

U. S. SENDS WAR NOTE THREATENING SOVIET REPUBLIC

Illinois Miners Are In Revolt; General Strike December 9

The miners of Illinois will go out on general strike of the district on December 9 at the call of the National Miners' Union. Tens of thousands of coal diggers will be mass picketing before every struck mine, and thousands will march on the rest of the mines to call their fellow workers into the biggest and most militant battle of their career.

The miners are in revolt against wage cuts inflicted on them through treachery of the United Mine Workers' Union (so-called), against such dangerous underground conditions as has just yesterday killed seven of them in the Old Ben mine at West Frankfort, against the swindle of penalty and docking of miners by the companies and with the consent of the U. M. W. A. against the fraud of arbitration of their grievances and against the robbery of the check-off, which is money taken out of their wages by the company and given to the bloated bureaucrats of the U. M. W. A., against speed-up and unemployment which has put half of them out of work within the last three years.

The Illinois miners are fighting for the six hour day and the five day week. Led at last by their own union, the National Miners' Union, the burning resentment of years of injustice will sweep through the Illinois fields in the form of organized masses of some of the best fighters in the American labor movement.

Every worker in the country must rally to the support of this heroic struggle.

Every force of the employers, their state, their sheriffs and deputies, their militia undoubtedly, the gangsters of the Fishwick and Lewis machines in the United Mine Workers of America, will be hastily mobilized to suppress this big movement of miners whose fighting ability is testified to in the traditions of Pana, Virden, and Herrin, in the "wild-cat" strike movement of 1919, in stubbornly fought strikes in 1922 and 1927-1928.

And not only with brute force will the operators fight. The treacherous intriguers of the Muste movement, the defeatists representing the Cannon and Lovestone renegades, are already busy, spreading pessimism, trying to mislead, trying to split and divide the workers' host through such unsavory figures as Watt, now removed from office in the National Miners' Union.

The Muste movement, which now controls the Federated Press one hundred per cent, speaks, as is the custom with petty-bourgeois liberals, with many "ifs" and "ands," but clearly enough for all that, in favor of supporting Fishwick's new so-called "miners' union" (which is the Illinois Coal Operators Association's company union). In this way the gang headed by the Rev. Muste hopes to side-track the revolutionary movement of the American working class in all industries, and to lead a section of it into the slough of a "new A.F.L." with "progressive" camouflage on it. Carl Haessler, a petty-bourgeois scribbler of the F.P., writes an article in its news service of Nov. 30 entitled: "New Labor Federation Looms—Illinois Key to Grouping." Frankly these Musteites base themselves on the disreputable Fishwick, saying, "If it (Fishwick's) secession from the U.M.W.A. becomes a second Amalgamated . . . then the way is open, according to gossip, for a powerful new labor federation." They hint at an alleged hope to bring into their plan the railroad brotherhoods which betrayed the shopmen's strike in 1922, the garment company unions whose gangsters assault and mutilate the garment workers' pickets in New York, and other "organizations uncomfortable in the A.F.L.," such as undoubtedly the United Textile Workers' Union that betrayed the Elizabethton and Marion strikes—for it too is controlled by the Muste gang.

Such an organization—if it were formed—would have in its elements of a slyer and sliemier nature than those admitted labor lieutenants of capital, the Greens and the Wolls, and would be a worse menace to real gains by the ever more radicalized workers of America, than is even the A. F. L. The Muste gang and their Federated Press do not themselves imagine they could bring such a movement about. This talk is the sort of stuff they think will best serve to demoralize and defeat the workers in a situation where it is no longer possible for them to speak openly for retaining these workers in the graft machine of Lewis. Apparently, in the words of Carl Haessler in the above article, ". . . it may be well to discount these speculations as pipe dreams." But workers should know of these tricks and not be fooled by a huge smoke stream of pseudo liberalism thrown around the Fishwick section of the U. M. W. A. Workers may as well recognize that dim figure moving in the background as none other than Frank Farrington, expelled once from the U. M. W. A. for taking a \$25,000 a year bribe from the Peabody Coal Co., and now readmitted to the Fishwick union and Fishwick's right-hand man—the representative of the Illinois Coal Operators.

The strike now led by the National Miners' Union in Illinois must have the support of all militant workers. The miners, many of them unemployed for months, need relief. There will certainly be need for legal defense for there will be the same brutal terror used against these workers as was used at Gastonia. The whole history of the Illinois miners shows they know how to defend themselves, and have never submitted tamely to terrorism by the bosses.

December 9, the date of the strike, will be a red letter day in American history. If it is to be celebrated in the future as a date of victorious struggle, the mass support of the whole revolutionary working class of America must be mobilized back of the strike. If this strike wins, the National Miners' Union can't be beaten in any state, and the entire revolutionary labor movement goes forward with unprecedented speed.

I.L.G.W. HEAD FOR FASCIST COUNCIL

Convention Greeted by Strikebreaking Gov.

"Governor Roosevelt may count upon our full cooperation," said President Benjamin Schlesinger of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union when he arrived here yesterday to open the latest machine-made convention of that company unionized organization. He was referring to the New York state fascist council for the needle trades.

Roosevelt invited Schlesinger's representatives, the delegates of the various groups of employers in the industry, and the retailers to meet with him Dec. 12, and agree to "stabilize" the needle trades on a basis of low wages, sweat-shop conditions and full control over the workers, if possible, by Schlesinger's company union.

Governor Greets Fakers. The I. L. G. W. convention was welcomed today by Governor Cooper of Ohio, who paid a friendly visit to Schlesinger yesterday, and by Mayor John D. Marshall of Cleveland.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, will add his greetings Wednesday to those of the state that called out the militia last year against the miners.

The fighting needle workers are in the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union, which demands and will carry on a vigorous strike action to win recognition of the N. T. W. U., and the enforcement of all its demands, the shorter work day, its wage scale and shop conditions.

Schlesinger's convention proposes to raise a slush fund of \$2,000,000 to hire more gangsters and \$500,000 to send to declassified Jewish business men in the Soviet Union, who are now forced to work for a living and don't like it.

GASTONIA DRIVE. The Gastonia and Anti-Terror drive, instituted by the International Labor Defense, is reaching into every part of the country—where police and government oppression are weighing down on the workers.

The Juanita Finnish Workers' Association and the Educational Club sent in \$30.41; the Newberry Co-operative Association of Newberry, Mich., contributed \$18.05 and the Binghamton, N. Y., Gastonia committee sent in \$75.

MILK DRIVERS ORGANIZE. DENVER, Colo. (By Mail)—Milk drivers here have organized a union and are demanding the eight-hour day and a 25 per cent wage increase.

General Strike in Illinois Coal Mines Is Called for December 9

Delegates of Masses in 3 States Unanimous for Launching Big Struggle

National Miners Union Tri-District Conference Sets Date; Calls on Working Class Support

ILD Pledges Aid; Adopt TUUL Policy of Mass Picketing, Thousands Will March

ZEIGLER, Ill., Dec. 2.—Miner delegates from Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky crowded Liberty Hall here yesterday and declared a general strike of all coal miners in Illinois to start December 9.

