socialism in one country is a "joke," despite the fact that they had never raised the question previously. In caucus meetings, Cannon, Abern and Shachtman proposed the issue of Trotskyism as a basis for the coming Party discussion. They put forward the charge against the Communist International and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union that the latter did not publish the Trotsky documents and that the whole discussion about Trotskyism was conducted in an atmosphere of terrorism.

In the beginning of the hearings Cannon and his associates continued their tactics of evasiveness, because they hoped to be able to continue their secret Trotskyist propaganda and organization in the Party. But later, under the pressure of evidence, they came out unreservedly, brazen-faced for Trotskyism. Part of their joint declaration reads:

"The opportunity which has come to us in the recent period to read a number of these documents, dealing with some of the most disputed problems of the Comintern in the past five years, together with the rapid confirmation of their correctness by the whole course of events, have shaped our views and convictions. We consider it our revolutionary duty to defend these views before the Party."

"The Opposition in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union led by L. D. Trotsky has been fighting for the unity of the Comintern and all its sections on the basis of the victory of Leninism. The correctness of the position taken by the Russian Opposition over a period of five years of struggle has been fully confirmed by events."

"The struggle led by Trotsky since 1923 for Party democracy and against bureaucracy as the pressure of another class upon the Party of the proletariat, was absolutely correct then and is even more so now."

"The attempts to revise the basic Marxist-Leninist doctrine with the spurious theory of 'socialism in one country' have been rightly resisted by the Opposition led by Trotsky."

This statement, which is an outright endorsement of counter-revolutionary Trotskyism, made any further hearings or investigations unnecessary. The Political Committee thereupon unanimously expelled Cannon, Abern and Shachtman.

THE OPPOSITION'S BREAK WITH CANNON.

The leading comrades of the Opposition who in past discussions in the Party associated themselves with Cannon unquestionably rendered a service to the Party by exposing Cannon's open embracing of Trotskyism, by bringing the whole case to the attention of the Political Committee.

But at the same time we have to state that some of the leading comrades of the Opposition committed grave political errors in their relations to Cannon in the following ways:

(1) The withholding for several weeks of information about the outright Trotskyist attitude of Cannon from the Political Committee by Comrades Gomez, Costrell, Aronberg, Douglas, Hathaway, Gorman, Frankfeld and Wagenknecht in the absence of Comrades Foster and Bittelmann.

(2) Taking action in regard to the outbreak of Trotskyism first in a caucus, by expelling Cannon from their caucus and there passing a resolution against him, instead of immediately

bringing the whole matter to the attention of the Political Committee of the Party.

(3) Failure to inform the Communist International and the Party delegation to the World Congress of the fact that Cannon absented himself from voting on the Trotsky question in the World Congress.

(4) The mistake committed by Comrades Aronberg and Costrell in making a joint declaration with Cannon in the Polcom, expressing reservation on the Comintern decisions regarding the American question, although they had already, as their own testimony states, some misgivings about Cannon's Trotskyist attitude. This was done in the absence of Comrades Foster and Bittelmann.

(5) The unanimous selection by Comrades Gomez, Costrell, Aronberg, Douglas, Hathaway, Gorman, Frankfeld and Wagenknecht of Cannon as a member of a steering committee consisting of Comrades Wagenknecht, Hathaway and Cannon and as spokesman of the Opposition at the membership meeting of the biggest district of the Party on October 2nd, although in their group meeting, held on the same day, Cannon had already revealed himself as an enemy of the Comintern and the comrades had already full knowledge of Cannon's Trotskyist policies.

Following is a quotation from the testimony of Comrade Hathaway at a meeting of the Political Committee of Oct. 18, 1928.

"So then we put the question sharply, as to just what Cannon's attitude toward Trotskyism was, and Cannon replied in an evasive manner and said that they were not ready to commit themselves on the question. They still had doubts as to what their attitude would be. At any rate the line proposed by these comrades was rejected as being politically incorrect, harmful to the Party and one that we could not follow. In the evening we went to the Membership Meeting."

At the same meeting of the Political Committee the following testimony was also given:

"CANNON: Did you elect a steering committee at this meeting?"

HATHAWAY: We did. We elected Comrades Wagenknecht, Hathaway and Cannon.

CANNON: You elected Wagenknecht, Hathaway and myself? Whom did we elect for spokesmen at that meeting?"

HATHAWAY: Comrade Cannon.

CANNON: Did I not oppose my selection on the ground that I had certain criticisms of the CI? And did you not insist in spite of that that I should be spokesmen?"

HATHAWAY: I think not.

CANNON: You do not remember my objections?"

HATHAWAY: No, not on those grounds.

CANNON: Do you remember that I was elected unanimously?"

HATHAWAY: Yes.

CANNON: That was after the meeting where I said—but at this meeting you said that I said that we should fight the CI.

HATHAWAY: At this meeting you did."

These actions of some of the leading comrades of the Opposition had the effect of weakening and retarding the fight against Trotskyism, which is an organic part of the right wing danger in the American Party. The declaration signed by Comrades Aronberg, Bittelmann and Foster and submitted to the Polcom on October 16th, which states that not Trotskyism but the "right-wing" leadership of the Party is the main danger in the Party which must have, objectively, the effect of distracting the attention of the membership from the necessity of fighting Cannon's Trotskyism, and thereby weakening the impetus of the struggle against the social-democratic, Trotskyist deviation.

At the same time, the Central Executive Committee of the Party declares itself most emphatically against any attempt to link up the Opposition with Trotskyism. The CEC declares most vigorously against any attempt to dub the comrades of the Opposition as Trotskyites. The CEC warns every Party comrade against such a mistake. The CEC declares that it will not refrain from taking disciplinary measures against anyone who violates this firm policy of the Central Executive Committee. The CEC emphasizes this policy with the utmost energy, because of the need of a complete union of all Communist forces in the Party to beat back the counter-revolutionary onslaught of Trotskyism against our Party.

THE BASIS OF THE RECURRENCE OF TROTSKYISM.

The coming out of Cannon for Trotskyism is all the more dangerous, because there are certain factors in the objective conditions of the country and of the working class and in the situation of our Party which makes a new outbreak of Trotskyism possible. The strength of American imperialism, the contradictions of the simultaneous development of reformism and the radicalization of certain sections of the working class tend to create confusion in some sections of our Party. The uneven tempo of the radicalization of the unskilled masses simultaneously with the shifting of the labor aristocracy to the right, the divisions within the working class (organized and unorganized, foreign-born and native, skilled and unskilled, etc.) find expression in differences of opinion and serve as a basis for groupings, within our Party.

We are at a turning point in the life of our Party. In the process of transition from a mere propaganda organization to a political party of action the Party has become a leader of working class mass activities. Some sections of the Party have been unable to adapt themselves to this sharp turn.

The growing attacks against our Party, the united front of the government, the Ku Klux Klan, the American Legion, and reactionary labor officials and socialist party against the Communists have had the effect of filling some members of the Party with pessimism, of making them capitulate before the growing forces of reaction. A wrong estimation of the international role of the Soviet Union, the growing pressure of the imperialist powers against the sole working-class state, has also had its effects in some sections of the working class in the form of a retreat before this pressure.

On the basis of the contradictions and difficulties of the situation, certain members of the Party have lost faith in the Party's capacity to lead, have developed a wrong attitude denying the leading role of the Party in mass organizations, have developed an erroneous attitude towards the Communist International, challenging the correctness of the Comintern, slandering the leadership of the Communist International as a Right wing leadership, and speculating on the alleged differences in the leadership of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Crass examples of this fundamentally wrong attitude towards the Comintern are to be found in the declaration of Cannon and his associates:

"The trend of events and the irresistible pressure of class forces is already driving a deep cleavage in the leadership of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and is forcing the Stalin group to struggle against the right wing (Rykov, etc.) with other elements (Bukharin) vacillating between the two. The platform of the Russian Opposition, prepared for the Fifteenth Congress of the C. P. S. U., indicates the revolutionary policy for the present situation in the Soviet Union. The prediction and warning contained in this platform against the inevitable growth and aggressiveness of a genuine right wing in the Party (Rykov, Tomsky, etc.) has been precisely confirmed in the intervening period, particularly in recent months."

"The activities of this right wing, which have already necessitated organizational measures in the Moscow and other organizations of the Party, is a proof of the awakening of the proletarian masses of the Party to this danger. The 'left' course of the Stalin group in the direction of a struggle against the right dangers, for Party democracy and self-criticism, against the bureaucrats, the Nepmen and the Kulaks, can become a real left course only insofar as it abandons zig-zag movements, adopts the whole platform of the Opposition, and reinstates the tested Bolshevik fighters, who have been expelled, to their rightful places in the Party."

"The attempts to revise the basic Marxist-Leninist doctrine with the spurious theory of 'socialism in one country' have been rightly resisted by the Opposition led by Trotsky. A number of revisionist and opportunist errors in various fields of Comintern activity and its ideological life in general have proceeded from this

false theory. To this in part at least can be traced the false line in the Chinese revolution, the debacle of the Anglo-Russian Committee, the alarming and unprecedented growth of bureaucracy in the Comintern, an incorrect attitude and policy in the Soviet Union, etc., etc."

THE COMINTERN AND TROTSKYISM.

The Ninth Plenum as well as the Sixth World Congress of the Comintern condemned Trotskyism as an outright counter-revolutionary anti-working class ideology.

