

JUDGE TRIES TO EVADE SACCO ISSUE AT CANTER TRIAL

A. F. L. AGAIN BETRAYS STRIKE AT ELIZABETHTON

Pickets Demand Repudiation of United Textile Union Order to Go Back to Work

Montevideo Congress Hails Southern Strikers; Boss Tries to Bribe Leaders; "Probe" Flops

Latest Southern Strike Developments

- 1.—U. T. W. chief orders Elizabethton strikers to go back if "not discriminated against." No demand for better conditions or wages.
- 2.—Rayon strikers denounce second attempt of A. F. L. to destroy their strike and force them to accept speed-up and starvation wages.
- 3.—Secretary of War Good approves use of militia for strike breaking purposes, after farcical investigation.
- 4.—Fifty-two pickets on trial in Elizabethton for violation of injunction issued during previous strike.
- 5.—Montevideo Congress forming new revolutionary Latin American trade union center sends greetings to heroic southern strikers.
- 6.—Manville Jenckes bosses offer free rent to strike leaders if they will desert Gastonia strike is denounced by men who were approached.
- 7.—Workers International Relief establishing children's play ground at Gastonia, appeals for funds for food, medicine, clothing and tents.
- 8.—Senatorial investigation of starvation in southern textile mills shunted off to federal trade commission.

BLAME STRIKERS FOR THUG'S ACTS RAIN DRENCHES GASTONIA WOMEN

Elizabethton Pickets Before Chancellor West Allis Labor Hits Thugs Brutality

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn., May 23.—The United Textile Workers Union, of the American Federation of Labor, which has always played a strikebreaking role in textile strikes, today made a strenuous effort to smash the splendid struggle of the 6,000 rayon workers who on April 15 walked out of the mills here of the American Bemberg and American Glanzstoff corporations.

William F. Kelley, vice-president of the U. T. W., the official who was put in charge of the strike by that organization, yesterday told the strikers and everybody else:

"If the plants will take our workers back and not discriminate the strike is ended."

Repudiate U. T. W.

Great indignation was expressed by the strikers, and many among them declare that the next mass meeting will denounce the U. T. W. order to go back and scab on themselves in the language that it deserves. Many of the strikers insist that they will continue the strike and will look to the fighting National Textile Workers Union for leadership, after being twice betrayed by the A. F. of L. organization.

The mill owners two days ago issued a proclamation of the usual blustering sort, resorted to in every strike, that "if the workers do not return to their jobs before Monday they will be refused work thereafter."

Kelley thereupon abandoned at one swoop everything the strikers have been demanding, in the way of

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19-Year Old Food Picket Gets 6-Month Workhouse Term Hyman Blumberg, Who Violated Injunction, Was Murderously Slugged by Policeman

Hyman Blumberg, a cafeteria worker, will have to spend the next six months in the workhouse for the "crime" of fighting against the bosses, for carrying on the strike despite the injunction, and because he refused to submit meekly to being beaten by a Tammany policeman.

This savage sentence, the second six months' sentence within three days, was imposed yesterday by Magistrate Edward Weil in Jefferson Market Court. On Monday Weil sentenced John Taylor to six months in the workhouse for picketing in defiance of the injunction.

Blumberg, who is 19 years old, was arrested while participating in Monday's mass picketing demonstration in front of the Consolidated Cafeteria at 37th St. and 7th Ave. He was severely beaten by the policeman making the arrest. He was knocked down on the sidewalk with his head bleeding, according to three witnesses who reported the cop's number to the union. It was a particularly atrocious example of the police brutality that has characterized the Gastonia strike.

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HOOVERPREPARES BILLS TO DRAFT MEN, FACTORIES

Crime Board Works Out Plans for Spy Army Needed by Despot

To Punish Vote Expose Senators Want Secrecy for Lenroot Friends

Bills giving the president wide powers to draft industry in time of war will be ready for submission to congress within 90 days, Secretary of War Good said today.

A bill to enable the president to conscript man-power for army service in time of emergency was introduced in congress earlier this month.

There was a reaction against it throughout the country. The present bill makes a pretense that capital is to be as badly treated as labor, and Good frankly admits, is intended to flush through the man power conscription, though he gives even that admission a peculiarly militarist twist:

"It would be unjust," he said today, "to pass a law to draft man power without provision for drafting the industrial group which will produce materials the soldiers will use."

More Centralization.

The world war proved that the really class conscious capitalist turns over his factory product, at a good stiff profit of course, to the war department in time of "emergency." But the present bill further centralizes and controls these plants and makes it possible to force into line any small concerns who find

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WORKERS TO HIT POLICE TERROR IN MEET TOMORROW

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NEEDLE UNION IN FOOD STRIKE PLEA

Workers Called to Vital Meetings

The Needle Workers Industrial Union, which itself is now making final preparations for a general strike in the fur industry, last night issued an eloquent appeal to its membership in connection with the heroic struggle of the cafeteria workers.

Themselves the victims of the brutality of the Tammany police and strikebreaking injunctions, during their struggles with the bosses, the needle workers are urged to join with the cafeteria workers to frustrate the plans to break their strike by joining in mass picketing, and in other ways.

Broke Their Chains.

"The cafeteria workers," the statement declares, "not being organized in a strong union, were long the victims of the most terrible exploitation. They were compelled to work from 14 to 16 hours a day for from \$12 to \$14 a week. There came a time, however, when they decided

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TEXTILE UNION CONVENES MAY 26

PASSAIC, N. J., May 23.—Thirty-five delegates from Paterson and 19 delegates from Passaic silk and dye workers, with many more from other centers will assemble Sunday, May 26, in the regular convention of District Five of the National Textile Workers Union. The convention will be held in Ukrainian Hall, 221 President Street, Passaic. It will start the first day at 10 A. M., and is expected to last two full days.

Martin Russak, secretary and or-

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Machado, U. S. Tool, Puts Ban on "Freiheit"

Since May 7 readers of the "Freiheit," Jewish Communist daily, in Havana, Cuba, have not received their paper.

The move against the Freiheit comes on the crest of a new wave of reaction by the puppet government of "Butcher" Machado, agent of Cuba of Wall Street imperialism.

Deport Communists.

At the same time word is received from Havana that the members of the Executive Committee of the Polish section of the Communist Party have been deported by Machado's agent.

These latest acts of suppression, which came just before his pretentious

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District Organizers, Members of the Central Committee, Language Bureau Secretaries and Editors of Party Papers Endorse Address of the Comintern.

Additional statements received from district organizers of the Communist Party, members of the Central Committee, Language Bureau secretaries and editors of Party publications accepting and endorsing the Address of the Comintern International to the Communist Party of the United States follow:

FROM HUNGARIAN BUREAU SECRETARY.

I fully and unreservedly endorse and accept the Comintern letter and the Polcom's unanimous decisions. I pledge my full support to the Central Committee fighting against all factionalism, for building the mass Communist Party in the United States. I will do all in my power to mobilize members to support the Comintern letter and the unanimous decisions of the Central Committee.—J. Peter, Secretary, Hungarian Bureau, Communist Party.

DEATH BLOW TO FACTIONALISM, SAYS MOREAU.

The Comintern Address which proposes to deal a death blow to factionalism in our Party, will now enable us to carry out the political line indicated in the Open Letter. I approve, accept and pledge my support to all the decisions referred to in the Address. I urge the Central Committee, after its unanimous decisions on the Address, to energetically continue its campaign for the full support of the decisions of the Comintern especially concentrating on the best elements in the Party, the proletarian, and all sincere hard workers for our movement. For a unified Communist Party. Long Live the Communist International.—Albert Moreau, Secretary, Spanish Bureau, Communist Party.

HINDRANCE TO PARTY GROWTH ELIMINATED.

I fully accept and endorse the Address of the Communist International to the membership of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. I am confident every comrade will agree on the necessity for eliminating the unprincipled factionalism which has hindered the growth

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NIP ANTI-SOVIET SABOTAGE PLOT; SHOOT LEADERS

Former Czar Officials Worked in 3 Big Industries

Discovered by OGPU Foreign Intervention Was Planned

(Wireless by Imprecorr.)

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R., May 23.—The State Political Administration announced today the discovery of counter-revolutionary organizations working in the railways and in the gold and platinum industries.

The organizations aimed at the overthrow of the Soviet power and the restoration of capitalism with the assistance of foreign intervention.

The head of the railway sabotage organization is Von Meck, former director and shareholder of the privately-owned Moscow-Kasan Railway, and Velitchko, former czarist transport director. Both held high positions in the People's Transport Commissariat.

The head of the second organization is Paltchinski, the commander of the Winter Palace during the October Revolution in the Kerenski government, former minister for commerce and industry, and recently a professor in the Leningrad Mining Institute.

Both organizations aimed at damaging and disorganizing the industries.

The Collegium of the State Political Administration investigated the activities of both organizations, and at its session yesterday sentenced Von Meck, Velitchko and Paltchinski to execution as counter-revolutionary saboteurs and irreconcilable enemies of the Soviet power. The sentences have been executed. Others found guilty of complicity were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.

FASCISTI TALK "MORALS."

ROME, May 22 (UP).—The government campaign against beauty contests and short skirts was speeded up today when the minister of the interior issued a circular to all prefects ordering them to keep special vigilance at bathing resorts to prevent any demonstrations which might result in "grave inconven-

Refloat Orontes, Hell-Hole for Seamen

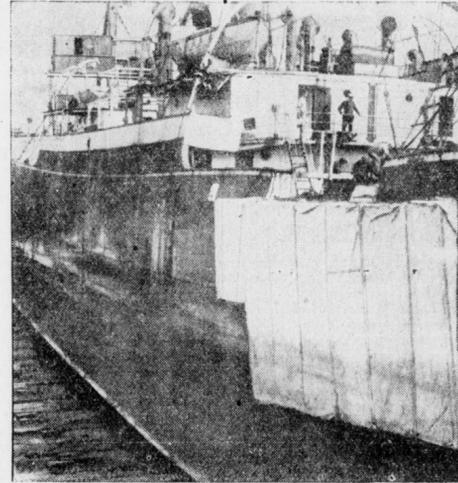


Photo shows the S. S. River Orontes, recently rammed off Quarantine by the Cristobal Colon, being repaired. This freighter was a hell hole for the seamen.

COMMUNISTS IN CUBA DEPORTED

Machado Begins New Term of Terror

Members of the Executive Committee of the Polish section of the Cuban Communist Party were arrested in Havana, Cuba, and deported to Poland, as a part of the accentuation of President Machado's terror drive preceding his inauguration last Monday into his second term, now of six years, as puppet for Yankee imperialism in Cuba.

A letter from a worker in Havana, received yesterday, says that the chairman and vice-chairman of the Executive Committee were arrested on the streets, May 5, their rooms raided and searched, and all papers and books confiscated. On the next day, evidently working on a pre-

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Call All Communists for Picket Line Mon. in Cafeteria Strike

Communist Party members working in the needle trades territory are instructed by the New York district of the Communist Party, through Bert Miller, organization secretary, to appear for picket line duty in connection with the cafeteria strike between 11:30 and 12 at 131 W. 28th St. Monday, May 27. Comrades working nearer to 4 W. 37th St. may report at that address.

"The coming weeks are the most critical in the entire strike. The bosses are concentrating their attacks upon the workers in a desperate effort to stem the onward march of the union. The courts and the police are seeking by the most ruthless methods of fines and violence to break the resistance of the workers. We must rally the workers in the biggest mass demonstration yet seen to meet the campaign of terror and show that the workers cannot and will not be subdued by such methods," a statement urging mass attendance at the picket demonstration declares.

Dietzel Quartet at the Coliseum Concerts to Aid Jobless Musicians

The famous Dietzel Brass Quartet will perform at the two gala band concerts, arranged for the benefit of unemployed musicians, to be held at the Bronx Coliseum, 177th St. and Bronx River, Sunday, May 26.

Under the direction of S. L. Rothafel ("Roxy") and Professor A. Parisi, over 600 musicians will participate in the mass concerts, to be given at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and at 8:30 p. m. Besides the quartet other distinguished soloists will appear.

CHANGE DATE OF UNITY CONGRESS

Great Response; New Delegates Need Time

The National Committee of the Trade Union Educational League has made the following announcement in postponing the Cleveland Convention to August 31:

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

"The date of the Trade Union Unity Convention at Cleveland, originally set for June 1, has been postponed to August 31 by the National Committee of the Trade Union Educational League because of the tremendous response received from all parts of the country, indicating a need for more time of preparation and organization, and for the gathering of more funds to handle the expenses of the big event."

"Many hundreds of delegates have already been elected, several very successful district conferences have already been held, and the success of the National Convention is assured."

Negro, West India Anti-Imperial Meet Tonight

The Negro and West Indian anti-imperial conference, called by the All-America Anti-Imperial League, will take place tonight, at 8 p. m., at 100 W. 116th St. American Negro and West Indian organizations are invited to send delegates.

