

BRITISH LABOR FACING CRISIS NEARS CLASH WITH EMPLOYERS; GOVERNMENT TURNS DOWN UNIONS

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LONDON, June 25.—Pressed by the unemployment resulting from the Dawes Plan, and with the employers taking every advantage to attack the unions in a sweeping campaign for the "open shop," the British unions face a crisis of the gravest character.

On Tuesday the joint inquiry into industrial conditions conducted by the representatives of the Miners' Federation and the coal mine owners, broke up when the operators stated that on June 30 they would give formal notice that on July 31 they would no longer conform with the existing agreement with the coal miners' union and would insist on an increase of hours and a decrease in wages.

AS WE SEE IT.

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

Another revolt of the masses in the colonies of the imperialist powers is causing deep concern among the ruling classes of the world. Every capitalist government is between two fires: that of the most class conscious of the workers at home and their revolting slaves abroad. In China the demand for a war with Great Britain is growing stronger every day. Britain is in no position to crush China. Her own working class would never stand for it.

Another revolt is threatened in India. The British foreign office is getting ready to unload the blame on Soviet Russia. There are over 300,000,000 of people in India and 400,000,000 or more in China. Quite a formidable army. With the Chinese masses moving and defying the power of the imperialists, the Hindus should not hesitate to tackle the job of freeing themselves from the yoke of Britain. John Bull stands to be the biggest loser in the big game now being played in the Orient.

In northern Africa the Rifians are more than holding their own. The French government was driven in desperation to arrest over one hundred Communists on charges of aiding the Moroccans. What a crime, considering the fact that Castanet, the real leader of the present French government, was admittedly in collusion with the German government at a critical period of the war. The Communists of France support the Rifian tribesmen in their war for liberation, even though they are fighting against France. Communists know no country but the welfare of the workers of all lands.

In England the class conscious workers are supporting the Chinese even though the Chinese are demanding war against Great Britain. But the Chinese are not demanding war against the British workers. They will fight the British imperialists and their agents. This alliance between the colonial slaves and the industrial workers in the heart of the imperialist powers is a very cheering phenomenon.

One of the most remarkable meetings that I have ever attended was held in this city a few evenings ago, when workers of all races and almost all colors gathered together to raise their voices against world imperialism, and—as the meeting was held in the United States—particularly against American imperialism. The chairman of the meeting was a young Negro who showed by his beaming countenance that he appreciated the significance of the occasion. More than a score of young Chinese attended, and three of them took the platform and spoke, one of them speaking in his native tongue.

It was a protest against imperialism in China, but not the usual kind of an academic contest. Representatives of the most oppressed victims of imperialism were there: Negro and Chinese workers and students. Many comrades who have attended thousands of radical meetings said that a thrill such as they only experienced rarely stirred their emotions when the voices of white, black and yellow workers were raised against the common enemy.

As the meeting was in progress battles were raging in the Orient that will have a very important effect (Continued on page 4.)

BISHOP MONTGOMERY BROWN WILL SPEAK HERE TOMORROW EVENING

Prominent representatives of the National Labor Defense Conference will be the principal speakers at the mass protest demonstration which will be held tomorrow evening in Temple Hall, Van Buren street and Marshfield avenue.

Among those listed to speak are: Bishop William Montgomery Brown, Alexander Howat, Benjamin Gitlow, William Z. Foster and a member of the Industrial Workers of the World.

FASCIST WHO SLUGGED GOWEN FORGIVEN BY CAL-TROT HIM WORKER

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 25.—The state department has informed the Mussolini government that the assault upon Franklin C. Gowen, American vice-consul at Leghorn, by a fascist youth, has been forgiven, and that "this government is highly appreciative of its expressions of concern and regret."

Gowen was slugged on the head by Fausto di Suolo as he was walking along the streets of Leghorn. The fascist, who was taking part in a fascist demonstration, stated he did not know that the man he brutally slugged was a consular officer. He was laboring under the impression that Gowen was an Italian worker.

All has been forgiven, and the Coolidge officials highly praise Mussolini's "careful rule."

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MANY DELEGATES TO ATTEND JUNE 28 CONFERENCE

Unions Take Part in Workers' Defense Meet

The Labor Defense Council is preparing to welcome a large delegation of representatives of workers' organizations at the National Conference for Labor Defense to be held in the Ashland Auditorium here next Sunday. Workers' defense bodies, fraternal and benefit organizations, Central Unions and many local trade unions are expected to be represented.

The last organizations that were heard from, the Detroit Federation of Labor, the Joliet Central Labor Union and a number of local unions in Illinois, all promise to have delegates present.