"Every mine on strike December 9," was the slogan of the conference, and "Mass picketing at every coal mine in the state," they voted unanimously. Tens of thousands will be on the picket lines. Fifty thousand miners are exploited in the coal fields of Illinois, and solid ranks of strikers will march from mine to mine to bring them all out.

The strike will begin to spread immediately. The Indiana delegation promises that not a pound of coal will be mined by them to break the Illinois strike. They will join the struggle at once.

Every delegate left the hall promising that every decision of the conference would be carried out to the letter. A Canvas of the delegates showed that they had all arrived with a single unanimous instruction, to set the date of a general strike in Illinois fields.

The tri-state conference was called by decision of the National Miners Union state convention, held October 26, in Belleville. The demands drawn up by the representatives of local unions throughout the state at the Belleville convention were adopted in full by the tri-state convention. The miners are fighting for:

1. The six-hour day and the five-day week.
2. No penalty and no docking clauses.
3. No arbitration, but settlements of disputes by the pit committees.
4. No discrimination because of age, color creed or nationality.
5. Social insurance for unemployed miners and fight against unemployment.
6. The end of the speed-up and for 15 minutes' rest periods every hour, employment of more men on conveyors and on mechanical loaders.
7. Equal pay for young miners.
8. For full social, industrial and political equality of Negro workers. Against Jim Crowism.
9. Against the check-off.
10. Abolition of the bug lights.

The miners call on all locals to take down the U. M. W. A. charters and to join the National Miners Union to wage a real fight against the bosses. They guarantee rank and file control of the union and officers' salaries the same as miners' wages. (As they are now in the N. M. U.)

Making History. "A new day will be known in the history of the miners, and that day is December 9, when the miners of Illinois will strike and fight until they achieve their victory."

Aid Junco, in Mexican Jail With Death Waiting in Cuba

Word Has Been Received That Sandoval Junco, a Native Cuban Negro Worker and One of the Outstanding Leaders of Revolutionary Labor in Latin America, Was Arrested by the Mexican Government on November 7, at Mexico City, at the Instigation of the Real Ruler of Mexico, the Yankee Ambassador, Dwight W. Morrow. He May Be Deported to his Death in Cuba, since Machado's Assassins are Awaiting Him There.

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While the information from Mexican sources lacks in detail, it is known that Junco was seized as an "undesirable," namely, as one who is leading the fight of Latin American labor against American imperialism, and therefore has fallen under the vengeful fist of the Portes Gil-Calles-Rubio regime, that is servant to American imperialism. Junco, who led the strike of sugar plantation workers in Cuba some three years ago, has already a sentence of death against him in Cuba; but even without this formality, he would be murdered as others have been murdered, by the paid assassins of the Cuban "government" if deported there.

Junco is thought "undesirable" in Mexico because he is the Provisional Secretary of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, and Secretary of the Caribbean Section of the Latin American Trade Union Confederation, whose congress at Montevideo, Uruguay, he attended last May. Previously he attended the Fourth World Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions (the Profintern) in March, 1928. In all these organizations he has shown himself to be a real and fearless leader of the working class.

The effort to save him from death in Cuba, by raising funds to afford him to pay his own transportation to some other country, is being carried on by the International Labor Defense. All those who wish to aid Sandoval Junco escape death, will please rush funds to the I.L.D., 799 Broadway, Room 402, New York City, specifying that the amount is to be used for this purpose. The need is pressing as he must leave Mexico within a limited time.

BIG LAY-OFFS IN PHILA., N. Y. NAVY YARDS

But Feverishly Build Cruisers for War, in Private Yards

AF LAids Gov't Bosses Urge Workers to Turn to T. U. U. L.

BULLETIN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—A mild protest against the wholesale firing of navy yard workers, not protested in the interests of the workers but because in the action "the government was setting a bad example to the nation," was made today to Hoover by Robert Wagner, alleged liberal senator of New York.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—With the announcement that over 1,000 workers at the navy yard in Brooklyn, N. Y., are scheduled to be laid off by Jan. 31, comes the lay-off of several hundred men at the Philadelphia navy yard in the last few months, and the probable lay-off of many more navy yard workers in the near future.

The lay-offs in the yard are the result of the fact that scores of huge ships being constructed for use in the coming imperialist war are being built in the shipyards owned by private interests, whose lobbyists in Washington, and whose close connections with the navy department officials has led to their receiving the contracts for construction of the cruisers designed to slaughter workers in the coming war.

As the lay-offs continue and the workers' conditions in the yard continue to grow worse daily, the men in the yard are becoming more and more disgusted with the reactionary A. F. of L. misleaders of the Machinists Union and the A. F. of L. Metal Trades Department in particular, who have pursued a policy of class collaboration with the navy department, boasting of their close friendship with the admirals and leading naval jingoists, while permitting the navy yard workers to get the dirty end of things.

Workers in the navy yard here are being laid off according to a system of "efficiency averages," which are being posted every three months. These averages are supposed to be based on the workers' performance in the yard.

CONGRESS OPEN; FASCISTS RULE

Hoover Gives the Big Bosses State Power

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Congress opened today with the usual capitalist clap-trap, and awaited the reading of Hoover's message on the "state of the union."

The most outstanding fact in the opening of the 71st Congress was the existence, simultaneously, of a new state apparatus in the form of an open fascist grouping of 200 leading capitalists, rich farm organizations, the American Federation of Labor leadership, and the railroad brotherhoods.

This fascist organ will become the machine of direct action of the capitalist class in the present crisis. Hoover has been criticized by republican leaders for keeping himself too much in the background during the special session which closed several weeks ago, but the imperialist chief was looking elsewhere for an apparatus that could initiate wage-cuts, and a general attack on the American workers.

Congress is becoming too unwieldy for Wall Street and its political executive committee in Washington in handling the economic slump.

The inability of the big bankers to have their tariff bill passed at the special session led Hoover when the severity of the depression in industry became evident, with its growing mass unemployment, to bring the leading imperialists into open governmental leadership in the form of the fascist economic council. Various capitalist organizations have developed contradictions which express themselves in Congress.

The big question confronting United States imperialism will not be handled through the usual "democratic" state apparatus, Congress and the Senate, but will get the direct attention of Hoover and his new fascist group.

Difficulty in mobilizing Congress to act speedily enough in the interest of the big imperialists, was emphasized by the appointment of Dwight

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Betrayed By A. F. of L.



Workers in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. One thousand of these workers are to be laid off by the end of January; many thousands more in the Navy Yards in Philadelphia, Norfolk, Va., and other yards. This does not mean that the Wall Street government is not building warships by the score for the coming imperialist war. These warships are being constructed in private shipyards, whose millionaires owners have received the contract that deals with the Wall Street government. Besides being victims of speedup, wage cuts and layoffs, the Navy Yard workers have been betrayed by the A. F. of L. officials, who boasting of their great friendship with the navy officials, have done nothing to help the Navy Yard workers.

