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FUR UNION IN STRIKE THREAT TO EMPLOYERS

Joint Boss Drive to Revive Scab Union to Be Fought Is Official Ultimatum Rallies All Week for Mobilization

Ending in a threat for a general strike in the fur manufacturing industry, an official statement was issued yesterday night after a joint conference of the Joint Board of Fur Workers' Union, the executive boards of the four locals in it and all the active members of the organization.

The statement is addressed to the fur manufacturers as a whole but is directed particularly at the Fur Trimming Manufacturers' Association. This employers' organization is reported in the trade journals as having been in conferences with the larger bosses' association in order to merge, so that both can begin a campaign to revive the dying A. F. of L. scab union, the Joint Council. This union had sold to the bosses the union conditions of the workers, but was beaten after a two years' fight with the Joint Board. The trimming bosses have until now had contractual relations with the left wing union and the merger means the ending of these relations.

The statement of the Joint Board reads: "At its last meeting on Tuesday, December 4, the Joint Board of locals 1, 5, 10 and 15 considered the current news concerning the combination of the Fur Trimming Manufacturers Association and the Associated Fur Manufacturers on a unified labor policy. Although the Joint Board was not yet officially informed about this combination, it nevertheless considers it a fact. Moreover, the Joint Board will not be surprised by an official combination and deal between both Association and the defunct Joint Council and International, company union, which was brought into existence and maintained solely by the officials of the A. F. of L. and the Associated.

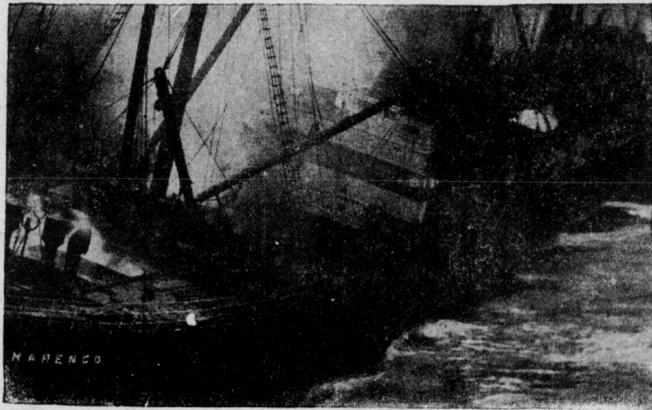
Challenge to Furriers. "The Joint Board is fully aware of the fact that this deal aims to revive the Joint Council company union and to wipe out every union regulation and union standard in the fur shops by even further reducing wages and completely wiping out the 40 hour week as well as all other gains wrested from employers by the workers since the union was organized.

"This deal between the two Associations and the right wing officialdom constitutes a challenge to the thousands of fur workers. Recognizing that the economic well-being of the fur workers is at stake, the Joint Board will take up the challenge of the combination of the two Associations and the company union. "The A. F. of L. officials can no longer fool the workers. Their 'red' bogey has been thoroughly riddled. Every fur worker holds the officials of the A. F. of L. responsible for breaking the union, destroying the union standards and extorting money from the workers.

Made Secret Deal. "It will indeed be very useful to recall that during the 1926 fur strike the Associated concluded a secret deal with the right wing and A. F. of L. officials. But every one will recall that the workers annihilated this deal and forced the manufacturers and the A. F. of L. to respect their demands and rights. History is about to repeat itself. This time also the workers will mobilize their power to regain their union standards and to maintain their right to belong to their union and not to a company union. It would be expected that the fur manufacturers should already be convinced that the fur workers cannot be enslaved even by means of intimidation, violence and terror. But what the manufacturers failed to learn from the experience of 1926, 1927 and 1928, they will undoubtedly be obliged to learn during the coming year. Responsibility will rest on the manufacturers.

"The manufacturers can prevent a general strike in the fur trade. This can be accomplished in the simple way of concluding a collective agreement with the true and real representatives of the fur workers and by restoring and recognizing the union standards. If the manufacturers will refuse to recognize this fact and instead persist in their attempt to foist upon the fur workers the company union, then a general fur strike is inevitable."

Fire on Rotten Hulk of Freighter Endangers Lives of Crew



The crew of the freight steamer Marengo and firemen from Hoboken, Jersey City and New York fought ten hours before they succeeded in bringing under control a stubborn blaze that broke out in the hold of the old vessel. Other ships along the Hoboken waterfront were menaced by the fire.

PLAN "RED ARMY" FOR THE "DAILY"

Plan 500,000 Issue on 5th Anniversary

The Daily Worker expects a Red Army of thousands of militant workers to greet the fifth anniversary of the paper in its special anniversary edition, half a million copies of which will be run off the presses.

It bases this expectation upon a letter which is being sent out to all sympathetic workers' organizations, reminding them that the Daily Worker is the only militant working class paper in the country, and the only labor daily existent.

The letter sums up the issues upon which the Daily has been fighting, mentioning among them the struggle to mobilize the workers against imperialist wars, for the recognition and defense of the Soviet Union, for new and militant unions which will organize the unorganized masses in the basic industries, etc.

The present difficult financial position the paper finds itself in is stressed in closing the letter: "The Daily Worker is up against it! The attacks of the bosses and of the government have considerably weakened it. In this period of big struggles, the workers of this country cannot afford to be without their fighting Daily. Every worker, every working class organization must rally to its support on its fifth anniversary. Your organization must be amongst the many that will greet the Daily Worker on its fifth birthday. Send in as big a greeting as possible. Have every member of your organization send in a greeting of his own."

All members of the Workers (Communist) Party and sympathizers in organizations receiving this letter are asked to have it put upon the agenda at the next meeting, and support it as strongly as possible. The Daily almost had to be suspended this week for lack of money to pay the printers, and immediate and substantial support is needed. Mass organizations where Communists work are the best sources of support and Daily agents must see that they are covered.

BIRTH RATE FALLS. WASHINGTON. — A declining birthrate exists in England, Germany, France and Scandinavian countries, according to a population study published by Robert R. Kuczynski. Life is hard for the worker and he does not seek either the burden of children's support or their competition on the labor market.

The study is announced by Dr. Harold G. Moulton, president of the Brookings Institute of Washington.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Interesting sidelights on the functioning of the Chicago police department are revealed in a series of love letters written by Howard L. Cleveland, a policeman, to Ruth Broderick, cabaret dancer. Miss Broderick filed the love letters in court here to substantiate her \$50,000 breach of promise suit. "Well, baby," said one of the letters dated last Sept. 9, "there isn't anything new here. I sat in the captain's office all day yesterday listening to the Cubs ball game over the radio, and last night, after I was through work, my old partner, Buck, and myself went over in the Des Plaines street district and got a still. But as usual it belonged to the mob that we get a monthly

Cuban R. R. Shopmen Strike Against U. S. Bosses' Mistreatment

HAVANA, Dec. 4.—The remnants of the Railroad Brotherhood of Cuba, left since its best leaders were killed by Butcher Machado's assassins and its remaining opportunists affiliated the organization to the Pan-American Federation of Labor, are forcing the hands of its executives in a conflict with Yankee bosses employed by the railway administration.

In the railway shops of Cienega, the administration has put in as manager an arrogant slave-driver named Strang, who thought he could treat the Cuban workers like dogs without fear of a comeback. As a result the workers in the shops are on strike, and the executive of the Brotherhood, apparently falling in trying to get the men to go back, is negotiating with the railway administration. Because of the determined stand of the workers it is thought that Strang will have to be moved to some other good job.

DRUNKEN EX-COP KILLS CHAUFFEUR

Judge Blames Dry Law; Is Easy on Murderer

William Cohen, a nineteen-year-old taxi driver, was shot and killed yesterday by an ex-cop in a "playful" mood. The judge who tried the case was obliging enough to put the emphasis upon prohibition, sidestepping the killing of a worker by a thug whose business, as taught him by the city, was to assault and kill workers at will.

Cohen was shot in a saloon by the drunken murderer, because he would not dance to the music of the latter's gun. Judge Nova, in Kings County Court, "forgot" to press the first degree murder charge and permitted a second degree manslaughter charge. The judge told the dead worker's mother that he "recognized your (her) point of view . . . but this is a horrible accident." If the worker had shot the legal murderer, the "accident" would undoubtedly have resulted in a death sentence, and prohibition would not have been invoked as an excuse.

PROPOSE TRUST. CHICAGO, Dec. 4 (U.P.)—A proposal that the oil interests in this country appoint an individual or a small committee to "rationalize" the industry was made before the American Petroleum Institute today by its vice president, Axtell J. Byles.

COP REVEALS GRAFT

Letters to Cabaret Girl Tell of Bribes

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consideration from, \$10. It seems as though everything I run into belongs to a syndicate. Well, the old saying is keep on trying; I can connect with something good some day. In another letter, after passionately protesting his love, the policeman wrote: "Well, honey, things are beginning to look a little better in Chicago. I connected with one of the big bosses in the gambling outfit on the northwest side and was made some promises, if things open up a little." Policeman Cleveland says in another letter that he has been transferred to the vice and gambling division. That, he tells the girl, "will make everything roses for you and me."

BUILD NEW SILK WORKERS' LOCAL

Organization Group in Big New Drive

(Special to the Daily Worker) PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 4.—The first meeting of the enlarged Strike Committee of the broad silk workers, elected at the mass meeting last Saturday, when the workers decided to affiliate with the National Textile Workers' Union, was held last night and after an extended meeting mapped out plans for the beginning of a drive to build a real silk workers' union in Paterson.

The first step taken was to change the name from Strike Committee to the Organization Committee of the Paterson local of the National Textile Workers' Union. This committee is designated as temporary till a city convention of silk workers' shop delegates will officially elect an executive board to take over its functions.

Organization Plans. The Organization Committee will concentrate all its efforts to build a system of shop committees which will be the basis of the new union. The series of plans for immediate execution which the meeting adopted last night are:

1.—A mass meeting of silk workers is to be held this Friday evening at 8 o'clock, the hall to be announced tomorrow. At this meeting registration of recruits for the new local will take place. All those workers who registered at the Saturday meeting.

Council of Six Rules British Imperialism as End of King Looms

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Behind the veil of secrecy about the condition of King George the Fifth, the latest news reveals that the leading figure of British imperialism expect the king to die at any time, as is seen by the order delegating his imperial powers to a council of six to rule in his stead.