Out of deference to the aims of the conference there will be seated individuals who have distinguished themselves by their efforts for Labor Defense as well as ex-class war prisoners, who will take an active part in the proceedings.

For Defense of All Workers.

The conference, which will last all day Sunday, will occupy itself primarily with the business of forming a permanent national defense organization pledged to defend the interest of all workers engaged in the class struggle. Plans will also be worked out for joint national action with all the scattered defense bodies in various parts of the country by way of amnesty drives, protests against anti-labor legislation and class war prisoner and family relief.

The feature of the conference is that its purpose is to rally all sections of the workers' movement behind the task of defending workers of any political faith or industrial affiliation. It is proposed that the conference devise ways and means to extend regular and worthwhile comforts to the 125 political and industrial prisoners now confined in various prisons throughout the country and supply material aid to their families.

The recent decision of the United States supreme court in declaring criminal syndicalist laws constitutional, the jailing of striking miners in West Virginia and many recent persecutions of workers, has added impetus to the conference and aroused widespread interest in it throughout the whole labor movement.

While the day session will be given over to working out the plans for a great united labor defense movement, in the evening there will be a mass meeting at Plasterers' temple, at which will appear William Montgomery Brown, prominent heretic bishop and radical author, and others who will be delegates to the conference.

Many Endorsements.

The conference has received the endorsement of scores of labor bodies as well as many prominent figures in the labor and liberal movements, such as Upton Sinclair, Robert Morris Lovett, Scott Nearing, Hulet Wells, Alex Howatt, and many others. The Labor Defense Council has signified its willingness to merge with the new defense organization to be formed at the conference.

Debs States His Views

Eugene V. Debs, writing from his home in Terre Haute, Indiana, to the Labor Defense Council concerning the National Conference for Labor Defense to be held here next Sunday said, "If the proposed national conference to be convened in Chicago on the 28th inst. proposes to consolidate or at least to combine the various labor defense bodies so as to constitute an independent, all-inclusive defense organization for the purpose of affording protection and defense to all workers arrested, persecuted, prosecuted or imprisoned because of their activities in the labor movement irrespective of their affiliation or non-affiliation and with equal consideration for all, and for the purpose of combatting vicious and despotic legislation and court decisions and otherwise serving, as may be deemed necessary, those who serve the working class, then I am heartily with you and perfectly willing that my name shall be used officially, as requested, in connection with the new and larger and more effective organization."

Gas Workers Show No Opposition to Renew Last Year's Contract

The Gas Workers' Union, whose contract expires on September 1, met Thursday night, Vice President John O'Donnell occupying the chair, and cast a unanimous vote to renew the old contract without changes. It calls for 60 cents an hour for laborers, and from 69 to 84 cents for gas fitters. The agreement runs for one year.

American Imperialism in Fear of War with Japan, Hesitates with Chinese

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WASHINGTON, June 25.—Despite the growing gravity of the Chinese situation, the United States is not yet ready to adopt an independent attitude toward the Peking government, it was declared officially here today. Disregarding the official reasons, fear of war with Japan is seen behind the hesitancy of the United States.

Hoping from day to day that order will be restored in China without further intervention by the foreign imperialist powers, Secretary of State Kellogg says that America plans to continue in the meantime to co-operate with the other governments represented at Peking and to leave the Chinese problem to be handled largely by the diplomats in the Far East.

"For the Time Being"

This policy is being adhered to for the time being chiefly because, according to officials here, it is the only policy that the United States can have in the circumstances. Secretary Kellogg is now awaiting the arrival of the new American minister, John V. A. MacMurray, at Peking, and does not want to take any new step until he has given MacMurray an opportunity to survey the situation and report upon the new political conditions growing out of civil war and anti-imperialist movements in coastal cities.

Pressure is being brought to bear upon the government, however, to take a more aggressive attitude toward China, such as the serving of formal notice on the Peking foreign office, direct from Washington, that the United States expects its interests in the Orient to be fully protected at all times. An appeal to this effect has reached here from the American association of China, the petitioners charging that China is failing to live up to her treaty obligations and that it is up to the United States to make her do it by force of arms if necessary.

He Wants To—But Dare Not

There is no doubt that Secretary Kellogg would be pleased to take any action that would accomplish such a purpose but in view of present conditions in China he does not feel that much would be accomplished by directing a sharp note to the Peking government. The difficulty is according to official statement, that the Peking government has little or no authority outside of the city of Peking and that separate demands from Washington might only stir up more trouble for the diplomats in the Chinese capital to deal with. The real reason, however, is the fear that Japan (Continued on page 2)

JAPAN REFUSES CHINA REVISION OF TREATY; BUT "SYMPATHIZES"

TOKIO, June 25.—The Japanese cabinet met today to consider the Chinese demands for a revision of her foreign treaties and also the thirteen demands made in connection with the Shanghai trouble.

