

U. S. SOVIET RECOGNITION NEAR Stone and Du Pont, Johnston and "B. & O.," Shows C. P. P. A. Heads Allies of Bosses

AS WE SEE IT By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

FRANCE'S "finance wizard," Joseph Caillaux is back again in political life. France never needed a finance wizard more than now. The franc is on the tobaggan and it is in the power of the United States and England to drive it below visibility. But it is doubtful whether they will do that. The fall of the franc far below where it is now would cause panic in Europe and none of the capitalist powers are any too sure of their position. As was pointed out in an editorial in the DAILY WORKER a few days ago, the strained relations between Poland and the Vatican and the commercial war between Rumania and Poland as well as the Greece-Turkey imbroglio are incidents in the struggle between France and England that is going on ever since the termination of the world war.

CAILLAUX was indicted, convicted, imprisoned and banished by his enemies only a few years ago. His policy has been rapprochement with Germany. Clemenceau, is now in retirement. Poincare is preparing to lead the fascisti and the catholic reactionaries in an effort to get back into power. Caillaux aims to succeed Herriot as premier. Interesting developments are due in France. One thing is certain, England does not relish the return of Caillaux to active public life.

CHICAGO is getting better every day, despite the fact that crime is on the increase, declared State's Attorney Crowe. This tendency would not be welcomed by the average person but Crowe is not an ordinary citizen. Increase of crime is grist to his mill. There is always the possibility of a nice little gallows party, even the juries are sometimes hard to handle. Robert E. Crowe has not made much fuss about crime since his reelection. Indeed it is well known that his anger is not deeply stirred over petty crime, such as burglary and other deviations of that kind. What he does not like is alleged crimes against the government.

IT might be interesting to know that this notorious strikebreaker, State's Attorney Crowe, is a member of the Clan-na-Gael, an organization that is pledged to overthrow British rule in Ireland by any available methods. According to a series of articles in the Gaelic American written by John Devoy secretary of the Clan-na-Gael, Robert E. Crowe, is the son of Pat Crowe, the author of the "dynamite policy" which O'Donovan Rossa, an Irish Fenian claimed credit for. Devoy declares the honor belongs to Pat Crowe. The state's attorney's father was willing to use dynamite to blast the British government out of Ireland, yet his son's favorite sport nowadays is filling the jails with union men and women whose only crime is seeking to secure better wages and working conditions for themselves and their fellow workers. Yet John Devoy, praised this strikebreaker as an Irish patriot. Perhaps he is!

"THERE was plenty to drink." This refreshing news was in a morning newspaper describing a banquet in the Raino Gardens, given to a public official and member of the William Hale Thompson political machine. A police sergeant also got funny and began to shoot at the flies in the ceiling. Another policeman came along and outshot him. Then there was quiet, broken only by the wailing of jazz in-

Ford Slaves Work Six Days. DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 20.—The Ford Motor company announced today that it is now operating on a six day a week schedule. For months five days a week has been the limit of production.

IMPORTANT SHOP NUCLEI MEETING

ALL PARTY WORKERS WORKING BETWEEN 14TH STREET AND 42ND STREET, TAKE NOTICE!
If you are a member of the Workers (Communist) Party and if you work in the territory that lies between 14th St. and 42nd St., then it is your duty as a Communist to attend this very important meeting arranged by the party.
The meeting takes place Tuesday evening, Feb. 24, at 6:30 o'clock, right after work, at 407 Fourth avenue, near 29th street, Room 1.—GLEN GITLOW, Shop Nuclei Organizer.

BORAH TO HEAD THE COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITION

Resumption of Relations Before End of Year

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—The United States is taking preliminary steps to establish diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia.

This was learned authoritatively today when the news that President Coolidge and Senator Borah were in agreement on the methods to be adopted in bringing about normal relations between the two countries, was made public.

To Appoint Committee.

It is quite likely that the president will appoint a committee in the near future with Senator Borah as chairman, which will be charged with the task of smoothing out the outstanding obstacles in the way of recognition. The Idaho senator is going to Europe after the termination of the present session of congress. It is possible he may have informal conferences with Soviet representatives in Paris before meeting with them as the head of a presidential committee.

It is now universally believed that the departure of the Secretary of State Hughes was directly connected with his refusal to pull in his horns on the Russian question.

ARREST 14 FIRST DAY IN BIG N. Y. GARMENT STRIKE

Members of T. U. E. L. Active Despite Sigman

(Special to The Daily Worker) NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 20.—Locals 10, of cutters; 91, of children and house dress workers, and 62, of the silk and muslin underwear workers, comprising in all about 25,000 garment workers of the miscellaneous trades are out on strike under the direction of a district council of the International Ladies' Garment Workers for demands asking for a wage increase of 20 per cent, renewal of agreement and the union shop.

T. U. E. L. Active. Members of the Trade Union Educational League, who are active in the union affairs in spite of the expulsion policy of the Sigman machine, are playing a militant part in the strike.

Fourteen arrests were made of pickets and union workers the first day. Nine girls were rounded up in the Jefferson Market court on a charge of "walking three abreast." The judge decided that walking this way was "one of the inalienable rights of citizens" and discharged them.

"Molesting" Scabs. Jennie Fardella and Rose Kirschenbaum were arrested for picketing the establishment of a boss at 44 East Thirty-second. The boss accusing them of "molesting" scabs. Joseph Gervil, Jerry Cosella and Tony Trafano, were charged with entering a shop and trying to persuade the boss that his twenty-five women employees should be allowed to join the union and given a 20 per cent wage raise. When he disagreed, so the boss says, they broke a window.

Strike meetings are taking place in various halls. The U. S. labor department, as usual, has a "conciliation" handy. This time it is T. J. Williams; while the state of New York has another in the form of Michael J. Regan.

Engineers' Head Begs Aid for Czar of Delaware

THE WILMINGTON LABOR HERALD, NOVEMBER 1, 1924.

WARREN S. STONE

President of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers

says of COLEMAN duPONT

Republican Candidate for the United States Senate

"We have found Mr. duPont to be a man with vision, a man with human interests, a big man doing big things in a big way"

For the benefit of those who may desire to know how Coleman duPont's candidacy for the United States Senate is looked upon in labor circles the reading of this letter will prove most interesting:

WARREN S. STONE, PRESIDENT; WILLIAM H. JOHNSTON, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT; H. P. DUNHAM, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT; C. E. LINCOLN, GENERAL SECRETARY.

