

Charlotte Jury Complete; Testimony Begins Today in Attempt to Kill Strikers

Two Farmers Picked on Sixth Day of Examination; Reject Reporter Assaulted by Deputies

Union Organization Goes Successfully; Mass Meetings in Towns Where Never Held Before

By LISTON OAK
CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 4.—With the selection today of the twelfth juror, the attack of the Manville-Jenckes prosecution upon the 16 members of the National Textile Workers Union and their demand that the right of workers to organize, strike, picket and defend themselves be outlawed, will probably begin tomorrow morning.

F. M. Stillwell the eleventh juror to be accepted by the defense counsel after six days of sharp struggle to keep out of the jury box the most prejudiced middle class elements, is a farmer who owns what he describes as a "two horse farm," near Matthews. He stated on the stand that he "hasn't read anything about the case in the newspapers but has heard talk."

Believes in Right of Defense.
"I believe in the right of self defense against attack even if an officer is attacking, unless he has the proper authority," says Matthews. His kin work in the mills at Pawcreek, he said. He has a child in school where Aderholt's brother is principal. He is a Baptist, 47 years old and is the third farmer to be accepted on the jury.

John Phillips, another farmer, was chosen later in the day, completing the jury.
Phillips owns 95 acres near Charlotte. He is 46 years old. Twenty years ago he worked in the cotton mills and joined the United Textile Workers Union.

"I got fired for joining the union," said Phillips. "The bosses put the union out of business." He declared his firm belief in the right of workers to self defense, even against the unlawful attacks of the police.

Of 20 middle class veniremen examined this morning, 15 admitted varying degrees of prejudice against the defendants. Only five said they believed the defendants innocent, and were excused by the state for cause. Four of them thought, "somebody is guilty," but were not sure whether it was the defendants or some one else. Three said they had not made up their minds. One farmer thought the defendants were guilty and three were impartial.

Against "Agitators."
"If the northern agitators had not come down and stirred up trouble there would have been no murder. Some of the union people must be guilty or they wouldn't have been arrested," said one after another of the business men under examination as prospective jurors.

Legette Blythe, Charlotte reporter who was mistaken for a striker and beaten into unconsciousness by deputies during the picketing at the Lora mills before the shooting was among the veniremen examined.

Blythe was gathering news for his paper during one of the attacks by armed deputies on the picket line, and one of the deputies seeing him near the jail, made a vicious assault on him and nearly split his head. Blythe was excused by the court because of his experience which the court feared and Blythe admitted might influence him in his case.
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Young Worker Held in Chicago for Selling Y. C. L. Organ in Street

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 4.—Convicted and held without bail for selling the Young Worker, organ of the Young Communist League, on the streets Ralph Stramoni, 14, was located in the House of Correction by the I. L. D. after police had denied all information concerning the young workers. Even a habeas corpus writ sworn out by Attorney Albert Goldman was ignored.

Through the I. L. D. Stramoni was released on a \$50 bond, which was later increased to \$3,900 by Judge Lyle. He was immediately re-arrested and kept till the I. L. D. secured his release.

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Call Speakers Meet At "Center" Tonight

The District Executive Committee is calling a speakers conference to discuss the Tenth Anniversary of the Party tonight at 8 p. m. at the Workers Center. All speakers are instructed to be present without fail.

All comrades living in Brownsville are to report at 154 Watkins St. today at 8 p. m. for very important Party work.

Some Carolina Shames Leary Just "Forgot"

Troops Turn Guns On, Beat Them; New Arab Attack

Airplanes Terrorize Wave of Resentment Sweeps Masses

A fifty per cent increase in pellagra in North Carolina this year; thousands of workers on starvation wages; families dispossessed and thrown into the rain; instant use by the bosses of state troopers; twelve hours a day labor; child labor.

These are a few of the characteristic "shames" of North Carolina. And John J. Leary, Jr., correspondent of the New York World at Charlotte, on the Gastonia case gleefully sums up his story that was quoted in the Gastonia Gazette—in the Gazette that cried out for lynchings—with this strange and characteristic sentence: "North Carolina will have nothing to be ashamed of or to explain."

He writes that "Fred Erwin Beal and his 'comrades' are in for a fair trial."
Leary, whose accounts in the New York World of the American Federation of Labor activities are always highly disinfected, portrays his hatred for the workers in his whitewash of the North Carolina authorities.

Stretching the Facts.
He makes it appear as though the prosecution and state was astounded.
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"STUFFED VOTE," SAY N. J. CARMEN Denounce New Sellout by Union Officials

By LISTON OAK
CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 4.—The International Labor Defense yesterday issued a statement demanding the withdrawal of the troops from Marion, N. C., where the textile mill workers are on strike. This statement was issued in Marion, through Juliet Stuart Poyntz, who is representing the I. L. D., to investigate and offer the legal aid of the I. L. D. to strikers who were arrested and charged with inciting to riot. The United Textile Workers officials have failed to provide Marion strikers with adequate legal protection and they are in danger of being railroaded to "the penitentiary for from ten to thirty years."

Mill Governor.
The I. L. D. statement charges that the mill owning governor of North Carolina has again proved himself "a servile agent of the mill barons by sending in troops to break the strike. The governor's arbitrator, Judge Townsend, first attempted in collusion with Hoffman of the U. T. W. to sell out the strikers."

The U. T. W. officialdom gave up every demand of the strikers except that members of the U. T. W. should not be discriminated against.
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I. L. D. HITS HARD AT MILL TRIAL

But Needs Support to Win the Case
Out of 408 veniremen examined during the past six days of selecting the jury, the great majority were middle class elements who admitted undisguised prejudice against the strikers, proving the assertion of the I. L. D. that this class of citizens of Mecklenburg County are hardly less prejudiced than in Gaston County.

The best defense being an offensive, the working class through the I. L. D. has dealt some sledgehammer blows at the plot of the mill owners to railroad the members of the N. T. W. to electrocution or the penitentiary.
The danger threatening the defendants is as follows:
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Shipwreck and Floods Killing Hindu Toilers; Gov't Rescue Tardy

CALCUTTA, India, Sept. 4.—An overcrowded river boat filled with the workers of the Alexandria Jute mill turned over and sank in the Hoogly River today, with a loss of 17 lives, and perhaps more.
There were 50 men, women and children aboard.
Loss of life in the flooded area where the Indus River is out of its banks grows continually. Survivors are living on house tops and in trees. Higher water is coming. The British government, admirably organized for repressive and tax collecting purposes, is not overworking itself at rescuing the peasants.

FLIERS NEAR DISASTR. CALSHOT, England, Sept. 4.—Two Schneider cup contestants narrowly escaped disaster here today while practicing for the imperialist races which opens here Friday and in which both British and Italian fascist fliers are to participate.

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ARABS DEFEY THE BRITISH BEFORE GOVT OFFICES

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LONDON, Sept. 4.—British troops have arrested 170 Arabs in the village of Welletta, near Jerusalem, and 60 more have been captured at Beisan, two of them considered to be leaders.

Reports of skirmishes in North Palestine continue. British troops are fighting with a tribe of Bedouins near Gaza.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4.—Arabs in the region of Tiberias were reported to be preparing an offensive against the British forces today in following their repulse when attacking the police barracks at Hittin Sunday.

At the same time, a fresh wave of resentment, resulting from the Hittin incident, the savage police searches and arrests, and the recent proclamation of Sir John Chancellor, British high commissioner, has surged over the Arab masses.

TO DEMONSTRATE FOR YOUTH DAY Young Workers to Fill Union Sq. Friday

The International Youth Day demonstration on Union Square Friday at 6 p. m. will be an historic event in the life of the Young Communist League of New York City. International Youth Day will be a continuation of the splendid militancy and enthusiasm shown in the Red Day demonstration on Union Square by the revolutionary youth.

Thousands of leaflets have been distributed at all important factories, section rallies have been held all over the city, factory gate
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FRUIT PICKERS HELP GASTONIA Workers All Over Land Send Aid

The poverty-stricken laborers in the fruit orchards of Oregon, working from state to state to earn a bare living, have recognized their solidarity with the Gastonia strikers and sent in a small sum of money collected penny by penny from their comrades.