Workers are invited to attend and join the fight for freedom from imperialist oppression.

Cooks' Local 719 Will Send Delegate to Cleveland Meet

The Story of Its Support of Food Strike and Struggle With Reactionaries

By HARRY ANNIS, (Organizer Local 719).

Local 719, of the Hotel & Restaurant Employees International Alliance, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, has expelled three of its leaders as delegates to the Joint Board for supporting morally and financially the strike of the Hotel, Restaurant and Cafeteria Union of the Amalgamated Food Workers. These expulsions prove the strikebreaking role of President Flores and Lehman who were present at the Joint Board meeting held on Monday, May 20.

The delegates vigorously protested against the bureaucratic and unprin-

RULES OUT FACTS ON THE MURDER OF TWO WORKERS

Attorney for Sacco and Vanzetti Reveals Startling Details

Fuller to Take Stand I.L.D. Fights to Reopen Entire Case

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, May 23.—With defense attorneys clashing sharply with the prosecution on the issue of reopening the Sacco-Vanzetti case, the trial of Harry J. Canter, active Boston Communist, for criminal libel began at 10:30 this morning in the Suffolk superior criminal court.

The indictment of Canter resulted from the fact that he carried a placard: "Fuller, Murderer of Sacco and Vanzetti," at an election campaign demonstration of the Communist Party last Nov. 3.

Judge Backs Prosecution.

Judge Robert Raymond showed himself a loyal servant of the open-shop interests of this state who are trying to railroad Canter by granting the request of Assistant District Attorney Daniel J. Gillen to rule out all evidence relating to the Sacco-Vanzetti case. Heated arguments developed between Gillen and Attorneys Arthur Garfield Hays and Harry Hoffman, representing the International Labor Defense, which is defending Canter. Hays and Hoffman exposed the absurdity of the prosecution's effort to make it appear that the placard carried by Canter meant that ex-Gov. Fuller actually murdered the two Italian workers with his own hands.

The jury was selected in 15 minutes and the government produced two police sergeants, who testified that Canter carried the placard. The placard was introduced as evidence, but the government objected to all other evidence concerning Fuller's part in the Sacco-Vanzetti case. The defense took exception for appeal on this vicious ruling of the court and produced its first witness, William G. Thompson, who was attorney for Sacco and Vanzetti.

Jury Ordered Out.

Acting in accordance with the prearranged plan to "get" Canter

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Urge Communist Youth to Attend Center Saturday

Members of the Communist Youth League working in the needle trades are urged by the League to attend the needle trades workers' meeting at the Workers Center, 26 Union Square, at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

A leading member of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union will report.

Strengthen the Fight Against Walker's Police Brutality Against Labor!

COME IN THOUSANDS TO PROTEST AGAINST THE MASS ARRESTS AND IMPRISONMENT OF STRIKING CAFETERIA WORKERS, THE JAILING OF BEN LIFSHITZ AND YOUNG PIONEERS AND AGAINST WALKER'S REIGN OF POLICE TERROR!

SPEAKERS: Ben Lifshitz, Robert Minor, Fred Biedenkapp, Louis Engdahl, Harold Williams, George Powers, Henry C. Rosemond, Michael Obermeier, and others.

Saturday, May 25 at 1:30 p. m.
AT UNION SQUARE

RAIN DRENCHES GASTONIA WOMEN

West Allis Labor Hits Thugs Brutality

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on the strikers who are living in the open.
Ruth Rolland, her sister, and Eula Carson, who were evicted last week and have been living outdoors since, said they lay in a pool of water all last night.

Supt. Evedrops.
Superintendent Baugh of the Loray mill, Boss Moorehead, of the spinning room, and other straw bosses, attended the strike meeting last night in order to see what effect their strikebreaking talk had on the workers. The speakers, knowing they were present, assailed them verbally. Anna May, a Bessemer City striker, compared them to vipers. She explained how she had been brought from the mountains by the mill company. They had paid her fare, she said, but since then she has paid it back over and over again. She told the assembled workers that she has worked in many mills but has found them all the same. "The first bright spot in my life," she continued, "has been the National Textile Workers Union. It is the first thing I can stick to."

The meeting was enlivened with the singing of "Solidarity Forever" and other strike songs by the children.

Need Funds at Once.
A children's playground is being planned, which will be known as "Union Playground." The Workers International Relief will furnish sandwiches, milk and crackers which will be distributed at 5 p. m. daily. Swings, balls and several other sports apparatus will be obtained for the use of the children. The construction work will be done by a committee of strikers.

The need for funds to purchase food, tents and medicine is still a vital question. More tents must be bought at once. All contributions should be sent to the Workers International Relief, Room 604, 1 Union Sq., New York City.

Sidetrack "Investigation."
WASHINGTON, May 23.—The senate manufactures committee voted today to refer the proposed investigation of labor conditions in the textile industry to the federal trade commission. The vote was six to five.

The committee will meet again tomorrow to make minor changes in the wording of the resolution. Chairman La Follette said the resolution probably will be reported to the senate at that time.

The manufacturers committee heard officials of the strikebreaking National Textile Workers Union, and officials of the employer corporations but when a delegation of Gastonia strikers arrived two weeks ago to testify as to the actual conditions in the southern textile mills, the committee hurriedly adjourned, and did not resume sessions until over a week later, after the strikers had returned to the picket lines many miles away.

The investigation is now shunted off on a side track, where it will not bother the senate which is going to take a month's recess beginning June 1, then re-convene for a short session and adjourn.

Assail Brutality.
WEST ALLIS, Wis., May 23.—At a mass meeting of the citizens of West Allis, Wis., the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, it is reported by the press, that great mass of textile workers in the state of North Carolina, went out on strike for better pay, shorter hours, better working conditions and it also has been reported, that masked bands, aided by local authorities, have denied them free speech and assemblage, and otherwise terrorized and beaten helpless men, women and children, so be it resolved: that we protest most vigorously against these outrages, and call upon the governor of North Carolina to punish every individual guilty of misconduct, regardless of his or her social standing."

GIL TO CONFER WITH ARCHBISHOP

To Agree with Fascist Church Shortly

MEXICO CITY, May 23.—Archbishop Leopold Ruiz E Flores of Mexico, who was deported in 1927 on the pressure brought to bear by the workers, will soon return to Mexico City, on the invitation of Portes Gil, provisional president, to hold negotiations for an agreement with the fascist vatican.

The newspaper Excelsior, suppressed at one time for its clerical and anti-government tendencies, publishes this announcement in a prominent place.

The same newspaper says that Ruiz had been conducting negotiations in the name of the pope with Gil. The "good offices" offered by the Yankee state department and its ambassador Morrow, have been made use of.

Ruiz, who has been conferring with a delegate from the vatican in Washington, is due in Mexico City shortly.

MEXICO CITY, May 23.—Four thousand were killed and 11,000 wounded in the Mexican rebellion starting March 4, according to war department figures made public today.

Newmarket, N. H., Mill Strikers Stay Solid

NEW MARKET, N. H. (By Mail).—Only 307 workers returned to work out of 800 who struck some time ago, when the Newmarket Manufacturing Co.'s cotton and silk mills were reopened. The strike was called 10 weeks ago against a 15 per cent cut in wages.

Field Day for Militarism on the Campus; Prepare Students for War



Members of the Reserve Officers Training Corps held a military field day at Fordham. These college military field days are part of the preparations for the coming imperialist war.

TEXTILE UNION CONVENES MAY 26

Meets During Pay Cut Drive and Strike Wave

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organizer of Paterson locals of the N. T. W. U. stated today:

Fighting Wage Cuts.
"This convention comes at a most opportune time. A new strike wave is spreading through the silk mills and dye works of this important textile district. A series of substantial wage cuts during December and January were checked by the rapid organization of the National Textile Workers Union and its stern resistance to the lowered standards of living dictated by the bosses.

"However, since then there has been a severe rationalization of the industry. Speed-up and new machinery have thrown man workers out of their jobs. In the dye shops the introduction of a new mangle that lets one man do the work ten were doing before is one cause of joblessness. The silk mills of Paterson are cutting out the night shift. In the dye shops, things are even worse, because not only is the two shift system being changed to one shift, but the speed-up is almost beyond endurance, and workers lose their jobs because the others have to work so fast they do the tasks without the use of as many men as formerly.

"The employers are taking advantage of the several thousand unemployed, and have started a drastic wage cutting campaign. Reductions of from 15 to 20 per cent are common.

All of the problems raised for the workers by this menacing attack by the employers upon their wages and jobs will be carefully considered at the convention Sunday, and plans for organization and struggle worked out to meet the bosses' assault."

To Elect Officials.
The reports to the convention will be by Albert Weisbord, for the National Textile Workers Union of which he is national secretary; by Martin Ruskak, for the Paterson territory; and by Gus Deak for Passaic.

The textile workers are sending delegates to the Trade Union Unity Convention in Cleveland. The Paterson locals are holding a mass meeting next week from which 3 delegates will be chosen to go to Cleveland.

The hearings on the control of certain newspapers by the power combines will be reopened tomorrow. One case brought up is expected to be that of the Utica Daily Press. A letter was read in the senate stating that "William E. Lewis, a director of the Mohawk Hudson Power Corporation, is a large stockholder in the Utica Daily Press."

C. B. Rodgers, another director, is executor of the will of another large stockholder in the paper, according to Norris' informant.

This informant attributed to Lewis "a large bearing on the management" of the paper.

There were also read reports of a change of ownership of the Ranger (Tex.) Times, and the alleged holding of a stock interest in this paper by the general manager of the Oil Belt Company, serving West Texas.

Van Sweringens and Rivals to Take Fight to I.C.C. on June 5
WASHINGTON, May 23.—The battle between the Van Sweringens and C. F. Taplin for control of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad will be renewed June 5 before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

On that date, the commission will hear arguments supporting and opposing petitions of the New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railway, a Van Sweringens road, for permission to acquire control of the Wheeling and Lake Erie. A rival petition has been filed by the Pittsburgh and West Virginia, a Taplin property.

The Van Sweringens have been repeatedly refused the right to form mergers by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Other and rival railroad companies, with more influence, evidently, in Washington go ahead with the most widespread combinations of theoretically competing roads with the blessings of the commission on their work. There is a rumor on the New York market that the Van Sweringens have recently come to an agreement with the Morgan-Mellon group, and this is said to be what they are now relying on to get their plans across.

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of the Party and made it impossible for the Party to carry out effectively its revolutionary tasks. I accept without any reservation whatsoever the leadership and authority of the Communist International.—Cyril Briggs, New York City.

URGES AN END TO FACTIONALISM.
The "Arbeiter" welcomes wholeheartedly the Comintern letter and pledges its unreserved help in carrying out the policies outlined in the letter. Factionalism which has pervaded our Party from its very beginning must cease. Our Party has done splendid work in spite of its shortcomings. She will achieve much greater results if all Party members will cast away their factional way of thinking, and united in a real Bolshevik spirit work to make our Party a political mass-party of the American working class as an effective instrument in our fight against all counter-revolutionist tendencies of the opportunists and pseudo-radical demagogues, against the imperialist war danger, and for the protection of the Soviet Union against capitalist attacks.

Down with factionalism for all time! For a political mass-party of the working class by working on the line of the Comintern letter.—Theodore Berner, editor of the "Arbeiter," New York.

MILLER URGES CARRYING OUT OF LETTER.
As a loyal member of the Communist International, I accept and will support fully the decisions of the ECCI, the highest authority of our international party. I urge every loyal Party member to endorse and carry out fully the letter of the ECCI. Let us bend every effort to correct our errors, to eliminate factionalism, to unite our Party and lay the basis for a mass Communist Party in America under the leadership of the Communist International.—Bert Miller, Organization Secretary, District 2 (New York).

SENATE TABLES CANTER LIBEL TRIAL OPENS
WASHINGTON, May 23.—The senate tabled a resolution introduced today that the attorney general be given evidence of the widespread corruption of the press by the power trust. Senator Fess saved the attorney general, at least temporarily, from the embarrassment of going through even a fake attack on the Insull and Mellon interests by moving that action be postponed until tomorrow. This gives the leaders a chance to confer with the right people and work out a policy.

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Workers Hit White Terror in Japan at San Francisco Meet
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. (By Mail).—Many Japanese workers were among the hundreds who attended a meeting called by the International Labor Defense here at Kimmon Hall to protest against the white terror and workers' organizations in Japan. An interesting feature of the evening was the exhibition of revolutionary posters drawn by Japanese Communists.

Kanamatsu Miura, (a veteran of the Russo-Japanese War of 1904), and E. Gardos, district organizer of the Communist Party, expressed the solidarity of workers of imperialist countries and called for a united struggle against the common imperialist enemy. They urged work for a successful anti-imperialist conference to be held here in the near future. "Build a powerful movement among the Oriental workers" was the message stressed by every speaker.