As the night passed, bulletins said the figurehead of the machinery for extracting profits and super-profits from hundreds of millions of workers and peasants slaving for "the empire" throughout the world, was taking a turn for the worse and it was conjectured that George may be near his end. Bulletins said the king signed a royal decree this morning naming the queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor and Prime Minister Baldwin to take his job.

Rykov Scores Anti-Soviet Lies Spread Abroad by Enemies

MOSCOW, Dec. 4. (U.P.)—Alexey Ivanovich Rykov, chairman of the Council of Peoples Commissars, in a speech published today, attacked rumors abroad that the Soviet Union faces bankruptcy and is unable to meet its obligations.

He characterized the reports as lies circulated by our enemies in connection with negotiations with Germany for resumption of economic relations.

STEAL FROM WORKERS WAGE.

TORONTO, (By Mail).—A deduction of 50 cents per month has been made by the Lake Shore Mine from each miner's wages for the benefit of the "Lake Shore Athletic Association," a bosses' scheme.

We demand the immediate recognition of Soviet Union by the United States government!

PROTEST HOOVER TRIP AND WHITE HOUSE WAR CALL

Anti-Imperialist Meet Tonight Rallies All New York Workers

Rap Cruiser Program Hoover Voyage Means a War Maneuver

A huge mass anti-Hoover mass meeting to expose the preparations of the American jingoes for the coming war, based upon the rapidly sharpening Anglo-American imperialist rivalry, will be held tonight at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place, under the auspices of the New York branch of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League.

The principal speakers at the mass meeting will be H. M. Wicks, acting editor of the Daily Worker; Arthur C. Calhoun, author of "A Worker Looks at Government," and Paul Crouch, secretary of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League. Discussion from the floor will follow the speeches.

The latest message of Coolidge to congress is a step toward a declaration of war, says the League, is to all intents and purposes a war message, saying as it does, "The cost of national defense is stupendous. It has increased one hundred and eighteen million dollars in the last four years. The estimated expenditure for 1930 is \$668,000,000." But Coolidge opens the throttle to drive full speed into war while disguising himself with these pacifist regrets at the expense.

In commenting on this statement, the League says: "In this brazen way, American imperialism declares its determination to maintain and extend its share of the world market. The working class of this country will have the chance to be shot and gassed and blown to shreds for American imperialism. It is the intention of the League to mobilize organized labor throughout the country to resist the onslaughts of American imperialism in Latin America, and the extension of its rule throughout the world. Hoover's trip is definitely an imperialist move."

UNION FIGHTING MILL WAGE CUTS

National Union Holds Rhode Island Meet

(Special to the Daily Worker) PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 4.—With the ground work laid, the National Textile Workers' Union opened its campaign against the wage reductions enforced in the mills of Pawtucket Valley by calling a mass meeting of textile workers in Arsic today.

The meeting was called on a notice of only three hours the meeting hall was crowded to the doors with textile workers who demonstrated their determination to elect the leadership of the National Textile Union in waging a bitter fight against the wage cuts.

Expose Betrayers. The traitorous role of the United Textile Workers' Union in making the workers accept the wage cut decisions of the bosses without a struggle were brought out at the meeting by the workers. It was shown that where workers opposed the vicious demands of the bosses with threats to fight, these bosses were far more hesitant in depressing conditions.

The workers in the Arkwright Mill, who presented a determined front against the employers when they found a notice posted announcing a new speed-up system, saw their action compel the mill officials to remove the speed-up notices. Prospects for an open outbreak against the fierce reductions in pay can be expected when the workers in the Knight Mills are asked to accept the slash. This would be the second wage cut in recent years imposed on the operatives in these plants. The workers here, organizers report, have about reached the limit of their endurance and are openly declaring themselves ready to go on strike.

But an outbreak of large proportions may yet develop because the employers are not satisfied with cutting wages alone. Publicly the cut is only five per cent, but in reality wages are being slashed 20 and more per cent in addition to the installation of the most inhuman speed-up systems.

Militants May Be Down But Are Never Out

(By a Worker Correspondent)

On behalf of myself and the other boys of Craig Colony, I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your much valued paper, the Daily Worker. We look forward with pleasure to the arrival of the mail each day, knowing that it will bring on some good reading matter, and all but quarrel as to which is to get it and read it first. We are glad to note the wonderful improvement made in the Daily Worker, the splendid, interesting articles and the able editorials. Hopefully we anticipate the days when a number of T. B.'s may recover sufficiently from the disease to take our places in the ranks of the workers and spread the message of the class struggle we have learned in the Daily Worker.

Greetings from the Boys of Craig Colony, Colorado.

LIFE FOR KILLER OF A. CAMPBELL

But Mendola Appeal Is Rejected

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 4.—Ralph Mellisari, a hired gangster for the Lewis machine, has been convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. He is the man who murdered in cold blood Alex. Campbell, left wing president of Pittston Local of the U. M. W. A., before the formation of the National Miners' Union, and at the same time killed Peter Reilly, another militant miner. Mellisari and others shot Campbell and Reilly to death with machine guns while they were approaching Campbell's home in a small sedan car.

Mellisari was brought to trial for killing Campbell and acquitted after what was apparently a mere white-washing. Placed on trial for the murder of Reilly, however, something went wrong with plans for another acquittal and the jury brought in a verdict of guilty.

The local newspapers express surprise at the conviction, and hint that the life imprisonment sentence is merely to quiet resentment against Mellisari by the militant miners of this region, and that as soon as things quiet down, the murderer will be paroled.

The State Supreme Court, sitting in Philadelphia, has denied the appeal for Steve Mendola, of the National Miners Union, who was sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment on a manslaughter charge. Mendola, along with Sam Bonita and Adam Moleksi, were attacked by Frank Agati in the district headquarters of the United Mine Workers in Wilkes-Barre last February. The Lewis gunmen sought to kill Mendola and his companions and they defended themselves. Bonita is now serving from 10 to 20 years in Eastern Penitentiary and Moleksi is soon to be brought to trial.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Premier Stanley Baldwin has stated in answer to a question in the House of Commons that he had answered Representative Britten of Illinois "in friendly but firm" fashion, telling him that no negotiations could be conducted through any but official channels. He evaded a question as to whether Secretary of State Kellogg refused to transmit an earlier reply sent to Britten through the British ambassador and the U. S. government.

Philadelphia Graft Regains His Old Post

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4 (U.P.)—Harry C. Davis, former director of public safety of Philadelphia, today won back his old post in the Philadelphia republican organization as executive director of the Central Executive Campaign Committee.

The vote was 48 to 0. Davis is a close friend of the republican leader, Senator-elect William S. Vare.

TO GREET 22 PRISONERS

Plan Banquet for Porter Demonstrators

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Hundreds of workers will greet the 22 demonstrators who were arrested in this city a month ago for voicing their protest against the frame-up and sentence of John Porter, militant New Bedford strike leader, and against American imperialism, upon their release from jail Thursday.

The 22 workers will be released from the Occoquan, Va., workhouse, to which all but two of the demonstrators were sentenced for 30 days on a technical charge of parading on government property without a permit. The real cause of the arrests and sentences, according to the International Labor Defense, which defended them, was that they carried banners opposed to imperialist war.

All of the workers will have

"BUILD 15 BIG CRUISERS," IMPERIALIST DEMAND IN LAST COOLIDGE MESSAGE

At the Same Time Calls for Ratification of Fraudulent Kellogg "Peace" Pact

Borah, Campaigner for Hoover, Presents Pacts at End of President's Message

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—"Build a Bigger Navy! Authorize 15 More Cruisers!" These were the only clear cut, definite arguments of any importance in a dreary waste of thousands of words of Coolidge's annual presidential message, read by droning voiced clerks to both houses of Congress this afternoon.

The message as a whole was merely an insipid repetition of propaganda about "prosperity." It overlooked absolutely the 4,000,000 unemployed in the United States, overlooked all evidence of wage cuts, neglected the strikes which have been a feature this year in America's industries, and with much repetition insisted that this is the most prosperous country in the world and this is the most prosperous year in its history; labor and capital are satisfied, foreign relations are good, and everything will go on better still next year if Congress exercises due economy—in every field but the navy. There must be 15 new cruisers.

COMMITTEE TO BACK BRITTEN

Makes Fake Peace Move of Its Own

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The House of Representatives Naval Affairs Committee today unanimously passed a resolution which can only be construed as carrying one step further the maneuver started by its chairman, Britten of Illinois, last week, when he communicated directly and in breach of all diplomatic usage with Premier Baldwin of England, asking for a naval conference to meet in Canada. Britton today notified the committee that Baldwin had answered that he could not negotiate with a private persons like Britten. Such an answer was expected and desired by all who understood that the move was merely for propaganda purposes in America, as Britten is a "big navy" man.

Next Fake Move. Now that the full political effect in favor of unlimited building of cruisers has been reaped by the incident in America, the house committee proceeds along the same line with a resolution "reiterating its often expressed desire to extend the 5-5-3 ratio principle of the Washington agreement to all classes of naval ships," and endorses the idea of naval conferences. It does not make the mistake of being too definite. Britten himself explained that to actually request President Coolidge or Secretary of State Kellogg to extend this invitation to England might embarrass the administration.

For Realtors. The message, while couched in vague language, seems to favor the passage of the Swing-Johnson Boulder Dam bill, and a revised and emasculated McNary-Haugen bill, a fake farm relief measure, intended to keep the agricultural regions quiet under the burden of mortgages and the exploitation of the grain buyers.

Congressmen did not wait around in any very large numbers to hear the monotonous deluge of platitudes. In the House of Representatives there were only about 50 of the 435 members present, and in the Senate only half of the members, and these chatted in informal caucuses and paid no attention.

President Coolidge sent to the senate today the following nominations: To be Under Secretary of State, J. Reuben Clark, Jr., of Utah.

To be Ambassador to Chile, William F. Culberson of Kansas.

To be Comptroller of the Currency, John W. Police of Ohio; to be Brigadier General, Col. Casper Hanser Conrad, Jr., Cavalry; to be Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, Major General Frank McIntyre; to be Judge Advocate General, with rank of Major General, Col. Edward A. Kruger; to be Major General Reserves, Major General Alfred Franklin Foote, National Guard.