NTW WINS TREEO KNITTING STRIKE

Reinstate Fired Toiler, Gain Other Demands

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SEATTLE, Wash. (By Mail).—William D. Mahon, who helped sell out many a street carmen's strike—as in New York and New Orleans—got himself re-elected at the convention of the Amalgamated Association of Street Car and Electric Railway Employees of America.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Dec. 2.—The Eighth Congress of the recognized (recognized by the Communist International) Swedish Communist Party has opened here, with delegates representing eight thousand workers, sitting jointly at the opening session with those representing twelve thousand members of the Young Communist League.

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ALL IMPERIALIST POWERS EXCEPT JAPAN JOIN MOVE AGAINST U.S.S.R IN CHINA

MacDonald 'Socialist' Government Aids Hoover Against Union of Socialist Republics

Fake Naval Conference to be Turned Into Council of War on Soviet Union

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The United States government, which refuses to recognize the Soviet Government, has sent a note to the Soviet Government for the first time, but only to threaten to make war on the Soviet Union, and to gather all imperialist forces it can influence to join with it in this counter-revolutionary attack.

Late today, Stimson, Secretary of State, gave out a statement to the press together with the text of the note to the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, that note itself, however, being sent through the French government because the U. S. does not recognize the Soviet Government and refers to "Russia" in the note itself instead of the "Soviet Union."

The note itself, with its innocent sounding phraseology, is to be understood more from the background of the Stimson statement and the inspired stories of the capitalist reporters, as to what the United States means to do. The fruit of intense secret diplomatic maneuvers for days with what Stimson calls the "civilized," namely the capitalist world, Stimson's statement declares for "arbitration" of the dispute instead of direct negotiations between the Soviet Government and China, in an effort to have an imperialist finger in the pie, and of course by this very action, proposing that it be the finger, may, the whole arm, of the United States.

U. S. WANTS NO NAVY REDUCTION

Admit Conference Will Increase Armaments

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—American officials here indicate that their efforts at the naval conference will be concentrated on "parity," not reduction, and that they expect considerable increases in actual armaments. While Great Britain is planning to make considerable increases in its naval strength, especially cruisers, the United States is determined to equal, if not exceed, the British forces.

In a signed article in the Scripps-Howard newspapers today, Philip Sims, foreign editor, makes the open admission that the naval conference is expected to increase rather than to decrease construction of warships.

Latest news from Paris indicates that instead of keeping away from the naval conference at London, as a result of sharp conflicts with other imperialist countries and especially Italy, the French government intends to participate in order to claim that it is for "peace," and to introduce a number of proposals which will remove even a theoretical limit to naval armaments.

The fundamental point of the French demands is that every country must have a right to sufficient strength to "defend" itself against all possible enemies. As the Kellogg pact may be used as an excuse for all wars under the claim, always advanced, of being "defensive," the French give the excuse to the workers that unlimited construction of warships is necessary for "defense" against all possible combination of imperialist powers.

The accounts are "contradictory," says Stimson, who rushes to the aid of the Nanking lackeys of Wall Street, only when the Soviet Union, after six months of suffering invasions by Russian white guards and Chinese militarists, have struck a punitive blow at the invaders of Soviet territory and smashed the kennel of imperialist bloodhounds in Manchuria.

Stimson's note, written with the knowledge that direct negotiations are now going on at Harbarovsk on Soviet soil between duly authorized delegates of the Mukden government and the Soviet government, leaves these negotiations without recognition, and speaks hypocritically of "no effective steps having been taken by the Chinese and Russian governments" looking to settlement through "pacific means," the kind of which Stimson specifies as preferred by him to be "arbitration" or "neutral conciliation."

The Soviet government long ago renounced and denounced any effort of imperialism to pretend to be "neutral" toward the Soviet Power, especially in sitting as arbiter of such a plying of imperialism as China. It would be in effect, imperialism sitting in judgment of its own interests which are in conflict with the interests of the Soviet Power and with the interests of the Chinese masses themselves.

None must be deceived by the propagandist that only "peaceful measures" of pressure are to be exerted on the Soviet Union. War begins by threatening to maintain peace, war measures follow from the terms suggested through Stimson's inspired press articles "boycott" and "blockade." "Diplomatic recognition" the United States has never given the Soviet government, though it has the Nanking government. The "surrender" of extra-territoriality, as supposedly to be withheld from China, will be withheld anyhow. All the threat and all the menace of war is against the Soviet Union, and the workers of

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Graham Tells of Big Layoff in Portsmouth, Va., Navy Yard

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SOCIALISTS SELL IRON STRIKE OUT IN READING MILL

Mayor, A. F. L., Bosses "Arbitrate"

READING, Pa., Dec. 2.—With the "socialist" politicians, Mayor J. Henry Stump and Councilman Jesse George, acting as arbitrators, the 1,000 strikers of the Reading Iron Mills were advised to return to work today, and were told to leave the abolition of the Beauxau "efficiency" speed-up system and the adjustment of other grievances "open for discussion and settlement by negotiations between the management and an employees committee," in the words of the "socialist" arbitrators.

In other words the strikers, who displayed great militancy in their struggle which started November 14, have been betrayed by the "socialist" politicians and the officialdom of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, who evidently stepped into the strike expressly for this purpose.

The unorganized men at the Iron Mills, forming the greatest part, by their great militancy succeeded in bringing out the organized workers, the members of the A. F. of L. craft unions, despite the advice of George and the A. F. of L. misleaders that the organized men stay at work.

Laundry Workers Get Organization Call of Shop Meetings

Many workers responded to the call to a mass meeting of the United Cleaning and Laundry Workers Industrial League, held at Irving Plaza Hall, Sunday afternoon. Speakers, including a representative from the T. U. U. L., the Youth Section and the American Negro Labor Congress, pointed out the miserable conditions under which over 50,000 unorganized and underpaid workers in the cleaning and laundry trades are being exploited today.

The recent conspiracy of Hoover and the reactionary officials of the A. F. of L. to attempt to stop workers from fighting for higher wages was exposed as a new step for the worsening of the conditions of the American working class. "The role of the American Federation of Labor today," declared Richard Cozigan, the organizer of the Cleaning and Laundry Workers Industrial League of Greater New York, "is to serve the bosses by resisting the organization of the unorganized as a part of Hoover's plan of putting 'business on a sound basis.'"

Communist Activities

Industrial Registration. All industrial organizers and all action organizers are instructed to complete the registration of all Party members. Those who are not yet registered should do so immediately. This registration is of utmost importance in the building of the T.U.U.L. —District Industrial Department.

Unit 12, Section 3. All members of Unit 12, Section 3, have a very important meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 8:30 p. m. in the section headquarters.

Unit 6F, Section 1. Important meeting of Unit 6F, Section 1 on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p. m. at the headquarters, 27 E. 4th St. Everyone must be present.

N. J. Section Executive. A meeting of the New Jersey Section Executive Committee will be held Sunday, Dec. 8, at Workers Center, 92 Marcy St., Newark, N. J., beginning 10 a. m. sharp. A program of work for the section will be worked out. A district representative will also be present. All members of the Section Committee must attend and see on time.

