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# PEOPLE'S FRONT FIGHTS BANDIT PACT

## Georgia Appeals Against Decision In Herndon Case

### Chain Gang Law Pushed by State—Negro Will Speak in New York

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 12.—An appeal to the Georgia Supreme Court against the decision of Judge Hugh M. Dorsey of Atlanta, freeing Angelo Herndon on a writ of habeas corpus and declaring unconstitutional the slave insurrection law under which he was sentenced to twenty years on the chain gang, was filed today by the office of the Solicitor General of Georgia.

Simultaneously with news of this move by the State to send Herndon to the chain gang, the Joint Committee to Aid the Herndon Defense, in New York, announced that Herndon's first public appearance at a mass meeting since his release on bail last Saturday, will be at St. Nicholas Arena, 69 West 66th St., on Friday, Dec. 20. Trade union and liberal leaders, among them Julius Hochman, secretary of the Joint Board of the Dressmakers Union, will speak at this meeting with Herndon.

The meeting was announced as the first step in a campaign to rouse public opinion and force the unconditional freedom of Herndon, now out on \$8,000 bail.

No date has been set for the argument of the state appeal, but the International Labor Defense, in charge of the defense, announced that it will be argued on Herndon's behalf by Whitney North Seymour, of New York, in cooperation with W. A. Sutherland, Atlanta attorney. It was these two attorneys, retained through the I. L. D., which argued the writ before Judge Hugh M. Dorsey, granting of which won Herndon's temporary freedom. It is against this writ that the state of Georgia is now appealing.

"On the eve of Herndon's departure from New York to surrender in Georgia, before the hearing which resulted in Judge Dorsey's decision," Mary Fox, secretary of the Joint Committee said, "four thousand workers and sympathizers, assembled in Manhattan Opera House, pledged themselves never to cease working to inform all toilers of the nation and to rally them in a great movement to free Herndon. The committee means to redeem that pledge. We will fight on until Herndon is unconditionally free, and the oppressive insurrection law used against him has been wiped off the statute books of Georgia.

## Silver Drop Is Continuing; U.S. Silent

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Secretary Will H. Clegg, in an unprecedented move in the Roosevelt government, as the treasury stuck to its guns and said "nothing doing" to all inquiries for enlightenment today.

Nanking, however, was not so silent, and volubly proffered its usual face-saving statements that its managed currency program had nothing to do with the collapse of the market. China has not been selling silver, a Nanking government spokesman said.

### MENDIETA QUILTS



The President of Cuba has resigned from office due to pressure against his planned railroading of the Cuban elections, which have again been postponed as a result of the ensuing governmental crisis.

## Fascists Bid Mayor to Rally LaGuardia Silent on Issue—Unions Push Counter Meeting

Whether Mayor LaGuardia will or will not be at the Fascist rally at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night, still remains an open question.

An announcement to that effect in Wednesday's *Il Progresso*, local Italian Fascist sheet published by Generoso Pope, powerful Tammany leader, and active in co-Mussolini circles here, was not denied by the Mayor.

Reporters, seeking confirmation of the Pope announcement, sent questions into the Mayor which were unanswered.

The Mayor left City Hall early in the afternoon, following an announcement by his office that he was ill.

Among City Hall observers it is believed that the Mayor will probably absent himself from the Fascist rally on the ground of illness, thus avoiding the issue. Present at the meeting, it is held, will surely compromise the Mayor in the eyes of anti-Fascist Italian-Americans, as well as all of Negro Harlem, vir-

## Cummings Assails Public Utilities in District Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, in an unprecedented plea in District Supreme Court today charged public utilities with joining in a concerted attack upon the Public Utility Holding Company Act with the direct purpose of harassing the government.

The latest "ganging up" by the corporations against New Deal legislation has resulted in a flock of suits against the exceedingly mild restrictions of the holding company act.

Cummings' charge was in a personal plea before District Supreme Court Judge Jennings Bailey that seven suits instituted against the act here be stayed pending a U. S. Supreme Court test of the act. He said he would file a petition to force a House vote on the issue in January. The proposition put forward by Mr. Dies that wholesale deportation would solve the unemployment problem, was emphatically denied in New York recently by Edward W. Cora, former Commissioner of Immigration.

## 'OLD GUARD' LEAVES S. P. IN THE BRONX

### Acts as County Group Pledges Adherence to the Left Wing

"Old Guard" Socialists seceded yesterday from the Bronx County Committee of the party which had gone on record supporting the Socialist Party of New York, led by Norman Thomas.

Aaron Levenstein, chairman of the Bronx County Socialist Party, made public a statement in which he charged that "Old Guard" delegates who had walked out of the Nov. 11 meeting of the County Committee were attempting to organize a dual committee.

The text of Levenstein's statement follows in full: "The Bronx County Committee, which has always been loyal to Socialism and the party which represents it, is now being attacked by 'Old Guard' Socialists who read themselves out of the city organization of the Party. Efforts are being made by the Waldman group to organize a county committee that will be dual to the official party here in the Bronx.

"Old Guard" delegates who attended the meeting of the County Committee last month withdrew in a body when a resolution condemning the attempt of Waldman and Lee to 'split' the Party was introduced. They did not dare to stay and discuss the matter with the majority of the delegates who voted for the adoption of the resolution. Following their withdrawal, the secretary of the County Committee, disagreeing with the majority, presented his resignation to the county chairman with the request that it take effect immediately.

The former secretary has now sent out notices calling for a rump committee meeting in the official county headquarters located in the East Bronx Labor Center. The notice of the meeting is not only a violation of party discipline but also an act of absurdity, as the East Bronx Labor Center is now being painted and re-decorated so that a meeting there is physically impossible.

"Norman Thomas has frequently said that Bronx County will be the first borough in New York to go Socialist in the political elections. That the Bronx Socialists are loyal to the Socialist cause and the real party is evident by the vote in the various branches. Thus far, out of five branches of the Party in the Bronx that have met to discuss and vote upon the situation, only one, the Seventh Assembly District branch has supported the 'Old Guard'. The others, the 2nd A. D., the 3rd A. D., the 5th A. D., the Upper 6th A. D., have all expressed their loyalty to the Socialist Party.

"The official meeting of the County Committee will be held next week and the loyal delegates will re-affirm their adherence to Local New York of the Socialist Party, the official body recognized as such by Norman Thomas and the majority of New York Socialists."

## Dies Announces Drive to Enact Deportation Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A congressional drive to deport 8,000,000 foreign-born workers from the country was announced today by Representative Martin Dies, D. Texas, as a means of "solving the unemployment problem."

He said he would file a petition to force a House vote on the issue in January. The proposition put forward by Mr. Dies that wholesale deportation would solve the unemployment problem, was emphatically denied in New York recently by Edward W. Cora, former Commissioner of Immigration.

## Tasks of Communist Party Convention Outlined

Statement of Central Committee, C. P., U. S. A.

TO THE MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES

Comrades:

THIS is a call for the Ninth Convention of our Party. The November session of the Central Committee decided that the Ninth Party Convention be held in March, 1936, and that the Convention discussion be opened with the publication of the Browder report and the Resolutions adopted by the Central Committee.

The Ninth Convention of our Party will be held at a crucial time in the history of our country and of the world. Capitalist reaction is mobilizing. The working class and the toiling masses of America are faced with new onslaughts on their well-being and on their most elementary democratic and civil rights. Mass unemployment continues its devastating

## 'Daily' Will Publish 'Garden' Debate Text In Issue Tomorrow

A special four-page "Thomas-Browder Debate" supplement will be published by the Daily Worker tomorrow.

The supplement will contain every word of the speeches made by Norman Thomas and Earl Browder in their debate at Madison Square Garden. The introductions made by the chairman, Leo Kravetz, will be included.

The subject was, "Which Road for American Workers—Socialist or Communist?" No debate in recent years has been as widely discussed as this one. Be sure to get your copy.

## Utility Firm Bars Mediation All Efforts of Queens Power Union to Avert Tieup Meet Rebuff

Flatly refusing to mediate the issues between the company and the Queens Local 108 of the Brotherhood of Utility Employees, Harold C. Dean, vice-president of the New York and Queens Electric Light and Power Company, yesterday rejected the arbitration machinery set up by Mayor LaGuardia to avert a possible strike that would darken all of Brooklyn and Queens and New York south of Fourteenth Street.

"There's nothing to arbitrate," Dean told reporters after a conference in the Mayor's office attended by himself as representative of the company, Sidney E. Cohn, counsel for the union, Elinore Herrick, the Mayor's labor adviser, and the Mayor.

"I have listened to both sides," La Guardia explained in a formal statement, "and I have offered the following machinery for settlement: 'The Mayor designated County Judge Charles S. O'Grady as an arbitrator, inviting both sides to submit the facts over the alleged controversy and requesting both sides to abide by this decision. 'I sincerely hope that this method of settlement will be accepted.'"

In marked contrast with the hard-boiled attitude of the utility official, the union delegation immediately agreed to accept any peaceable method of arbitrating the situation.

William J. Kennedy, national president of the Brotherhood and chairman of the emergency committee, immediately agreed to bring the Mayor's proposal to the union membership.

"The Brotherhood is not opposed to going before the public and permitting the public to judge as to whether it was mere coincidence that all of the officers of the Queens Local 108 were discharged solely on account of an economy drive to save the company approximately \$75 a week. The Mayor's proposal will be submitted at a special meeting of the emergency committee tonight.

"In the event that the company refuses arbitration, the emergency committee has been empowered by the membership of the local to call a strike at its discretion.

"Meanwhile conferences are being held with important labor leaders throughout the city for the purpose of solidifying their support in the event that a strike becomes necessary."

Company Stand Challenged

The union was simply "making a mountain of a molehill," Dean insisted. "There were six single men let go so that we could keep three of the six were members of the union, group. There is nothing against these men we had to lay off. They are trying to make a mountain out of a molehill and we don't agree to that. There's nothing of arbitrate."

Sharp issue with Dean's statement was taken by Cohn, union attorney. Pointing to the fact that Dean admitted that three of the

## JAPAN'S BID IS REJECTED BY 7 POWERS

### U.S. and England Lead Attack on Demand for Naval Parity

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Heading for the formidable rocks of bitterest antagonism over domination of the Far East, the London Naval Conference today saw the united rejection by seven powers, led by America and Britain, of Japan's demands for naval parity.

After this severe blow to the Japanese proposals, the conference adjourned until tomorrow to await the reply of the Japanese delegation. It is feared here that the conference is virtually over, having come to a head-on collision on the major issue at the second session today.

Norman Davis, American chief delegate, had presented three arguments against Japan's claim. These were intended to show that the Japanese plan for bringing the navies of the three strongest powers to the same level—as outlined yesterday by Admiral Nagano, head of the Japanese delegation—was unacceptable to American imperialism, and "unworkable."

Sees Parity Unwarranted

Mr. Davis contended that it would result in an increase in naval construction all around.

Davis, backed by British and Dominion spokesmen, insisted that the Washington and London treaties be not scrapped. He said that there had been no change in the international situation to warrant any such change.

Those who rejected Japan's demand, in addition to Mr. Davis, were Viscount Monsell of Evesham, head of the British delegation; Andre Charles Corbin, of France, and the spokesmen for the Italian, South African, Australian and Canadian delegations.

British Delegate Speaks

Lord Monsell spoke at length, both at the opening and the close of today's meeting, going into great detail in expounding Britain's reasons for opposing the Japanese claim.

Mr. Corbin was the only speaker who refrained from attacking the substance of the Japanese claim. He made it clear that French objections to the Japanese proposal were based primarily on Admiral Nagano's statement that Japan advocated a common upper level only for the navies of Japan, Britain and the United States, leaving France and other naval powers to trail along.

Registering strong objections to this procedure, Mr. Corbin made it clear that France considers herself one of the principal naval powers and would be unwilling to remain on the sidelines while England, the United States and Japan attempted to come to agreement.

Admiral Vladimiro Pini, Italian spokesman, categorically rejected Japan's demand, it was learned.

## Jingoist Groups Press for Signing Of Flag Ordinance

Signature of the recently adopted Flag Ordinance by Mayor LaGuardia was awaited anxiously yesterday by jingo groups throughout the city. The ordinance, passed in an hysterical red-baiting atmosphere by the Board of Aldermen last Tuesday, must be signed by the Mayor within the next week to become law.

Vigorous objections to the ordinance on the ground that it violates the right of free assemblage, have been registered by the New York District Committee of the Communist Party, the New York Civil Liberties Union and other groups.

A request that a public hearing be held on the ordinance will be laid before the Mayor by a number of organizations, it was learned yesterday.

## French Deputies Ask Debate On Deal to Slice Ethiopia; Powers Move to Defer Oil Ban

### PROTEST BRITISH RULE IN EGYPT



Street scene in Cairo, where police try to break up anti-imperialist demonstration in which thousands of students participated.

