

## COLOMBIA FRUIT STRIKERS FIGHT FEDERAL TROOPS

### Anti-Imperialists Urge Them to Fight U. S. Domination

### Company Tool Arrives U. S. Gov't Shown to Be Directly Involved

BOGOTA, Colombia, Dec. 12.—Minister of War Rengifo had to admit today that Colombian troops are unable to break the strike of 40,000 banana plantation workers and that despite the massing of soldiers the workers clashed with a battalion yesterday. He gave no details of the fight and refused to state how many if any were killed.

In his official release to the press the minister of war declared that the banana zone was "not yet entirely pacified." Minister of Industries Montalvo told a United Press correspondent that "the negotiations, which were suspended when the strikers compelled the government to declare a state of siege, can be resumed when the zone is fully pacified."

The official releases on the situation in the strike area are scanty and carefully veiled, and it is impossible to obtain facts, due to the strict censorship of the United Fruit Company and the government.

It was learned authoritatively that a representative from the United Fruit Company's office in New York arrived here Monday to confer with government officials as to the strategy to be used against the 40,000 strikers in Magdalena province.

By HARVEY O'CONNOR  
(By Federated Press)

New details concerning the causes of the strike of 40,000 fruit plantation workers in Colombia, South America, to reach New York indicate that the United Fruit Company's failure to carry out an agreement regarding labor conditions made in 1924 is at the root of the mass uprising. These reports, in the form of a printed appeal to the "Soldiers of the Republic," accompanied by letters, have been made public by the All-America Anti-Imperialist League.

The Magdalena Workers Union, an industrial union comprising all the organized workers of that province of Colombia, is sponsor of the strike. Its appeal for a general strike against the United Fruit Co. enumerates a dozen violations of the contract made between the huge American fruit monopoly and the Colombian government regarding labor conditions it was to regard in exploiting the banana lands.

"Soldiers of Republic."  
The plantation workers are urged to regard themselves as the "soldiers of the republic," fighting for their rights against the invasion of Yankee imperialism. Thomas Brad-

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## ELECTIONS IN LEATHER UNION

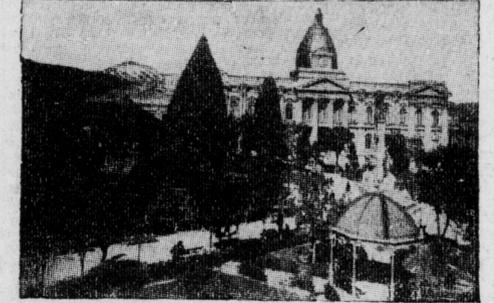
### Call on Membership to Oust S. P. Fakers

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
Today begins the election for a new administration of the Pocketbook Workers Union, and will continue until Saturday, Dec. 15. The candidates running on the ballot, with the exception of a few endorsed by the Progressive Leather Goods group, consist of the same old clique with Shiplakoff at the head. It is known beforehand that this election will bear the same character as all the previous elections under the Wolinsky and Shiplakoff misleadership—its chief feature being the Tammany Hall method of sidetracking members who are dangerous to Shiplakoff's clique rule. The policy of suspension, taking members off the ballot under one pretext or another, terrorizing the

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CLEVELAND FORUM ON WAR CLEVELAND (By Mail).—A lecture on "The Coming War" was given at the Cleveland Workers Forum, 2046 E. Fourth St. The speaker was Israel Antler, district organizer of the Cleveland district of the Workers (Communist) Party. On Sunday, Dec. 23, M. D. Collon will speak at the same forum on "Taxation and Labor."

## U. S. Oil Interests Pull Strings, Puppets Jump



At left, the government building at La Paz, capital of Bolivia, where United States imperialists have induced Bolivian politicians to break relations with Paraguay and demand the Chaco territory where the Carib Oil Syndicate has discovered oil. The Bolivian puppets are now issuing appeals from this building in the name of "patriotism" and "national honor" to induce the workers and peasants to go to war against the Paraguayan workers for the sake of Wall Street's oil wells.

## CLOAK, DRESS PARLEY TO RAP SCHLESINGER

A conference of thousands, to be held in Cooper Union tonight by shop chairmen and active members of the left wing cloak and dressmakers' union will be the scene of the official unmasking, planned by the leaders of the union, of the latest hypocrisy of Benjamin Schlesinger, in the form of a fake peace proposal. Schlesinger is head of the right wing company union, and the fake proposal was made public last night at a meeting of the right wing union.

At a meeting of the National Organization Committee of the Cloak and Dressmakers' Union, held last night, the "peace" proposal was considered and at a late hour they were still working on an official statement which the Daily Worker will publish in full tomorrow.

While the Schlesinger meeting was attended by many workers, the most dispirited atmosphere that can be imagined reigned over the gathering. As soon as Schlesinger completed reading his fake proposals, an exodus began, and before he could take it to a vote, the meeting attendance had petered out to a faithful few.

In brief, the proposals of the Schismarites are no different from any of the other fake proposals issued by that scab organization, and are to be characterized as such in the N. O. C. statement tomorrow, it was learnt. First Schlesinger's "offer" will permit all cloak and dressmakers to come into his company union, on payment of nine months dues. "No discrimination," says he. Even in elections all would be allowed to

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## WELCOME HOOVER BY MASS ARREST

### Irigoyen Jails Workers as Tribute to U. S.

LAS CUEVAS, Dec. 12.—President-elect Hoover today crossed the line into the decidedly hostile territory of Argentina. His entry was preceded by wholesale arrests of hundreds of workers in the larger cities of this country by the Irigoyen government which is anxious to make a good impression on the country where the "Big Four" meat packers have their capital, and to which the stock ranching landlords of Argentina export the bulk of their meat.

But in spite of these arrests the Hoover party expresses some trepidation. They remember wide-spread anti-imperialistic demonstrations in Buenos Aires last year when Sacco and Vanzetti were murdered, and the generally class conscious attitude of the Argentine workers, heroes of some of the hardest fought strikes ever known.

Hoover's special train stopped in a driving snow storm at the crest of the Andes to let aboard the special

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## 7 HOUR DAY IN U. S. S. R. Workers on New Schedule in Oct. 1933

MOSCOW (By Mail).—The Council of Peoples Commissars has submitted for the approval of the Central Executive Committee of the U. S. S. R. a resolution which in accordance with the manifesto of the tenth anniversary of the October Revolution provides regulations as to how the seven-hour working day is to be introduced in the industry. All enterprises of industry, transport, communication and communal households belonging to the state,

## FURRIERS OKAY STRIKE PLANS

### Big Rally Votes to Gird for Fight

Thousands of fur workers, assembled in Cooper Union at a mass meeting last night, demonstrated that they were conscious of the fact that the only way to regain their union conditions is through the calling of a general strike in the fur industry when the moment for such a step is ripe.

The demonstration took the form of prolonged cheering and applause when their leader, Ben Gold, after recounting the struggle of the last two years declared that a general strike is the only answer the workers must give to the newest attack on the left wing union.

With a Cooper Union Hall crowded as it hasn't been crowded for a long time, practically 3,000 workers listened to the speakers of their own Joint Board and the union with whom they are soon to amalgamate, the cloak and dressmakers' union. Louis Hyman, chairman of the N. O. C., was the spokesman for the garment workers.

With biting sarcasm, Gold, in the beginning of his speech used a leaflet of the right wing union which demonstrates clearly what an instrument of the employers it is. The leaflet was issued on the occasion of the announcement of the fur trimming bosses. Derisive laughter from the assembled workers greeted the reading of the sentence, "At last we have one union!"

With idiotic hypocrisy, the scab Joint Council charged in its leaflet that the left wing Joint Board did nothing to get union conditions for the workers in the trimming bosses' shops. This, too, was read by Gold.

Hyman's speech was devoted to telling the workers of the similarity of the struggle the cloak and dressmakers were putting up against their own bosses and betrayers and urged the furriers to fight on, predicting that with an amalgamated union the workers' enemies will be beaten.

Liebowitz, assistant manager of the Joint Board, elaborated in his speech on facts to prove that the bosses' ranks were demoralized and sharply divided, despite a seeming unity.

The meeting with a unanimous vote went on record to give the Joint Board full power to mobilize for a general strike when the time is ripe. This decision was fully detailed in a resolution which was put to vote.

One of the most important achievements of the meeting was the decision to endorse the plan of the Joint Board to allow all furriers who are not in good standing in dues payments to become full-fledged members with payment of five dollars.

as well as municipal and private, from October 1, 1933, must start to work on the seven-hour day. In all the new enterprises of heavy industry and big enterprises of light industry the seven-hour day must be introduced from the day they start to work. In all other new enterprises the seven-hour day is introduced on the same basis as in the existing enterprises, in accordance with the lists approved by the special government commission.

## CHICAGO POLICE KILL NEGRO BOY IN HIS OWN HOME

### 200 Cops Fire Into His Apartment 5 Hours; Use Bombs, Gas

### Say He Broke Window Gave Safest Place to Brothers, Sisters

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—For five hours thirty-seven police squads of five men each, barricaded behind furniture seized in nearby apartments, fired into one poor alley apartment on the near Northside here, with a steady stream of bullets and other projectiles from machine guns, revolvers, automatics, shotguns, and rifles; tear-gas bombs were hurled, and hand-grenades of high explosives were flung into the alley window.

Finally, a charge of a squad of police was made against the shattered door of the apartment, it was blown open, and a volley of bullets shot into the enemy.

The enemy was sixteen-year-old Ernest Wickhurst, a Negro boy who became frightened early in the day because he knew of horrible brutalities visited upon Negro workers arrested by the Chicago police, and who had heard he was to be arrested, having been accused of breaking a plate-glass window. So he barricaded himself in his apartment, with a gun, and sold his life as dearly as he could, wounding nine of the army of 200 or more police gunmen sent against him, before he fell, riddled with more than 30 bullets.

When the police broke into the apartment they had been so industriously bombing and showering with bullets, it was seen that Ernest had given the best and safest places, the closet and behind the barricade made in one corner with a bed, to his older sister and three small brothers. An infant sister was wrapped in the blankets of the bed.

Deputy Commissioner of Police, William Russell personally directed the five-hour bombardment.

## NEW 'DAILY' SONG HIT SWEEPS CITY

### "Meet Me at the Ball" Is Title

The latest song-hit seems to be "Meet Me at the Daily Worker-Freiheit Ball." In fact, it is said to be all the rage now. Workers all over New York City are singing it, in New Jersey they are singing it, in all sorts of out of the way places "Meet Me at the Daily Worker-Freiheit Ball" is on everyone's lips (that is, every real proletarian's lips).

But like all popular song-hits, it looks as if this one is going to be short-lived. In fact, "Meet Me at the Daily Worker-Freiheit Ball" is going to be sung only until Saturday night (or Sunday morning?), reaching the height of its popularity—where do you think? Why, at the big Daily Worker-Freiheit Soviet Ball in Madison Square Garden of course!

The first Soviet ball of the two fighting working-class rallies is going to be some ball! Costumes, costumes galore. Dances of all kinds, tableaux showing the Soviet system of government. And prizes for the best and most original costumes. A proletarian jury will pick the winners. The members of the jury are William W. Weinstone, Robert Minor, Mellich Epstein, M. J. Olgin, H. M. Wicks, Michael Gold, Fred Ellis, William Gropper, Ben Gold, Louis Hyman, Moishe Nadir and David Bergelson.

## VILE SPEED-UP AT INT'L TAILOR CO.

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
We workers of the International Tailoring Co. will soon be laid off because we were speeded-up and made too many garments. The firm calls this lay-off our "vacation." Every year after Christmas we workers of the International Tailoring Co. receive a "vacation" without pay. When our boss takes a vacation does he not get paid? Of course he is paid whether he is working or not. He takes a nice long vacation with plenty of money

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## Labor Answers Hoover



Herman Laborde, Communist Deputy in the Mexican Chamber of Deputies, exposing the imperialist purpose of Hoover's trip to Latin America in the Mexican chamber of deputies. His voice was the cry of Latin-American workers and peasants hurling their message of struggle at the Wall Street envoy.

