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## U. S. to Mass Troops on the Mexican Border in May

### War Department Chooses Boundary Line for Impressive War Demonstration

The following information has been issued by the National Council for the Prevention of War: WASHINGTON—The War Department has announced plans for a great demonstration on the Mexican border to take place in May. A hundred scout and bombing planes are to be concentrated in the vicinity of San Antonio, Tex., for war maneuvers in conjunction with the infantry and artillery.

This provocative gesture on our part in the present state of strained relations between our countries should, it is clear, be prevented if possible. A general and continued protest by the independent press, the religious, farm and labor papers can either prevent the demonstration or deprive it of its dangerous significance.

Armed intervention in Mexico "for the protection of American lives, property and interests" and the seizure of the Tampico oil fields must logically be preceded by three steps:

1. Concentration of troops on the Mexican border.
2. Breaking off of diplomatic relations.
3. The lifting of the embargo on the export of arms in order to foment revolution within Mexico.

The time to voice our protest against this substitution of force for arbitration is now. Our peace forces continue to hold an impregnable position, namely, that any dispute that can be settled by arbitration, or by mediation, or by judicial procedure. More than 40 treaties accepting this principle and making such action compulsory have been signed by other nations. Belgium and Sweden have just concluded such an agreement. A new law was passed between them over any dispute that can arise, including questions affecting their vital interests and national honor.

Why does our Government never make such treaties? Italy has made at least three. Great Britain has made one. And why should President Coolidge say that the property rights of American citizens "cannot be arbitrated"?

When Edward L. Doherty had an issue with the U. S. Government it went to the U. S. Supreme Court and Mr. Doherty lost his supposed "rights." When his issue is with the Mexican Government, why should it not go to some court for peaceful and final settlement? The President's position is untenable.

Unscrupulous misrepresentation of facts has begun in certain popular periodicals with incitement to conquest. "Conquest of Mexico is our destiny," says one periodical. "Mexico must change its Constitution," is the position of another periodical—going beyond Secretary Kellogg's notes.

The question whether we are going to use our great might to make our nation the next world nuisance "threatening the security of all and uniting them progressively against us" or whether we shall cooperate with the rest in substituting court procedure for battlefields can be and ought to be fought to a finish now.

There is no better way you can serve the Cause of Socialism than by joining the Appeal emergency circulation drive and getting your subscription before April 19. How can you refuse to join?

Get a sub or pay for one in a month. That isn't hard. Just do it.

## Chinese Revolution Moves to the Left, Says Jap Report

SHANGHAI, China—The Left Wing of the Kuomintang, the party behind the Chinese revolution, won at the opening session of the Central Executive Committee of the Nationalist government at Hankow, according to a Japanese news agency. The meeting was attended by eighteen members of the central executive committee and eleven candidates, and was under the chairmanship of Gen. Tan Yen-kai. Immediately following the opening Hsu-chien proposed the adoption of a number of resolutions previously agreed on by the Kuomintang (Cantonese political party) at the conference of March 10.

These proposals covered, briefly: The complete recovery of the Kuomintang's influence; enforcement of democracy; continuance of the revolutionary movement; opposition to the autonomy of the military leaders of the Nationalist party; elimination of the old officials; unification of the diplomatic policies and a continuance of the active military campaign against the Chihli Fengtien forces.

These proposals were embodied in eleven articles, which also demanded adherence to the policies of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, including cooperation with Russia and the sweeping away of autocratic feudalism. The initial meeting also adopted the recommendation for an early conference on combining the delegates of the Nationalist government and Kuomintang party. It also demanded the reform of the organization of the central executive and Nationalist military committee.

The Japanese report of the initial conference considers the situation serious from the standpoint of the conservative faction led by Gen. Chiang, attributing the strength of the radicals to the fact that Gen. Tang Sheng-chih, sponsor of Hsu-chien's program, is supporting the radicals against Gen. Chiang.

The numerous rumors however that Gen. Chiang Kai-shek was about to lead a split against the radicals and assume control were proved unfounded by a statement issued by Chiang pleading for the unity of all factions in the Kuomintang. Gen. Chiang Kai-shek stated that he would obey the party in all things.

These developments indicate a marked rise of the Socialistic elements in the Chinese revolution toward independence and power.

## British Tories Hit At Australian Labor

SYDNEY, N. S. W.—The British imperialists are making a furious attack on the Australian labor party for demanding that Australia shall not interfere in China, shall not assist the British in the so-called protection of imperial interests, and shall recognize the Cantonese government. This Tory attack on the Australian Labor party is accompanied by an attack on the Labor government of New South Wales for taking up a loan of \$25,000,000 in New York instead of London.

Australian Labor has been wide-awake to events in China ever since it became evident that the British government intended to interfere.

## Appeal Prepares to Meet the Critical Mexican Situation!

As the American Appeal goes to press the Mexican situation assumes an alarming aspect. The Mexican Ambassador, Manuel Tellez, is on his way back to Washington, conveying a plea, say American newspapers close to the administration, that the United States refrain from using coercive measures until the Mexican Supreme Court renders its decisions on oil cases now pending.

The war-makers and would-be looters of Mexico are not even willing to await the orderly processes of law and international usage in their eagerness to precipitate a crisis before Congress can convene and the people can express their will.

These same administration papers now tell us that Tellez went to Mexico to convey an oral ultimatum to the Mexican government and fixing a time limit during which it must yield to the Coolidge-Kellogg administration or take the consequences—WITHDRAWAL OF RECOGNITION AND THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO ON PRIVATE TRADE IN ARMS WITH MEXICO.

These same publications convey the information that the first big move toward this dastardly program of coercing the Mexican government or overthrowing it has been taken. A PROMINENT CATHOLIC PRELATE, THE ARCHBISHOP OF GUADALAJARA, HAS SOUNDED THE CALL FOR A GENERAL CATHOLIC REVOLUTION.

After this element in Mexico was overwhelmed at the ballot box, after it had failed to muster a large enough following to carry out a successful boycott, it has proclaimed an armed revolt. THIS WEAK AND LAWLESS MINORITY WILL NOT AND CANNOT DO THIS UNLESS IT IS STRONGLY SUPPORTED AND ENCOURAGED FROM THIS SIDE OF THE BORDER.

Now comes a step just taken by our own war department that fits with perfect precision into this plan of coercion and armed intervention—THE WAR DEPARTMENT IS TO MOBILIZE A LARGE FORCE ON THE MEXICAN BORDER IN MAY FOR "MILITARY MANEUVERS."

This large, armed, well equipped, splendidly drilled force will be on the border, will be ready to march across the boundary line in case it is needed to insure the success of the revolution.

The entire forces of real democracy and peace in America must be rallied, must be mustered into militant action to prevent the perpetration of this crime.

Wall Street has passed its edict that the Mexican oil and land laws, which would establish the right of a people to socialize the natural resources of their own country, must be destroyed at all costs. It has decided that the Mexican labor government, strongly tending toward industrial democracy or Socialism, must not be permitted to exist so close to the United States.

The accomplishment by Wall Street of these two sinister purposes would be a calamity of the first order. The results would be as disastrous to the people of the United States and all Latin America as to the people of Mexico.

THIS IS AS MUCH OUR FIGHT AS IT IS THE FIGHT OF THE WORKERS AND FARMERS OF MEXICO.

To this end the American Appeal must have a large and effective circulation. In an article in this issue on page two we describe our plans for a month's drive to double the circulation of the Appeal and make it a real engine for peace and democracy in this crisis.

THIS IS A REAL BATTLE CRY. EVERY APPEAL READER WHO RESPONDS TO THIS CALL IS A REAL SOLDIER ON THE FIRING LINE IN THE WAR FOR HUMAN EMANCIPATION.