"We hail the Gastonia strikers for organizing" the Oregon workers said, "and we, although unorganized."
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Communists Attacked by Socialist-Zionist Fascists in the Bronx

Incited by provocative articles in the Jewish Daily Forward and Jewish Day, a mob of socialists and Zionists attacked members of the Communist Party and Young Communist League in front of their headquarters, 1330 Wilkins Ave., the Bronx, severely beating up some of them. Sidney Bloomfield was among those seriously assaulted, four stitches were taken in his lip.

The attack followed an open air meeting held by the Communist Party at Invervale and Wilkins Ave., one block from headquarters. The
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Rich Pals Speed Fight to Release Sinclair

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—With Harry F. Sinclair's petition for immediate pardon filed two weeks ago, wealthy friends of the multi-millionaire oil grafter are speeding their fight for his release.
His sentence would normally expire early in November, although they expect him out before that date.

They Cannot Recognize Him But Hate Beal

By SENDER GARLIN. CHARLOTTE, N. C. (By Mail).

—They hate Fred Beal, especially. One after another, the merchants, salesmen, foremen and clerks, answer to their names, smack the Holy Bible and vote the electric chair for the reddish-haired, genial and slow-speaking textile organizer. They can't even identify him, but they know he is the "leader." Beal only smiles, while the friendly eyes of his fellow-defendants turn warmly upon him.

This atmosphere of hatred may prevail in the two-million-dollar Mecklenburg county courthouse, but not in the banquet hall of the Charlotte chamber of commerce where good fellows got together the other day and listened to speeches, and the singing of "Waiting for the Sunrise" by the fearless male quartet.

Practically every one but the defendants were invited. Judge Barnhill almost out in with the invitation as the examining prosecution lawyer asked a prospective juror: "Are you opposed to capital punishment? Would you vote to punish the defendants by death in the electric chair if the evidence convinces you they are guilty?" The church-going veniremen promised he would, and court took a recess until 2.30 to enable the judge, counsel for both prosecution and defense, and all press representatives to join in a luncheon given by the Charlotte (N. C.) chamber of commerce.

The invited guests sat at long tables, and when curling smoke began to roll from a hundred long black cigars, Mr. C. O. Kuester, the up-and-coming full-time manager of the chamber of commerce made the regulation booster address of welcome. "The real assets of
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PASSAIC POLICE SLUG WORKERS Attack 2 Youths After Court Releases Them

Policemen of Passaic, living true to the reputations for brutality they gained in the Passaic textile strike several years ago, beat up two young workers yesterday, after the latter were discharged on suspended sentences for passing leaflets to public service workers.

The young workers who were beaten up were Stephen Gede and John Kovac. They had been arrested and thrown into jail. Five of their friends who came to bail the two out were also arrested and held in prison overnight.

The judge suspended sentence and dismissed the youths. Gede and Kovac thereupon went to the Workers Home where they were followed by policemen. The latter, without warning, then attacked the two youths and beat them severely inside the building.

The International Labor Defense is fighting the case on behalf of the young workers and will bring charges against the vicious police officers.

Laundry Union Tonite Acts on Reinstatement of Strike Betrayor

Laundry Drivers Union, Local 810, at Forward Hall, 175 East Broadway, tonight, will take up the action of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters with national headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind., which reinstated S. Rosensweig, business agent of the local, removed for betraying the drivers during recent Bronx strikes.

Rosensweig was given a hearing by the executive board of the local which recommended his removal to the membership. The members of the local concurred and he was ousted. Nominations for a new secretary were made but the election was halted by the arrival of a telegram from Indianapolis which said that Rosensweig should again function as the business agent.

Tonight's meeting will also act on the charges against A. Schechter, business agent, who aided Rosensweig in betraying the workers.

The Laundry Drivers Section, T. U. E. L., issued a statement last night denouncing the action of the national office of the union in supporting Rosensweig. The statement points out that during the strike, the national office of the union gave no assistance to the strikers.

SEPARATE INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCES AT TRADE UNION UNITY CONVENTION PLAN ORGANIZATION IN EVERY FIELD

Workers from Shops Amend and Enlarge Draft Programs Proposed; Special Committee Works on Plans of Great Building Union

Coal Miners Unite with Metal Miners, Promise Textile Workers Their Special Attention Will Be Given to Southern Drive

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 4.—The Trade Union Unity League, created in a magnificent demonstration of mass support, when 690 delegates, speaking with the voices of unlimited numbers of organized and unorganized workers met for three days in Cleveland, August 31 to Sept. 2, did not neglect the details of organization in each of the various important industries represented. It will conduct organization work on all fronts. A series of industrial conferences during the recesses of the convention worked out in specific form the most important plans and programs of the entire session. Delegates from distant points consulted with fellow workers in their trade and definite programs of demands and plans for struggle grew out of them. Demands for the seven hour day and five day week were in all of the reports made from these conferences to the main convention. Reports and recommendations from the committees occupied the major part of the final sessions, and many amendments to the original programs were adopted.

GARMEN SELLOUT IN FINAL STAGES Bosses Consider Offer of Union Officials

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 4.—A final act is being staged in the selling out of the militant street carmen's strike here. Directors of the New Orleans Public Service, Inc., met today to consider the proposal of acting Mayor T. S. Walmisley for settlement of the street car strike, now in its fourth month.

Edwin Peyroux, local president of the Street and Electrical Railway Employees, and the union lawyer Edward Rightor, together with the notorious Mahons who control the international organization, have not only agreed to the present plan, of returning to work with all questions left to the tender mercies of an official arbitration board, but have actually instigated it.

FAKE PLEATERS STRIKE FAILS Needle Workers Spurn Company Union

The fake strike of embroidery workers, hemstitchers, pleaters and tuckers called yesterday morning by the scab International Ladies Garment Workers Union, as part of its racket of collecting dues and acting as a company union for the employers, was a fizzle, reports reaching the New York Joint Board of
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NAPLES RECEIVES FASCISTS ATTEMPT TO WIN THEM OVER

NAPLES, Italy, Sept. 4.—Fifteen hundred members of the Italian fraternal order, Sons of Italy, arrived here from the United States today. They are under the direction of the Philadelphia lawyer and fascist, John Di Silvestro.

The officers of this order are largely fascists while the membership contains a large percentage of workers. It is for the purpose of influencing these workers to become fascists that the present delegation has been sent to this country. They will be dined and wined while every precaution is taken by the authorities to keep the true facts of the oppression of the Italian masses by the fascist regime from the tourists.

Police Smash Harlem Open Air Meeting

A Communist meeting at Seventh Ave. and 137th St. was broken up last night when a police auto drove into the crowd, dispersing more than 500 workers, mostly Negroes. Twelve policemen with drawn clubs then charged into the crowd beating up several members of the Young Communist League.

The speakers included Charles Alexander, Gilbert Lewis, Richard B. Moore, Martha Stone and A. Rosen. Solomon Harper presided.

Bill Dunne's Pamphlet On Gastonia Will Have Widespread Circulation

Bill Dunne's pamphlet, "Gastonia, Citadel of the Class Struggle in the New South," dealing with the strike at Gastonia from every angle, is off the press and is being circulated not only in America, but practically every country of the world.

"What is going on in Gastonia—in the New South," is the question that came by the thousands to the International Labor Defense national headquarters at 80 E. 11th St., Room 402, New York City.

Dunne has been on the scene since the beginning of the strike and has made a wide study of all the conditions at first hand. Written in the effective style which has made him famous as a labor writer, he deals with all angles and history of the strike.

Dunne is now at Charlotte, N. C. where he is directing the defense of the strikers. His pamphlet, selling for 15 cents, and five cents for mailing, can be secured by writing for it to the International Labor Defense, at 80 E. 11th St., room 402, New York City.