Unit 12F, Section 2. A meeting of Unit 12F, Section 2, will be held Wednesday at 6 p. m. at 1179 Broadway.

Section 8 Membership Meeting. A membership meeting of Section 8 will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 29 Chester St., Brooklyn. A discussion on the membership drive will take place. All members must be on time, 8 p. m. sharp. No excuses will be accepted. A district representative will be present.

Agitprop Directors, Section 2. A meeting of Agitprop Directors of Section 2 will be held this evening, 6:30 sharp, at 1179 Broadway. All agitprop directors must attend this meeting.

International Branch, Section 3. An educational meeting of International Branch, Section 3, will be held this evening at 8 o'clock, at 1179 Broadway.

Unit 15F, Section 2. Meets Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at 1179 Broadway.

International Branch 1, Section 8. Meets Wednesday 8 p. m. at 29 Chester St., Brooklyn.

Women's Work Directors, Section 2. A conference of women's work directors of Section 2 will be held today, 9 p. m. at 1179 Broadway.

Women's Work Directors, Section 3. A conference of women's work directors of Section 3 will be held on Thursday, Dec. 5, 6 p. m. at 1179 Broadway.

Unit 1, Section 4. Will meet Thursday, 8:30 p. m. in sharp. District speakers will lead discussions on "The Wall Street Crash and Its Significance." All members must be present.

Youth Section, N.Y.W.U. Classes. A regular class of the Youth Section of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union is being held every Wednesday, 8 p. m. at union headquarters, 121 W. 28th St., Davis District Agitprop of the Y.C.L., will be instructor.

Traitor Halonen Gang Attacks McLaughlin, Stops Gastonia Speech

SUPERIOR, Wisc., Dec. 2.—By intrigue within the Superior Workers Club and by a direct fascist attack on the speaker and members of the Communist party who accompanied him, the renegade George Halonen and his right wing gangsters prevented Louis McLaughlin from speaking before the club.

McLaughlin is one of the Gastonia defendants, railroaded through the mill owners' court at Charlotte, and sentenced from 12 to 15 years in prison because Gastonia strikers defended their lives and their families against a raid on them by the chief of police and the Manville-Jencks Co. Halonen is one of the right wing elements who objected to the self defense issue in the Gastonia case, recently published a slanderous attack on the Communist Party in the Co-operative organ, "Pyramid Builder," and led a gang to raid the Tyomies print shop to seize copies of the Pyramid Builder. During the attack a Halonen supporter assaulted Carl Reeve, the Communist Party district organizer.

McLaughlin's speech had already been arranged with the Superior Workers Club when Halonen entered the case.

WINDOW UNION'S OFFICIALS RAID

Members Save Militant from 7 With Guns

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 1.—"Pink haired" Charlie Willis, prize fat boy of the Building Service International Union, its vice president, and a henchman of Mayor Thompson, also city garage inspector, with seven gun men, tried to force the Chicago Window Washers Union to make him czar of the union at the regular meeting of the local held Tuesday, Nov. 26. There were two proposals brought before the meeting. Willis' proposal was for a "business manager" (himself) and two assistants or business agents, the salaries of the business agents to continue at \$90 per week. The business manager, who would have complete control of all finances and wages, would no doubt fix his own salary.

The proposals of the progressive members, brought forward by Bill Matheson, was to have one business agent at a salary of \$55 per week and to organize a regular system of shop meetings, where the shop stewards and the men themselves would discuss and settle questions regarding safety devices, working conditions, etc., in each shop.

Members Protect Matheson.

When the membership, by their applause and shouts of approval, showed their support for the latter propositions as it was outlined by Matheson, Willis determined to use his thugs and control the meeting by armed force. At a signal from Willis, his seven gangsters, none of who are window washers, jumped to their feet brandishing guns, two gunmen rushed Matheson and the remaining five covered the membership. The rank and file window washers crowded around Matheson and thus prevented the gangsters from carrying out their intention of having him murdered or beaten up. The meeting adjourned in disorder, and from all sides the workers loudly protested the outrage of Willis and his thugs on the union.

The meeting on Tuesday was held for nominations of officers.

Shortly after the opening of the meeting the seven gangsters entered the hall. They were led by Paul David, secretary-treasurer of the International and Wm. L. McFetridge, third vice-president, and Illinois "mediator and conciliator of labor." They were greeted by Willis with "Come forward friends, these are some of the officials of the International. Come to the front and take seats."

In order to give the gangsters time to size up the situation and to forestall discussion, Willis proceeded to read the entire constitution of the local union, stressing especially the clause that only citizens could be officials of the union. This clause that only citizens could be officials of the union bars the majority of the members from holding official positions in the union. Willis then introduced his "Business Manager" proposition.

Matheson's counter proposal, for business agent, at \$55 per week (the union scale) took the men by storm and the hall rocked with applause.

The story of the betrayal of the Chicago window washers strike in 1926 by Quesse and Willis was portrayed by the speaker. And it was at this point, that Willis gave the signal to his "friends from the International," the gunmen, to stop the speaker. The resentment of the window washers here is intense. The story of betrayal of the New York window washers by David and Willis is reaching the men here now. They are determined to free themselves from gangster and labor faker rule, and in all shops discussion on the best method of doing this are going ahead.

By arrangements with the business agents, union men are working for the school board and loop building and also in some cases for contractors at rates far below the scale of \$1.25 an hour. Overtime is not being paid at all or being paid at straight time rates. The boss hires and fires men as he sees fit in direct violation of the union agreement.

BUILDING SERVICE WORKERS CONFERENCE ON STRUGGLE

To Push Industrial Union Friday

Steps to organize New York's 225,000 building service workers into a fighting industrial union will be taken at a conference called by the Amalgamated Building Service Workers Union and the Window Cleaners Protective Union at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Pl., at 8 p. m. Friday.

Delegates from the building service locals of the corrupt A. F. of L., whose officials split the Window Cleaners Union will join unorganized workers in launching the new organization.

After selling out the window cleaners strike, the A. F. of L. officials and the right wing in the Window Cleaners Protective Union set up a company union, styled Local 2. The organization of the new union under rank and file control and affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League will make impossible such betrayals.

The Window Cleaners Union, aided by the Workers International Relief, is conducting a drive for funds for the relief of strikers.

AFL Scab Herder Has Striking Shoe Workers Arrested; Court Today

The business agent of the Boot and Shoe Workers Union, an A. F. of L. organization, yesterday brought a bunch of scabs to the Brooklyn Shoe Co. (which has recently seen fit to change its name), and then called the police and asked that the Independent Shoe Workers Union pickets in front of the struck shop be arrested. The pickets, Max Cohen and Max Korman were taken to Adams St. Court, and their hearing is set for today.

The Barlin Shoe Co. got an injunction today, and the pickets, when served, refused to leave. The hearing is Friday at Adams St. court.

The six pickets arrested for violation of the injunction of the Schwartz & Benjamin Co. have had their case put off.