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wage increases and better conditions.
This is the second time the U. T. W. has struck a dastardly blow at the Elizabethton strikers. In the previous strike, over two months ago, U. T. W. officials stepped into a spontaneous strike situation, told the workers they would fix everything up with the bosses, and secured a compromise by which the employees were to start work, and the employers made some promises to stop the speed-up and improve wages and conditions in the future, which were never carried out.

The workers again went out in spontaneous strike. The U. T. W. tried to postpone the second strike, and, when it started, made ceaseless efforts to sell it out. The U. T. W.'s latest grand stand play was to invite Senators Burton, Wheeler and LaFollette to address the strikers and tell them to behave and go back to work. The U. T. W. persisted in these tactics, but got scant results from the workers, who were militantly mass picketing against a most severe terror, in which several companies of militia were bombing and bayonetting them, and in which many arrests were made.

Mill owners' gunmen were terrorizing strikers and blowing up their houses. They blew up the water mains and deprived the strikers of water for 24 hours.

Finally Kelley has seized the opportunity to officially declare the strike over. The militant groups among the textile strikers here are agitating for the repudiation of the U. T. W., and the continuance of an active strike.

Green Also Betrayed Them.
President Green of the American Federation of Labor several days ago stabbed the Elizabethton strikers in the back with a statement to the press that they were resorting to violence, and disassociating himself from their tactics. The only violence done in Elizabethton was by the militia, deputies and bosses' gunmen.

Fifty-two strikers are on trial for violation, in the present strike, of the injunction granted against picketing during the previous strike. Evidence was heard in the case of 13 of them last week, and 39 more are being lied about and slandered by scabs and mill bosses today. One boss, Adam Groghanz, of the Glanzstoff spinning plant, after giving his direct testimony, evaded answering questions on cross-examination by pretending not to understand English, and the court let him get away with it. The hearing is before Chancellor S. F. Miller.

Good Approves Militia.
WASHINGTON, May 23.—Secretary of War Good stamped his official approval on the use of the National Guard of Tennessee by the American Bemberg and American Glanzstoff corporations of Elizabethton to bayonet, gas, beat up, shoot at and arrest the pickets there, and to scour the country to recruit scabs for the mills.

He did this after one of the weakest gestures in the way of an investigation ever made, saying today that "Volunteer information from an unofficial source has satisfied me that the Tennessee National Guard is not being unlawfully employed in the Elizabethton strike area."

"I am told the National Guard was called out in the regular way and that whatever duties it has performed have been under the direction of the governor," Good said. "My information is that the guard activities are legal."

Split Between Mine Union Fakers Wider; Meetings Forbidden
WILKES-BARRE, Pa., May 23.—Officials of District 1 of the United Mine Workers of America have issued a bulletin to the rank and file members of the union warning them against holding meetings expressing their general grievances.

This does not mean that this is the first time rank and files have been forbidden to hold grievance meetings, for such action was taken by the misleaders long ago. The present action of the Lewis machine comes as a result of the fight between the ruling Boylan gang and Rinaldo Cappellini, also a reactionary. The latter and his henchmen have been calling 'general grievance' meetings, to foster their own ambitions.

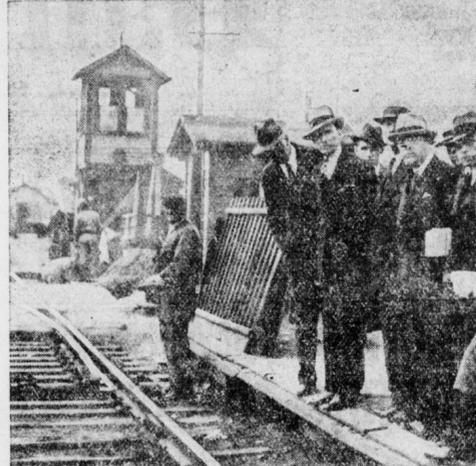
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Photo shows the steam-fitter, B. Boggs, who had repaired a steam pipe before the disaster which killed 125 in the Cleveland Clinic Hospital. In whitewashing the hospital and city officials, a hint has been made that Boggs may be made the goat.

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Walker "Investigates" Grade Crossings



For many years the Long Island Railway has been permitted by Tammany and the republicans alike to murder people thru its open grade crossings. Periodically the city officials pretend to "investigate", but the grade crossings remain. Photo shows Tammany Mayor Walker making a bluff at such an "investigation" at a Queens grade crossing. But the grade crossings will remain.

less than 50 people. It is certain, that California, an important industrial state, will have a good left wing movement, with special attention to the organization of the unorganized.

The group of splitters, headed by the right wingers Levin, Glikson and Manus, who after vainly trying to organize a dual T. U. E. L., attended the Conference and tried to disrupt it, to break it up, displaying a militancy they have never shown yet at any A. F. of L. meeting or convention. They were repudiated however by the large majority of delegates, who made it clear to these discredited people that no sabotage and no splitting tactics will be tolerated and any obstacle which may be in the way of the building of the left wing movement will be removed.

Right Wing Splitters Rebuffed
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., May 23.—Sixty delegates, representing new unions, groups of unorganized workers, and left wing minorities participated at the Trade Union Educational League Conference held last Sunday, where delegates were elected to the Trade Union Unity Convention in Cleveland, O. and also a State Committee for the further carrying on of the work in this important industrial state of the West.

Shop Committees and groups of unorganized workers from large factories elected delegates, including the Columbia steel-mill of Pittsburgh, employing over 4000 workers, the shops of the Southern Pacific Railroad, employing 2000 and 1500 workers and the large Pullman shop of Richmond. The local of the Auto Workers Union organized in the Oakland Chevrolet factory sent three delegates, also the Japanese Printers Union, the Oakland Newsboys Union and the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union of San Francisco.

Negro, Foreign-Born Workers.
Twenty Trade Union Educational League or left wing minority groups in various reactionary unions were represented, also three committees of agricultural workers and a group of Chinese workers employed in a packing house. A real cross-section of the state's population, coming from about ten different cities, there were Negro, Mexican, Japanese and Chinese delegates, together with several women and young workers.

Besides the four main reports on the problems of the Trade Union Educational League, the International relations, the organization of the unorganized and the left wing work, there were about 20 delegates taking the floor, discussing and supplementing the reports in the light of their special problems. Nine delegates were elected to the Cleveland Convention, together with a State Committee of 25 members.

This Conference is a great accomplishment for the left wing, especially because nothing was done during the past years for the building of the T. U. E. L. with the possible exception of a dance held on New Year's Eve, called in the name of the T. U. E. L., but attended by

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I.L.D. Starts Campaign for Funds

To gather funds for its fight against the government's drive on the foreignborn, the International Labor Defense has issued coupon books containing \$4 in 10 cent and 25 cent coupons. The campaign for funds is also being conducted in connection with the campaign for the Southern textile workers.

One of the most outstanding cases of the persecution of foreign-born workers now being handled by the I. L. D. is that of John Tapolesanyi, a Hungarian worker of Herminie, Pa., who after being a citizen for nine years, has had his citizenship papers revoked because of membership in the Communist Party. The I. L. D. is fighting to prevent Tapolesanyi's deportation to fascist Hungary.

In Arizona the authorities have started a series of Red raids and five foreign-born workers, guilty of no crime except devotion to their class, are now in danger of being deported to fascist European countries.

All workers and sympathizers are urged to secure the I. L. D. coupon books and to collect funds for the defense of the foreign-born. They may be secured from I. L. D. locals throughout the country or from the national office, 80 E. 11th St., Room 402, New York City.

Injunction Against Mill Strikers in Ill.
ROCKFORD, Ill. (By Mail).—Striking milk wagon drivers in Rockford are enjoined from "molesting or interfering" with strikebreakers under a drastic injunction granted the dairy bosses. The strikers demand better wages and conditions. The court is made the sole judge of what constitutes "interference" under the injunction.

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Cachin, Communist Deputy, Denounces Poincare Government for May Day Terror

COMMUNISTS IN CUBA DEPORTED BY U. S. PUPPET

Put in Solitary Cells as Machado Takes Office

(Continued from Page One)
arranged plan of wholesale terrorization, police arrested other members of the Cuban section and everything found in their rooms was confiscated.

Called "Bandits."
The workers were kept in jail for ten days, in strict isolation, and were then deported to fascist Poland, without trial, under the supervision of a special agent.

The local evening newspapers of the same day printed pictures of those arrested, calling them "bandits" who were preparing an insurrection against local authorities, and said that they were "contrabandists."

The confiscated material is still in the possession of the police, and, with the inauguration of Machado for a six-year term—which he forced by changing the constitution—it is expected that the terror will be continued and made sharper.

"We Are Not Sleeping."

In spite of this the Cuban worker ends his letter as follows: "We are deprived of our best comrades and organizers, but we are not sleeping. In the future we shall be more careful. Don't send us papers."

The reason for the request not to send papers is the fact that a strict system of espionage has been started by the Machado police. Anyone suspected of even reading radical literature is immediately deported without trial if he is a foreigner, or thrust into jail, where torture and possibly death awaits him, if he is a Cuban. The fate of the Cuban Communists, who last year were thrown to the sharks in Havana Harbor, is still vividly recalled.

Machado's Promises.

"Machado promised the Yankee imperialists that he would prevent the organization of the workers in Cuba, and he wants to show them that he intends to carry out that policy even more strictly as he takes office for the second time," declared Cecilio Mella, brother of Julio Mella, who was murdered in Mexico last January by an assassin sent by Machado, when he heard of this latest act of the terror yesterday. "Strict isolation in the jails, to the point of driving to insanity, arrest and deportation without trial, are common instruments of the Machado terror. The inauguration ceremonies of Machado Monday were preceded by many acts of terror against militant workers, and after the inauguration we can expect even greater terror, at the behest of Yankee imperialism, with the growth of the revolutionary movement in Cuba."

Rivals of Jersey City Grafters Seek Order Okaying Vote Recount

JERSEY CITY, N. J., May 23.—Evidently distrusting the value of the Supreme Court order sanctioning the opening of the ballot boxes used in the recent municipal elections here, defeated mayor opponents of democratic fusion Frank Hague announced today they will seek court action to order a recount.

The Supreme Court order, signed Wednesday by Justice Samuel Kalish, authorized only the opening of the boxes. No legal provision for further examination of the ballots was contained in his order, Kalish explained.

By carrying the case to court, Hague's rivals seek to further their campaign to remove the grafting mayor from office under the same excuse of "civil interest" with which they contested the election and maneuvered the appointment of the McAllister legislative committee which exposed such widespread graft in the city and county apparatus. It was for possession of the same source of rich graft that the opposition is fighting.

ESCAPE DROWNING.

WEYBRIDGE, Eng. (By Mail).—Thirty workers at work on a lock undergoing repairs on the River Wey here narrowly escaped drowning when the dam gave way following a rush of water.

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Need Funds to Send Paper to Strikers

We have been forced to disappoint thousands of strikers in various industries in the last few weeks, due to our financial inability to send bundles of the Daily Worker for distribution among these workers.

Laws Aid Aged Faker to Get Elected



So well entrenched is the aged politician, T. P. O'Connor, in his constituency of Liverpool that he doesn't have to bother much about re-election. A few Westminster phrases to his Catholic Irish supporters and he is able to retreat for the rest of the year to the rest homes of the Riviera, indifferent to the problems of the thousands of dockers striving to live under the "benevolent" administration of the British Empire in the slums of dockland. O'Connor's return is aided by the British election laws, which demand \$750 deposit from each candidate. Extreme poverty in Liverpool prevented workers from raising the required amount to run a Communist opponent at the last election. In the past O'Connor has also been challenged by the Irish Workers League, which exposed his activity in the interests of British imperialism in the world war, when he appealed to the Irish working class to don khaki uniforms and participate in the imperialist war for profits.

A Contrast—New Alphabet in Soviet Azerbaijan and Turkey

On January 1st of this year, the use of the Latin alphabet (the same as used in writing English) became universal in the Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan. It now holds official place in all the schools, in all public offices, in the press, and in all cultural institutions. Along with the Azerbaijan Turks, the new alphabet has also been adopted by a number of other peoples—Turkmenians, Uzbeks, Kirghizes, Tartars, and even the Chinese Dzungars, all within the Soviet Union. At precisely the same time (New Year) Kemal Turkey also went over to the new alphabet. The contrast of the introduction of the new alphabet in Soviet Azerbaijan and in Kemal Turkey is very striking; it is the fundamental contrast between the development of mass culture in the freedom of the Workers' Republic and in the slavery of the Kemal dictatorship.

The introduction of the new alphabet is a tremendous lever in the cultural development of the masses. Lenin said: "The new alphabet is the greatest cultural revolution in the East." The old Turkish-Arabian alphabet with its numerous difficult characters constituted an almost insuperable obstacle in the road of mass literacy and the development of a popular press. It was evident that the first and biggest step towards raising the peoples of Azerbaijan, Turkmenians, etc., towards the level of literacy (a tremendous cultural revolution) must be the scrapping of the old alphabet and the introduction and real popularization of the new Latin characters.