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U. S. DENIES AN ACCORD ON NAVY WITH ENGLAND

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—In flat answer to Premier MacDonald's boasting assertion before the League Assembly yesterday that the U. S. and Britain are "nearly in accord" or "agreed on 17 out of 20 points," came a denial from secretary of state Stimson today, and a conference of naval experts at a Hoover breakfast this morning.

It was stated by government officials that MacDonald was prepared for signature.

HALL WILL SPEAK HERE ON SUNDAY

Otto Hall, Negro Communist candidate for Comptroller in the municipal elections, will be one of the principal speakers at the Communist County Ratification Conference in Manhattan, Bronx, and Brooklyn, Sunday, at 2 p. m.

Hall has just returned from a country-wide tour during which he has mobilized Negro workers for the Trade Union Unity Convention held in Cleveland. For many years an active fighter in the ranks of the revolutionary working class movement.
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BRITISH MINERS CAST ON STREETS

LONDON, Sept. 4.—Thousands of British coal miners face unemployment as details of the rationalization process, directly sponsored by Labor Premier Ramsay MacDonald, are put into effect by a committee of coalowners' associations this week.

Pits which are slow profit producers will be closed down by the new plan, and even after the first batch of the eliminated workers are thrown on the streets thousands more will be dispersed through widespread introduction of modern labor-saving machinery.

A national industrial committee will determine national production and thus cancel hundreds of orders in Durham, South Wales, Yorkshire and Derbyshire.

The owners are further protected by a levy to be imposed on the total output to prevent or reduce "losses" on export.

Rationalization By Labor Gov't Cause

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LABOR DEFENSE DEMANDS TROOPS LEAVE MARION

Urges Workers Reject Hoffman's Sell-out

(Continued from Page One) But the mill barons refused even this last demand, which the state supported. Thereupon, the dynamic frame-ups took place, and the governor sent in the militia in accordance with the demand of the bosses to break the strike.

Hoffman has abandoned the struggle. He is not making any effort to resist the attacks of troops and police upon the workers and their homes and picket lines. Hoffman has nothing but pacifist programs, appealing to "enlightened" capitalists and the state for support of the U. T. W. class collaboration policy of industrial peace.

But the Southern Capitalist papers are printing editorials denouncing the class war program of the National Textile Workers Union and praising Hoffman for his conservatism and reasonableness and criticizing the Marion mill owners for not accepting the program of the U. T. W. and lauding Governor Gardner for arbitration.

Now Hoffman bases his strategy on the excuse that the capitalist class and its state are trying to force the Marion bosses to accept the U. T. W. program of arbitration and class collaboration, and he is therefore abandoning resistance to attacks of the bosses' agents, and abandoning mass picketing, the workers' most effective weapon.

Poyntz stated today upon return from Marion that: "The I. L. D. is ready to secure bail, legal aid, and mass support for the defense of the Marion strikers, victimized by bosses, state and U. T. W. bureaucrats. The I. L. D. calls upon the strikers to resist the strike-breaking maneuvers of the bosses, their government and the labor fakirs, to resume mass picketing, to continue to fight against the stretch-out system and starvation wages. We call upon all Southern workers to organize for their defense, to build up a powerful militant union and the I. L. D. as the shield of the workers in their struggles."

(Special to the Daily Worker.) MARION, N. C. (By Mail)—"Labor Day" in Marion, which had been widely heralded as a state-wide demonstration of the American Federation of Labor could better be described as a funeral celebration by the United Textile Workers leadership.

The town was completely occupied by the national guard sent in by Governor Gardner on Friday, following the fake bomb plots of Thursday. Swarming drunken troops rolled through the streets of Marion and settled along the highroad, holding up and searching machines and individuals. Their success in driving back the picket lines on Saturday with guns and bayonets had given them extra nerve and there were prophesies of repetitions of the Gastonia affair when they would try to stop the strikers from parading.

Hoffman and the "strike leaders" of the U. T. W., however, did this job for them by calling off the demonstration scheduled and giving up all resistance, yielding completely to the intimidation of the military. The much-advertised cavalcade of the North Carolina Federation of Labor officials did not materialize in force, and was allowed to pass after it was discovered to contain "food not agitators."

Hoffman has been mailing speeches to the strikers, telling them that the soldiers came into the situation as their friends, etc. These cowardly pacifist maneuvers to break up the militant resistance of the strikers to the interference of the armed forces and to prevent their opposition to the military is designed to play into the hands of the mill bosses, and the state government's strikebreaking plans. They are also to save the skin of Hoffman himself, for he is in a state of abject terror.

Strikers Awakening. The strikers are beginning to mistrust his cowardly policy and to turn against him. He is afraid to run away for fear the National Textile Workers Union and the left wing will take control. He has completely surrendered to the union smashing moves of Governor Gardner and the state, which combine armed forces and conciliation.

CAN'T RECOGNIZE BEAL; HATE HIM AS A FIGHTER

Talk Bible and Vote Electric Chair

(Continued from Page One) Charles is the energy, the ambition, the industry, the wisdom and, above all, the character of her leadership. . . Population is increasing rapidly and the Charlotte of today is a bustling city of 80,500, and I tell you we will have 100,000 by 1930, that's our aim! Seven hundred and seventy mills (ah, delicate subject!) operate more than 10,000,000 spindles within a hundred miles of Charlotte, and a great business has grown up in supplying these mills with dyestuff, cotton, machinery and equipment of all kinds. Gentlemen, when you write to your papers about Charlotte you might remember to tell them that this is a thriving city. . . living conditions are ideal, climate is mild and pleasant, and schools and churches are the finest in the south. . . Cordial social life and two excellent golf courses.

"North Carolina, gentlemen, treats her unfortunate—the poor, the blind and diseased—I dare say, better than any other state in the Union, expending hundreds of thousands of dollars in this connection." (The bosses squirm under the light of national publicity.)

Cotton mills in North Carolina. Sixty-hour week, \$10-\$11-\$12. Night shift for women and little kids. Out of school and in the mills when they're 12. Pellagra, tuberculosis, Leaky shacks with toilets that don't work! Glistering bayonets in Gastonia. . .

"We will now hear from Mr. W. T. Bost of the Greensboro (N. C.) News." Bost is a typical North Carolina "liberal." He is talking about the labor "question." He apologizes for touching on this delicate subject: there's Judge Barnhill and Solicitor Carpenter and the rest. "The revolutionary traditions of North Carolina." "A measure of political freedom, why not a measure of industrial freedom?" The ominous coughing commences. "Cannot reconcile political democracy with industrial feudalism." Vague, bourgeois shibboleths, but it stumbles the guests. The speaker concludes, "Gentlemen, the luncheon is adjourned!" shouts the chairman.

As to the Chamber of Commerce and fine opportunities in its fair city, one hears that a local business man approached Bill Dunne the other day with the suggestion that, since the Communists insist in staying in the South—why not establish permanent headquarters in Charlotte? Hard surface roads radiate from the city in every direction, Dunne was told, not to mention four competing rail lines, low freight rates, pure water and a convenient location.

This campaign of the realtors is not recent, however. Sometime ago, following the publication of a story in the Gastonia Gazette that the Communist International is planning

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On Flight to U. S.

PRINCE BLESSES BRITISH AIR RACE

Not only has the bourgeoisie forged the weapons that bring death to itself; it has also called into existence the men who are to wield those weapons—the modern working class—the proletarians.—Karl Marx (Communist Manifesto).

to erect a ten-story building in Gastonia for its southern headquarters, the local real estate promoters fell into a mad scramble. One of them, it is reported, more enterprising than the rest, even went to the Manville-Jencks Company, reminding it that he was on the verge of closing the deal and offering first option—for a consideration.

Only seven jurors had been selected after a full week, and the Manville-Jencks lawyer was examining a venireman. "Have you any close kin working the cotton mills?" E. T. Cansler, Sr., the chill-eyed old lawyer asked Lester A. Walley, a Charlotte plumber. With the exception of his father and seven brothers and sisters employed at the Loray and other Gastonia mills, Walley explained, he had no near relatives working in the cotton mills.