Workers in the Belmont shop, organized by the I. S. W. U. discussed the strike situation at noon yesterday, and raised \$140 for the union. They call on all other shoe workers to do the same. Those in the Shirley Shoe Co. passed a resolution making a definite pledge to carry out the rules and principles of the union in the shop.

Gastonia Defendants at Banquet Dec. 13

Fred Beal, Clarence Miller, Red Hendryx, William McGinnis, Joseph Harrison, Louis McLaughlin and George Carter, the seven Gastonia defendants, will be the guests of honor at the big Gastonia and Anti-Terror Banquet, to be held Friday evening, December 13, at 7:30 p. m., in Stuyvesant Casino, 140 Second Ave. The banquet, which will also be combined with a gala entertainment, has been arranged by the New York District of the International Labor Defense and affiliated organizations.

The banquet will also celebrate the opening of the District Convention of the I. L. D., in Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Pl., on Sunday, December 15, at 10 a. m. Working class organizations are already sending in credentials for their delegates, and many of them will be present at the banquet.

As all reservations must be made in advance, tickets should be bought at once at the office of the New York I. L. D., 799 Broadway, room 422.

Workers School Forms Labor Sports Club

The proletarian banquet arranged by the student body of the Workers School was a huge success.

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The yearly subscription has been reduced to \$1. Single copies will cost two cents.

The office of the paper is in the headquarters of the American Negro Labor Congress, 295 W. 124th St.

Metal Industry Mass Meet Called Dec. 4th, at Irving Plaza

On Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 8 p. m. there will be a mass meeting for all workers in the metal industry, under the auspices of the Metal Workers Industrial League, at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Pl.

Wm. F. Dunne, member of the national committee of the Trade Union Unity League, will be the main speaker. John Schmitz, former organizer of the Auto Workers Union will address the meeting. This is one of a series of meetings called to organize workers in the metal trades industries.

GRAHAM SPEAKS AT MEET TONIGHT

Demand Union Rights for Negro Worker

Stephen Graham, who goes to trial December 5, in Virginia, for activities in behalf of the oppressed Negro workers, will speak this evening at the mass-protest meeting, at St. Luke's Hall, 125 W. 130th St., to force the admission and reinstatement of a Negro worker, John H. Jones, who was barred from membership in the Carpet plasterers and Linoleum Layers Union, Local 70, affiliated with the A. F. of L.

Warwick, the "socialist" union manager, refused to permit Jones to belong to the union, even when he put up the \$100 required of white workers, and is an experienced linoleum layer, and forbid the contractor to give him employment.

The mass-protest meeting is being held under joint auspices of the American Negro Labor Congress, the International Labor Defense and the Trade Union Unity League. Speakers will include Richard B. Moore, chairman; John H. Jones, Rothschild Francis, Gilbert Lewis, J. Louis Engdahl, George Lewis, I. Amter, Theodore Gibbs and Stephen Graham.

Volunteers are needed to help distribute leaflets for the meeting. They should report to Harper at 9 o'clock this morning at 235 W. 135th St.

WAR MOVES AGAINST USSR

Acts Together with France, Britain

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the world whose only hope is that which is represented by the Workers' and Peasants' Government.

At London, Arthur Henderson, "labor" foreign secretary, announced in the House of Commons, England's part in the counter-revolutionary conspiracy, and stated that U. S. Ambassador Dawes and himself had arrived at an agreement on the joint Friday evening, December 13, at 7:30 p. m., in Stuyvesant Casino, 140 Second Ave. The banquet, which will also be combined with a gala entertainment, has been arranged by the New York District of the International Labor Defense and affiliated organizations.

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All students are urged to join some of the branches of the sports group. Winter being here, ice-skates ought to be sharpened and students enrolled.

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TR UNION FAKERS AND BOSSES IN BARRING NEGROES

Firemen Misleaders and Bosses Agree

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 2.—The labor fakers of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen have signed a new agreement with the Atlantic Coast Line road, which in its race discrimination features again shows the Negro workers that reactionary A. F. of L. has nothing to offer them.

Under the new contract 51 per cent of the firemen on the Atlantic Coast Line holding jobs must be white. It is understood that at the Brotherhood fakers' request the railroad has agreed not to employ Negro firemen even though they are Brotherhood members and in the future new vacancies will be filled only with white firemen.

35 Dental Mechanic Strikers Arrested on Picket Line

Two hundred and fifty striking dental mechanics left strike headquarters in Irving Plaza yesterday morning to carry on the second week of the strike of the Dental Laboratory Workers Union. They carried large signs, and went to man the picket lines before the more distant shops. First results obtained was the joining of the strike by 40 more laboratory workers.

Police terrorism failed to halt mass picketing yesterday by the striking dental mechanics, thirty-five of whom were arrested while picketing struck shops in the Union Square, Time Square and Borough Hall, Brooklyn, sections. One of the strikers, Horowitz, was released on \$25 bail, and the others in the custody of the strikers' attorney, for trial on Friday. The strike of the dental mechanics is being extended, the Dental Mechanics Union reports.

'The Working Woman' Published; Special Issue Is Out Now

On December 1st, the Working Woman, published by the National Women's Department of the Communist Party of U. S. A. reappeared, and will be published regularly every month.

The December issue of the Working Woman is a special Russian Revolution Anniversary number telling about the Five Year Plan and its effect on women workers, showing the contrast between the freedom enjoyed by the working women in the Soviet Union, and the extreme exploitation and misery of women workers in the United States and other capitalist countries.

Many of the women workers from the steel mills, the electrical and radio plants, automobile factories and many other industries have written to the Working Woman, telling about the long hours, the speed-up, the wage-cuts, and the miserable conditions in their shops and factories.

Bundles of the Working Woman for shop, factory, club or organization can be ordered from the Working Woman, 43 E. 125th St., N. Y. C.

Labor and Fraternal Organizations

Gastonia Branch, I.L.D. The Gastonia Branch of the I.L.D. will meet Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 1179 Broadway. All workers are invited to come and participate in our activities.

Y.C.L. Dance. The D. T. No. 1 unit of the Young Communist League will hold a prison dance and picnic on Dec. 7 at 27 E. Fourth St. Class war prisoners will be represented. Keep this date clear. Proceeds go to Gastonia defense. Admission 25 cents.

Lecture by Yankers. Scott Nearing will lecture on war in the headquarters of the Workers Co-operative League, 228 W. 4th St., New York, N. Y. The lecture will take place on Friday, Dec. 6 at 8 p. m. sharp. All welcome.

U.C.W.W. Functionaries Class. The first session of the functionaries class of the United Councils of Working Women will begin Thursday night, Dec. 5, at the Workers School, 26-28 Union Sq. at 8:30 sharp.

U.C.W.W. Speakers Class. A speakers class of the United Councils of Working Women will take place Wednesday night, Dec. 4 at 8:30 p. m. at the Workers School.

Downtown Club Art Exhibition. Exhibition of work by M. Fleiss at the Downtown Workers Club, 35 E. 2nd St. Open all day Saturday and Sunday; week days 7 to 12 p. m. Admission free.