The resolution of the Ninth Plenum characterizes Trotskyism in the following way:

"The Trotsky opposition has in all basic questions gone over to the viewpoint of the 'left' lacks of opportunism and has taken on an open counter-revolutionary character. The Trotskyists, who, under the cover of phrases about loyalty to the revolution and the Soviet Union, slander the Communist International, the CPSU, and the proletarian dictatorship, whose outer and inner policies they represent in just as lying and distorted fashion as the social democrats, are taking, together with the international social democracy the course of the overthrow of the Soviet power."

"All the worst elements of the working class movement, the openly opportunist elements of the Communist movement, all the little groups of renegades, that were thrown out of the ranks of the Comintern, now rally around the Trotskyist platform of the fight against the Soviet Union, against the CPSU, and against the Comintern, and play the role of one of the lowest tools of the international social democracy against the Communists in their struggle to penetrate the broad masses of the working class."

The Sixth Congress of the Comintern declared:

"The Congress considers it superfluous to discuss, with enemies of the C. I., the counter-revolutionary political content of the Trotskyist platform, after the combined membership of all Communist parties has repeatedly and most emphatically rejected the standpoint of the Opposition."

Trotsky and his group were definitely expelled by the World Congress as bearers of a social democratic ideology.

"The World Congress fully approves the decision of the 15th Party Congress of the Soviet Union and the resolution of the 9th Plenum of the ECCI regarding the incompatibility of membership in the Trotsky opposition and propaganda of their conceptions, with membership in the Bolshevik Party. The Trotsky group has degenerated to the standpoint of Menshevism in its attitude on program, political and organizational questions and has, objectively, become transformed into an organ of the struggle against the Soviet power. The exclusion of this group from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union was therefore correct and unavoidable."

Cannon and his group have linked themselves up organically with international Trotskyism. Their declaration says:

"The problems of the American Party are organically bound up with the fundamental questions confronting the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Comintern, and cannot be solved separately from them. The left wing of the American Party, taking shape in the principle struggle against the right wing leadership of the Party (Lovestone-Pepper group) will go forward only insofar as it recognizes the necessity of a struggle against the right danger on an international scale and links up its fight in the American Party with the Bolshevik fight for the fundamental tenets of Leninism in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and in the Comintern."

The declaration of Cannon and his group repeats parrot-like the unfounded accusations by Trotsky against "the rule of Stalinist bureaucracy" in the Soviet Union, the slanders regarding the orientation toward the kulaks and Nepmen, the revisionist and opportunist errors in various fields of Comintern activity, about the "false line in the Chinese revolution, the debacle of the Anglo-Russian Committee, the alarming and unprecedented growth of bureaucracy in the Comintern, and incorrect attitude and policy in the Soviet Union." Cannon is spicing his master in attacking the "spurious theory of socialism in one country."

"This new 'theory' is bound up with an overemphasis on the power and duration of the temporary stabilization of capitalism. Herein lies the true source of pessimism regarding the development of the proletarian world revolution. One of the principal duties of every Communist in every Party of the Comintern is to fight along with the opposition for the teachings of Marx, Engels and Lenin on this basic question."

Cannon declares himself an organic part of international Trotskyism, and puts forward the "charge" that the present leadership of our Party is:

"the logical American banner-bearer of the demagogic and unscrupulous international campaign against the leaders of the Russian opposition."

The CEC pleads guilty to this charge of the renegade. Cannon is absolutely right when he declares that the present leadership of the American Party is the logical American banner-bearer of the general struggle of the Communist International against the leaders of the Russian and international Trotskyist, counter-revolutionary, social-democratic opposition.

THE RIGHT DANGER IN THE COMINTERN AND IN THE AMERICAN PARTY.

In the present international situation, the Right danger is the main danger within the Communist International and in its American section. The Right danger has its roots in the stabilization of capitalism and in the existence of reformism in the labor movement which retains its hold on large sections of the working class. The Right danger within the Communist International manifests itself in numerous forms.

Certain forms of legalism, a tolerant attitude toward the socialist party; passivity in strikes; underestimation of a nihilistic attitude towards the national question and the struggle of the colonial peoples; lack of internationalism; a static attitude on the trade union question; underestimation of the war danger—these are the gravest forms of the manifestation of the right danger within the Communist International.

In France, the Right danger crystallizes itself in resistance to the election slogan "class against class."

In Great Britain the Right danger appears in the form of a non-critical attitude towards the Labor Party and the refusal to put up Communist candidates as against the Labor Party.

In Germany the Right danger assumes the form of illusions about the "left" Social Democrats and of a resistance against the decisions of the last congress of the Red International of Labor Unions, as well as a tolerance of the Right by the conciliators, and the new outbreak of Brandlerism against the present leadership.

In Czechoslovakia the Right danger manifests itself in provincialism, in a legalistic attitude towards State power, in a reluctance to mobilize the masses against the State.

In the Soviet Union the Right danger appears in the form of resistance against the rapid industrialization and in the tendency to give concessions to the kulaks, Nepmen, and bourgeois intellectuals. An expression of tolerance towards the Right danger was recently evidenced in the Moscow Committee of the Party.

In the South African Party the Right danger appears in a reluctant fight for the racial equality of the Negroes.

Trotskyism is definitely defeated in all the leading parties of the Communist International. Trotskyism is nothing but opportunism covered with left phrases. In the leading parties of the Communist International today, after the smashing defeat of Trotskyism, outright opportunism is the main danger. On an international scale open opportunism, open right-wing policy, is the main danger.

To the American Section of the Comintern, Trotskyism, as a challenge, has now come in its last stages of development, in its open counter-revolutionary, in its open Social-Democratic form. The recurrence of Trotskyism in our Party brings Trotskyism to us as the international flag of all enemies of the Soviet Union, as the tool of Social Democracy against the Comintern, as the rallying center of all hostility against Leninism. In the leading parties of the Communist International, after the defeat of Trotskyism, the decisive danger is the outright opportunist menace. In the Soviet Union, as the October 19th

statement of the CEC of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union declares, the fight must be conducted on two fronts: against Trotskyism and against outright opportunism.

In the Workers (Communist) Party of America—in the present situation in which Trotskyism makes its reappearance, already stripped of its left phrases, as outright opportunism—Trotskyism is an organic part of the right danger. In our Party we must concentrate the fight against two dangers: first, the right danger, against outright opportunism and then against its Trotskyist variation, which is opportunism covered with left phrases. Both come to a head and converge into a common attack against the Party and the Comintern.

The Right-wing danger in the Workers (Communist) Party of America assumes the following features:

1. A wrong attitude toward the Socialist Party, as exemplified in the open letter to the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party and in the Panken case, insufficiently sharp attack on the Socialist Party. The May Plenum of our CEC had already exercised self-criticism in regard to these mistakes. The Sixth World Congress criticized the wrong attitude of our Party towards the Socialist Party. The CEC was only recently forced to condemn an open letter addressed to the state leadership of the California Socialist Party by the California DEC of our Party during the election campaign.

2. A wrong attitude toward the Labor Party. There is a tendency on the part of some comrades to substitute the Labor Party for the Communist Party or not to maintain the independent role of the Communist Party within the Labor Party movement. This erroneous attitude found typical expressions in the article in THE DAILY WORKER: "The Labor Party is the Only Hope of the Working Class," which was condemned by the CEC; in the resistance on the part of some of the leading comrades in Minnesota to fight Senator Shipstead as an enemy of the working class; and in the article by Comrade Raymond, saying that we shall fight for the Workers Party until a Labor Party will be organized:

"Sooner or later a Labor Party will come into existence in this country which will endeavor to make it easier to organize the 35 million unorganized workers in industry."

"Until that day arrives there is only one party that deserves the vote of intelligent workers. That party is the Workers Party. . . . A vote for Foster is not a vote thrown away. It is a protest against the use of government machinery to prevent the organization of workers. It is a notice that intelligent workers will no longer support their enemies. It will bring nearer the day when a Labor Party will be organized."

3. Insufficient energy in organizing the unorganized. The February and May plenums of the C. E. C. had already criticized the slowness of the Party in entering into the mining campaign. The Sixth World Congress of the Comintern also emphasized the Party's lack of energy in that respect. There is a certain remnant of craft ideology and practices among the comrades in the needle trades. A certain amount of hesitation showed itself in the organization of the new textile union.

4. Under-estimation of Negro work. In many sections of the Party there is a certain under-estimation of the significance of work among the Negro workers. There are remnants of white chauvinism in our ranks, as manifested in Detroit and California and as it is strongly represented in certain Party units in the south.

5. Lack of faith in the Party. On the part of some members of the Party there is a wrong estimate of the role of the Party, a certain belittling of the activities of the Party, an attitude of skepticism and cynicism, a conception that the Party is a brake on the revolutionary activities of the masses. There is a strong feeling against the Party assuming the leadership in mass organizations. (The attitude of Sulkanen and Askell in the Finnish Workers' clubs in New York), and resistance to showing the face of the Party in mass organizations (attitude of some comrades in the Negro Labor Congress).