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers
CLEVELAND, OHIO

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

October 22, 1924.

To All Officers and Members in the State of Delaware.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

At a conference of the representatives of the Sixteen Railroad Labor Organizations, held in Washington to go over the records of the various candidates for office our representative reported that owing to it being impossible for all the representatives of the Organizations to UNANIMOUSLY agree upon any candidate for United States Senator in Delaware, it was agreed that every one would keep their hands off, or at least that was his understanding.

In a recent issue of "Labor" they have endorsed and requested you to elect James Funnell. This makes it necessary for us to write to you in the interests of the Honorable Coleman duPont, candidate for United States Senator, Republican ticket, and we ask, if you feel you can consistently do so, that you vote for him at the polls on election day. We are making this request not in a spirit of trying to dictate to you as to whom you shall vote for, but because of our intimate knowledge of the man.

Mr. duPont is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Empire Trust Company, in which we own a very large interest. We have worked with him for the past year and a half, and at any and all times he has done everything humanly possible to make our work a success. We have found Mr. duPont to be a man with vision, a man with human interests,—a big man doing big things in a big way, and we are sure that you will make no mistake in casting your vote for him. We ask that you do this both in our interests and your own.

Yours fraternally,
W. S. Stone
President and Chairman of the Advisory Board.

Vote for Coleman duPont for United States Senator—Republican Ticket

---Republican State Committee

One of the many crimes committed in name of "C. P. P. A."

Who Is Du Pont?

THOMAS COLEMAN DUPONT is listed in "Who's Who" as a manufacturer and banker. He was employed as a civil and mining engineer from 1883 until 1893 with the Central Coal and Iron company, when he became general manager of the Johnstown Co., at Johnstown, Pa. He was extensively connected with the development of coal and iron mines in Kentucky, the scab coal state, since 1896, (one of Warren S. Stone's scab coal mines is located in Kentucky) and with the construction and development of street railways. In 1902 he was elected president of the E. I. DuPont de Nemours company, which position he occupied until 1914. He is deeply interested financially in a string of New York hotels, among them the MacAlpin, Waldorf-Astoria, and in the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia and the New Willard in Washington.

He controls the Euitable Life Insurance Society, and owns the great Euitable building at 120 Broadway, New York. He is chairman of the board

of directors of the Empire Trust company, which is part owned by Warren S. Stone and the Locomotive Engineers. DuPont is a member of the republican national committee. He was appointed to the United States senate by the governor of Delaware in 1921. He is a member of the leading clubs in New York, Washington and Boston.

Trusts and Corporations Owned or Directed by Coleman DuPont

Thomas Coleman DuPont is director of the following concerns: DuPont and Dunham, incorporated, vice-president and director; Empire Safe Deposit company, director; Empire Trust company, chairman of the board of directors; Equitable Office Building corporation, chairman of the board of directors; General Refractories Co., director; Greeley Square Hotel Co., vice-president and director; Hotel Claridge, incorporated, director; Industrial Finance corporation, director; Morris Plan Bank, president and director; National Surety Co., director; Thompson-Starrett Co., director; Three Hundred Park Ave., incorporated, director; Waldorf-Astoria, incorporated, director.

ALL UNIONS HIT BY 'B. & O.' BILL'S PLAN

Road Starts Drive on Each Craft

The DAILY WORKER is in possession of a secret circular sent out by the Brotherhood of Railroad Telegraphers dealing with the conspiracy on the part of the railroad company to put the "B. & O." plan originated by "B. & O. Bill" Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, over on the Transportation Brotherhoods.

Should "B. & O. Bill" Johnston be defeated in the coming elections in the Machinists Union for international president and should the committee for progressive political action (provided it still breathes) decide to have one who is not politically embalmed at the head of it, "Bill" should not have any cause to worry about his future in an economic sense unless the railroad companies are the most ungrateful institutions in the United States.

Good For Company

Formerly this plan was fastened on the shopmen on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, but it has been so profitable for the company that it is now being put into operation on every classification of rail labor. Already the B. & O. has started organizing among the telegraphers.

In the Pittsburgh region the company has selected its own chairman and committee. The committee to represent the telegraph department are the station agents of the largest stations in the district. The members of the Telegrapher's Union are up in the air over it. The chairman of the unions are being ignored and non-union members (Continued on page 2.)

STONE ENDORSED POWDER PRINCE FOR U. S. SENATE

Done Under Policies of the "C. P. P. A."

On this page, today, the DAILY WORKER reveals one of the many crimes against the workers and poor farmers that has been committed in the name of the conference for progressive political action.

Under the form of "political action" sponsored by the "C. P. P. A." it was possible for Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, to endorse the candidacy of the multi-millionaire enemy of labor, T. Coleman duPont, for re-election as United States senator from the unorganized "open shop" state of Delaware.

Backbone of the "C. P. P. A." In this connection it must be remembered that Stone is not an unimportant, isolated member of the "C. P. P. A."

It was Stone, more than anyone else who helped start and run this organization. It was Stone's publication, "The Locomotive Engineers' Journal" that proudly proclaimed in a recent issue, that the railroad brotherhoods were and are the backbone of the "C. P. P. A."

Stone, with William H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, was most responsible in putting Senator LaFollette into the running for president on the so-called "progressive" ticket, at the same time declaring relentless war against the Communists and the Workers (Communist) Party.

Their Wall Street Connections. Perhaps the most revealing part of Stone's letter endorsing DuPont's candidacy is the sentence that reads: "Mr. DuPont is chairman of the board" (Continued on page 2.)

REACTION MAKES NEW ATTACK IN SEATTLE COUNCIL

Locals Protest Blow at Workers' Unity

(Special to The Daily Worker) SEATTLE, Washington, Feb. 20.—Charges "of being Communists" were preferred at the meeting of the Central Labor Council last night against M. Hansen, H. G. Price, Joe Havel, Paul K. Mohr, W. H. Jones and J. C. Carlson and after some debate referred to the strike and grievance committee of which David Levine is chairman.

The charges were preferred by reactionary Business Agents William Badley, business agent of the Patternmakers, Jack Belanger, business agent of the Steamfitters, Roberge, ex-business agent of the Sheet Metal Workers, Hughes, business agent of the Plumbers and Williams, business agent of the Hoisting Engineers.

Reaction insists an attack notwithstanding the fact that the large delegation of the Central Labor Council are anxious to preserve harmony and avoid strife in that body, these business agents are apparently determined to force the hand of the council to unseat the above delegates against its wishes.