## SHOW WEST GETS POWER CO. CASH

### Secretary's Family Has Insult Stock

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Senators who are afraid that the record of Roy O. West, President Coolidge's appointee for the post of Secretary of the Interior, is just a little too rank and likely to do the social system they support more harm than good, established a case against him today without a word of new testimony at the opening of the public lands committee investigation into his nomination.

They had read the record of West's 1928 appearance before the primary investigating committee, when West admitted he and his family had a "substantial investment" in the public utilities corporations of Samuel Insull since 1897. Sam Insull is the super-power king of the Middle West. The Reed investigation in 1927 showed him buying up both republican and democratic parties there.

Pass On Own Application. Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana, who started the inquiry, contends West's investments make him ineligible for his office, which includes chairmanship of the Federal Water Power Commission. Insull now has a permit application for a dam in Cumberland Falls in Kentucky pending before the water power body.

The old testimony showed West collected \$85,000 for the Deeneen faction in the 1926 primary, of which \$10,000 came from Samuel In-

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## HOLD BIG SILK RALLY IN JERSEY

### Foster and Weisbord Urge Strong Union

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
PATERTON, N. J., Dec. 12.—Over six hundred silk workers crowded Entre Nous Lyceum here yesterday and demonstrated their allegiance to the National Textile Workers' Union at a mass meeting where Wm. Z. Foster and Albert Weisbord were the main speakers. Foster led the great steel strike in 1919 and Weisbord is the national secretary-treasurer of the N. T. W. U.

That the meeting was clearly a demonstration of strength by the new N. T. W. Paterson local, was indicated by the counter-meeting of the Associated Silk Workers' Union officialdom, held at the same time. Attendance at that meeting was never over 300, with many leaving long before the meeting ended.

Skilled, Unskilled at Left Wing Rally The attendance at the right wing meeting was wholly of skilled workers, the only ones to retain membership in the reactionary union, while the left wing meeting was attended by both skilled and unskilled workers. Due to the expulsion policy and betrayal tactics adopted by the Associated leaders during the strike, all the broad silk workers formed the basis of a N. T. W. local that proposes to organize the entire trade.

Uproarious demonstrations greeted the chief speakers, who were in-

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## LABORDE, MEXICAN COMMUNIST DEPUTY, IN FIERY CHALLENGE TO THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS

### Dares Hoover, Tool of Yankee Exploiters, to Step on Mexican Soil

### Daily Worker in This Issue Gives Full Text of Speech Against Wall Street

The Daily Worker gives herewith the speech of Herman Laborde, a member of the Mexican Chamber of Deputies, delivered to that chamber on November 26, 1928. The speech is a historic document, spoken by a Communist, with words that cut like whips in the faces of the imperialists of America and their agents at the heads of various Latin-American puppet governments.

Following correctly parliamentary Communist practice, Laborde did not speak so much to those who sat around him in the chamber, but spoke over their heads and issued a call to action to the masses of Latin America to defend, with arms in hand, their countries from the thralldom of Yankee imperialism.

It is a speech that should be read also by every worker in the United States and arouse the working class to join hands with the Latin Americans in a common fight to destroy American imperialism.—EDITOR.

"I have asked to speak to expose some facts that I consider important for the future of Mexico and all Latin-American countries. I wish to expose them now because the moment is opportune and because I have thus been instructed by some revolutionary organizations, representative of popular opinion: the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, the Hands Off Nicaragua Committee, the Unitary Railwaymen's Party, and others.

"The president-elect of the United States, Mr. Hoover, arrives just now on the coast of Central America. Mr. Hoover travels around the continent aboard the dreadnought Maryland, one of the most powerful ships of the war fleet of his country. But this does not stop him from stating in his speeches and declarations, that his is a voyage of 'good-will.'

"We will soon see what is at the bottom of that phrase, made the fashion by the evangelical addresses of Mr. Coolidge, the present president. The English papers, recalling the voyage of the Prince of Wales to South America, state that that of Mr. Hoover is a voyage of commercial propaganda and has as its object to counteract the excellent results obtained by the prince in reference to the commercial operations of England with Argentina, Brazil and Chile. According to the English papers, Hoover is a commercial agent for the United States, as the Prince of Wales is a commercial agent for England.

Anglo-American Conflict. "It is nothing, then, other than one aspect of the economic war between the United States and England in the Latin-American countries. Until 1910, England controlled the economy of those countries, with an investment of \$5,000,000,000 against \$1,000,000,000 invested by North American capital. Today, in 1928, the economic force of both imperialisms is balanced, around \$5,200,000,000 for each one. That is to say, that England has increased only \$200,000,000, compared to \$4,200,000,000 by the United States. This rapid advance of North American capital threatens to drive English capital from the continent. This explains the 'good-will' of presidents and princes converted into commercial agents.

Brutal Yankee Imperialism. "But what interests us, revolutionary Mexicans, revolutionary Latin Americans, is the history of the

Roosevelt's Panama Steal. "In 1903, Roosevelt, the initiator of the Big Stick policy; Roosevelt, like Hoover, a republican president, assisted the revolution of Panama, led by a group of adventurers and speculators; mutilated Colombia and established on the Isthmus a pseudo-republic that sold the Panama canal zone to the United States for \$10,000,000. The ignominy of Panama is eloquently synthesized by the words of Roosevelt: 'I seized Panama.'

Grabs Dominican Republic. "The penetration into the Dominican Republic began in 1905, with the allocation of a loan whose interest was secured by control of the customs for 50 years. In 1916, on the pretext of a popular insurrection, the marines disembarked and martial law was proclaimed; Dominican authority was destroyed from the president down; the congress was

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## URGE SEAMEN'S UNIONS Red Int'l Scores Lies on Vestris Crew

Thru the Daily Worker the International Trade Union Committee of Negro Workers of the Red International of Labor Unions forwards from Moscow a strong protest against the vilification of the Negro members of the Vestris crew in the bourgeois and reformist press, and makes an urgent call for the organization of all-inclusive seamen's unions in which it promises to assist in every way.

The message follows: "A part of the bourgeois and reformist press states that Negro seamen of the British steamship Vestris, which sank in the Atlantic Nov. 13, conducted themselves in a cowardly manner. This lying press

monstrous growth of Yankee imperialism, the youngest, strongest, most insatiable and brutal of the whole world. The economic expansion of imperialism is not a peaceful, purely commercial expansion. Already in 1847 we paid the first sad tribute to the initial development of the United States, which robbed us then of more than a half of our territory. Conquest of Cuba.

"In 1898, its geographic and political unity already attained, the United States began its overflow, freeing Cuba from Spanish domination to subject it to its own. The Platt Amendment, written by the secretary of state, Elihu Root, and incorporated by military pressure in the Cuban Constitution in 1902, imposed on the young republic the prohibition of treaty making without the consent of the United States and the obligation to sell or lease to it the lands and waters that it wished for the establishment of naval bases. Reserved, moreover, the United States, the right to intervene in Cuba any time it might deem necessary.

Imperialist Intervention. "Aided by the Platt Amendment, the United States seized the Bay of Guantanamo, one of the best in the world, and on three successive occasions occupied the island with military, on the pretext of revolutions and political disturbances. For many years it imposed on Cuba the exclusive circulation of United States paper money, and Mr. Crowder, a special sort of pro-consul invested with despotic powers governed Cuba since 1919 by means of memoranda or simple telephone calls to the president of the republic. Up to 1919, 2,000 marines remained in the island, supporting the conservative president, Garcia Menocal, who guaranteed the financial interests represented by the National City Bank.

Wall Street Control. "The National City Bank controls, today, the railroads of Cuba and 90 per cent of the sugar industry; that is to say, it has in its hands the whole national economy. This is what Cuba's liberators have done to Cuba. A North American historian has written that, "Cuba is no more independent than Long Island."

Annexes Porto Rico. "In 1898, at the same time that they liberated Cuba, the United States was annexing Porto Rico. And Porto Rico, a country by tradition, language and race, purely Spanish, is changed into a state of the American Union; the English language was forced on it as the official idiom, and Porto Rico was compelled to mask itself as an Anglo-Saxon country.

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## KELLOGG DODGES 'DAILY'S' QUIZ ON CHACO OIL GRAB

### 'Nervous Nellie' Uses Conference to Open Way for Oil Steal

### Says 'Ignorant of Oil' Bolivian Minister May Rejoin Conference

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—In an interview today with Harrison George, correspondent for the Daily Worker, Secretary of State Kellogg made the astonishing statement that he "never heard of oil in the Gran Chaco country," over which an actual state of war, although undeclared, now rages between the republic of Paraguay and Wall Street's oil and metal-mining domain of Bolivia. Kellogg at the same time stated also that he did not know of American bankers' control of the government of Bolivia, and that he "did not have time to look it up."

Suspicious Ignorance. Every act of Kellogg, as chairman of the Pan American Conference for Conciliation and Arbitration now in session here, has been to lay the basis for American intervention in case the present conflict in South America does not turn to the advantage of American oil companies, who hold their titles to enormous petroleum deposits in the Chaco district from the corrupt government of Bolivia, and the Anaconda Copper Mining Co., and Guggenheim interests who own the metal mines of that country and work them with practically slave labor.

More than that, Kellogg and Hughes, representatives of American big business in the conference, had a special sub-committee appointed to handle the whole question of the Bolivia-Paraguay war, and this committee is made up of representatives of the oil and metal-mining interests.

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## GREET PORTER PRISONERS HERE

### Class War Fighters Cry On With Battle

"When we left the Occoquan work house, we were not docile as they thought we would be, but instead we were full of the spirit to fight, to fight for the release of John Porter, to fight for our class brothers in New Bedford, to fight American imperialism and militarism, to fight side by side with our Latin American working class brothers against Wall Street," said Ben Thomas, Philadelphia machinist, who had just finished serving a thirty day sentence together with 22 other workers for carrying the struggle against imperialism to the Navy Building in Washington and demanding the release of Porter.

He spoke at a reception to the released class war prisoners given by New York workers last night at the Manhattan Lyceum, under the auspices of the New York section of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, the International Labor Defense, the National Textile Workers' Union, the Young Workers (Communist) League and the Workers (Communist) Party, all of which were represented at the demonstration in Washington at which the workers were arrested.

Karl Reeve, editor of the Labor Defender; Paul Crouch, national secretary of the United States section of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League and Benjamin Gitlow, member of the Secretariat of the Workers (Communist) Party, all united in pointing out that the capitalist court at Washington had sentenced the workers because they were militant fighters in the class struggle and that the only appropriate answer would be for the workers to intensify the struggle for the release of John Porter and fight side by side with the workers and peasants of all the Americas against the aggression of United States imperialism.

Weinstone to Lecture at the Workers Forum William W. Weinstone, delegate to the Sixth World Congress of the Communist International, and member of its Program Commission, will lecture on the "Program of the Communist International" this Sunday, Dec. 16th, at the Workers School Forum, 26-28 Union Square, 5th floor.

# Herman Laborde, Mexican Communist Deputy, in Fiery Challenge to U. S. Empire

## DARES HOOVER TO STEP ON MEXICAN SOIL IN ADDRESS

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dissolved and the chief of the forces of occupation was proclaimed the supreme judge, supreme legislator and supreme executive. The military dictatorship lasted until 1924, in which year Santo Domingo was compelled to accept an arrangement whereby it became a protectorate of the United States.