It is understood that decision was reached and instructions wired to Minister Yoshizawa in Peking, but the nature of the decision was not announced.

The most reliable of the Japanese papers says Minister Yoshizawa was instructed to refuse the demands for treaty revision on the grounds that the time and conditions are inopportune, but to assure China of Japan's sympathetic attitude toward her aspirations.

PLEDGE FIGHT ON MACHINE OF INTERNATIONAL

Shop Chairmen Show Faith in Members

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NEW YORK CITY, June 26.—The DAILY WORKER gives herewith the text of the resolution carried by the Shop Chairmen of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union from over a thousand shops in the city of New York at the meeting held Tuesday night.

From the way the hall was packed with shop chairmen and enthusiastic active members participating in the fight to prevent the I. L. G. W. from being wrecked by the autocratic Sigman machine, it is plain that no matter which way the unfair farce of a "trial" may go, the suspended local executives of Locals 2, 9 and 22, have (Continued on page 4)

COAL DIGGERS MEET TO OPEN NEXT MONDAY

Anthracite Convention Has Many Problems

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SCRANTON, Pa., June 25.—The Tri-District convention of the anthracite miners will begin next Monday here. The agreement between the miners and the operators terminates on Sept. 1st, and one of the principal problems before the convention will be the formulation of demands on the bosses.

From the demands on the operators, the rank and file of the anthracite unions have many bones to pick with their leaders. A regular reign of terror has been conducted in District 1, by the renegade Capellini. The members revolted more than once and John Lewis (Continued on page 2)

CALL TEXTILE WORKERS OF EAST TO CONFERENCE OF MILITANTS IN NEW YORK CITY, AUGUST 9

The textile Workers of the mills in the east, especially those of New England, have suffered defeat after defeat, owing largely to their ineffective organization. The International Committee for Amalgamation in the Textile Industry is endeavoring to rally all militant workers for resistance against the wage cuts, speed-up systems and other evils, and has addressed the following call to the textile workers:

TO ALL TEXTILE UNIONS, AND ORGANIZED AND UNORGANIZED WORKERS IN THE TEXTILE MILLS:

The workers in the textile industry have for months been going thru one of the worst crises in their history. In this crisis it can be plainly seen that the textile bosses have learned from the militant struggles of the workers against former wage reductions. The textile industry is replete with the history of mass struggles against the employers. The names of Lawrence Paterson, Fall River, Pawtucket Valley, etc., are vivid in the memory of all who follow the history of American labor.

Putting It Over Smoothly

The latest wage-cutting schemes of the textile bosses are being put into effect in such a manner, so as to not arouse mass protest, but to even more effectively enslave the workers. Instead of as formerly announcing a drastic cut in wages, the bosses are now engaged in cutting wages by the latest and most scientific methods, namely, making the wage cuts small and frequent, and in certain mills at a time. Along with this goes the other counter part of the wage cutting campaign, which is the introduction of "efficiency methods."

The Multiple Loom

The efficiency expert as the agent of the textile millionaires is creating almost as great a revolution in the industry, as the introduction of the automatic loom itself. The multiple loom (Continued on page 4)

WRITS ISSUED TO FREE CROUCH FROM PRISON

Communist Soldiers to Be Produced

HONOLULU, Hawaii, June 26.—Writs of habeas corpus against Maj. Gen. Edward M. Lewis, commanding the army's Hawaiian department, were issued, ordering him to produce Paul Crouch and Walter Trumbull in federal court at 2 p. m. today, to show cause why they should be held in Schofield barracks guardhouse.

The writs were issued by Federal Judge John T. Debolt. Walter Trumbull and Paul Crouch were arrested last March, charged with being members of the Hawaiian Communist League. After a court martial they were sentenced to 26 and forty years in a federal penitentiary. The sentences were later reduced to one year and three years, respectively.

Crouch and Trumbull were held in a guardhouse for many weeks, without trial, in violation of army law. They were sentenced on the sole evidence of an army spy, whose testimony was contradicted by defense witnesses. The records of the trial were doctored by the army officials.

The Labor Defense Council, 19 S. Lincoln St., Chicago, is contributing to the defense of the Communist soldiers.

THE COAL MINER TALKS



Dedicated to the Tri-District Convention of the Anthracite Coal Miners Opening Monday at Scranton, Pa.