EVERY APPEAL READER WHO FAILS TO GET A SUB DURING THIS EMERGENCY WILL BE A REAL SLACKER IN THE CAUSE AND A REAL ASSISTANT OF THE FORCES OF CAPITALISM AND IMPERIALISM.

WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

## All German Labor Demands Hand In Running Industry

BERLIN, Germany.—The German trade unions of all political and religious shades, including civil servants and white collar clerks, issued a joint statement on Monday, which was addressed to the national government, the reichstag and the national economic council.

This statement informed the government that the trade unions, Socialist, Catholic and independent, demand a voice in the management of corporation industries.

"To protect the interests of national economy as a whole," says the manifesto, "against the business policies of the monopolized employers' organizations, the labor unions DEMAND a stronger representation of employees in the management of industry."

"To this end, all business corporations MUST admit representatives of organized labor into their boards of managers, with the same rights as the capitalists."

"The labor unions demand that the labor members to take care of the economic interests as a whole."

"Above all, the general interests of national economy require a permanent public control of all monopolistic activities. The labor unions therefore DEMAND the creation of laws to make such control effective. These laws shall be enforced by a control department for trusts and other corporations which by their size and nature are apt to dominate the markets."

## Announcement

With this issue the American Appeal begins a month's emergency drive to double its circulation, described at the top of page 2. Read the plan on Page two and get busy. It is for everybody.

## Kellogg's Anti-Mexican and Anti-Peace Propaganda Bared

### Government Gives Admiral Williams Free Hand in China

By Laurence Todd

WASHINGTON—Admiral Williams, commanding the American armadillo fleet at Shanghai, has been authorized to use his own discretion, after consulting with Consul General Grew, on the spot, as to the number and make of the marines, bluejackets and fleet at his disposal.

This change in state department policy has been disclosed by Acting Secretary Joseph Grew, following Secretary Kellogg's departure on vacation. The change was announced when Grew was asked to affirm or deny the statement called by Sokolsky, of the Japan Advertiser, to the New York Evening Post, that the regiment of American marines would be posted in the working-class quarter of the native city at Shanghai, where revolutionary strikes could be anticipated.

"For Life and Property" The department still maintains that it is seeking merely to protect American lives and property, but it now explains that it does not know what Admiral Williams may do to give this protection.

Thus events at Shanghai begin to follow the twist of American action in Nicaragua, where military occupation and virtual curbing of the constitutional forces was carried out without bringing proof that any American property or lives had been endangered.

Not So Easy as Nicaragua Experts on Chinese affairs point out that American intervention cannot fail to provoke the Chinese to further nationalist sentiment, and to bring down to ruin the reputation of the American government as a sympathizer with Chinese hopes of national independence. The use of American marines to occupy the Shanghai district will obviously strengthen the radical element in the Nationalist government, which has profited that all the imperialist powers would act alike in the crisis.

Capitalist Savagery In U. S.-Owned Cuba WASHINGTON—The Pan-American Federation of Labor reports the systematic murder of Cuban labor union officers and leaders by the Machado government.

Secy. Wright shows that the secretary of the new Cuban Federation of Labor was suddenly put out of the way and never since heard from; that many other labor leaders were assassinated in public or in their homes; that a terror has been maintained throughout Cuba against railroad labor unions; that the Cuban police authorities have refused to arrest and punish the murderers; that four has paralyzed the labor movement.

Get that sub for the Appeal if you have to pay for it in the present emergency drive ending April 19.

## Charge Is Disproved That Mexican Consul Circulated Socialist Party Leaflet

NEW YORK—With the ostensible purpose of attempting to cover up the purpose of the appeal against Mexico, which include provocative army maneuvers on the Mexican border in May, attacks have been launched on the consul in a propaganda drive against the United States and directed particularly toward the Socialist Party.

On the same evening that these attacks emanate from Secretary Kellogg's state department is given to the New Leader, Socialist weekly. Not only does the New Leader demolish the charge that the Mexican consul in New York City distributed the Socialist Party leaflet "United Off Mexico," but it supplies convincing evidence of an under cover propaganda plot on the part of the state department as false and contemptible as the "Bolshevik" scandal started by the department several months ago.

In an article written by a newspaper correspondent who acts as a practical interpreter of the administration the charge is made that the Mexican consul general in New York circulated copies of a Socialist Party document entitled "United Off Mexico" in which the motives of the Kellogg administration were denounced and Secretary Kellogg was referred to as "Neville's Nephew." Under the caption of the document appears this admonition:

"Act to prevent war against the labor government of our own country. Don't delay—write at once to your congressmen or U. S. senators demanding arbitration of any legitimate difference with Mexico."

Then follows a reprint of the leaflet. The New Leader shows that while the attack was being prepared against this leaflet the New York Times was preparing the public mind in a series of articles for the charge against the Mexican consul. The reprint of the leaflet is published in the Mexican section of the Appeal.

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## Last Chance to Get Debs Photo as Prize

One month from the date of this issue of the American Appeal the Debs photo will be withdrawn as a prize for service in getting circulation for the American Appeal.

After April 19 no one can obtain this beautiful picture as a mark of honor and service.

We are making this announcement a month before withdrawal so that every reader of the Appeal will have the opportunity to get this photo in this way before it is too late.

More than 700 members of the Appeal have already received the photo as a reward of service to the Cause.

You can get it during this month by turning in \$5 worth of subs, sub cards, bundles or donations.

## From The Pen Of Debs

(Compiled by Theodore Debs)

(This eloquent, wonderful and beautiful message of Debs will arouse thousands of workers if you will see that it reaches them. Hand this copy to your fellow worker. Order more.)

## Feed Your Head

The normal human has a head and two hands. The head plans, the hands perform. They understand each other perfectly. The hands do what the head wants them to. But if so happens—why has always been a mystery to us—that most men's hands are subject to a few other men's heads, it is indeed a grotesque arrangement. To say that it expresses the creative plan is to impeach the Almighty.

If he intended most men to be the mere hands of others, why did he not create them headless? Surely he could not have intended their heads merely as knobs to hang hats on!

Oh, no, the fault is not with the plan, but with its execution, or, to be exact, its non-execution. The plan of a head for every two hands and two hands for every head strikes us as an infinite wisdom at high water mark.

The head perched aloft so that it can see, blaze the way for the body and warn against danger! How admirable that this dome should be the seat of reason as well as the light-house of vision.

Here the subtle machinery of thought is lodged in the brain. Marvelous mechanism! Here the wants of the body, the needs of the mind and the aspirations of the soul all center and here the plans and specifications are drawn and transmitted to the hands and other organs for execution.

But what if the brain itself is neglected? What follows the lack of proper nourishment? Darkness. Pelipse. The lighthouse may remain, but the light is extinguished.

As certain as the body languishes and finally succumbs for the want of proper nourishment, so the brain wastes away and finally ceases to function for the same reason.

Every human being should nourish with wholesome food and stimulate his mental organism. Unless he does this he suffers agony and shame until the grave opens to add another to the countless number of silent witnesses that life is a wretched failure. Feed your head is a rather coarse phrase, but it embodies the idea and (Continued on page 3)

## "Patriotic" Attack On Dr. Flury Raises Numerous Protests

Washington, D. C.—The move of Superintendent Flury of the District of Columbia to have Dr. Henry Flury, high school instructor, ousted for having expressed sentiments regarded by them as socialistic and pacifist, has developed a counter-move among the sane citizens against such a procedure.

Among the citizens' bodies that have refused to concur in this persecution of Dr. Flury now led by a prominent faction in the Federation of Women's Club, are the following: the Federation of Citizens' Associations, the Women's Single Tax Club and Housekeepers' Alliance, which is affiliated with the Federation of Women's Clubs. These organizations and others have come out for and are advocating the right of free speech outside the class room.