**Bank Robber Marines.**  
"In Haiti, the National City Bank controlled the majority of the bonds of the National Bank; and to secure its interests it got the United States State Department to demand that the Haitian government sign a treaty giving over the control of its customs. The Haitian government refused; and at the end of December, 1914, the marines landed at Porto Prince, attacked the National Bank and carried away \$500,000 which the government held in reserve to redeem its paper money.

"The half million dollars took a trip to the North and was deposited in the vaults of the National City Bank of New York. It deprived the Haitian government of economic means in order to compel it to surrender the customs and place in the hands of American financiers the economic 'restoration' of Haiti.

**'Occupation' of Haiti.**  
"In 1915, Porto Prince was occupied and the Yankee naval forces compelled the Haitian congress to elect a president who had, beforehand, promised to accept the treaty. The financial interests controlled the railways and imposed a loan of \$40,000,000, selecting Yankee supervisors to collect tariffs and guarantee the payment of interest. The treaty remained in force and the marines remained in occupation of Haiti.

**The Nicaraguan Canal.**  
"In 1909, Nicaragua, in its turn, was affected. Mr. Knox, secretary of state, demanded the signing of a treaty by which Nicaragua would cede to the United States the Bay of Fonseca and permit the construction of a canal by the Lake Nicaragua route. President Zelaya refused the treaty and the United States consul in Bluefields, by means of Adolfo Diaz, an employe of a mining company, incited a rebellion that overthrew Zelaya. The ships of the United Fruit Company took part in the fight, transporting rebel forces. From then on the United States minister governed Nicaragua, supporting successively Adolfo Diaz and Emiliano Chamorro. In 1912, 2,500 marines landed and crushed the liberal revolution against Diaz, imposing his re-election as president. And by means of the habitual loans of American capital empowered itself of the railways, the Bank of Nicaragua and the whole national economy.

**Bryan's Canal Swindle.**  
"In 1913, the traitor Chamorro signed, with Bryan, the treaty which ceded to the United States, for \$3,000,000, the strip of land necessary for the construction of the canal by the lake or any other route, and gave the United States a 99-year lease on the Gulf of Fonseca to establish a naval base. In 1918, the High Commission of Nicaragua was set up, formed of one Nicaraguan and two North Americans, to supervise and control all expenses of the public treasury. This commission had such power that, at its proposal, the salary payments of all government functionaries, including that of the president of the republic, would be suspended.

**The 1921 Invasion.**  
"In the year 1921, the marines again landed to crush a new rising, this time against Chamorro. And they remained in Nicaragua until 1925, when they left only to return a year later to drive Dr. Sacasa, legally elected vice-president, from his country and impose Adolfo Diaz. And Adolfo Diaz, former employe of a mining company and at present an employe of the Washington government, continues to serve the financial interests of the North and fills with opprobrium the history of his country.

**Consolidating U. S. Control.**  
"This is, in brief, the history of the rapid economic growth of the United States, in its first phase. But its expansion does not stop with Central America and the Antilles. Fighting at arm's length with English capital, Yankee capital seizes possession of the national economy of Colombia, Venezuela, El Salvador, Bolivia, Peru, Chile and Argentina. Only in Brazil does English capital retain its old position. Peru and Chile, whose traditional dispute of recent years was no more than the quarrel between two rival imperialisms, are today governed by two efficient auxiliaries of North American expansion, Ibanez and Le-guia.

**Steal Venezuela Oil.**  
"In Venezuela, Juan Vicente Gomez has placed the whole wealth of natural resources at the disposition of the Yankee capitalists. Without labor legislation, without taxation of any importance, the oil industry is there much more profit-

able than in Mexico, and to this in part may be charged the decline of our oil industry, because the companies prefer to take their investments to the land of the savage Juan Bisonte—as Rufino Blanco Fombona, has called him. The Yankee oil interests are now maneuvering to grab complete control of the state of Zulin, the zone richest in deposits, and convert it into an independent republic.

"In Colombia, the reactionary government still vacillates between the two imperialisms, and the pressure of foreign capital, allied to internal reaction is such that the congress last July refused to approve the proposal of the liberals to send its condolences to the Mexican government upon the death of General Obregon.

**Slavery in Antilles.**  
"But where in Antilles of Yankee imperialism is absolute in Central America and the Antilles. In Cuba the managers of the sugar centrals are the masters of the galleons and the knife; they have the civil authorities under their orders and subject the plantation workers to a regime of veritable slavery. There the land workers are beaten with raw-hide whips as the Negroes were beaten sixty years ago.

"In the cities the labor organizations are persecuted and revolutionary workers frequently disappear; either they are deported to Mexico or flung, bound, into Havana bay. During the Pan-American Conference, an arm of a w.-k.-c. who had been imprisoned some days before for posting up anti-imperialist manifestoes, was found in the belly of a shark. It was recognized by a ring worn as a family heirloom.

"To give an idea of the control of the United States over the Central American administration, it is enough to recall that during the visit of Mr. Coolidge to Havana, in the days of the conference, the whole local police force was placed at the command of the chief of police of Washington, D. C., who was established as the highest authority of Havana.

**Espionage in Central America.**  
"In Central America, the governments are now mere police agents of the Yankee state department. The administrations in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, are centers of espionage and information designed to check the spread of the liberation movement whose center is in Nicaragua, in the headquarters of General Sandino.

**Strengthen Naval Base.**  
"Guatemala has just finished ceding to the United States a port on the Pacific Coast, and the government is using martial law to force the congress to ratify the concession. Salvador has permitted the secret fortification of the Island of Manguera, which belongs to Salvador, and next year the Salvador congress will be compelled to permit for its sale to the United States, which needs the island to complete its Fonseca naval base. Yankee agents are spreading the story that \$4,000,000 will be distributed among the Salvadorian congressmen to assure the approval of the sale.

"This same government of Salvador was the one which accused Mexico of subsidizing the expedition of General Moncada.

**Suppress Sandino Paper.**  
"As regards Honduras, in last July its government suppressed, at the order of Mr. Summerlin, the United States minister, the periodical 'Ariel' of Froylan Turcios, representative of General Sandino. The Honduran government has permitted the passage of U. S. marines through its territory to facilitate the operations against Sandino. The military chiefs of Honduras engage in frontier espionage and turn over to the Yankee troops all Nicaraguan refugees who fall into their hands.

**Breaks Panama Strike.**  
"The government of Panama, in 1926, called in the U. S. forces guarding the canal zone, in order to crush the ratters' strike. The Yankee troops assassinated the Panamanian people in the streets of their own capital.

**Diaz, Vicious Lackey.**  
"But the depth of abjection and ignominy we find in the usurping government of Nicaragua. Adolfo Diaz is an employe at the beck and call of Minister Therhardt. When Carleton Beals, editor of the 'Nation' of New York wished to interview Adolfo Diaz in Managua, passing through to the camp of Sandino, this president, Adolfo Diaz, telephoned to U. S. Minister Eberhardt, to ask him if he, Diaz, would be allowed to receive Beals.

**Fake Nicaraguan Election.**  
"The elections in Nicaragua are ending, under the supervision of an electoral commission formed of a Yankee agent, Mr. McCoy, and two Nicaraguans. Mr. McCoy has, in this commission, three votes. In this way, he could enjoy the pleasure of winning on all questions, and not only that, but he was able to hold a session all by himself, making up a quorum and gaining all votes unanimously with his three votes. Well, then, this Mr. McCoy arranged that to avoid electoral frauds such as are habitual in his own country, a special indelible ink be used to mark the hands of each citizen who voted. And thus, under the pressure of the marines, the Nicaraguans were obliged to elect a president desired by the United States and be branded with the ignominious mark of Mr. McCoy. Adolfo Diaz, the president of the republic, was the first to present himself to vote, to set the example.

**Moncada's Sell-Out.**  
"The president-elect is General Moncada, who last May signed a shameful treaty with Stimson, pro-

missing to disarm his army and deliver the arms at a price of \$10 per rifle. In exchange for his treason, Moncada obtained the promise to make him president of the republic. And the promise made is being kept.

"I hold in my hand a clipping from the Mexican paper 'El Universal.' It is a radiogram from Managua, in which it is said that the mayor of the capital city has presented a proposal to erect a statue to Mr. McCoy, as a sign of gratitude for his valuable intervention in the elections. This gives a clear idea of the degree of abjection to which the Nicaraguan traitors have come.

"Mr. Cumberland, sent especially to study the situation in Nicaragua, has declared in the United States that a new loan of \$15,000,000 must be imposed on Nicaragua, all finances of the country to be controlled by a strategic distribution of Yankee functionaries in the administrative organs in order to guarantee the interest.

"In 'El Universal' of November 23, another radio from Managua is published, which says: 'President Adolfo Diaz, General Moncada, the president-elect, and North American officers, will discuss with the president-elect of the United States, Mr. Hoover, the establishment in Nicaragua of a military academy, which will be a miniature West Point and will be directed by the North American captain, Fred Patchin, and will have military instructors from the United States Army,' etc.

**Crawl Before Hoover.**  
"Diaz and Moncada, the two traitors, are disposed to present their respects to Mr. Hoover in the port of Corinto, to Mr. Hoover, the greatest representative of North American imperialism, which has sunk in slavery all the peoples of Central America and the Antilles....

**Heroism of Sandino.**  
"But not all is rotten in Nicaragua. Since May, 1927, General Sandino, with less than 1,000 men, badly armed and equipped, has fought against the marines, numbering over 10,000. The most brutal actions, actions typical of imperialism, have been applied against the Nicaraguan people which places all its hopes in the Army of Liberation.

In the aerial bombardment of Ocotal, Telpaneca and Chinandega, the entire population was exterminated—men, women and children.

**U. S. Dum-Dum Bullets.**  
The region of Nueva Segovia, where Sandino has his general headquarters, has been declared outside the law, which implies that all peaceful inhabitants are to be considered as bandits. The dum-dum bullets, which the European powers have long not dared to use, because of their ghastly cruelty, are the only bullets used by the United States marines to assassinate Nicaraguans. Here in Mexico is Jose de Paredes, who was private secretary of Sandino, who shows a brutal wound, which appears more as an axe-wound than one from a piercing ball.

**Defeats Invaders.**  
"But Sandino continues afoot in lead of the Army of Liberation. Lacking arms, arms are captured from the invaders; lacking rations, they are provided from the stores of the marines; they lack medicine, and cure their wounds with clean water. Sandino fights and wins with his small army of Latin Americans that symbolizes the fraternal union of all our oppressed peoples.... 2,000 marines have died in Nicaragua. A half dozen flags have been captured from the invaders, and wives of Sandino officers are today carrying umbrellas made with the stars and stripes.... One of these flags has been sent to Mexico and I have it here, for those who wish to see it.

**Scorns Sentimental Fraud.**  
"The invaders have sent Sandino's father to the General's camp, to propose peace in exchange for dollars and honor. Sandino has declared that he would never lay down arms while one marine remains on Nicaraguan soil; and he has threatened to shoot anyone who comes to him with dishonorable proposals, even though it be his own father....

**Sees Sandino Victory.**  
"Sandino continues the fight that must end with victory. The fight of Sandino means that it is possible to resist the advance of imperialism. This fight is a living example for all our peoples and shows us that imperialism will be crushed the day on which in each Latin American country the revolutionary workers rise under the banner of a Sandino.

"And we, comrades, who are the most directly threatened; we have the duty of thinking of our future. Yankee capital already holds most of our petroleum, all our mines and practically owns our railways, also, because the control of the Mexican government is merely theoretical. The same capital is now seizing our electric power plants, and very soon will have grabbed all our basic industries and all our natural resources. The investment of Yankee capital already has mounted to \$1,500,000,000 and \$200,000,000 of this is in lands.