## Puppet State Set Up in China

### Student Anger Against Nanking's Betrayal Sweeps Country

PEIPING, Dec. 12.—A virtually autonomous government, with a political council of seventeen members, was set up by decree today, in accordance with the Chiang Kai-shek regime's capitulation to the demands of the Japanese in North China.

Composition of the Council and the organic law under which it will govern the area in which the Japanese-inspired movement for "autonomy" has been most vigorous will be published later, possibly tonight.

General Sung Cheh-Yuan, commander of the Peiping-Tientsin garrison, and a pro-Japanese militarist, was named chairman of the Council.

6,000 Students Demonstrated

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12.—Details arriving here of the demonstration on Tuesday in Peiping show that the 6,000 students demonstrated as vehemently against the Nanking government's capitulation as they did against the Japanese invasion of North China. The students' demands created a deep impression throughout the country and have since given the anti-Japanese People's Movement a new impetus.

The demonstration was organized under the chief slogans of "Down with Japanese Imperialism!" "Death to the Traitors!" The students distributed thousands of leaflets against the Japanese troops being stationed in China. They were enthusiastically received by the population.

After dispersal of the demonstration, the students issued a declaration protesting against the severing of any Chinese territory; demanding the release of the arrested students.

More than thirty Peiping schools and universities held protest meetings and strikes until the prisoners were released. The Shanghai Sun Pao reports that a student's meeting at Hangchow University in Chekiang Province declared solidarity with the Peiping students and appealed to all Chinese students to join the Peiping movement.

The meeting, furthermore, decided to form a national committee to organize the struggle against the "autonomy" movement in North China.

## Egypt Weakens Hold of Britain

### 1923 Constitution Is Restored as Entire Cabinet Resigns

CAIRO, Dec. 12.—British imperialism was forced to make a heavy concession to the militant anti-imperialist demonstrations which have swept Egypt during the last month when King Fuad today signed a decree restoring the 1923 Egyptian Constitution providing for parliamentary government.

It is known that Sir Miles Lampson, British High Commissioner, told Premier Tewfik Nassim Pasha last night that Great Britain was withdrawing its objections to the restoration of the Constitution.

Great Britain's hand was forced when the entire Egyptian Cabinet resigned under pressure of the anti-British movement. The Cabinet will now remain, having withdrawn their resignations.

The 1923 Constitution provides for a Senate and Chamber of Deputies and takes control of Egypt's internal affairs out of British hands. Great Britain will still, however, control Egypt's foreign and military affairs. The constitution was suspended on Dec. 1, 1934. At least six Egyptian lives were lost in the demonstrations against British rule which have shaken the country in the last month.

## Auto Strike Leader Holds Wagner Law Useless for Labor

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau)

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 12.—"The Wagner Law ain't worth a damn," was the way George LeMay, tool worker and one of the most active strike leaders, expressed the sentiment of the workers when he spoke before 700 Motor Products strikers at Shiller Hall, last night.

This attitude came as a result of the experience the workers have already had in the four-week strike, and after learning that the workers are getting another "National-Run-Around" under the new set-up.

Two Federal conciliators were not even able to persuade the company to negotiate, while delegates sent to Washington could get no more from the National Relations Board, than promises which at best could result in a suit against the company. This means a long drawn out court battle involving the constitutional issue of the Wagner Law.

Strikers prepared to enter the fifth week of their fight with still greater militancy and determination to win the A. F. of L. members for a joint struggle. The meeting greeted with great applause the report that the Plymouth local of the A. F. of L. went on record for joint strike action and merger of all unions on the basis of industrial unionism and internal democracy. The Plymouth Local backed its resolution with a \$16.50 collection for strike relief. Francis Dillon, president of the United Automobile Workers, was requested by the local to send a copy to all other locals.

The report on the action of the Plymouth local was given the strikers by Nat Conley, militant labor leader here.

Strikers and sympathizers will hear the report of their delegates to Washington tomorrow at Shiller Hall. Another feature will be the showing of "Private Hicks," a Theatre Union production.

## League to Air Scheme at Full Meeting of the Committee of 18

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The French People's Front today trained its guns on the Franco-British Mussolini plunder pact.

Pierre Cot, former Radical-Socialist Air Minister, demanded an immediate debate on Premier Laval's foreign policy. Laval is known to be Mussolini's ally who together with Sir Samuel Hoare, British Foreign Secretary, formulated the proposed "settlement" at the expense of Ethiopia.

Cot demanded the right to question Premier Laval on the ground that the government's policy "is of a nature to compromise collective security as based on the Covenant, to offer a premium to an aggressor and weaken French moral authority throughout the world."

A tactical victory was also recorded in Geneva against the robber deal at the first session of the League Sanctions Committee of Eighteen.

In the first skirmish since the announcement of the Franco-British-Mussolini robber pact, the Committee of Eighteen today agreed upon a full debate on the proposed "settlement" when the League Council meets next Wednesday.

Franco-British Plan

The Franco-British strategy called for the first airing of the proposal before the League Council's Committee of Five, comprising the representatives of France, Great Britain, Poland, Spain and Turkey. The agreed upon procedure will throw the spotlight on the plunder pact while resentment and opposition is still rising.

Tytus Komarnicki of Poland brought the question of the oil embargo sharply to the fore by proposing that such action be delayed pending debate on the Franco-British "peace" plan by the Council. This is known to be just what British and French imperialism desire, but, at the same time the move served to throw the whole question before the League Council where opponents to the deal will have a better chance to block it.

Asks Continuance of Bans

In his proposal for delay on the embargo, Komarnicki said the Franco-British plan created an entirely new situation but emphasized that only the Council has power to deal with it.

"I think we should abstain from any measure of a political character until the moment that the Council is able to pronounce on the merits of the new propositions," he said.

"Adoption by this committee of any new measure would prejudice the work which the Council must undertake shortly in accordance with its powers."

Komarnicki also contended that

## Col. Roche Here to Tour For Mussolini

Stating that defeat of Mussolini means Bolshevism, Lieut.-Colonel Cyril Roche, former British military attaché in Italy, stepped off the Italian liner Rex yesterday for a nation-wide lecture tour to win support for Italian Fascism's criminal war against the Ethiopian people.

Roche, who has been an officer in the British army since 1908, a veteran of the Boer War and one-time police commissioner of Transvaal, told ship reporters that he opposed the British stand on sanctions. He said he "came here to get Americans to listen and to get a real understanding on the real issues involved" in the African war.

"Sanctions mean war and war means Bolshevism," he said. "Humanity will benefit by Mussolini's stand."

Greeted by Fascist Propagandist

The Colonel was greeted at the boat by Udo Anzures, chief of Mussolini's propaganda service in America, and Elizabeth Idinnes, Roche's Colonel's American wife, under whose auspices the lecture tour is said to have been arranged.

Roche said he had interviewed Mussolini on Nov. 18 and was convinced that "Mussolini was a far greater man than Napoleon."

Mussolini is an honest man-toe honest to tell the truth about the war," the Colonel declared. "It's a great crusade."

Church Backing

The church, Roche said, looked at the war in the same manner as he does.

"I think the church looks at it

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hydroxyethylapoquinin to Combat Pneumonia
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12 (UP).—Pneumonia now is to be combatted with hydroxyethylapoquinin.

Round-The-World Air Mail Next Step In Aviation
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (UP).—Round-the-world air mail and passenger service on regular schedules appeared a virtual certainty today.

Two Killed, One Hurt In Georgia Train Crash
DEARING, Ga., Dec. 12 (UP).—A head-on collision of two Georgia railway trains that occurred today when a westbound train jumped a switch took the lives of two trainmen.

Town Broke, So Utility Shuts Off Power
HUNTINGTON, Ind., Dec. 12 (UP).—Streets were dark throughout the night in this city of 14,000 inhabitants and only the shaded glare of colored Christmas decorations lighted the business district.

Ethiopia Bans Liquor at Strategic Railroad Center
HARAR, Ethiopia, Dec. 12 (UP).—Ethiopia's first experiment in prohibition was inaugurated today at Direwada, important center on the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway.

Hoffman Charged With Using Hauptmann Case for Own Ends
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 12 (UP).—Former State Senator Emerson L. Richards charged today that Governor Harold G. Hoffman was using publicly about the case of Bruno Richard Hauptmann to pay a political debt to Ellis Parker, Burlington County detective chief.

Olson Asks Federal Investigation of Liggett Killing
MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 12 (UP).—Governor Floyd B. Olson appealed to United States Attorney General Homer S. Cummings today to send Department of Justice agents to Minneapolis to investigate the assassination of Walter Liggett, crusading publisher.

Blue Blood Jury Frees British Lord Held for Killing
LONDON, Dec. 12 (UP).—Lord De Clifford, 28-year-old holder of one of the oldest titles in the British realm, was acquitted of a charge of manslaughter by a jury of his peers in the House of Lords today.

Shortage of Kerosene Forces Italian Troops to Burn Camel Fat
NAIROBI, Kenya Colony, Dec. 12 (UP).—Camel fat is being burned in lamps in Italian Somaliland because of a shortage of kerosene, a dispatch from Mogadiscio said today.

Jobless Laboratory Helper Kills One, Wounds Two, Takes Own Life
NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (UP).—Vito Kussov (CQ), a discharged laboratory handyman, returned to the Columbia University College of Dental and Oral Surgery today, shot and killed Dean Arthur T. Rowe and Prof. Paul B. Wierberg, wounded a third professor and then committed suicide.

Discovery of Plant Life Control Substance Claimed by Scientist
IOWA CITY, Iowa, Dec. 12 (UP).—Discovery of a new organic substance enabling scientists to control plant life and growth at will, was claimed today by Professor Walter F. Loehwing of the University of Iowa botany department.

U. S. Delivers Italian Press La Torriente To Cuban Jail Is Exposed
Lolo de la Torriente, anti-imperialist Cuban lawyer who toured the United States last year describing the Mendieta-Batista terror dictatorship, has been delivered into the hands of the Cuban government by the American immigration authorities at Miami, Florida.

Secret instructions by Mussolini to the fascist press of Italy on how to play up the news of the capture of Makale have just been released here by Girolamo Valenti, editor of La Stampa Libera, and chairman of the Italian Anti-Fascist Committee.

Print, in a sensational way, said the first instruction on Nov. 8, "the news of the capture of Makale, but abstain from using phrases as 'irresistible advance,' 'great victory.'"

The editors were told "to use great, absolute reserve on the international situation."

Other instructions follow: "Look over correspondences; pay attention to the headlines."

"Do not print the news on the exports of Italy to the sanctionist countries."

"Do not point out the intended business of imports at the Italian frontiers."

"Do not illustrate the present military deficiencies of the fleet of Britain and other countries."

"Mark the hospitality that Italy gives the foreigners, in spite of the reduction in the luxurious articles. Invite the foreigners to remain in Italy to ascertain by themselves that the situation is so good and to note the tranquillity."

"Do not play up the proposal for the expulsion of workers and salaried foreigners at work in Italy."

"Nov. 9.—Do not publish the list of the sanctionist nations. It is forbidden to refer, in whatever form, the price of gold."

"Nov. 12.—Keep the greatest reserve on France position; avoid remarks that might sound offensive. Put into relief and with force the news of the Anglo-Egyptian conflict as deriving from a political cause of nationalistic character."

"Do not refer to the anti-sanctionist attitude of Germany. Do not give special flashing to the bolt by Brazil."

Christian Youth Meeting Scores War, Fascism

Takes Steps to Break Down Race Hatred—Invite Negro Delegates

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 12.—Support for the developing People's Front against fascism and war, full equality for the Negro people and unity of Negro and white youth in the struggle for a better life, was voted by the Christian Youth Conference which met here early this month with an attendance of 250 white youth delegates from churches and other religious organizations.

One of the most significant steps taken by the conference, and which above all marked its serious approach to vital questions, was the adoption of a resolution calling for civil rights for all groups, and equal rights for the Negro people.

Nazis Extend Propaganda In England

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Germany's efforts to obtain a loan here persist despite steadfast refusals.

The recent visit of many Nazi Party members in connection with the football game between German and English teams, and the creation of a new Anglo-German Society, suggested by influential London people, are among recent indications of the tireless efforts of Mr. Joseph Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda.

The gentleman entrusted with the preliminary work is Herr von Ribbentrop, who recently formed in Berlin an Anglo-German Club. Associated with Ribbentrop in London is a certain Mr. Tennant, associate of Messrs. Chase, Henderson and Tennant, a financial firm associated with German loan ventures in the London market.

Mr. Tlarks of "Schroeders" and the Bank of England, Mr. Julian Pigott, two gentlemen of Unilevers and a representative of the Shell oil interests and member of the banking house of Guinness Mahon are among the influential Englishmen supporting Herr von Ribbentrop in this venture.

Big Shipment Of Scrap Iron Sent to Japan

(Special to the Daily Worker) SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 12.—Scrap iron is again being shipped to Japan. Six hundred tons of it were loaded into the O. and O. ship Golden Hind, here, last week, and the boat was due to lift up 4,000 tons at San Pedro, and some thousand or more tons at San Francisco.