E.C.W.W. Celebration. Council 5 of E.C.W.W. will celebrate its 10th anniversary by having a splendid supper and entertainment on Sat. Dec. 7 at 2901 Mermaid Ave., Coney Island.

Hay Market I.L.D. Branch. The Hay Market I.L.D. branch of the Bronx Workers Athletic Club will start their membership drive at the Hay Market I.L.D. branch, 1100 Boston Road. The slogan is "Every Young Worker a Member."

N. Y. Scandinavian Club. A ball will be given by the N. Y. Scandinavian Workers Club at Herkese Hall, 61st Ave. and First St., Saturday, Dec. 7, 8 p. m. Music will be supplied by the 16-piece Normandale Orchestra. Boxing exhibitions will be given.

Lithuanian I.L.D. Lajava-Lithuanian I.L.D. is arranging a mass meeting Wednesday, Dec. 4, 101 Grand St., Brooklyn. McGinnis, one of the Gastonia defendants, and a member of the Labor Jury will speak.

Lecture at Council 7, U.C.W.W. Comrade Garelle will lecture on "Natali Butvin" Friday, Dec. 6, 8:30 p. m. at 1841 Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn.

"Caucasian Love" Among Soviet Film Top-Notchers

EVELYN BRENT.

The feat of the Georgikino, the film trust of the Caucasian Soviet Republic, in producing so great a film as "Conflict," or "Caucasian Love," as it has been flatteringly titled by the Film Guild management, speaks more than words can convey in testimony of the great cultural benefits the people of the Caucasus have gained since they joined the family of Soviet Republics forming the U. S. S. R.

If it's actual Caucasian love you're looking for, you're going to get stung when you see "Caucasian Love" at the Film Guild. But, love or no love, this film is right at the top, among all the top-notchers of the Soviet films, when it comes to scenic beauty, fine direction, swiftness of action, and great acting.

In addition, it is historically one of the most important of the Soviet films, in that it gives a hitherto inaccessible picture to American workers of the inroads of czarist imperialism on the fertile lands occupied by the tribesmen of the European-Asiatic borderlands.

It is adapted from the Georgian novelist Kazbek's "Elisso," one of the outstanding writers in a race which under czarist repression had hardly developed an alphabet, let alone a literature. And here we see these same Caucasians producing a first rank film.

Briefly, "Conflict," to use the name it deserves, and not the hopped-up American sensational title, deals with the dispossession of the tribesmen of a Caucasian village near the Turkish border, in order that the Russian imperialist government may populate the border with Cossacks, the mercenaries who acted as the shock troops for czarist imperialism's robbery of neighboring lands.

The defiance by the villagers of the czar's troops, climaxed when all the unarmed villagers seat themselves on the ground while the Cossack's horses threaten to trample over them, the setting afire of the

village by the elder's daughter so that the marauding Cossacks might not be able to enjoy the benefits of the villagers' hard work, the exodus of the tribe from the village, these are some of the beautifully depicted high points in "Conflict."

The acting by the all-Caucasian cast is splendid, showing yet another side of the cultural attainments of the Caucasians under the Soviet Union. Add to the list of great film directors N. Shengalai, and to the list of great camera-men, V. Kerselezide.

Alexandre Glazounov, the noted Russian composer, who has just arrived from Moscow, will conduct his own works with an orchestra of 110 at the Metropolitan Opera House this evening.

The position of M. Glazounov in Russian music today and in the music world at large, is akin to that

of his famous predecessors of the last century—Balakirev, Cui, Borodine, Rimsky-Korsakoff and Moussorgsky.

The program follows: Overture, "Solennelle"; Piano Concerto, No. 2 (First American Performance), Mile. Elena Gavrilova; Romances (Group of Songs), Mme. Nina Koshetz, soprano; Sixth Symphony; Song of the Volga Boatman.

LITERATURE AGENTS MEETING All Union Literature Agents of New York City are called to a very important meeting to be held Friday, December 6, at 7 p. m. at the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square, Room 607.

Every unit must be represented. Comrades Chorover, Darcy and Trachtenberg will address this meeting.

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ENGLAND TO MEET U. S. THRUST FOR TRADE WITH WAR ON LABOR

MacDonald Summons Fascist Council of State—U. S. Goods Hit by French Tariff Reprisals—Manufacturers of all Europe Hold Secret Conference for War on American Commerce

BULLETIN.
LEEDS, England, Dec. 2.—The Communist Party of Great Britain is in congress here, having been opened Saturday. At the first session, Frank Bright, presiding, called for a determined fight against the "labor" government, charging the "labor" party, as the third party of capitalism, with being responsible for the murder of South Wales miners and for the conduct of imperialist war against the workers of British colonies.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Grim necessity of facing continually more depressed British trade, is causing MacDonald, the laborite premier, to copy Hoover's action of setting up a super-parliamentary "Council of State" of fascist character, bringing into a permanent body a conference of "leading industrialists" and the government, which will undoubtedly also be sanctified by the Mondist class-collaborationist leaders of the Trade Union Congress.

The continued decline in British foreign trade, which last month was for the first time executed by German exports, has frightened the British bourgeoisie, and imperialists of all the three capitalist parties, conservatives, liberal and "labor" and let them to understand that the Hoover "Conference to Promote Prosperity" means a conference to break into British markets and a general hostile thrust at British trade.

This is the reason why Monday saw the calling of the first meeting, strictly secret as was Hoover's (though the American press says nothing of the secrecy of Hoover's confab), under the imperialist clamor for establishment of a "Council of State, that is to say, a council of fascist nature superior to parliament, non-partisan" in color but always for imperialist interests.

The conference will take up prospects for further rationalization of British industry, to find ways and means of speeding up British labor still more. The alarm against American imperialism is voiced by J. L. Garvin in the "Observer", who declares: "How can any nation expect to prosper and advance in the face of foreign continuity and cohesion, while our relative economic disorganization remains what it is and while our political disagreements remain what they are?"

Garvin also declares that if the British "political quarrels" continue (a way of advocating the abolition

of parliament and its substitution by a fascist council), then "the last vestiges of England's old commercial supremacy will pass away and Germany, perhaps in five years, will take her place next to America as the second commercial nation."

France Hits U. S. Exports.
PARIS, Dec. 2.—Troublesome times for United States exporters of canned goods is seen in the increased (nearly doubled) tariff rates set by France on such goods, especially California fruits and Hawaiian pineapple, which are taxable according to sugar content. French canners, who have watched with dismay the flood of American imported goods, are delighted, but their place in the ranks of gloom are taken by agents of American importers into France.

U. S. Commerce Department officials in Paris are taking the matter up, but little hope exists of them getting any remedy, since French officials can merely point to American tariff increases on French goods.

An amusing corollary is the U. S. official effort to protest the new tariff raises by France on cane sugar, but the U. S. Commerce Department explains its interest in the economy of its "free and independent" Cuba, by saying that "the close bond between Cuban sugar interests and those of America" justifies the American government's interests.