To be minister Colombia, Jefferson Caffery of Louisiana; to be Minister to Bulgaria, H. F. A. Thur Schenfeld of Washington, D. C.; to be Minister to Salvador, Warren D. Robbins of New York; to be Minister to Rumania, Charles S. Wilson of Maine; to be member of United States Tariff Commission, for 12 years beginning September 8, 1928, Sherman J. Lowell of New York; to be Treasurer of the United States, H. Theodore Tate of Tennessee; to be a member of the Federal Farm Loan Board for 8 years expiring August 6, 1936, John H. Gull of California (re-appointed).

Lampport-Holt Vessels Built So 10-Inch Leak Could Not Be Stopped

The fact that ships of the Lampport and Holt Line are so built that a sanitary pipe could break without anyone knowing it and turn a solid ten-inch stream of ocean water into the lower depths of all sister ships of the sunken Vestris, was brought out yesterday after an inspection of the Vauban, another vessel of the line.

Naval experts say that the first leak on the Vestris could have come about in such a way, bringing a list, and opening further leaks in her rudder sides.

POLISH WORKERS HAIL THE U.S.S.R. IN CELEBRATION

Defy Terror to Honor Revolution

WARSAW, (By Mail).—In Warsaw and the other industrial centers of Poland, great crowds of workers took part in the gatherings and demonstrations organized by the Communist Party to commemorate the eleventh anniversary of the October Revolution.

Numerous arrests and official searches were made by the fascist terror police. During the night before the 7th of November, workers painted inscriptions on the houses they live in, reading "Long Live the Soviet Union," and "Down with War Preparations against the Soviet Union." Similar inscriptions waved from telegraph poles.

Markoff Will Direct New Newark Branch of Workers School

A. Markoff, instructor at the Workers School of New York, will be the director of the Newark branch of the Workers School which will open within a few weeks at 93 Mercer St., Newark, N. J.

In addition to directing the school, Markoff will himself give two classes, "Fundamentals of Communism," and "Principles of Marxism." This is the first time in the history of the Newark labor movement that an advanced course in Principles of Marxism will be offered.

Markoff, who has given both of these courses in the Workers School of New York City, is at present engaged in preparing a syllabus for this class. In addition to this, courses will be given in elementary, intermediate and advanced English, American history and other related subjects. All workers who are anxious to train themselves for the working class movement and for more effective work in their organizations should register at once at the headquarters of the branch school, 93 Mercer St.

Bedacht Will Discuss "Socialist" Party at the Workers School Forum

"The Socialist Party" will be the subject of the lecture at the Workers School Forum, 26-28 Union Square, 5th floor, this Sunday, at 8 p. m. Max Bedacht, national agitprop director of the Workers (Communist) Party, and author of "The Menace of Opportunism" will be the speaker.

New Masses Ball Now Only Three Days Off

With the annual New Masses ball only three days off, the advance sale of tickets indicates that this year's event at Webster Hall on Friday fall affairs of the season, Natalie Gomez, business manager of the publication said yesterday.

Since the change in editorial policy under which the magazine took on a more proletarian character, the business manager said, the annual ball is practically the only means for keeping the magazine alive. All subsidies have been stopped.

Negro Relief Dance in Harlem Saturday Night

A Solidarity Dance will be held this Saturday evening at the Imperial Auditorium, 160-64 W. 129th St., near 7th Ave., under the auspices of the Negro Workers Relief Committee.

Refreshments will be served at the dance, and John Smith's Orchestra will keep the evening moving. Workers are urged to aid the Negro Relief Committee's work by attending this affair.

The socialist party endorses the robber League of Nations, the fake Kellogg peace pact and creates the illusion that war can be abolished under capitalism. Down with these traitors to the working class!

WORKERS!

THE DAILY WORKER is going to be five years old on Jan. 5, 1929. Hail the fifth anniversary of the Daily Worker. Send in a Greeting. \$1.00 per name.

COMMUNISM AN ISSUE AT THE CONVENTION OF MACHINISTS

By V. Q.
The Grand Lodge officialdom of the International Association of Machinists hate Communism and the Communists, but the convention demonstrated on a number of occasions an unconscious tribute to the grand lodge to the Communists. The issue of Communism arose to plague the officialdom on several occasions.

In order to suppress the right of Simons, Lodge 199, Chicago, to appeal to the credentials committee against removal as a delegate, the International president denied the right of a member to appeal to the credentials committee.

They had to violate every principal of fair play and constitutional rights, when Fry, the Chicago boss, bulldozed the delegate raising Simons' protest, by threatening to "can him, if he sympathizes with Simons."

Communists on the Job.

In the Tim Buck case, the complaint was that in the Oshawa General Motors strike, when the International Union sent organizers into the situation, "they found when they got there that the Workers Party was already there sending out bills, calling meetings, and an attempt was made to put in a national organization covering the automobile workers in the city of Oshawa." The significant thing is that the Workers Party of Canada was on the job before the fakers began to move. Furthermore, the policy of establishing one industrial union in the automobile industry is correct, as against the A. F. of L. policy of splitting the workers into a score of unions. Secretary-Treasurer Davison's speech was full of false and malicious charges. He accuses Communists of "working for the employers."

What gall! These fakers, who have gone down on their knees, cringing before the master class, this man Davison who stole the 1925 Grand Lodge election, accuse revolutionists of working for the employers! These lickspittles of capital, these parasitic wolves, accuse those workers who have fought against the bosses at all times. Davison also took a whack at Foster's book, "Misleaders of Labor," but he carefully refrained from pointing out any errors.

No Evidence Against Price.

In the case of H. G. Price, Lodge 79, Seattle, the evidence showed that Price was a member for 10 years, working at the trade; that he had not received a trial; that Wharton expelled him, on evidence from President Green, for being on a Miners' Relief Committee which had connections with the Pittsburgh National Miners' Relief Committee; that Lodge 79 had elected Price and others to serve on this committee. Duncan, from the Seattle Labor Council, admitted that "he could always count on Price to help in building the auto local in Seattle." And still, Price was expelled by Wharton for "Communist activities." Lodge 79 stood with Price against his expulsion.

And when Sandvigen, delegate from Lodge 79, and others had blown the case against Price to smithereens, then the appeals committee added that months after the expulsion, Price was seen distributing in the lodge room the "Progressive Statement to the I. A. of M. Convention." When Sandvigen protested that this new evidence could only be used in a new trial, the committee had nothing to say, but to repeat mechanically, "Price must go."

The action in the Price case, the convention endorsing Wharton's arbitrary action, with some delegates dissenting, however, shows that in its ferocious attacks on opponents, the Grand Lodge does not permit the constitution to stand in the way. A member has no protection. The Grand Lodge does not have to furnish proof.

Hates Russia.
On an amendment proposed by the Grand Lodge to have a strict hold on local lodge funds, Davison referring to illegitimate expenditures, asked: "How many local lodges donated money to the Communist propaganda that went thru the organization seeking to destroy your Grand Lodge?" Referring to the trade union delegation to Russia, he charged that the delegates got instructions from Russia as follows: "Get into these organizations and destroy their treasuries. That is the way to wreck them." Such

stupid, lying trash! The program of the Red International of Labor Unions is a constructive program for struggle against the bosses, and for strengthening the unions. This program, printed in "Labor Unity," gives the lie to these vicious, lying statements. Davison wanted power to declare it illegitimate for lodges to help defray the expenses of such delegations.

Business Agent Uhlmann, the former socialist, also chimed in, maintaining that local lodges should not be affiliated with the International Labor Defense, nor with the Miners' Relief Committee; and that the "Grand Lodge should have a right to tell a local what kind of an organization they can affiliate themselves with." Lodge 390, Chicago, where Uhlmann holds membership, has been affiliated to the Chicago Committee of the I. L. D. for several years, and is still affiliated, despite Uhlmann's opposition.

Drive Against "Reds."

The Grand Lodge is conducting a drive against the Communists. Communists are in opposition to the present social order; since the Grand Lodge officers are staunch supporters of capitalism, and have made the trade unions auxiliaries of the capitalist production machinery, the Grand Lodge wages a war against the Communists. This proves the existence of the class struggle, with the Communists representing the interests of the working class, as against the capitalists and their labor hirelings.

The Grand Lodge expulsion campaign against the Communists began in 1924, with the suspension for one year of 7 members of the Toledo, Local Number 105. The Detroit convention sustained the suspension.

On August 15, 1925, the Executive Council issued Circular 183, under the rule of B. & O. Bill Johnston, which branded the "Trade Union Educational League, the Workers or Communist Party, the Young People's League or Young Workers League" as "antagonistic in character and dual in nature to the International Association of Machinists" and that "all members of the I. A. of M. who are also members of the said dual organizations, or relinquish their membership in the I. A. of M. This was a motion of the Executive Council.

After Detroit, the organization was in such turmoil over the stolen election in 1925 and the expulsion of Anderson that there was no drive against the Communists.

Fear of Defeat.

It was when the Communists attacked the policy of the Chicago machine as well as the Grand Lodge policy that expulsions began anew. In 1927, Overgaard was expelled for

"slandering the officials." Wharton doing the dirty work, when Lorge 390 exonerated him. This was a result of the activity of the Progressive Group in the district elections in 1928. Since then, on a national scale, Wharton expelled H. G. Price, Lodge 79, Seattle, and Tim Buck, Lodge 235, Toronto, Canada, for "Communist activities." The expulsion campaign is at its height in Chicago, where the progressive forces increased their vote in the 1927 district elections over the previous year and where it took the vote of Locals 126 and 1528, each with their own business agents, to defeat the progressive candidates for business agent, Weydert and Waterworth. In order to remove William Simons as a delegate to the Atlanta Convention from Lodge 199 charges were placed against him under Circular 183, and all the sections in the constitution dealing with expulsion. Although a majority voted to declare him guilty of being a member of the Workers Communist Party, they failed to get the two-thirds necessary for expulsion; the prosecution announced an appeal to Wharton. Wm. Mauseth, Lodge 113, was expelled for distributing the "Progressive Statement to the I. A. of M. Convention" in his lodge. These expulsions in Chicago were aimed to deprive the progressive forces of leadership in the coming district election campaign in District 8 early in December.