This scrap iron is going straight to Japan's steel mills and munition factories where it will be used to manufacture war materials: shrapnel, and bayonets which will be used against Chinese workers, and Japanese war lords hope, Soviet Red Army men.

Up until very recently, Italy had been buying up most of the scrap iron here but due to Italy's financial plight, it is no longer able to buy scrap iron here for its shrapnel.

Other war materials being shipped to Japan are thousands of bales of cotton. It is reported that approximately 50,000 bales will be shipped to Japan from San Pedro, within the next three weeks.

Though Lolo de la Torriente could have gone to Mexico by way of land transportation as she requested, the authorities refused this because she was a "federal" case, and hence she could not go freely through other states. She chose the air way because the plane stops for only five minutes in Havana. She did not realize, because of the Miami immigration officials, that a second or even a fraction thereof was enough to carry through the trick as planned.

She left Miami Dec. 6 at 8 o'clock in the morning. A few hours later, as the amphibian landed in Cuban waters, an official launch of the "Cabaneros Fortress" full of soldiers and secret service men was waiting for her. She was immediately arrested, arraigned in Camp Columbia before Colonel Batista and then taken to the woman's jail at Guanabacoa, Havana, where she is at the present time.

Vigorous protest against Lolo de la Torriente's deportation is not being made here, although a political cause of nationalistic character.

Do not refer to the anti-sanctionist attitude of Germany. Do not give special flashing to the bolt by Brazil.

Secretary of State Cordell Roosevelt, Secretary of War George D. B. Baker and the Immigration Bureau, all in Washington, D. C.

People's Front Fights Bandit Pact

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the present economic and financial sanctions which actually have been applied against Italy should remain in effect. He insisted that the Franco-British plan should not affect "the execution of resolutions already taken."

Eden and Laval Speak
Pacifying speeches were also made by Captain Anthony Eden, British Minister for League Affairs, and Premier Laval, although there is no doubt of the fact that British and French imperialists intend to exert the utmost pressure to push their projected deal through the League of Nations and down the throat of the Ethiopian government.

Laval promised that the Franco-British plan would be distributed at once among members of the Council for their perusal.

"Our task will then end," he said. "It will be for the League itself to decide what is to be done. We are at least confident of appreciation of our loyalty of effort, which I repeat has had no other purpose than to hasten a settlement within the League of a dispute whose prolongation weighs heavily on the world."

"Any final settlement must be acceptable to the League as well as to the two parties," Eden said. "The proposals are neither definitive nor sacrosanct," he stated, after the committee meeting. "They are suggestions which it is hoped will make possible the beginning of negotiations."

The Committee of Eighteen then adjourned until Saturday, when it will discuss the report of the experts who have been examining means of applying sanctions, thus delaying action on the oil embargo.

Utility Firm Bars Mediation

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six discharged workers "happened to be members" of the union group, Cohn said.

Labor Supports Union
"Before the Mayor made his proposal that the matter be submitted to a representative of the public for arbitration, he was informed that the three men who belonged to the Brotherhood who were discharged were the chairman of the Queens local, the general manager of the local, and the treasurer, and that the secretary of the local had been discharged two months ago. So that, as a result of the company's actions all of the local's officials have been discharged."

Support of New York labor to the organization drive in the power trust stronghold was indicated at City Hall when in addition to a delegation of a half-dozen Brotherhood men, Michael Quill, vice-president of the Transport Workers Union, and Arthur C. Harkham, secretary of Local 32-B of the Building Service International Employees Union, appeared in support of the utility employees.

"Men on the I.R.T. and B.M.T. are watching this situation very carefully," Quill told reporters. "If they win, it's a victory for workers on all the public utilities. Our union will support the Brotherhood with all our strength."

Col. Rocket to Tour For Mussolini

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as a great crusade," he continued. "The church is terribly afraid of Bolshevism. This is a crusade that should have been undertaken years ago."

Every one of Mussolini's criminal acts against the Ethiopian people—the bombing raids on red cross hospitals, the murder of women and children—were supported by Colonel Rocket. He said he thought the war would open Ethiopia to "civilization."

He saw Ethiopia as becoming a "paradise" under the bloody fascist rule.

Sees Fascist Paradise
"Many years ago Ethiopia was a paradise," Colonel Rocket said. "Once the country is opened up for civilization it will still be a paradise. Ethiopia can support many hundreds of thousands of Europeans. But civilization will be damaged by sanctions."

Colonel Rocket's alignment with the Italian Fascists has caused him considerable difficulty in England. He was a member of a number of exclusive clubs in London but was compelled to resign from them when he started his world tour for Mussolini.

Entry into American clubs, however, is being arranged for the fascist colonel by local supporters of Mussolini, it was learned yesterday.

Soviet Armenia Celebrates 15th Year

American Delegation Acclaims Progress of the Country

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) ERIVAN, Soviet Armenia, Dec. 12.—The fifteenth anniversary celebration of the founding of Soviet Armenia has come off with great glory to the accompaniment of enthusiastic cheers by Armenian visitors from foreign lands.

Delegations from France and the United States have taken an especially prominent part in the observance. Before leaving after a twenty-day stay, the chairman of the American Armenian delegation, an engineer named Chichian told the correspondent of the Tass Soviet News Agency that the American delegation was taking leave of Soviet Armenia with impressions of creative constructive work uppermost in their mind.

"We have seen social labor which, together with mechanization, has created all necessary conditions for the development of the country's productive forces," he said. "It was practically struck by the urge for education which has become a mass movement such as neither Europe nor America know. Under Soviet rule, the Armenian people live freely and enjoy peace with their neighbors creating their own culture and art."

Police Charged With Raiding Student's Home

Charges that police raided a meeting of students gathered to discuss the formation of the American Students' Union in the apartment of Herbert Wechsler, 338 East Fifteenth Street, Wednesday afternoon, were laid before the American Civil Liberties Union's academic freedom committee yesterday by James Wechsler, James is not a relative of Herbert, former editor of the Columbia Spectator.

James Wechsler said that he had come to address the meeting when he and Herbert were taken into custody by two policemen who came to the meeting accompanied by two Stuyvesant High School students, who took notes on what happened and later gave the information to Principal James J. Wilson.

Both James and Herbert Wechsler were taken to the school and held there for about two hours until Wilson arrived. Wilson belittled the incident and turned over the notes taken by the students to James. Wilson admitted, however, that he had ordered the police called, "justifying" his action by declaring that he had been under the impression that the group had intended to hold a demonstration.

Non-Unionized Hosiery Mills Hit by Slump

Non-union hosiery mills are apparently being hit harder than union mills by the seasonal shut-down just beginning, for the second time this year, Carl Holderman, representative of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers for the New York-New Jersey district, stated yesterday.

"Despite a rough 10 per cent higher wage scale, Holderman said, the union hosiery centers are running at fuller employment than the non-union centers.

"This was also the case earlier in the year, when Reading and the southern centers ran at 20 per cent of capacity from Feb. 1 to Sept. 1, while the Philadelphia, Milwaukee and New York-New Jersey union districts ran at 80 per cent of capacity.

"Reading and the South are again reporting shut-downs for the pre-Christmas seasonal slump, while the union mills continue operations. The chief non-union concern not affected as yet by the seasonal let-down are in small rural towns of Pennsylvania."

Holderman stressed the fact that this development in the hosiery industry indicates that the charge, so often made by anti-labor manufacturers that higher wages lead to shut-downs, is unfounded.

Menace of Child Labor Fought in Silk Strike

Alexander Williams, Manager of Paterson Union, Holds Illegal Sweat Shop Conditions, Created by Converters, Precipitated Walkout

By Carl Reeve
PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 12.—More than 6,000 silk workers here are striking to eliminate sweat shop conditions, wage cuts, child labor, and discrimination. Alexander Williams, general manager of the Paterson Federation of Silk Workers (United Textile Workers) told the Daily Worker, "Thirty-seven silk shops have signed contracts with the union. Negotiations with the other shops are continuing."

Williams, when interviewed at the union office, 71 Washington Street, blamed these sweat shop conditions on the practices of the converters who are giving out work to the large family shops. The union has exposed sweat shop and child labor conditions reminiscent of the worst days of East Side New York.

"Every day the strike continues it becomes more evident who is responsible for the present deplorable economic conditions in Paterson," Williams stated on behalf of the union. "The family shops, by accepting continuous wage cuts handed them by the converters, generally undermine the wages and conditions of union men in the regular broadsheet shops. Therefore the full blame can be laid at the door of the converters of the type of Kluger. Because the family shops have not organized and gained a contract from their converters, the converters have taken advantage and in the last week have handed the family shops another wage cut."

Fight Child Labor
The union has had to wage a determined fight against wide-spread child labor in Paterson, Williams told me. "On the 25th of June, 1935, I sent a letter to Charles Weeks, deputy commissioner, State Labor Department at Trenton, pointing out to him that the workers were complaining that in a great many of the small shops throughout the city the employers were bringing into the mills their own children. We invited the labor committee of the Department of Labor to come to Paterson and accept an escort around the mills to be shown such violations. On June 27 we received the answer that the department was sending a committee. On June 29 we received a lengthy letter from the Hon. John H. Toohy, Jr., commissioner of labor, which more or less whitewashed all our claims of violations."

Then the National Child Welfare Committee made its report which created such a furor in Paterson. The Welfare Committee found wide-spread child labor in Paterson, declaring that since N.R.A. child labor is "prevalent." The Chamber of Commerce of Paterson is now conducting a frenzied campaign trying to discredit this report. The investigating committee of the National Child Welfare Committee took photographs of the children at work in the family shops. The Committee's report proved beyond a doubt the charges of the union.

Labor Department Stirred
The Welfare Committee's startling evidence caused hurried activity on the part of the State Department of Labor. "On July 2, we received another letter from the department advising us that two children, apparently under the age of 14, were working and that another child under sixteen had been found. Following this we received another letter on July 12 of a proven violation."

"We feel now that," Williams stated, "the plight of the silk workers and the misery they continually

face has been brought to light, there should be a complete probe and exposure of everything. The fact is that there are about 3,000 looms operated today in Paterson by the smallest of family manufacturers who employ no one outside their families.

"The plants of a great many of these shops are partitioned off in units of from four to fifteen looms. One plant is separated from another by chicken wire. In some factory buildings there are as many as sixty different firms. The sanitary conditions of these places are awful beyond belief. The shops are dirty, there is poor ventilation. As often as not they are firetraps.

Union Vigilant
"The union has got its eyes open to this situation," Williams continued. "We are not going to let up on our vigilance. These shops are temporarily laying low with child labor, but they are ready to start again as soon as the effects of the Welfare Committee's report die down. The Department of Labor of the State is calling me up every day asking if we have any violations to report. We are not going to allow any soft peddling of the sweat shop and child labor practices in these small shops."

Williams, in the written statement he gave me, blamed these illegal sweatshop conditions on the labor laws. "We believe that if the labor laws were properly enforced most of these sweatshops would be ruled out of existence. In the minds of the workers these shops are the real cause of their plight today. The owners of these shops take orders at prices less than the fair shop can produce at. Most of these shops work from eight to twenty hours a day. Their owners are barely existing. These are the places which are the constant menace to the workers. They are the principal cause of strikes. They are largely to blame for unemployment in the industry. They are no asset to the city because they pay no rent or taxes and do not employ any outside workers and also set competitive prices downward for the industry."

Regarding the present attack of the Chamber of Commerce and the State Labor Department on the Child Welfare Committee's report, the union answered, "The union wishes at this time to come forward and give its full support to the report of the Committee. The union knows this report to be the truth. When the committee says that child labor has been prevalent here since the N.R.A. went out, it is stating the case mildly."

Remedy Sought
The union contract on the basis of which individual settlements of the strike are now sought, provides for remedying the situation.

The clause in the contract applying to this situation says, "All manufacturers and converters giving out work to commission shops do hereby agree to pay said commission employers the union wage plus overhead expense."

The union places responsibility also on the city administration for doing nothing to combat the deplorable conditions of child labor and sweatshops in the cockroach family shops. Fire and health regulations, as well as child labor laws, are flagrantly violated.

The Silk Workers' Federation is waging a struggle in the strike against sweatshops and child labor, and to make Paterson a union town. All possible support should therefore be given to the silk workers' strike.

Hildebrandt Hails Parley Against War

Dakota Representative Endorses Aims of the Cleveland Congress

To show how support is rapidly crystallizing for the third U. S. Congress Against War and Fascism to be held Jan. 7, 8 and 9 in Cleveland's mammoth auditorium, Dr. Harry F. Ward, chairman of the Executive Committee made public yesterday a letter from U. S. Representative Fred H. Hildebrandt of South Dakota commending the aims of the Congress.

"I wish to give you my most sincere good wishes for the success of the Congress and I assure you that I am in hearty sympathy with the efforts of your organization to prevent the establishment of a fascist dictatorship in this country, as well as to save the United States from being whipped into another World War. The nation wants peace and the retention of our democratic and civil rights. I have repeatedly stated my position in this regard from the floor of Congress and elsewhere. You may be sure that I shall never hesitate to raise my voice against the machinations of militarists and imperialists."