The Soviet power began to prepare the way for the introduction of the new alphabet already in 1922. The reactionaries did not take long to appreciate the profound social significance of this move and to array themselves against it. There ensued a bitter struggle over this question, the reactionaries appealing to the old outworn sentiments of blind cultural tradition and nationalism. The emigre paper "Mussawat" (published in Constantinople) declared the new alphabet to be a part of the "attempt of the Moscow Government towards Russification" and it called upon all teachers and writers to refuse to have anything to do with the new alphabet and to agitate against it.

The offensive of the reactionaries was a failure. The revolutionary toilers quickly grasped the real significance of the situation as explained to them by the Communists and gave their fullest cooperation. In the process of the introduction of the alphabet itself, i.e., within the last two years, nearly one-fifth of the inhabitants of Azerbaijan (that is, 400,000 out of 2,500,000) have already learned to use the Latin characters thoroughly, and the number is fast increasing. By January of this year it became possible to make the new alphabet universal.

It was only the new alphabet that rendered it possible to bring the broad masses of the toiling people in close contact with political and cultural life. Within the last few years the distribution of liberal publications in Soviet Azerbaijan (popula-

tion about 2.5 million) has gone beyond 600,000 copies, in Uzbekistan (population 4.5 million) to over 250,000 copies; in the North Caucasus (population 2.25 million) to over 470,000 copies. These are only literary publications; if we add the immense number of political pamphlets, propaganda writings, etc., the total becomes tremendous and a slight idea may be obtained of the profound cultural significance of the new alphabet.

And in Kemal Turkey? The Ankara government desired to demonstrate to the whole world its "cultural progress" and the "introduction" of the new alphabet was of course necessary, especially in view of the record made by the Soviet Union. In real Kemal fashion this "introduction" took place through regular police and administrative methods. There was no co-relation made between the introduction of the new alphabet and the literacy and cultural level of the masses. In Ankara, Turkey, about 90 percent of the population can neither read nor write the new alphabet. The confusion into which Kemal Pasha's order has thrown the whole population can hardly be imagined. In the government offices special employes have to be hired simply for filling in forms. Europeans are everywhere stopped by natives and asked to read out the names of the streets. In the moving picture houses the spectators shout for the captions to be read aloud to them. To talk about bringing modern culture to the masses through the new alphabet in Kemal Turkey is ridiculous; to the masses the alphabet itself is still a profound mystery. The cultural revolution in Soviet Azerbaijan was accomplished from within and by the masses themselves; in Kemal Turkey it was attempted to accomplish the profound change from the top, by government ukases. In Soviet Azerbaijan the introduction of the new alphabet was a part of the great work of cultural and educational development within the general framework of socialist construction; in Kemal Turkey it was no more than an administrative and policy measure to give the Ankara dictatorship a "progressive" character.

It is interesting that in its rush to be "progressive" the Kemal government has committed a slight "oversight." When it issued its first newspaper in the new alphabet, it hailed it as "the first and only newspaper of its kind in the world." It failed to note that the Soviet Azerbaijan had been issuing a Turkish newspaper in the new Latin alphabet already since 1923.

As Lenin said, the introduction of the new alphabet itself constituted a tremendous cultural revolution and is the lever for even more profound developments in the cultural and political awakening of the Eastern peoples. The work of the October revolution is spreading.

Pan-American Labor Federation, Wall St. Tool, Plans Confab

HAVANA, May 23.—The Pan-American Federation of Labor, a tool of American imperialism, has called its next conference for Jan. 6, 1930. The conference will be held in Havana. The Pan-American Federation, headed by the Porto Rican misleader, Santiago Iglesias, is a staunch supporter of American imperialism in Latin America, and opposes all strikes and militant action. A conference of Latin-American workers and of labor organizations which aims to fight against American imperialism as well as the exploitation of the Latin-American workers, is at present being held in Montevideo, Uruguay. Its purpose is the formation of a militant Latin-American federation of the workers.

The Communist Party is the political leader of the working class.—Stalin.

REICH BANKERS AT ODDS ON DEBT

Expect an Unfavorable Schacht Reply

PARIS, May 23.—Threats from German capitalists were the main subject of discussion of both the German and allied industrialists and bankers, delegates to the reparation conference, tonight.

The resignation of Albert Voegler, head of the German steel trust and second German delegate, which was officially announced, indicated a tense situation among the German capitalists, who saw much of their profits taken from the German workers, claimed by the creditor imperialists.

French sources state that the resignation might be a political maneuver which would pave the way for Schacht to accept the terms and provide an alibi to the German electorate by a trumped-up split in the delegation.

Advices from Berlin reflecting on the present situation said Schacht would insist that the compromise scale of reparations be effective as of April, instead of permitting the present Dawes plan to continue effective until January, 1930, thereby adding some \$160,000,000 to the German payments.

The American delegation, headed by Owen D. Young, chairman of General Electric, and J. P. Morgan, now replaced by his partner, Lamont, found it necessary to make a statement denying the fact that the proposed international bank would mean excessive profits for the bankers attached to it. The German bankers demanded that the profits of this bank be credited to the reparation payments, which was refused.

Reports from Berlin say that the Reich will demand that the troops be withdrawn from the Rhineland and other political concessions in return for the acceptance of the Owen plan.

In Spy System Plan



As head of the Hoover "crime commission", George W. Wickert, notorious servant of Wall St., will lead in the formation of an enormous spy system against the workers.

Ateca, Mexican Army Paymaster, Fails to Obtain Seized Goods

Salvador Ateca, reputed paymaster of the recent Mexican Army of Rebellion, failed yesterday to obtain the return of \$750,000 and other personal property seized by the United States government when he was arrested upon his arrival here a few weeks ago, en route to Spain.

Judge Francis C. Caffey in federal court denied the plea of Ateca's attorney, David P. Siegel for the return, reserving to Siegel, however, the right to renew his motion upon the arrival here of extradition papers from Mexico for Ateca, or in the event that the extradition papers do not arrive in 30 days.

SIX WORKERS HURT IN BLAST SWANSEA, Wales (By Mail).—Six workers were badly injured in an explosion at the Rose Patent Fuel Works here and may die as a result. They were burned severely.

The Militants

By C. E.

A million workers go to bed to tired to dream of tomorrow. What's the use? Tomorrow is a thing in black, with a dim flame in its forehead, lunch box under arm, shuffling down the pit.

Tomorrow is a little girl with big eyes wasting her dance behind the thundering machine. Tomorrow is a man in a man in a ditch. It's a relentless blowing of sirens, it's a faceless time-clock.

And here and there, a worker does not go to sleep but dreams of a tomorrow cool and sweet when the bricks of the street will shine like flowers and the towers will crack heaven with chimes of hope.

And his dreams disturb the dark, hopeless sleep of those who do not dream.

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Mexican Workers Following Communist Lead in California

LEATHER LABOR AT MASS MEET

Progressives Demand Strike Machinery

A meeting of Fancy Leather Goods Workers which filled to overflowing Cooper Union, Eighth St. and Astor Pl., was held last night after work.

The workers in the trade were waiting for this meeting expectantly, inasmuch as the agreement with the bosses had expired on May 15 and no new guarantees had been obtained by the union administration.

Workers Wary.

The large attendance at the meeting revealed the apprehensiveness of the membership and the fear that they will not be in a position to stage a fight for their demands unless adequate preparations are made in advance.

Abraham I. Shiplacoff, manager of the union and cronies of the reactionary clique in the United Hebrew Trades and the International Ladies Garment Workers and other company unions, reported on the negotiations with the bosses. The administration chiefs are maneuvering with the manufacturers, and fear is growing in the union that the manufacturers will get great "concessions" unless the workers are on their guard.

The workers who arose to speak after Shiplacoff delivered his report, and who reflected the mass of the membership, indicated a determination to fight for all demands, and especially the 40-hour week.

Demand Strike Machinery.

The progressive group in the union is pointing out that the administration of the union is trying to crush this spirit. They point to the fact that despite the decision to organize a "Committee of 100"—a strike committee—at an enthusiastic meeting held on April 17, nothing has been done about its actual formation.

Shiplacoff, in the course of his report, which was filled with traveling salesman wisecracks, read a letter he had written to the chairman of the Manufacturers' Association, which is considered extremely illuminating:

"If I were 15 years younger I might be willing to go in for a fight,

The hundreds of thousands of Mexican workers in California belonging to the most exploited section of the working class constitute very important material to be reached and organized by our Communist Party. This stands especially for the Southern part of the State. Los Angeles, for instance, is the second largest Mexican city in the world.

The Party, in the past, did not do anything for reaching the Mexican workers, and, up to two months ago, there was not a single Mexican worker in the Party, in spite of their revolutionary traditions and readiness to follow Communist leadership. During the past two months sincere efforts were made to reach the Mexican workers. Special May Day leaflets were written up in Spanish for Los Angeles, San Francisco and Oakland, and all the three meetings were attended by a large number of Mexican workers, more than ten of them filling out the application cards into the Party. In all of these cities a Mexican fraction was organized for the further carrying on of the work among them, and in San Francisco a class in English was started this week, with the special aim of reaching the Mexican workers.

At the Trade Union Educational League Conference there were Mexican delegates in San Francisco and Los Angeles. In the latter city the CUOM, an independent union of Mexican workers, elected delegates to the Trade Union Educational Conference, and they will be represented also at the Cleveland Trade Union Unity Convention as well as in the various committees.

Reaching the Mexican workers is one of the main tasks before the Party in California. Because of their exploitation in this country they are responding to our call for organization, and because of the situation in their home country they can be drawn into our Anti-Imperialist work. It is certain that the Communist Party, if it concentrates on the Mexican workers, will accomplish very good results in the future.

—PABLO BARBIS.

REGIME AVOIDS DEBATE ONLY BY CLOSE MARGIN

Score Arrest of 3,000 and Deportations

PARIS, May 23.—In an address which electrified the Chamber of Deputies, Marcel Cachin, Communist deputy, bitterly denounced the Poincare government for its campaign of terror against the working class on May Day, during which 3,000 workers were arrested and many of foreign birth were deported.

Supported by the other Communist deputies, Cachin demanded an immediate debate on the question. The vote taken revealed considerable opposition to the Poincare government, with 258 voting for immediate debate and 326 voting for postponement and a vote of confidence in the cabinet.

The Poincare government, which is becoming steadily more reactionary, is anxious to avoid debate on the May Day suppressions, fearing that too many unsavory details concerning the action of the police will be revealed.

Communists to Fight "Empire Day" Throat Great Britain Today

LONDON, Eng., May 23.—"Empire Day," celebrated today by the British imperialists and jingoists, will be fought throat the country by militant organizations, headed by the Communist Party and the Workers' Legion. The Workers' Council of Education urges local militant organizations to organize counter-campaigns against Empire Day, which is used as a means of arousing the "patriotism" of the British people, particularly in the schools, where "patriotic" orgies will take place.

PAINTERS GAIN.

OKLAHOMA CITY (By Mail).—Organized painters have established the five day week here and won an increase of \$1 a day in wages. The old scale was \$9 a day for a 44 hour week, and the new scale is \$10 a day for a 40 hour week.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (By Mail).

—Over 55 per cent of all the women workers in Florida work more than 10 hours a day, a survey showed. Over 10,000 women are employed in industry in this state.

He Thought Filet Mignon Was Fish—



HE thought Karl Marx was one of the Marx brothers or the junior partner of Hart and Schaffner in the clothing business. He thought Communism meant sharing your sandwich with John D. Rockefeller or your wife with John Barrymore.

There is an ignorance even worse than not being able to read a "score card" in hush house French. There are so many things in this world which are liable to walk in on you any time with a slap on the back or a sock in the eye for which you ought to be ready. Read—

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Soldier Correspondents, Stationed in Canal Zone, Tell of Slavery for "Uncle Sam"

SOLDIERS SLAVE IN THE JUNGLE AND GET FEVERS

Work 24 Hours a Day In Cristobal

(By a Soldier Correspondent.)
CRISTOBAL, Canal Zone (By Mail).—Here are my experiences slaving for "Uncle Sam." In November, 1928, I found myself one of the many unemployed workers. Unemployment is never ceasing in the United States. This fact found me an easy victim of the recruiting sergeant of the U. S. army. I walked around the streets for the greater part of one month, and when I approached the place where the sign said, "Men wanted for Uncle Sam, earn while you learn and travel," I was met halfway by the recruiting sergeant. Before I knew anything else I was told to follow him to the recruiting office. At the recruiting office I was pushed off to some kind of a physical examination and was told to lift up my right hand and repeat the words of the man at the desk.

The Rock of Misery.
On Nov. 23, 1928, I found myself in Fort Slocum, or rather on the rock of misery. I was issued clothes, or rather sacks, which are the proper names for them, for I could hardly find myself in them. Then I was marched off to some wooden barracks, where I came to realize that I was in the army.