Dr. Flury has announced that he will maintain his fight for the latter principle to the last. The fight against Dr. Flury has simmered down to the military bloc led by May D. Lightfoot, director of the school of politics for Republican voters. In a recent mimeographed letter from these elements Flury is accused of making communistic, socialistic, atheistic and pacifistic utterances.

In a recent address before the Women's Single Tax Club Dr. Flury said: "Is an individual to be safe from the attacks by organized bodies? Because a group demands the head of some one it dislikes, does that make it right? If so, then a mob is right, because it is a group, a great number of individuals; the more individuals the more right."

"Our schools are using books written by Socialists. H. G. Wells, Jane Addams and others are Socialists. Why don't they take them out?"

Mention is made of Communism in Julius Caesar. Why don't they take that out?"

## Socialist Bill to Disarm Netherlands Is Defeated

AMSTERDAM, Holland.—Dutch socialists, following the example of their Danish brethren, submitted a bill to the second chamber of deputies for the disarmament of the Netherlands.

The bill provided for the creation of a police army based on drafts of 3,200 men with ten years of service, making a total defense force of 25,000 men. There was also to be a "naval safeguard" of some twelve police boats and some airplanes.

After a session lasting ten days the chamber torpedoed the bill amid scenes of great violence.

## Senate Committee Urges Government-Owned Ships

WASHINGTON—An American merchant marine, operated by the government, is favored by the Senate Committee on Commerce in a report presented at the closing hours of Congress.

The report states that a majority of the committee does not favor government ownership, but "at least for a considerable time," the committee believes, "the only way to secure an adequate merchant marine under our flag is through the government and that they are willing to sink their personal preferences to attain an object vital to the public good."

"It was estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury that because of our lack of ships our people paid a year in increased charges from \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000. These figures are estimates. They may be too high or too low, but no one can doubt the industrial conditions," the report states.

This latter statement is startling in view of the fact that the Coolidge administration during the period that the American people were suffering such enormous losses were desperately destroying the government-owned merchant fleet by practically giving it away to members of the high-priced shipping trust, and were withholding

many government ships from service clearly in the interest of gouging private corporations.

The committee points out the following advantages that would flow from the passage of its government-ownership measure:

"Its early enactment will save our shippers from the fear of failure by assuring steady employment to them."

"It would make the government itself a bulwark and shield for its agriculturalists by becoming dependable low-rate carriers of their surplus products to foreign countries."

"No longer will foreign lines in our trade combine to drive American ships out of business by maintaining ruinously low freight rates."

"Operators of foreign lines engaged in our foreign carrying then would realize that they could not ruin the United States Government by any policy of reduced freight rates, however low they may make them or however long they may maintain them."

"Competing foreign ship owners then will see that the losses suffered by government-owned ships become a far greater gain to the American people through the low cost of marketing their exports and bringing in their imports."

Appeal Launches Emergency Circulation Drive

The Appeal is going to make a supreme effort to double its circulation in one month.

fighting Socialist organ unreservedly on the side of world peace, the Cause of the workers and Socialism.

We MUST not only keep the Appeal alive, BUT THE TIME HAS ARRIVED AND THE SITUATION IS HERE WHEN WE MUST IMMEDIATELY GIVE IT VASTLY INCREASED GROWTH AND POWER.

Outside of the Army there are at least 15,000 Socialist readers of the American Appeal who have not yet done more than give their own subscriptions.

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a friend, fellow worker or neighbor? This will not be hard. If you are averse to soliciting subs, all you have to do is send in a dollar and the name and address of some person to whom you want the Appeal sent for a year.

Socialist Party News

Party Members, Get Busy

Members of the Socialist Party should all pay up their dues and get after new members. Locals and Branches should elect a Committee to visit their members who are back in their dues, and strengthen the organization in every way possible.

Stephen Meetings

The meetings held with Comrade Jessie Stephen, of England, are all good ones. Comrade Stephen is giving our comrades something to think about when she explains the practical work done by the British Labor Party.

New England District

The Massachusetts State Convention will be held on Sunday, April 24th at the Socialist Headquarters, 21 Essex St., Boston. Branches are urged to elect their delegates at once.

Illinois

Dinner Arranged For Norman Thomas

The Socialist Party of Cook County, cooperating with the Chicago Chapter of the League for Industrial Democracy, has arranged a dinner in honor of Norman Thomas, of New York, for Friday, March 18th, at the Y. W. C. A., 59 East Monroe St. Reservations are 75c a plate and the time has been set for 7 o'clock.

Indiana

State Secretary Mrs. Effie Mueller reports increasing interest in the movement in Indiana.

New York

The State Executive Committee, which met March 6th at Yorkville Branch headquarters, considered at length various suggestions of exciting renewed Party interest and activity.

Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh

Sunday March 20th, at 2:30, in LARGE LODGE ROOM, MOOSE TEMPLE, 634 Penn Ave., Miss Jessie Stephen of London, England, will speak. Subject "Labor's Bid for Power in Britain."

Lecture and Social

Saturday March 19th—at 8:15 to 11:45 P. M., in International Lyceum—James F. Foreland, N. S. S. Speaker Miss Jessie Stephen—Subject "Nine Days that Shook Britain."

Refreshments and Social time. Admission only 50c. Sponsors of Debs and North Side Branch Socialist Party.

Greensburg

Westmoreland County Local has called for a general membership meeting for Sunday, March 20 at the regular Party headquarters, Greensburg, Pa., Columbia Hall, West-Otterman St., P. M. Socialists are urged to attend.

May Day Celebration

The Socialists of Chicago will celebrate International May Day with a mass meeting on Sunday afternoon, May 1st, at Piers 11, 1825 N. Halsted Street. The Committee elected by County Delegates is making plans for one of the best May Day celebrations held in years.

Indiana

State Secretary Mrs. Effie Mueller reports increasing interest in the movement in Indiana. She says there is much more interest shown in the movement in Indianapolis. There have been new members at large signed up from over state. Local reorganized in Terre Haute with thirteen members by Comrade Severans Poloz of Clinton. That man Polo is some worker. The Comrades throughout the state should double their efforts and build the party.

New York

The State Executive Committee, which met March 6th at Yorkville Branch headquarters, considered at length various suggestions of exciting renewed Party interest and activity. The Committee voted in favor of strictly non-partisan village organizing work this summer, provided proper arrangements could be made.

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Young People's Department

National Office Young People's Soc. League 1000 Dearborn, Chicago, Ill. Aaron J. Parker, Nat. Director.

WITH THE CIRCLES

New York City—The New York City office of the Yipsels announces that a regular weekly bulletin shall be issued to the Young People's Department for publication in the Appeal.

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We have two fine pictures of Eugene V. Debs that our comrades and many others who were friends of Debs will want. The prices are made unusually low, so that all the friends of Debs may secure one for their homes.

Martin A. Brinkman Is Taken By Death

Martin A. Brinkman, a veteran and faithful worker in the Socialist movement, member of Local Covington, passed away last Saturday night at a hospital in Bellevue, Kentucky, after an illness lasting six months. He was 62 years old and leaves a wife and six children.

National Executive Committee Meeting

The national executive committee of the Yipsels held its mid-winter meeting in New York City on March 5th and 6th. The sessions lasting all of Saturday afternoon and most of Sunday were attended by South and Erie of New York, Syriaia of Boston, Erickson of Gardner, Wagner of Milwaukee, Parker, the national secretary, and as invited representative of New York City, Ben Goodman secretary of the city league. Banquet of the committee was held, having advised the committee and head of his views on the principal subjects.