Representative Hildebrandt also pointed to his recent speech on the floor of the House, opposing war. He said at that time:

"Today in the light of developments and disclosures of recent years, there are few who have a good word to say for American participation in the World War. Those who in the dark days of that fearful conflict were called 'imperialist' and 'pro-German' and 'slackers' and other even less complimentary names, are now vindicated. It is equally certain that great harm would follow participation in any other war, unless our country were actually invaded, which is highly improbable. I should like to see the last war made so expensive and odious that we shall not permit ourselves to be led into another trap of that kind."

Fascists Bid Mayor to Rally

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tually a solid block behind Ethiopia in its present struggle against Fascist aggression.

Committee Takes Up Issues
"Mayor F. H. LaGuardia has agreed to lend his presence to the Fascist rally at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night to raise money for Mussolini. What do you think of that?"

This question, put by Girolamo Valenti, chairman of the United Italian Anti-Fascist Committee, aroused a wave of indignation against the Mayor in the delegate meeting of anti-Fascist groups on Wednesday night.

The Fascist committee arranging the pro-Mussolini rally has announced that the Mayor and his wife will be in attendance, there and that Tammany Congressman William Sirovich will be one of the principal speakers."

Italian Vet Assails Fascists
The two hundred representatives of trade unions, civic groups and young people's organizations, assembled at the People's House, 7 East Fifteenth Street, voted unanimously to send a committee to City Hall today. The committee is instructed to demand of the Mayor that he withdraw from participation in the Fascist mass rally.

Enthusiasm in the fight against fascism which marked the meeting rose to impressive heights when Lieut. Umberto Calceani of the Italian Ex-Servicemen's League attacked Mussolini's war "in the name of those who won medals and honors in the last blood-bath."

"Our comrades who fought for imperialist Italy in the last world war will go to Madison Square Garden on Saturday night, to demonstrate against the Fascist rally. We who fought and know what war means, declare: 'We want no more war!'"

Unions at Meeting
Great applause greeted the report of a committee from Harlem civic groups, which announced that delegates from these organizations would also visit Mayor LaGuardia today. They will present a "solemn protest" against his endorsement of "Fascist barbarity."

Fifty per cent of those present at the People's House were delegates from trade unions, including the clothing workers, ladies garment workers, painters, shoe workers, shirtmakers, barbers and other A. F. of L. union organizations. Seventy-five per cent of the audience were Italians, representing the oppression of the Italian masses by the bloody dictator," as Valenti put it.

To Rally Tomorrow
Plans were laid for a demonstration against the Fascist rally tomorrow night. This demonstration will be held directly in front of Madison Square Garden, beginning at 7 o'clock and other A. F. of L. union organizations.

Full participation in this demonstration by every organization represented at the Wednesday conference was pledged, including the trade unions, students and young people's leagues, Socialist and Communist groups.

The New York City Central Committee of the International Workers' Order yesterday called upon its membership to demonstrate in front of Madison Square Garden Saturday at 7 p. m. against the Garden meeting called for that evening and sponsored by Giuseppe Pope, publisher of fascist newspapers.

Hands off the Ethiopian people! Long live peace!

winning the American masses to the peace policies of the Soviet Union, the chief bulwark of peace, and to win the masses for collaboration with the U.S.S.R. in the struggle for peace.

FARMER-LABOR PARTY
The national election campaign of 1936 is already in full swing. The reactionary circles of monopoly capital, the Morgan-duPont interests, operating through the Liberty League, Hearst and other reactionary agencies are desperately trying to put into office an administration that will systematically use all reactionary and brutal measures of oppression against the masses to make them carry the burden of the crisis. These reactionary monopoly interests are seeking to establish such methods of governmental rule as will enable them to resort also to fascism in order to keep the American masses enslaved. This is the chief source of the danger of fascism in the United States. This calls for the widest mass

mobilization into a united front and for a Farmer-Labor Party. For it is clear, as established by the November meeting of the Central Committee, that the toiling masses cannot depend upon Roosevelt and his administration to stave off the growing danger of reaction and fascism.

The Ninth Convention of the Party will, therefore, have the task of formulating such policies for our Party as will enable it best to help strengthen the economic and political power of the American working class and all toilers in the struggle against the capitalist offensive and capitalist reaction, in the struggle for the Farmer-Labor Party. The Party Convention will have to determine the line of policy and tactics for our Party in the national presidential elections.

THE UNITED FRONT
To solve this central political task, the Ninth Party Convention will have to formulate our next practical steps in the struggle for the united front, especially the united front between the Communist and Socialist parties, the next

Tasks of Communist Party Convention Outlined

Statement of Central Committee, C. P., U. S. A.

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steps in the widening movement for the organization of the unorganized into industrial unions and for the strengthening of the trade union movement generally, the extension of our work among the toiling farmers, the women and the youth, and the further promotion of the national liberation movement of the Negroes.

In order to enable our Party to carry through successfully the policies that the Party Convention will decide upon, it will have to devise further ways and means of increasing the Party membership, developing capable cadres and of adjusting the Party organization to the political tasks of the present period.

The November Plenum of the Central Committee has laid the basis for the Convention discussion on the political and organizational questions which the Party Convention will have to act on. The Party membership and all Party organizations are called upon to immediately organize a systematic discussion on all these questions.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE, C.P.U.S.A. EARL BROWDER, General Secretary.

# Meat Cutters Set to Strike For Agreement

### Inspired by Victory in Kosher Shops, Locals Present Demands

The organizational drive of three locals of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers, A. F. of L., in the New York area has reached a point where a general union agreement must be signed by the Retail Master Butchers' Association or a general strike will be called.

Encouraged by the sweeping victory of Hebrew Butcher Workers Union Local 234 in the recent strike against the kosher chain shops, announcement of these alternatives offered to the Master Butchers was made yesterday by Joseph Belsky, president of Local 234.

The organizing drive of this local, in cooperation with Locals 665 and 174, is for the purpose of unionizing the non-kosher retail shops, as an entering wedge into the large packing plants.

### Agreement Presented

The agreement which has been presented to the Master Butchers Association calls for a minimum wage scale of \$42 for managers, \$35 for first head butchers and \$20 for apprentices. The union also insists that there be no discharge of any worker without proper recourse to a board of arbitration. The maximum number of working hours shall be 60 per week, according to the union demands.

"At the present time," Belsky stated, "thousands of unorganized meat cutters employed in every part of this city are working seventy and eighty hours each week, and receive as little as \$20 for expert butcher work."

### Mass Rally Called

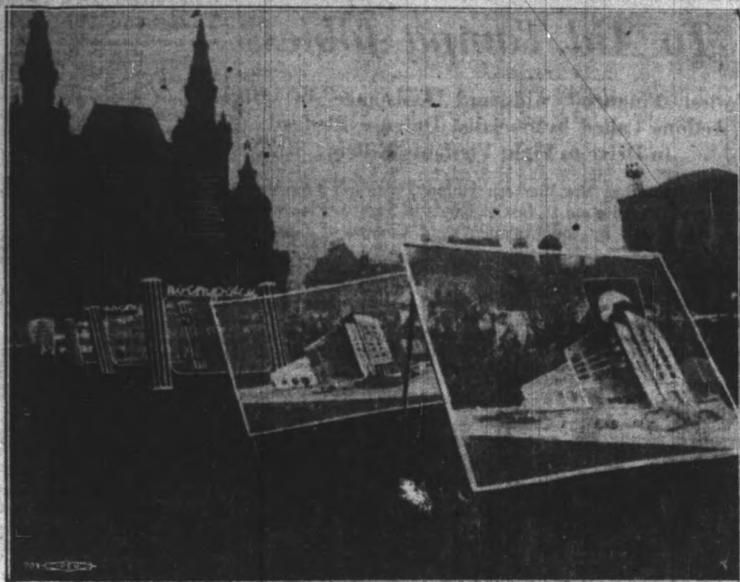
At a mass meeting on Monday night, these terms of the proposed agreement will be presented to the butcher workers, for their final endorsement. The meeting has been called for Hunts Point Palace, 165th Street and Southern Boulevard, the Bronx.

Among the speakers at the meeting will be John J. Walsh, international vice-president of the meat cutters union; James C. Quinn, secretary of the Central Trades and Labor Council; Conrad Kaye, secretary of the Meat Cutters Union Local 665; Paul Hauselton, secretary of the Butcher's Union Local 174, and Joseph Belsky, secretary of Local 234.

### Hands off the Ethiopian people!

Long live peace!

## CELEBRATE VICTORIES IN SOVIET UNION



(Federated Pictures) Soviet workers observed the eighteenth anniversary of the October Revolution with a huge parade through Moscow's Red Square. Demands for world peace, backed with a display of strength by the Red Army—and a review of the year's accomplishments under the Second Five-Year Plan featured the march. Workers are shown above with veil placards illustrating new factories opened during the last twelve months.

# I. L. D. Leader To Face Court Again Today

### Hearing Continued in Harlem Case at Police Request

Harlem police will continue their efforts to railroad James Green, organizational secretary of the Harlem International Labor Defense, to a prison sentence this morning at 10 o'clock in the Seventh District Court, 447 West 151st Street. Hearing on the case began last Monday but was continued today to permit the Police Department to have a member of its legal staff at the hearing.

Green is charged with "running a dance without a permit." He was one of 74 men and women, white and Negro, arrested early Thanksgiving morning in a provocative police raid on an I. L. D. dance at the Harlem Workers Center, 415 Lenox Avenue, at which Negro and white workers fraternized socially. A blanket charge of "disorderly conduct" against the others was dismissed.

# Store Owner Will Face Trial on Assault Charge

Morris Rothstein, owner of the Rothstein Department Store, 4013 Thirteenth Avenue, Brooklyn, will have to stand trial today for assault in the third degree, on charges brought by Herman S. Farber, business agent of the Retail Dry Goods Clerks' Union, Local 1102, A. F. of L., which is leading a strike of the department store employees for the last four weeks.

The case will be heard in the Ninth District Magistrate's Court, 42nd Street and Fourth Avenue.

The attack on Mr. Farber took place in the first days of the strike, which was called in an effort to obtain wage increases, and to prevent the owners from firing two clerks for membership and activity in the union. All of the twenty-five clerks employed struck.

Mr. Rothstein requested Mr. Farber, the latter relates, to accompany him to the corner of Fortieth Street and Thirteenth Avenue in order to "discuss the issues of the strike." Mr. Farber agreed. It was there, that he was assailed by an unknown assailant, who stole up from behind and inflicted a severe cut on Farber's nose. Mr. Rothstein and the gangster fled. Farber was taken to Dr. M. M. Marcus at 1318 Forty-second Street, where four stitches had to be administered. Mr. Farber's eyesight was barely saved.

### Militant Picketing Conducted

Militant picketing was conducted by the union since the strike was called. Huge mass picket lines are formed every night, upon the conclusion of nightly open air meetings. Street traffic has been routed off Thirteenth Avenue on numerous occasions due to the thousands of people who gather to voice their protest against the anti-labor policy of Rothstein's store management.

Moral and financial support has already been received from many organizations, according to a statement released yesterday by Jack Schaffran, manager of the union. Among the organizations who helped the strikers are the Socialist Party, American League Against War and Fascism, Dairy Clerks Union, Local 338, A. F. of L. a sister organization, the Communist Party, Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union, Local 507, Young People's Socialist League, Young Communist League, Wholesale Dry Goods Employees Union, Local 1992, the United Council of Working Class Women and others.

Attempts of the owners to break the strike through intimidation of the pickets and through physical assaults on them, have failed. Mr. Schaffran said. A warrant for the arrest of Joseph Teich, personal friend of the Rothsteins, and a summons for Morris Rothstein, have been issued, upon a complaint of

Steps were taken yesterday by the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians to file suit against the City of New York to restrain the city government from turning the entire construction and planning of the World Fair project over to private contractors.

Attorney Harry Secher is preparing the suit for the Federation. The Federation will demand that all work on world fair planning and construction shall be done by civil service employees at the regular civil service rates of wages.

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# 15 Sentenced For Picketing At May's Store

### Union Answers Attacks of Court by Appeal for Bigger Fines

The Brooklyn Magistrate's Courts, which have shown a "strange zeal to aid the May's Department Store," 510 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, from the beginning of the strike there, are "now bearing down even harder on pickets," Department Store Employees Union, Local 1250, A. F. of L., charged yesterday.

Evelyn Cohen, whose story of her functions as a "human elevator" in the store appeared in a previous issue of the Daily Worker, was sentenced to five days in jail by Magistrate George H. Folwell on Wednesday afternoon in the Ninth Magistrate's Court, Forty-second Street and Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn.

Her offense was picketing, and she was not given the option of a fine.

### Two Jailed for 30 Days

Harold Katz and Irving Novak, young strikers, were each given thirty days in jail by Folwell.

Twelve other defendant pickets were sentenced to two or three days each with optional fines totalling \$125. The fines were raised by the Joint Council of the Retail Clerks International Protective Association, meeting at 142 West Fifty-second Street, Wednesday evening.