All Europe Threatens U. S. Trade.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—A two-day secret conference of European manufacturers has just ended here, the chief question of which was the attitude to take towards the increase in tariff rates on imports into America.

The director of the French General Production Confederation, Delavergne, made the report on the subject, after which a resolution was adopted which declared that the increase of American tariffs not only threatened European industry, but would reduce the purchasing power of Europe and therefore reduce the demand for American products.

Manufacturing interests were represented from the following countries: Denmark, England, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy, Yugoslavia, Austria, Poland, Switzerland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary.

Big Lay-Offs in Navy Yards

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Such is the action being taken by the A. F. of L. and the fake Metal Trades Council at the Brooklyn yard. Two delegates, Joseph McDonach, president of the Metal Trades Council, a class collaborationist group, and Philip Engle, an official of the Machinists Union local, have gone to Washington to "make a plea that something be done for the navy yard workers."

These journeys to Washington at the workers' expense are frequent, navy yard workers point out, but result only in pleasure trips for the union fakers, while the lay-offs and speed-up continue.

The two delegates, claiming to represent the workers, but representing only the labor fakers, will visit leading politicians in Washington, including the anti-labor Senators Copeland and Wagner.

Navy Yard workers can obtain information about a real workers' fighting group by writing the Metal Trades League, Trade Union Unity League, 2 East 15th St., New York.

BIG LAYOFF IN VA. NAVY YARD

Graham Tells How Militancy Grows

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Graham gives for the rising militancy of the Virginia workers, and due to fear of this rising militancy, the southern bosses and their courts are out to "get" any workers who try to organize the Virginia workers into militant unions.

Graham was arrested and faces a long prison term because he addressed a meeting of both Negro and white workers of the Southern Springs Co. at Norfolk.

The unemployment situation is becoming more acute daily in the Tidewater district, said Graham. The Ford plant recently practically closed down, reducing the working force from 1,700 to 400. In addition the Navy Yard is laying off workers constantly. The saw mills closing down, have thrown thousands on the streets, mostly Negro workers.

Graham gave some sidelights on the attempt to railroad him, which showed to what length the open shop bosses are prepared to go in order to stamp out all militancy in the Negro and white workers of Virginia.

"Threats were made to lynch me," he said, "Stool-pigeons of the Southern Spring Co. threatened to lynch me, and also threatened the defense lawyers. The open shop bosses enlisted the aid of the A. F. of L. and the church as well as the courts to try to railroad me. The A. F. of L. Central Labor Council officials attacked me, and so did the reactionary Negro misleaders' paper, the Norfolk Journal and Guide. The Southern Springs Co. had a Negro minister come to the plant and tell the Negro workers not to organize under the Trade Union Unity League. Then the general manager of the company came down from Philadelphia to give talks to the workers after quitting time."

"As a result of the distribution of militant literature which I made to the workers, the company got scared and gave the workers in the tying department a slight increase in wages."

"This shows how necessary it is for these workers to have the Daily Worker and Labor Unity. Right outside of the court in which I was being tried, the bosses would start arguments between some white and Negro hangers-on, in order to create the impression that I had started 'riots between Negroes and whites.' But these things won't stop the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League in Virginia as the workers themselves show. Many Negro workers have sent me letters saying that they're with me in the trial, and we have organized a T. U. U. L. group in which are 18 Negro workers."

Build Up the United Front of the Working Class From the Bottom Up—at the Enterprises!

Hammond, Ind. Young Workers Hold 12th Anniversary, Dec. 7th

HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 1.—Young workers of Hammond will hold their celebration of the Twelfth Anniversary of the October Revolution on Saturday night, December 7, under the auspices of the Young Communist League. This is the first celebration here of the anniversary of the Revolution ever held by the League wholly on and under the auspices of the League. The League is active in the strike of the workers at the Queen Anne Candy plant.

As far as I am concerned, I can't claim to have discovered the existence of classes in modern society or their struggle against one another. Middle-class historians long ago described the evolution of the class struggles, 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.

Over 1,000 more workers in the Brooklyn, N. Y. navy yard will be laid off by Jan. 31, it was revealed yesterday, while at the same time private shipyards are working at full speed in the construction of cruisers and other ship for the coming imperialist war.

Meanwhile, workers at the Brooklyn yard are becoming more and more disgusted with the A. F. of L. craft union officials who, while shouting for a huge navy, and boasting of their close friendship with navy department officials, do nothing for the navy yard workers, except to crawl occasionally to Washington and beg for more work for the Brooklyn yard.

General Strike in Ill. Mines Called for Dec. 9

(Continued from Page One)
The Carpenters' Local Union 2725, New York, held a special meeting recently to "vote" on a proposition sent out from the general office, Indianapolis. The proposition was for a 25 cent raise for the old age pension home, which has already swallowed millions of dollars of the carpenters money—and many of them have earned less than the scale, many of them have been many weeks and months out of work.

Yet although the question was voted down in every local which discussed it, the carpenters had to follow his vote.

When a rank and filer spoke against the way the meeting was called and said it was unconstitutional, the chairman denied him the floor. The hint came from the back of the room, from the district council delegate.

The graters don't like any one to talk against raising money to help fellow-grafters. That's the way the graters get the millions in the carpenters' union.

ILL. D. CONFERENCE HELD IN BOSTON

Plan Organization of Negro Workers

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—The organization of Negroes into the International Labor Defense was one of the principal topics at the district conference of the Boston I.L.D. yesterday when 92 delegates representing 51 branches and 41 unions attended.

A Negro worker, C. Green, was secretary of the conference and the chairman, R. Newton, another Negro worker, recently returned from the U.S.S.R., represented the American Negro Labor Congress. He explained the Five Year Plan and told of the splendid conditions on behalf of workers and peasants in the Soviet Union.

District conferences were also held yesterday in Scranton, in the Anthracite region, and in Detroit. These conferences are dealing chiefly with the Gastonia and Anti-Terror Drive of the I.L.D. for 50,000 new members and \$50,000 by January 15, when the appeal comes up in the Gastonia case.

Elet Delegates To National Conference.

The conferences are also electing delegates for the Fourth National Convention of the I.L.D. to be held in Pittsburgh, December 29, 30 and 31. Credentials are pouring in from all parts of the land, three having been received from Seattle, Wash., where Mother Ella Reeve Bloor has organized a strong, functioning region of the I.L.D.

Canter Case Leads.

The conference at Boston opened with a letter telling of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts sustaining the year sentence of Harry Canter, imprisoned for 'criminal libel', terming Governor Fuller the murderer of Sacco and Vanzetti.

Revolutionary greetings of Canter to the convention were read. He appealed to the workers to carry on the fight to build the International Labor Defense.

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).

IN THE SHOPS

Carpenter Union Fakers Raise Graft by New Tax

(By a Worker Correspondent)

Nobody knows how many post cards exactly were sent out to the membership for the meeting. Any- way, hardly 50 turned up, and we have such a small meeting room now that just about that number can get in it. The local used to have a big hall where members could attend meetings, but no big meetings are held now.