**Mexico Isolated.**  
"The Bay of Guantanamo gives the United States absolute control of the Gulf of Mexico. Panama and the Gulf of Fonseca give them the control of two oceans, at the end of the continent Mexico remains isolated from South America and there is no hope of aid for us in case of war with the United States. Only the blind cannot see the danger which threatens us.

**Unite Against U. S.**  
"And in these conditions, our duty is to unite with the anti-imperialist

## BETRAYAL BY HILLMAN GANG AIDS OPEN SHOP

### Force Sweat Shop on Knee Pants Workers

Following their latest act of betrayal, which was the forcing of the sweat shop system of piece-work on the membership of the vest and pants makers branches of the union, the Beckerman and Hillman machine of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, decisively continue to take further steps which demoralize the industry and make working in it unbearable.

Calling on workers in the knee pants makers' section of the union to mobilize themselves for a struggle against their betrayers, the Trade Union Educational League issued a statement which gives a few facts to prove that the Beckerman machine was demoralizing the industry.

The statement says: "The recent developments in the union, the decision of the Beckerman machine to introduce piece-work, the reduction of wages, the breaking up of shops, the support given to shops which are trying to establish themselves out of town, like 'Sun-Star,' 'Ralph and Calkins,' 'Brilliant,' and many others, the refusal to fight for the most elementary union conditions and union control in the trade—is a result of the policies of the general office of the Beckerman graft machine to help the bosses at the expense of the workers.

"The dirty work in the Kneepants Makers' Union was done by the former scab-contractor and the present manager. "The settlement in the single sweat-shop conditions. For instance in the shop of Kramer Brothers, 134 Spring Street, the bosses were asked by the union officials to make a reduction in the wages of his workers, when the bosses would recognize the union, he shall give the reduction back to the workers, so to blind the workers, that they should think they got a raise in wages, and induce the membership of the union to continue to pay their dues with satisfaction. But the boss reduced the wages with the intention of living up to the understanding. Our manager and his helpers are overlooking the entire matter and only help the bosses to make new reductions."

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## WORKING WOMEN MEET TONIGHT

### Many Organizations to Be Represented

The reports from many groups of women workers for the delegates' conference on organization of working women to be held at the Labor Temple, 14 Street and Second Ave., tonight, has been extremely encouraging, according to a report by Ray Ragozin, woman Communist leader. The women workers of New York City are waking up to the importance of organizing in the struggle against the attacks of their bosses.

"This conference will be the first step towards organizing the unorganized women," Ragozin said yesterday. "Many women who have been in the struggle of workers will address the conference. Reports will be submitted from various shops and industries showing the conditions in those industries, and steps will be taken to lay the foundation in organizing the women in those shops."

"Unfortunately, however, the cloak and dressmakers will not be able to be with us on account of their own meeting. They are nevertheless, pledging their support in all further steps that the federation will take to organize working women."

**REDUCE HUNAN SALT TAX**  
NANKING (By Mail).—Human peasants have forced the ministry of finance to reduce the salt tax \$3 per picul.

fighters of Nicaragua, with all anti-imperialist fighters of the continent. "Our first act, in the present moment, must consist in a protest at the voyage of Mr. Hoover. We must denounce the real character of his voyage and declare that it constitutes an insult to the oppressed peoples of America. We must ask our government and all the decent governments of the world that they refuse recognition to the traitor Moncada, made president of Nicaragua by the bayonets of Yankee marines.

**Dare Hoover to Land.**  
"And we must declare, finally, that Mr. Hoover must not come to Mexico, that the Mexican people reject his visit as an affront; and that if Mr. Hoover dares to set foot on the beach at Vera Cruz, the shades of Aztec and Urbe will rise from their tombs to spit in the face of that man all the hatred of the oppressed peoples of Latin-America."

## Hold Conference on Shop Papers Tonight at Workers' Center

The first conference ever held in the New York district of the Workers' (Communist) Party on the question of shop papers will take place tonight at the Workers' Center, 26-28 Union Square, 4th floor, at 8 o'clock. The entire matter of shop papers, the problems involved in issuing shop papers, the lessons to be learned from the papers issued already, an analysis of the possibilities for new factory papers, as well as the entire question of the nature of shop papers, will be discussed at this conference.

A. Markoff, the head of the District Factory Newspaper Committee and D. Benjamin, head of the district agitprop department, will report on the question.

## Spanish Paper's Ball Will See Many Latin-American Costumes

Although the affair that the Spanish fraction of the Workers' (Communist) Party is arranging for Saturday evening, Dec. 22, at the Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave., will be an international affair, Latin-American and Spanish will be the tune of the night, for all those who are going to attend promise to come dressed up in costumes of their respective countries.

As there are more than a score of Latin American countries, not counting their subdivisions, it is expected that there will be a variety of costumes: peons, farmers, workers, Chileans, Peruvians, Bolivians, Mexicans and also types of costumes from parts of Spain—like Aragon, Andalousia, Basques, etc.

It is promised that these costumes will be entirely different of those shown on the stage as the typical costumes of Latin Americans."

## Millinery Group Greet Released Girl Militant

Edith Sherr, young millinery worker who was sentenced to serve five days for picketing by Judge Reynard last Saturday, was greeted yesterday by her release from Welfare Island by a large group of millinery workers. She was met at 4 o'clock at the 86th St. Station by the delegation, who came with flowers to welcome the young woman militant.

The delegation was made up of members of Local 43 of the Millinery Hand Workers' Union, all of whom advised the released woman worker to rest a few days before again taking up her militant part in the struggle.

## VILE SPEED-UP AT INT'L TAILOR CO. ENSLAVES MEN

### Worker Exposes Nature of 'Vacations'

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to enjoy it. This he is able to do because he made large profits through the unbearable speed-up system, paying us low wages and forcing us to work long hours. Because we work piece-work and prices are made very low by the employers we are able to earn from \$22 to \$25 per week. In order to make this miserable wage we must work long hours and speed ourselves up.

Do we earn enough during the year to be able to stand this Christmas "vacation" and another one of a few weeks that we receive during the summer months? We who work in this shop are forced to work piece-work, which is now the policy of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union.

**Get Cheap Labor.**  
The introduction of modern machinery and of section work enables our employer to hire unskilled workers, who can learn the trade quickly. In this manner the market is flooded with more workers than can be employed in the industry, which makes it possible for the boss to force the workers to compete with each other for jobs and in this manner is able to pay the poorest possible wages to the workers.

This firm, like many other scab firms, uses the check system. We receive a check for each operation. As part of the firm's economy scheme these checks are very small pieces of paper. As we finish our particular job we tear off the check and put it where it is handiest for us at the moment. At the end of the day we begin gathering up our checks and who knows that but a few checks are lost during the day amongst the garments. At the end of the week we have to figure up our own checks. This is a most tiresome job and only a trained book-keeper can accurately figure up checks of 1-6 and 1-4 and 2-4 cents each, etc., which are the prices we receive for our part of the work on a section of the garment. This system is downright robbery.

We workers of the International Tailoring Co. must fight against these conditions that enslave us and largely give ourselves and our families bread. We must fight against the union bureaucrats who are com-

## Urge Umbrella Makers to Attend Organization Meeting Here Tonight

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
Conditions under which the umbrella and handle makers are compelled to work are growing from bad to worse.

Wages are getting lower while working hours are growing longer. In spite of the fact that we are slaving more than ten hours a day, our wages, especially for women, are so low that we are forced to take work home and work nights instead of having a rest after a hard day's work.

Because we are driven all day in the shops and forced to take work home, the season is shortened and we are faced with a long period of unemployment. Only when the umbrella and handle makers will be organized into a strong industrial union can we force the bosses to pay a decent wage and better our conditions in general.

Umbrella and handle makers! We are calling an organization meeting for tonight at 6 o'clock at 7 E. 15th St. It is the duty of every worker to come and bring shopmates along.

## Cloak Workers to Rally Here Tonight

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run for office but—and here lies the hypocrisy of the whole fake maneuver—all nominees for office will have to be qualified by the constitution of the International. Enough constitutional provisions exist, it is known, to disbar any candidate not to the liking of the traitorous gang.

Another point allows general elections in February, run by a committee from the union. If this committee thinks it advisable, they will choose impartial supervisors. The left wing had demanded impartial elections to prove that their leadership and not the right wing's is the popular leadership. But the Schlesinger proposal will leave it to his own committee to decide whether they need supervisors and if so they themselves will have authority to choose them.

The whole proposal is a fake, the union statement will say, and is made because the scab union is on its last legs, while the left wing union has before it a national convention and amalgamation with the furriers.

many-unionizing the shops and permit these conditions to exist. Take an interest in the affairs of our union—support the left wing in its effort to rid our union of the Beckerman and Hillman and company organization into a militant union fighting for the interest of the great mass of rank and file workers.

## KELLOGG DODGES 'DAILY'S' QUIZ ON CHACO OIL GRAB

### Conference Opens Way for Oil Steal

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sentatives of two governments absolutely controlled by the U. S. financiers: Cuba, and Peru, two of the governments which U. S. imperialism is actively engaged in buying away from British leadership; Brazil and Chili, of Charles Evans Hughes of the U. S., and of Bolivia and Paraguay. That is, it is a committee which American interests control absolutely, and its sessions are in secret; the representative of the Daily Worker and representatives of the Latin American press were barred from them yesterday forenoon.

It will surely recommend such a peace as will give American bankers and mining and oil capitalists the land they want, and the transportation they want, at Paraguay's expense.

But Kellogg, in charge of all this intrigue, "never heard of oil in Gran Chaco," and "doesn't know anything about American banking interests in Bolivia, and hasn't time to look the matter up."

American newspapers and news services, which Kellogg seems to insinuate he does not read, contain today long articles on the oil discoveries in the disputed territory. Thus the New York Sun states: "It (the Chaco) contains 100,000 square miles. Above ground it is a jungle filled with virgin timber. Underneath is oil." But Kellogg never heard of the oil, so he says.

After a sharp exchange of telegrams between the Daily Worker and the press liaison officer of the conference, the correspondent of the Daily Worker has been admitted with full rights to the press room.

**Bolivia May Return.**  
Bolivian Minister Eduardo Diez De Medina, who yesterday withdrew from the Inter-American conference because of differences between his government and Paraguay, received new instructions today from La Paz which it is believed will result in his return to the conference.

The minister declined to reveal the nature of the instructions already received but did not deny that Bolivia's rejoining the conference is likely.

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# La Follette Act Proves Itself Futile for Seafarers, Seaman Correspondent Writes

## MISLEADERS OF I. S. U. MUST BE REPUDIATED

### Militant New Union Is Need

(By a Seaman Correspondent)  
The International Seamen's Union appropriated about \$75,000 for the election of LaFollette in order to have the Seamen's Act put through congress.

But most all seamen know that the LaFollette Act is absolutely useless as a means of combating the ship owners, unless the seamen have an organization which does not believe in class-collaboration. All workers with common sense know that teamwork with the boss is futile.

The shipowner holds the reins and whip over the honest seafarer.

In order that the seamen might break the yoke and stop the shipowner from wielding the lash of low wages, rotten food and working conditions, and in order for the seamen to get higher wages, good food, abolition of fines and logging, the right to leave a ship when he pleases and where he pleases, and that he may purchase from the "shop chest" at cost price, that he may get the support of militant transport workers in foreign countries, the American seafarer must organize himself into a new union which is not tarnished by the hands of the slimy, grafting, crooked betrayers of the working class, who make up the officialdom of the A. F. of L.

Green, Furuseth, Ryan, Hugh Frayne, Lewis, Coleman and the rest of the A. F. of L. follows the Wall Street government around like a dog following its master, and it does what the Wall Street government bids it to do. The bureaucratic officialdom of the International Seamen's Union will never organize the seamen of America. It has degenerated into a 100 per cent company union and all seamen who are interested in an honest militant, fighting organization must get together and form a new union.