"The state will excuse Mr. Walley," barked the lawyer, eager to give Fred Beal and the other fifteen workers a "fair trial."

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CHICAGO The Last Picnic of the Season will be held Sunday September 8

Tickets in advance 35c at the gate 50c

Games Dancing Lithuanian Chorus Many Surprises

The delegates to the Cleveland Convention will be back and you will have an opportunity to hear a report of the Convention at the picnic.

Tickets at the language paper offices, workers clubs, and Workers Book Store.

SOME CAROLINA SHAMES LEARY JUST 'FORGOT'

Aid, More Aid is Need for Gastonia

(Continued from Page One) ingly generous in permitting the defense to examine its witnesses, tho this is accepted procedure in the Carolina courts.

Yet even the Greensboro News has printed a story "Class outbrides itself over the strict prohibition." Leary Misrepresents True

Leary can write "North Carolina will have nothing to be ashamed of or to explain." But what will hundreds of thousands of workers in North Carolina say?

Did Leary notice the advertisement next to his story in the Charlotte Observer Sunday, Sept. 1? The ad exclaimed in big letters, "Pellagra can be cured." It gave as symptoms of this disease, "Tired and drowsy feeling accompanied by headaches, depression in state of indolence, roughness of skin, breaking out of eruptions, sore mouth, tongue and lip, throat flaming red, much mucus, and choking, mind affected, etc."

Leary does not say that North Carolina need be ashamed of the fact that there has been a 50 per cent increase in this disease the past year. He does not mention this disease, the leprosy of the South, caused by poor food, insufficient food. And lack of food results from only one thing—as all workers know—lack of money.

"North Carolina will have nothing to be ashamed of, or to explain." No! And how will Leary explain his flood of misrepresentation, his concealment of facts, his lies?

Workers: Must Unite and Save Them The lies of Leary, and his fellow capitalist scribblers, can be met only by increased activities of the workers. The Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Committee of 80 East 11th St., room 402, N. Y. C., urges all workers to continue shop collections, factory gate, street, house to house collections, united front conferences, building the International Labor Defense and Workers International Relief, spread the printed matter concerning Gastonia, continue tag days, no let down in activities until the 23 are freed!

Rational Restaurant Donates for Gastonia The Rational Vegetarian Restaurant, 199 2nd Ave., is donating 10 per cent of its receipts from yesterday until next Monday to the Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Committee. This arrangement was made by the Workers International Relief.

PROFIT ON FARMERS ILL-LUCK With drought in the western parts of the cotton belt unbroken and no relief in sight, a rush of buying of cotton futures on the local exchange today sent prices to new highs on the movement. Active months displayed net gains of more than \$1 a bale above Saturday's closing levels.

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Charlotte Jury Is Completed

ARABS DEFEY THE BRITISH BEFORE GOVT OFFICES

(Continued from Page One) secretary. It is addressed to Beal and says: "Working class greetings to you and thru you to the rest of our valiant union members now incarcerated in jail due to the machinations of the textile mill slave drivers. Your crime in their eyes is that you fight in the workers' cause with us. This is your crowning glory. You all shall be free. This is the determination of the textile workers north and south bulwarked by millions of workers in other callings. Long live the National Textile Workers Union!"

First Blacksbury Meeting. The first mass meeting held in Blacksbury took place Tuesday night, and 150 workers applauded the announcement that a National Textile Workers Union local will be organized there. Phifer was chairman and the speakers were Gannes, for the N. T. W. U.; and Kirkland, for the I. L. D. The mill superintendent heard of the meeting and talked to the workers in the afternoon warning them not to attend. He promised them a raise in wages.

A second meeting is arranged for next Tuesday in Blacksbury. Organizing in Rex Mill. In Gastonia, Harris Gerson spoke to a meeting of a hundred Rex mill workers. A rank and file committee will be organized in every department of the mill. A local union meeting was held after the mass meeting and an executive committee of five elected. A meeting for young workers has been arranged.

At a very successful meeting held in North Belmont, Monday, over 200 textile workers heard Youth Organizer Harris, Phifer, Wells of the N. T. W. U., and Sheppard for the I. L. D.

The union, which is already strong there, gained ten new members at the meeting. Many joined the I. L. D.

Police Saber Pickets in Stockholm; Strikers Fight Back; 16 Injured STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Sept. 4.—Police attacked a group of striking omnibus workers tonight, and broke up their picketing by use of drawn sabers. The workers fought back, and the casualties are: twelve police and four strikers injured. None were killed, according to first reports.

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PRINCE BLESSES BRITISH AIR RACE

Not only has the bourgeoisie forged the weapons that bring death to itself; it has also called into existence the men who are to wield those weapons—the modern working class—the proletarians.—Karl Marx (Communist Manifesto).

to erect a ten-story building in Gastonia for its southern headquarters, the local real estate promoters fell into a mad scramble. One of them, it is reported, more enterprising than the rest, even went to the Manville-Jencks Company, reminding it that he was on the verge of closing the deal and offering first option—for a consideration.

Only seven jurors had been selected after a full week, and the Manville-Jencks lawyer was examining a venireman. "Have you any close kin working the cotton mills?" E. T. Cansler, Sr., the chill-eyed old lawyer asked Lester A. Walley, a Charlotte plumber. With the exception of his father and seven brothers and sisters employed at the Loray and other Gastonia mills, Walley explained, he had no near relatives working in the cotton mills.

"The state will excuse Mr. Walley," barked the lawyer, eager to give Fred Beal and the other fifteen workers a "fair trial."

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SPEED-UP FORCED ON PA. TAILORS BY MISLEADERS

Amalgamated Promises Bosses More Profits

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 4.—The Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union "settled" another strike here when it signed an agreement with the clothing firm of Steinberg and Oritsky, guaranteeing the employers that the workers will be speeded up and the volume of production be increased.

The agreement provides for recognition of the Amalgamated company union which will use efficiency experts to speed up workers. This is the second Philadelphia shop within a week with which the Amalgamated has signed speed-up agreements. Last week it signed an agreement with Leo Daroff and Co.

Call Another "Strike." A "strike" has been called in the shop of Pincus Bros. Inc., which undoubtedly will also result in the betrayal of the workers.

Militant tailors told today how the Amalgamated conducts its "strikes." Before calling upon the workers to leave the shop, union representatives hold conferences with the sub-contractors of the shop in which the strike is to be called. The company union officials pay the sub-contractors \$2,000 or \$3,000 for his aid in crippling the work in the shop. When the strike is ended the sub-contractors, with the aid of the union are permitted to exploit the workers under them to the maximum degree.

One of the reasons, the militant tailors also said, for the present epidemic of "strikes" being called by the Amalgamated, is the fear for the left wing forces among the tailors, who recently held a very successful shop delegates conference. Several shops here have union agreements with the progressive section of the needle trades, where union conditions prevail.

Fruit Pickers Help Gastonia Prisoners

(Continued from Page One) ized at present, will soon follow your precedent."

Fruit pickers work under miserable conditions. They are migratory, beginning their duties when the crops are ripe in the Northwest and traveling to the Coast, to work long hours daily in the fruit groves of Washington, Oregon and California.

Their contribution was received at the national office of the International Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Campaign Committee, at 80 E. Eleventh St., N. Y. C. today at the same time with letters and sums of money from Japanese workers in San Francisco, American workers in New York, needle trades and office workers.

The Japanese branch of the I. L. D. in San Francisco sent five dollars; the Armenian branch of the I. L. D. in New York, \$100, receipts from a picnic held for Gastonia; Oliver Reiner, of Reinerton, Pa., a miner with ten children in his family, sent \$5.

Workers in the Epstein Brothers dress shop, of 1361 Broadway, New York, collected \$25 from their shopmates and brought it to the defense committee, stating, "It is our foremost obligation to save the Gastonia strikers and we appeal to all workers to support us in this duty. Working Class Restaurants Helping. Esther's Scientific Restaurant, at 1606 Madison St., has agreed to give a large portion of the proceeds on September 5, 6, and 7 to the defense fund.

Women Workers Aid. The United Council of Working Class Women of New York sent in \$72 this week.