Several spoke against the question when it was raised by the chairman and it was voted down unanimously. But the politicians were not satisfied. Frank Mahoney, financial secretary and also a business agent for many years, tried hard to influence the membership to follow his vote.

When a rank and filer spoke against the way the meeting was called and said it was unconstitutional, the chairman denied him the floor. The hint came from the back of the room, from the district council delegate.

ILL. D. CONFERENCE HELD IN BOSTON

Plan Organization of Negro Workers

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—The organization of Negroes into the International Labor Defense was one of the principal topics at the district conference of the Boston I.L.D. yesterday when 92 delegates representing 51 branches and 41 unions attended.

A Negro worker, C. Green, was secretary of the conference and the chairman, R. Newton, another Negro worker, recently returned from the U.S.S.R., represented the American Negro Labor Congress. He explained the Five Year Plan and told of the splendid conditions on behalf of workers and peasants in the Soviet Union.

District conferences were also held yesterday in Scranton, in the Anthracite region, and in Detroit. These conferences are dealing chiefly with the Gastonia and Anti-Terror Drive of the I.L.D. for 50,000 new members and \$50,000 by January 15, when the appeal comes up in the Gastonia case.

Elet Delegates To National Conference.

The conferences are also electing delegates for the Fourth National Convention of the I.L.D. to be held in Pittsburgh, December 29, 30 and 31. Credentials are pouring in from all parts of the land, three having been received from Seattle, Wash., where Mother Ella Reeve Bloor has organized a strong, functioning region of the I.L.D.

Canter Case Leads.

The conference at Boston opened with a letter telling of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts sustaining the year sentence of Harry Canter, imprisoned for 'criminal libel', terming Governor Fuller the murderer of Sacco and Vanzetti.

Revolutionary greetings of Canter to the convention were read. He appealed to the workers to carry on the fight to build the International Labor Defense.

Fewer and Bigger Ships, Smaller Crew, Shipowners Plan

(By a Worker Correspondent)

The Piers Committee of the New York Board of Trade is attempting to work together with the U. S. War Department in the construction of larger piers in the City of New York. These are to be some of the largest in the world, extending to 1,100 feet in length.

With the present process of rationalization even in the shipping industry, through the building of larger steamers than ever before, and the construction of more cruisers for the navy, the building of these colossal piers are a necessity.

The shipping owners find it cheaper to sail the larger ships. With the advance of new oil boilers and engine machinery, a comparatively less amount of fuel is used than ever before. Also the same amount of officers are used to run the largest ship in the world, as it would to run a much smaller vessel. Compared to the tonnage of the ship, a smaller crew is needed also. This, of course, brings a saving to the shipping bosses, and more money into their coffers. But at the same time drives an ever increasing number of seamen out of employment.

At present the policy of the shipping bosses is to build fewer ships, but bigger ones. J. P. FIGHT TERROR.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 29.—Militant workers in Los Angeles are fighting the conviction of two Communist workers, arrested November 10, when police broke up a Communist open-air meeting. Martin Shapiro, 18, one of the young workers arrested, testified that he had been severely beaten by police at a Communist street-corner meeting at Brooklyn Ave. and Cornwell St. Frank Spector also told of police brutality against him when he was arrested.

Although the meeting was held outside a restricted area, in which no permit was required, the meeting was broken up and the two arrested charged with "holding a meeting without a permit."

Part of the fight on the terror against militant workers was the Southwestern sub-district conference of the International Labor Defense, taking in Southern California, New Mexico and Arizona, at which a volunteer committee of 200 was formed to take the lead in the drive for Gastonia defense in this section.

Build Up the United Front of the Working Class From the Bottom Up—at the Enterprises!

LEFT UNIONISTS GAIN IN GERMANY

Fascist Repression Cannot Halt It

(Wireless By Imprecory)

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—On Saturday there opened here the national conference of the revolutionary Trade Union Opposition. In attendance there were 1,117 delegates, representing factories employing some two million workers. This conference marks a step forward toward crystallization of the increasing influence of the Communists among the workers generally, as against the socialist-fascist control of the factory workers.

On Saturday also, the police raided the Essen offices of the Communist Party, occupying the premises for five hours and violating the parliamentary immunity of the Communist Deputies, Florin, Adler and Volkovski.

Walter Schultz, secretary of the Agitation and Propaganda (Agit-Prop) department of the Communist Party of Germany has been sentenced by the Supreme Court to serve eighteen months in a fortress prison for demanding that soldiers have the electoral rights as civilians.

Hoover Gives the Big Bosses State Power

(Continued from Page One)

W. Morrow to the senate, in order to strengthen the open fascist dictatorship which Hoover has created under the leadership of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

The most outstanding question which will come up in the present session of Congress will be the sharp slump in the basic industries, steel, coal, oil, automobiles, tires, agriculture, etc.

While proposing measures in Congress for attempted alleviation of the severe economic depression, Hoover, thru his new openly imperialist state machine, with the support of the social-fascist A. F. of L. and related "labor" bodies, will direct the efforts to speed-up industry, push the struggle for world markets, prepare the capitalist attack on the Soviet Union, plan the wage-cutting and union-smashing drive.

One of the big issues that will come up will be that of further armaments. Consideration of the naval appropriations bill will be held back until Morrow and his associates return from London. This is the threat held over the naval armaments conference to aid U. S. im-

BOSS NEGLIGENCE KILLS 7 WORKERS

5 Young Toolers Dead in Old Ben Blast

(Wireless By Imprecory)

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Dec. 2.—The bodies of six miners killed in a terrific explosion in the Old Ben Co. coal mine, No. 8, here yesterday, were brought to the surface today, while fellow workers engaged in rescue teams bravely fought the gases and fumes below ground to recover at least one more body, admittedly below. Local miners do not believe the company statement that only seven were killed, and think that still others are dead.

The cause of the explosion was lack of proper ventilation, which led gases accumulate after the blast. The coal dust then catches fire, and with cyclonic force penetrates every section of the mine.

More Narrowly Escape.

It is evident that the company failed to sprinkle water on the dust as is necessary for even partial safety.

The explosion occurred at 2:30 in the morning, while only maintenance crews were at work. This same blast, if it had come while the day shift was at work, would have slaughtered scores.

Five of those known to have been murdered by company negligence were young miners. The known dead are James Tabor, Thomas McDermott, Veto Goridino, Jewell Baker, his brother, Dewey Baker, Earl eardon and Henry Isaacs.

LECTURE ON REVOLT IN EAST.

What the Mukden-Moscow situation has brought to the revolutionary workers and peasants in China; to what extent the imperialists are rushing their plans against the Soviet Union in Manchuria; the revolutionary outlook in India, are some aspects of the lecture, "Revolution Perspective in the East," to be given Sunday, Dec. 8, at 8 p. m. at the Workers School, 26 Union Square, by Scott Nearing. Admission is 25 cents.

peralism in its armament race. If the American imperialists are not satisfied with their gain in warships at the London confab, they will rush thru big naval appropriations.

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