## British Follow U. S. Plan of Exploitation by Weekly Installment

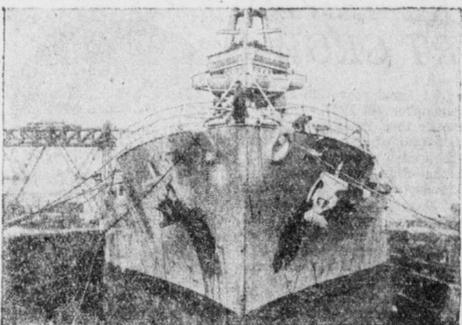
LONDON, Dec. 12.—The British Drapery Trust, the installment house Drage and the Daily Express thru Lord Beaverbrook have combined to follow the example of American installment houses and exploit workers in the more efficient manner of weekly or monthly extractions.

Following the amalgamation of the Drapery Trust and Drage's, Ltd. the Daily Express immediately began to boost the installment business by carrying double column hymns to the installment sharks on its front page. It appeals to its readers to adopt installment buying and achieve "prosperity" by becoming customers of the new combine.

Lord Beaverbrook specializes in exploiting the newly-married couples by offering them furniture on the installment basis, netting a good interest and then taking the furniture as soon as the purchasers fail in a payment.

Building the Daily means building the foundation for a mass Communist Party in this country.

## Armored Watchdog of U. S. Imperialism



The U. S. S. Texas, flagship of the scouting fleet, which is now in drydock at the Brooklyn Navy Yard undergoing repairs. As a new war draws near, special pains are being taken to keep these armored watchdogs of American imperialism in good shape.

## AUSTRALASIANS ASTIR South Pacific Labor in World Arena

By PPTUS Press Service.

The contradicting interests of the greatest imperialist plunderers, the United States, England and Japan, are interwoven on the Pacific. The problem of markets intensifies, makes a tight knot of the contradictions between these countries and brings to the fore the "military problem," i. e., war for hegemony on the Pacific.

The Pan Pacific Trade Union Secretariat (PPTUS) was founded at the Pacific Trade Union Conference, held in May, 1927, in Hankow. The initiators themselves, the delegates from the Australian Trades Union Council, which includes Tasmanian unions, did not succeed in being present at the conference (the Bruce conservative government took good care of this). At the conference, however, there were nine national movements represented. The Australian Trades Union Council subsequently adopted all the decisions of the conference and affiliated to the PPTUS.

### The Pan-Pacific Worker.

In view of the distance to Australia, the Pan-Pacific Trades Union Secretariat adopted a decision to publish a special Australian edition of its organ, the "Pan Pacific Worker." The ten issues published up to the present contain several interesting articles on burning themes of Pacific labor.

The labor movement of Australia has for decades been stewing in compulsory arbitration. The bourgeoisie there have succeeded by means of slight concessions through the arbitration courts, in educating a whole generation of well-intending trade union bureaucrats, who, having specialized in jurisprudence, represent the interests and "lead" the struggle of the working masses... before the arbitration judges.

### Instill Capitalist Ideas.

They have succeeded in instilling in the working masses the belief that the arbitration courts are "impartial," the workers were wont to explain rejection of their demands by the unfavorable attitude of the given judge or the inability of their representatives to prove the justness of the workers' demands.

They further succeeded in poisoning to a great extent the class-consciousness of the working masses with the idea of the harmfulness of the class struggle and the salutaryness of the settlement of disputes between labor and capital by arbitration.

The labor movement of Australia

## MILK TRUST IS ORGANIZED TO FIGHT FARMERS

### Cooperation, Under the Communists, Need

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
MILWAUKEE, Wis. (By Mail).—Wisconsin dairy farmers are beginning to feel the unchallenged strength of the big milk trust which has recently invaded the state. They have taken over all of the biggest dairies and creameries. This means that the farmer is no more his own boss, as he always thought he was.

The farmers are still ignorant of the fact that the milk trust is now well organized against them and the workers.

This is one of the first items on the republican "prosperity" program.

In the vicinity of the city the average price of milk is about \$2 per 100 for the three and seven-tenths test milk. Only about one out of fifty farmers is allowed such a high test. Out of this they deduct from fifteen to twenty-five cents per 100 for hauling, which nets the farmer less than four-tenths of a cent per quart.

In the spring of the year the poor farmers go to their churches and pray to the lord for rain and better crops. Then they contribute their hard-earned money for these good crop creameries.

But can you tell me what is the use of all this?

The bigger and better crops you get the less you receive for them. "Then where is your gain? But there sure must be some way.

We have a word in our dictionary that will teach us how we can gain. The corporate interests, big business, Wall Street, the milk trust, the meat trust and many others, have found it and use it and have succeeded with it so far. Co-operation! Wherever there is co-operation there is power. In writing from experience as a dairy farmer and a dairy worker in this city, I should like to make a few suggestions.

If you want any help you must help yourselves. Don't depend on big business to come to your door and offer you any justice.

You must organize all your little farming communities into one big unit. This must be organized with the help of the Communist Party, so as to get the co-operation of the workers in the city.

The Communist Party is the only Party not capable of any falsehood and which is not an agent of the capitalist class.

The Communists are putting up a bold fight to bring this government into the hands of the workers and farmers. The workers fought and gave up their lives supposedly for freedom. Now we must demand it. But if we have no co-operative powers our demands are only to be laughed at.

So let us farmers and workers stand together and co-operate and we will see who will laugh last.

(EDITOR'S NOTE:—The above piece of Worker Correspondence is printed in the Daily Worker because of its militant quality.)

## IN "THE YELLOW PASS"



Anne Steen, who has the role of the peasant heroine in the new Soviet film, "The Yellow Pass," now crowding the capacity of the Cameo Theatre.

## FIGHT TO FREE CENTRALIA MEN

### Labor Men Intensify Campaign

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 12.—145 delegates from 60 organizations of workers and farmers gathered together to consider methods for carrying on an intensified campaign for the release of the eight Centralia victims at the Labor Temple, Seattle, Washington, on December 2, The Centralia workers have served more than nine years in the penitentiary at Walla Walla as a result of a vicious frame-up by the lumber interests.

The conference was called under the auspices of the Centralia Liberation Committee, a broad committee representing all elements interested in a movement for freedom for these working class fighters. The committee was organized six months ago at the initiative of the International Labor Defense, Seattle branch and has drawn the labor and liberal elements into this movement.

The conference was opened by Charlotte Tobes, Secretary of the I. L. D. and also of the Centralia Liberation Committee.

Many Speakers. The following speakers, among others, were invited to address the conference by the arrangements committee: George Vanderveer, attorney for the Centralia victims; Elmer Smith, a Centralia defendant; Wm. Bonck of the Western Progressive Farmers; W. T. Morris, president of the Tacoma Central Labor Council; and Carl Brannin, International Labor Defense.

The I. L. D. speaker however showed the necessity for greater pressure by the masses, more propaganda and the building of a powerful mass movement that will force the official agents of the lumber interests to free these men.

Resolutions were adopted at the conference greeting the Centralia victims, calling upon the governor and the parole board to grant an immediate unconditional pardon, outlining a plan of action, demanding the release of Mooney, Billings, John Porter and all class war prisoners and the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism law.

More Publicity. The plan of action called for an intensified campaign of publicity, mass meetings, petitions, resolutions, delegations to the governor, the raising of funds and the selection of a delegate from each organization present to serve on the Centralia Liberation Committee.

A resident executive committee of 7 members were elected by the conference as follows:

Carl Brannin, Federal Labor Union; M. J. Miller, Carpenters No. 131; John O. Kennedy, Seattle Labor College; A. Winton, Painters Union No. 300; Louise Burke, United Council of Working Women; Charlotte Tobes, International Labor Defense and F. W. Shorter.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn now in Portland was also invited to speak at the conference, but she was unable to attend due to ill health.

## Theatre Guild Production of "Caprice" Due Here Dec. 31

## ELECTIONS IN LEATHER UNION

### Call on Membership to Oust S. P. Fakers

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Workers in very close co-operation with the employers are Shiplakoff's chief weapons to check the attempt of the great bulk of the membership to usher in an honest militant leadership of the Pocketbook Workers Union.

Unscrupulous Bureaucracy. This election group cannot and will not bind the leather goods workers, that at the head of the Pocketbook Union stands a most unscrupulous bureaucracy turning the organization into a company union. This election cannot conceal the fact that the discontent of the members is growing as a result of the failure on the part of Shiplakoff's administration to enforce the agreement with the bosses.

The Progressive Group calls upon the members to register their vote in the name of militant unionism and union democracy for the following candidates. The Progressive Leather Goods Group calls upon the members to vote against Shiplakoff, who is running as manager, and against the business agents who are the cogs of the Shiplakoff machine.

Call on Militants. The Progressive Group further calls upon the members to vote against the \$100 out-of-town organizer as submitted to a referendum in this election. This referendum is nothing but a fake to cover up their grabbing schemes with a gesture of democracy. When it was a question of \$60 tax or where it concerns trade and organization policies or decisions made at the last convention or all these vital questions, no referendum was taken.

With this referendum for a \$100 organizer at a time when no organization policies were discussed and the administration itself has none to offer, the clique aims to show that there is democracy in the Pocketbook Workers Union, while in reality there is none.

## Professional Drys to Launch Another Party

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Rumors launched in the next presidential campaign were current here today as leaders of the prohibition party gathered for a three-day conference.

It was reported discussions would be held on the possibility of taking drys from both the major political parties and forming a federal "progressive party" aimed along present general lines of the prohibition party.

## Youth Win Debate on Political Activity

BOSTON, Mass. (By Mail).—At a debate on the participation of youth in politics, the Young Workers League of this city received a vote of 30 as against 3 for the Fine Arts Youth Club, which was opened to youth activity in politics. The debate took place in the hall of the latter organization.

The agitprop director of the Boston district of the League, Ehrlich, ridiculed the arguments of his opponent that youth is an imaginative creature and therefore a fantastic dreamer, unfit to take part in politics. He showed the source of political discrimination against the youth, its exploitation and militarization, and the only solution for this situation is class political action.

The only way to abolish unemployment is to abolish capitalism.

## NEAR STARVING, WORKER FINDS NO PROSPERITY

### Futile Search for Work Exposes Myth

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
One always reads in the capitalist press about the prosperity in the United States, but I cannot see it. I have been out of work over a month and up to date I have had no luck whatsoever.

I was in the city of Bridgeport for a few days and I "interviewed" the masters, but of no avail. In the following places of slavery, U. M. C. Bridgeport Brass, Singer Sewing Machine and the General Electric, I had to submit to a physical examination. And here is the verdict that all handed down to me: Your eyes are all in bad condition, your lungs are weak, heart trouble. Other things that they said to me were in Latin or Greek. I do not know which, for my knowledge of medical terms is limited.

It is almost the same here in New Haven. I walked so much that I have developed callouses on my feet. Where is this so-called prosperity? Where is it? I cannot see it. All I see is starvation, all about me, little children walking to school in ragged clothes, no overcoats, pinched faces. I know that this is caused by hunger. Their parents are not getting very much pay for their labor and some are not working at all.

The other evening two little children asked me to take them somewhere to get them something to eat, for they were very hungry. Is that the sign of prosperity? I can tell everyone this much, that I go hungry very often. But I am used to it. And I am not alone on that point. At the present time I am writing I could partake of some nourishment. And I don't mean maybe.

I am sure that I can tell where the Coolidge "prosperity" is. It is in the hands of the master class, the banks and so forth. But we, the working class, haven't got any of it, and the only way we can get it is to do the following: Overthrow the capitalist system. And the quickest way we can do it is that of the workers of the world unite.

JOS. MARRON.