All of the fourteen pickets were finger-printed by the police at the time of their arrest, the union charges.

Nineteen additional pickets, arrested on the mass picket line last Saturday, will come up for trial on Wednesday morning in the Ninth Magistrate's Court. Among these, seven members of the Writers Union are included.

### To Picket Tomorrow

In answer to these attacks by police and the Brooklyn courts, Local 1250 called yesterday for additional volunteers for a mass picket line before the May's store tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. Pickets are asked to assemble at 42 Smith Street, Brooklyn, in preparation for the demonstration.

A mass meeting will also be held on Monday night, at the Odd Fellows Hall, 301 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, at which the question, "Have Unions the Right to Exist?" will be discussed. Heywood Brown, noted columnist and president of the American Newspaper Guild, Joseph Lash of the Students League for Industrial Democracy, Mrs. Harry F. Ward, who was arrested on the May's picket line, and representatives of Local 1250 will be among the speakers.

Protests Urged  
The Retail Dry Goods Clerks Union urged all workers and sympathizers to write or telephone the Rothstein Department Store in protest against its anti-labor stand. The telephone number is Windsor 8-8300. The address, 4013 Thirteenth Avenue, Brooklyn.

A call for a conference to support the Rothstein strikers has been issued by the union. It will take place at 8 o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, Dec. 17 in the Borough Park Labor Lyceum, Forty-second Street and Fourteenth Avenue, Brooklyn. Invitations have been sent to fraternal organizations, unions, clubs, societies, and political parties in the neighborhood, urging them to send two delegates each to the conference. Plans will be worked out to intensify the campaign to force Rothstein to a settlement, the union announced.

# 40 A.F. of L. Unions Back City Anti-War Meeting

### Local Conference Will Prepare Groundwork for New York Delegation to National Congress in Cleveland, League Secretary Says

Responding to the call for delegates to the city-wide Conference Against Fascism, for Peace, called by the American League Against War and Fascism for Dec. 21 at Mecca Temple, forty A. F. of L. trade unions have registered their delegates. This conference is called in New York in preparation for the Third National Congress to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 3, 4, 5, 1936.

Clarifying the plans for the City Conference and the National Congress, Harry A. Maurer, organizational secretary of the League, issued the following statement:

"We have explained on numerous occasions that the plans for a City-Wide Conference Against Fascism for Peace have been made with utmost consideration for the broadest and most effective appeal. To this end pre-conference commission meetings were held covering the effect of war and fascism upon all social, industrial and religious groups. The resolutions and recommendations of these commission meetings will be studied at the City-Wide Conference. All reports of the Conference will be sent to the Third National Congress, Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 3, 4, 5, 1936.

"The emphasis of our work in New York City, therefore, is primarily in the direction of the Third National Congress. We appeal to all kinds of organizations throughout Greater New York to elect delegates to the National Congress. It is not necessary for organizations to subscribe to the program of the American League in order to send delegates. On the contrary, we appeal for support among those groups who have not actively participated with the American League as affiliates. We hope through this method to afford opportunity to all groups to help formulate a program of action that will guarantee a powerful united front against war and the development of fascism. The present program of the League will be modified or enlarged according to the will of the delegates assembled at the Third National Congress.

"All delegates registered for the National Congress from Greater New York will automatically be registered as delegates to the City-Wide Conference. This plan allows each Congress delegate the opportunity to become familiar with the problems facing his field of interest as it will be discussed in the Commissions of the Conference. The Congress is organized on the same commission basis.

"A special train has been chartered to carry the delegates to Cleveland. The round trip fare, if paid on or before Dec. 23, will be just \$13. Tickets are available at the National Office, 112 E. 19th St., New York City. In order to aid groups raise sufficient funds to send a delegate, the City Office, 156 Fifth Ave., Room 521, has prepared cards to be used for soliciting contributions. These cards are available to all groups that have voted to send a delegate to the Congress. It is our experience in the past that more than sufficient funds may be raised in this way.

"We make an earnest appeal to the organizations of New York to send delegates to the Congress. War is a threat to us. It is a brutal reality to the Ethiopians and Italians, the Japanese and the Chinese. And Fascism is developing in the United States. We must organize a powerful opposition."

## SHIP ARRIVALS

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TURIALBA, United Fruit	Armedales, Dec. 5	Morris St.
ULUA, United Fruit	Santa Marta, Dec. 2	Morris St.

## DUE TODAY

EUROPA, North German Lloyd	Bremen, Dec. 7	W. 46th St.
AQUITANIA, Cunard White Star	Southampton, Dec. 7	W. 14th St.
QUEEN OF BERGUDA, Purves	Bermuda, Dec. 11	W. 15th St.
GATUN, Standard Fruit	La Ceiba, Dec. 8	Peck Slip
LARA, Red D	La Guayra, Dec. 4	W. 4th St., Brooklyn

## DUE TOMORROW

DEUTSCHLAND, Hamburg-Amer.	Hamburg, Dec. 5	W. 44th St.
ILSENSTEIN, Bernstein	Antwerp, Nov. 30	W. 2d St., Hoboken

# Anti-Fascist Rally Receives Backing of CP

### Socialists, Communists Are Urged to Mass at Garden Tomorrow

"Let us show Mussolini and his agents in the United States that the American workers will not tolerate their activities here." Thus did the New York District Committee of the Communist Party yesterday urge the membership of the Party to support the anti-fascist demonstration called by the Italian Anti-Fascist Committee in front of Madison Square Garden, tomorrow night at 7 o'clock.

In explaining the purpose of the demonstration, the District Committee declared: "The Italian fascists have had the audacity to organize a mass meeting in Madison Square Garden" to raise funds to support Mussolini's robber invasion of Ethiopia.

All members of the Communist and Socialist Parties were urged by the District Committee to unite in this protest against Italian fascism, the enemy of both the Ethiopian and the Italian people.

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# Union to Sue City Over Private Work On World Fair Jobs

Steps were taken yesterday by the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians to file suit against the City of New York to restrain the city government from turning the entire construction and planning of the World Fair project over to private contractors.

Attorney Harry Secher is preparing the suit for the Federation. The Federation will demand that all work on world fair planning and construction shall be done by civil service employees at the regular civil service rates of wages.

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### Ridder Pushes Relief Graft Investigation

#### Physically Handicapped Win Job Promise After Long Struggle

The first action taken by the Works Progress Administration to clean out the widespread racketeering and graft on the projects was taken yesterday by Victor F. Ridder, W. P. A. director, when he ordered Giuseppe Colombo, alias Joseph Columbus, alias Fero Zola, fired from his job as chief inspector on the mosquito control project No. 52.

Charges that Colombo was linked up with the widespread graft practices which may involve outstanding leaders of Tammany Hall have been reviewed by Ridder and placed in the hands of Thomas Dewey, head of the special racket investigation committee.

#### Handicapped Get Jobs

Colombo was brought under suspicion a few weeks ago, the charges said, when he pulled out a roll of \$230 to pay a small fine he incurred when he was found guilty of driving while intoxicated.

At a hearing before Ridder yesterday Colombo tried to explain away the large roll of bills by declaring that it was part of a Christmas savings account which he had just withdrawn from the bank and which he had saved from his wages. He said the car he was driving was the property of a woman whom he was in the habit of driving to a doctor because she was afraid to use the street cars. Evidently unsatisfied with these explanations Ridder ordered his assistant, Daniel Ring, to dismiss Colombo.

### Many to Greet Mother Bloor At Banquet

Frieda Kirschway, James Henle, Alfred Bein, Eva Ginn, James W. Ford, Art Young yesterday accepted on the sponsoring committee of the Mother Ella Reeve Bloor Forty-fifth Anniversary dinner which will mark the forty-fifth year of Mother Bloor's activity in the American labor movement. Reservations have already been made for the dinner by steel workers, miners, farmers and needle trades workers, food and railroad workers. Several tables have been taken by actors and actresses, musicians and writers.

Several groups of electrical workers from Schenectady have sent in word that they will come in special cars and bring with them signs made in the factories there with the slogan: "Greetings to Mother Bloor on her 45th anniversary."

The dinner will take place at the Hotel Lismore on Jan. 24 at 7:30 p. m.

### Actors' Equity Asks Relief for Unemployed

Relief for needy actors was sought yesterday at City Hall by Frank Gilmore, president of Actors' Equity, asking that the Mayor bring his influence to bear in Washington to get red tape in relief administrations.

Gilmore pointed out that at least a thousand unemployed actors, now eligible for W. P. A. theatre projects, could not obtain relief jobs because of failure to apply for home relief prior to Nov. 1.

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### Communist Party District Hails Spur in Recruiting; 485 Enrolled in One Night

Congratulating the membership of the New York District of the Communist Party on its splendid work of recruiting close to 500 new members into the party on Dec. 3, registration night, the District Committee yesterday issued a statement calling for similar action on the final night of registration next Tuesday.

While urging the continuance of close attention and increased speed in recruiting, the District Committee cautioned the units to carefully develop the new forces, to remember, in the words of Comrade Stalin, that "of all the valuable capital that exists in the world, persons and cadres constitute the most valuable, the most decisive capital."

The statement of the District Committee follows:

"The registration carried through on Dec. 3 shows clearly that the Party membership is on the job and that many members who have been neglected in the past, and some who may have dropped out, can be brought back into the Party. About 70 per cent of the membership was registered on Dec. 3.

"This shows that with proper organization, our Party membership can be kept intact and grow without any difficulty. While the Party members as a whole rallied very well, special credit must be given to the section registrars who did excellent work in mobilizing the units for the Party registration.

"At the same time the recruitment during the week ending Dec. 3 showed that not only are the workers ready to join the Party, but that

### Project Workers Union Calls Demonstration

#### Meeting at WPA Office Tomorrow Morning Will Demand Reclassification and Increased Wages for Unskilled WPA Workers

Demands for reclassification of skilled workers now listed as unskilled laborers on WPA projects and for wage increases for those in the unskilled category will be placed before Victor F. Ridder, Works Progress administrator, at a mass demonstration tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at 111 Eighth Avenue.

The demonstration will be led by the Project Workers Union. Joseph Gilbert, secretary of the union, said arrangements had been made with relief officials for a delegation from the demonstration to meet with Daniel Ring, assistant to Ridder, who will give the project workers an answer to their demands.

### Hearst Writer's Tale Of Swindle Is Spiked

Accusations by Walter Niedbala, the most recent of the Hearst special writers on the Soviet Union, that the Workers' Tractor School in Brooklyn had swindled him and the group of 47 mechanics who went from that school to the U.S.S.R., were branded false in a statement yesterday

dividual had paid in \$115 for an eight months' course, and \$25 for the use of the machine shop. Seventeen persons did not contribute even a bare cent for the machinery that was sent to the Soviet Union. About five of the remainder contributed between \$500 and \$800, and in view of these facts, Mr. Niedbala, who was an instructor in the school at that time, figured that 350 persons contributed a half million dollars, is beyond any mathematical comprehension. He, as an instructor, positively knew that most of the machinery had been contributed by large American manufacturers of tractors and implements, who are dealing with the Soviet Union, and considered that contribution a gesture of good will. He also knew that the entire income from tuition was used to purchase machinery, which was bought at a 50 per cent discount.

"Question No. 1.—How true is the statement by Niedbala in the New York American, Nov. 19, 1935, that, 'We found, that all the Communist publications had received large sums of money from our fund; we discovered that thousands of dollars were unaccounted for?'

"Answer: I performed a complete audit of all the incomes and expenditures of the Workers' Tractor School, and can positively certify that no expenditures of large amounts were paid to Communist publications. The Workers' Tractor School carried ordinary advertisements in various Russian and English language newspapers, and all payments were made according to authorized bills only. The assertion of Mr. Niedbala in the New York American that thousands of dollars were unaccounted for is positively unfounded, unwarranted, and without any proof whatsoever. All payments were made by checks only, supported by authorized invoices, which were duly approved by the Board of Directors.

"Question No. 2.—Is it true as stated by Mr. Niedbala, that he contributed \$5,000 in money or machinery?'

"Answer: According to information submitted to me at the time by the Board of Directors of the school, Mr. Niedbala gave to the school an old Manley Hydraulic press, which was in a dilapidated condition and valued by a reliable firm on Canal Street at \$10. He also sold to the school a lathe for an agreed price of \$25.

"In conclusion I can positively state that all the accusations made in the New York American, insinuating financial fraud by the Workers' Tractor School, are baseless.

Niedbala was exposed, by statements of his co-workers in the school and in Alexandrov State Farm, near Ivanovo, U. S. S. R., to which the group including Niedbala was sent, to have been a drunken and shiftless character, who stole fine tools from the farm and was at length invited to leave the Soviet Union by the government after he had attempted to sell to it as his own inventions plans of machines belonging to a company in New York.

He was also exposed by workers who knew him both in America and the Soviet Union as a person of Nazi sympathies and an anti-Semite.