In those wooden barracks there is no place to take a bath nor any heat to keep us warm. At night we had to stay up and keep ourselves from freezing. I had to be in those barracks for a week, and then I was moved to Barracks No. 38, built of brick, but a hundred per cent worse than the wooden ones. There the windows were broken and we got no heat.

In the Hospital.
After staying in that miserable place for a week I was put on kitchen police for nine days without a rest. Most of the fellows that have been on K. P. for a few days came out with fever. At that time influenza was at large and the hospital was overcrowded. The only reason that I kept on my feet was because I didn't want to get into the hospital, which was overcrowded. Now, you can imagine what the conditions in the hospital were when I tell you I kept away from it like that, even though I had the "flu."

Now I will come down to the food that we got in Slocum, if I may call it food. It was rotten. It was such stum that a man had to hold his finger to his nose to eat it. I thought that suffering would never come to an end, and I had five weeks of it.

To Panama.
After that I was put on one of our best army transports—best like hell, I was put on that cattle transport, the St. Mihiel, and spent another week of torture on that tub. We then came down to this land of the tropical and many other itches, besides the many fevers. In Panama we are the victims of typhoid, malaria and other diseases.

In the Jungles.
After we got to the post we had to prepare ourselves for the jungle season. Inside of a week I found myself in the jungles, swinging a bolo, axe-pick and shovel. We spent two months in the jungle. We had to go out to work at 7 a. m. and came back any time after sunset. We ate two meals a day, that is, if we were able to eat the second meal, if you weren't too tired to eat. We spent two months among woodticks, mosquitoes, ants, fleas and sand-fleas, scorpions and tarantulas.

Work and More Work.
After we got to the post we had to paint the building without getting a day's rest. After the buildings were painted we were told we would have to get some more recruit drill. We told them that we were turned to duty already, and the answer was we were only temporary and that they only needed some more men. They admitted themselves that it was a dirty trick. But that was the only satisfaction we got.

Now, I'm still doing recruit drill, but I'm drilling for a purpose and that is for the working class, that I shall be able to use arms for the workers' benefit.

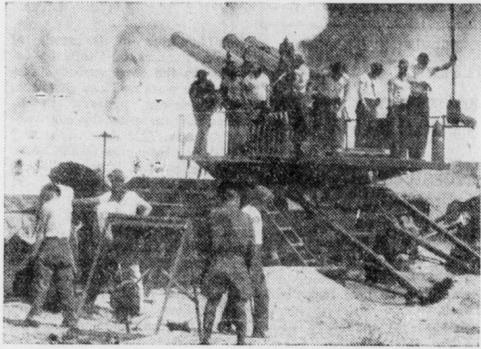
ETHER AND PRESS INK Press Slaves Infected at Schweinler's

(By a Worker Correspondent)
I wish to tell of the conditions of the unorganized workers in the Schweinler Press at Hudson and LeRoy Sts., New York, where over 150 are on strike for better conditions and wages and for the right to organize.

The most awful thing here is the inhuman speed-up system. The principal aim of the bosses is to receive greater production in less time and expense. As a result, the workers at the Schweinler Press must squeeze a day and a half's work in one day.

We are forced to work with splintered hand trucks, to work in inks and liquid ethers that soak our over-

"WE WILL USE ARMS FOR THE BENEFIT OF WORKERS," WRITES SOLDIER U. S. SOLDIERS



Letters from soldier correspondents, stationed in the malarial Panama Canal Zone, where Wall Street keeps its troops ready to use against the Latin-American workers and peasants, appear on this page today.

In describing the maneuvers, one soldier says, "I am learning



the use of arms for a purpose—for the benefit of the working class." The first two photos show soldiers taking part in maneuvers, thru which Wall Street prepares them for the coming imperialist war. The photo at the left shows artillery in maneuvers at Virginia Beach, Va. The second photo shows tank corps practice. The soldier at the

right, hopelessly crippled in the last imperialist war, is one of the ex-servicemen who will tell all who are in the Wall Street forces to turn the next imperialist war into a civil war for the establishment of a workers and peasants government. For his life has been wrecked for the benefit of Wall Street.

FALL VICTIM TO MANY DISEASES

Filthy Quarters Cause This

(By a Soldier Correspondent.)
CRISTOBAL, Canal Zone (By Mail).—The Daily Worker is the workers' friend, and not long ago you had an article telling how soldiers were transported to the colonies and possessions of the United States.

The other day the army transport St. Mihiel arrived at Cristobal, here in the Canal Zone, with a number of new soldiers that are to guard Wall Street millions and make way for more exploitation and keep in poverty the Panama workers, as well as all the workers of Latin America. It is well known to all that when American capitalism sets foot in South and Central America it must have soldiers, sailors and marines to protect the plunder.

The same soldiers that were workers not long ago, and were thrown out by the same capitalists, who compelled them to join or starve, are honored today with being quarantined in Cristobal, C. Z.

Out of the 1,000 men who came over on the St. Mihiel, a great number are afflicted with spinal meningitis, malaria, etc. Sleeping in filth down in the terrible holes made for animals causes skin diseases and scap diseases.

It is much different with the officers. They have their first-class, like palaces, and they cannot get sick there. No soldier is allowed even to pass there.

TROOPER.

Refueled Plane Pilot Shows How Next War Can Blast Big Cities

The "enemy" bombing plane which theoretically blew up the lower end of Manhattan Island last night invaded the city again tonight.

This time, however, Lieut. Odas Moon of the army air corps was content to perform aerial antics for New Yorkers instead of showing them how easily he could wipe them off the map.

Accompanied by a Douglas refueling ship and a Fokker laboratory plane, the big Keystone bomber arrived from Bolling Field, Washington, shortly after 7 p. m.

UPHOLD INJUNCTION.
BOSTON (By Mail).—The state senate by a vote of 21 to 15 defeated a bill which regulate the issuance of injunctions against workers in labor disputes.

Trotsky a Bourgeois Tool to Workers of Soviet Union

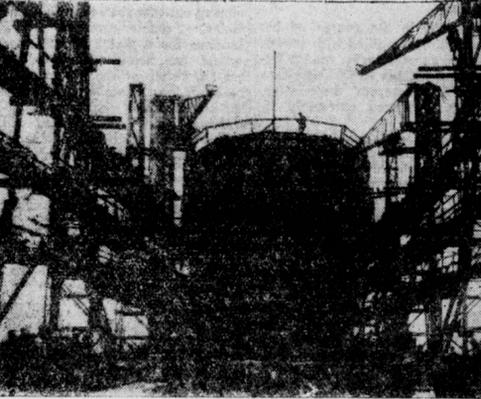
In this letter, a group of workers of the Soviet Union send their greetings to the American workers, and incidentally show what the workers of the Soviet Union think of the Trotskyite renegades who have betrayed the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union.

Dear Comrades: We have read in the newspapers that Trotsky is now writing for the bourgeois newspapers, even more than that, that Trotsky in his interview advises the government of Chamberlain to take all kinds of measures against the Communist infection." So shamefully low has "Mr. Trotsky" fallen. We are not bourgeois journalists, we do not get \$25,000 for articles, we are simply voluntary worker correspondents who write for our proletarian papers. This letter, dear comrades, is sent to you by 11 worker correspondents who are on the editorial staff of the wall-newspaper "Krasnoye Ekho" issued by the railroad workers at the station Rossosh on the South-Eastern Railway.

We are very indignant at the impudent lies which Trotsky spreads about the U. S. S. R. Let the American workers know that there are no "hirelings" here, about whom Trotsky speaks, that he is himself a HIRELING who has sold all the remnants of his conscience for \$25,000, we say the remnants because Trotsky lost his conscience yet here, working as the leader of a secret counter-revolutionary organization in the U. S. S. R., that he carried abroad for sale to the bourgeoisie only the remnants of the lost conscience.

Let Mr. Trotsky himself know that not a single toiler, not a single worker in the Soviet Union has been or will be a "hireling." Mr.

Building a Soviet Merchant Ship



Trotsky thinks too low of us, he measures us with his own yardstick, but these "hirelings," these "ignorant unorganized masses" will not follow Trotsky. Let him be glad that he has success with the bourgeoisie abroad, but here he has the sympathies of the "former" people, of those who still hope for the downfall of our proletarian government.

We would like to say to the American workers: "Do not believe Trotsky, despise him, as he is despised already by the toilers of the U. S. S. R. There is no suppression here, our wall-newspapers are the medium for self-criticism, the mirror of the life of the working class, and self-criticism from the bottom to the top—that is our slogan.

From our newspapers you can judge, comrades, how the millions of the toilers of Russia are moving towards Socialism.

Trotsky knows what was left to us from the bourgeoisie, he also knows that super-human efforts of the working class were necessary in order to put our country on the high level on which we are at present.

There is now a difficult task before us: to reduce the cost of production by 7 per cent, to raise the productivity of labor, to introduce the 7-hour day. But no matter how difficult this task is, the working class will accomplish it, as they have accomplished other tasks before that. Let Mr. Trotsky with his bourgeois company spread slander about the Soviet Union, the proletariat of the U. S. S. R. knows what has to be done and bravely and unhesitatingly advances along the Lenin path. This is stated to you by obscure workers, 11 people, members of the editorial board of the wall-newspaper "Krasnoye Ekho" in a far out-of-the-way place. We hope that the British proletariat will understand that Trotsky is an agent of the bourgeoisie and will act towards him as the Russian workers have done—will brand him with the name of traitor, hireling and counter-revolutionist, as he does not deserve any better.

With fraternal greetings,
A. KUSTOVA, KUSSOV, S. PIPLIAKOV BELINKY,
P. BELOUSOV, I. RODENKO, P. FEDOSEEV.

The next letter will be from a worker in the State tobacco factory at Kharkov, who will tell of many inventions made by the workers.

Nest of Poison Gas and War Plane Makers Has Aerial Police Squads

TETERBORO AIRPORT, N. J., May 23.—The Bergen county aerial police—the first police air squad to be formed in the United States—formally went into service today.

Paterson, New Jersey is a big manufacturing district for military airplane motors and has many dye factories, each of which is a potential poison gas factory. Militarism has deep and strong roots among the business men of this community, and more air police to be used in the next militarist war as bombers and aerial fighters.

The working class cannot simply lay hold of the ready-made state machinery, and wield it for its own purposes... This new Commune (Paris Commune) breaks the modern state power.—Marx.

BURKHARDT IS FOR KEEPING THE BAKERS SPLIT

A. F. L. Tries to Have Progressives Fired

(By a Worker Correspondent)
I am a baker and a member of Local 164 of the Bakers Union of the Amalgamated Food Workers Union. I wish to show up some of the tricks that the A. F. of L. reactionary baker officials are attempting, and also a scheme of August Burkhardt, the yellow Lore follower who is president of the Amalgamated Food Workers Union.

Local 500 of the Bakers and Confectionery Workers Union, the A. F. of L. organization, is controlled by reactionary officials. In the last few weeks these officials have been trying to take the jobs away from the Local 164 members. The officials of the A. F. of L. local will approach the bosses, too, to get them to get rid of Local 164 men and hire Local 500 men.

One way they do this is shown by the following incident. A stranger came into a bakery recently where the men belonged to 164, and although unknown to the bakers, started to make Vienna rolls. We later found out he was an A. F. of L. business agent, and was trying in this way to approach the men and get them away from our progressive local. They make fake promises to the men of better conditions, etc., but you can see they don't mean it.

The A. F. of L. bakers' union recently betrayed the men in a rotten way. They signed an agreement recently with the baker bosses to cover all shops, in which the bakery workers lose shop control, go to higher wages and the men cannot leave work till the job is finished. This means that a man may work as long as 16 and 18 hours a day, at the same wage, \$12 a day.

Now as to Burkhardt's scheme for class collaboration. He came to a meeting of the local the other day and proposed that Local 164 take out an injunction against Local 500. This would cost \$1,000, and Burkhardt proposed that we put up \$500 and the Metropolitan Bosses' Association would put up the other \$500. Of course, the class-conscious members are against this.

What the rank and file of bakers in both Local 500 and Local 164 want is to get together and fight the bosses and the reactionary officials together.

Prepare Risky Oversea Air Race; Empires to Use as War Propaganda

OLD ORCHARD, Me., May 23.—Old Orchard Beach will be the starting place of the first trans-Atlantic airplane race of the season.

Armeno Lotti, Jr., backer of the proposed hop of the French plane, "Bernard-191," to Paris, announced late this afternoon that the plane would be flown here from Roosevelt Field, New York, Thursday, weather permitting.

Meanwhile, Roger Q. Williams and Lewis A. Yancey, co-pilots of the monoplane "Green Flash," were preparing their plane for the proposed 5,000-mile hop to Rome.

The flights serve no useful purpose except to concentrate attention on the manufacturers of airplanes and make their various nationalities more "air conscious" and better equipped for the coming imperialist war.