Grounds for Expulsion.
What are just grounds for expulsion? Circular 183 banned membership in the organizations named. But the Circular concluded with: "On and after Oct. 15, 1925 no member of the International Association of Machinists can hold membership in or affiliation with any of the aforementioned organizations and continue his membership in our Association." Already here, by words of Johnston, an attempt is made to broaden membership to "affiliation with," which can include anything under the sun. Railroad workers remember the Daugherty injunction in 1922 which almost forbade strikers to breathe. Is "affiliation with" to be interpreted to mean that a member may not speak to a member of the Communist Party or of the Trade Union Educational League? Surely the membership of the I. A. of M. would not stand for such tyranny, for such interference in their personal lives. Despite the words of Johnston, Circular 183 can only be interpreted as barring "membership" in the organizations named.

(To Be Continued.)

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GITLOW TO SPEAK TO THE CLOTHING WORKERS HERE

TUEL Forum Planned for Saturday

Workers in the men's clothing industry are to hear Ben Gitlow, Workers (Communist) Party leader who himself has worked in that industry, discuss "The Present Policies of the Leadership of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union," at an open forum meeting this Saturday afternoon. The forum is called by the Amalgamated section of the Trade Union Educational League.

In the distributed announcement calling the forum, the left wing organization calls upon all tailors to come to the meeting, which will begin at 12 noon in the Workers Center, 26 Union Sq., and participate in the discussion that will follow Gitlow's exposition of the traitorous role of their union administration.

Working conditions in this industry have, for the last few years been going down grade at so rapid a rate that the standards of the tailors in the factories are at about the lowest level of all needle trades workers. This despite the fact that the officialdom claims that its "union" has not so severe an inner union struggle as the other unions. It is common knowledge, however, that the Amalgamated is merely a shell of its former self and that the officials add to this lack of power by deliberately selling greater speed-ups and wage cuts to the bosses in return for their assistance in maintaining the organization.

Discussion on Ousting
of Young Pioneers in
Bronx Meet Tonight

"Workers, Workers' Children and the Public Schools" will be the subject of a discussion which will be conducted under the auspices of the Parents Association of Junior High School 61, the Bronx, tonight at 8 o'clock at 1330 Wilkins Ave., Bronx. M. E. Taft, chairman of the Parents' Association, will lead the discussion.

The discussion will be based on the recent acts of intimidation and the expulsion of several of the workers' children from the school for voicing their own opinion.

The Workers (Communist) Party demands unemployment insurance, the amount of compensation to be full wages for the entire period of unemployment, the administration of this insurance to be in the hands of the workers, the cost to be borne by the state and the employers.

MESSAGE FROM MOONEY BY RELEASED STRIKER

Harry J. Wolfe, just released from San Quentin prison, where he served three years as a result of the longshoremen's strike of 1919 in San Pedro, Calif., when he was arrested 11 times, declared to the International Labor Defense:

"Since my arrival in New York City at 4 p. m. Saturday, November 24th from the California state prison at San Quentin, hundreds upon hundreds of comrades as they pressed my hands in welcome have poured out heartfelt sympathetic questions for Tom Mooney.

"Never, in the history of the world, was a man so greatly wronged as Tom Mooney has been. Never did there live a worker who was so class conscious, nor as fine a man, yesterday, today and tomorrow, always 'pure gold' until the end of the world as I have found Tom Mooney to be during my three years and a month in San Quentin. I say these words with an aching heart in the history of the worldwide struggle of the masses against capitalist oppression has any man or woman ever so tugged at the sympathetic heart strings of the masses as has Mooney.

Very Sincere.
"Let's answer your Tom Mooney questions now, fellow comrades. First, there is much we can do for Mooney; second, he is not well, in fact, the only thing that has kept Tom Mooney alive is his continual dieting for the past two years. The rigors of prison life, such as arising at 4:30 every morning and leaving for work at 5 o'clock after "sleeping" on a hard straw mattress and straw pillow with an insufficient number of blankets for covering in a cold concrete and steel cell have transformed this unusually healthy man into a shadow of his former self. Leaving for work at 5 a. m. he keeps busy in the kitchen of the officers' and guards' mess until 1 p. m. From 1 until 2 p. m. he is permitted to rest; at 4 p. m. he is returned to his cell. He spends every spare hour studying for the day he will be returned to the "struggle." Though no radical papers, books or magazines are permitted to enter the prison, Mooney has managed to keep himself wholeheartedly interested in the struggle of the masses, a superhuman effort for one who labors under such adverse conditions as Tom Mooney is subject to.

Forced To Work.
"He works seven days a week, and works mighty hard, especially for a sick man. He not only prepares all vegetables to feed over a hundred guards three times a day, but he must also wash the pots and kettles, yet he always has a smile and a friendly word for everyone, truly a wonderful man. As he works in the officers' and guards' mess, he is able to secure a glass

of milk a day. On this glass of milk and three slices of bread a day, Tom Mooney has managed to control the ravages of the stomach trouble he is afflicted with. And fellow comrades, it is my sincere belief that Tom Mooney cannot possibly live three more years in prison.

"His message to you, fellow comrades, is to keep faith—to carry on—to remember that he is not whimpering nor crying, for he is not afraid to stand persecution in behalf of the world-wide struggle of the working class and he wishes that he could do more in their behalf.

"As to what you can do for Tom Mooney—let me urge you that you never let a meeting adjourn until the name of Tom Mooney has been spoken; that you closely and wholeheartedly enter into the fulfillment of each and every suggestion of the International Labor Defense. Let every breath you take bring the name of Tom Mooney to your lips in deadly determination to do your part to help free Tom Mooney, who has, and is, suffering more for the struggle of the masses of the world against capitalist oppression, exploitation and terrorism than any other living worker today.

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Workers, fight all class-collaboration schemes of the bosses and the union bureaucracy. Fight back militantly against the offensives of the bosses.

DEMONSTRATORS AGAINST HOOVER GET SIX MONTHS

Jail Sentence Is Suspended

PALO ALTO, Cal., Dec. 4.—The three young workers arrested here when they staged a demonstration as Herbert Hoover left on his trip to ensnare Latin America, were sentenced to six months suspended sentence, and have appealed the case.

These three workers, V. V. Dart, James Arnett and J. Jones, members of the Workers (Communist) Party, pleaded not guilty. The court tried its best to keep the purpose of the demonstrators out of the records, but did not succeed. Banners bearing slogans, "Down with Imperialism" were exhibited in the court room. Each of the defendants took the stand and pointed out that they had demonstrated for the purpose of exposing the trip of President-elect Hoover as a definite imperialist move, and as a further attempt to suppress and control Latin America.

Austin Lewis was the attorney for the defendants. The judge declared, "You are three misguided ignoramuses." Dart during the world war spent several years in Alcatraz military prison because he refused to enter the army.

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LAYOFF IS XMAS GIFT FOR MEN AT FRESHMAN PLANT

Speed-up, Low Wages, Stool-Pigeons

(By a Worker Correspondent)
I happen to be one of the hundreds of young workers employed in the Bronx plant of the Freshman Radio Corp.

The majority of the workers employed are young boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 20. These young workers are forced to work under the most unfavorable conditions, as regards both health and industrial conditions.

The salaries paid these young workers for a 48-hour week is \$14 to \$25 per week. Very few workers are able to obtain that much sought after \$25 per week, most of them getting \$18.72, and the wages paid the girls for an equal amount of work is \$14. In order to obtain these magnificent wages a workers must put in a full 48-hour week, but at the present period of continued Coolidge "prosperity" the Freshman workers receive about four days' work each week.

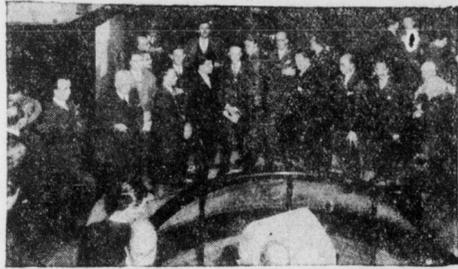
The workers are continually under the pressure of the speed-up. Every worker is placed upon a standard of quota. This means that he is required to produce his allotted standard of material each week. Failure to do so means dismissal, and as the majority of us are unskilled young workers having no other means of earning a livelihood, we are forced to keep along with the nerve-racking standard requirements. The only ones benefitting from this system are the foremen and supervisors who receive an annual bonus if their departments do not fall below the standards. The Bronx plant normally carries a force of about 800 workers. This year due to the placement of new machinery and increased speed-up there are only about 500 workers employed. Girls are also being employed at 14 to replace the men workers.

This is possible because of the installation of simple new machinery. About this time of the year the Freshman workers receive their annual Christmas gift, the lay-off. Spies are hired to spy on the workers and if they prove to the satisfaction of their foremen, their capability in such work they are made supervisors. To earn this reward they spy on workers who may in the privacy of the washrooms or during lunch time engage in a smoke, thus breaking the no-smoking rule. They see to it that no worker washes up before the second bell, and report any worker who may in any way speak disrespectfully of the boss. This is the method by which the company forces certain workers to act as lickspittles of the company against their fellow workers in reward for temporary economic security.

This is only a small picture of the sort of conditions that the Freshman workers have to contend with. They are also forced to absorb the patriotic propaganda put out by the company on its bulletin boards. The workers being unorganized have no means of reacting against their conditions and the propaganda of the bosses. The crying need throughout the entire radio industry is organization. Only by organizing in a militant manner will we be able to better our conditions.

—FRESHMAN WORKER.

Imperialisms Clash, Tin War Starts



Scene around the trading ring of the new National Metal Exchange which opened yesterday at 27 William St. \$750,000 worth of tin changed hands during the first day. This exchange is the result of the organization of American tin buyers against English companies which control most of the world's supply.

THE "SIX"; A STORY OF THE REVOLUTION

(By a Worker Correspondent)

Recently while walking on the street, I felt a touch on my shoulder. I turned around, and to my great surprise I saw my old home-town friend—Smirnovsky. I looked at the pale-face of my comrade and my thoughts carried me back to Russia to the years of 1918-1919.