## Claim Ford Influences Bank of England Trust

LONDON, Dec. 11.—A debate in the House of Commons resulted in certain members assailing Ford's new European trust, which involves placing on sale 2,800,000 shares of stock to pay for companies merged with the Ford Motor Co. Critics are directed against Ronald Kitson, director of the Bank of England and Thomas Davies, director of the Suez canal for accepting position on the Ford board of directors, which it is claimed, amounts practically to bribing the Bank of England. Tor members, partners of J. Pierpont Morgan entered the row, on the side of Ford's competitor, General Motors.

This British adviser, Captain Henry McConkey, refused to give any reason for the Vestriss sinking, giving the alibi that he had not had "sufficient time for study," and so on. In this attitude, he is following the precedent of all the supposed experts, who for all their alleged wisdom, claim that it is a complete mystery.

The best McConkey could do was to suggest that "the findings of the United States group be sent to the British Board of Trade which will conduct an investigation." More whitewash, more stalling.

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The abbreviation I.L.D. is well known in America among the class conscious workers, but the abbreviation W.I.R. is little known. What does it stand for? Workers International Relief.

This is an international organization, for example in Germany it is called I.A.H. (Internationale Arbeiter-Hilfe) and is under Comrade Willy Munzenberg's capable leadership. It was the W.I.R. that rallied to the support of the European workers during the famine years, helping German, Irish, British and Russian workers. Millions of dollars came like a golden stream from the workers of the whole world in response to the appeal of the Russian workers and peasants of the Volga region, and saved thousands of peasants, workers and children from starvation. At that time the W.I.R. established cooperative farms and fisheries, all with modern machinery and built up factories, considering this the best method of

aiding the Russians. In America the organization existed first as the Friends of Soviet Russia, later as the International Workers Aid and finally adopted the international name, used in all the English speaking countries, the Workers International Relief.

In Germany, Scandinavia, France, Great Britain, in fact all over Europe, there is a membership of several millions, affiliated with the W.I.R. either directly or collectively thru an organization. Every worker should become a member of the W.I.R. and should take part in the work of supplying clothes and food to all workers in times of need. The W.I.R. is the workers Red Cross. The I.L.D. defends workers on trial, gives legal advice and mobilizes the masses in struggle against the class injustices, as for example in the Sacco-Vanzetti case, but the W.I.R. brings material relief to the workers in the form of food and clothing, shelter and medical supplies. Not as charity, but as solidarity, cooperation for the workers and by the workers. Especially in America is the W.I.R. necessary, and more so now than ever when the workers are face to face with many mass conflicts. For all information as to W.I.R. write either to National office, 1 Union Square, New York, or to Chicago office, W.I.R., 23 South Lincoln St.

## Emblem of Workers' International Relief



132 MINERS KILLED IN OCT. WASHINGTON, (By Mail).—Accidents in coal mines in October in the United States caused the death of 182 men, the U. S. Bureau of Mines reports. Most of these could be traced to operators' negligence

## A Knock at Romantic Sufferers

By JULIA PELLMAN.

A hang for your cheery martyrs,  
With the seven virtues graced,  
We may suffer, but our virtues  
Have a slightly radish taste,  
We may suffer, but our virtues  
Have a vinegary taste.

A hang for your cheery martyrs  
That go smiling to their doom,  
We'll give a blow for happiness,  
But not a wink for gloom;  
We have a taste for happiness,  
But we don't relish gloom.

A hang for your pale self pities,  
That like their persecution!  
We may be executed,  
But we hate our execution!  
We don't like us executed,  
Though we dare our execution.

A hang for your sweet old slac!  
That give up, sad and slack!  
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We like the striking back,  
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# Officials of Milk Drivers Union Ignore Militant Tactics in Court Plea in Boston

## SEEK TO GET INJUNCTION TO END \$60,000 FINE

### International in Role of Betrayer

BOSTON, Dec. 12 (FP).—Unwilling to accept the compromise forced on them by international union officials, nearly 100 members of Milk Wagon Drivers Local 380 are represented in a plea for an injunction restraining their employers from making weekly deductions from wages to satisfy a \$60,000 judgment against the union. The award was ordered because the union struck to organize two firms which had consolidated with the Alden Bros. Milk Co.

International union officials advised against appealing the decision and compromised the award against the opposition of the local union, which wished to carry the case to higher courts to test the validity of the fine against the union and its members for striking. The Postoch Central Labor Union is also indignant against acceptance of the award, viewing it as an opening wedge in bankrupting other unions when they strike.

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—The fight of Milk Wagon Drivers Local 380 against the weekly deductions from their wages to pay off a judgment against the union is proceeding along purely legalistic lines, despite experiences of the past which show that the Massachusetts courts are openly trying to crush the union and to outlaw all militant unions.

A plea for an injunction, which 100 members of the union were persuaded to sign, is being held out as a hope in an effort to dissipate the growing resentment of the men. Indignation runs high, not only against the international officials, who openly betrayed them, but also against the leaders of the local union, whose passive, vacillating policy is blamed for the present predicament of the union.

Strike Against Open Shop. The \$60,000 judgment against the union was awarded in connection with a strike conducted several months ago against the Alden Bros. Milk Company. When this firm, whose men were organized, absorbed two other firms which had been running the open shop, the union demanded the right to organize the men of the two subsidiary firms. When the Alden company refused, the drivers were called out on strike. The Alden company, determined to maintain the open-shop, brought suit against the local union and about two months ago secured a judgment in Superior Court of \$60,000 against the union. The union appealed the case in the State Supreme Court, where the original decision was sustained.

The union wanted to take the case to the United States Supreme Court, but the international officials obligingly came to the aid of the Alden Company and told the men to go back to work pending negotiations. The Alden Company, however, lost no time in collecting its money and one Saturday every milk driver found \$20 deducted from his pay envelope. Since drivers get only \$38 a week, this little operation left each man with only \$18. Drivers' helpers were relieved of \$18 of their salary, reducing each man's pay from \$33 to \$15.

Fokers Again Aid Company. Feeling among the men ran so high that the international officials again found it necessary to step in and help the Alden Company. They struck a good bargain—for the company. In return for a promise that the case would not be taken to the United States Supreme Court, the company agreed to accept "only" \$30,000, instead of the original \$60,000, deducting \$3 weekly from each man's salary. Under Massachusetts law each member of the union is responsible for the payment of the money.

The judgment against the union, awarded with the connivance of the international officials, sets up a precedent which makes every union liable to legal prosecution and fine for conducting a strike. Rank and file members of the local are urging the adoption of militant tactics to fight the judgment award.

## Social-Democrats Back Seipel Regime Against Government Employees

(Wireless to the Daily Worker) VIENNA, Dec. 12.—The social-democrats in parliament today voted for the government's proposal to grant the postal employees a thirty per cent increase in wages instead of the 100 per cent demanded by the workers. The social-democrats excused their opposition to the demands of the workers by saying that otherwise the government would not have granted anything. Fifty thousand employees in the government's postal and telephone service are in a strike of passive resistance to force the regime to give them an increase in wages.

## "Irregularities" at the Polls

"Irregularities" at the polls, which in plain English means vote-stealing, vote buying, corruption of every kind, is, of course, the usual thing in American elections. There are many job-seekers willing to serve capitalism at fancy salaries. Above (left) is Judge Augustus McCloskey, who after being "elected" to congress on the democratic ticket, has now been indicted for "irregularities." The pious republicans are saying all sorts of nasty things about the judge.

## Fraternal Organizations

**Spanish Workers Dance.** The Spanish Fraction of the Workers (Communist) Party will hold its first dance Saturday evening, Dec. 22, at Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave. Proceeds will go for the support of their organ "Vida Obrera." As this will be a real international affair, please arrange to arrange any other affair on that date.

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

**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 would conflict with this one.

**Women Theatre Party.** The New York Working Women's Federation will have a theatre party at the Provincetown Theatre, 133 McDougall St., Saturday evening, Dec. 23, presenting Upton Sinclair's "Sing, Sing Jailbirds." All the proceeds will go to the building up of the Women's Federation. Tickets can be obtained at 24-28 Union Square.

**Women's Council 8.** Women's Council 8 has arranged a lecture for Monday, Dec. 17, at 8:30 p. m. at 1387 Washington Ave., Bronx. S. Leroy will speak on "Women and Workers' Education." The interested in workers' education are invited. Admission is free.

**Dancing at Workers Center.** Every Saturday night there will be dancing at the Workers Center, 24-28 Union Square, on the fourth floor. A good band will be on hand on these evenings, and all workers who come to the Workers Center are assured of a good time.

**Freiheit Singing Society.** For the first time in New York, the Freiheit Singing Society will present Mendelssohn's oratorio "Walpurgis Night" with a symphony orchestra conducted by Lazar Weiner. The concert will take place Saturday, Dec. 29, at Carnegie Hall, 57th St. and 7th Ave. Tickets can be obtained at the Freiheit office, 30 Union St.

**Brownsville I. L. D. Dance.** The Brownsville I. L. D. dance Saturday evening, Dec. 22, at 8:30 p. m. at the Lyceum, 219 Sackman St., Brooklyn.

**Williamsburgh I. L. D. Meet.** The Williamsburgh branch of the International Labor Defense will hold a membership meeting Monday, Dec. 17, at 8 p. m. at 54th St. and 3rd Ave., Brooklyn. All members must be present. Sympathizers are invited.

**Course Given at Jersey City.** A course in English for workers and in the A. B. C. of Communism will be given at the Ukrainian Home, 160 Mercer St., Jersey City, every Sunday at 10 a. m. S. Leroy will be the instructor.

**Defense Conference.** A conference of representatives of labor organizations to formulate plans for the defense of the 662 textile strikers on trial in New Bedford will be held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16, at 2 o'clock at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Pl.

**Women Theatre Party.** A good opportunity for Jewish workers to see the regular week-end play at the Schwartz Art Theatre on 14th St. and 3rd Ave., on Friday evening, Feb. 8, at reduced prices if tickets are gotten in advance. The full price will be charged on the day of the performance. Tickets in advance may be gotten at the central office of the United Council of Working Women, 80 E. 11th St., Room 335, or phone Stuyvesant 0576.

**Williamsburgh I. L. D. Dance.** The Williamsburgh branch of the I. L. D. will sponsor a dance and concert on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at 8 p. m. at 54th St. and 3rd Ave., Brooklyn, at 8 p. m. The funds collected at the dance will be donated to the class war prisoners. Admission will be 25 cents.

**Bedacht at Harlem Forum.** Max Bedacht, national agitprop director of the Workers (Communist) Party will speak on "The Socialist Party Today" at the Harlem Workers Forum, 143 E. 103rd St., tomorrow at 8 p. m. Admission 15 cents. All Party members and workers are invited.

**Mutual Aid League Dance.** The annual Rainbow Ball of the League for Mutual Aid will be held Dec. 21st at Beethoven Hall, 210 E. 5th St.

**Lecture in Bronx.** Tomorrow the workers of the Bronx will hear a lecture on Mendelssohn's oratorio "Walpurgis Night" at 1472 Boston Road, the Bronx Workers Club. Minkov will be the lecturer, and will speak in Yiddish.

**Negro Entertainment, Dance.** A Negro entertainment and dance has been arranged by Section 6 of the Workers (Communist) Party at 1472 Boston Ave., Bronx, on Saturday, Jan. 12. An interesting program is being prepared.

**Freiheit Symphony Orchestra.** The next rehearsal will take place at the Freiheit headquarters, 1392 Southern Blvd., near Freeman St. station.

**I. L. D. German Branch 43.** The next monthly meeting will be held today. A lecture on the I. L. D. and the Labor Movement will be arranged for. All German-speaking workers are invited to attend this important meeting.