All six accused delegates have the best reputation and standing in the local labor movement and devoted the greater part of their lives to the upbuilding of the trade union movement.

W. H. Jones is one of the progressive business agents with a fine record and agent of the Painters and Allied Trades against whom charges have also been preferred in the Building Trades Council in order to unseat him from that body.

Painters Support Delegate His local at its meeting held on Tuesday evening, by an overwhelming vote decided to back him in this fight as they realize and are apparently aware of the sinister influences determined to unseat him. A resolution was adopted by his local condemning the action of both bodies and urging the rescinding of the action contemplating to unseat delegates.

The council at its last night's meeting again reaffirmed its stand against criminal syndicalism laws in general and the Michigan criminal syndicalism law in particular.

No Bar on Political Opinions After the grievance committee has given a hearing and trial to those charged, the matter will again come up before the council for disposal. The delegates are determined to put up a fight against being unseated and they have support of the progressive delegates who bitterly resent the unseating of any delegates, no matter what their political views be.

The following resolution was adopted on Tuesday night by Painters Local No. 300, asking the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council to rescind their action:

"WHEREAS, the present controversy regarding Communism in the Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council, if allowed to develop, will greatly weaken our position and favor the employers; and

"WHEREAS this controversy has entirely overshadowed the original issue from which it sprung, namely, defense of fellow workers indicted under the Michigan criminal syndicalism act; and

"WHEREAS the American Federation of Labor, national and state, at their last conventions passed resolutions repudiating such syndicalism criminal acts; therefore be it

"RESOLVED that the Painters Local No. 300, requesting the Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council to set aside for the present their recent actions favorable to unseating members who are Communists.

For Labor Solidarity "By so doing they will aid the labor movement of Seattle to close ranks and present a solid front in repudiating all legislation which is unjust to the workers and to render such aid to the Michigan prisoners as may seem wise after proper investigation; and be it further

"RESOLVED that we request all Communists and their sympathizers within our ranks to aid on this mutual ground for action and do all in their power to keep the issue clear that it may not again be set aside by arguments regarding Communism."

Fight Smallpox in Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.—More than 4,000 persons were quarantined in North Philadelphia today when one case of smallpox was found in that area. About 40 physicians under Dr. A. A. Cairns of the local board of health began examining those in the banned section and vaccinating all persons not already vaccinated.

All Unions Hit by 'B. & O' Bill's Plan

(Continued from page 1) bers are selected as chairman and committee-men. It is the open shop with a vengeance.

Old Leaders Bankrupt The circular letter issued by an official of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers views with alarm this spread of the scab B. & O. plan in the railroad unions. But the bankruptcy of the old leadership is demonstrated in the concluding paragraph of the telegrapher's circular. Instead of being positively opposed to this company union plan, the writer asks for advice as to whether the telegrapher's should participate in the B. & O. plan or ignore it. They should do neither but fight it and fight it vigorously.

The following circular issued by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers shows the company in action with "Bill" Johnston's scab plan:

Dear Sir and Brother:—The division operator's bulletin of the B. & O. R. R. dated Feb. 8th, 1925, sheet No. 2 shows the following:

"Co-operative meetings are to be held monthly between management and employees. Committees have been appointed for each craft. For the telegraph department, Mr. H. D. Grafious, dispatcher, chairman, Mr. P. H. Scheffer, operator, alternate, Mr. W. H. Carruthers, operator, alternate.

"We solicit suggestions that will benefit or make the service safe. Operators will forward such suggestions to the alternate, who in turn will forward to the chairman, provided they cannot attend. Each suggestion will be taken record of, acted upon, and committees advised of final disposition.

"It would please me very much to have operators take an active part in this movement."

"Bill's" Plan Was Good

And on a circular dated Feb. 5th, 1925, signed by W. E. Booth chairman, and J. D. Beltz vice-chairman, addressed to all concerned. Subject: "Co-operative meetings to be held between management and employees." The first paragraph reads as follows:

"Having in mind the good that has been accomplished in the mechanical department thru their co-operative conferences, we deemed it advisable to inaugurate a similar movement among the transportation department employees, which if proven satisfactory, will be extended to the maintenance of way department. As a result our first meeting was held Jan. 27th, at which time, the purpose of these meetings was discussed and committees elected to represent each craft in the transportation department."

The third paragraph reads as follows:

"At these meetings, it is desired that every one, if possible, give suggestions for the betterment of our service, special features of our industry, general improvements for the betterment of working conditions, no matter what the position of any employee might be. The meeting is open at all times for suggestions—each suggestion will be taken record of, acted upon, and committees advised of final disposition."

As the two local superintendents have made mention of the so-called Glenwood shop plan of employee representation known as the B. & O.

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

(Continued from page 1) struments and the almost inaudible sound of feet, as couples moved imperceptibly in what looked like a death grapple around the polished floor. There was plenty of fun, because prohibition is such a nice thing to ignore. "Among those present were, Judges W. J. Lindsay and Joseph McCarthy, former Judge John J. O'Connell." There was plenty to drink, and under what better auspices could the drinking be done than under the nose of a judge?

It is nothing new in Soviet Russia to see Comrade Tomsky president of the All-Russian Trade Union Congress or some other trade union leader addressing conferences of officers of the Red army. The Red army is the army of the Russian workers. Sometimes an American labor faker is given permission to speak to the army but only for recruiting purposes. Yesterday's issue of the Chicago Tribune shows a picture of Charles H. Markham, president of the Illinois Central Railroad and William H. Thomas, vice-president of the Central Trust company, addressing the monthly meeting of the local training school for military men. It's the capitalists' army, so they should attend to it. The funny thing is thousands of workers believe it is theirs as well as the capitalists'.

DuPont has been especially interested in the Central Coal and Iron Co., the Main Jellicoe Mountain Coal Co., and the McKinley Coal Co., all of the non-union state of Kentucky, where the coal mining industry is being developed at the expense of the union fields in the organized states.

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plan in referring to the co-operative plan of the mechanical department, and that elections have been held and appointments made to carry on the work which is outlined in the quoted paragraphs the writer is anxious to know what part the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, as well as the other organizations, of the transportation department, have taken in this regard and what part, if any, they are to play in this new game.

Put It Up To Management

If the general committee of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and other organizations of the transportation department have conferred with the management on this subject, I feel that our local officers should have been so advised. If they have not then I feel that we should inquire of the management of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company whether or not this plan is intended to interfere with the legitimate prerogatives of our respective organizations.