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Fund Report

Starting off the New Year, the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of America appealed to each of our readers to send in a dollar to insure the life of the paper during 1927.

Army Record

The Army hits the goal this week with almost the same drive that it made last week. Now that we are through the usual February slump we are very hopeful for a gain from now on.

Prize Winners

The Debs prize awards this week are the lowest since the drive started. The Army will take notice from announcements in this issue of the Appeal that the Appeal will withdraw the Debs' photo as a prize exactly one month from the time this issue reaches your hands.

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The speech of Victor L. Berger on U. S. action in Latin America is ready for distribution. All that is necessary is for you to pay for the printing of them, which is \$2.00 per thousand. No profits are made by anyone, but we must pay the Government for the printing. You order them, address them and mail them to individuals everywhere. They come in franked envelopes, so there is no cost for postage. ORDER NOW at the rate of \$2.00 per thousand, from National Office.

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## Significant Labor

### Trend In Germany

Will attention to the news item about the uniting of all German political parties for every political belief stand for representation in the management of all the industries.

A few weeks ago the Appeal contained an account of threats from the German labor unions and independent labor against the present cabinet, if it persisted in its anti-labor policies.

It is of the fact that the Catholic labor unions represent efforts to prevent the Socialists from having a solid line-up of labor for the cabinet, these developments are remarkable.

THE PART OF GERMAN LABOR THAT WAS ORGANIZED AGAINST SOCIALISM AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS BECOME CLASS CONSCIOUS AND IS DRIFTING TOWARD THE UNITY OF LABOR FOR ITS EMANCIPATION, WHICH IS THE BASIC AIM OF THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT.

In other words, under modern industrial conditions and the inevitable political and social struggle that comes from them, LABOR IN THE LONG RUN BECOMES CLASS CONSCIOUS AND COMES TO TAKE A STAND AGAINST CAPITALISM, NO MATTER UNDER WHAT BANNERS IT IS ORGANIZED OR FOR WHAT ULTIMATE PURPOSES.

This simply means that under modern industrialism the mass organization of labor, the mass cooperation of labor in producing wealth, and the mass exploitation of labor by the capitalist class causes labor to grow up, to reach adulthood. That growth is rapid and comparatively painless or slow and painful and in proportion to the power of the Socialist movement in any given country. BUT IT IS A GROWTH THAT BELONGS TO THE LIFE OF LABOR UNDER CAPITALISM AND NOTHING CAN STOP IT IN THE LONG RUN FROM REACHING ITS ULTIMATE GOAL—SOCIALISM.

### China's Remarkable Revolution

The remarkable spread of education by the Kuomintang behind the various and rapidly advancing Chinese armies is related by Henry W. Hara in the Boston Globe, part of which article is here given.

The Kuomintang spread over the country until it totaled a membership

## Labor Starts Probe of Liberal Sale of Titles to Nobility

LONDON—Former Prime Minister David Lloyd George's £2,500,000 (£12,500,000) political money chest was menaced and scores of peers' positions over their titles to nobility when E. Thurtle Laborite introduced a bill in the house of commons proposing to make illegal any arrangement or agreement to confer a title on any one in return for contributions to party funds.

Mr. Thurtle stated that it was clear that Mr. Lloyd George's fund was raised largely from the sale of honors during the coalition government period. The practice existed before Mr. Thurtle said, but only as a liberal business, whereas Mr. Lloyd George made it wholesale. He said that a public list in the country, to be drawn up by a coalition government, would have a title conferred on Lord Roseberry asserted that 90 per cent of the peerage would be found to have a money taint if properly investigated.

The Labor Party bill threatens to hasten the end of the rapidly dying Liberal party.

## Reading Shows How WDEBS Can Be Used

NEW YORK—One use for the Deb. Memorial Radio Station when it is established has been revealed by the use of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers in making the history in organizing the union.

Recently a radio experimenter put up a small station in Reading, Pa., where the Hosiery Workers have endeavored a real open shop fight in the shape of the Berkshire Knitting company which is exploiting severely the workers under the open shop plan.

The Reading Union asked the new experimenter if he would let them go on the air once a week. Certainly, the same as any one else. And the new campaign began.

"Welfare does not take the place of wages; join the union," says the voice on the air. It listens so well that fifteen to twenty workers phone in their appreciation to Station WRAW at the close of the hour.

The union keeps up interest with many different speakers, telling the labor message in many different ways.

If every Appeal reader interested in Socialism will join the emergency drive for circulation and get up for that sub double April 19 we will have a doubled circulation in one month. How can you stay out?

## China Stirred By U. S. Labor Silence

The following article appears prominently in the latest issue of the Chinese Guide in America, Feb. 12, organ of the Nationalist Chinese students, Stanford University, California.

"Many readers and Chinese in America have expressed surprise that an official statement in the event of the Chinese have been made by the American Labor Movement, especially in view of the fact that the Nationalist Movement in China is the only group that is building up the organized labor movement in that country. It is true that American opinion on intervention and the use of American Naval and Military forces in China? The British Labor Movement through the British Labor Party has made some protest against the use of American troops in China, and have been in friendly communication with Mr. Eugene Chen, Foreign Minister of the Cantonese Government.

"We request that the officers of the various groups of the organized Labor Movement in the United States express themselves on their attitude toward the President Ray Lyman Wilbur and other noted Americans have done."

## The Cause of Crime

The findings regarding the cause of crime by a large staff of trained workers, assisted by psychiatrists, psychologists and physicians who were assembled by the Catholic Charities Probation Bureau is important.

During a survey of more than 2,000 offenders in the court of general sessions during 1925 and 1926, the main conclusion reached by these investigators is that the reaction of an individual to his particular environment is the fundamental cause of crime. Closely related to this is the legend of the dead husband. The investigators—crime is caused to a very small extent by mental defects

## Cooperation Gains In United States

The vitality of the consumers cooperative movement in the United States is revealed in a U. S. Department of labor report on cooperation in 1920 and 1925. According to the report those cooperatives which survived the 1921-22 depression have more than held their own. Compared with 1920 they show a 39 percent gain in membership and a 22 percent increase in the real value of sales per member.

The 479 cooperative societies reporting in 1925 showed sales aggregating 49,710,798. They number almost 150,000 members. The average sales per member were \$334. The typical American cooperative is the retail general merchandise store. There were 324 of this type in 1925. In addition there were 49 retail grocery, 38 combination retail grocery and meat markets, 11 student supply stores and a considerable miscellaneous group including cooperative bakeries, laundries, boarding-houses, restaurants, etc.

Minnesota leads in the number of cooperative societies and membership with 23,889 members. Other outstanding states are Massachusetts with 32 societies and 21,678 members, Ohio with 16 societies and 13,404 members and Illinois with 28 societies and 9,559 members. California, Wisconsin, New York and Kansas report more than 6,000 cooperators apiece.

## Feed Your Head

expresses the thought.

Feed your head! Nurture your brain! Cultivate your intellect! Develop your mind! It all means the same thing, the thing that twenty odd millions of humans called hands in the United States ought to understand.

The capitalist does not become the industrial captain by the use of his own head and his own hands. Oh, no, he uses the hands of an army of others who have no heads of their own, or have so long neglected them that all they are fit for is to light the way of their hands to and from their slavish tasks.

Listen just a moment, you myriads-headed host of toil! You have power to snap your chains asunder as you would packthreads. You have but to light the fires in that darkened brain and feed the sacred flame. To have the power of a giant and cover beneath the scorn of a plowman is not a misfortune, but your disgrace. Shame should keep your face black as are your hands. You have no need to crawl; you have the strength to stand; you require no master; be your own. Cease to beg and help yourself. The ear of a plowman is not a beautiful in every atom. Joyous in every breath and divine in every impulse it is because your base

## and cruel neglect for centuries has disfigured it.

Look into your deformed hands and read the history of your age-long thralldom! It is traced there in characters that throb with pain; written in the alphabet of misery and death.