6. Insufficient proletarianization. There is a lack of emphasis on shop nuclei, insufficient concentration on factories (especially in the California district, where there do not exist any shop nuclei and where there is not a single shop paper; in Connecticut, where there was manifested a certain resistance to the formation of shop nuclei under the pretext that the "workers are not ripe for that"; in Buffalo, where there is resistance to shop nuclei because of fear of persecution). Under-estimation of the importance of Party fractions in non-Party workers' organizations (weakness of trade union fraction apparatus, weakness of fraction work in the Negro Labor Congress, in the I. L. D., in the W. I. R., etc.). Insufficient emphasis on drawing into the leadership, in all Party subdivisions, proletarian elements from the factories. The Sixth World Congress has already criticized this shortcoming of the Party. Comrade Molotov in his report about the Sixth World Congress to the Leningrad Party organization also pointed out the necessity of a change in this respect. He said: "Even the Communist Party of such a country as the United States of America suffers greatly from this drawback. The Congress drew special attention to the necessity of a decided change in the American Communist Party on this point, advising that every effort be made to promote workers to the leading positions in the Party". The declaration of the Political Committee on the decisions of the Communist International regarding the American question acknowledged the shortcomings of the Party in this respect.

7. Capitulation before difficulties. A certain tendency on the part of some of the needle-trades comrades (Chicago, Boston, New York) to give up the fight in the face of the strength of the enemy. The utter failure of the District Committee of the California district to put the Party on the ballot, to make a serious attempt to collect the necessary signatures, and their retreat in the face of the difficulties confronting them in this task.

8. Pacifism and an underestimation of the war danger. This is a most dangerous manifestation of the Right Danger. The Party has not shown sufficient energy in fighting American imperialism. This shortcoming has already been pointed out by the theses of the Sixth World Congress. On the part of some of the leading comrades there is a certain underestimation of the war danger in the form of denying the primacy of outer contradictions of the imperialist powers in the present period of post-war capitalism. Pacifist errors, like issuing the slogan: "Stop the flow of blood in Nicaragua." An excess of emphasis on petty bourgeois liberals in our anti-imperialist work, an under-estimation of working class elements. Insufficient contact with the Communist Parties of Latin American countries.

9. Wrong attitude toward the Communist International. This is one of the worst manifestations of right-wing danger in our Party. On the part of certain comrades there is a tendency to accept the C. I. decisions only with reservations. The tendency to attack the leadership of the C. I. as a right wing leadership, to attack the C. E. C. of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, to speculate on alleged differences within the leading group of the Russian Party, undermining thereby the prestige of the leadership of the C. I. (Cannon). The substitution for the Leninist conception of the Communist Party the theory of permanent factionalism, disregarding openly or covertly all instructions of the Comintern.

10. Trotskyism is the most comprehensively developed system of opportunism with an international basis still seeking to hide its Social democratic character by covering itself with left phrases. Trotskyism, in its last stage of development, is the summing up, is the unifying force of all these opportunistic, Right dangers. Trotskyism, the crassest, the most complete example of opportunism, is coming to a head in an open attack on the Party, on the Comintern and on the Soviet Union.

ESTIMATE OF RIGHT DANGER AND THE TASKS OF OUR PARTY.

The CEC declares that never before did the Party interests make as imperative as today the complete unification of all Communist forces in our ranks. The CEC warns most emphatically against any underestimation of the Right danger in our Party. Already Cannon has carried his fight against the Party to outside forces. The Trotskyites and all Right elements are mobilizing their forces against the Party and its CEC. Cannon is circulating Party, non-Party and socialist party elements with his statement against the Party and the Comintern. Cannon is travelling very fast in his attack on the Party and the Comintern. It took him but a few days to reach the same stage of treachery that it took Fisher, Maslov and company months

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"All Communists Unite in Defense of Comintern and Party Against Trotskyism!"

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to reach. The first issue of his sheet, "The Militant" (against the working class) contains the anti-Leninist criticism by Trotsky of the Program of the Communist International; the renegade declaration of Cannon, Abern and Shachtman; and the document entitled "The Right Danger in the American Party." The Political Committee had to expel Dr. Konikow, because she has been organizing a Trotsky Club against the Party in Boston. In the New York Finnish Clubs there is an open anti-Party agitation conducted under the leadership of Sulkanen and Askeli; Ohrn, former editor of a Finnish Party paper, has come out openly against the Party. Baski, the inveterate social democrat, who united around himself all Hungarian-speaking expelled elements, is justifying the government persecution against Communists by citing the "Stalinist persecution conducted against Trotsky."

The renegade, has been fighting our Party openly in the election campaign. Max Eastman, the bourgeois intellectual, is trying to sell everywhere his shallow revisionism of Marxism and his slanderous attacks on the CEC of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Salutsky, who became a mercenary in the service of the labor fakery, has been waging a sinister attack against the achievements of the proletarian revolution in Soviet Russia. Calverton, the pseudo-scientific charlatan, tries to undermine the theoretical prestige of Lenin.

All these renegades and enemies of the Comintern and the Soviet Union will unite and are already uniting against the Communist Party of America. The likelihood of a concentrated attack against our Party by all the forces of capitalism will be exploited by them to sharpen their onslaught against the Communist Party. The Right danger

within our Party is aggravated by the existence of these social democratic, half social democratic, more or less openly counter-revolutionary forces in the neighborhood of our Party.

The Right danger in the American Party is especially great, because our Party has not yet gone through a really revolutionary situation. It has had no chance to go through the ordeal of fire. But we can feel confident—on the basis of our experiences during the attack of the government in 1919-20, when the Party was driven underground—that the core of the Party and its leadership are sound and will, with the help of the Comintern, smash the Right danger.

The following basic tasks confront us in connection with the re-creation of Trotskyism and the Right danger in the Party:

1. No tolerance of Trotskyism in the ranks of the Party. We call upon all District Executive Committees and all subdivisions of the Party to expel all followers of Trotsky.
2. The CEC will wage a broad, thorough, ideological campaign against Trotskyism.
3. A broad ideological campaign is necessary against all other manifestations of the Right danger and against the slightest tolerance of the Right danger in the Party. Uncompromising struggle against the socialist party; clear attitude towards the leading role of the Communist Party; non-hesitant struggle for the organization of the unorganized and for new unions; exposure of white chauvinism in our ranks; concentration on factories; drawing of proletarian elements into the leadership of the Party; fight against underestimation of the war danger and pacifist illusions. These are the major tasks confronting us in fighting the Right danger.

4. Energetic defense of the CI and unreserved acceptance of all its decisions.

5. The frankest, most thorough self-criticism is necessary, from the top to the bottom in the Party.

6. Merciless struggle against any manifestation of bureaucratism in the Party.

An absolutely prerequisite for a successful fight against the Right danger, whether it comes in the form of open opportunism or camouflaged with left phrases in the form of Trotskyism, is the unity of all Communist forces under the leadership of the CEC for the line of the Communist International.

The CEC herewith expresses its most determined, most sincere wish to achieve Party unity. The surest way to deal a crushing, death-blow to Trotskyism, to the Right danger, is the speedy, thorough unification of all Communist forces in the Party.

The Central Executive Committee calls upon all Communists to unite in defense of the Comintern and the Party against Trotskyism.

The Communist International has clearly pointed out in the Resolution of the World Congress the urgent need for dropping the factional fight in our Party, for which, in the judgment of the CI, there is today no basis in principle.

The CEC calls upon the comrades in the opposition, who broke in a decisive way with the Trotskyist Cannon, to drop their reservations towards the CI's thesis on the estimation of American imperialism, radicalization of the working class, and the estimation of the CEC of the Party.

The Communist International rejected the charge of the Opposition that the present CEC is a Right group. To continue the fight against the CEC as a Right group is, therefore, a fight against the CI decision, and most seriously weakens the fight against the Right danger, especially in its sharpest expression, Trotskyism.

The CEC call upon all comrades, regardless of their former groupings, to unite on the basis of unreserved acceptance of all the decisions of the Communist International—the American decision as well as all the others, of which the American is only an organic part.

The CEC earnestly pledges itself to take every possible measure to facilitate the realization of this end—the speediest and complete unity of the Communist forces for the Leninist line of the Comintern.

Unity against the Right danger and against any tolerance towards the Right danger must be the order of the day.

Unity against counter-revolutionary Trotskyism.

Unity for the line of the Communist International on the basis of unreserved acceptance of the decisions of the CI.

Unity before the attack on the Party by all forces of capitalism—from the government and Ku Klux Klan to the reactionary labor leaders, renegade Social Democrats and Trotskyites.

Unity, iron Leninist discipline and full Party loyalty in the face of the growing war danger.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY OF AMERICA.

Statement to the Political Committee of the Workers [Communist] Party of America

By James P. Cannon, Martin Abern, Max Shachtman

EDITOR'S NOTE—By instruction of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party, the Daily Worker prints herewith a statement made by three former members of the Party, J. P. Cannon, formerly a member of the Political Committee, Martin Abern, formerly a member of the Central Executive Committee, and Max Shachtman, formerly an alternate of the Central Executive Committee. The document, in which the three signers attack the Communist International and the Workers (Communist) Party under cover of the worn-out phrases employed by Trotsky, Ruth Fischer, Maslow and other renegades from the Communist movement, is published for the information of the members of the Party. The attitude of the Committee in condemnation of the document and its signers is expressed in the statement of the Central Executive Committee, published in this same issue under the title: "The Struggle Against Trotskyism and the Right Danger."