Russia at that period was in the midst of the civil war. The Soviet Union was fighting its enemies, both internal and external. It was at that time that the call to defend the revolution reached also the youth in a small town. Smirnovsky and five of his comrades gave an oath to each other to join the Red Army for the defense of the revolution and to try to stick together as much as possible.

After a short military training they were sent to the southwest Ukraine front to fight the counter-revolutionary forces of the famous so-called anarchist, Machno.

Armed with revolutionary spirit, with rifles on their shoulders, they marched right into the battle-field.

In one of the many clashes that lasted for nine hours, the Red Army was driven back. Thirty-eight were taken as captives by the enemy; the "Six" among them.

As was usual, they were tried by court-martial, sentenced to death, with the sentence to be carried out immediately. Due to the youth of the "Six," Machno gave them the choice of either joining his ranks

or fighting the Bolsheviks, or being shot like the rest of their comrades.

They were given five minutes for deliberation. The meeting of the "Six" was short. For the sake of the revolution they decided to pledge allegiance to Machno. At the same time they expressed their regret for their former allegiance to the Bolsheviks. Machno was pleased. He warned them that they would receive the worst punishment under the sun if they betrayed him.

Weeks passed by. Minor clashes occurred here and there. News was spreading that a strong detachment of the Red Army was approaching. Machno was alarmed. Meanwhile the "Six" were on the job. It was through their efforts that the advancing army was aware of everything that was going on in the enemy's camp.

The Red Army was rapidly advancing, mysteriously occupying the most strategic positions. Machno was puzzled. He saw that he had been betrayed. He decided that no longer would he take any chances. While retreating, he gave the order that the "Six" should be hung.

Of these "Six," Smirnovsky was the only one who was afterward saved.

Here are Smirnovsky's own words, describing those last few minutes, while hanging on a tree, next to his five comrades:

"Somehow the knot on my neck was a little loose. The slightest move gave me the greatest pain. My thoughts were running fast. Shall I keep it up until help comes? Are my comrades dead? Or perhaps, are they . . . ?

"I distinctly heard shooting nearby, closer and closer. Was it the Red Army or the enemy? Suddenly they came into my sight. Hurrah! It was the Red Army, my comrades, pursuing the enemy.

"I felt I was losing my strength. Will they see us? Will they save our lives . . . ? I concentrated my last bit of strength and shouted 'Comrades!'

"My call was heard. Hundreds of hands reached for us. The ropes were cut. I felt as though in a dream,—how gently I was handled.

"I woke up in the hospital. The Order of the Revolution, a gold medal, was on my chest. Music of the revolutionary funeral march penetrated, in through the open window. From the nurse I found out that it was the last honor being paid to the fallen fighters for the Revolutionary cause.

"My five comrades were among them." —S. B.

(Written by a member of the Worker Correspondence Class in the N. Y. Workers School.)

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 4.—Two former sheriffs and a former county clerk of Jefferson County are charged with improper handling of state funds, following an audit of the finances of the county, dating back several years. The sheriffs, Aubrey Cossar and Emmet O'Neil, and Fred Neutzel, former county clerk, are charged with having credited to their personal accounts funds received as taxes.

BOSSES' COLLEGE LACKEYS SMASH NEARING LECTURE

Militant Students Will Fight

(By a Student Correspondent.)
PITTSBURGH, Pa. (By Mail).—Placards, announcing that Professor Scott Nearing would give a course in "Economic Conflict" from December 3 to 7, inclusive, under the auspices of the Liberal Club—a student organization of about fifty members—of the University of Pittsburgh, were torn down from the university bulletin boards by order of the administration of that school. The reason that the administration gave to the Scott Nearing arrangements committee (composed of Bill Albertson, chairman; Harry Weiss, president of the club, and Edith Kine, secretary) for this action, was that Scott Nearing, although brilliant and a genius in some respects was nevertheless "dangerous" to the untrained minds of the university students.

Liberals Pretend to Fight.
The membership of the Liberal Club, feeling "highly indignant" over this "breach of a right of a campus organization" by the administration, passed a resolution condemning in mild words the action of the rulers of the university, in which they also called on the student body to back them in the fight that they contemplated with the administration of the University of Pittsburgh. But the resolution was never made public because this was a "liberal" club, and because liberals as a rule never carry out their "militant" desires.

Chancellor Bowman of the University of Pittsburgh, in explaining his action to the Pittsburgh Press, stated that "the university bulletin boards are only for advertising university affairs. Anyway, if we allow the Scott Nearing meetings to be advertised on our bulletin boards it might lead to other things that we do not want." But the liberals could not see that the administration was using this technical issue to hide the real purpose of smashing the lectures.

Meanwhile word had come from the Dean of Men, Armbruster, that if publicity were given to this whole affair of the placards, he would smash the Liberal Club and throw its leaders out of school. Nevertheless, the Scott Nearing arrangements committee prepared a statement for the press which completely refuted that which had been released by Chancellor Bowman. The statement, in brief, was that the Welfare Fund of Pittsburgh, fraternity dances, church forums and sermons, etc., were at present being advertised on the university bulletin boards, although these events were not a part of the university, and that the Liberal Club was.

Then something happened—something characteristic of liberals. After the committee had presented this statement to the liberal club membership for a vote, one of the committee backed out and refused to stand behind this statement which he himself had helped to draw up. As a result, the motion to release this statement to the press was lost, and Chancellor Bowman appeared to be the victor of the whole affair. These liberals acted as all liberals do in a crisis—they gave up the fight at the most strategic moment and turned conservative.

Continue Struggle.
The really militant fraction of the Liberal Club wishes to take this opportunity to state that it will fight and continue to fight against the administration in its attempts to smash the Scott Nearing lectures, and in any attempts it may make in the future to keep radical thought and action from appearing on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. This fraction also condemns most vehemently the cowardly action of the membership of the Liberal Club in its refusal to fight the administration on an issue in which the club was not only correct, but also had the upper hand until the sell-out by this insipid member of

3,000 Mexican Workers Strike U. S. Planters' Holding at Vera Cruz

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Dec. 4.—Demanding that the Di Giorgio Fruit Company, connected with the United Fruit Company and a cultivator and market corporation dealing in bananas, comply with the agreement made between the agrarian union on the plantations of the company in the Hule region, 3,000 workers are now on strike.

The agreement with the company provides that the company must choose superintendents of the work from among the members of the union. It did not do this and refused to remedy the grievance, whereupon the workers walked out. The company is demanding that the government intervene to break the strike.

Patrons Undisturbed as 2 Hotel Workers Are Scalded; 1 Dead

William Miller, of Jersey City, was scalded to death, and Robert Clark, of 384 E. 193rd St., was severely burned when the casting blew off a steam pipe in the engine room of the Ritz Carlton Hotel, at 38 E. 46th St. yesterday.

The wealthy patrons of the hotel were not disturbed, those on the upper floors not even hearing the escaping steam from the pipe in the sub-basement. Clark was taken to Bellevue Hospital. He and Miller were engine room workers at the hotel.

Ku Klux Chiefs Stole Autos, and Did Arson

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 4.—Disbarment proceedings were filed today in the supreme court against W. Lee Smith, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan; R. F. McNay, former Klan titan, and Jesse D. Hamrick, attorney. The petition cited that Smith and McNay had been convicted of auto theft conspiracy and Hamrick had served a prison sentence for arson.

SIERRA PLAY TO OPEN NEW ETHEL BARRYMORE THEATRE

The opening of the new Ethel Barrymore Theatre on 47th St., west of Broadway, has been announced by the Shuberts for Monday evening, Dec. 17, when Ethel Barrymore will be seen in "The Kingdom of God," by the Spanish playwright, G. Martinez Sierra. The play was adapted by Helen and H. Granville-Barker. The new theatre will have a seating capacity of about 1,100.

"The Kingdom of God," which is at present playing in Boston, has been appraised as one of the finest plays of the Spanish dramatist. "The Cradle Song," another of his well-known plays, has been a popular and successful item in the repertory of the Civic Repertory Theatre.

CHANGE SOVIET POST

During winter the Soviet Trade Fleet will remove its base from Leningrad to the Port of Riga. Twelve Soviet steamers will ply between Riga, Hamburg, Havre and London. It is expected to export about 42,000 tons of goods through Riga during the winter.

the Scott Nearing arrangements committee. Regardless of what happens, the lectures to be given by Scott Nearing will be held!

A STUDENT.

WAGE SLAVERY LOT OF RICHMOND NEGRO WORKERS

Negro Misleaders Aid White Chauvinists

(By a Worker Correspondent)
RICHMOND, Va. (By Mail).—As soon as you arrive in Richmond you notice immediately the segregation of the colored people.

I paid a visit to the Capitol Park. In this park is located the state legislature, the governor's residence and the city hall. I met a Negro there and being interested in the city asked him many questions. In particular I touched the race problem. He said that he was once up north and knows about the conditions of the Negroes there. He agreed that segregation was an evil, but he told me that it is very hard to combat it. Not only do you have to fight against the white chauvinists, but many Negro misleaders as well. "But the time will come when we will have real equality," he said. I agreed with him on this point. From him I learned that the American Negro Labor Congress is doing good work in Richmond. The organization is very popular to a certain degree.

With him I walked to the Negro quarter of the city. I stopped in front of a wooden house. A Negro with two children sat in front of the door. His wife was rocking two children to sleep. "What are the wages received here by Negroes?" I asked him.

"Very low, indeed," he answered. "About how much?"

"The average wage is about \$15 and \$18 a week. Some make more, but they are very rare exceptions." "What kind of jobs do you folks get?"

"The worst jobs there are to be gotten, such as porters, janitors, etc."

"How can you manage to get along on such low wages?" "We barely exist."

I kept on walking until I came to a bakery shop. There I met a girl. In conjunction with the race question she said: "I realize that you folks up north can't understand us. We do not blame you for this. I personally realize that there are many evils which exist in the south today which will have to be solved some day. At present I do not see any solution to the race question because racial hatred is very strong in this part of the country. We cannot think otherwise because we were brought up that way."

I walked into a Negro church and I sat down to look over the services. It was half full. The preacher was telling them about peace and other sweet things. I thought to myself: When will the time come when these people will stop praying and demand their rights?