Office Workers of N. Y. Contribute. The Office Workers Union of New York has pledged ten per cent of the profits of their roof garden dance to be held Saturday evening, Sept. 14, at the Hechsher Roof Garden, 1 East 104th St.

The Woman's Circle of the Slovak Workers Society, of Irvington, N. J. sent \$200 for the defense, after a number of picnics, etc., run on behalf of Gastonia.

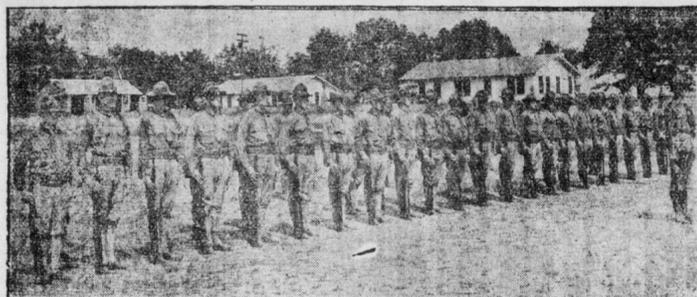
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HALL WILL SPEAK HERE ON SUNDAY

Negro Communist to Address Conference

(Continued from Page One) ment in America, Hall has been one of the outstanding leaders in the struggle for the rights of the oppressed Negro masses.

Immediately following the ratification conferences, Hall is scheduled to speak in every section of the city. An active campaign will be carried on especially in the Negro districts, to bring before the workers the Communist program for full economic, political, and social equality for the Negro masses, against high rents, for organization of the unorganized.

"The nomination of Otto Hall," declares a statement issued by the New York Campaign Committee of the Communist Party, "is in line with the Communist program of militant struggle for the interests of the Negro workers."

"It is a significant commentary on the activity of the Communist Party and the growing influence of the Communist program among Negro masses, that the Gastonia Gazette has used the nomination of Otto Hall as the occasion for a vicious campaign against the Communist Party. The Gastonia Gazette has tried to stir up race prejudice to turn the Gastonia workers against the Communists because the Communist Party fights for full equality for Negro workers."

The statement further calls upon Negro workers organizations to support the Ratification Conferences by sending delegates. The conferences will be held as follows: Manhattan, 26-28 Union Square; Bronx, 1830 Wilkins Avenue; Brooklyn, 56 Manhattan Avenue. All workers' fraternal organizations, shop committees are urged to elect their delegates immediately if they have not yet done so.

Worker School Reunion To Be Held on Sept. 8

The Workers School is inviting all former students of the School and all interested comrades and friends to a students reunion to be held on the evening of Sept. 8 in the Auditorium on the fifth floor, Workers Center, 26 Union Square.

The School has prepared a program of Negro songs, to be sung by Charles Burroughs, recitations and other features.

Bedacht, Nearing to Speak. Max Bedacht, head of the National Agit-Prop Department of the Communist Party; Scott Nearing, prominent Labor educator and Sam Darcy, Assistant Director of the Workers School, will address the gathering.

Every former student and all friends of the School are urged to attend the reunion to usher in its seventh year.

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Will Demonstrate on Union Square on World Youth Day

(Continued from Page One) meetings have been organized for every day this week and special appeals have been made to youth organizations to make the Union Sq. demonstration a mass demonstration against imperialism and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

The White Guard attacks upon the Soviet Union in Manchuria, the refusal of the Chinese militarists to return the railway to the Russian workers, has dramatically brought out the fact that the imperialists are doing all in their power to provoke war with the Soviet Union as a means of crushing the only Workers' and Farmers' Republic.

In Arabia today we also find the guns of the imperialists crushing the rising colonial masses who are struggling for liberation from foreign imperialism. At any moment the young workers of America may be called upon to give their lives for the further exploitation of these oppressed people.

Today the danger of war is greater than ever. International Youth Day will be a real demonstration of the working youth. It will show that we are aware of the preparations for war, that we are also preparing to turn such war into a civil war of the workers against the capitalists.

All workers, and especially young workers, must voice their protest to the growing militarization, to the growing danger of an attack upon the Soviet Union, by participating in the Union Square demonstration on Friday, Sept. 6. This demonstration will also demonstrate our unity with the Arabian and Jewish masses who are at the present struggling for freedom against Great Britain.

All on Union Square, Friday, at 6 p. m.

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I.L.D. HITS HARD AT MILL TRIAL

But Needs Support to Win the Case

(Continued from Page One) defendants is extremely great and the workers must not allow the capitalist class through its newspapers and other institutions to lure them into a false sense of security and trust in capitalist justice. I. L. D. representatives stated today.

"The defense is tremendously handicapped by the fact that the prosecution has all the power and wealth of the capitalist class and government behind it. The I. L. D. has only very limited funds collected from workers in the National Joint Workers International Relief and International Labor Defense campaign. Continued and even more determined support of the I. L. D. will free the 16 militant workers and return them to the ranks of labor to lead future struggles against the stretch-out. Nothing else will save them. The best legal talent available, nine prominent defense lawyers, are fighting every inch of the way against the battery of mill owners' attorneys who have unlimited money at their disposal with which to accomplish their purpose of burning these courageous leaders of the N. Y. W.

"The I. L. D. depends upon the climes and dollars of workers to finance the expensive legal defense. In the name of the 16 defendants, the I. L. D. calls upon the workers of America to rally now to the support of the Gastonia defense."

IMPERIALIST ADVERTISING.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 4.—Commander Byrd started a radio impulse from his Antarctic camp in Little America which blew an automobile horn and drew curtains from an enlarged picture of the imperialist explorer at the national radio exposition here last night.

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

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FAKE PLEATERS, TUCKERS STRIKE IS BIG FAILURE

Needle Workers Spurn Company Union

(Continued from Page One) the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, last night indicated.

"The small response to the fake strike call of the company union," Joseph Borochowitz, manager of the Joint Board of the Industrial Union, asserted last night, "shows that the great mass of the embroidery workers, are not fooled by the talk of the scab union. The majority ignores the agents of the strikebreaking union for they realize that the International Ladies Garment Workers Union is not a weapon of the workers in their fight for better conditions but an instrument of the bosses to reduce wages, lengthen hours and speed-up workers."

Workers Want Real Struggle. "The workers in the trades, who the company union attempted to call on strike and failed, know that only the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union can successfully lead them in struggle for increase in wages, reduction of hours and an aggressive fight against piece work and speed-up conditions. By rallying to the Industrial Union, the needle trades workers will conduct a militant fight against the company union and the employers."

Shop Delegates Meet Wednesday. A meeting of shop delegates from dress, cloak, fur, millinery and tailor shops will be held Wednesday, after work at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th Street to act on the 50 cent tax voted at the recent meeting of the General Executive Board of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union for the defense of the Gastonia workers now on trial in Charlotte, N. C.

Socialists, Zionists, Attack Communists (Continued from Page One) Jewish fascists attempted to break it up, but were not successful. Afterwards the socialist-Zionist mob attacked the committee when they were entering headquarters.

Because William Simons was exposing the imperialist role of the Zionists in Palestine, at an open air meeting last night at 7th St. and Avenue B, arranged by the Communist Party, he was arrested and taken to the East 5th Street police station.

The police did not make arrests until Simons exposed the Zionists and British imperialism. When socialists and Zionists in the crowd objected to what Simons was saying, he was taken into custody.

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Communist Activities

Unit 1, Section 4. A special meeting has been called for Thursday, Sept. 5, 8:30 p. m., at 142 E. 103rd St., for discussion of the Tenth Plenum thesis.

Daily Agents, Section 5. All Daily Worker agents of Section 5 are to meet at 1330 Wilkins Ave. on Thursday, Sept. 5, 8:30 p. m.

Section 5 Functionaries. Will meet Thursday, Sept. 5, 8:30 p. m., at 1330 Wilkins Ave. to discuss the activation of the membership for the present election campaign.

Unit 2F, Section 3. Meets Thursday, Sept. 5, 8:30 p. m., at 173 Broadway to discuss the Tenth Plenum. A district speaker will be present.