(1) In view of the necessity of concentrating the full attention of the Party on the election campaign, we have refrained up till now from any statement or step calculated to open a Party discussion on disputed questions until the election campaign will have ended and the pre-convention discussion opened.

(2) We have definite views on a series of fundamental questions vitally affecting the whole future of the Party and the Comintern which it was our intention to bring before the Party in the pre-convention discussion period.

(3) The "discussion" of these questions conducted up till now has not been a real discussion, since many of the documents—in our opinion some of the most important political documents of our time—have been suppressed and concealed from the Parties of the Comintern or presented to them in garbled form. The opportunity which has come to us in the recent period to read a number of these documents, dealing with some of the most disputed problems of the Comintern in the past five years, together with the rapid confirmation of their correctness by the whole course of events, have shaped our views and convictions. We consider it our revolutionary duty to defend these views before the Party.

(4) We had intended to undertake this task at the opening of the Party discussion after the election campaign. However, the arbitrary actions already taken against us (our removal from our positions in the I.L.D. on Oct. 16) and the plain indications shown in the present hearing of the intention to take further organizational measures and to begin a public campaign against us in the Party press, make it necessary to state our position without further delay. It must be made clear to the Party that the measures are being taken against us solely because of our political views. These views must be presented to the Party as they really are.

(5) We present them here in outline form and will elaborate on them more fully in our appeal to the Plenum of the Central Executive Committee against the actions taken by the Polcom.

(6) We stand on the main line of the document entitled "The Right Danger in the American Party" (excepting certain erroneous formulations dealing with the world imperialism), presented to the Sixth World Congress of the Comintern by the delegation of the opposition, in the drafting of which we actively participated. As set forth in this document, we believe that the present leadership of the Party, mechanically imposed upon the Party by the E. C. C. I. against the will of the membership, is a consciously developing right wing, whose course and actions are all in the direction of undermining the position of the Party in the class struggle. Its activities since the presentation of our document on "The Right Danger in the American Party" to the World Congress, have confirmed and not refuted this estimate. The irresponsible and bureaucratic corruption of the Lovestone group leadership are an organic part of its fundamental opportunist character.

(7) The latest decision of the secretariat of the E. C. C. I., which undertakes to dismiss a whole series of principle questions raised in our indictment of the Party leadership with a formal motion, giving no answer whatsoever to the burning questions of the Party in all fields of the class struggle, serves only to strengthen the mechanical stranglehold of the right wing leadership upon our Party. This bureaucratic secretarial method of dealing with disputed principle questions must be emphatically rejected by the Party both in form and content, since they have nothing in common with Lenin's teaching regarding the ideological leadership of all Communist Parties by the Comintern and the unremitting struggle against opportunism on all fronts.

(8) The present attempt of some of the leaders of the Foster-Bittelman group who signed the document on the "Right Danger" to abandon that platform, to moderate the struggle against the Lovestone-Pepper right wing, and to effect a political coalescence with them in order to direct their attack against those who remain true to that platform and develop its logical and inevitable international implications, in no way alters the fundamental correctness of the document. It merely demonstrates the political instability of these leaders which hampers the process of developing an opposition to the present right wing leadership and line of the Party on a principle basis. We have no doubt that the supporters of this opposition who have regarded the struggle against the right wing leadership as a principle question will continue to adhere to this position despite the vacillations and maneuvers of a section of the leaders.

(9) The problems of the American Party are organically bound up with the fundamental questions confronting the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Comintern and cannot be solved separately from them. The left wing of the American Party, taking shape in the principle struggle against the right wing leadership of the Party (Lovestone-Pepper group) will go forward only insofar as it recognizes the necessity of a struggle against the right danger on an international scale and links up its fight in the American Party with the Bolshevik fight for the fundamental tenets of Leninism in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and in the Comintern.

Stalin group to struggle against the right wing (Rykov, etc.) with other elements (Bukharin) vacillating between the two. The platform of the Russian opposition, prepared for the Fifteenth Congress of the C. P. S. U., indicates the revolutionary policy of the present situation in the Soviet Union. The prediction and warning contained in this platform against the inevitable growth and aggression of a genuine right wing in the Party (Rykov, Tomsky, etc.) has been precisely confirmed in the intervening period, particularly in recent months. The activities of this right wing, which have already necessitated organizational measures in the Moscow and other organizations of the Party, is a proof of the awakening of the proletarian masses of the Party to this danger. The "left" course of the Stalin group in the direction of a struggle against the right dangers, for Party democracy and self-criticism, against the bureaucrats, the Nepmen and the Kulaks, can become a real left course only insofar as it abandons zig-zag movements, adopts the whole platform of the opposition, and reinstates the tested Bolshevik fighters, who have been expelled, to their rightful places in the Party.

(11) We demand the publication of all the documents of the Russian opposition without which the Party members do not and cannot know the essential issues of the struggle and cannot form intelligent opinions in regard to them. The discussion of these issues heretofore has been conducted in an atmosphere of prejudice, misrepresentation, terrorism, outlawing of all thought and inquiry, the substitution of official say-so for the study of documents and facts on disputed questions. All this has been part of a campaign of unparalleled slander against Trotsky who, after Lenin, was the outstanding leader of the Russian revolution and the Comintern, and was accompanied by the falsification of the history of the revolution itself.

(12) We intend, at the coming Plenum of the Central Executive Committee, to propose that our Party shall take the initiative in demanding the return from exile and the reinstatement into the Communist Party of the Soviet Union with full rights, of Trotsky and the other imprisoned and exiled members of the Russian opposition. Violence and persecution against counter-revolutionaries is a revolutionary duty; violence and persecution against tried and loyal Bolshevik fighters, who have been expelled, to their rightful places in the Party, is a crime.

(13) The consolidation of the opposition in the American Party, which logically and inevitably merges with the part of the opposition in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union led by Trotsky, has developed in the struggle against the right danger. The pitiful attempt to characterize this opposition as a "right" tendency, related to non-Communist elements such as Lore who have been fighting the Party from the right, and anti-Communist elements like Salutsky, who have gone completely over to the side of the labor lieutenants of capitalism, does not in the least correspond with political reality and is designed to cover the progressive drift of the Party leadership to the right. On the contrary, the attempts to exclude us from responsible Party work, and even from the Party itself, along with the proletarian Communists who support us, while at the same time the control of the Party apparatus and the Party leadership in such unions as the needle trades consolidates more firmly in the hands of the opportunists, who fight their Communist-worker critics with expulsion and physical violence—all this can only accelerate the rapprochement between the right wing leadership of the Party and right wing and petty bourgeois elements now outside the Party.

(14) The Lovestone group leadership, by its opportunist political outlook, its petty bourgeois origin, its corrupt factionalism, its careerism and adventurism in the class struggle, is the greatest menace to the Party. Its mechanical grip on the apparatus of the Party grows steadily tighter and chokes out its inner life. Capable, experienced and trustworthy comrades are one by one removed from responsible posts and replaced by faction agents, incompetents, upstarts, unknown and inexperienced in any serious work in the class struggle. The Party itself, the mass work and the mass organizations under the influence and direction of the Party, are thereby undermined.

(15) The action of the Polcom in arbitrarily removing us from our positions in the I.L.D. where we have worked loyally and effectively for the building of this mass organization, for our political views alone, is a most ill-considered and dangerous step, fraught with the gravest consequences to the future of the I. L. D. There has never been any criticism of our work in the I.L.D. by the political committee of the Party, or by any of the three national conferences of the I.L.D. All of these bodies have uniformly endorsed and commended our activity in this capacity. The disruption of the work which will be caused by our unjustified removal and the certainty that we will be replaced by incompetent faction agents, in no way interested in this work or qualified to perform it, cannot but bring the most harmful results. Such actions demonstrate again the reckless irresponsibility of the present Party

leadership in relation to all mass organizations and mass work.

(16) By its whole character the Lovestone leadership is the "logical" American banner-bearer of the demagogic and unscrupulous international campaign against the leadership of the Russian opposition. The aspirations of certain former leaders of the opposition in the American Party to grasp this banner for themselves are pathetically futile.

The hopes of the Foster group to escape thereby the factional persecution of the Lovestone group and to secure their organizational positions can only succeed insofar as they surrender their former opposition position to the Lovestone group, which has no roots in the labor movement, is toward a monopoly of the Party apparatus and cannot be otherwise.

(17) We declare our intention to appeal to the plenum of the central executive committee to reverse the action of the Polcom against us.

(18) We demand that simultaneously with the announcement of the decision of the Polcom on the outcome of this hearing, our statement shall be given to the Party in the same manner.

(Signed) J. P. CANNON

(Signed) MARTIN ABERN.

(Signed) MAX SHACHTMAN.

HILFERS SELLS OUT TIRE STRIKE

Gold Moves Here From England, Allowing Big Extension of Credit

The heaviest gold imports from London to New York is taking place, with an estimated sum of \$40,876,000 arriving since the middle of September. It is expected that this will allow for easier money rates in New York, and the movement may continue until \$100,000,000 has arrived.

Ordinarily \$40,000,000 more gold will allow for \$400,000,000 more credit, and whatever use the gold is put to by members of the federal reserve, credit tends to expand in that proportion. Even if the federal reserve should advance money rates, it is not expected to check the present wild stock market which has gone on in the face of high money rates and rapidly mounting brokers' loans.

Pressure against sterling continues with sterling going at its low point for the year, \$4.84, and more large buying of gold in London is forecast. The Bank of England could stop it by advancing money rates in London, but that would hurt British business.