I did not forget to go into the Workmen's Circle at 711 West Broad St. There are two branches there, a left and a right. At one time there was one branch. The right wingers did not like the idea of belonging with lefts in one branch, so they demanded a separate branch for the lefts. Their request was granted by the National Executive Committee and the lefts were formed into a different branch against their will.

A Negro tailor told me that he received \$15 per week.

In a restaurant I met a white



The noted director of the Sovkino master films, "Potemkin" and "Ten Days That Shook the World." The last-named film, which is a dramatic and moving story of the Russian Revolution, is now being shown at the Little Carnegie Playhouse.

young fellow. With him I discussed the race question. "Well, sah," he said, "segregation is an evil, but we've got to have it because the Negro is a 'lower' human being and besides it is very hard to get along with him."

"I guess you're wrong, man, you can get along with him," I said. "The Negro problem won't be solved in our day, anyhow," he answered.

"It sure will, whether we want it or not. With the industrialization of the south it is bound to be solved some day," I replied.

"Well, that remains to be seen in the future," said he as we parted. While waiting at the Richmond depot for the train to Petersburg, Va., I asked a young man what was the sense of segregation.

"It is the Jim Crow law. This tradition is a very strong one among us. Some day I hope we will do away with it."

J. A. R.

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PIONEERS ACTIVE IN DOMAIN OF THE LUMBER KINGS

Jobless Hear Young Fighters

(By a Worker Correspondent)
SEATTLE (By Mail).—The Skid-Row, where the drifting lumber workers meet, where the unemployed get together, where you see all the hunger and misery of the West Coast, where workers meet to discuss the events of the hour, here the Young Pioneers of Seattle held a meeting.

It was quite a heartening sight to see the young ones, the future leaders of the working class, get up and tell of their experiences and their impressions of this system of society.

They were greeted by an enthusiastic crowd, who vowed to support the Young Pioneers of America whenever called upon to do so.

Among the speakers were Alex. Achil, who spoke about Child Labor in the United States; Tom Hobson, who spoke on the School System in America, comparing it to the school system in Soviet Russia; Mike Achil and Raymond Fifer, who spoke on the Pioneer movement, what it means to the workers' children, the activities of the Pioneers in mass work, and so on. Mignon Hobson made a little summary talk, winding up with the need for finances to carry on the work of the pioneers. The collection was \$20, which the Pioneers will use to print leaflets with.

The Pioneers were asked to come and speak again, and will do so as soon as the weather permits.

T. A.

TORIES AID LANDLORDS

BLYTHE, England, Dec. 4.—The British ministry of health has ordered the city authorities here to cease their plans for bringing lower rents. Workers forced the local authorities to act.

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By SAMUEL GRIERSON

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Young Tom Molone and Bessie Sharp Who work upon the books Were married in the Grey Stone Church Tom picked a wife with looks.

The girls who work for Miss Levy Had a delightful party On Monday last, and at the home Of jolly Miss McCarty.

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Plan Many Features at Daily, Freiheit Soviet Costume Ball

The Daily Worker-Freiheit Ball to be held at Madison Square Garden on Saturday night, Dec. 15, will be the first combined Soviet costume and colorlight ball held in the United States, it was announced at the business office of the Daily Worker last night.

One of the features of the ball will be a parade of the 104 nationalities comprising the Soviet Union. These will be in native costume. At last year's ball, more than 18,000 were present. This year an even greater rush for tickets is expected, and those who intend to go are advised to apply for tickets at the business office of the Daily Worker as soon as possible.

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Plumbers Helpers to Hold Membership Meet Tomorrow to Form Independent Union

MILITANT PLANS FOR NEW ACTION TO BE DISCUSSED

Will Hit Reactionary Trade Officialdom

A special membership meeting of the American Association of Plumbers' Helpers will be held tomorrow evening, at the Labor Temple, 14th St. and 2nd Ave. This meeting is being called for the purpose of voting upon the new policy for the formation of an independent union. Nominations and elections of officers and a new executive board will also take place at this meeting.

"Past experience with the officials of the United Association of Plumbers, Steamfitters, and Gasfitters, who rule the plumbers' locals, has convinced us that they will never do anything towards the organization of the plumbers' helpers," said Max Helfand, president of the Plumbers' Helpers' Union, in an interview yesterday. "The plumbers' helpers of Greater New York have seen the role that these officials played during our last strike."

"The fact that they did not take any concrete steps towards the organization of the helpers, at their last national convention, proves conclusively that these officials are trying their utmost to keep us out of the organized labor movement. There is no doubt that they have been trying to do this very thing since we have organized. In this attempt they will fail. We will form an independent union, but at the same time we will not give up our fight against these misleaders of labor. We will also appeal to the rank and file plumbers to assist us in our struggle for the establishment of a strong union."

Intense interest is being manifested by the helpers in this forthcoming meeting. Due to the vast unemployment and introduction of efficiency and speed-up methods, the conditions of the plumbers' helpers have worsened to a great degree. Wages have been cut, and the hours of work lengthened. There is a great spirit of unrest existing amongst the helpers, and they are determined to fight against these conditions. Due to this newly manifested spirit of militancy, a large attendance is expected at tomorrow's meeting.

McManus Reads, Eats, While Protected Dope Is Hidden Away

Eating three good meals a day, the best that money can buy and then brought into the jail, George McManus, the man that the New York police consistently overlooked in their frenzied 23-day search for him on a murder charge, awaits the expiration of the second of his 24-hour extensions on his "short-term indictment."

McManus was the tenant of the room in which was murdered Arnold Rothstein, millionaire gambler, racketeer, strikebreaker, etc., and more than suspected of being the brains behind a million-dollar drug smuggling ring. One of his cronies lost his temper and shot him in a quarrel over three or four hundred thousand dollars lost in cards, and the police managed for three weeks to arrest absolutely nobody, or find out anything whatever either about Rothstein's way of life or his manner of death. There's a difference, you see, between police arresting a needle trades striker and finding anybody that might be connected with a billion-dollar, protected smuggling game.

Finally McManus seems to have had pity on the police in their embarrassment, and made an appointment with them, came in and went to jail on a forty-eight-hour "suspicion" indictment, which he cheerfully extends from time to time. He is said to be taking a little rest, far from the noisome cells in which labor leaders are flung, to be eating well and reading all the latest books, including "Erass."

Now that the police have done their duty, arrested a suspect, their hands are clean; the suspect can be released in due form, either with or without a trial, and the drug ring can ring along in a quiet sort of way.

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ASKING POUND OF FLESH.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (UP).—Hearings on the agreement to settle Austria's \$25,000,000 debt to the United States will be held before the house ways and means committee Dec. 7, Chairman Hawley announced today. Treasury department officials will appear to urge prompt reporting of the agreement to the

Very Cautious Investigation



Federal District Attorney Tuttle picking his way gingerly about the deck of the Vanban, stater ship of the sunken Vestris, Lampport & Holt line. The investigator is shown gazing blankly down the side wondering how he can blame the crew for causing a ship like this to roll over and sink.

Fraternal Organizations

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Working Women's Notice.
A delegates' conference of New York Working Women's Federation on "Organization Among Working Women" will be held Dec. 13 at 8 p. m. at the Labor Temple, 14th St. and 2nd Ave. Come and represent your shop.

Brox Councils Lecture.
The Women's Council 8 together with the Bakers' Council 1 has arranged a lecture for Friday, Dec. 7, 8:30 p. m., at 1387 Washington Ave., the Bronx. Dr. H. Moskowitz will lecture on "Physical and Mental Training of Children."

Labor Sports Evening.
A sports meeting, under the auspices of the Labor Sports Union, will be held Dec. 9, at 2 p. m., at 154 W. 42nd St. H. Moskowitz will be in charge. This meeting has been called for the purpose of organizing a Brownsville sports club. All members of the sports teams and teams in all other sports will be formed. All are welcome to attend.

Office Workers.
The Office Workers' Union has arranged a dance for Washington's birthday eve, Feb. 21, at Webster Manor. Sympathetic organizations are asked not to arrange any affair for that evening.

L. L. D. Needs Volunteers.
Volunteers are wanted for mailing Christmas Defense Campaign literature at International Labor Defense, 739 Broadway, Room 402, all day Saturday and Sunday.

Inter-Racial Dance.
Notice to all Party and labor and fraternal organizations: There will be an Inter-Racial Dance on December 29. It would be greatly appreciated if no affairs were arranged that will conflict with this one.

Volunteers For L. L. D.
Volunteers are wanted for mailing Xmas campaign appeal of the L. L. D. at the national office, 739 Broadway, Room 402, from 2 p. m. to 11 p. m.

Class War Prisoners' Concert.
Concert and dance for the benefit of class war prisoners will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, 8 p. m., at Bronx Workers' Center, 1320 Wilkins Ave. (near Freeman St. station). The program will consist of a duet and quartet rendered by the pupils of Music Teacher Semolin; dancing by Comrade Seigel; soloist, Miss Poust (classical).

Norman Tallintyre, assistant secretary of the L. L. D., will speak. There will be dancing and refreshments under the auspices of the Bronx Sacco-Vanzetti Branch of the L. L. D.

Freelance Symphony.
Any comrade desiring to learn to play a musical instrument may do so by communicating with S. Rose, 1711 Davidson Ave., Bronx.

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Women Theatre Party.
The New York Working Women's Federation will have a theatre party at the Provincetown Theatre, 123 McDougal St., Saturday evening, Dec. 29, presenting Upton Sinclair's "Singing Jailbirds." All the proceeds will go to the building up of the Women's Federation. Tickets can be obtained at 24-28 Union Square.

Workers Esperanto Group.
The Workers' Esperanto group of "SAT" will hold its usual classes for the beginners and the advanced this Friday, 8 p. m., at 195 E. 14th St. All members and students are urged to attend.

Rumanian Workers Club.
Tonight at 8 p. m. a meeting will be held by the Rumanian workers

SHOPMEN WANT END OF SECRECY

A deal now being pulled off between the trade union bureaucracy of the Shop Craft's Federation and the New York Central company's officials is very much agitating the rank and file of the shopmen employed on the whole New York Central system.

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The mechanics of the International Association of Machinists are now getting 76 cents an hour, according to reports, and have demanded their officials fight for an increase. Demands have also been made by the other crafts and the trade union officials are instructed to get nothing less than the demands. In case the officials continue the secrecy and compromise the workers' demands, a fight is expected to develop against the treacherous trade union bureaucracy of the shop federation.