CENTRAL ISLIP OVERCROWDED.
An official investigator admitted today that the beds in the wards at the state hospital for the insane at Central Islip are jammed so closely that there is no room at all between them. In some wards meant for 20 beds, thirty and forty are found. The hospital has a capacity of 4,248, but there are 5,017 in it. The report admits that this "constitutes an element of danger" in case of fire or other emergency.

UNEMPLOYMENT FORCES YOUNG INTO SERVICE

Writer Says He Will Use Arms for Workers

(By a Soldier Correspondent.)
CRISTOBAL, Canal Zone (By Mail).—I was a young worker till my boss told me that \$16 a week was too much for a fellow of 22 years and decided that a boy of 16 will work for \$10 a week on the same job.

Naturally, I became another victim of the widespread unemployment. After weeks of poverty and suffering I joined the army—the "earn, learn and travel." After a month at Fort Slocum, where chow stinks enough to kill your appetite, I am now in Panama.

This is the land of the tropical rot and malarial fever. Well, I have earned, learned and traveled too much. The army made a man out of me, like hell it did. I weighed 175 pounds before I joined up, and now I weigh 130 pounds. It made me and other victims like myself take to drink and dope in order that we might feel good. Result, many in the lunatic asylum.

If some soldiers have \$50 they buy out. Others go over the hill. Still others commit suicide.

The meager pay of \$21 don't mean much to a soldier. Out of this you have to buy a uniform, toilet articles, stuff to shine your brass, and if you break a dish or tear something while working you have to pay for it. You have to pay for your kitchen police, \$1; laundry, \$3. All this out of \$21 a month.

There is no limit to the hours of work, for 24 hours belong to "Uncle Sam," the rest for yourself. "God," if your plan is to treat us soldiers, who are human beings, like dogs, then Wall Street, our master, must be paying you graft.

Grocery Clerk Writes Letter from His Cell

David Zaroff was one of the three striking grocery clerks who were last week arrested for picketing at the instigation of agents of the corrupt, socialist United Hebrew Trades. Zaroff, according to his fellow-striker, has been jailed at least 15 times since the strike began. The following is a letter from him to his comrades, written from his cell in the Raymond Street Jail where he spent three days, together with two other strikers, before all three were released on bail.

Raymond St. Jail,
Brooklyn, N. Y.,
May 21, 1929.

"Dear Comrades:—
"Just a line from your jailed comrades, that are penalized for a crime that they never committed.
"This is how a corrupt so-called 'labor leader' railroad workers to jail. I and Comrade Rappoport were a half a block away from the struck store, watching Comrade Bort on the picket line.
"Heller Appears.
"Suddenly appeared Mr. Heller, of the right wing 'union,' fed up on our sweat and blood. 'I'll show you Communists. We have jails for you!'
"His friend, the cop, took us to the police station, where Heller was given every courtesy in framing charges against us that would send us to jail.
"Court Obliging.
"In court, the obliging judge held us on \$500 bail each, and adjourned the case for May 22, but the cop spoke up, and, of course, the judge in his kindness added another day in jail for us, by postponing the case until the next day.
"For Working Class.
"Four days in jail don't mean anything to us, for we are fighting for the working class. When we get

Tcheckov's "Uncle Vanva" in Matinees at the Bijou

TCHEKOV'S famous masterpiece, "Uncle Vanva," will be presented for the first time in English at a series of special matinees, the first of which will be given this afternoon at the Bijou Theatre by Irma Craft. The cast includes Hubert Bruce, Morri Carnovsky, Ara Gerald and Rose Keane.

"Nice Women," a new comedy by William A. Carew, will be L. Lawrence Weber's first production of the season. The play will open out of town on June 3 and come here a week later to the Longacre Theatre. Robert Warwick, Sylvia Sydney and Warren McCollum head the cast. Miss Sydney was last seen here in "Gods of the Lightning," the Sacco-Vanzetti play.

Several new numbers have been added to "The Grand Street Follies" at the Booth Theatre. New impersonations by Albert Carroll include, among others, John Barrymore, Haidee Wright, Mrs. Fiske and Ethel Barrymore.

Elizabeth Risdon, Neal Caldwell and Lawrence Leslie, at present playing in the Theatre Guild Repertory Co. in San Francisco, will join the acting company of the Guild next season. P. J. Kelly, long with Walter Hampden's Company, but this season with the Repertory Company, has also been signed by the Guild and will tour next season in "Major Barbara" and "Pygmalion."

The one hundredth performance of "Pleasure Bound" will take place at the Majestic Theatre tonight.

"THE CONSTANT NYMPH" IS BOOKED FOR LITTLE CARNEGIE PLAYHOUSE

Following the run of the "Village of Sin," the Sovkino film now current at the Little Carnegie Playhouse, the management will present the American premiere of "The Constant Nymph," a film transcription of Margaret Kennedy's best-seller.

At a recent poll, conducted by the London Film Weekly, "The Constant Nymph" was voted to be the outstanding British film of all time. Its production was supervised by Basil Dean, who produced the dramatization of Miss Kennedy's novel in London and New York.

out of jail, we will fight with more spirit and courage for our union and for the entire labor movement.

"We are sending this letter, not as a plea to bail us, but as a means of urging you to fight with still greater determination and courage the scab outfit that is trying to destroy our organization, which was founded in 1915.

"They tried once before, but we have offered our blood in the fight that has shown the enemy that nothing can destroy that which we treasure most.

Renew Struggle.
"Comrades! Renew the struggle with greater courage, show your solidarity, strengthen your ranks! Deliver a blow to the enemy and make it a finish blow.
"Yours for the jailbirds,
"DAVID ZAROFF."

ELECTRICIANS SOLD OUT.
PEORIA, Ill. (By Mail).—Electrical union misleaders sold the workers out in a strike by forcing them to return to work under the old wage scale of \$1.25 an hour instead of the increase to \$1.37 1/2 an hour the workers demanded. The old contract expired May 1.

As far as I am concerned, I can't claim to have discovered the existence of classes in modern society or their strife against one another. Middle-class historians long ago described the evolution of the class struggle, and political economists showed the economic physiology of the classes. I have added as a new contribution the following propositions: 1) that the existence of classes is bound up with certain phases of material production; 2) that the class struggle leads necessarily to the dictatorship of the proletariat; 3) that this dictatorship is but the transition to the abolition of all classes and to the creation of a society of free and equal.—Marx.

For a Four Weeks Holiday for Young Workers!

JOHN CHARLES THOMAS



Headliner this week at the Palace Theatre, where the noted tenor is presenting a special group of modern and classic songs.

SAY REVOLT ENDED

BOGOTA, Colombia, May 23.—The revolutionary movement in Venezuela has collapsed, the federal forces defeating the rebels in all affected states, the Venezuelan legation here was advised today by an official government dispatch.

AMUSEMENTS

THEODORE DREISER Hails—
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A Comedy by Sil-Vara
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Evs. 8:50
Mats., Thurs. & Sat. 2:49

LAST WEEKS!
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By EUGENE O'NEILL
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GrandSt.Follies
with Albert Carroll & Dorothy Sands
BOOTH THEA. W. 45th St. Evs. 8:30
Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30

MOROSCO THEA. W. 45th St. Evs. 8:30
Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30

JOHN DRINKWATER'S Comedy Hit
BIRD IN HAND

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Fifty More Unorganized Workers Join Growing Strike of New York Iron Workers

MAIL 17 WORKERS FOR PICKETING; STRIKE SPREADS

All Mass Meeting for Saturday at 2

Fifty more workers, employed in Berkshire Iron Works, 38th St., Brooklyn, yesterday joined the strike led by the Architectural Iron & Bronze Workers Union, which tied up most of the iron and steel shops of Greater New York.

Workers who walked out yesterday were all unorganized. A total of nearly 4,000 workers are now on strike under the banner of the union.

Continuing their campaign of terror against the workers, police, at instigation of the frantic bosses, today arrested 17 pickets. This place before the Tiffany Studio, room, L. 1, where 15 pickets were held and before the shop of Saxa and Lambkin, Corona, where two workers were jailed. Arraigned in court in Flushing, L. I., sixteen of the workers were discharged. J. A. Alosky, however, was fined \$25.

Mass Meeting Tomorrow

Picketing continues vigorously before all struck shops, leaders of the strike declare.

A mass meeting of the strikers will be held in Webster Hall, tomorrow at 2 p. m., where the progress of the strike will be reported.

NEEDLE UNION IN FOOD STRIKE PLEA

Workers Called to Vital Meetings

(Continued from Page One)

break this bondage and walked to strike.

The statement relates the various ineffectual schemes of the bosses and injunctions, police brutality and a usual assistance of the A. F. of bureaucrats.

"The needle trades workers must break this terror of the cafeteria bosses! Join in the mass picketing demonstrations! Support the cafeteria workers who have settled with unions! Point out to your fellow-workers the necessity for winning the cafeteria strike."

Hyman at Dress Meet.

Several hundred cloak and dress makers affiliated with the Needle Workers Industrial Union met last night at a membership meeting at Webster Hall, 11th St. and Third St.

Louis Hyman, president of the union, exposed the maneuvers in a threatened fake "stoppage" of company union International dies Garment Workers Union, a principal purpose of this move, declared, was to mulct money from the workers and to force them to the scab union.

He called for mobilization for a general strike and support for fighting Needle Workers Industrial Union.

Weiss, manager of the cloak department, also discussed the "stoppage" after which rank and file members took the floor for general discussion.

The Joint Board of the Needle Workers Industrial Union has announced a number of important meetings:

Propaganda Committee.

A meeting of the Mass Propaganda Committee of the cloak, dress and fur workers will be held at the office of the union, 131 W. 28th St., tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Week End Open Forums.

A series of open forums in various parts of the city will be held today morning at 11 o'clock. The topics thus far have been arranged as follows:

(1) Bronx Workers Club, 1472 10th St., Bronx; Speakers, A. Block, A. Wise and B. Baratz. I. Verman will act as chairman. (2) 2d Beach, Workers Center, 48 W. 28th St. Speakers, A. Block, Pinchfsky; chairman, S. Weiss.

Joint Executive.

On Monday a meeting of the Joint Executive of all cloak, dress and fur unions to mobilize for the fur strike will be held. Louis Hyman, president, and Ben Gold, secretary-treasurer of the Needle Workers Industrial Union will report on the steps that have been taken to mobilize the union nationally in support of the strike.

Dress Workers Tuesday.

On Tuesday at 7:30, all workers of the dress trade will meet at a general membership meeting at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St. to report on the activities of the dress department and on the mobilization for the fur strike will be held.

Greek Workers.

On Wednesday there will be a meeting of Greek workers at Bryant II, 42nd St. and Sixth Ave., to mobilize Greek workers for the common strike.

Communist Activities

MANHATTAN

Party Picnic.

Keep June 23, the date of the Party picnic to Pleasant Bay Park, open.

Unity Cooperative.

A. Markoff, instructor of the Workers School, will lecture on "Anarchism and Communism" at the Unity Cooperative, 1800 Seventh Ave., Sunday, 8:30 p. m.

Downtown Communist Youth League.

A new executive will be elected at the meeting of the Downtown Unit I at 7:30 p. m. today at new headquarters, 27 E. 4th St.

Downtown C. Y. L.

The unit meets at 101 W. 27th St. 7 p. m. today.

Yorkville Communist Youth League.

A new unit executive will be elected at the meeting at 330 E. 51st St. tonight.

Pioneer Marionet Club.

Members are needed for the Pioneer Marionet and Punch and Judy Club. Leave name in Pioneer District Office and attend meeting at 26 Union Square at 12 noon tomorrow.

Needle Trades Youth.

Members of the Communist Youth League working in the Needle Trades are instructed to attend a meeting at the Workers Center at 2 p. m. tomorrow. Leading comrades of the Industrial union will report.

German Bureau, Communist Party.

A meeting will be held at 8:30 p. m. today at the bureau office, 28 Union Square, Room 605.

BROOKLYN

Brownsville Communist Youth League.

The League will hold an open air meeting at Stone and Pitkin Aves. tonight.

New Jersey Units Conference.

A conference of New Jersey Communist Party units will be held Sunday at 1 p. m. at the Workers Center, 26 Union Square. Unit organizers and unit industrial organizers are especially urged to attend. The agenda includes report of organizer, reports of delegates, discussion of reports, election campaign, reorganization, organization of shop nuclei, organization work, colonization problems and others.

BRONX

Lower Bronx Branch I, Section 5 Social.

A social will be given by the unit in connection with the membership drive at 715 E. 128th St. at 8:30 p. m. tomorrow. "The Woodworm," a one-act play, will be presented by the German proletarian dramatic club. Other entertainment will be offered. A speaker will address the gathering.