Unit 14, Section 2. Meets Thursday, Sept. 5, 8:30 p. m., at 1172 Broadway.

Unit 12F, Section 2. Unit 12F, Section 2 will meet today, 6:30 p. m., at 101 W. 27th St.

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U. S. DENIES AN ACCORD ON NAVY WITH ENGLAND

Hoover Sees Admirals; To Build More Ships (Continued on Page Three) to announce U. S.-British agreement on the terms of "parity," but that a last minute cablegram from U. S. prevented him.

Still Considerable Period. Government officials here declared that they did not know what MacDonald's mathematical statement about 17 and 20 meant, but thought that however MacDonald devised the points at issue, a single one of the three not agreed on was more important than all the others put together.

Stimson stated: "In the opinion of those of us who have been working on it on this side, we have been making hopeful progress, but we feel that it will require still a considerable period of hard work on details before an agreement on parity is arrived at."

The conference with Hoover was secret and all refused to talk. Senator Hale visited Hoover yesterday and after leaving the White House stated he thought all the recently authorized cruisers would be built.

Call Party, League Members to do Vital Work This Evening To All Party Members: To All League Members: You are instructed to report to 143 E. 103rd St. tomorrow at 7 p. m. for important Party and League work.

ANNUAL PICNIC of the FREIHEIT SINGING SOCIETY Sunday, September 8 at Pleasant Bay Park Bronx Excellent Program New Songs Playing and Singing JACOB SCHAEFER Conductor JACOB MASTEL Stage Director Tickets in Advance 35 Cents At the Gate 50 Cents On sale at Morning Freiheit, 30 Union Square; Cooperative Restaurant, Bronx; and from all members of the chorus. DIRECTIONS TO THE PARK: Take Lexington or Seventh Ave. subway to 177th St. Bronx. Unstopper car to the end of the line. Fifth Ave. bus takes you free of charge to the grounds.

Many Women Workers Die in Factory Blast; Caught in Ruins, Burn BRESCIA, Italy, Sept. 4.—A terrific explosion in a factory here killed an unknown number of workers before they could escape. Many caught under fragments of the building, burned to death before they could be rescued. Fifty persons, mostly women were working in the factory at the time of the explosion. Most of the bodies were beyond identification.

Tariff War on U. S. Urged by N. Zealand; Fight on Bill Here WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Sept. 4.—A stronger tariff fight against the United States by the New Zealand government in conjunction with the British empire was advocated here by premier Joseph Ward in the Assembly today.

"The time is approaching when response to the prohibitive American tariffs would have to receive the attention of the New Zealand government," Ward said.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Alleged "progressives" formed a block with house representatives of individual manufacturers hit by the Hawley-Smoot tariff to fight the bill when it is presented to the house today.

They will repeat the familiar but long exploded argument that "the farmer requires the same tariff protection as the eastern industries."

The strategy, useless to the poorer farmers since they are the victims of the rich growers' trusts and the pools rather than of the tariff rates, will nevertheless help boost the reputations of the "progressives" as "friends of the farmers" in their respective western constituencies.

Our own age, the bourgeois age, is distinguished by this—that it has simplified class antagonisms. More and more, society is splitting up into two great hostile camps, into two great directly opposed classes: bourgeoisie and proletariat—Marx.

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A Capitalist Labor Day

"Gomperism" has long been a synonym for prostitution of the trade unions to the pro-capitalist, anti-labor cause; but it is doubtful if even Sam Gompers ever went so far in spitting venom upon the working class and in defense of the capitalist cause against the workers, as did William Green, Frank Morrison and others of the A. F. of L. bureaucracy in last Monday's Labor Day oratory. And behind this is a reason: history has produced a period in which outright social-fascism becomes the open program of the "labor lieutenants of the capitalist class."

If Green and Morrison expressed the theoretical basis of this movement, the spirit of the present-day A. F. of L. bureaucracy was illustrated with more dramatic quality at the show that was pulled off by Mathew Woll, Paul Vaccarelli and Ed McGrady at Whitestone Landing, Long Island, where McGrady was presented by Woll with a gold medal for his supposed successes in strikebreaking in New York during the long struggles in the needle trades, and for his services to the mill owners of Elizabethton, Tennessee, where he pulled off the cold-blooded swindle against the rayon workers' strike. But let Vaccarelli, president of the Loyal Labor Legion of New York under whose auspices the anti-labor orgy was held, speak for himself:

"The Loyal Labor Legion was organized during the world war by members of unions affiliated with the A. F. of L. These were mostly representatives of river-front and marine workers and the officers were sworn to uphold the constitution of the United States, to FRUSTRATE STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS AND OTHERWISE AID IN HOLDING MEN TO THEIR WAR-TIME TASKS."

These words of Vaccarelli give the essence of the social-fascism of the A. F. of L. "To frustrate strikes," and "holding men to their war-time tasks" for the bosses and the capitalist state—that is the essence of the function of the A. F. of L. machine. And Vaccarelli's description of the fascist work of "Gold Medal" McGrady makes the picture complete:

"Other labor organizations are unanimous in the agreement that McGrady is the outstanding labor man of 1929 because of his having cleaned up the Communist element in the fur industry and the cloak and suit trades and because of his settlement (read: sell-out) of the strike of rayon workers in Elizabethton, Tenn."

Aside from the fact that McGrady did not succeed in "cleaning up the Communist element"—what sort of an organization gives gold medals to a "labor man" for trying to crush the militant workers and to break the strikes led by them? Only a detective agency—or a fascist organization.

William Green's theoretical explanation of the role of the A. F. of L. falls in fully with its fascist practices. This theory goes: That in the early post-war period there was some sentiment for a "liquidation" of labor, and:

"This MIGHT HAVE PRECIPITATED A PERIOD OF SERIOUS STRIFE had it not been that LEADERS OF INDUSTRIAL THOUGHT, WATCHING THE TREND OF AFFAIRS, noted that the result of the continuance of high-wages was that the dammed up purchasing desires which had been held back during the war on account of the national economic program burst forth and not only the high wages which were being currently earned, but accumulated savings as well were poured into the channels of commerce."

And these "good" employers (not the workers, not the labor movement) rescued the "high" wages of the workers, and:

"They (the employers!) began consciously to propound the principle of high wages and low costs as a policy of enlightened industrial practice. This principle has since attracted the attention of economists all over the world, and while it is in no sense new, its application on a broad scale is so novel as to impress the committee as being a fundamental development."

And: "... our national prosperity was assured, for the great mass of the workers could buy the necessities and luxuries which their incomes and needs permitted."

What is this but the most outrageous attempt to deceive the workers, a calm acceptance of the capitalist apologists' falsehood that wages are really rising and conditions growing better for the workers? How does this misstatement compare with the undoubted fact that last year they cut miners' wages from \$7.50 to between \$4 and \$5.50; that every day there was news of a ten per cent cut in wages in textiles, or a 20 per cent reduction for metal workers, or some other wage cut for some other large industry?

And why does not Green mention that a lot of the "low costs" can be summed up in the word "rationalization," which means in the experience of all workers: speed-up, the automatic machine control of the speed of labor, the dropping of safety regulations, the sucking out of the lives of the workers at a greater speed than ever before?

It seems that Mr. Green is opposed to the present chronic unemployment. Why? Not from the point of view of the workers, but from the point of view of the employers, because "it creates a feeling of resentment against the existing social order" of rule by the capitalist class over an exploited working class. And in order to protect the capitalist class against the workers, Green thinks something ought to be done about it; but he does not propose anything; the A. F. of L. has no program, unless it be in line with John L. Lewis' program of throwing 200,000 "superfluous" coal miners out of the industry.

But Mr. Green's Labor Day speech has little room for remedies; his speech is loaded with advice to the capitalist class for the successful crushing of the working class and the putting through of capitalist rationalization, and closes with a burst of praise of capitalism:

"But, with all our difficulties and vexing situation, we are fortunate THAT WE ARE PERMITTED TO LIVE IN THE MOST BRILLIANT AND HISTORIC PERIOD OF THE WORLD'S HISTORY. We are astounded at each day's revelation of science, invention and genius."