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Austria State Workers Demand Higher Pay; Seipel Threatens Arms

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)
VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 4.—Fifty thousand government postal, telegraph and telephone employees, whose wage demands have been ignored by the government during the past years, decided to begin passive resistance to attain their demands today.

The prime minister, Seipel, speaking at Innsbruck in Tyrol, on Sunday declared that the government would not "permit itself to be intimidated" and was prepared to use force. There is a tendency among the state employes to proclaim a general strike.

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ALL NOMINATED CANDIDATES ARE ASKED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE OBJECTION AND ELECTION COMMITTEE, which will meet on Wednesday, December 5, right after work, at the office of the Joint Board, 16 West 21st Street.

Any members who have objections against the above mentioned candidates are asked to bring such objections before the Objection and Election Committee on Wednesday.

ABE LUPIN, Chairman
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WINTER HITS THOUSANDS OF JOBLESS HARD

Missions Aiding Job Agency Sharks

(By Federated Press)
Winter's first shivery blasts sent thousands of jobless men and women into louse and bedbug-infested shelters of the Bowery missions, flophouses, Salvation Army homes and other 25-cent lodging houses of the poor. With the mercury at 21, these unemployed, many of them penniless, begged for sleeping quarters and the cup of coffee and roll that are given out in the morning.

Queues, in some cases nearly a block long and two abreast, collected in front of mission houses as early as 3 and 4 p. m., waiting for doors to open at 6. The missions do not permit workers to take shelter during the daytime. This, it is explained, would prevent them from hunting job sharks, whose meager offerings almost invariably require a \$5 deposit and fare to the job.

Many women and children are included among the 240 who wait in the soupline in front of the Madonna Home every day. Many of the mothers, sole support for their families, have been thrown out of work by the closing of small factories. The Salvation Army is caring for 600 this November, against 500 last year. The state labor department reports 122 applicants for every 100 jobs.

Professors Want More Velvet on Mailed Fist of Wall Street Empire

At the Foreign Policy Association banquet, attended by about 1,000 invited guests and members, and held at Hotel Astor Saturday, Edwin M. Bouchard, professor of International Law at Yale; Phillips Marshall Brown, professor of international law at Harvard (both of them formerly connected with the state department) and Earnest Gruening, former editor of The Nation spoke on steps to be taken to lull into quietude Latin-Americans who are outraged over the attacks on Central and South American states by American imperialism. Bouchard asked for more use of arbitration machinery, which has in the past proved satisfactory to the stronger nations involved and said that intervention was to be used only in the last resort, though he did not think that the U. S. government had misused it in the past.

Brown argued for political commissions to pass on disputed points, and also admitted Latin American hatred for imperialism. He thought Hoover's trip was a clever move.

Gruening said that diplomacy achieved better results than immediate resort to force, and stated, "There is no doubt in the minds of the people of several of the countries I've visited concerning the yankee imperialism." He praised Morrow's methods in Mexico.

Milwaukee Workers in Fight to Release Tom Mooney and Billings

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 4.—Resolutions demanding the release of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings from San Quentin Penitentiary where they have lain for 12 years, are being passed by numerous workers' organizations. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Independent Workmen's Circle No. 120, Milwaukee has passed a resolution which demands, "the immediate and unconditional release of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings."

The resolution states, "It has already been clearly established beyond a doubt that Mooney and Billings are totally innocent of the crime charged against them. They were the victims of a vicious frame-up engineered by the black reactionary forces of California's open shoppers."

A similar resolution was passed by the Austro-Hungarian Sick Benefit Society. The Socialist "Maennerchor" of Milwaukee has also passed a similar resolution. These resolutions are being forwarded to Governor Young of California, the President of the United States, Mooney and Billings and to the press.

Jobless, Falls Unconscious

LYNN, Mass., (By Mail).—James Taylor, 21 year old jobless worker, dropped unconscious after going without food or shelter for 3 days.

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PAROLE SEEN FOR BARNETT, CENTRALIA MAN

Labor Defense Expects Release for Barnett

SEATTLE, Dec. 4.—Eugene Barnett, one of the eight members of the I. W. W. who has served over eight years of a life sentence in Walla Walla Penitentiary as a result of the frame-up of the Centralia I. W. W., is soon to be paroled, following favorable action of the State Parole Board at Olympia, Washington. This action comes at a time when a campaign is being carried on by the Centralia Liberation Committee for the release of the Centralia frame-up victims. This committee called a conference for Dec. 2, in which large numbers of local trade unions, as well as the Central Labor Union bodies, are taking part.

Eugene Barnett is well known to members and friends of the International Labor Defense. His autobiography was printed serially in the Labor Defender. The eight Centralia prisoners were sentenced to serve from 25 to 40 years in prison, following an attack on the I. W. W. Hall. The I. W. W. members defended themselves from this attack by an American Legion mob and four legionnaires were killed. The government, at the insistence of the lumber interests, persecuted the I. W. W. members, but never even brought to trial the lynchers of Wesley Everest, who was brutally murdered by a "respectable" mob.

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British Imperialism Challenges "Good Will" Monopoly

The imperialists of England are preparing to send a fleet of airplanes to Latin America in an attempt to counteract the imperialist tour of Hoover. In order that there may be no mistaking their motive as not identical with that of Hoover they also characterize their proposed tour of the southern republics a "good will" tour. Just as they challenge the attempt of the yankee imperialists to a monopoly of Latin American trade so they refuse to concede a monopoly of hypocritical language with which to conceal their predatory designs.

It is certain however, that the British Tories, in adopting the slogan under which yankee tyranny conceals its murderous intent, will not enshrine themselves in the hearts of the Latin American victims of these powers, any more than will the insolent tour of Hoover.

The "good will" hoax has been repeated too many times. It was the stock in trade of Coolidge and Hughes at the Havana conference of the Pan-American union where the government of Cuba, a puppet of Wall Street, refused to permit the real representatives of the Latin-American peoples to attend and voice their opinions of American imperialism. The term was used to designate Lindbergh's imperialist flight to Caribbean countries while the Havana conference was in session. It was used again when all Latin America was arrogantly slapped in the face by the fake Nicaraguan election held under military terror on the pretext that the inhabitants of the country were "unfit" to select their own president.

The masses of the workers and peasants of Latin America are coming to realize that yankee "good will" means slavery for them in order that the Wall Street plunderers may rob them of the rich stores of raw material and reduce all Latin America to a hinterland of American imperialism.

It is of the very essence of imperialist policy in the colonies and semi-colonies that investment of capital is not directed toward enabling them to build up industries in their own countries, but serves only to stifle normal development and permit the growth only of such industries as will aid the exploiting country obtain raw material. Only the extracting industries—mining, oil, etc.—and sufficient transportation industries to get the products to seaports are permitted to flourish. For supplies of finished products the victims of imperialism are kept in a condition of dependence upon the exploiting country.

A part of the world wide struggle between American and British imperialism revolves around Latin America. The competing "good will" tours are a part of this imperialist conflict, that is rapidly approaching the stage where it will burst forth into the flames of another world war for the purpose of bringing about a redistribution of the world between the imperialist powers. Hoover's tour is a continuation of the Coolidge policy in Nicaragua, which is directed toward conquest of all Latin America, in order that dollar despotism may subdue that part of the world preliminary to the outbreak of the next war. It is called in military parlance "consolidating the rear."

Only the most relentless struggle against American imperialism by the workers and farmers of the United States and a close anti-imperialist alliance with the peoples of Latin America can avail against the war threat.

Only the revolutionary program of Communism, which insists that the first task of the working class is to fight against its own imperialist ruling class, can defeat the war-mongers. In the United States the leadership of this struggle is in the hands of the Workers (Communist) Party, in England the leadership is in the hands of the Communist Party of Great Britain, sections of the Communist International, the general staff of the world revolution. And in the colonial and semi-colonial countries it is only the Communist Parties that follow a policy that can effectively resist the designs of the imperialists by scouring them from their soil.

Not through the mouthing of deceptive phrases about "good will" but only on the basis of the revolutionary action of the proletariat and its allies, the peasantry, can we speak of identity of interest between the peoples of the world.

Two Varieties of Prisoners

The Atlantic federal prison parole board in recommending the release of Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, who was sentenced for graft in connection with the administration of his office, gives as its

reason for its action the theory that Miller has suffered conviction and the "disgrace attendant upon it," which is sufficient.

This is the identical argument that was used when the lady grafter and former secretary of state of New York, Mrs. Florence Knapp, received the trivial sentence of thirty days in jail after stealing enormous amounts of money that she distributed among the members of her family.

The release on such grounds of capitalist politicians, who neglected to cover up their graft, reveals the class distinctions that penetrate even to the cell blocks of prisons. It is based upon the conception that those who have once served as political tools of capitalism are made of different material than workers who are thrown into jail for violation of the capitalist class code; the theory that the mere conviction and attendant disgrace are to "a sensitive mind" adequate punishment. That was the motive in the case of Mrs. Knapp. It is the reason that is urged by the parole board in the case of grafter Miller.

A politician, male or female, who steals millions is honored by the ruling class and held to be of finer material than ordinary mortals. On the other hand a poor, unemployed worker who is driven by poverty to steal a loaf of bread in order that his family may be able to exist for a day longer is regarded as totally devoid of human feelings, and should he ask to be released before his prison sentence expires on the claim that his sensibilities have been shocked he would be taken to the insane ward. If poverty or the fear of poverty drives a working class woman or girl to the streets she receives no consideration from capitalist courts or parole boards, though she may be just as sensitive as Mrs. Knapp.

Such glaring examples of class distinction in courts and prisons serve one useful purpose; they serve to unmask further the role of capitalist law and order as a class instrument and to bring the government and all its institutions into contempt by the exploited masses.

God and Capitalism

In the rush attendant upon publishing a daily newspaper it sometimes happens that errors creep into its columns. But when a fundamental political error gets into the columns of the Communist press it indicates something more than an excusable accident. Such an error appeared on the third page of Tuesday's Daily Worker, under a picture of Cardinal Hayes dedicating a church. The caption said in part:

"Above we see Cardinal Hayes, one of the American ambassadors of the holy roman empire, officiating at dedication exercises of St. Stephen's Hungarian Church, an institution whose chief function is to keep the minds of the Hungarian workers so sodden that they will continue to identify god with capitalism and allow themselves to be sat on by the parasitic ruling class."