### Efforts to Sell Harlem Paper End in Failure

#### Mass Picketing Urged in Amsterdam News Strike Tomorrow

Attempts to purchase the strike-bound Amsterdam News by two distinct groups have ended in failure, it was learned yesterday at the headquarters of the Negro editorial strike with its members of the Newspaper Guild.

During the last several weeks negotiations for the purchase of the paper have been carried on between Mrs. Sadie Davis, owner of the News, and the Murphy family of Baltimore, publishers of the Baltimore Afro-American.

At the same time, a local group in Harlem, headed by two Negro physicians, Dr. C. B. Fowell and Dr. P. M. H. Savorio, made offers to purchase the publication.

The Murphy proposal fell through, due to the insistence of the Baltimore Negro publisher that the printing of the newspaper be done in that city. The present printer of the News, William Dunn, to whom the newspaper owes considerable money, successfully opposed this plan.

The Harlem group refused to consider purchase when Mrs. Davis stipulated that many of her associates must be retained under the new ownership, if the sale were consummated. She is also said to have laid down as a condition that the sale should continue to oppose unionization of the editorial workers.

The strikers yesterday called for volunteers for a large mass picket before the offices of the News, 2293 Seventh Avenue, corner of 135th Street, for tomorrow afternoon from 2 o'clock on.

### Shoe Union Election Set For Monday

Elections of a general manager for the New York District of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, A. F. of L., will take place on Monday in the union headquarters, 592 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.

Two hundred cases for reclassification will be presented to the W. P. A. for immediate consideration. Gilbert said that the union will appeal to the membership made yesterday by the Rank and File Progressive Shoe Workers, members of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union.

Only five of the union's locals will participate in the election. They are the fitters', cutters', machine men, shoe repair and lasters' locals.

In urging the workers to vote for Rocco Fandicene, the appeal declared, in part: "The confusion and danger inherent in the policy of pacifism when faced with a real critical situation throughout the interview.

Although he strongly attacked Italian fascism and Mussolini for having invaded Ethiopia, Angell nevertheless declared that some compensations should be offered to splendid band: 8:30 P. M.

CONCERT & Dance, given by Angelo Herndon B. I. D. at 2075 96th St. Excellent Program. Moscow Subway Picnic on display.

DANCE Party, Strauss Orchestra, entertainment, refreshments, 5105 Church Ave., near Utica Ave., 8:30 P. M. Aup. I. W. O. Club, Sub. 25c.

HANNES EISLER will speak at farewell for Henry Cowell. Adomian, Baumann, Raitzstein, Copland, McBride, Segismund, Reception, Comm. 2075 96th St. 8:30 P. M. Aup. I. W. O. Club, Sub. 25c.

WALTZ-Tango Nite, 84 Fifth Ave., near 14th St., 8:30 P. M. Aup. Social Dance Party, 1115 E. 20th St., 8:30 P. M. Aup. I. W. O. Club, Sub. 25c.

PROSPECT Workers Center, 1187 St. Boulevard, Bronx, Frederick Scheff, artist and lecturer, will show pictures taken by himself, "What I Saw in the Soviet Union."

"How the Crisis Affects the Family's Health," by Dr. Bells, Medical Advisory Board, Royal Hospital, 1115 E. 20th St., 8 P. M. Aup. I. W. O. Club, Sub. 25c.

### Councils Back Fight To Aid Tampa Jobless

#### Fullest Financial Aid and Assistance in All Actions Called by Socialist Defense Pledged in Drive to Fight Vigilante Killers

Charges that the Western Union Telegraph Company was giving definite aid to fascist bands in Tampa, Fla., were made yesterday by the Unemployment Council of Greater New York.

Sam Wiseman, secretary of the Council, said that the city office of the Western Union had refused yesterday to accept a telegram sent by the East New York Unemployment Council, 498 Georgia Avenue, Brooklyn, to Mayor Chancy of Tampa protesting the brutal attack on the three unemployed leaders of the city by a vigilante band. The attack resulted in the death of one of the leaders, Joseph Shoemaker, Socialist and member of the Workers' Alliance.

Members of the Unemployment Councils of Greater New York yesterday joined with organizations of the unemployed throughout the country in mourning the death of Joseph Shoemaker, a leader of the Workers' Alliance of America, who succumbed after he was beaten, lacerated and feathered and left in the cold, naked by a group of Florida vigilantes.

The Councils urged all labor organizations to give the utmost financial and moral support to the Labor and Socialist Defense Committee, 21 East 17th St., which is demanding that those guilty of the attack be punished and that the vigilante groups be broken up.

The following resolution on the death of Shoemaker was adopted by the Councils and forwarded to the Workers Alliance of America:

"Whereas, the cowardly and brutal murder of Joseph A. Shoemaker, unemployed leader of the W. A. A. of Florida, and the severe injuring of E. P. Poulton and S. J. Rogers, also W. A. A. leaders, by police-assisted vigilantes of Tampa, Fla. has aroused the entire unemployed and labor movement to the increasing danger of fascist-minded vigilante bands who stop at not even murder in an effort to smash organizations of workers;

"Whereas, such terror especially against the unemployed is a result of the determination upon the part of the big business and the Federal and local administrations who carry out its orders, to shake off their responsibility to provide the unemployed either with jobs at a decent living wage or adequate relief and to force the unemployed into submission by destroying the organizations of the unemployed through murder of their leaders;

"Whereas, these Hitler-like methods which are employed under the cover of super-patriotic slogans not only have nothing in common with American traditions of 'life, liberty and pursuit of happiness,' but are a direct attack upon the long fought for and cherished democratic rights of the American people;

"Therefore, Be it resolved: That we call upon all organizations, and those who want to preserve the democratic rights of American people to support all the actions called by the Labor and Socialist Defense Committee in this matter.

"We call for all support, financial and moral, to the Labor and Socialist Defense Committee and the W. A. A. in their conducting of this case.

"We call upon all organizations, and those who want to preserve the democratic rights of American people to support all the actions called by the Labor and Socialist Defense Committee in this matter.

"We call for the same united movement which set Angelo Herndon free to be developed in this fight in defense of our inalienable rights of organization, freedom of speech and assemblage."

Mussolini in order to "save his face" and give him "something he can talk about to his public." Reminded that militant action would prevent Mussolini from saving face, thus endangering his whole regime, Angell replied that such action simply raises new problems in addition to the already being faced.

His main objection to the Hoare-Laval robber agreement was that it gives Mussolini "too much."

Angell, however, advocated "corking up the Suez Canal" in preference to a collective oil embargo which he declared would take too much time.

He defended the League of Nations, claiming that "if the League machinery breaks down in the Italo-Ethiopian war, it will be a triumph of international imperialism."

However, he declared that "if the League of Nations simply becomes a junketing place in Geneva, I am not in favor of them."

Discussing the question of sanctions, Angell stated that the slogan of "sanctions mean war" is a muddle-headed slogan because if they are certain, it means peace.

### Sir Norman Angell Will Lead Discussion Tonight on War Factors

Sir Norman Angell, author, economist and winner of the Nobel Peace prize in 1933, will conduct a round table discussion on "The New Line-Up of Forces for War," with a group of leading representatives of the press, authors, economists and leaders of the American peace movement, before an audience in the Pythian Auditorium, 371 Madison Avenue, tonight.

The public has been invited to attend this discussion by the Henri Barbusse Memorial Committee which is sponsoring the meeting.

### STAGE AND SCREEN

"Three Songs About Lenin" at the Acme Theatre

A special request program of the Soviet documentary film, "Three Songs About Lenin," and Rene Clair's "Le Denier Milliardaire" (The Last Millionaire) which was awarded honorable mention at the recent World Cinema Festival in Moscow, will be shown at the Acme Theatre for one week only beginning Monday.

The feature film this week at the Royal is "The Great Impersonation," the Universal picture starring Edmund Lowe and featuring Valerie Hays, Vera Engle, and others. In the cast include Lunden Hays, Spring Byington, Henry Mollison and Esther Dale.

The Marx Brothers' picture, "A Night at the Opera," will be held over an additional week at the Capitol Theatre. "A Tale of Two Cities" will open at this theatre on Christmas Day.

Today, tomorrow, Sunday and Monday, the Daily Theatre, Tremont Ave., near 50th St., will feature "Transatlantic Tunnel," with Madge Evans and Richard Dix; and "King Solomon of Broadway," starring Edmund Lowe.

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DISCUSSION



# Record Throng To Hear Debate In Cleveland

## Tyler and Williamson to Talk Sunday on Anti-War Fight

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 12.—Additional Hall, wired for loudspeakers, has been secured today to take care of the expected overflow audience at the Williamson-Tyler debate on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Slovenian Auditorium, 6417 St. Clair Avenue.

Tickets are practically sold out for the debate, which is the first one in the history of Cleveland between the Socialist and Communist Parties on the program to be followed in opposing war.

Both debaters are excellent speakers. John Williamson, District Organizer of the Communist Party in Ohio, Gus Tyler, a prominent Socialist leader from New York, is known as a very skillful orator and debater.

Williamson will be the first speaker. He will speak for forty minutes, followed by Tyler, who will also speak for forty minutes.

After Tyler, Williamson will again take the floor for 15 minutes, answering Tyler. Tyler will follow again for 15 minutes, answering the previous arguments.

Finally both Williamson and Tyler each will have five minutes each, with Tyler as the last speaker.

A number of leading trade unionists have been invited to the debate, which is under the auspices of the Socialist Party.

A social and dance arranged by the Socialist Party will follow the debate, without any additional admission charge.

The Slovenian Auditorium has a capacity of only 2,000 seats. Early attendance is urged for those who expect to be seated.

A limited number of tickets are still for sale at Socialist Party headquarters and at the Workers Bookshop, 1522 Prospect Avenue. Admission is 25 cents in advance, 30 cents at the box office.

# Speed Is Urged In Fund Drive For C.P. School

The Commission in charge of raising \$15,000 for the District and National Training School reported that the financial returns during the past week were almost nil.

While nearly \$500 was received during the first week of the campaign, thus giving the drive a good start, only \$4 was received during the past week.

Actually, however, the first District school is scheduled to start on January 8, and sufficient funds must be at hand before that date, so that Eva Robbins, director of the schools, will be able to commence classes.

The Commission, in a statement issued yesterday, therefore urged every section organizer, every Section Committee, every unit bureau and each individual Party member to "pitch in" in all earnestness and to start at once changing the paper plans of how to raise money into good, hard cash.

The campaign to sell 200,000 copies of Dimitroff's speech to the workers of New York, it was stated, should be linked up with the financial drive so that we can train leaders to carry out the resolutions of the World Congress.

The standing of the sections to date is as follows:

Section 1	Section 15	\$100
Section 2	Section 16	80
Section 3	Section 17	90
Section 4	Section 18	100
Section 5	Section 19	110
Section 6	Section 20	120
Section 7	Section 21	130
Section 8	Section 22	140
Section 9	Section 23	150
Section 10	Section 24	160
Section 11	Section 25	170
Section 12	Section 26	180
Section 13	Section 27	190
Section 14	Section 28	200

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Seventy moulders and fifty foundry workers at the Ludlow Valve Company, here are now entering the sixth month of a strike for a living wage.

Moulders at the Rensselaer Valve Company, who went on strike at the same time, won their demands within ten days, but the management of the Ludlow company has been getting castings from non-union foundries in Bristol, Conn., and Worcester, Mass., Houston, the Ludlow Co. superintendent, has offered the men an increase of twenty-five cents a day, but he insists on a greatly increased output, which is impossible with the antiquated equipment in the foundry.

Blacklisted Striker Tells of Attempts To Frame Radio Men

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 12.—Twenty-three members of the Radio Telegraphers Association, blacklisted after the failure of the strike of telegraph operators against the MacKay Radio and Telegraph Co., are now bringing their cases before the National Labor Relations Board.

In the hearing on the cases of the union, last week, L. N. Rone, a striker and official of the union told how a company provocateur attempted to compromise him during the strike. A man named R. I. Hatch came to Rone and told him how to blow out transformers by throwing a wet rag over the power lines at a certain place in the country. Hatch pretended to be afraid to commit the act himself but offered to drive Rone in his car to the scene where, without doubt, Rone was writing by prearrangement to seize Rone.

# Communist Party Appeals For 1,000 Shock Brigaders To Spread Sunday Worker

Statement of Central Committee, C.P.U.S.A.

The news that a Sunday edition of the Daily Worker will be issued on Jan. 12 has been enthusiastically hailed, not only by the membership of the Communist Party but by thousands of other readers of the paper. They welcome this broadening out of the Daily Worker, which will enable it to appeal to every cultural, as well as social and political interest of American toilers.

The Sunday Worker, with political, cultural and popular features of every kind, will be able to contact and reach new tens of thousands of workers, farmers and middle class people. It will be able to play an important role in arousing the American toilers against the growing menace of fascism and war, and thereby be a powerful instrument in the forging of that people's front which is our only guarantee of the defeat of the forces of reaction.