Mr. Morrison tried to substantiate his boss by speaking greguely of "substantial gains" of the A. F. of L. (depending

IN HIS MASTER'S VINEYARD

By Fred Ellis.



15th International Youth Day

Working Youth of the World to Demonstrate Against Imperialist War

(EDITORS NOTE:—International Youth Day will be celebrated this year by huge demonstrations of the working youth on September 6th under the auspices of the Young Communist League. These demonstrations will be held against imperialist war, and for the defense of the Soviet Union. In New York, International Youth Day will be celebrated by a huge demonstration on Union Square on Friday, September 6 at 6:00 p. m. All workers should participate in this important demonstration.)

By I. ERENBERG. September 6, is the Fifteenth International Youth Day. This year, more than ever before, the working youth will demonstrate against capitalist militarism and imperialist war. Not only will they demonstrate against imperialist war, but they will also demonstrate their solidarity with, and their readiness to defend our only Socialist fatherland—the Soviet Union. International Youth Day must be a continuation of the campaign and demonstrations of International Red Day (August 1).

Historical Background. On September 6, 1915, at the height of the last Imperialist World War, when the Second International and the socialist parties had already betrayed the workers, there was held in the City of Bern, Switzerland, a conference of representatives of the then revolutionary Socialist Youth International. This conference was called to take up the question of fighting the war and mobilizing the Youth for a revolutionary struggle against the capitalist system.

The Bern conference was the first gathering of revolutionaries on an international scale since the outbreak of the war. The conference was organized mainly by Karl Liebknecht, who together with the Socialist Youth organizations and the Russian Bolsheviks, were the only ones who were carrying on a revolutionary struggle against the last imperialist war.

upon padded per capita figures such as those which give, for instance, 400,000 members to the United Mine Workers today!!! "These gains" are enumerated in part as "a pronounced drift" . . . "increased wages" (where?) . . . "a better understanding of trade unionism" (as explained above, a fascist understanding) . . . an understanding of "the value of a high purchasing power" (on the part of the bosses who "raise" the workers' wages just to put money into circulation) . . . "a wider knowledge of the evil effects of the labor injunction" (but more injunctions!) . . . etc., etc.

The falsest voice of the Reverend Dr. Norman Thomas of the socialist party made no more than an echo of the stronger voices of the beefy fat boys. All that he and his party wish is that the fascism of the A. F. of L. thugs shall utilize the forms that go with social-fascism, and thereby strengthen itself.

And where was a single word spoken against the present capitalist offensive on the standards of living of the working class? Where anything against the attempt to electrocute sixteen labor organizers in North Carolina? Not among these social-fascists of the A. F. of L. and of the socialist party, but most notably at Cleveland, where the founding of the new and revolutionary federation of American labor, the Trade Union Unity League, means the mobilization of the masses of workers for their own cause, against the capitalist class and against social-fascism, its defender within the working class.

The lines are sharpening—class against class!

Working Youth of the World to Demonstrate Against Imperialist War

This historic conference of revolutionary youth, decided that starting with that year, every September 6 would be turned into an International Day of Youth, upon which the young workers of the entire world would demonstrate against capitalist militarism and imperialist war and for the revolutionary overthrow of the whole capitalist system, which makes these wars inevitable.

In 1919, there was held in the City of Berlin, another congress of the revolutionary working youth, which was a continuation of the Stuttgart (first international conference of revolutionary youth in 1907) and Bern conference, and which culminated in the formation of the Young Communist International. This new international affiliated with the Communist International and during the 10 years of its existence it has carried on the best revolutionary traditions of Karl Liebknecht, of the International Youth Day and of the entire international revolutionary movement of the working youth.

Pacifism, War Preparations and the War Danger.

At the present time we find that the danger of an imperialist war is greater than ever before. Especially is the danger great of an imperialist attack upon our only Union of Socialist-Soviet Republics. The present provocative attacks upon the Soviet Union on the part of the hirelings of world imperialism—the Chinese generals, is the best proof of how far the imperialists can go and how ready they are to attack our only Socialist fatherland.

Preparing for another world slaughter, the imperialists find it necessary to spread all kinds of pacifist illusions. All the talk about disarmament is only meant to deceive the mass of the workers. This talk pursues the sole aim of build-

ing the working class into security in order to allow the bourgeoisie to prepare itself quietly and thoroughly for the new war.

The official figures below characterize the contemporary militarism. These dry figures and facts are a convincing testimony of the reality disguised by the lying talk of the imperialists about disarmament.

Numerical strength of peace time armies (in thousands):

States	1913	1923	1928
France	546	732	725
Great Britain	516	329	385
Italy	264	248	390
United States	226	372	439
Japan	275	236	206

Total . . . 1,827 1,917 2,145 From the above table we see, that the official numerical strength of the peace time land armies of the

States	1914	1923	1928-29	1928-29 (Sup. No.)
France	138	1,350	1,550	2,000-2,500
Great Britain	150	385	850	1,000-1,200
United States	20	420	950	1,200-1,300
Italy	40	250	600	1,000-1,200
Japan	250	475	600	600-800

This table shows that by 1928-29 the air-fleets of the above mentioned five great powers have grown ten and twelve times compared with 1914, and show a tendency to rapid further growth.

The Navy.

As for the navies of the above mentioned five great Powers, we must especially emphasize the numerical growth of the amount of cruisers, aircraft-carriers and submarines. There has been lately considerable rivalry between the United States and Great Britain with regard to naval construction. This is particularly evident in the construction of cruisers of the so-called Washington type, with a displacement of about 10,000 tons.

It is very characteristic to note, by the way, that the United States confirmed the new building program (15 new cruisers) the day after the ratification of the Kellogg Pact. This is the best proof of the importance which the imperialists attach to their peaceful diplomatic arts. Pacts about renunciation of war as means of national policy are signed in all solemnity and the next day they begin to build . . . powerful warships or the conduct of war. . . .

When we add to the above official statistical facts also the tremendous mechanical improvements of the army-technique, the contemporary machine-guns, infantry, tanks, and especially the use of destructive poisonous gases—we can comprehend already how far world imperialism is ready for the approaching world war and how destructive this war will be. The future world war, for which the imperialist states are preparing so stubbornly and systematically, will exact from the working humanity far more human and material victims, than the first terrible world war (1914-1918). If the revolutionary working class and the toiling masses do not prevent in time

above mentioned five great powers has increased by over 300,000 caupared with 1913-1914.

The reserve of the population which has received military training constitutes by 1929 over twenty million for the above mentioned five great powers, whereas in 1914, this reserve for the same amounted to seventh-eighths million. Thus, the reserve of the population with military training has increased more than 2 1/2 times.

In 1914 these five powers were able to put into the field, at the mobilization, war time armies of a total numerical strength of about 5 1/2 million, whereas in 1929 they are prepared to put into the field, at the mobilization, armies, about nine million strong, i. e. nearly twice as big as in 1914.

In connection with the achievements in the sphere of aero-technique, every imperialist State is endeavoring to prepare itself for maximum utilization of "air-possibilities" in the future war, and is increasing its air fleets.

The number of Army and Navy airplanes on service:

States	1914	1923	1928-29	1928-29 (Sup. No.)
France	138	1,350	1,550	2,000-2,500
Great Britain	150	385	850	1,000-1,200
United States	20	420	950	1,200-1,300
Italy	40	250	600	1,000-1,200
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or stop the terrible new world slaughter. . . .

The bourgeoisie understands well that without the young workers it will not be able to conduct any war. We, therefore, see that in almost every capitalist state the military training of the youth is regulated today by law. At first the military preparation of the youth was carried on by private and "unpolitical" organizations beneath the banner of gymnastic and sport clubs. But today these neutral clubs are being cast aside, and the military organizations are being made the subject of legal enactments.