**Brownsville I. L. D. Meet.** The I. L. D. will hold a special membership meeting today at 8 p. m. at 154 Watkins St., Norman Valentine, assistant national secretary of the I. L. D. will attend.

**Downtown I. L. D. Branch.** A meeting of the Downtown I. L. D.

## ANTI-IMPERIALIST RESOLUTIONS ARE NOW PUBLISHED

### Show Big Exploitation by Powers

The first pamphlet of the printed resolutions of the General Council of the League Against Imperialism, whose congress was held some time ago in Brussels, has arrived in America. The resolutions form a platform for anti-imperialist work.

The first resolution is on the general political aspects and points out that imperialism, although supported by the reformist trade union leaders under the argument that it aids workers in imperialist countries, really does the opposite.

**Exploitation Intensified.** The time has gone by, the League finds, when the proletariat of imperialist countries could be bribed by occasional crumbs from the profits of exploitation abroad. The League says: "From this period of capitalist decline the super-profit derived from colonial exploitation must be increased by intensified exploitation and is badly needed for the stabilization of capitalism at home."

**Thus colonial exploitation is an indispensable method of capitalist rationalization, having an adverse influence upon the economic conditions of the home proletariat. . . . Colonial exploitation cannot cease to have an adverse effect on the economic conditions of the home proletariat unless the oppressed peoples become completely free." And to this end the League works.**

"While endeavoring to mobilize all available forces in a joint struggle against imperialism, the differentiation inside the nationalist movement in the colonies should be noted," says the resolution and points to the treachery of the native bourgeoisie in China and India.

**Imperialism and War.** The second resolution is on the war danger, directly connected with imperialist policies. On this matter the resolution declares:

"The war peril is growing once more because the robber imperialist powers are once more finding themselves locked in conflict throughout the world, first of all over the required distribution of the right to oppress the colonial peoples and subject races, to monopolize colonial markets and sources of raw materials, to sweat super-profits out of cheap colonial labor."

"The struggle between British and American imperialism over the right to exploit China, Central and South America and the peoples of Eastern Europe; the struggle between French and Italian imperialism over the economic control of the Mediterranean shores and between British and French imperialism over the right to exploit Syria, Palestine, Arabia and the Near East generally—these are typical of the fatal internal antagonisms of imperialism which show themselves, now here, now there, but always and everywhere bring the peril a step closer."

**Empires Unite Against U. S. S. R.** "Even those antagonisms, however," the League finds, "are temporarily reconciled whenever the imperialist world as a whole finds itself self face to face with the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, the first great challenge to world imperialism. The U. S. S. R. does not depend for its existence on the subjugation and exploitation of colonial peoples, since the power of the imperialist bourgeoisie, who formerly ruled Tsarist Russia, has been utterly destroyed."

To carry on the fight against imperialism, the resolution on Organization states:

"All political organizations, all parties, trade unions and persons who are fighting against capitalist-imperialist domination, for the self-determination of all nations, for the national liberty of all peoples, for the equal rights of all races, classes and individuals, shall be allowed to affiliate to the League against imperialism and for national independence."

**Other Problems Considered.** "The executive shall aim at organizing in each colonial and each capitalist country, so far as practicable, a section of the League consisting of all organizations and individuals that endorse the policy."

In the United States, the U. S. Section of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, national headquarters at 59 Union Square, is the body affiliated with the League Against Imperialism.

Other resolutions take up in detail the treacheries of the Second International and the special problems in India, China, Indonesia, Persia and the Philippines. Special attention is given to that phase of American imperialism which works through the Pan-American Union.

## WHITE TERROR REMAINS UNDER MANIU REGIME

### To Continue Trial on Trade Unions

(Red Aid Press Service) BUCHAREST, Rumania, (By Mail).—The new Maniu regime in Rumania will not alter the terror system of the former Bratianu regime, it seems from the action it has taken regarding the trial against the united trade unions which has dragged along for two years in Bucharest.

This trial is to decide whether or not the united trade unions in the capital should be dissolved. Again and again the banning of the unions was stopped by the mass protest of the workers. When the new regime took office it was reported that it would deny the charge against the united trade unions, but that it will "study" the circumstances some more. The trial was postponed until January 16.

The new regime shows that it will put aside for the moment the unpopular system of the Bratianu regime when its execution would mean mass protests threatening its overthrow. So that in practice the old conditions remain unaltered.

## GAMBLERS BAIT TRAP.

Stocks today definitely turned about from the reaction gripping the market for the past two weeks. Gains ranging from one to 10 points were made by the majority of issues. Sentiment of the bulls, however, was not entirely restored and dealings fell off sharply in the first three and one-half hours, with sales about a million shares under yesterday.

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## Workers Party Activities

**Lenin Memorial Meet.** A Lenin Memorial Meeting will be held in Madison Square Garden Saturday evening, January 19. All Party and sympathetic organizations please take note.

You are requested to not arrange any conflicting dates. The Lenin Memorial Meeting this year will be a powerful demonstration against the imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union. District Executive Committee, New York District.

**Party Units Attention!** The Spanish Fraction will hold its first ball on Saturday evening, Dec. 22, at Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave. Proceeds will go for the organization of Spanish speaking workers and for the support of the organ "Vida Obrera." Please, keep this date open and give this affair your greatest support.

**Brooklyn Y. W. L. Dance.** The Bronx section of the Young Workers (Communist) League will hold a Section Dance on Saturday, Dec. 22, at the Rose Gardens, 1347 East 24th St. There will be entertainment and an excellent jazz band.

**Miller at Morning Int'l. Br.** Bert Miller, organizational secretary of District 2, Workers (Communist) Party, will speak on "How Soon Will the Next War Come?" at the monthly open forum of the Morning International Branch, this morning at the Workers Center, 24-28 Union Square. All workers are invited to attend.

**Section 2 "Daily" Campaign.** Section 2 of the Workers (Communist) Party is starting an intensive campaign for the 5th anniversary of the Daily Worker. Dec. 10 to 17 will be Daily Worker week for the entire section. Business meetings will take up the drive. All units will adjourn for one big meeting where a representative of the Daily Worker will speak.

**Y. W. L. Jazz Band.** The Young Workers (Communist) League jazz band practices at the home of E. Gold, 152 W. 72nd St., every Sunday at 1:30 p. m. Those wishing to join should communicate with the above address at once.

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## SHOW SECRETARY INTERIOR IN PAY OF POWER TRUST

### Some Senators Afraid He's Too Notorious

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sull, public utilities magnate. The Insull contribution was in cash. West said he collected campaign funds for 25 or 26 years and never kept any books. He said he had represented some Insull corporations in a legal way since 1897, and often talked about investments with Insull. He made many investments upon Insull's recommendations, he added.

**Insull Hiring.** In the afternoon session Secretary of Interior West told the committee that in 26 years his law firm had done \$24,500 worth of business for the Insull (public utilities) Company, Chicago. Last year his firm was paid \$175, he said.

West's alibi before the committee was that just before taking his cabinet post, he sold all of his Insull stock. Under questioning, however, he admitted his wife still had 100 shares of Commonwealth Edison (Insull's company) and his sister 30 shares.

The senate debate continued through the day on details of the Bolder Dam bill, without must being said or accomplished. The House passed a bill authorizing an additional \$2,700,000 appropriation for submarine construction work on the V-5 and V-6. Each will now cost \$6,650,000.

It also passed a bill authorizing appropriation of \$350,000 in addition to \$300,000 already authorized for alteration and repairs on the battleship California.

**Disregard British Notes.** After further discussion with Secretary of State, Kellogg, over the Kellogg treaties intended to slap England's face and create a new League of Nations in which U. S. will be predominant, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee decided tentatively to vote on recommending their adoption Friday.

Kellogg made it clear that he did not consider the adherence of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics to the treaties after they were formed implied its recognition by the other countries. He also insists that the treaties leave the Monroe Doctrine intact, and that all notes of reservation by England and France which accompanied their signatures are null and void.

It is expected that the committee will also adopt the Kellogg viewpoint on all these matters, whatever impatience England and France may express over it.

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## WELCOME HOOVER BY MASS ARREST

### Irigoyen Jails Workers as Tribute to U. S.

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delegation from the Argentine government, which welcomed Hoover with the usual flowery insincerities. President Irigoyen's statement on the arrests, giving details of what is considered here a frame-up of several radical workers in order to justify the "red raids" and numerous arrests, is as follows:

"The president of the republic, being desirous of making agreeable the visit of the President-elect of the United States of America and offering the greatest possible guarantee of safety to the personnel of the illustrious visitor, commanded the police to intensify their observation of dangerous anarchist elements."

"This order was carried out by the division of investigation which, after discreet inquiries and investigations, this morning searched a house in Estomba Street in which were found four hand grenades, two cylindrical bombs, one square bomb, dynamite, revolvers, automatic pistols, quantities of ammunition and 150 temporary notes, all of which have been placed at the disposition of judicial authorities."

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## Gunmen for United Fruit Company

The government of Colombia is savagely murdering part of its own working class population at the behest of the United Fruit Company. The government, itself, under mass pressure of the workers, has placed protective insurance laws upon its statute books providing for the company paying for injury and accidents. The United Fruit capitalists refused to abide by the law. A strike ensued, that now involves 40,000 workers. Its purpose was to force observance of the law.

The treacherous character of the Colombian government was clearly exposed when it offered to mediate between the strikers and the company. It was in the untenable position of mediating its own laws. But the company was immovable in its determination to resist the demands of the workers. The government, instead of defying the company, turned with murderous fury upon the strikers and has been waging open warfare against them for more than a week. It is playing the role of gunmen for the fruit company.

This is a classic example of capitalist governmental respect for its own laws when they may be of benefit to the working class. Workers in Colombia are slain by mercenary government troops because they demand the enforcement of the laws of the government. Their action is identical with the action of police and soldiery in the United States when they club, shoot and disperse workers who try to hold meetings in conformity with the constitution of the United States. All laws of capitalist governments are class laws, made for the purpose of enabling the master class impose its will by force upon the working class. The capitalist hold them in contempt when it is to their interests to do so, but they expect workers to respect such laws. Such action as that of the Colombian government should teach workers to despise all capitalist laws and the class that makes them.

The striking workers of Colombia must learn from this fruitful struggle the same lessons that other workers of Latin-America have learned and are learning; that is that one of the most effective methods of fighting American imperialism is to overthrow the puppet governments that serve Yankee tyranny. By throttling such governments the Latin-American masses can clear the way for a general struggle of all Latin-America to scourge from its territory all the agents of American imperialism.

The Communists of the United States take the lead today in arousing the working class to give moral and financial aid to the Colombian strikers on the Magdalena banana plantations of the United Fruit Company, to aid the heroic struggle of Sandino in Nicaragua, to fight for the withdrawal of the marines from Nicaragua, for the freedom of Haiti and the immediate evacuation of American armed forces from all colonies and semi-colonies. In this struggle we lay the basis for united action of the working class and the farmers of the United States with the exploited masses of Latin-America in order to deliver the death blow to imperialism.

## The Conflict in the League

Although not a member of the League of Nations the imperialist government of the United States neglects no opportunity to have its agents in the league engage in intrigue against its rival, England. The league, dominated by England, has been used as a weapon in the world wide struggle between the two great imperialist powers.

The United States imperialists, anxious to join the league when it was first established, were prevented from doing so by the so-called irreconcilable senators, the "wilful twelve," that defeated Wilson's proposals. Forced to make the best of the situation American policy has waged a double fight against European domination of the league. On the one hand it has sought, through proposals to enter the permanent court of international justice, the legal branch of the league, to place itself in a position to control the league. On the other hand it has conspired to use representatives of Latin-American puppet governments to defend its interests in the league councils and assemblies.