The bosses and their agent Hilfers have no intention of letting the workers slip from their grasp again. Together they are backing the proposal for a school where the foreign-born workers will be taught English, they claim. The real purpose of the school, however, is to spread propaganda for the Michelin bosses. The author of this scheme to control the workers further is said to be the diminutive "reporter from a local paper," who was constantly observed by the strikers hovering furtively around Hilfers and his meetings during the strike.

Workers Back Militants.

Denouncing Hilfers, many of the workers today expressed bitter regret that they had not more consistently followed the lead of the militants who urged mass picketing, a wage increase, and the formation of a strong rubber workers' organization which would be able to support the workers' demands against the Michelin.

"We have learned a lesson," one of a group of workers told G. Signor, militant organizer, today. "We know you and we are with you from now on."

Widespread discontent prevails in the Michelin plant today and bitter resentment against the betrayal of Hilfers, which many of the rubber workers now understand.

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Cohan Planning Three More Plays for Early Showing

GEORGE M. COHAN is planning to continue his active start of the season by producing three more plays. Each of these new plays will be seen on Broadway early next month. Of the trio, "The Barn," a new play by A. E. Thomas, is now in rehearsal and will be the first to open here. Phyllis Povah will play a leading role in the production.

Of the other two productions—both as yet unnamed—one is a comedy and the other a musical play. Mr. Cohan is the author of the comedy.

Guy Robertson, now playing in "White Lilacs," at Jolson's Theatre, will star next season in a musical version of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." He will sing the role of Petruchio.

"Cafe De Danse," the continental melodrama which Ben Bernie is sponsoring, will have its out of town premiere Thursday evening, November 22, at the Capitol Theatre, Albany. The play by Clarke Silvernail is from the original French of Charles Muller and Pierre Nozier.

Laurence Schwab and B. G. De Sylva are now working on the book of the musical comedy to follow "Good News" into the Chanin 46th Street Theatre. The show is as yet unnamed, and will be completed by Schwab in collaboration with De Sylva, Lew Brown and Ray Henderson. It is scheduled to open out of town next month.

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NEGRO WORKERS TRAPPED IN HOLD AS VESTRIS SUNK

Seamen, Bitter, Plan Mass Meet Sunday

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Contradictory reports circulated immediately after the news of the sinking were broadcast throughout the world, many new aspects of the disaster hitherto concealed and distorted were revealed.

The big fact of the disaster, namely that the Lamport and Holt Company and the United States and British shipping authorities are mainly responsible for the tremendous loss of life and conscious criminal negligence in the management of the ship, received further verification.

Sailors who survived the ill-fated trip were unanimous and bitter in their denunciation of Captain Carey and the condition of the Vestris before it set sail last Saturday. That the vessel was totally unfit for the strenuous voyage into the stormy waters of the Atlantic, there can be no doubt.

The testimony of seamen has established the fact that underneath the comparatively new cover of paint that the Vestris had received recently, rust had eaten into the hull of the vessel. Deliberately and with full knowledge of the possible results, the company had disregarded the report of their own inspector who had reported that the ship was in bad condition, and therefore in no condition nor in any mood to be clean with the food and beds of passengers except in a driven, superficial way.

Often they are compelled to work as much as 18 hours with no extra pay, given food not fit for human beings, and forced to eat standing up in the pantry, fighting each other for food, instead of eating at leisure in the dining saloon after passenger mess.

Low Wages, Tyranny. "Joined with this, the low wages and tyranny and graft practiced upon them by officers and purser, what can be expected other than that such ships, and there are many besides the Vestris, cannot get steady crews and fill out the crew with inexperienced men and with men who make the whole trip, taking months, without knowing their fire and boat drill stations. Naturally this endangers the lives of all on board.

"But this is not the fault of the men, neither is it the fault of the West Indian Negroes who, because they wish to escape from the terrible conditions prevailing under British imperialist rule in the islands, seek escape by working on the boats, but who find exploitation little, if any less, severe than on the sugar plantations of Barbadoes.

Under British Whipl. "Once the haunt of pirates of the Spanish Main, the ports of Barbadoes and Port-of-Spain in Trinidad are no less terrorized today by more genteel pirates of British business. Workers dare not open their mouths and the Negro natives live under the brutal whip of British masters. Negro seamen, as well as the white seamen, are not permitted to organize by the shipping trust, and all alike are victimized if they protest in the only way they have, by strike.

"The shipping trust uses all means to prevent organization, which, as is plainly seen, would expose dangers to travelers and correct conditions imperiling both the lives and the health of all on board. Instead, the ship owners and the so-called 'sailors' homes' and 'seamen's institutes' to obstruct organization and furnish strikebreakers if the men revolt spontaneously against unbearable conditions.

Survivors Locked Up. "In this connection, the Marine Workers' Progressive League asks the public what it means that the New York Seamen's Institute, sustained by subsidies from the shipping companies, at this moment has the rescued crew of the Vestris locked up, as if they were criminals, on the second floor of this so-called 'institute'?"

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Ship Owners' Greed. "The sinking of the Vestris," said Mink, "is a tragic proof that those who trust their lives to the seamen, must understand that the greed for dollars which imperils them, also causes the bitterest hardships for the seamen."

"Members of the Marine Workers' Progressive League who have sailed on the Vestris previous to this trip, tell how the ship was overloaded with passengers, 300 being taken in excess of the capacity of 250. This is done, of course, to make money, more money than the regular profits which are always high. The crew, knowing the danger better than the passengers, dare not protest or refuse to sail, as this would be 'mutiny,' and all sorts of charges would be leveled against these workers, besides their losing their jobs.

"Floating Junk-Pile." "The seamen tell us that the Vestris was a floating junk-pile, that rust-corroded plates are covered over with nice new paint, but under the paint lies danger to the vessel and all aboard. Dare the seamen who know these dangers protest so they can be heard? No, for they would at once be labelled as 'Bolsheviks' and fired by the company and blacklisted by the shipping trust which for profits and more profits endangers the lives of those who travel as well as the crew.

"What lives do the crew lead that the passengers know nothing of? Members of the Vestris crew tell us of being crammed into dirty sleeping quarters, eight in a place too small for three, no change of linen, no opportunity to keep clean, and therefore in no condition nor in any mood to be clean with the food and beds of passengers except in a driven, superficial way. Often they are compelled to work as much as 18 hours with no extra pay, given food not fit for human beings, and forced to eat standing up in the pantry, fighting each other for food, instead of eating at leisure in the dining saloon after passenger mess.

Low Wages, Tyranny. "Joined with this, the low wages and tyranny and graft practiced upon them by officers and purser, what can be expected other than that such ships, and there are many besides the Vestris, cannot get steady crews and fill out the crew with inexperienced men and with men who make the whole trip, taking months, without knowing their fire and boat drill stations. Naturally this endangers the lives of all on board.

"But this is not the fault of the men, neither is it the fault of the West Indian Negroes who, because they wish to escape from the terrible conditions prevailing under British imperialist rule in the islands, seek escape by working on the boats, but who find exploitation little, if any less, severe than on the sugar plantations of Barbadoes.

Under British Whipl. "Once the haunt of pirates of the Spanish Main, the ports of Barbadoes and Port-of-Spain in Trinidad are no less terrorized today by more genteel pirates of British business. Workers dare not open their mouths and the Negro natives live under the brutal whip of British masters. Negro seamen, as well as the white seamen, are not permitted to organize by the shipping trust, and all alike are victimized if they protest in the only way they have, by strike.

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Two Workers Die in Huge Firetrap Blaze in Brooklyn



The charred bodies of two workers, Patsy Pisano and Thomas Sirino, were found in the ruins of a 50-year-old warehouse in Brooklyn after firemen succeeded in putting out a huge five-alarm fire in the building. The two workers died in an effort to save a third worker, Peter De Billa, who managed to save himself. The building was said to have been a fire-trap of the worst kind and the lives of many other workers were endangered.

NEGRO CREW HELD AS PRISONERS NEAR DOCK

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denning the poor equipment, the "frosted" life boats (the rusted gear hindering their free release) and the complete negligence of the officers.

The reporter finally succeeded in convincing one of them that he was not concerned with getting anyone's number, that, although he was white, he wanted to get the real story. The seaman told him confidentially that he had read the Daily Worker and listened to some of the Communist speakers on the Harlem streets, and that he thought the reporter was not a "spotter."

"You can't blame any of these boys for not wanting to talk. Of course, we all know that the boys got to watch out for the spotters."

"Spotters" seem to be an ordinary phenomenon for the seamen and it was very plain to them why the shipwrecked Negroes did not speak.

On the sly the seaman told the Daily Worker reporter that a friend of his, one of the shipwrecked crew, who was the last to leave the boat, would soon be out. Maybe I could get him to talk. He told the reporter that the shipwrecked seaman would come to his house at night and tell the whole story. When I tried to have myself invited to his house, he refused.

"You'd be mobbed if you come down there. A white man never sets foot there. They boys would think I was bringing you up to see some of the girls. And my friend himself wouldn't talk if he saw you there.

It was impossible to get the reporter an invitation. But shortly the shipwrecked Negro came out. White men at the door watched him closely. As soon as he saw me in the group he began to make his way off across the street. I managed to stop him.