A significant feature of the representation plan is that Mr. W. F. Denke, agent at Pittsburgh, Mr. W. B. Peters, agent at McKeesport and Mr. Peter Colligan, agent at Allegheny (N. S. Pgh.) comprises the committee to represent station agents all of whom are in charge of the largest stations on this division. Mr. H. D. Grafious a former trainmaster now a train dispatcher is chairman of a committee to look after the interests of the telegraphers.

Many questions are being put to me by members of the order. What sort of a reply would you suggest that I make them?

Shall we co-operate? Shall we insist on better representation, or shall we inform our members to ignore the plan or membership?

I stand ready to co-operate with the management of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in any legitimate movement for the mutual good of all concerned, one which will not interfere with the rights and prerogatives of the O. R. T. and other sister legitimate organizations.

That there has been a chairman and two alternates elected or appointed to represent as a class, agents, brakemen, conductors, engineers, firemen, yardmasters, dispatchers and operators, division-accountants force, and police department, I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to each of the general chairmen, and as many of the local committeemen of the various organizations representing employees so affected in this new movement for their information etc.

An early reply would be greatly appreciated, with best wishes, I am, yours fraternally,

P. S.:—An expression from other committeemen concerned would be appreciated.

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(Continued from page 1) of directors of the Empire Trust Co., in which we own a very large interest.

In other words, thru their banking connections, the head of the Locomotive Engineers' Union boasts of the fact that he has a window on Wall Street facing that of Mr. DuPont. And in the business of Wall Street, Stone thinks DuPont is "a big man, doing big things in a big way."

Letter Used in "Ad."

Stone's letter of endorsement was widely used by the DuPont campaigners. It was published as a full-page advertisement extensively, especially in the Wilmington Labor Herald, an alleged labor paper, from which the accompanying reproduction was made.

Thus the head of the powder trust reached not only the members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to whom Stone sent his letter, but practically all of the workers in the state.

Brotherhoods Split in Delaware.

Stone also confesses in his letter that the 16 railroad organizations could not agree unanimously on an endorsement for United States senator in Delaware. There were some who refused to stomach DuPont and came out for his opponent. All under the standards and the policies of the conference for progressive political action.

Perhaps some of Stone's love for DuPont may be due to the fact that the powder prince from Delaware, who reaped enormous profits in explosives during the world war, is also an owner of coal mines in Kentucky. Stone is also interested in Kentucky coal mines, non-union coal mines, that have become a heated issue within even the American Federation of Labor.

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ANCIENT GREEKS LIKE FORUMS; SO DO COMMUNISTS

Moritz Loeb to Speak Next Sunday

Open forums are an ancient institution. Almost as old as men's tongues; sometimes as much of a bore, too, at least to those whose tongues aren't functioning.

The most famous open forums were those that the Greeks used to have 6,000 years ago, either in the senate or in the Athenian market place. It is a common idea, the miserable mistaken one, that all the Greeks participated in such gatherings. Greece had a democracy, didn't it? Or so we are told. Its "democracy" however, consisted of some few thousand of property holders. Outside this close corporation were some hundreds of thousands of slaves. Needless to say, these had neither voice nor vote; some of them, like Spartacus, tho, had wonderful tongues whose eloquence echoes down thru history, but Spartacus didn't speak at open forum.

Soft Drink Parlors?

Today, open forums are not confined to philosophers or property holders. These, in fact, have deserted the forum for the Mencken magazines, the movie, or the ah, contemporary substitute for the bar-room.

And the Spartacus of yesterday has become the forum leader of today.

But the working class is not satisfied with producing just a few thinkers; a few leaders. It does not want to be shut out by a closed corporation of know-it-alls.

The modern open forum, like that conducted by the Workers Party every Sunday night at the Ashland auditorium, lets every one express himself, within a definite time limit, of course.

Windbags, Beware!

Sometimes, obviously, this freedom has its disadvantages. There are self-exhibitionists among workers just as among the Babbitts. But workers aren't as "polite" as the bourgeois and they know how to cut short a nuisance. And Comrade T. J. O'Flaherty is a charming chairman; he has a will and a way.

At least twenty questions were asked the speaker, Max Bedacht, at the last forum, when the Dawes' plan was under discussion, but all bore directly on the subject and incidentally proved that an open forum can be a really democratic affair, instead of a dictatorship from above.

Temperamental Like Opera Stars.

"How a Labor Paper Goes to Press," will be the subject of discussion for next Sunday night's forum, with Moritz J. Loeb, business manager of the DAILY WORKER, as the principal speaker. Well, how does it go to press? This is about the only question that even the most intelligent worker can ask about such a complicated process. For a printing press is almost as deceptive and mysterious as a grand opera. But to learn about it is much more enlightening.

Its involutions, evolutions and revolutions will all be described—from galleys and slugs to puts. Even the mystery of the printer's devil will be revealed. And questions will be answered so that DAILY WORKER builders will have new informational nails for their tool boxes.

Olgin Lectures on "Culture in Soviet Russia" Tuesday

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Motsaie J. Olgin, noted Communist teacher and writer, will lecture on "Cultural Activities Among the Masses in Soviet Russia," next Tuesday, Feb. 24, 8 p. m., at the Workers' School of New York, 108 East 14th street.

Comrade Olgin will deal with the cultural institutions established by the Soviet government to raise the cultural level of the proletariat and make them class conscious. He will describe the circles of Marxism, the party schools and universities, the general character of the press. He will speak about the cultural activities in the factories, one of the most important phases of the educational achievements of the workers, and peasants' republic.

Comrades will find this lecture highly interesting and instructive, and should not miss it. The date is Tuesday, Feb. 24, 8 p. m.; the place, headquarters of the Workers' School, 108 East 14th street.

Say Hoover Dictated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Charges that the recommendations of the president's agricultural commission were dictated by Secretary of Commerce Hoover were denied today before the senate agriculture committee by former governor Robert D. Carey, of Wyoming, chairman of the commission.

Attention, Milwaukee!

There will be an important meeting of all DAILY WORKER agents (all Builders and "five wires" are also urged to attend) on MONDAY, FEBRUARY, 23, 8 p. m., at MILLER HALL. Plans will be worked out for very special and important work. Be sure to be there!