Yes, look into your hands, you millions of humans who are known as hands, and treated as hands, because you have denied your heads and attached yourselves to the heads of your masters that they may reap in opulence where you sow in despair!

There, in the hands you have abused you can read the indictment of the head you have neglected.

To put out the light of the brain is to make convicts of the hands. The calloused palms of the laborer tell the tragic story of his apostasy to his brain.

Every scar in laborer's hands bears the weight of testimony of its neglected brain.

A horny hand is a thing to blush for, and not to be proud of.

It is a palpitant protest against abuse; a burning impeachment of self-respect; a blistering reproach to manhood.

When the working class uses its brain it will no longer have to abuse its hands.

When the working class uses its brain it will know its power, seize its heritage and reign supreme.

## Kellogg's Mexican Propaganda Bared

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financed this pamphlet and that Mexican were circulating a great deal of propaganda against the administration throughout the country, and interesting developments are promised.

Next day the Times very cunningly in time purpose of the sources of anti-administration propaganda in Arturo Elias, Consul General at New York, and states that a photostatic copy of an affidavit has been obtained from an unnamed maker, saying that early in February he had written the Mexican consul to inquire about consular fees and while there asked if he could obtain a copy of a pamphlet entitled, "Hands Off Mexico," and was given one by a young man attached to the consulate.

The next day the Times printed another affidavit by E. P. Lambert, who said that he applied at the Mexican consul for the pamphlet and was told that he could get it at the headquarters of the Socialist party.

The New Leader pertinently asks, "Who has the intimate knowledge of the purposes of the consulate of the state department announced in the Times' stories? How comes it that unnamed and unknown citizens are furnishing the Times with photostatic copies of a Socialist leaflet?" The evidence is convincing that the department used the New York Times to circulate propaganda against representatives of the Mexican government in this country calculated to implant false conclusions, arouse prejudice and foment the war spirit.

Regarding the falsity of these charges against the Mexican consul, August Claessens, secretary Socialist party, New York City, makes the following statement:

"What we Socialists have feared seems to be coming to pass. Congress has barely adjourned and the executive branch of the government has already embarked on a course which threatens to bring about a rupture of our friendly relations with Mexico. It is almost unbelievable that our State Department should fix on such a flimsy pretext as to refer to the dispatches from Washington which suggested that the Socialist Party leaflet, 'Hands Off Mexico,' is in some way connected with the Mexican consulate here. So flimsy is this charge that the State Department has the cheek to insist on its truth. It is plain, however, that the State Department has inquired the stories concerning the leaflet. Some officials of the State Department seem to be up to the same dis-graceful practice which was so thoroughly exposed at the Socialist Party's recent Old-Inspired' activities in Mexico. If there is any semblance of fact in the alleged connection of the consulate with the issuance of this leaflet, why make war on Mexico for the benefit of these same crooks, and want to bulldoze the senate into the deal by a lot of disinformation. The nation will in due time give the same verdict on the Mexican issue that the supreme court gave on the Teapot Dome affair."

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## The Right to Lie

The Coolidge machine stands as valiantly for the right of the executive to lie to the senate as Solicitor Jim Beck stands for the right of Republican state machines to elect senators by fraud.

That's the kernel of the fuss raised against Senator Borah. Secretary Kellogg misinformed the senate the number of oil companies that oppose the Mexican land and oil laws. Borah asked President Coolidge whether Kellogg told the truth. Calles supplied Borah with the correct information.

The constitution of the United States does not confer upon the executive the right to misinform the other branches of the government. It assigns to the executive the duty of defending the national interests. Helping a handful of oil companies to misinform the senate on an important fact of foreign policy isn't defending the nation or living up to the constitution.

Even military law provides that a soldier need not obey a traitorous order of his superiors. The senate has the duty to cooperate with the executive in the changing of foreign policies. Borah did his duty when he investigated whether Kellogg had told the truth. The howls of the administration cannot conceal the fact that Borah has the goods on Kellogg.

The attempt of the Coolidge administration to bully Mexico for the benefit of a few oil companies is being pushed with the same disruptive means which were used by the Harding administration to turn the naval oil reserves over to Doheny and Sinclair, in the name of patriotism.

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## American Labor Year Book

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It is impossible to mention all of the material contained within the 250 pages of this valuable volume—material which is of the utmost usefulness to every active trade unionist and everyone interested in social progress in this country.

As in former volumes, the book begins with a chapter on present day industrial and social conditions. If you want to know how wealth is distributed, what wages are paid in the various trades in America, how much unemployment exists, what a cruel hours are worked by various groups, etc., here is the American Labor Year Book to consult. How many fruitless arguments might be avoided by possessing a copy of this book and having an opportunity to refer to this first chapter!

Following the industrial section there is a long and accurate chapter on trade union organization—giving the salient statistics regarding the membership, outstanding conventions and decisions of the principal trade unions in America and chapters on labor disputes, labor politics, workers' education, civil liberties, cooperation, labor banking, public ownership, international relations of labor, etc.

One of the most interesting tabulations in the book is that on Labor Socialism, and Communist Representation in Lower Houses of Parliament in the various countries of the world. This table shows graphically the strength of the Socialist and Labor political movement in Europe and the rest of the world. In Austria, the Socialists have, for instance, 64 representatives in the lower House, out of a total of 165, or 41.2 per cent of the total; in Belgium, 79 of 180 or 43.9 per cent; in Denmark, 51 of 149 or 33.5 per cent; in Finland, 60 of 200 or 30 per cent; in France, 102 of 548 or 18.6 per cent; in Germany, 493 of 936 or 52.7 per cent; in Great Britain, 100 or 33.3 per cent; in Great Britain, 156 of 615 or 25.3 per cent; in Netherlands, 24 out of 100 or 24 per cent; in Sweden, 101 out of 230 or 43.9 per cent; in Switzerland, 49 of 198 or 24.7 per cent. In Austria, Great Britain, Denmark, Germany, Finland, and Sweden, the Socialists

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PARIS—To be hounded and persecuted almost beyond endurance if they remain in Italy, and to be imprisoned or murdered if they attempt to leave Italy—this is the horrible fate of all workers in Italy who attempt to retain a particle of independence or self-respect.

Humanity publishes a terrible story of a Fascist raid on a French steamer in the Port of Naples, and demands to know what action the French Government intends to take to uphold the sovereignty of the French flag.

Three weeks ago the French steamer Theophile Gautier was on the point of sailing from Naples when a number of Fascists boarded the vessel and insisted on their rights of searching it on the ground that a number of Italian workers were on board without passports to leave Italy.

According to the narratives of the crew, which has just returned to Marseilles, frightful scenes then occurred. Seventeen refugees from Fascist Italy were discovered by the steamer, and were immediately bludgeoned with great cruelty.

Some of them were killed with blows or died later from wounds. Some of the sailors were also threatened with violence.

The most astounding feature of the story is the statement that it took place in the presence of the French Consul in Naples without any official protest having been made.

# Milwaukee Shows What Socialists Can Do

## Editor's Note

We Socialists often become enthusiastic regarding Socialist achievements abroad, and ignore experiments here in our very midst. The Socialist party has long shown remarkable strength in Milwaukee. During the last decade the party has been unusually successful in electing a Socialist as mayor of the great middle west city, the thirteenth largest city in the country. Unfortunately but a minority of the Council has been Socialist and it has therefore been impossible to put into operation many Socialist measures desired by the able Mayor, Daniel Hoan, and his associates. However, the record of the Socialists has been one to be proud of.