"Boy, I know that story chapter by chapter. But I'm careful who I'm talking to."

Memories of the scene were too poignant. And some escaped him. From him the reporter learned that he and other members of crew who were below in the forward part of the ship were not warned or called to save themselves, and only came on deck when the listing of the ship was great enough to alarm them. Many of them thought that things were all over when they came on deck and saw all was in chaos. It was a question of everyone for himself. The captain and officers were nowhere to be seen. He just began to speak about the white passengers when he stopped short and wouldn't say another word.

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That was all the reporter could get from him and he did not succeed in meeting any other members of the crew.

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body knows the L. & H. I never shipped on one of their boats."

Seamen Defiant.

As a whole the seamen are angry at the treatment the crew got at the hands of the capitalist newspaper reporters, and there is a prevailing spirit of sullenness and defiance along South Street.

Later, at the International Seamen's Club, 28 South Street, two seamen who had spoken to members of the crew yesterday, told the reporter that the captain steered his ship at the rate of 18 or 19 knots on deck when the listing of the ship was great enough to alarm them. Many of them thought that things were all over when they came on deck and saw all was in chaos. It was a question of everyone for himself. The captain and officers were nowhere to be seen. He just began to speak about the white passengers when he stopped short and wouldn't say another word.

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Workers Party Activities

Lenin Memorial Meet.
A Lenin Memorial Meeting will be held in Madison Square Garden Saturday evening, January 19. All Party and sympathetic organizations please take note.
You are requested not to arrange any conflicting dates. The Lenin Memorial Meeting this year will be a powerful demonstration against the imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union.
District Executive Committee, New York District.

Upper Bronx Y. W. L.
The penny party arranged by the Upper Bronx Y. W. L. for the Young Workers Communist League has been postponed for a week to Sunday, Nov. 18, at 1400 Boston Road at 8:30 p. m. There will be a program of songs and games. Admission is one penny. Everybody is asked to come and bring friends!

Section 2 Conference.
The subsection and unit agitprop directors of Section 2 will hold their regular monthly conference today, 6:30 p. m. at 101 West 27th St. All units must be represented without fail.

Section 2 Organization Meet.
The Section 2 organizational conference will be held today at 6:30 p. m. at 101 West 27th St. All unit and subsection organizers must be present.

District Women's Committee.
The District Women's Committee will meet on Saturday, Nov. 17, at 1 p. m. in the Workers' Center, Room 202. All members of this committee must be present. Very important business to be transacted.

Women's Industrial Meet.
The Industrial Committee of the Women's Department, will meet this evening at 6:30 o'clock, in the Workers' Center, Room 202. All members of this committee must be present. Be sure to come on time.

Attention Section 3.
A meeting of all Woman Work Directors of Section 3 will take place tonight at 6 o'clock sharp, at 101 West 27th St. All directors must be present.

Brooklyn Y. W. L.
The Bronx Section of the Y. W. L. is holding an open air protest meeting on the Harry Elman case today at Williams and Intervale Aves.

Upper Harlem Y. W. L.
The Upper Harlem Unit of the Young Workers League will meet tonight at 8:15 sharp at 125 W. 121st St. In view of the fact that meetings have been postponed repeatedly, the meeting will be held at 8:15 sharp, at 101 West 27th St. All comrades to attend and start the unit working.

Yonkers Branch.
The Yonkers branch of the Workers' Communist Party will hold a spaghetti supper in celebration of the eleventh anniversary of the Russian Revolution Saturday evening, Nov. 17 at 8 p. m. The supper will be given in the Workers Co-operative Center, 252 Warburton Ave., Yonkers.

German Fraction.
The German Fraction of the Party meets tonight at the Hungarian Workers' Home, 350 E. 81st St. The building up of our German Party organ and other important questions are to be discussed. All German speaking party members are requested to be present.

Upper Bronx No. 1—Y. W. C. L.
The Upper Bronx No. 1 Unit of the Y. W. C. L. will hold a camaraderie assembly party on Sunday, Nov. 25th, at 1400 Boston Rd. at 8:30 p. m. There will be games and songs. Admission is one penny. Everybody is asked to come and bring their friends!

Unit 2F 882D.
This Tuesday, November 20, Unit 2F 882D will hold an educational meeting on the subject "The Lessons of the Election Campaign." Comrade Chibulsky will lead the discussion. The meeting will start promptly at 6:15 p. m.

Section 4.
A special membership meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 19 at 6 p. m., at 56 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn. A comrade of the D. E. C. will be present. A report on the election drive will be given.

Branch 2, Section 8.
A membership meet of the unit will be held Monday, Nov. 19 at 6 p. m. in the new headquarters, 313 Hinesdale St.

Branch 3, Section 7.
An important business and educational meeting of Branch 3, Section 7, of the Workers' Communist Party will be held Monday, 8 p. m., at 764 49th St., Brooklyn. Roshal will lead a discussion on "The War Danger."

Sub-section 3C.
All units of Sub-section 3C will meet this Monday at 6:30 p. m., at 101 W. 27th St.

N. J. Attention.
The City Central Committee of Elizabeth, N. J., is organizing a Masquerade Ball and Bazaar for Saturday evening, Dec. 1st. All units and workers organizations of nearby cities are requested not to arrange any conflicting affairs for that day.

Working Women Meet.
The United Council of Working Women will have a Central Body meeting on Thursday evening, Nov. 22, at the Workers Center, at 8:30, on the 6th floor.

German Branch I. L. D.
The German Branch, Yorkville, will hold a ball tomorrow at 248 E. 84th St. The program will include the Utman Sanger Choir.

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Lewis Machine Opens New Attack

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ducted the strike so as to play into the hands of the operators and the Lewis machine is held to be no less responsible for the shooting of the militant miners than the killers themselves. Failing to muster the miners for mass picketing, neglecting all means to muster the coal diggers into a real fight, refusing to extend the strike to other sections and thus dividing the ranks of the coal diggers, this incompetent misleader has given the sign to the thugs and henchmen of the Lewis-Boylan machine that they need fear nothing. In addition, it is believed that Sheriff McLuskey is now working to bring McGarry and the Boylan machine together for a complete sell-out.

RIVALRY AROUSED AT U. S. THREATS

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000,000 in the war. But American citizens gained ten times that sum. The fiction of government expenses is an article invented to impress simple souls. America's enormous wealth was born in the war. Even the help given to Europe was a mere mortgage with interest at the normal rate."

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Wall Street Speculates on Impending War

The soaring of stocks in basic industries to dizzy heights as soon as the election of Hoover was assured is no mere stampede. It is merely cold-blooded speculation upon the impending imperialist war. Since the election of Hoover the administration at Washington and its agents in the most remote parts of the earth have become more aggressive than ever in publicity proclaiming their war designs. The speech of Coolidge on Armistice Day, reeking with defiance to the other imperialist powers of the world, was explicit in every point. After dwelling upon the question of the placing of the armed forces of the nation upon a war basis, Coolidge rounded out his propositions with the declaration that:

"The present size of our army is entirely adequate, but it should continue to be supplemented by a national guard and reserves, and especially with the equipment and organization in all industries for furnishing supplies."

This announcement that the government would aid industries in placing their productive capacity on a basis that would meet the requirements of war, also caused General Motors, United States Steel, DuPont powder and chemical, Standard Oil and other "leaders" to soar.

The fact that there was at hand the October report indicating a fall in steel production and that orders were below last year did not affect the rise of the market. Two days after the Coolidge address an announcement was made that plans were under way for the organization of a gigantic "association" in the lead industry embracing United States, Mexican, Canadian and South American concerns. That this association not only embraces lead companies, but chemical producers as well is indicated by the following observation of one of the financial writers of the New York-Herald Tribune:

Membership in the Lead Industries Association will comprise corporations interested in the mining, smelting or manufacturing of lead in the United States, Mexico, Canada and South America. Some of the companies to be represented in the organization are: Alameda Lead Company, American Smelting and Refining Company, Bingham Mines Company, Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company, Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation, Chief Consolidated Mining Company, Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, Ltd., Eagle-Picher Lead Company, El Potosi Mining Company (Howe Sound Company), Evans-Walloway Lead Company, Federal Mining and Smelting Company, Federated Metals Corporation, Fleck Brothers Company, W. P. Fuller & Co., General Cable Company, Glidden Company, Hecla Mining Company, Metals Refining Company, National Lead Company, Northwest Lead Company, Park-Utah Consolidation Mining Company, Remington Arms Company, Sherman Williams Company, Silver King Coalition Mines Company, St. Joseph Lead Company, Tintic Standard Mining Company, Utah Apex Mining Company, Utah Copper Company, United Metals Selling Company, USL Battery Corporation, United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Company."

This was instantly followed by most of the concerns mentioned joining the ranks of the Wall Street speculative favorites.

Thus it is plain that the upward swing of the stock market does not in any way reflect the actual industrial condition of the country at present, but is based upon the expectation of increased activity in all branches of industry in order that the nation may be placed as speedily as possible upon a war basis.

Unquestionably there will develop within the next few months a vastly greater disparity between productive capacity and actual production than already exists. This apparent contradiction leads to much confusion of thought among bourgeois economists who fail to perceive the fact that the increase in productive capacity is predicted upon the preparation of a new war for a redivision of the world between the imperialist powers. It is plain that the increase in productive capacity is imperative if the war-mongers are to be in position to realize Coolidge's program for the "equipment and organization in all industries for furnishing supplies," for the armed forces of the country.