"Cal's" Election Added Billions to Values of Wall Street's Stocks

By J. LOUIS ENGBAHL

TODAY, the New York Stock Exchange (Wall Street) casts its totals and finds that 56 issues, among the hundreds listed, representing 53 of the largest corporations, have appreciated \$1,522,914,180 in value since the re-election of "Silent Cal" Coolidge last November.

The National financial weekly, "Barron's," in interpreting this good news for the multi-millionaire, calls it "The Election in Dollars" and gloats as follows:

"It is certain that the total figure for all companies would run many hundreds of millions higher, and the statement that the Coolidge triumph was worth billions is true, according to the stock market."

These new and higher values on the stocks of the great trusts, as well as the smaller corporations, constituting what is claimed to be "one of the greatest bull markets yet known," are based on the promises of greater opportunity to exploit the workers under the paternalistic Coolidge regime.

Business will not be interfered with. It will be allowed to consolidate. Note the centralization, under the direction of big banking interests, of the packing industry. It will be permitted to perfect its profiteering.

Business has killed the anti-child labor law. It is putting over its wage cuts and lengthening the workday for men and women. It is winning the reactionary labor officialdom for its class-collaboration policies. Police forces are being strengthened in the cities. "State Cossack" laws are being urged in the legislatures.

For the election of Coolidge meant not only an increase of several billions in the values of stocks. It also brought its increased opportunities to win higher dividends on those securities thru the more brutal exploitation of the workers. And that favorable position must be strongly entrenched.

Stock values of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey alone have increased \$166,997,071. The steel trust, the world's largest industrial concern in point of capitalization, saw its common stock values go up \$85,700,000. There was an appreciation of \$33,000,000 in the stock of the anti-labor Pennsylvania Railroad, where the shopmen's strike is still on. Values of stock in the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., the largest public utility, went up \$57,747,462.

It is not an accident that large trusts, with stock values at their peak, are beginning stockselling schemes among their workers and the general public. Stock sold now at high prices can be bought back later very cheaply when the bottom falls out of the market.

But that a labor organization like the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, thru its own banks, should deliberately urge its members to buy stock in the union-crushing Pennsylvania Railroad, for instance, especially at the present high prices, is one of those crimes against the working class that can only be committed in the United States and go unpunished.

All this usually passes over the heads of poor workers who understand neither the financial pages of the newspapers, nor have they sufficient savings to buy a single share in the corporation that keeps them in poverty. All they feel is the lash of the taskmaster when a few more pennies are cut off the hour's wage, when the eight-hour day creeps up to nine, ten and often more hours, when the conditions of toil grow unbearable, and he is forced to strike, organized or unorganized.

It is then that the worker gets a clearer glimpse of the huge capitalist social system oppressing him.

It is then that he is willing to listen to the Communist appeal for the ending of this profit system; because he begins to realize, to be sure only faintly at first, that there is no other way out.

The increased stock values, and the increasing struggle of the great capitalists to declare bigger dividends thereon, is a standing challenge to all labor to join in the class fight that daily takes on new and greater proportions. Labor will accept that challenge and win, fighting in the last struggle of the class war under triumphant Communist standards.

20 REDS HURT IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

VIENNA, Feb. 20.—Twenty Communists and an unknown number of police were reported wounded in a clash between Communists and troops at the Slovak town of Losocz. One thousand Communists were said to have been engaged in the battle.

Outbreaks between the workers and the government troops are reported thruout Czechoslovakia.

Federal Child Labor Amendment Defeated in Michigan

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 20.—The house of representatives today rejected the federal child labor amendment by a vote of 61 to 24. The action of the senate on the resolution is meaningless now.

Progressive Carpenters!

The carpenters' fraction of the Trade Union Educational League will meet tomorrow morning 10 a. m., at 722 Blue Island avenue. Matters of great importance will be discussed.

Get your tickets for Red Revel Ball, February 28, Corner of Monroe and Ashland Blvd. Ashland Avenue

Carpenters' Local 504 Unanimous for Five Expelled Members

Members of Local 504 of the carpenters' union gave three of the five members expelled by the officials of Local 181, a cordial reception when they appeared before the meeting Thursday evening to explain the circumstances surrounding their illegal expulsion from their union by the tools of Harry Jensen and Hutcheson.

The members of Local 504 are 100 per cent behind Local 181 in the fight. They are willing to take any action considered necessary in compelling the reactionary officials to give their fellow workers a square deal.

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LEWIS RESTORES CHARTERS TO PA. COAL STRIKERS

Belief Lewis Knifing Rinaldo Cappellini

PLAINS, Pa., Feb. 20.—The twelve thousand miners employed by the Pennsylvania Coal company who have been on strike for ten weeks have now returned to work and the local unions to which they belong had their charters restored by John L. Lewis on recommendation of a special international committee.

Used Charters As Club

Lewis revoked their charters when they went on strike without the sanction of the renegade district president Rinaldo Cappellini who refused to make any effort to secure redress of their grievances from the coal company. On the contrary he used the revocation of their charters as a club with which to force them to surrender to the Pennsylvania Coal company.

In view of the political situation in the district and the quarrel between Cappellini and Brennan, it is considered significant that Lewis restored the charters at this time. The miners are incensed against Cappellini, and Brennan hopes that all those who have recently been betrayed by his rival will forget his own betrayal of an earlier date and give him their votes. The Lewis is supposed to be on Cappellini's side the general belief here is that the international president is for Brennan.

The Tax Collector

The local miners are extremely indignant over the action of the local tax collector, Thomas James, who attached their pay for 1923 and 1924 taxes, in the offices of the Pennsylvania Coal company. When the miners went to draw their scanty pay for work done in the closing days of January, many of them were handed tax receipts in lieu of cash.

But after several hundred miners paraded to the office of collector James and had a look at the piles of money on each side of him and in front of him their demeanor caused that worthy to recognize that discretion was the better part of valor and he proceeded to make such arrangements as he thought would be most conducive to a speedy mollification of the sharp edged tempers of the coal diggers.



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COURTS TOOLS OF CAPITALISM; WORKER PARTY REPLIES "NO" TO "BETTER GOVERNMENT" SOCIETY

The municipal state and national governments are subsidiaries to the big corporations. The Workers (Communist) Party has written the better government association, in reply to a letter asking the Communist candidates for alderman in the aldermanic elections whether they would aid in "law enforcement" if elected.

"Better government is impossible under capitalism," the Workers Party reply, signed by the four Communist candidates for aldermen, stated.