John M. Work, associate editor of the Milwaukee Leader, formerly secretary of the National Socialist party and author of the "Appraisal" pamphlet, "What's So and What Isn't," has consented to tell the Appeal readers something of these achievements. Here they are.

—H. W. L.

## By John M. Work

### Extent of Socialist Control

The first Socialist aldermen in Milwaukee were elected in 1901. From that time until 1910 the Socialists had a minority of aldermen. From 1910 to 1912 they had the mayor and a majority of aldermen. From 1912 to date only a minority of the aldermen have been Socialists. From 1916 to the present time a Socialist mayor has served the city.

It will be seen, therefore, that there had not been a Socialist administration in Milwaukee at any time except from the spring of 1910 until the spring of 1912, for that was the only period during which the Socialists had both the mayor and a majority of the aldermen. At all other times since they broke into the common council, the Socialist party has been a minority. They have a tremendous influence, but they cannot do everything they want to do. They have been unable, for instance, to take over the gas plant, the telephone plant, and the street railway and electric light and power plant.

The Socialist influence is augmented by the fact that they also have representation in the state legislature, on the county board of supervisors, the school board, the library board, the park board, the election

board, the fire and police commission, the harbor commission, the land commission, the board of purchases, the board of estimates, the sane fourth commission, the sewerage commission, the museum board, the city service commission, the tax commission, the board of public works, the unemployment committee, the motion picture board, the Auditorium board, and other boards and commissions.

### Socialists Have Eliminated Graft

Corruption made itself at home in the Milwaukee city and county governments until the Socialists appeared upon the scene. City and county officials were under indictment. Crime was rampant with politics. The place was a perfect cesspool. The Socialists have cleaned it up. There is no suspicion of graft in public affairs. The elections are honestly conducted. There is less crime, less immorality, less juvenile delinquency, than in other big cities.

### Impetus to Municipal Recreation and Education

The Socialists have persistently worked for better day schools, for vocational schools, for night schools, civic centers, playgrounds, better library facilities, skating, swimming, band concerts, "sterilized" dancing, etc. The city has about 40,000 adult educational students. The playgrounds are under expert direction. Most of the dancing is under public auspices. The park board provides skating places in winter. Library branches and sub-stations have been multiplied until every person in the city and county is within walking distance of one, and the city has a larger percentage of book readers than any other. Civic celebrations are held in the parks and elsewhere. Wholesome recreations and games of all kinds are encouraged and provided.

### Decrease of Crimes

Youthful "crimes" have decreased something like seventy-five per cent. Burglary insurance rates have decreased twenty per cent, while in increasing in other cities. Hardened criminals are usually wise enough to stay in cities where they are in league with police and other officials. Occasionally a couple of crooks, suffering with ennui in their stekup safety zone in Chicago, see a new thrill by going to Milwaukee and pulling off a job. The customary procedure in such cases is to catch them, try them and send them to the state

penitentiary within forty-eight hours after they commit the crime. Chicago really ought to reimburse Milwaukee and Wisconsin for this service. The Socialists have furnished the impetus and the inspiration which have resulted in these accomplishments, besides doing a vast amount of the actual labor involved.

### Budget Making, Lighting Plant, Harbor, Etc.

During the Socialist administration of 1910-12 the Socialists pioneered in the matter of budget making for cities. Other cities followed suit, and after a while even Uncle Sam took the hint.

Due to the initiative of the Socialists the city of Milwaukee established its own street lighting plant, operated with efficiency and at minimum cost.

The Socialists originated the municipal reference library, now a part of the public library. This idea has also been copied elsewhere.

The Socialists saw to it that the city acquired the riparian rights along the lake front, a bit of foresight which will be of great value.

The Socialists initiated the immense development of the port of Milwaukee. The city owns the docks, and the harbor has become the best on the great lakes, the envy of other lake ports.

The Socialists took the garbage and ash collection away from private contractors. The city now does this necessary work itself, and does it more efficiently and with less expense.

The city has made annual appropriations for the benefit of the Milwaukee Art Institute for some years. Due to the Socialist initiative the city a few years ago entered into a contract whereby the appropriations give the city an equity in the institute, and the city will become the complete owner in 1932.

The Socialists originated the central board of purchases. Instead of allowing each department to buy supplies piecemeal at retail prices, it buys them for all departments at wholesale prices, pays cash and takes discounts, saving the city large sums.

### On Sound Financial Basis

The Socialists helped to promote the Auditorium, which is jointly owned by the city and the Auditorium Company, and is one of the finest auditoriums in the country, attracting

many conventions to the city.

The Socialists abolished the ruinous practice of issuing bonds or borrowing money from the banks for current expenses. All current expenses and a good many expenses which are not current are met on the pay-as-you-go plan. The Socialists also abolished the practice of depositing city funds in the banks at two per cent interest. When the city has funds on hand which will be needed for a few months it now invests them in short-time government certificates which pay more than twice as high a rate of interest. One result of improved financing is that when the city issues bonds for permanent improvements it pays a lower rate of interest than formerly. When bonds are voted, it no longer sells the entire lot at once, but sells them along as the money is needed, saving many thousands of dollars in interest. The Socialists have lifted the city out of financial chaos and placed it on a sound basis that it actually has better credit today than any other city in America enjoys.

Newspapers all over the country have praised Milwaukee's amortization fund and civic foundation for the gradual liquidation of the city debt, but they do not mention the fact that both of these were originated by the Socialists. Certain funds each year are set aside in the amortization fund, which draws interest and will eventually be used to retire the bond debt. The fund now totals about a million and a half dollars.

The fund, the civic foundation is a companion fund consisting of contributions from private sources for the same purpose. Thus, while other cities are getting deeper in debt, the Socialists are on the way to get out of debt entirely.

### Regional Planning

The Socialists originated the city and regional zoning and planning in the city and county. As in most cities, the early founders had precious little foresight, although it must be said for them that they did set aside certain tracts of land for public purposes. It remained for the Socialists to convince the people of the necessity of planning for the future. These plans are now in the process of being carried out, and future generations will bless the Socialists for them.

### Water and Steel Developments

The very successful water works system was already owned by the

city when the Socialists came upon the scene. The Socialists have been the best friends of the plant, aiding energetically in developing it so that, with small charges for water, it has turned vast sums of money into the city treasury. The Socialists push the building of sewers, street paving, street widening, the planting of trees, the establishment of public natoriums, and the extension and improvement of the fine city and county park systems.

### Aid to Labor

They have been very active in the development of the health department dispensaries, hospitals, tuberculosis sanatorium, and suitable places for criminals and the defective. They insist upon city employees getting good wages, upon the union label appearing on public printing, and upon good wages being paid to men working on public contracts. They make bona fide inspection of sidewalks and pavements which are being laid, and throw out bad material, instead of making a mere perfunctory inspection as is so often the case. They have aided materially in the establishment and maintenance of policemen's pensions, firemen's pensions, teachers' pensions, and mothers' pensions.

There are less "labor troubles" in Milwaukee than in most cities, probably because the employers know that they would not get any sympathy from the political powers if they started anything.

### Maltreatment of Strikers Stopped

For, since the Socialists became powerful, the maltreatment of strikers is unknown and unthinkable. A few years ago the Socialist sheriff made a talk to some strikers in a suburb, asking and receiving their assistance in maintaining order. The best the capitalist press could do under these circumstances, was to razz the sheriff a little, suggesting that he might sing to the strikers. The sheriff's office has zigzagged between the Socialists and the Republicans.

A year or two later, when the office had changed hands, and when a prisoner quietly walked out of the front door of the county jail, the Leader got back by suggesting that the Republican sheriff might sing to the prisoners and try to keep them on the inside. It was not long before strikers put the Socialist sheriff in Milwaukee, so great is the Socialist influence. The same is true of

the police. Quite a few of the policemen are Socialists, also some of the deputy sheriffs, both under civil service.