This talk of "furnishing supplies" has an ominous tone. There is a striking similarity between this phrase of Coolidge and the name of the fascist organization of Britain that arose on the eve of the great general strike—the "Order for Maintenance of Supplies." The parallel will go much farther here. With the placing of the country upon a war basis, the semi-official bands of terrorists of the type of the Ku Klux Klan and American Legion will get into action in order to supplement the apparatus of the state in suppressing workers' organizations in preparation for industrial conscription.

Such organizations, secretly approved and sponsored by the government, serve also to conceal from the masses the real class character of the state thereby perpetuating the illusion of capitalist class democracy.

While the capitalist butchers are preparing for the systematic slaughter of countless millions of workers, it is imperative that the working class also prepare to combat the war-mongers in a revolutionary way. Under the leadership of the vanguard of the working class, the Communists, the masses of unorganized workers in the great basic industries of the country—the war industries—must be organized; the predatory and murderous role of the imperialist ruling class must be relentlessly exposed; determined revolutionary propaganda must be carried on amongst the armed forces of the country. Only the working class can make futile the ambitious war program of Yankee imperialism, recently formulated in the most brazen and in the sharpest manner by the spokesmen of the ruling class.

Mass Arrests in Washington

The arrests and sentencing at Washington, D. C., of a group of picketers demanding the release of John Porter, New Bedford strike leader who was railroaded to jail by the United States military authorities on the charge of being an army deserter was a piece of plain class vengeance. The paltry municipal judge who heard the cases of the men, women and youth representing the Workers (Communist) Party, the Young Workers' League, the Anti-Imperialist League and the International Labor Defense, sentenced them to pay fines varying from \$50 or 30 days in jail to \$100 or 60 days in jail, on the charge of parading without a permit from the police department.

It is, of course, ridiculous for a worker to imagine for a moment that the capitalist class has any regard for the enforcement of its own laws if such enforcement might inconvenience them. Picketing is one thing and a parade another. But when the ruling class wants to jail members of the working class they can invoke any law they want, or simply jail dissenters on general principles without any so-called sanction of law.

The victims of this mass jailing in Washington are serving the best interests of the working class by defiantly exposing the whole class character of the proceedings and denouncing the judge as an agent of the war-mongers at Washington who gave orders to stop the anti-war demonstration and as an answer to the demand for the release of Porter, whose crime was that he fought for the strikers instead of becoming a scab-herder of a scab.

A particularly good example for all our class was the defiant conduct of one of the picketers, Carl Jones, a Negro, who exposed the fact that the police even tried to "Jim-Crow" him in the jail. Only an uproar by his white comrades compelled the contemptible white bureaucrats to restore Jones to the side of his fellow prisoners.

The reply to the Washington jailings is a repetition of the picketing of the department of state, the war and navy buildings in order further to expose the plots of the imperialist government at Washington. Appearances of militant workers in court should always be the occasion for an attack upon the class-character of such courts in order that the workers may come to hold them in contempt.

Many New Courses to Begin at the Workers School During Week

Two important classes for functionaries of the Workers (Communist) Party are scheduled to begin this week. "Party Organization Problems" will open this Thursday at 8:30 p. m., with Bert Miller as the instructor, and "Program of the Communist International" will start on Friday at 8:30 p. m., with William W. Weinstein as the instructor.

The course in Party Organization will deal with the concrete organizational problems arising out of the political problems facing the Communist movement and the working class.

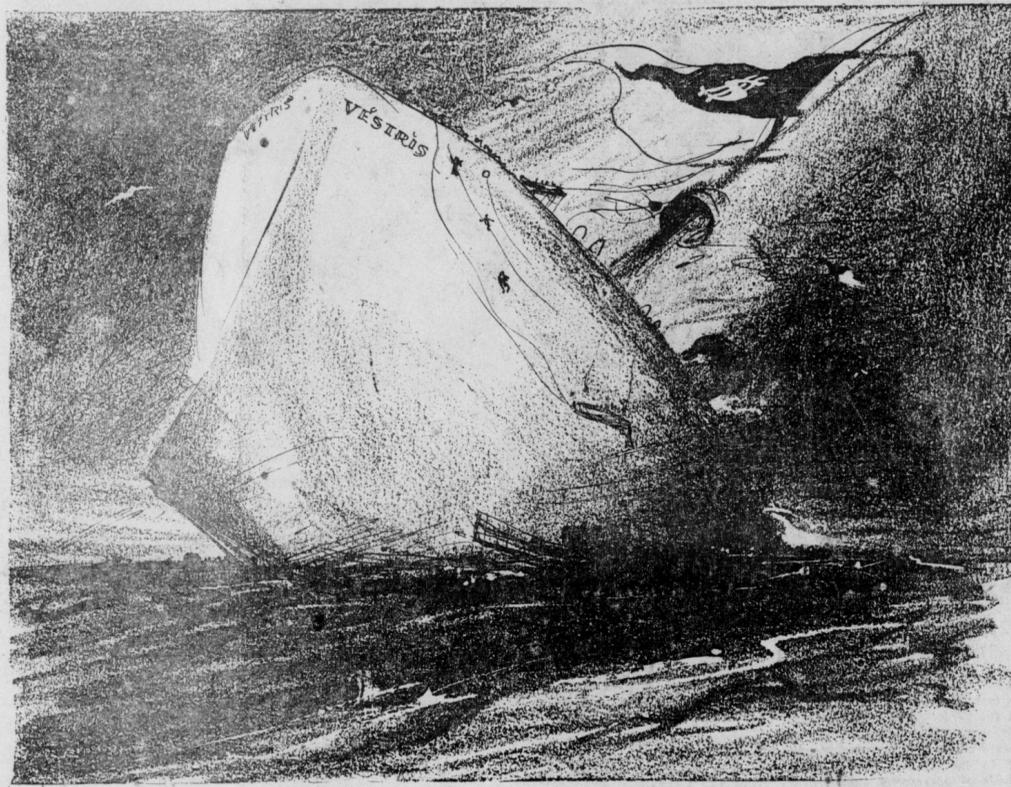
In addition to these the following are scheduled to begin this week: "Historical Materialism," Bertram D. Wolfe, instructor, on Thursday

from 8:30 to 9:50 p. m.; "Fundamentals of Communism," with Rebecca Grecht, instructor, Friday, at 7 p. m.; "European History Since 1789," on Friday, at 8:30 p. m., with Juliet Stuart Poyntz, instructor. The course in Marxian Economics I, that takes place on Thursday at 8:30 p. m., will have Ray Ragozin as the instructor.

BELGIAN WORKERS WIN

BRUSSELS (By Mail).—The workers of the Belgian National Arms factory, located at Horstal, have won their strike of 11 weeks. The agreement reached includes compulsory social insurance and the extension of paid holidays.

"BUSINESS AS USUAL"



By Fred Ellis

Misleaders in the American Labor Unions

(From "Misleaders of Labor," by William Z. Foster.)

MITCHELL, a real Gompersite, defended capitalism in general and protected the interests of the mine owners in particular. Many acts of betrayal stand to his discredit. In 1902, he prevented the bituminous miners from striking with the anthracite miners, to the great harm of both groups and of the union as a whole. In 1903, during the bitter Colorado strike, when victory was in sight, he forced the miners in the north back to work, leaving those in the south to be starved into submission, a betrayal from which the district did not recover for many years. In 1904, in spite of a solid vote of the union against wage cuts and for a strike, he conspired secretly with the employers and finally accepted for the union the wage reduction the employers wanted. In all these maneuvers the priest-like looker Mitchell had the support of the U. M. W. A. secretary, W. B. Wilson, who has since become a big democratic politician.

Mitchell was fawned upon and flattered by the capitalists. Says Lincoln Steffens of him, ("World's Work," August, 1902.):

"When Mitchell came to New York in 1900, to see J. P. Morgan, the financial head of the coal business, he was not received. This year an associate of Mr. Morgan's happened to meet him socially, and when he reported what manner of labor leader Mitchell was, Mr. Morgan received him at his downtown office."

Then followed banquets and close social relations with great capitalists and politicians, Carnegie, Hanna, Belmont, Robbins, etc. At a famous Pittsburgh supper with coal operators Mitchell was presented with a "diamond badge" as a token of their esteem. He became a leading figure in the National Civic Federation and a warm friend of President Roosevelt.

These things aroused the then powerful socialists in opposition. They forced Mitchell first to quit the Civic Federation and eventually to get out of his union office.

After holding important political posts during the war, Mitchell died in 1919, a capitalist and an officer of the government. His wealth, exclusive of extensive personal property in the name of his family, totaled a quarter of a million dollars, as follows:

Stocks	\$156,000
Bonds	71,900
Notes	2,266
Bank Deposits	14,129
		\$244,295

Among his assets were bonds of Armour and Co., and the B. & O., N. Y. C., and C. & P. railroads, all union crushing concerns. He was a "labor lieutenant" of capital well rewarded for his betrayals of the workers. His memory is revered by the A. F. of L. bureaucracy and the employers.

Other Traitors.
Tom L. Lewis, who succeeded Mitchell as president, was guilty of various acts of treachery to the miners. He was a typical "labor lieutenant" and "red" fighter. He was driven out in 1914, and immediately became secretary of the New River Coal Operators' Association in West Virginia. This organization is one of the bitterest enemies of the union in the West Virginia district, where the attempt to maintain a union has been made under almost civil war conditions. Working in this treachery with Lewis is E. G. McCullough, formerly vice-president of the U. M. W. A.