"The Workers Party is for the working class first, last and all the time." The statement then cites the cases of persecution of members of the working class by capitalist courts and pledges the Workers Party to fight for the defense of working class victims of capitalist justice.

The letter of the Workers Party is printed in full below:—

Reply of Workers Party The Better Government Association, 731-95 Chicago Temple. Dear Sirs:—

In reply to your questions submitted by your organization we assert first that the title of your body is misleading unless you stand for the overthrow of the capitalist system. Better government is impossible under capitalism.

You say that the "crime wave has become a great menace to life and property in Chicago" and then ask: "Will you pledge yourself (if elected) that you will not intervene in behalf of any person charged with violation of the law unless the same be done publicly and in open court?"

As Communists we know that capitalism is responsible for most of the so-called crime and we are therefore interested only in such cases as arise out of the class struggle going on in society—what are generally termed political crimes.

In the cases of workers arrested for activity in strikes, for agitation, for educational work, for loyalty to revolutionary working class organizations, we and our party, the Workers (Communist) Party of America stand pledged to do everything in our power to free these victims of capitalism and its courts. In these cases we carry on the widest possible agitation among the workers with the object of arousing them to defense of their comrades. 33 of our members are now under indictment under the Michigan criminal syndicalist law as are result of our fight for the workers.

Men and women arrested for the activities we mention are not regarded by us as criminals but as the very highest types of manhood and womanhood.

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AS WE NEED IT By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

YOU have often heard tell of the "subsidized press." The term was considered one of opprobrium in the days when the socialist party was the leading political organization of the working class in America. But those were the days when socialism meant nothing more nor less than pacifist liberalism, a vain protest against the iron methods of capitalism and its government. The capitalist press is subsidized in one way or another by the capitalists. It is worth every nickel they put into it.

BUT the Communist press is also subsidized, unfortunately not very healthily. The DAILY WORKER is a subsidized sheet in the truest sense of the word. It is subsidized by the class-conscious workers who realize the necessity of having a daily organ that will fight for their interests and give them leadership and inspiration in their struggles. It is only right that the workers should subsidize their own press as the capitalists subsidize theirs. Now we are getting down to brass tacks. We are coming down from the clouds. We have our feet on firm ground. We know we are engaged in a fight and there is no nonsense about it.

THE Communist press against the capitalist press! The workers against the capitalists; the workers under the leadership of the Communist parties. As the workers grow in class-consciousness; as the steel of rebellion enters their souls, they will become more and more convinced of the necessity of supporting their own press. But in the meantime, it remains for comparatively few to carry the burden. Those who have blazed the trail in every age of human development have been few. It takes courage and a spirit of self-sacrifice to stick when the great majority are hostile or apathetic.

IF the great masses of the American workers realized the necessity of having a paper devoted to the interests of their class, there would not be any need for an appeal for funds. The circulation of this paper would be at least half a million, and besides paying for itself, it could afford to devote its surplus to extending its propaganda machinery. But that time is not here yet, hence, the plea for funds. We are calling on every reader of the DAILY WORKER to send us at least one dollar. One dollar is not the limit but every reader is urged to do at least that much.

A SINGLE taxer from Philadelphia, sent in a five dollar bill for an insurance policy. He said the DAILY WORKER was the best working-class paper he ever read. It even made him decide to give the single tax organization a chance to make good or expel him. He will be expelled, if that party has enough energy left to purge itself of a revolutionist. If the DAILY WORKER can convert a single taxer, what can it not do?

THIS drive for funds will close on March 5. Whether the DAILY WORKER will be insured for 1925 or not is up to you. Think of a great labor daily with half a million circulation. That is what we are aiming at, with dailies in New York and in every other big industrial center in the United States. Dig up your dollar and send it in. Get your name on the honor roll in our special March 5, Comintern edition.

CHICAGO CITY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY BACKS IRISH FAMINE RELIEF CAMPAIGN

AT its meeting Wednesday, Feb. 13, the City Central Committee Workers Party, Local Chicago endorsed the campaign for famine relief for Irish workers and peasants and instructed all delegates of Labor Defense Council to give complete support to the International Defense Day commemorating the Paris Commune, March 29th at Ashland Auditorium.

The demonstration will be for the release of world's class war prisoners and for the relief of Irish workers and peasants.

The various language units of the party are to furnish special forms of entertainment and propaganda for that day. The party is throwing full energy behind the Irish Workers' and Peasants' Famine Relief Conference and every effort will be made to get affiliations of labor unions and other working class organizations to the conference.

Work in the Unions. A spirited discussion took place on ways and means to get more of the trade union comrades active in the unions and the Trade Union Educational League and to get others into the union.

The work in the building trades, carpenters, metal and needle trades groups is of paramount importance and has greater possibilities for the development of left wing movement in the trade unions than was ever before possible.

The building trades comrades are visiting the party branches explaining the work and every co-operation should be extended. In the needle trades the T. U. E. L. group decided to issue a leaflet thru the Amalgamated group on the coming agreement. The issue in the Amalgamated today is clear; it is Hillmanism versus the left wing and the Communists.

In all of these unions the fight for reinstatement of the expelled has taken on a militant and national character. The coming pamphlet exposing the corruption of the Hutcheson machine in the Carpenters' Union promises to be a scorching and many orders are already coming in for this pamphlet.

Labor Defense Council activity is being pushed thru the unions and our speakers are appearing wherever possible, and where our comrades are on the job to get them the floor. The T. U. E. L. groups are preparing to push THE WORKERS MONTHLY in the unions.

The North Side English branch, as a starter, has decided that every member of the branch must get at least three copies of the Workers Monthly each month and, further to push the Communist work in the trade unions, has decided, altho the comrades in this branch are already more active than the others that anyone failing to attend a union or T. U. E. L. meeting in the needle, building, printing and metal trades is automatically suspended from the party for three months. This is a good example for other branches to follow and will no doubt do a great deal towards getting our party members active in the unions, the basic organs of the class struggle.

The T. U. E. L. page covers the union activities in detail and an endeavor is being made to see that every group has its correspondents. Comrades who fail to attend unions are being made to run the gauntlet in the branches and city central committee. This is especially necessary because in some local unions, on the question of expelled carpenters and labor defense work as well as elections to executive boards; the left wing lost out from two to five votes and absent party members would have been sufficient to carry the results in our way.