This caption clearly implies that god of today is something separate and apart from capitalism; that god may be all right if only he were not identified with capitalism in the minds of workers. Such a conception is completely foreign from and opposed to dialectical materialism which scientifically demonstrates that, in all class societies, religion and all its trappings are but a reflex of the mode of wealth production and distribution.

As Marx said: "The religious world is but the reflex of the real world. In a pastoral society god is a "good shepherd" who leads his children "by the side of still waters." To the American Indians, who obtained their existence by hunting, god was a "great spirit," whose existence was a guarantee of a "happy hunting ground." To the seafaring Norsemen he guided them on burning pyres out upon the waves to the banquet halls of Valhalla, where there was eternal feasting with the beautiful Valkyres. Under Constantine, emperor of Rome, god was a petulant monarch who ruled with an iron hand. In the middle ages, god established his church after the manner of the feudal system and fought valiantly against the rising bourgeoisie. Today the god of capitalism promises his subjects that the more miserable and slavish they are here upon earth the happier they will be after they are dead. He promises them a paradise "over on the golden shore," where they will walk on golden streets, wear golden crowns and play golden harps in the heavenly orchestra. Since god is the universal equivalent, the one commodity that expresses the circulation of all other commodities, and hence the one thing the masses haven't got, they are promised an abundance of it when they are dead. As Paul LaFarge said, god "promises them pay checks on the bank of heaven for the work they have done on earth."

Today the concept of god is not merely identified with capitalism; it is one of the weapons used by the capitalist class to hold

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The Heroism of Sandino and Pessimism of Scott Nearing

By BERTRAM D. WOLFE.

On the first page of the Daily Worker of December 4 is a picture of an American flag captured in battle by the heroic fighters of the Nicaraguan Army of Liberation, which has been holding out for well over a year against the American military occupation expedition.

On page four of the same issue of the Daily is an article by Scott Nearing which declares:

"Latin America is impotent before the onrush of United States imperialism. They have no 36,167-ton battleships and no 16-inch guns. Hoover, circling Latin America on the Maryland, is like a sheep-dog rounding up the flock on the way to the slaughter house. One dog can handle a hundred sheep."

It is a fortunate thing for the toiling masses of the United States and Latin America that the men who make up the Nicaraguan revolutionary army and the forces of struggle against imperialism generally in Latin America do not share the pessimistic views of Scott Nearing. To accept such views is to capitulate before the difficulties of big struggles, to cease to struggle, to wait passively for American imperialism to "collapse," to give statistical arguments proving the impossibility of revolutionary struggles, to surrender with feeble denunciations but without a struggle.

The Weaknesses of Imperialism's Strength.

To view so mechanically the strength of American imperialism is to fail to see the class struggle within the United States, the class differences within the very army of imperialism, the alliance between the struggles for liberation in Latin America and the struggle of the revolutionary workers of the United States against the capitalist-imperialist system, the growing contradictions facing the ever-more aggressive imperialism of the United States, the growing resistance that is generated by growing oppression—it is to fail to understand the whole nature of proletarian and national colonial revolution and the unitary connection between them. It sees guns and dollars, tons of explosives and barrels of oils, but not class forces. To it may denounce imperialism, yet if this deadly doctrine of passivity pessimism and impotence were to take hold of the American workers and the toiling masses of Latin America, it would immeasurably strengthen the power of imperialism to rule and exploit and enslave at its own sweet will.

It sees the power of American imperialism but it does not see the toiling masses of Latin America, it sees the might of the little handful of financial oligarchs that is loosely

known as Wall Street, it sees that they run the government of the United States, dispose of its army and navy and state department, control its press and schools and churches and movies, send dollars and gunboats to China, dollars and battle-ships, military advisers, financial advisers and armies of occupation and "good-will" warships to Latin America, smash unions, reduce wages, control courts, police, national guards and armies in the United States—but it does not see how small is the number of money kings and how vast the number of their "subjects," how small is the number of the oppressors and how great the number of the oppressed. It does not see that "the great only appear great because we are on our knees." And certainly it does not issue the clarion call to "arise."

It sees the weakness of the workers of America and their Latin-American comrades in arms because we are divided, used against each other, not all conscious of our interests and strength. But it does not see the enormous strength of the workers of the United States and the toiling masses of Latin America once they are aroused, united, conscious of their interests and conscious of their power.

Whatever Nearing may have intended, and of course I do not question his subjective intentions, his article has the effect of discouraging resistance, discouraging revolutionary struggle against imperialism and imperialist war, deluding the workers as to the strength of their enemy, encouraging passivity. It is the reaction of an individual who feels impotent by himself rather than the voice of a revolutionary movement that knows the strength that is in its numbers. Certainly such viewpoints have nothing in common with Marxism-Leninism, no place in an organ of revolutionary struggle like the Daily Worker, and cannot go unanswered in its columns.

The sentences quoted from Nearing's article are not a mere "slip of the pen." He has expressed such views before. Last summer he upheld the affirmative of a debate which read: "Resolved that Latin America cannot achieve its independence until there is a Soviet government in the United States."

The very wording of the topic shows a failure to grasp the fundamental relationship between the struggle against American imperialism in Latin America and the struggle against the same imperialist government in the United States.

the masses in subjection to its rule. The worker who accepts the illusion of a master in the skies can be more easily subjected to the master class here upon earth. The attempt to make it appear that god is separate from capitalism, or that the masses should worship a non-capitalist god, is an anti-

Communist concept. It is pure christian socialism, one of the most poisonous doctrines that ever cast its blight upon the working class movement and such viewpoints have no place in a Communist publication.

Religion, in all its forms, is the opium of the people!

By Fred Ellis

Misleaders in the American Labor Unions

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
The direct corruption of the trade union leadership reaches its apex in the building trades. In this industry, as in no other, the officialdom is contaminated with graft of all kinds. Here the bribery of the workers' leaders is most flagrant to the capitalist politicians, the bootlegging rings, and various underworld elements. The building trades are the cancer spot of the American labor movement.

The exceptional corruption of the building trades leaders develops because the peculiar conditions of their industry offer them more advantageous opportunities for graft than usual. The unions are strong, being made up mostly of skilled workers. The demand for labor power has been great for years in the expanding industry. The industry is still largely in a competitive state. It is seasonal in character, the work must be done on the spot, and the contractors are always in a tremendous hurry to finish it. All these factors combine to facilitate graft in the building trades, to enable the leaders to "stick up" the employers and workers' leaders to form monopolistic combinations together. The employers agree to employ only union workers, and the unions contract to work only for and to use material produced only by the members of the given contractors' association. These are the so-called "air-tight" agreements. They stifle competition and give the contractors a death grip on the local building situation, for which they have to pay a price to the unions leaders. In all cities where the unions are strong, this kind of combination will be found to exist. It is a prolific breeder of graft.

Throughout the country, in every big industrial center, rank corruption prevails in the building trades. It is difficult to put one's finger on any city and say it is worse than the others. Basically the same system of corruption prevails everywhere. Its extent depends upon the strength of the unions, the intensity of the building boom, and various local factors. But Chicago stands out as a noxious example of such corruption, this being primarily due to the rapid growth of the city. For a third of a century the Chicago building trades have been the symbol of all that is venal and reactionary in the labor movement. Perhaps the situation can be best pictured by portraying a few of the outstanding building trades leaders and their exploits.

common struggle on a continental and world scale.

2. "They (the Latin Americans) have no 36,167-ton battleships and no 16-inch guns." To this we must answer:

First, while battleships can overawe and 16-inch guns control a coast line, they can never make possible the permanent military occupation of a whole continent against guerrilla forces that know mountain and jungle and have the support of the entire population. Military occupation is only a temporary expedient and on a limited scale.

Second, the armies and battleship crews are recruited from workers and poor farmers in the main and therefore are not eternally dependable instruments of imperialist aggression. Therefore, instead of telling the Latin American masses their struggle is hopeless, we must multiply a thousandfold our feeble work among the soldiers and sailors. This will be aided by the revolutionary struggles of the Latin American masses (cf. the desertion of marines in Nicaragua, the mutiny of American forces in Archangel) and will aid them in turn.

3. "One dog can handle a hundred sheep." This may be true. Besides I will not quarrel with you as to whether Hoover is to be likened to a dog. But Comrade Nearing, if you think that the Latin American masses are sheep, then you don't know our Latin-American allies.

Our Heroic Allies.
We have confidence in them, in their bravery, in their determination to struggle in their capacity for struggle. We must strengthen their confidence in us. We must raise the fighting power of our Party and our class. We must multiply enormously our anti-imperialist activities, our struggle against imperialist war and pacifist illusions, against passivity and pessimism, against chauvinism and provincialism. We must multiply enormous-ly our anti-imperialist work in the unions and among the working masses. Our work in the armed forces. Our activities on every front of the class struggle. We must make statistics and knowledge a weapon of struggle, not a substitute for struggle, not a paralysing of struggle. We must draw tight the bonds that unite us with our brothers in arms in Latin America. We must support them in every struggle. We must urge them to struggle. We must fight side by side with them. Together with them we will defeat American imperialism and build a Union of Soviet Republics on the American continent which will be a part of the Union of Soviet Republics of the world.

DISCHARGE UNION FARMERS.
LONDON, (By Mail).—Big landowners have discharged over 400 farm hands for being members of the National Union of Agricultural Workers.

Remember the "brave and gallant" expedition of Pershing to "punish a handful of outlaws" under Villa. With machine guns and airplanes and tons of explosives and a whole army division, Pershing marched grandly in pursuit of Villa. One moment his vanguard was just catching up with Villa and the next moment Villa had attacked and routed his rearguard. And in the end Pershing marched out of Mexico again, discomfited, with Villa master of the field. So it was with the occupation of Vera Cruz under the Wilson regime.

They Have Only Begun to Fight.
Look how long Mexico has resisted many of the demands of American imperialism. Now its government has sold out (Lamont De La Huerta Treaty, Non-Retroactivity of article 27, annulment of oil