The countries most active in the military training of the youth are the United States, Great Britain and France; Italy and Poland are following their example. Here in the United States military preparation is an obligatory subject in the high schools and colleges. Shooting stands are provided in the schools, the colleges have their military faculties, and the passing of the state examination depends on military knowledge. The number of young workers joining the Citizens Military Training Camps increase from year to year. The Reserve Officers Training Corps is already a well established institution in the high schools and colleges. Militarism has assumed stupendous dimensions in the schools and universities of our "pacifist" United States.

In Great Britain, as in the United States, the military training is given by teachers provided by the army administration. The British officers training corps counts 38,000 cadets, whilst further 60,000 boys are being trained as non-commissioned officers in the Young Men's Corps. Besides this, there are also boys' rifle clubs, which train their 200,000 members in shooting and drilling and the military organization of the Boy Scouts with its 582,000 members. (To be continued.)

I SAW IT MYSELF

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SYNOPSIS

Carist diplomats strike a bargain with French imperialists: as interest on loans made to Russia, forty thousand picked Russian soldiers are to be thrown into the French lines monthly. Seeing in France the "pattern of all free countries" volunteers pour in. Once in the trenches their illusions are soon trampled underfoot; unrest grows; the authorities employ agents provocateurs who instigate the murder of a colonel as an excuse to usher in a reign of terror.

THEIR HEADS UNBOWED

AND then, as the Russian army realized the truth of matters, into the depths where recruiting sergeants' yarns and charms had plunged them, a great light came dawning down: news of the February Revolution! Needless to say, the news was not publicly or officially announced to the men. In point of fact, everything was done to conceal it. At first only a few glimmerings reached the expeditionary force. One soldier reads the message over to himself while his fellows are communing with letters from home—pathetic letters that have slipped past the censor. An exclamation escapes him: he waves the paper, attracts attention. A knot of men gathers round: *The Revolution has come in Russia!* (Foolish of the censor!) An officer walks up, snatches the letter, tramples on it, white with passion. He walks off, thinks better of it, returns, picks up the battered letter and pockets it. He tries to explain to these men that it's all a newspaper scare. Scribbles who get their copy printed daily on news sheets are nothing but mountebanks, and a man must be crazy to believe what they say. And as this is more often the case than not (the soldiers have had some), some feel doubtful.

But the truth cuts through all the same, because it is harder and stronger than error and lies. It is the diamond in our universe. And at last each man knows that there's no Tzar left in Petrograd or Moscow. A deep yearning for freedom comes over one and all. Revolution brings enlightenment to these men dumped down on foreign soil. Heaven's gates stand open before their unhappy eyes.

THEN comes a struggle: the officers striving to cover up or contort the meaning of the social upheaval in Tzarist Russia, and the men striving to find out the truth. At last the men come to a definite decision. This happens underground, in the cellar of some glassworks. Men of the 1st Regiment of the 1st Brigade have gathered there, as the result of an enquiry into the facts, and after meeting delegates from other regiments. All shout together: "We want to go back to Russia! We're doing no good here." The cry is taken up by the bulk of the Russian soldiers on the French front, and the wind of it directs, commands, lifts the entire movement into life. We can hear it howling and swirling across the trembling white cloth that receives the flickering imprint of our story. The men's decision is made known to Colonel Netchvolodov. But here was a soldier quite unaccustomed to hear his men express their wishes and talk in this fashion. And what did he do but faint, when the deputation from his regiment informed him that the men wanted to be sent back home. He fell headlong and they picked him up.

THE men's resolution: "We want to go back to Russia" spread through the Russian rank and file gathering life force. Then came the idea that they should be sent into action, to create a big diversion. It would be excellent in every way. For when a soldier goes into action he is forced to defend himself rifle in hand, and kill to avoid being killed; he has no time to think of anything else; he breaks off his Utopian dreams of freedom, whether he wants to or not. Moreover, battles have the same effect as lancing and bleeding; they draw out the poison festering in a fighting unit. Which is all to the advantage of those watching over the established order of things. Then again, the greater the number of grand attacks, the more the officers stand to gain. There are the decorations and promotions to be got out of it all, and the higher the officer stands in the scale of rank, the more his risks tend to disappear. It is an axiom—indeed, a platitude to say that in war time the advance of the rank and file into battle presupposes the advancement of their officers.

And that was why the 1st Brigade of the Russian Expeditionary Force was sent to attack Brimont Fort. The Russians passed through twenty-six lines of barbed wire entanglements, occupied the villages encircling Fort Brimont. The fort itself they could not take; the French troops had not contributed their share by sending up reinforcements according to plan. Finally, the Russians had to retire, having achieved nothing but the loss of seventy per cent of their forces. Seventy per cent means more than two-thirds. Arrange side by side a heap of skulls and cracked heads and a bunch of undamaged heads which do not total a third of the stone-like or blood-stained heads, and you will have some idea what the figures mean. The survivors, after this punishment, were dispersed in the surrounding villages, so that their bad influence might not spread.

FROM then on, it was one long struggle between officers and men. From the soldiers, in gradually increasing numbers, more obstinate and less passive, the call for freedom came swelling: "We do not want to stay here; we want to go back to Russia where men fight at least for something human and just, the salvation of those who are sweated and oppressed!" Meanwhile the officers attempted by all manner of means—threats, prayers, blackmail, annoyances, brutality, provocation, intrigue—and with the connivance of the French authorities, to bring these regiments, alarmingly wide-awake, back into the fold, and make them the blind slaves of the "Order" prescribed by capitalists, imperialists, executioners and parasites. But the soldiers organized and appointed their councils or soviets, strove to get into touch with the rest of the Russian regiments. The officers tried to thwart the movement, alter the working and divert the efforts of these councils. Tragedy and comedy intertwined. The French played their part, too. They had decided, after the February revolution, that the Russian troops fighting in France should no longer be subject to Russian, but to French laws. Now it happens that rights of citizens in arms are contrary to French laws.

AS there were no means of getting the better of the steady determination of these volunteers who claimed the right to return home in view of the social upheaval, the 1st and 2nd Brigades were taken to a town in the Creuse Department called La Courtine and shut in there. The Russians held meetings among their camp huts to voice, with increasing determination and clearness, their one and plain desire. It sounded on the wind like some great, half-stifled cry, like the monotonous burden of a menacing prayer, and bound them yet closer in a body. They refused to give way on a single point. They were ordered to change the name Soviet into Council, and refused. On June 20th, General Lohkovitsky ordered the men of both brigades encamped inside La Courtine to commence manoeuvres. They refused.

More sweeping measures were tried. The men were divided into two sections. The aim was the fratricidal divorce of the 1st Brigade from the 2nd, which was more docile and responsive. Those who submitted unconditionally were moved to La Cournot Camp and to Felletin where they began bean-feasting, not without squabbles and scandals. THOSE who remained inflexible, pure in heart, were left at La Courtine and treated as mutineers. There were eleven thousand of them—an immovable mound, a man-mountain. The last insidious efforts were made; only a handful—a further seventy men—were weeded out. The remainder disciplined themselves, adopted strict and clean rules of life, allowed themselves no liberties, no excesses. They gave up alcohol. What a stirring contrast between those virtuous and upright rebels of La Courtine and the tamed slaves of La Cournot who celebrated their bondage with carousals!

Once more the Soviet of La Courtine asked the brass-hatted envoys of imperialism to send them back to Russia. They swore, they said, to do their duty as soldiers when on their native soil. A certain Vorkov came from Petrograd to preach passive obedience to them. The reply was the same. A pope came to exhort them in melting tones: "Repent ye and come to confession!" They shooed him away. "Kill us if you like," they said; "conquer us you cannot!"

We will only make passing mention of the swarm of outsiders at work—spies, informers, agents, each of them pulling their string and working their little devices in the story. The soldiers in La Courtine were like a square standing back to back, besieged on the battlefield, and refusing to surrender. "You have betrayed the honor of your calling," they told them. They replied: "We are the saviors of the dignity of our race." "You have misled us. You are traitors," they said. And they replied: "We have been misled. We are the pawns in a game of lies." (To be continued.)