Thousands of toilers are ready for, and need the Sunday Worker. They will become enthusiastic readers if a vigorous circulation campaign brings the paper into their homes. This can be done if every Party member and every devoted reader of the paper makes it his job to bring the Sunday Worker to the masses who look to our Party for guidance.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party calls for a thousand volunteers who will undertake to get five subscribers for the Sunday Worker by Jan. 12 when the first issue will be out on the streets. We call upon you, comrades, who through your devotion have made possible the very existence of the Daily Worker, who through your tireless efforts have now made it possible to issue the Sunday Worker, to join this campaign which will build a mass circulation for the Sunday Worker.

You will be doing a great service to the cause of the American labor movement, you will be helping the fight to create a people's front against fascism and war, by building the Sunday Worker into a mass paper that will be read by the broadest masses of the American people.

Forward to a great Sunday Worker that will bring a fighting weapon into the homes and lives of new tens of thousands of American toilers.

Central Committee of the Communist Party, U. S. A. Earl Browder, General Secretary.

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(Daily Worker Rocky Mountain Bureau) DENVER, Colo., Dec. 12.—The Project Workers Union of this city has ordered a charter from the International Union of Hod Carriers and Common Laborers which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The charter will make the Project Workers Union a local of the Hod Carriers Union. The union meets every Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Carpenters Hall, 1947 Stout Street.

About a week ago a committee of the union called on Shaw, head of the Labor Relations Board, and demanded that he recognize the union as the official representation of the workers on all projects. Shaw agreed to this and will permit the organization of the workers into the union on the projects.

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1. The railway robbers (Philadelphia Company-Pittsburgh Railway) prepared another gigantic deal. As Councilman Walter Demmler introduced an ordinance in the Council yesterday calling for renewal of the present rotten traction agreement whereby the Pittsburgh Railway Company has withheld \$300,000 yearly taxes from the city since 1931, operating free in the meantime and furnishing what is admittedly the worst service in eastern United States.

2. A lengthy report by John Bauer, New York traction expert, to the Council branded the present street car system "obsolete," ridiculed the present \$48,000,000 valuation upon which the railways company is permitted to base its earnings and declared \$20,000,000 a reasonable figure, and recommended competitive bus operations to force the Philadelphia Company out of business if the utilities company refuses to withdraw gracefully.

In his report Bauer foresees the possibility of a five-cent fare in five years through introduction of buses to replace trolley cars, and suggests that the Pittsburgh Railway Company follow his plan in drawing up a new agreement embodying that objective. If they fail to do this, he advises that competitive bus operations be undertaken at once.

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These premises lead to certain concrete conclusions.

Imperialism and Sanctions Because certain imperialist powers, notably Great Britain, have hitherto nominally supported sanctions against Italy does not warrant us to conclude that the war against Ethiopia will not conveniently be turned into a united imperialist crusade against the Soviet Union. Quite the contrary. The imperialists have every reason to bury their temporary antagonisms on the soil of the U.S.S.R.

The news of every succeeding day brings this out with increasing sharpness. On the surface, Great Britain and Mussolini have been at daggers' point. But the British imperialists have their vast colonial empire to safeguard. A vanquished Mussolini, a fascism defeated by the ill-armed Ethiopian masses, bodes no good for the British empire. Hence the necessity for the British to save Mussolini while beating him out of that portion of his booty which threatens their own interests. They need the Lake Tsana region to control the headwaters of the Blue Nile and they will agree to sell Mussolini the rest of Ethiopia to get it.

Endanger Soviet Union The policies of Premier Pierre Laval of France are even more openly pro-Mussolini. The very strong section of the French bourgeoisie, of which he is the spokesman, advocates an "understanding" with Hitler Germany. Such a re-orientation of French foreign policy could, in the first place, be directed only against the Soviet Union—because Hitler's cards have long been on the table. Nevertheless, such a Franco-German realignment is not at all certain and there are strong forces in France—the People's Front—which would make any agreement difficult to effect. Laval, therefore, back in January of this year made a secret pact with Mussolini. Both his foreign and internal policy is based upon close ties with fascism—if possible, Hitler, in any event, Mussolini.

The policies of British and French imperialism hold the gravest danger for the Soviet Union. Because the basic clash in the world today is not between Italy and Great Britain but between the Soviet Union and the entire capitalist world, it cannot be doubted that the temporary antagonisms which crop up within world imperialism always open the road to "solution" through a united imperialist attack on the U.S.S.R.

This is not the way certain Socialists see things. Instead, they have argued that support of sanctions is support of imperialist war on the grounds that those who support sanctions will have to support British imperialism when Britain goes to war with Mussolini. That the premise leads, even logically, not to say politically, to that conclusion we have shown to be false elsewhere. But the important thing is that they see an unbridgeable chasm between British imperialism and Italian fascism. They talk of war as though Great Britain wanted to smash Mussolini and not save him. Let us consider some dispatches from London and Paris in the last ten days.

Harold Callender wrote in part as follows in the New York Times on Dec. 1:

# YOUR HEALTH

By Medical Advisory Board

(Doctors of the Medical Advisory Board do not advertise)

Eye Strain J. J. M., of Pittsburgh, Pa., writes:—"I am a sign painter and work from eight to six on week days and to ten o'clock on Saturdays. My eyes hurt and I get reflections from the signs. I work under a strong light, and have tried shading it with colored crepe paper and wearing amber glasses. I also attend classes in typewriting and used to go to many movies. What do you advise?"

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# Soviet Union Leads Fight Against Scheme to Slice Up Ethiopia

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THE imperialist plunder band tried "to dish it out." Now they find that they may have "to take it."

While Sir Samuel Hoare, British Foreign Secretary, Premier Pierre Laval of France and Mussolini were concocting one of the foulest robber pacts ever attempted, the powers of peace and the friends of Ethiopia were also drawing up their forces.

In the first place, we mean the Soviet Union. Even Dirty Willie Hearst is riled because this is so. Yesterday, Hearst's New York American appeared with a Geneva dispatch on page 6 under the following very revealing headline:

**RUSSIANS LEAD LEAGUE REVOLT ON PEACE PLAN.**

We also hope that Dirty Willie and his fascist pals read what Pravda wrote about the Hoare-Laval deal yesterday. Pravda is the central organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Communist Party

of the Party of workers and peasants which leads the Soviet Union to every victorious goal.

Pravda declared that the Franco-British agreement was patched together because Mussolini's military progress in Ethiopia "is really not brilliant" because the British are trying to free their hands in Europe and the Mediterranean in order to deal with Japanese competition in the Far East and because a Hitler-Mussolini-French-British united front against the Land of Soviets can be built on the basis of such a robber treaty.

Pravda puts its finger on the Franco-British plunder pact in the following smashing, biting words: "Despite the secrecy surrounding the agreement of Dec. 8, its imperialist nature is absolutely clear. The Anglo-French plan virtually destroys Ethiopia as an independent sovereign power and predetermines its partition according to all the rules of the colonial policy of imperialism."

Thus every development shows how correct, how timely was the Communist position in favor of independent labor sanctions combined with working class pressure upon every imperialist government for the support of League sanctions.

This combination could not fail to deliver a hammer blow against all imperialist powers. French and British imperialism have now openly come out as opponents of sanctions, as saviors of Mussolini. After he was weakened by military and economic defeats, they jump in to divide the booty with him and salvage the fascist regime from possible overthrow.

"There are ugly rumors"—wrote the Geneva correspondent of the New York Times yesterday—"that this part of the plan [for control of part of southern Ethiopia by a colonizing company] would really be financed by French capitalists and that

part of the deal in Paris involves giving British capital a slice of the project."

What have those who charged that sanctions play into the hands of British imperialism to say now? Did we not say that sanctions were only a threat which once used by the British bandits, would return to plague them?

The workers of the entire world, Socialists, Communists, every friend of peace, every supporter of Ethiopian independence, every foe of fascism can do no better than to rally round the standard raised by the Soviet Union against the Franco-British-Mussolini robber pact!

Unite ranks for independent labor sanctions! Unite ranks in support of the Soviet Union's drive for League sanctions!

Let us join our forces with those of the Soviet Union against imperialist pacts of a robber war! Why can't we do it now?

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**We Agree With Thomas**  
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 "By the way, the Daily Worker is certainly getting pretty good as a labor paper. It's improved considerably in recent months."  
 The Left Socialists unfortunately have no daily of their own—only the lively weekly Socialist Call. For the latest happenings in the labor movement, including the day-to-day developments within their own party, we recommend the Daily Worker to all Socialist Party members.  
 As for the 28-page Sunday Worker to be launched on Jan. 12—well, that deserves a special editorial all for itself.

**The 9th Party Convention**  
 THE Farmer-Labor Party—  
 The rise of fascism and the defense of democratic rights—  
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 The united front of the Socialist and Communist Parties—  
 Industrial unionism and the organization of the unorganized—  
 The struggle for Negro rights—  
 These are some of the major questions that will be dealt with at the ninth convention of the Communist Party, which will be held in New York March 8-12.  
 The convention is of vital concern not only to every Communist, but to the entire labor movement and to every progressive individual.  
 On the basis of the experiences of the past two years, and guided by the historic decisions of the recent Seventh World Congress of the Communist International, the convention will formulate the concrete policies and tactics that will enable the masses of the American people to defeat capitalist reaction and advance toward the great goal of the free Socialist society.  
 A period of 60 days is being set aside for pre-convention discussion. Every Party member should participate actively in this discussion and thereby help make the decisions of the convention.

**Learning How to Win**  
 THE splendid victory gained by Labor in the New York State Court of Appeals Tuesday, the reversal of Judge Humphrey's pier injunction, removes that legal obstacle to the teamsters' organization campaign and also to the continued cooperation of longshoremen with the teamsters.  
 The International Longshoremen's Association and all other unions are declared to be legally within their rights in refusing to handle goods brought to them by scabs. A precedent is established which will be important in almost every strike.  
 The method by which this victory was obtained is of no less significance to organized labor. The vigorous pushing of the case in the courts by able legal talent was backed up and given force by the consistent, united efforts of all the unions involved, on the waterfront. The teamsters and the longshoremen seized and used their rights to stop scab goods while the courts considered. The unions were actually settling the question by their solidarity and vigilance, while judges and lawyers debated. This enabled the workers to win against a combination of nearly all the business and capitalist political interests in the area affected.  
 Let Labor learn this lesson well!

**Fight for More Relief**  
 CHAIRMAN BUCHANAN of the House Appropriations Committee is on the loose again.  
 "There won't be any relief appropriations as far as I am concerned," yesterday's N. Y. Times quotes him as saying. There has been too much dole now, and the sooner we get out of it, the better.  
 Buchanan's program is the program of the National Association of Manufacturers, the Chamber of Commerce, the American Liberty League and William Randolph Hearst—the program of pro-fascist reaction. But it is emphatically not the program of the overwhelming majority of the American people.  
 And what about President Roosevelt? The Times quotes him as forecasting further relief cuts in next year's budget. The big capitalists demand a yard and Roosevelt "fights" them by giving them only 35 inches.  
 More relief, not less, is needed. Real unemployment insurance, such as is embodied in the Lundeen Bill (H.R. 2827), is needed. And a Farmer-Labor Party that will not take one step forward and two steps backward, as the New Deal has been doing, but will fight reaction tooth and nail—this is urgently needed.

**Railroad Co-ordination**  
 RAILROAD COORDINATOR EASTMAN continues to seek displacement of railroad workers under the slogan of "consolidation of railroad terminals."  
 Paul Smith, editor of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Journal, says, "If the Coordinator by order should make his plan effective, more employes' heads would be likely to fall than at any other single time in the United States railroad history."  
 Since 1929 nearly 650,000 railroad workers have been fired in coordination schemes and speed-up.  
 The Locomotive Engineers Journal calls for "re-enactment of effective laws" in congress, to protect railroad labor when the Railroad Emergency Act expires next year. The railroad workers do not come under the provisions of the inadequate Social Security Law.  
 There is a great deal of sentiment in the railroad lodges against the carrying through of these rationalization measures, which often endanger the safety of passengers and railroad workers alike.  
 In addition, the railroad workers are seeing the need for a federal unemployment insurance law, such as the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill (H. R. 2827).

**Olympic Ideals, Nazi Style**  
 IT SHOULD not be news that Avery Brundage, chairman of the American Olympic Committee, who led the pro-Nazi forces at the recent convention of the Amateur Athletic Union, is on charges in the United States District Court in Chicago of having helped himself to other people's money.  
 It would be news if Adolph Hitler could find an honest man to do his work for him.  
 As reported in yesterday's Daily Worker, Brundage and a few of his pals are accused of having shown their devotion to the Olympic ideals of fair play and sportsmanship by dividing among them thousands of dollars belonging to a bondholders' committee whose interests they were supposed to protect.  
 The professional gunmen, swindlers, dope fiends and sex perverts, who constitute the flower of Nazism, certainly have reasons to feel proud of the achievements of their American comrade-in-arms.  
 The resignation of Brundage as president of the A.A.U., which has been demanded by Albert F. Wheelie, head of the South Atlantic Union of the A.A.U., is now more in order than ever before.  
 And the fight against American participation in the Nazi carnival needs to be carried on with renewed vigor. The vast majority of the American people demand that the Olympic Committee cease its efforts to aid in the glorification of the murderous Hitler regime.