John P. White, successor of T. L. Lewis, was a typical reactionary. He lined up with the Kansas operators to crush Howat and committed many corrupt acts. He retired to a political position during the war. Then he became interested in the Haynes Powder Co. For a time he worked for the operators in the Kansas and Arkansas districts. Now he is an "agreed-upon" representative of the workers and bosses in District 19, one of the worst "open shop" territories.

M. D. Ratchford, president before Mitchell, when defeated was made a commissioner for the coal operators in Illinois.

From Socialists to Republican.
Francis Feehan, a one-time radical, was candidate for governor of Pennsylvania on the Socialist Labor Party ticket in 1902. He defeated the notorious labor crook, Pat Dolan, president of the vital Pittsburgh district in the union elections, but soon became a friend of the operators and was thoroughly corrupted. Finally he degenerated into a Republican politician, and supported Hughes for the presidency in 1916. He was forced out of the union and is now a well-paid official in the Bureau of Mines.

Dean Haggerty, in collusion with the mine operators, ordered Cabin Creek, W. Va., miners back to work during the heat of a bitter struggle, and when they refused he cut off their strike relief. Haggerty later became a coal operator in this bloody battleground of labor. He was formerly a prominent U. M. W. A. official.

NEW MODEL SPEED BOAT.
BUFFALO, Nov. 15 (U.P.).—Revolutionary in design and promising to create a sensation in the world of motorboating, the "flying fish" type of hydroplane motorboats made its debut here yesterday. The boat will be given tests for the next two weeks.

Women Must Fight War Plans

By PHYLLIS NEAL.

IN face of the growing threat of imperialist war, the greatest danger for working women lies in the feeling which is so strong among them that a repetition of the horror of 1914-18 is impossible. It was so terrible, they think, so much more ghastly and devastating than any but a few realized that it would be, that no government would now dare to plunge into a similar carnage, nor would the peoples allow themselves to be driven into it.

This is a perilous illusion, which must at all costs be dispelled by the Communist parties. Those who prepared the last war (with their ententes and alliances, their secret treaties, their piling up of armaments, their carefully fostered mistrust between the proletariats) were precisely among those who best understood the colossal wreckage and devastation that such a war would bring. And they proceeded deliberately. Why? Because war was the only hope of solution under capitalism for their antagonisms, the only means of gratifying their mutual rapacious desires for new markets, new sources of raw materials and cheap labor, new spheres of investment.

The Facts.

These antagonisms have not been resolved. New and more powerful groupings have arisen. The securing by the victors of new spheres of exploitation at the expense of their vanquished rivals, and of the defenseless colored peoples, has only intensified the enmity between them. And above all, the emergence of the first working class state, the U. S. S. R., constitutes such a challenge to the criminal rule of the whole crowd of imperialist robbers, that they cannot afford to tolerate its existence.

Does any working woman think this is merely an alarmist view? What are the facts?

The powers are spending more upon armaments at present than in 1913. Reorganization of armies and navies in the direction of greater efficiency, and the building of air fleets, are proceeding rapidly. Chemical warfare (introduced as an element of surprise during the last war) is being systematically studied with a view to wholesale use in the next. The development is being encouraged, and even participated in by the capitalist governments, of such industries as are readily convertible to the production of lethal chemicals (e. g. manufacture of dyes, commercial chemical products,

Activity in Factory, Street and in Mass Organizations Necessary

artificial silk etc.). The way is being prepared for the militarization of industry, by strict regimentation of the workers, and attempts to prevent, destroy or corrupt trade union organization. All cultural resources (press, radio, cinema, schools and churches, etc.) are being utilized to prepare the "war mind" in all this for nothing?

In War Industries.

Working women least of all should be blind to its meaning; for in the first place they have been drawn into great numbers of recent years into the very industries which will first and foremost be mobilized for war purposes; and in the second place the deadly operations of the new methods of warfare will be carried out not merely upon the sea and the battlefield, but upon their homes and children, and the factories where they work.

But what then is the meaning of the League of Nations, the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, the Kellogg Pact, and all the declarations by imperialist statesmen in favor of world peace? In one aspect they are the hypocritical mask behind which the war plans go forward; in another they are actually part of the intrigues by which the various powers and groups are endeavoring to secure the most advantageous position in the coming war. How far they are from endeavors for peace is proved by the rejection of the proposals of the Soviet government for complete disarmament; the sharp objection of the governments of the U. S. and Italy to the Anglo-French naval agreement; and by the last Assembly of the League of Nations, which left the long-talked-of disarmament conference farther away than ever.

Beware of Reformists!

But surely they will not attack the very state which has renounced all imperialist ambitions? The answer is that the U. S. S. R. is a beacon and an ally to all who suffer under imperialist rules. Why has the British government broken with Russia, although this involves the loss of millions of pounds worth of trade to British manufacturers? Why is it using all its diplomatic influence to isolate her? Why have the border states been assisted to

extend and improve their war equipment so enormously? Why have they been forbidden to conclude pacts of neutrality with their Soviet neighbor? What is the meaning of air-bases in north-western India?

But at least the socialist and labor leaders will marshal the workers to prevent this crime? Let any working woman examine the past and present action of these leaders: let her carefully read the manifesto of the recent congress of the I. I. International, and say whether they are not the most valuable assistants of the war-makers, either by identifying themselves with the designs of their imperialist masters, or by the preaching of pacifism, which unfits the workers to resist.

Women Prepare!

If we have permitted the capitalist class to complete its preparations, militarizing industry, shack-

ling the trade unions, perfecting its machinery of terror, preparing the appropriate psychology in the masses, will not the attempt to organize passive resistance be doomed to failure? And even if we were to succeed by this method in forcing a pause for the moment, matters could not rest there. The war will have become a historical necessity for the capitalists: there will be no third alternative to the prosecution of the imperialist war or the grasping of power by the working class.

Let every working woman face these facts, (especially, since their rulers are leading the war-plans, the women of Great Britain) and take up actively now the fight against the war-makers: rousing the women around her, in the factories, the street, and the mass organizations; opening the eyes of her men folk; promoting solidarity between the working women of her own land and those of Russia (one means to which is the coming conference of the Friends of Soviet Russia), the colonies, and the rival imperialist nations; and above all by enrolling in the Communist Party, the revolutionary vanguard of the world's workers.

USSR EXPLORERS IN PAMIR MAKE FINDS

MOSCOW (By Mail).—Chief of the Pamir Expedition, Gorbunov, returned to Moscow, reporting that as a result of four months of constant work the expedition very carefully explored and studied the so-called "white spot" of Pamir—unexplored region extending over 2,500 square miles.

The expedition discovered over thirty new big glaciers with a general area of over 500 kilometers. The greatest glacier in the world, Fedchenko, which so far was explored only for 15 miles, was now thoroughly studied. It proved to be more than 75 kilometers long, thus surpassing the very well-known Karakorum glacier, which until now was considered as the greatest glacier on the earth.

The expedition discovered also about 50 mountain peaks which were quite unknown until now, although they were from 5,000 to 7,000 meters above the sea level. The majority of them are even higher than Elbrooz and all of them without ex-

ception higher than Mont Blanc. The expedition explored mountainous passages from Pamir to Darvaz, discovering five new passages, including Tarymna and Kamal-Ali, which were known only by legends. Besides that the expedition collected abundant materials for making geologic maps of those regions and made several meteorological observations of the sun radiation which reaches its maximum near the Lake Kara-Kul; observations were also made of the quantity of dust in the air.

The expedition found new salt-petre-bearing fields, which is of no great scientific value. In one place there was discovered some unknown combinations of yellow color containing probably uranium and radium.

Gorbunov highly praised the work and endurance of German scientists participating in the expedition. The fact that alpinists Vin, Alvein and Schneider, under very difficult conditions, climbed the Lenin Pike, reaching its top at the height of 7,000 meters, shows that they had an excellent training.

29 Workers Jailed in Washington Demonstration



Twenty-nine militant workers, representing seven national organizations, were jailed last Saturday in Washington for a demonstration for the release of John Porter and against the imperialist war preparations. Photo shows the workers being marched to jail after the arrest. Following the policeman carrying confiscated banners are Karl Reeve, editor of Labor Defender, Paul Cronch, secretary of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League, Ben Thomas, well-known Philadelphia militant and representative of the Workers (Communist) Party, and Helen Colodny, 16-year-old Pioneer leader. (Photo, Washington Daily News.)

Snake Venom Called Cure for Epilepsy

CAPETOWN, South Africa, Nov. 15 (U.P.).—F. W. Firzimon, director of the Port Elizabeth Snake Park, claimed today to have discovered a cure for epilepsy by inoculation of vaccine prepared from snake venoms. One case in Port Elizabeth and several in the Transvaal have been successfully treated. The cure was discovered when an epileptic backwoodsman in Canada was cured after being bitten by a rattlesnake, Firzimon said.

Labor Bureau Aids Coal Bosses' Scheme

WASHINGTON, (By Mail).—The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics has given its official endorsement to the new scheme of the Colorado coal operators to blind the miners to the class struggle by establishing a "department of health, sanitation and medicine."