Social, Educational Club of Local 43 Gives Dance Tonite

Hundreds of members of Millinery Local 43 will attend the spring festival and dance which will be given by the Social and Educational Club of the local at the Webster Hall, 11th St., between Third and Fourth Aves., tonight.

The dance will be given as part of the general program of the club, which has conducted an attractive social and educational program for members of Local 43 for the past three years.

HOOVER BUILDS CASE FOR SPIES

Administration Attacks Lenroot Vote Expose

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themselves relatively at a disadvantage, not able to extract the huge prices that the Standard Oil, or the Mellon coal companies might receive.

It also permits, in case of "internal disorder" such as a large strike, the conscription of both plants and workers, who would then be placed under military discipline.

Both man and industrial conscription bills provide that they shall go into effect when congress declares the existence of a "national emergency."

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The Hoover commission on "law enforcement" today went through preliminary assignment of work to its members, who are all big corporation lawyers, or prominent in the kept universities of the trusts, or are big employers of labor themselves.

Under the guise of investigation of prohibition enforcement, they are planning recommendations of a drastic nature for practical abolition of trial by jury by what Hoover calls in his speeches and in the proclamation creating the commission "better selection of jurors" and creation of a vast secret service to spy on labor organizations, what Hoover has called, "strengthening of the forces of law enforcement."

Meanwhile the senate spent the day arguing over the order, already issued, punishing reporters who dared to expose the vote for Hoover's appointee to the bench of the customs court, the arch-reactionary and power trust hireling, Lenroot.

Would Capitalize Vote.

The vote was taken in secret, and many senators, whose ability to obtain votes depends partly on their concealing their true trust allegiances from the voters, are very angry at the publication by the United Press of the way they voted. Others, who voted against Lenroot, desire to capitalize that fact, and are opposing the barring of Reporter Mallon of the United Press from the floor of the senate. The order prohibiting Mallon was later extended to cover all reporters of all news services.

A motion by Norris challenged the authority of the committee in seeking to discipline the United Press and its correspondent, Mallon, by barring them from the senate floor privileges.

Senator Norris contended the rules committee must get authority by a majority of the senate before it can proceed in the secrecy investigation which it has already launched.

'Freiheit,' Communist Daily, Banned in Cuba

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tious inauguration in Havana last Monday, show clearly that Machado will continue his bloody regime with increased ferocity, it is charged.

At the same time the "Freiheit" has just learned that the ban on the paper which was declared some months ago by the Canadian government has now been strengthened. The editors yesterday received an official notification from J. J. Kieley, New York postmaster, that the "Freiheit" is hereafter forbidden even to post the paper to any address in Canada.

The attack against the "Freiheit" was incited by right wing labor misleaders of Canada, led by the yellow Jewish Forward. Militant workers throughout the Dominion are rallying to the campaign of the "Freiheit" to remove the ban.

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Fraternal Organizations

MANHATTAN

Jugoslavian Workers Club.

An entertainment and dance will be given tomorrow, May 25, at the Workers Center, 26 Union Square. Music by the Yugoslavian Workers Tamburica Orchestra.

Harlem International Club Dance.

A dance will be given Tuesday, May 28, 8:30 p. m., at 145 W. 126th St.

Die Naturfreunde.

A social evening will be held at the A. F. W. Hall, 350 E. 81st St., tonight.

The English section will hike to Nepperhan, along the Catskill aqueduct tomorrow and Sunday. Meet at 242nd St. and Van Cortlandt Park, 9 p. m. Saturday.

Office Workers' Union.

A roof garden dance will be held at Hebecher Foundation, 104th St. and Fifth Ave., Wednesday evening, June 12.

Harlem Progressive Youth Club.

The club will join the Jewish Clubs hike Sunday. Meet at 1495 Madison Ave., 8:30.

Probat Theatre.

Two one-act plays will be presented by the group at the concert of the United Council of Working Women, 1330 Wilkins Ave., Bronx, 8:30 p. m. Saturday. The plays are "Mr. God Is Not In," a farce by Harbor Allen, and "Love Is a Dream," by Alex Jackson.

The group which meets at 231 E. 5th St. Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, has several new plays to be cast in a play, "Strike," by Max Galtman, which is now being rehearsed. The play is based on the Chinese textile strike.

A.N.L.C., "Negro Champion," Remove Address.

The national offices of the American Negro Labor Congress and of its official organ, "The Negro Champion," have been moved to the new Harlem Labor Center at 255 W. 135th St., phone Broadway 1584.

SAT Hike.

The group will hike to the thousand fountains Sunday, 9:30 a. m.

6 MONTHS PRISON FOR FOOD PICKET

Court More Savage as Strikers Stand Firm

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terized the whole arrests, 1,315 since the beginning of the strike. Blumberg was slugged so viciously that he could not walk and was thrown into a taxi and taken to the station house. The policeman bluntly testified on the stand yesterday that Blumberg tried to hit him! Phil Rusgo, lawyer for the union, in defending Blumberg, charged that this was an obvious frame-up.

"A Professional Picket."

Hyman Bushel, attorney for the cafeteria owners, denounced Blumberg as a "professional picket, a Red who has no respect for law, who has been convicted twice before during the strike for disorderly conduct." Judge Weil in imposing sentence, remarked that "such strikers should be deported." The charge was resisting arrest. Rusgo pointed out that the officer was a big, six-foot, 200 pound man and Blumberg is a small, 125-pound man.

Fifteen strikers were taken from the picket line yesterday to Jefferson Market Court, where 13 were released in \$500 bail for trial May 28.

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Social and Educational Club, Local 43.

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BRONX

Scandinavian Workers' Club.

A social will be given at Vasa Castle Hall, 149th St. and Walton Ave. A dance program will follow the workers' weekly, "Ny Tid."

Jewish Workers Clubs.

Members of 18 New York Clubs will meet Sunday, 9 a. m., at Pelham Bay Station of the I. R. T., for the general hike to Hunters Island arranged by the City Committee of the workers' clubs.

Truck Party, Bronx Workers Club.

A truck party to Valhalla will be held Sunday. Meet at Rose Garden, 1347 Boston Road, 8:30.

BROOKLYN

"Marching Gung," by the Workers Laboratory Theatre.

The first of a series of open air meetings will be held at Varot St. and Graham Avenue tonight. Speakers: J. Zimmerman, Dr. C. J. Hoffer and Nelson.

Bath Beach International Labor Defense.

A spring festival and concert will be given at the Workers Center, 48 Bay 28th St., 8 p. m. Saturday, for the benefit of the I.L.D. Dramatic presentations, songs, and violin and piano recitals will be featured on the entertainment program.

The other two were held in \$1,000 bail.

One striker was dismissed when it became perfectly obvious that this was a case of a crude frame-up against him, from the testimony of the policeman who admitted that John Myrachak, the striker, was peacefully standing outside the cafeteria. Even Weil could not find any excuse to send him to jail.

Demonstration Saturday.

On Saturday afternoon, there will be a demonstration in Union Square to protest against police brutality and the injunction, and to welcome Ben Lifshitz, district organizer of the Communist Party, who is expected to be released from jail on appeal. He was arrested during the police parade last Saturday when the Communists and cafeteria strikers staged a demonstration against police brutality in the cafeteria strike.

BYDAN STUDENT PARADE.

SYDNEY, Australia, May 22.—Permission for a university procession here Thursday probably will be withdrawn because of the action of students tonight in throwing wreaths and vases from the cenotaph of the national memorial into the roadway. The students howled down the vice-chancellor of the university; when he tried to speak, and otherwise caused disorder.

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Membership Meeting of Communist League on Sunday, Worker Center

There will be a membership meeting of the New York District of the Communist Youth League, Sunday, May 26, at 3 p. m., at the Workers Center, 26 Union Square. A representative of the National Executive Committee will report. The agenda will include the Convention thesis and the cablegram of the Young Communist International to the Communist Youth League of the United States of America. All members of the Communist Youth League must be present. Admission by membership card only.

Labor to Hit Police Terror at Big Meet

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rested. They are preparing to give a rousing welcome to Ben Lifshitz, district organizer of the Communist Party, who was one of those arrested, and is expected to be released on bail from the workhouse in time to speak at the meeting tomorrow. Lifshitz's sentence of 30 days is being appealed by the New York District of the International Labor Defense, which defended all those arrested.

Other speakers at tomorrow's meeting will be J. Louis Engdahl, acting editor of the Daily Worker, and Carl Hacker, assistant national secretary of the International Labor Defense. The meeting is being arranged by the New York I. L. D. District 2, Communist Party, and left wing unions.

MANY MINERS JOBLESS.

LONDON (By Mail).—The number of miners unemployed in England is at present 181,000. The daily average wage paid those working in the mines is nine shillings a day, a decrease from 16 shillings in 1920.

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Labor Party Supports British Imperialism.

THE news story on the British elections in yesterday's Daily Worker contained the gross error of setting forth that the MacDonald-Henderson Labor Party is silent in the present parliamentary campaign on the question of British imperialist oppression, especially in India.

The fact that the British laborites acquiesce in the present large scale military maneuvers in India to suppress native uprisings, that no laborite voice is raised in defense of the persecuted and murdered Indian workers, that the Labor Party opposes independence for India and supports the Simons commission denounced by the Indian masses, and denies support to the striking Bombay textile workers, reveals concretely the very definite position of the Labor Party as an open ally of British imperialism. In this the Labor Party merely continues the policies of the MacDonald labor government during the entire period that it was in power, and gives a clear picture of the role of the next labor government that comes to power.

On everything of real importance to British imperialism the three bourgeois parties (conservative, liberal and labor) are in full agreement; on rationalization, on foreign policy and war, on the empire and India.

The three parties make a desperate effort to display differences. But the Labor Party will never fight rationalization, which involves the speed-up, an attack on the workers' standard of living, the longer workday, falling wages, growing unemployment and worsening conditions, just as in the United States. The Labor Party and the British Trade Union Congress, in this respect, accept the full fascist program of "class peace" and "class collaboration" of the American Federation of Labor. Instead of fighting rationalization, the Labor Party and the yellow British trade unions become an instrument for carrying it into effect.

The Labor Party in Great Britain will not vote against war credits, nor will it withdraw the armed forces that hold down the masses of India. Not only is there unanimity among the three bourgeois parties on all fundamental points, but also these fundamental points are all part of a united whole, the whole development of imperialism.

Out of rationalization, comes the need to expand the market in India; comes also the inter-imperialist rivalry and the drive to war; out of the drive to war comes the preparation of India as a military base, especially against the Soviet Union. This it is which compels all three bourgeois parties, on all these points, to present a united front.

Above all in India, where the danger to imperialism is greatest, the bourgeois front is unbroken, the Labor Party leaders and candidates competing with the conservatives and liberals in their steadfastness to imperialist policy.

To advance the theory that the Labor Party is merely silent on the question of British imperialist oppression, in India, or in any other part of the Empire, is to grossly misrepresent the role of reformism, underestimate the war danger, and create dangerous illusions about the Labor Party itself.

American imperialism struggles for its share of the market in India, and in other British colonies, thus compelling the left wing trade union movement in this country, as well as in Great Britain, under the leadership of the respective Communist Parties, to link up their fight with that of the Indian masses not on some vague (and therefore weak) notion of solidarity in general; but on a basis of an understanding of the Indian struggle.

The American Socialist Party is raising a \$10,000 contribution for the British Labor Party campaign fund. This is a contribution to the continued oppression of British labor and the further enslavement of the Indian workers and peasants.

The masses of India, Great Britain and the United States, have a common enemy; an enemy that is concentrated, organized and surrounded by allies and henchmen of every kind.

Not only the three bourgeois parties in Great Britain and their American counterparts, but also the princes and landlords of India, the merchants, the money-lenders, the reformist trade union leaders are all together; and with them, too, as the struggle of the proletariat and peasantry develops will be found the National Reformists.

Once this is fully understood every British and also American worker will realize that the combination of the Birkenheads, Baldwins, Simons, MacDonalds, Purcells, Gandhis and Joshis, with the American Hillquits, Cahans, Greens and Wolls can only be smashed by a combination of British, and American workers with the workers and peasants of India, struggling correctly with the workers and the peasantry of the whole world under the banners of the Communist International.

Voltaire Comes Under the Ban.

Under the same edict, "Section 305 of the Tariff Act," that will be expanded to include all working class literature, the customs officials at Boston, Massachusetts, are seizing all copies of Voltaire's book, "Candide," coming to that port. Voltaire produced this volume 170 years ago, but it is only now that the Boston port officials have discovered objections to its "decency."

The proposed anti-sedition amendment to "Section 305" is intended to ban all revolutionary writings from these shores. Thus, it is certain the works of Karl Marx, especially his "Capital," will be outlawed, with the writings of Engels and other pioneers of the proletarian struggle for power. The contemporary literature of the world revolutionary movement, especially the writings of Lenin, will fall under the scope of this gag law.