It is quite evident that the latter motive, the desire to use government agents serving the imperialist interests of the United States in Latin America prompted the action of the delegates of Cuba, Venezuela and Chile in visiting the renegade socialist, Aristide Briand, foreign minister of France, the other day, and pleading with him to use his influence to obtain for them seats on the council of the League of Nations. The Cuban delegate is just as much an agent of Yankee tyranny as though his credentials were signed by Kellogg at the state department at Washington. The Venezuelan government is largely dominated by the Mellon and other American oil interests. The government

Chile wavers between Britain and the United States, but economic power will decide which way that fascist government, maintaining power through mass murders perpetrated against the working class of its own country, will finally go. A survey of the rapidly with which American finance capital is displacing British control of Chile indicates the policy that will eventually dominate.

Thus, while the kept press of the world talks about the league as an institution that will make more difficult the outbreak of another war, even a cursory study of the actual proceedings of the league reveals it as a nest of imperialist duplicity where the diplomats of the various countries are maneuvering for realignment of forces preparatory to the next world war.

There is but one international organization that really carries on a struggle against imperialism and that is the organization that coordinates the activities of the Communist Parties of the whole world—the Communist International. It is only the working class and the peasant masses that have interests that are identical throughout the world, hence only an international representing their interests can avail against imperialism.

## The Bewildered Josephus

Woodrow Wilson's secretary of the navy, the Southern bourgeois, Josephus Daniels, is still groggy after crawling out from under the Hoover landslide that buried the democratic prophets of his part of the country on November 6. Meeting the train of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Tammany governor-elect of New York at his home town of Raleigh, North Carolina, Daniels consoled himself with indulging in the favorite democratic indoor sport since the election of trying to explain why the "solid South" was broken into bits. Here are the reasons as revealed by Wilson's secretary of the navy, to his one-time assistant secretary of the navy, who, since the election, has become the "white hope" of the democrats:

"I don't know of a voter in North Carolina who cast his ballot for Hoover except, of course, the old-line republicans. In the vote against Al. Smith prohibition was the strongest factor in his defeat and religion was next. A republican candidate in North Carolina publicly told the people that a roman catholic must not be elected president."

This old bourgeois, representative of the small-town, middle class elements of the democratic party, like his leader William Jennings Bryan, another ornament of the imperialist Wilson cabinet serving the interests of the House of Morgan, was always immune to the effects of the political currents of the times. His mind still reacts to everything as though the "old South" were still a reality instead of a memory. He is blind to the changes that have taken place before his own eyes.

While no one would deny that prohibition influenced many Southern votes and the religious question others, these things certainly were not determining factors in breaking up the formerly solid South. This political change is to be found in the industrial invasion of the South, a change that has affected the state of North Carolina more than any other state. The new textile mills of Charlotte and vicinity that sprawl over vast acres and that enslave thousands upon thousands of men, women and children, that brought to the South a chain of newspapers speaking the language of the Fordney-McCumber tariff, that subsidized scores of preachers and teachers and other "moulders of public opinion" to teach the masses the gospel of the new industrialism also brought about the defeat of Smith and the break-up of the solid South.

But that change is only the first effect of industrialism. There has been created by it a huge industrial working class organized by the mechanism of capitalism itself. This class already feels the withering blight of the cotton slave pens. It will in time be organized into a trade union whose struggles will bewilder still more the unresponsive brain of Josephus and his cronies of the small capitalist element of the democrat party. In the class struggles that must inevitably rise out of the industrialization of the South the workers will become conscious of their class interests, conscious of the necessity of class political action. Then, in response to the same economic forces that broke the solid South in favor of the republicans, the working class of the mill towns, with its allies, the horribly exploited masses, Negro and white, who slave on the plantations, will break the republicans and all other parties of capitalism with such decisive political action as Josephus Daniels has never dreamed of.

When that time comes it will not be possible for even Josephus to blame prohibition and religion for the debacle that overwhelms him and his class.

## CLASS WAR IN COLOMBIA



## A New Conspiracy Against the National Miners' Union

By PAT TOOHEY.  
(Secretary-Treasurer National Miners' Union.)

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12.—The capitalist government, the coal operators and the remnants of the degenerated, corrupt bureaucracy of the United Mine Workers of America have jointly launched a new attack against the militant National Miners' Union, and the union's leadership. The new attack is on the legal front, and a concentrated effort is under way to frame up and railroad to prison various leading officials of the new miners' union. The new attack is also an attack directed against the union itself and the right of the miners to organize.

The forces of reaction have, it is clear, girded for war against the new union and its leadership. Some recent developments in this respect convince us that this joint attack is to restrict, curtail and if possible stop the sweeping successes being made by the new miners' union. The efforts are being directed towards jailing those responsible for organization work amongst the miners. Within a few weeks the following developments have occurred:

**Miner Arrested.**  
Anthony Minerich, Executive Board member of the National Miners' Union, was arrested and held incommunicado by the infamous Cossacks in the anthracite region, charged with two attempts of dynamiting. That the charge is a frame-up, weak, a fake, and without proof is clearly evidenced by the fact that the case has finally been dismissed. Minerich was active among the struggling hard coal miners.

**Horthy Wants Victim.**  
The federal government hurriedly called to trial the case of John Topolchany, miner of Herminie, Pa., supporter of the National Miners' Union. The prosecution attempts revocation of the defendant's citizenship papers because of "alleged Communist tendencies." The charge originated through the Horthy censors confiscating a letter sent by Topolchany to a brother in Hungary, denouncing him for joining the White Army, murdering workers, and acting as a tool of fascism. The letter was forwarded to the American authorities by the Horthy fascists, whereupon Topolchany was arrested and held on bail, while an effort was made to revoke his citizenship papers and deport him to Hungary, where he would be immediately executed for opposition to the fascist dictatorship.

**Hurry Cheswick Trial.**  
The hurried calling to trial of the 22 miners indicted on various charges in connection with the Cheswick mass meeting. The day prior to the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti, several thousand miners and wives assembled on a farm near Cheswick to protest the execution and demand the release of their comrades. A small army of state cossacks, detectives, coal and iron police, deputy sheriffs, etc., descended upon the meeting, clubbed, tear-gassed and dispersed the crowd. Scores were gravely injured, many were taken to hospitals. The cossacks then toured the mining towns, hunting down active strikers, beating and slugging them. During the riot which was precipitated by the cossacks, one of the cossacks was killed by a person unknown. As a result of the trouble, 22 active left wing miners were arrested and indicted on charges of rioting, inciting to riot and unlawful assemblage. The case is now called to trial after a long rest in the archives of the district attorney.

## 'Concentrated Effort Under Way to Frame Up and Railroad to Prison Miners' Leaders'

The attempts of the federal district attorney, Meyers, noted red baiter, of Pittsburgh, to jail the writer, J. H. Daley, business manager of the Coal Digger, and Miss Ross, union bookkeeper on a charge of "contempt of court." At the same time this was utilized to also attack the National Miners' Union, National Miners' Relief Committee, etc.

**"Railroading" in Washington Co.**  
The continued attack against our union by the Washington County (Pa.) judges and district attorney, where our members are railroaded to prison, our union denounced, "justice" mocked at by this so-

## PIONEERS FIGHTING SCHOOL BRUTALITY

By NELL AMTER.  
CLEVELAND, O.—In the name of the Young Pioneers of Cleveland a new campaign has begun in this city against the use of corporal punishment in the schools. The particular issue around which this campaign centers is the case of a 14-year-old 8th grade pupil, who, because he failed to bring his "gym suit" to school, was compelled to run around a track five times, which completely exhausted him, and then was forced into a cold shower. He has been in bed with a bad case of the "flu" for three weeks, as the result of the brutality of the gym teacher.

This is only one instance. Last year there was a case of a boy who came home with a black eye inflicted by his teacher; of a boy who went through the "spats" (the gauntlet, a line of 80 boys, each of whom pulled him in punishment for failure to bring along his gym suit); of a child who dropped dead of heart failure while running on the track as punishment, and cases throughout the city which were never reported.

In several schools, especially Tremont and Woodland schools, in working class neighborhoods, there is a mechanical padding machine, which is used regularly and often.

**Only Workers' Children Hurt.**  
Last year the board of education gave official permission to teachers to use their own discretion in the use of corporal punishment, and they have used plenty of punishment.

There is one thing outstanding about all cases which have been reported publicly, and all reports which are gotten from school children. That is that this punishment, and excessive punishments, take place in the working class neighborhoods, in schools which are crowded with workers' children. In all of these schools there are many cases of children who fail to bring along certain supplies because their parents cannot afford to buy them. In all the schools the children must eventually quit school and tramp the streets hunting for work. In all these schools the children who are punished are always the children of the workers.

**Complete Persecution.**  
These facts make perfectly clear the reason for the regular punishment used in the schools. The whole system is an education in obedience

By Fred Ellis

## Misleaders in the American Labor Unions

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

Murphy attracted national attention over the killing of Maurice (Mossie) Enright in 1920. Enright was a notorious labor gunman, associated with Chicago's most desperate criminals. A pal of "Skinny" Madden's, he was active in grafting and inner-union feuds for 20 years. He was a leader in the bitter jurisdictional war between the plumbers and steamfitters, in which many men were killed. His "educational committee," touring the streets in the "pirate car," terrorized his opponents. Enright participated in many shooting scrapes. In 1911 he killed Vincent Altman and "Dutch" Gentleman, two professional labor sluggers. For this he received a life sentence, but, by virtue of his pull, he was released in two years and went back to his old game of graft and terrorism, in which he had grown rich.

Enright "made" Murphy in the unions, "selecting" him as organizer of the Building Trades Council and business agent of the Street Cleaners' Union. But the militant "Big Tim" soon began to oust Enright. Bad blood brewed between them. Bitter quarrels developed over splitting a \$10,000 bribe from the People's Gas Light & Coke Co. for preventing a strike of the gas workers, and over the control of the Gas Workers and Street Cleaners' Unions. The situation climaxed dramatically in Feb. 1920, when Enright, stepping from his automobile at his door, was riddled with bullets fired from an automobile which had followed his. Enright was buried with great pomp, his funeral being attended by senators, judges, aldermen, priests, 5,000 people and 300 automobiles.

Murphy and his "black hand" friends, Carozzo, Cosmano and Vinci were arrested for the murder. Cosmano was shown to be the man who fired the shots. Boglio the owner of the car said he had loaned it to Carozzo who was accompanied by Murphy. Vinci, the car driver, declared they had followed Enright for weeks before they "got" him. Things looked black for Murphy. But of a sudden the skies cleared mysteriously and completely. Fusco and Cifaldo, the two key witnesses disappeared and Vinci repudiated his confession. So Murphy walked free from jail without even going to trial.

Soon Murphy was in trouble again. Twenty days after his release in the Enright affair he and Cosmano were arrested for a \$100,000 mail robbery in Pullman. He managed to squirm out of this also.

The great Chicago building trades struggle of 1922 found Murphy in the middle of the picture. The employers, through the so-called Landis Award, dealt the local unions a shattering blow and established semi-non-union conditions. Most of the reactionary leaders, Murphy among the rest, traitorously accepted the award although the masses of the workers bitterly opposed it. The carpenters, painters and a few other trades struck against it. The Building Trades Council split in two, many of the unions remaining at work. The strike was exceedingly bitter. Wholesale bombings of union and non-union workers and buildings took place. It climaxed in the killing of two policemen. Wild excitement prevailed and, in a lynch-like spirit, the police raided all the offices of the local building trades unions and arrested 200 officials.

Murphy, "Frenchy" Mader, and "Con" Shea, although professed supporters of the Landis Award, were charged with the murders. With this usual braggadocio Murphy ridiculed the whole affair as a "seven days' wonder that would soon blow over." He was right. Eventually the charges against him were dropped.

**BILL POSTERS GAIN.**  
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