THE DAILY WORKER drive is mentioned elsewhere in these columns. Propose to Form Shop Nuclei Branches. On shop nuclei the city central committee instructed the nuclei department to proceed with the districting of the entire city in order as quickly as possible to form shop nuclei branches out of the existing shop nuclei. These shop nuclei branches, when organized, will send delegates to the city central committee, conventions, etc., in place of shop nuclei units. This is in accordance with the organizational form of nuclei.

In order to become more fully acquainted with the language press the delegates will report at the C. C. C. on contents and make up of the language press.

May Day Committee Forming. Branches are to elect delegates at once for a May Day committee in an endeavor to make the coming May Day a gigantic affair.

Also all branches are to make certain that delegates come to the Labor Defense Council united front conference on Thursday, Feb. 26, 8 p. m., 180 W. Washington St., Room 301.

Membership meeting scheduled for next Tuesday in accordance with C. E. C. instructions and agenda given in another column, was reported on.

The fight against the C. P. P. A. is one point on the membership meeting agenda, and in this connection there are hardly any local unions in Chicago which have endorsed the C. P. P. A. conference. The issue is cold among the rank and file and is rousing no sentiment whatsoever, an indication of correctness of the policy of the party in exposing the C. P. P. A. as a bourgeois outfit.

Push the Child Labor Campaign. On the child labor campaign now that the Illinois legislature has the issue of a referendum before it, comrades in the unions and fraternal organizations should push the child labor campaign and resolutions in accordance with policy and send in reports at once to the local office.

Comrade Swaback has been appointed district organizer by the Central Executive Committee in the Pittsburgh district and Comrade Abern has replace him.

70,000 Election Campaign Leaflets Distributed. On the elections campaign it was reported that the 50,000 election campaign leaflets containing the program of the Workers (Communist) Party in the aldermanic elections had already been distributed. In addition, special leaflets are now being printed for some of the remaining aldermanic candidates and also special cards. The number of election leaflets used will run up from 70,000 to 75,000. As reported previously, three of the party candidates were eliminated from the ballot by the usual methods of capitalist procedure and legality. Comrades Brooker, Cejka, Dozenberg and Epstein remain on the ballot.

The situation in the Italian Federation was reported upon and the Italian comrades are now working to issue again the Il Lavoratore as a daily as quickly as possible in the city of New York. Federation bureau also to be moved there.

The city central committee approved the expulsion of six comrades from the South Slavic branches for their support of the paper, Novy Svet, against the policy of the party and for their support also of the Svetkoff anti-party group outside of the party and also approved the reinstatement of two of the comrades upon a written declaration of loyalty to the party.

The following applications for membership were accepted: Polish North Side.....2 Finnish.....3 Douglas Park English.....1 North Side English.....2 Mid-City English.....1 Italian 19th Ward.....1 Greek.....1 South Slavic.....3

Poll watchers are wanted for the aldermanic elections on Tuesday, February 24. Comrades should report to the office to get credentials and addresses of comrades who can be poll watchers.

All arrangements are being made for a successful Sacco-Vanzetti meeting on March 1, which will be held in the Emmet Memorial Hall.

The next meeting of the city central committee will be held at 722 Blue Island Ave., on March 4, 8 p. m. Fraternally yours, Workers Party—Local Chicago, Martin Abern, Secretary.

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Conciliators and Garment Strikers

Two developments in the strike of garment workers in New York City:

First, federal conciliators are on the job trying to arrange a "settlement"—the usual accompaniment of strikes of any size.

Second, pickets are slugged and arrested. Here are the two chief methods of the boss-owned government. Federal conciliators with their palaver of peace and concessions by both sides—attempts to break the morale of the strikers by filling them with false hopes.

Violence against the strikers in an effort to cow those who cannot be fooled by the smooth-tongued agents of the employers.

No honest and intelligent worker can fail to see the way in which these two methods dovetail together and work in the interest of the enemies of the working class.

The left wing, led by the Communists, can do effective work in such cases. In addition to being the most active fighters on the picket line, the most untiring organizers of the offensive against the bosses, they also show to the workers the intimate connection between government and boss.

They have in these instances concrete evidence to bring forward against any so-called leader who takes part in the attempt of the agents of the employers to fool the strikers into believing that they can gain anything by other means than their organized and conscious strength.

Any efforts on the part of government or any other brand of conciliators to get the workers back to their machines pending a settlement must be fought mercilessly.

The time to negotiate is when the industry is crippled by a strike of the workers and the bosses are whining over vanishing profits.

10,000 Murders

Ten thousand murders per year in the United States is the lowest possible estimate given by Frederick Hoffman, expert criminal statistician. He says:

"My own record of homicides is based on death certificates in which deaths from criminal violence are certified either medically or by a coroner's inquest. The record of 10,000 murders a year is probably an underestimate of the actual facts. Death certificates in cases of accident leave much to be desired and there are substantial reasons for believing that many cases are recorded as accidents which should be certified as homicides."

This is quite a record for a nation that prides itself on having the highest civilization on the globe. When the satirists of Soviet Russia run short of material for sarcastic eulogies of western capitalism they can do quite a bit with this one fact.

It would never do, of course, to recognize a workers' and peasants' government that makes its principal cities entirely free from crimes of violence.

Ten thousand murders per year—well, Americans are an efficient people.

We Tremble

The Federation News, organ of Chicago labor fakery, at last has us worried.

It parrots in its issue of the 21st inst., the Chicago Tribune's story of \$340,000 sent from Russia for Communist propaganda in the United States.

We repeat, we are worried. We are afraid that the only readers of the Federation News, the few hundred pie-card artists who run the Chicago labor unions for the money there is in it, will believe this story.

If they do, there is going to be a lot of these second-story artists who suddenly will develop a great sympathy for the Communist program and love for the Communists.

\$340,000! One-tenth of this amount would buy this whole flock of birds for capitalism, Communism or anything else—for a few minutes.

We fear that in the next few days we are going to have to talk to a lot of "labor leaders" whose prehensile fingers will be opening and closing in the nervous manner with which so many bosses and politicians are familiar.

Three of a Kind

We publish today, coincident with the C. P. P. A. convention, two news stories of the greatest importance to the labor and revolutionary movement—they are exclusive stories dug out of the jungle of the labor movement by the DAILY WORKER staff and they are damning evidence of the double-crossing and betrayal that are inevitable accompaniments of the schemes for "class peace" and "capitalizing" labor put forward by high officials of the labor movement like Warren Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, "B. and O."

Bill Johnston of the Machinists' Union and William Green, head of the American Federation of Labor.

These officials are supposed by superficial observers to represent three different tendencies in the labor movement.