These facts are cited to reveal the actual weave of the black mantle of ignorance that the American rulers are preparing for the toiling worker and farmer masses of this country, to mask and gag all opposition if they can to the development of a more centralized and despotic government at Washington as the militant agent of finance capital, develop the aggressive policies of Wall Street imperialism. Labor must fight this gag. The struggle must be prepared and developed now.

THE LAW AND THE LAW ENFORCER

By Fred Ellis



Miners Hail the Unity Congress

By PATRICK H. TOOHEY.
(Secretary-Treasurer, National Miners Union).

220 Delegates of National Miners Union to Attend Historic Cleveland Meet

Of extreme significance to all coal miners is the Trade Union Unity Congress, scheduled to convene in Cleveland, Ohio. The congress marks the beginning of a movement for the consolidation of the forces of the militant left wing labor movement, the establishment of a fighting trade union center giving co-ordinated leadership and systematic direction to the forces of the working class in its mighty struggles against the imperialist robbers.

All coal miners hail this step. It signifies to the miners a most historic necessity. For a number of years the coal miners led in the struggle against the treachery of the pro-employer leadership of the American Federation of Labor, particularly the leadership of the reactionary machine of the Lewis bureaucracy. It was the coal miners who instituted the first great step towards the development of new industrial unionism, separate and apart from the American Federation of Labor and the agents of the employers who dominate the Federation and all its subordinate sections. As the climax of the struggle of the coal miners, there was born the National Miners Union, a rank and file union, militant and fighting, and its program and concept based upon the class struggle. This new Miners Union, the fighting National Miners Union, came into existence as a result of the rank and file throwing overboard the reactionary Lewis

machine, who betrayed their two-year bitter struggle and who sold them into slavery to the coal operators. The National Miners Union, as the first concrete expression of a rebellious rank and file struggling against the treachery and betrayals of their "leaders," was born in the midst of gigantic struggles and from the day of its inception has fought bitter struggles in defense of the interests of the miners. But after establishing their own union, after years of bitter struggle against the operators, fakery and the capitalist government, the coal miners, expressing their desires through their new union, do not for a moment consider their task completed. These miners do not sit back complacently and consider their job done. No! It is just beginning. As the miners' struggles are the struggles of all other workers, the militant coal miners of the National Miners Union so consider and appreciate that the struggles of the workers in all other industries are the struggles of the miners as well.

Alone the miners cannot win. Alone any section of the working class is destined to defeat at the hands of the well-organized employing class. A powerful solidification of the forces of the working class as a whole is an essential require-

ment for the advancement of the standard of life of the workers in all lines of industry. The struggle of the workers in one industry is directly related to and is connected inseparably with the struggles of the workers in all industries. To effect this solidification, to assist in the development of the necessary conditions for the organization of the unorganized, to establish a militant trade union center of the left wing working class, to launch a joint struggle against the employers is a task which the miners will not shirk, it is a task which the miners step forward to meet.

The miners will not lag. The miners march in the first battalions. The necessity of such a militant trade union center is understandable to all coal miners. This is the explanation of why there will be 220 delegates from local unions of the National Miners Union present at the Cleveland Convention.

Today, the American Federation of Labor is betraying the American working class as the United Mine Workers of America betrayed the miners. The Green-Woll machine is the tool of the bosses in the ranks of the working class as the Lewis machine is the tool of the coal barons in the ranks of the miners. As the miners organized the Na-

How Soviet Economy Functions

III. THE ORGANIZATION OF INDUSTRY

We have already seen the character and the role of the Proletarian State, as well as its directive bodies of industry in general.

It is now necessary to observe the organization of industry.

The period from October 1917 to the NEP was characterized by an excessive centralism. We will not stop to enumerate the reasons for this except to state that it was made necessary in the prevailing chaotic conditions of interior and exterior struggle.

With the introduction of the NEP which was followed by the creation of the open market, it was necessary to make adaptations to the new conditions, and by the increase of the production of manufactured objects, of which the State retained absolute monopoly, to attain the complete domination of the open market.

With this in view the Ninth Congress adopted a new form for the direction of industry and created "economic unities" comprising enterprises of the same sort under the direction of the regional or national government.

These bodies took the name of State Trusts.

While the capitalist trust is the result of the concentration and fusion of several enterprises which pass through the hands of a number of magnates or powerful bankers, the Soviet trust is only a form of the development of the collective property of the proletarian state. Let us examine its organization.

(Two previous articles in the Daily Worker traced the general development of economic organization in the Soviet Union from the days of the October Revolution to the present day. The function of the Proletarian State in the direction of economic life was also described as an introduction to a more detailed explanation of the organization of industry today, which this article takes up.)

The statutes of a trust, which is considered as a legal individual, include the following clauses:

- The tabulation of the enterprises which the Proletarian State has put under its care.
- The capital which the State puts at its disposition.
- The work which it is going to do.
- The composition of its administrative council and of its control commission (consisting of three members, one of which is appointed by the corresponding industrial union).

The trust is free to dispose of its circulating capital but in no way may it sell or deal in its fixed capital.

All the land, forests and waters of which the trust makes use, it must rent from the State.

The net income of a trust is divided in the following manner:

Twenty per cent becomes reserve capital.

Ten per cent goes to improving the living conditions of the workers (of this sum 75 per cent must go to the construction of workers' houses).

The remainder, that is 70 per cent of the total net income, is turned

water, gas, electricity, community transport, telephone, etc.

They are distinguished from the industrial trusts in this: they have no other purpose than the organization of public service and, consequently, the sums which they realize are simply to suffice to cover expenses without any income above that.

The financing of these communal trusts is in the hands of the Soviets of the corresponding regions and districts.

Agricultural Trusts.

The agricultural trusts are constructed in the same fashion as the industrial trusts.

Railroads and Navigation.

The railroads are considered in the same way as industrial trusts, save for differences in the disposition of fixed and circulating capital.

There also exist "directorates" whose capital is made up by contributions from the trusts which are included in them.

Example: The capital of the society "Organization of Metallurgy," which has for its purpose the modernization and organization of factories, but which is not a trust for production, is supported by several interested metallurgical trusts.

This is the organization of industry based on the principle of collective property and of the Proletarian State.

(To Be Continued)

CEMENT

By FEODOR GLADKOV
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Back in his home town on the Black Sea, Gleb Chumalov, Red Army Commander, takes up the task of directing the work of reconstruction. The large cement factory, formerly the industrial life of the town, lies idle and devastated. Gleb has just left the meeting of the factory Group in the workers' club "Komintern" where these problems were discussed. On coming home, his wife, Dasha, who seems to have turned her back on him and remains a riddle to him, goes to her books. Gleb crosses the road to visit the home of a former worker in the factory, Savchuk. There he finds Savchuk and Motia, his wife.

MOTIA was shyly pulling up her chemise over her chest, covering her large full breasts.

"You're one of us, Gleb. . . I'm dressed for the night now. You won't go chattering. . ."

"Don't be ashamed, Motia. I know you're a woman without that. I'm not going to take you away from Savchuk. He's pretty reliable; you couldn't move him with a shell. Well, tell me what kind of time have you been having with Savchuk anyway?"

"Savchuk? He's a growler, but good. . . I've got him under my thumb all right!"

"Don't talk such rot, you bitch! Who did I thrash yesterday? Have you forgotten?"

Motia's eyes sparkled. She sprang up like a cat.

"You're talking nonsense yourself, you old bear! D'you remember who I slammed in the jaw?"

Gleb laughed. They were funny, these Savchuks!

"Well, how are you getting on, Savchuk, my old Comrade? From today on you are strictly forbidden to lay hands on Motia. Get your hands ready for another kind of work."

Motia sprang up with a cry of joy and rushed over to Gleb—no longer ashamed of her bare breasts.

"Yes, yes, Gleb! Oh, how badly we need work! If only there was work already. . . Gleb, dear Gleb, wouldn't we have a quieter, healthier life then? When we did have work there were children. . . when the work died, the children too. . ."

SHE turned to the table with tears in her eyes.

"Well, Gleb, you scoundrel, if my hands find nothing to do, you won't be alive tomorrow. I'll go to the coopers' shed tomorrow and hear my lasses sing their songs. Your wife's a hell of a woman: she can twist the whole Group round her little finger!"

Motia's eyes flashed as she looked deep into Gleb, as only a woman can.

"I can't understand Dasha. How could she abandon Nurka like a dog into strange hands? A woman without a child and a home is a savage. She wanted to get me into her gang, but I'm not such a fool. I'd rather die than leave my home."

Savchuk banged his fist on his knee.

"A devil of a woman—your wife! Oh, how she's got hold of that Group, ha, ha!"

Gleb was awaiting precisely Motia's words. They were the very ones he was expecting. Did she understand him? Did she know the turn his life had taken in these recent days spent with Dasha? Only women can thus penetrate the thoughts of others. She looked at him with bright eyes in which there was a half-formulated suggestion, while, without attending to Motia's words, he answered Savchuk.

"That's true. Without me Dasha has grown into a fine fearless woman. And how she could do it without me, I don't know. She's proud and doesn't brag about her deeds."

MOTIA'S eyes lit up with anger, and she seemed to check herself.

"Don't come here with such words, Gleb. Don't insinuate. You left Dasha to torture and to death, and now you can't expect to get hold of her straight off. Don't be sly. I know you're playing a sly game, eh? I'm no fool. If she's what she is you can't help it. You put her to the test—because you're like that you damned men—well, and now you've burnt your fingers, isn't it true? I shan't tell you anything, if she hasn't. Don't try and dig up ground with your hand if your claws aren't long enough."

Gleb became confused and started laughing to hide it.

"You've got a sly nose, Motia, and that's a fact! Well, what's true is true. The old Dasha is no more, and what's happened to her I don't know. I feel that there is something deep in the woman. Perhaps she has made a mis-step as women will? Then let her say so; I'm not a monster!"

Motia again raked him with her eyes, and Gleb saw that she perceived his hidden craft.

"Oh, Gleb! Aren't you ashamed to try and pump me? Go home and go to bed. Don't be too artful—it's vain. Only why did she send Nurka to stew in that Children's Home? Nurka was staying with me. Why didn't she leave her here? How can a woman live without husband and children? What fools you men are! You don't notice this in women."

In the passage, when Motia saw Gleb to the door, she pressed his hand in the darkness with the shy laugh of a young girl.

"Oh, Gleb, you're one of us. . . A real friend of ours. You don't know what joy is mine. . . You don't know. I'm going to be a mother, you know—a happy mother, Gleb!"

And on the threshold she sighed with a sudden pity for Gleb.

"Oh, Gleb, what an unhappy lot! You won't be able to live close to Dasha any more. But you deserve it, you men—throwing your women to the dogs like that!"

GLEB found Dasha the same as he left her, reading, her head on her hands, her stern occupied face, muttering diligently over her book. As he entered she threw him an inquiring glance.

"Well, what have you learned from our Comrades the Savchuks?"

Gleb went up close to her, his face working with pain. He embraced her and spoke in unusual tones. This was not the Gleb who had passed through the tempests of war, but a man worn out by love and anxious thought.

"Dasha—. Tell me then, my little dove, tell me. . . Be kind as you used to be. . . It's so hard for me, Dasha. You're like a stranger to me. As though you hid a knife in your bosom."

Dasha said nothing, but Gleb felt her tremble, and there was a response to him in the depths of her. He felt her head and shoulder press against him; he felt her once more become the dear and yielding woman of old. But she leaned against him still, fighting with herself, without yet regaining mastery.

"Well, and supposing something has happened, it's not of the greatest importance. It could happen to anyone in the bad times."

She freed herself from his arms, sighing deeply. Then she looked attentively into his eyes, as Motia had, and said in a low voice, broken with sorrow:

"Yes. . . it was so—. It did happen, Gleb. . . and more than once."

It was as though a monstrous hand had thrown Gleb and Dasha asunder; as though a huge abyss had burst within his breast. An animal fury filled his face with blood, and a bestial strength his fists.

"Then it's true, is it? It did happen? You've laid in the ditch with a lot of tramps like a filthy drab! You dirty bitch!"

Blinded with rage, his eyes goggling, his heart swelling too large for his breast, with crouching steps, he flung himself at Dasha, his fists raised. But she had risen quickly from her chair and stood steadily, seeming taller than usual. With a voice that was not like a woman's, seeming to spring deep from her breast, she curbed at once Gleb's bestial wrath.

"Come to your senses, Gleb! Aren't you ashamed of yourself? What is it now?"

She became silent, frowning darkly. And when, checked by her cry, he stopped suddenly with quivering lips, she said quietly in a low voice, slightly hoarse: "I wanted to test you, Gleb. You can't behave like a man. You cannot listen to me yet as you should. What I just said to you was just to help me to see more clearly. You went to Motia's to spy—I know it. I know well what you are. . . You're a Communist, it's true. But you are also a brute man, needing a woman to be a slave to you, for you to bed with. You're a good soldier, but in ordinary life you're a bad Communist!"

And she began to prepare the bed.

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