**Party Life**  
 By CENTRAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT  
 Organization on WPA Project Can Force Concessions — Detroit Workers Learn

THE following story is an interesting example of how one Communist can draw a group around himself and organize the workers through the group. Unfortunately, the comrade neglected to tell us just how they worked together. However, this comrade's work can serve as a special example to others, especially as he has the additional handicap of being a foreign-born comrade with a strong foreign accent.

WHEN I first started to work on the W.P.A., the conditions were as follows: There was one toilet seat for over 200 men; there were two water pails which were at one time used for asbestos. The workers spent hours cleaning them out, but they still carried the rotten smell. There were no dippers from which to drink, and we were compelled to use our hands. Some of the workers drank from their hats.

The militant workers started to protest, and in three days we were given dippers, although the stinky pails are still used.

The big-hearted boss gave the men ten minutes to check their tools in. Over 200 men waited on line while only one checker was on the job, making it impossible for him to handle this gang of men. The workers soon started to complain, and we were allowed twenty minutes and another checker was put on the job.

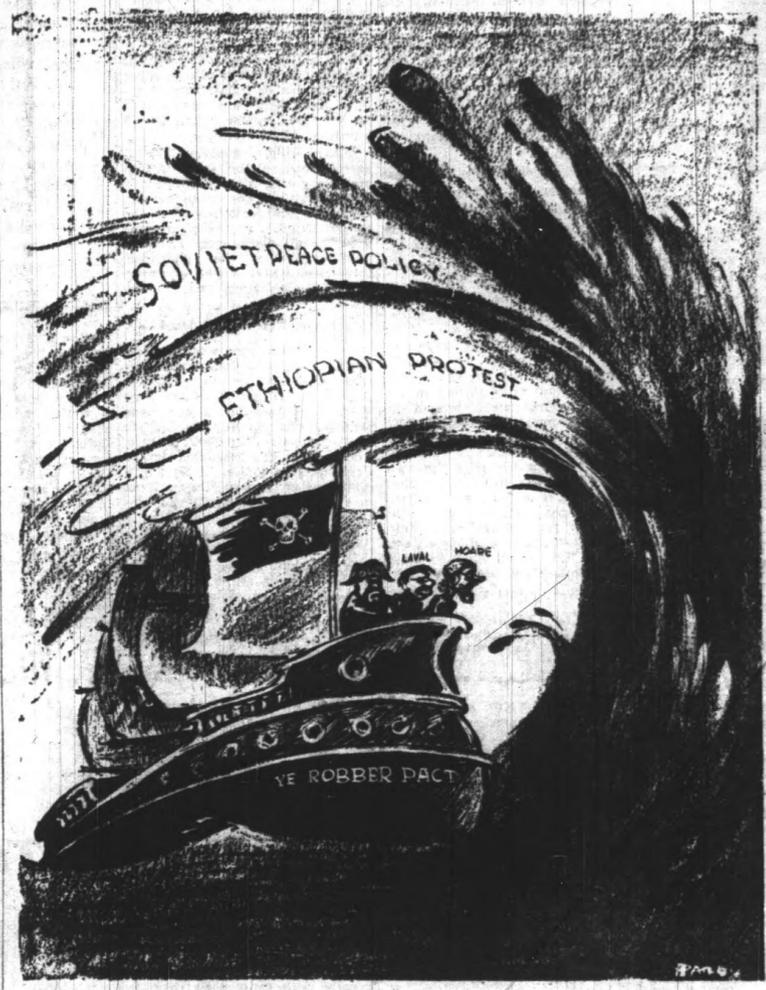
Our experience on the first rainy day showed that when it rained, things can be done for our benefit if we organize. The workers were not allowed to find any shelter, although many crowded under a small roof. The complaints were growing and the workers showed that they were dissatisfied. One of the militant workers gathered around himself a small group and explained that if they went out and got their tools and called the rest of the workers in to go home that the boss couldn't stop them. The workers immediately supported this plan and left the job in a group. No one was fired or terrorized for that action.

During the election campaign, the labor candidates were popularized. Leaflets and stickers were given a good distribution daily.  
 Because this project was well organized, the bosses started to transfer the militant workers to other projects. Only 150 were left. A petition was circulated for signatures and 112 names were received. Out of a total of 150 workers. The boss tried to stop the worker active in getting these names, but he was told that he was doing this at noon hour and it was his own time. The next day, this worker was given a quit slip. He refused to take it and was later transferred to another job with his record branding him as an agitator.  
 This project is weak organizationally, although I've watched very closely by the boss, I have already distributed leaflets and will continue to organize, until all the workers get together to fight back the attacks on their living standards.  
 From the Michigan Organizer.

FOR several weeks, the main demand of the workers on the W.P.A. project was for more wages. Many workers who have large families quit the job and went back on direct relief and were sent back to work on the project. One day at noon, we called all of the fellows together for a meeting to discuss the wages. At this meeting, there were 200 present. A committee got in touch with all projects in order to do something about wages.  
 Today this committee is the organizational committee in building the union on our project. We hold meetings once a week and give reports on what takes place at the big mass meetings.  
 This project today is 100 per cent for higher wages. Many of the workers are joining the union.  
 From the Michigan Organizer.

## ROUGH SAILING

by Phil Bard



## Letters From Our Readers

**Are We Really So Bad, Comrades?**  
 Oakland, Calif.  
 Comrade Editor:  
 A few weeks ago I bought a copy of the Daily Worker—the first in about six months. I read to about the third page and threw it away. The same old jargon! Why not write plain American?  
 Have you heard about the preacher whose house burned down because he yelled, "Behold ye, the conflagration of my hospitable domicile"—instead of "FIRE!"  
 Has it ever occurred to you that perhaps you don't get united fronts because the masses don't know what in hell you're talking about? One consoling feature is open to you though: Inprocor and some other Communist publications are worse.  
 Even so, I am  
 Comradely yours,  
 R. W.

**Speed the Organization of the Hospital Workers**  
 Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Comrade Editor:  
 May I suggest that this paper of ours sends out reporters to some of all of our city hospitals where conditions are getting almost impossible for those who work between 10 to 13 hours either day or night. Some of the help in these institutions don't get more than \$30 a month. Most of the time our food is of the poorest quality and prepared in a fashion not fit to eat.  
 Last year our liberal mayor needed some cash for the unemployment fund, hence the city heads decided to reduce our pay for many months in succession.  
 This year they need some more cash so that the voluntary hospitals may be able to care for some of the

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poor sick and where the heads of such hospitals keep on drawing their fat salaries at the expense of the poorest employees.  
 Therefore once more Hon. F. H. LaGuardia sends out requests to his agents who are to see to it that the workers pay for "this worthy cause." He forgot that he promised to reduce the hours instead of reducing our pay. But he realizes that neither the nurses nor any of the help are organized and he naturally takes advantage of this fact.  
 M. I.

**Discovers Red Herring Bait on War Mongers' Hook**  
 New York, N. Y.  
 Comrade Editor:  
 Just recently, a Port-Captain of the North German Lloyd, Mr. Dreschel, was able to discover a terrible Communist plot. This time not only the pirate flag was in danger, something worse than that—a big, big bomb was to be placed on board the Nazi vessel by professional Red Bomb Throwers! However, the vessel steamed into port safely under the convoy of several coast guard cutters and police boats.  
 Dec. 9—the capitalist press came out again with a new plot-story, this time the victim was the newly built battleship Quincy, whose keel was laid some time ago in Quincy, Mass. From Great Britain we hear of another plot on a navy-vessel.  
 What is the meaning of all this Communist plot poison?  
 Well, if we think in terms of Mussolini's African war adventure, the Naval Parley in London and Japanese Expansion in the Far East, we are able to see the bait on the hook, a Red Herring.  
 Capitalism again feels the pulse of the masses. It feels the end of the rope but hopes to prolong life on the blood of a new war, war on Communism, war on Soviet Russia.  
 With all these events happening, we must never forget how the Nazis in Germany were able to lift themselves into the saddle. The Hearstians and Liberty Leaguers in the U. S. will use dynamite, if necessary. Nineteen thirty-six, therefore, should be the goal for a Farmer and Labor Party in the U. S. for every honest person who has drawn his lesson from war and fascism during the last two decades.  
 F. W.

NOTE: It is not correct to say that there is no organization of nurses and hospital employees. Organization in this field has begun, and successful struggle have been waged (whether Mayor LaGuardia knows it or not). There are already two A. F. of L. unions in New York:  
 1.—The Hospital Employees Union, Local 171, Building Service Employees International Union, A. F. of L., 80 East 11th Street, New York City.  
 2.—Association of Hospital and Medical Professions, Local 30094 (Federal Local, A. F. of L.), 80 East 11th Street, New York City.  
 Organization, the strengthening of these trade unions, is the only answer to LaGuardia, and the only way to stop practices described in the above letter.

## World Front

By HARRY GANNES

**Behind the Navy Confab Bluffing With Ships Where Japan Stands**  
 THE Five-Power Naval Conference in London is the biggest poker game in the world, with China the limit. Battleships are the blue markers that pass in the night. Bluffing goes on among all parties. They threaten to raise one another by the billions of dollars, but actually each knows the other's financial weakness.  
 Just now the game is rapidly coming to a show-down. Japanese imperialism has put its first hand on the table demanding parity with Britain and the United States.  
 Bluntly the answer is: "Nothing doing!"  
 It's Japan's turn next.  
 A little history is necessary to understand present events.

JAPAN'S navy has always brought home the colonial bacon. Up to 1922, there was a secret working arrangement between Japan and Britain to keep out their common Wall Street competitor. The Washington naval conference, with American imperialism holding the wheel after the world war, fixed that. Out of that conference grew (1) the 5-5-3 ratio; (2) the Nine-Power pact. By 5-5-3 is meant the ratio of five capital ships each for Britain and the U. S., to three for Japan. In reality, this ratio has been applied to practically all war vessels. The Anglo-Japanese naval alliance, at the same time, was ruptured. The Nine-Power Pact was a blow at Japan's efforts to slice up China and get the booty alone.  
 Thus, Wall Street, by having the goods on Britain (debts, increased navy, British troubles in India, growing sharpness of class struggle at home, etc.) was able to rupture the Anglo-Japanese alliance. There was hell to pay in Japan. Read the Tanaka Memorandum where the Washington retreat is called Japan's undying shame.

AT THIS present conference, Japan is trying to make up for the loss. The ground has been laid in China already, as well as in Ethiopia. Because of Japan's invasion of British spheres in North China, because of their drive in Shanghai (virtual seizure of the Hongkew section of Shanghai and incessant barrage against the British-controlled Shanghai Municipal Council, etc., etc.), there has developed the sharpest battle between Japan and Britain. Britain's need to concentrate its navy in the Mediterranean helped Japan. Britain replied with the silver weapon in China.  
 Now the battle is on in full swing. Japanese imperialism, facing growing Anglo-American understanding, insists on parity or a naval race. Actually this is 3/5ths bluff. The Japanese treasury could no more stand a full-fledged naval race with British and American imperialism. Put up a real resistance to Japanese invasion.  
 Sixty per cent of the Japanese budget is devoted to war purposes now. Japan is due for one of its elemental class earthquakes because of the terrific tax pressure. Neither are Britain nor the U. S. in such swell positions to dump more billions into a naval race, but relatively they are more able to do it than is Japan which is desperately out on the short end.

IT WILL be interesting to read Admiral Naganos' reply to the blunt parity refusal of yesterday. Gloom opened the conference. In the face of inner conditions among Japan's ruling military clique, there can be no retreat at London. A smash-up, therefore, seems certain.  
 What Japan really wants is not parity with the present level of either Britain or the U. S. The Tokyo treasury couldn't bear it, even if granted. Under the pretext of "armament" reduction they want the U. S. and Britain to pare down their navies to Japan's level. They know that's a maneuver. In return for dropping parity, Japan would accept recognition of its imperial hegemony in China. That's something that neither Britain nor the U. S. will ever concede.  
 The threat of negotiations with the Soviet Union is brought in by a series of questions to Naganos. Since the Tokyo gentlemen are such equalitarians would they like to give parity to the Soviet navy? God forbid it, sigh all of the admiral.  
 Whatever the outcome in London, the order in the Tokyo admiralty is "full steam ahead!"

## From Dimitroff Report on Fascism

"While fascism has undertaken to overcome the discord and antagonisms within the bourgeois camp, it is rendering these antagonisms even more acute. Fascism endeavors to establish its political monopoly by violently destroying other political parties. But the existence of the capitalist system, the existence of various classes and the accentuation of class contradictions inevitably tend to undermine and explode the political monopoly of fascism."  
 (Dimitroff—Report to Seventh World Congress of the Comintern.)

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