### The Leader and the Capitalist Press

The capitalist press is rather circumspect in what it says about the Socialists—because it knows that the leader, reaching about half the population, stands far to the right. Each summer the Socialists have a picnic, with anywhere from twenty to forty thousand people in attendance, according to weather conditions. Naturally there are several hundred fluffers parked in the place provided for that purpose. The next morning after one of these enormous gatherings a capitalist paper said the downtrodden proletariat went to the Socialist picnic in their limousines. The Leader does not bother about good-natured cracks like that, except to answer them in kind, but when the capitalist press makes its statements about the Socialists, it gets called down swiftly and decisively. This has happened often enough to make it wary.

### The Power of Brisbane Hall

Of course, the doings, plans and prospects of the Socialists furnish the political writers of the capitalist press with endless food for speculation. Brisbane Hall—the Socialist headquarters—is as famous in Milwaukee as Tammany Hall is in New York, only it stands for civic righteousness instead of political spoils. The political writers, after the nature of their kind, make innumerable guesses about what Brisbane Hall proposes to do, and they speculate as to this, that and the other move that may or may not be intended by Brisbane Hall. On the whole, their vapors do good, for they keep the non-Socialist population impressed with the power, influence and sagacity of the Socialists.

### Socialist Achievements in Legislatures

The Socialists in the state legislature put through the workmen's compensation act years ago and have caused it to be improved since. They were the active supporters of the old age pension act, without whom it would not have been passed. They were the active supporters of the human brotherhood act, which would make for a national union of human brotherhood are all to the good.

doubled the inheritance tax. They got compulsory military drill at the state university abolished. They cut the appropriation for the national guard to less than half the former figures. They secured the enactment of practically all the bills the state federation of labor wanted. They have stopped many bad bills and amended and improved many good bills. Their story would make a long article in itself.

Does the above sound as if the millennium had been inaugurated in Milwaukee and Wisconsin? Far from it. Most of the public activities—that is, most of the large industries—are still in private hands. A minority of Socialists in one city cannot change that. But a few steps toward Socialism have been taken. Indeed, a few steps toward Socialism are taken in nearly every state nearly every year, due to the compulsion of conditions. The difference is that Milwaukee and Wisconsin have stepped a little faster and with more certainty as to the goal they are headed for.

Of course, it would be silly to say that the Socialists of Milwaukee and Wisconsin have not made any mistakes, but their accomplishments have been so great that their mistakes are insignificant by comparison.

It is really wonderful what an able and solid minority can do. My own experience on the library board and with the experience of other Socialists on other boards convinces me that the very presence of a minority of Socialists usually deters the other side from proposing any raw deals. Usually, but not always. When raw proposals are made, there is a fight. And the Socialists, or most of them, will learn to dull the edge of the fighting fairly and with restraint. The people are much more favorably impressed with reasonable than with red-eyed and loud-mouthed rant. It is better to let the other side get mad and call names.

Working alongside the enemy on many a committee, board and commission tends to dull the edge of the class struggle—and that is by all odds a good thing. I favor the B. C. O. plan for the same reason. The Russian revolution, with its shocking terror and dictatorship, made me a confirmed gradualist. Tactics which make for a national union of human brotherhood are all to the good.

# Says Socialism Is Actually Being Realized In Palestine

### Farmers and City Workers United In System of Cooperative Communities

Socialism in Palestine is no mere theory, but a matter of successful practice, according to Z. Rubashoff, editor of Davar, only workers' daily newspaper in the Near East, who is in the United States at the invitation of the Jewish Workers, on behalf of a campaign to raise \$250,000. There are 100 farmer communes, ranging in membership from 25 in the smallest to 500 in the largest, according to Mr. Rubashoff.

In these communes there is a community kitchen, community day nurseries, theaters and recreation centers. The oldest of them—those which were started before the war—are now entirely self-supporting. The newer ones still need help for machinery and equipment, Mr. Rubashoff said.

### Bank Pays 3 Per Cent.

The main financial support of the communes are industrial organizations in the worker's bank which has existed for six years and which is now so soundly managed that it has for the past two years paid dividends of 3 per cent.

The organized workers and Socialists in Palestine have a strong influence in the parliament of Palestine, although the Socialists outnumber the other parties, having 75 of 200 representatives.

atives, and together with the workers party, which stands a little "to the right," they can control the government.

Asked whether the Communism of Russia had a strong influence in Palestine, Mr. Rubashoff emphatically denied this.

"The Russians are anti-Zionist and it is comparatively easy therefore for us to prevent Russian influence," he declared.

### SS Per Cent Enrolled.

The general federation of labor of which executive committee Mr. Rubashoff is a member, is the only organization in the Near East affiliated with the Amsterdam International and it is unique because it comprises both farmers and industrial workers. Its membership, counting families, is about 33 per cent of the total population of Palestine. Although it is nominally not partisan, the dominant and controlling party within it is the Socialist party, according to Mr. Rubashoff.

In Tel Aviv, a city of 45,000 people, founded in 1909, there was recently elected a Socialist majority. In this city most of the workers are employed in various public works and in the buildings. Even the industrial workers are organized to control the projects on which they work, on the guild Socialist plan he said.

# Farmers Pay Heavily for Overexpanded Flour Mills

The thing that the farmer is up against and that is ruining him is the competition he has in the market that can save the farmer a change from the capitalist system to the cooperative, or Socialist system.

The big thing that will kill capitalism and is now ruining many is that production expands faster than the limited purchasing power of the robbed and plundered farmers and industrial workers. No class suffers more than the farmers from this over-expansion of industry, because the farmers have to pay for a very large part of the waste and losses, and in the goods he consumes, through the machinery he buys and the raw materials he sells, the farmer is systematically cheated in buying and selling in order to recoup the losses of capitalist industry caused by over-expansion, the accumulation or shut-down of industries.

A tremendously overexpanded mill industry is one of the burdens competitive capitalism has placed on the wheat farmer, according to figures compiled monthly by the U. S. department of commerce. The department reports that in 1927, 1026 of the country's flour mills operated at only 53.3 percent of capacity and that the average operation of the entire year 1926 represented only 54.1 percent of capacity.

These flour mills, the report shows, ground 494,264,874 bushels of wheat in 1926 producing 107,474,925 barrels of wheat flour which is over 91 percent of the total output. If operating at capacity throughout the year these mills could have handled more than 810,000,000 bushels of wheat and turned out about 200,000,000 barrels of flour.

The claim that this overexpansion is necessary in order to handle a seasonal peak load is answered by the department's figures. These show that in September, the month of greatest demand, flour mills operated at 67 percent of average daily capacity. In May operation was down to 44 percent of capacity.

A glance at the financial reports of 3 large milling companies shows that this overexpansion has been reflected in the fact that farmers and grain stockholders are expected to pay a toll on the resulting excessive capitalization. The Standard Milling Co., producing Hecker's Flour, "H-O" Oats and Force, has given its stockholders 3 percent dividends adding more than 70 percent to its capitalization. Pillsbury Flour has paid stock dividends of 150 percent and 20 percent thereby tripling its capitalization.

# Farmers Benefit from Socialized Industry

WASHINGTON—State hail insurance for the farmers of North Dakota, enacted by the Nonpartisan League administration in 1919, has in 7 years saved the farmers over \$26,000,000 in reduced insurance, according to W. A. Anderson, former secretary of the state industrial commission.

The state flour mill and grain elevator has cut the cost of flour within North Dakota \$2.4 a barrel, saving the people each year \$1,600,000.

# Milwaukee Socialists Oppose Salary Raid

Milwaukee—Because they lacked a majority, the Socialist members of the Milwaukee county board were unable to prevent what is described here as a "salary raid" by the old party, or "nonpartisan" gang politicians. All the deputies of the county office had their salaries raised to \$4,200 per year, although none of them had made application for an increase. The measure was suddenly shunted through under the leadership of Eugene Warmint, "nonpartisan." Every Socialist member of the board voted against it. The vote stood 9 against the salary gauge, and 10 for it.

# Roger Baldwin Ban Raises Wide Protest

Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg has been urged by the American Civil Liberties Union to protest the action of British passport authorities in Paris in refusing a visa for Great Britain to Roger Baldwin, a director of the National Civil Liberties Union. Mr. Baldwin has been barred for "no other ground than his political opinions."

Mr. Baldwin has been in Europe since December making studies of the American Civil Liberties Union and the International Committee for Political Prisoners, of which he is secretary, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Quakers. At the International Congress of the League Against Oppression of the Colonies held in Brussels in Europe, Mr. Baldwin acted as observer for the National Urban League and as delegate for the Civil Liberties Union.

In Paris he applied for affiliation with the International League for the Rights of Man on behalf of both the American Civil Liberties Union and the International Committee for Political Prisoners. Literature will be exchanged. The organizations will join in common protests and aid and will be represented at international conferences.

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# Fascism Still Wars Upon Cooperatives

The Fascist persecution of cooperators and cooperative organizations in Italy has been pursued with increased vigor during the past few months, according to a report submitted to the recent executive meeting of the International Cooperative Alliance held at Strasbourg. The International cannot maintain direct contact with the Italian movement due to this persecution, the report said, and has to rely upon circuitous means

# Chinese Labor Solid Against Imperialism and Capitalism

## Editor's Note

Statements are being widely spread that the present Chinese civil war has no real revolutionary significance—that it is merely a nationalistic and anti-imperialist uprising making toward more political democracy in China. In fact, that it can accomplish few economic changes and is bound to leave capitalism intact.

The American Appeal has repeatedly stated that the present Chinese civil war is a social revolution to the extent that the real workers in it are doing real work for a fundamental economic change of the industrial system. If the workers and peasants striving for such changes should come out of the present conflict in a dominant position, we may expect to see a New China, endowed with a real Socialist purpose, emerge from the civil war. If the middle and wealthy classes succeed in gaining the main influence in the Kuomintang, although they may yield lip service to Sun Yat Sen's socialistic principles, we need not expect radical departures by the government that will emerge from the civil war.

## By Federated Press

CHICAGO—Ma Chao Jiang, founder and president of a Chinese trade union of 300,000 workers with locals in Canton, Shanghai, Peking and many other cities, is traveling through the United States to discover the condition of labor under mass production. He wishes also to discover how labor organizations are fighting the mass exploitation caused by speeding up, company unions, company welfare work and other methods that have been brought to greatest perfection in America. Mr. Jiang is a spread of mass production from Shanghai, its present nucleus, to the rest of China. His union is part of the Chinese Nationalist or Kuomintang movement, bent on ending the usurpation of foreign imperialists.

Ma's union is an organization of machinists and allied crafts, including electrical workers, ironworkers, stationary engineers, sheetmetal workers, firemen and others, woodworkers and machinery movers, 10 departments in all, united as the Mechanical Workers Union. Conditions are best in Canton and worst in Peking of the big cities, he said.

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dialect in a month, he said, and similarly elsewhere.

Don't Worry About Recognition

"How about recognition of the Nationalist government by the United States," he was asked. "If the United States wants to recognize us—very well," Ma replied. "We shall welcome it, though we do not seek it. We can exist without recognition."

## Fight Native Exploiters Too

Sitting in the Federated Press office with Shuihai Feng, president of the Chicago Kuomintang who acted as interpreter, Ma spoke vigorously about labor's program in China.

"When you have chased out the foreign exploiters, what then?" he was asked. "Then we must end exploitation by Chinese. The Chinese is just as bad, sometimes worse than the foreign exploiter," he replied.

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## BRISSELS, Belgium—Chen Chen

representing the Federation of Chinese Trade Unions at the Brussels anti-imperialist congress, has declared the status of the organized labor movement of China in relation to the present civil war, as follows:

"Chinese workers look for fraternal cooperation with the European working class and hope that it will help them to organize and fight together with us. Although the movement is still young, we are ready to take on the responsibility of government."

Working class control is the best way out for the Chinese masses.

Chen traced the influence of Chinese trade unions throughout the revolutionary struggle. Pointing out that the Chinese revolutionary successes were possible only through the active labor participation, he said:

"We can show the European working class how to organize and fight imperialism with the weapon of the strike. British imperialism suffered its first great blow in the general strike of 200,000 Chinese workers in Hongkong, who were our support was indispensable for the Cantonese revolutionary army. Our transport workers hindered in various ways the transportation of counter-revolutionary troops and munitions. When Wu Pei Fu's army took control of Hankow, the workers tied up the great railway station on strike till he was forced out by the revolutionary army."

Speaking of the Kuomintang, Chen said that it consisted of three wings. The rich form the right wing. The workers and peasants form the left wing. The middle classes and intellectuals form the center.

# Sees Dark Times Until Farmer Awakes

WASHINGTON—American farmers are doomed to suffer a continual increase in their economic burden, which will reduce their standards of living, drive a great part of them from the land, and demoralize the labor conditions in the towns. This is the view of W. A. Anderson, Minneapolis lawyer, chairman of the Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota, and formerly secretary of the industrial commission of North Dakota.

Anderson sees no likelihood that the farmers of the country will unite in the next few years to tear down the tariff walls, or to smash private monopolies, or to greatly reduce rail freight rates, or to nationalize basic industries such as railroads. Instead, he expects them to take many reductions in living standards while they grope for remedies, awaiting new leadership.

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# Minnesota Students Fight Evolution Ban

Minneapolis—Hundreds of students at the University of Minnesota were excused from classes yesterday to permit them to attend a mass meeting where the opening attack was made against the Riley anti-evolution bill before the state legislature.

Several hundred petitions were circulated on the campus asking solons to kill the bill which would prohibit teaching of the Darwin theory in the public schools of the state.

The Minnesota Daily devoted its entire issue to the anti-evolution fight.

# Chinese Revolution Is Stirring India

NEW YORK—The revolutionary Chinese situation has stirred the Indian people tremendously, says Sainendra Ghose, secretary of the Friends of Freedom for India, who is in touch with his home country.

Twenty thousand railroad workers on the great central line connecting Calcutta, Bombay and Madras has struck. The British Indian government is trying to break the strike by armed force. Many of the strikers have been wounded by rifle fire and bayonets. Others have been forcibly taken from their houses and compelled to work. The International Transport Workers Federation, 61 Vondelstraat, Amsterdam, Holland, has appealed for financial help for the strikers. Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the non-violence, non-cooperation forces of India, has offered to lead a strike in the great Assam tea plantations.

# Joint statement of the Chinese students at the Stanford University

California, which appears in the English supplement of The Chinese Daily, February 12, 1927, brings out the fact that these students understand the present struggle in China to be a struggle, among other things, for ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY (or Socialism). The statement of the students closes with the following paragraph:

"In conclusion, the people's revolution is going on in China and it is at chiefly the political and economic democracy and the restoration of national rights and sovereignty which as an independent nation China should have. Many imperialists they feel against the imperialists on the ground. To accomplish these, they must abolish the unequal treaties. The Hankow incident is but one of the continuing efforts toward this end. The Chinese people, as a people loving nation, believe in international cooperation and they also believe that world peace can be founded only on fair play and equality through the abolition of the unequal treaties."