Actually all three stand for the same thing—the handing over of the unions, bound hand and foot, to the capitalists and the capitalist state.

In West Virginia, Warren Stone, as head of a stock company composed of members of his union, runs a scab coal mine.

In Delaware, against the policy of the other railway unions expressed in their official organ, Labor, he supports Coleman DuPont—the war-mongering munition maker and labor hater and officer of the Morris Plan Bank—the biggest loan shark concern in America.

"B. and O." Bill Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, is the sponsor of the Baltimore and Ohio company union scheme that has turned the railway shop crafts on that system over to the tender mercies of the railway company.

More than that, we publish today the first-hand information of the extension of this scheme to all other unions on the B. and O., including the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Johnston has done a good job—for the bosses. He and Stone can chuckle together in their luxurious offices over the way they have put it over on the men who pay their huge salaries.

William Green, at the last meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, held in Miami, Florida, announced that he stood for "conciliation and understanding" and against all "radical" tendencies. He wants labor to "understand" capital in the same way that Warren Stone and Johnston do—by trying to play the "brace" game of becoming capitalists.

Read, the stories dealing with the studied attempts to turn the labor movement over to the robber clique of capitalists that we carry today on the front page.

Read the program of the C. P. P. A., which Stone and Johnston formed to further additional betrayals. Read them again and again until the full measure of the treachery of these labor leeches is understood.

Then read the program of the Workers (Communist) Party of America.

The Child Labor Law—Its Lessons

The Michigan state legislature has defeated the child labor amendment by passing the Culver resolution for its rejection.

Michigan, with its beet sugar industry, is a noisome hotbed of child slavery. Charles Warren, the Coolidge choice for attorney general, is also an attorney for and a director of a number of large sugar companies. Michigan jails Communists.

With the exception of some women's organizations who were attracted to the child labor amendment because of its humanitarian character, the class lines were clearly drawn in the fight for it in Michigan. Exploiters of labor and their retainers were against the measure, labor organizations for it.

The stubborn opposition to this bill, which would deprive the capitalists of the service of some million and a half children, cannot be explained by this fact alone.

The demand of the Communists for full government maintenance of the children of workers and working farmers while they are of school age, a provision without which a child labor law is an empty gesture, is not the sole reason for the panic among the child robbers.

Both of these things are contributing factors, but underlying the million-dollar campaign of the opponents of the amendment is the intention to stop at all costs interference with and weakening of the power of American capital to rob whom and how it pleases.

The textile barons, premier enslavers of children, white and black, the tobacco trust and other low wage enterprises, are powerful by themselves. In this fight they have rallied almost every other section of the capitalist class to their aid.

The fight is not over and will not be over until there is no single child of school age in industry.

In the meantime, while the workers rally their forces for new efforts, it would be well for the pacifists and parliamentarians to ponder the lessons of the fight for the child workers—to ask themselves if American capitalism mobilizes so strongly for protection of one of its small groups, what the prospects are for a peaceful adjustment of the major conflict between a robber class and the working class.

War—the Constant Danger

Those who remember the months preceding the outbreak of the world war in August, 1914, will recall that the air of the capitals of the great powers was filled with news of scandals in their army and navy departments, with charges and counter-charges of inefficiency, graft, "unpreparedness," etc.

Hand in hand with these bickerings among the militarists went the talk of disarmament just as today there are rumors of more international conferences on auxiliary armaments.

One more straw. In Chicago day before yesterday the department heads of the Illinois Central railroad gathered in uniform as officers of the national army reserve and discussed the problem of supplying armed forces with the necessary supplies. All over the nation similar gatherings are being held.

Militarism, the right hand of imperialism, is always at work. We live always on the verge of war. Imperialism is prepared, the workers are not.

Let the nearby danger of another bloody struggle be on the order of business of every working class meeting.

Building the Left Wing in "The Amalgamated"

By EARL R. BROWDER.

IT has proved to be one of the most difficult things to build the left wing in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, because of the lip-service paid by the Hillman administration to some progressive issues, such as support to Soviet Russia, amalgamation, and the labor party. But in the past year the masked reactionaries who rule the A. C. W. have exposed themselves so that all may see them in their true nature—as bureaucrats of the same class-collaborationist stripe as the Gompers' bureaucracy. There can be no militant members of the A. C. W. of A. who can longer doubt the burning necessity of a definite left wing program and organization in order to fight to bring the union back to the class struggle. This has been demonstrated to the most backward by the past year's development.

SUPPORT of the labor party was one of the Hillman administration masks. They dropped it completely, after having sabotaged every move for a labor party by attending conferences as "observers" and refusing to lift a finger or say a word. Support of Soviet Russia was another mask, but the projected "million dollar fund" for Russian clothing factories dwindled to a miserly ten per cent of that amount and was forgotten. A stand for amalgamation was another mask, but the issue has been ignored and laid aside, not a single move being made to realize this vitally necessary measure. Class struggle was formerly at least recognized, but today the president of the union boasts of the abandonment of struggle in favor of compromise and collaboration with the employers.

THUS has the objective situation been cleared and the foundation prepared for a left wing, clear in program and strong in numbers, in the A. C. W. of A.

THERE is still one obstacle to be overcome before a strong left wing can grow in the A. C. W. That is the remnant of confusion within our own ranks still remaining from the days when the Hillmanites paid lip-

service to progressive measures. There are still workers who claim to belong to the left wing, who yet take up the arguments of Hillman with all their hollow mockery, and indirectly fight for them within the left wing movement itself. These remaining Hillmanites within the left wing do everything in their power to distract the movement away from its constructive task of building the revolutionary movement and clarifying its program. They have been forced to abandon open support of the administration, and so they fall back upon secret and indirect support, and the use of tricks against the left wing.

SUCH a "trick" was the use made of a statement which several members of the left wing allowed themselves, thru their inexperience, to be fooled into signing. The signing of the statement, which meant to hand a political weapon over to a political enemy, was an inexcusable blunder on the part of these members. It was a demonstration of that confusion of mind which is the principal remaining obstacle before the left wing.

THE Trade Union Educational League branded the signing of this statement as a crime against the left wing and against the true interests of the labor movement. This was the first step toward correcting the mistakes of the left wing, toward eliminating the last obstacles to its growth and development. The Workers Party took even more drastic action toward those who were members of the party, demanding that the action be repudiated as a serious blunder by those who committed it. Those who undertook to defend the stab in the back that had been given to the left wing, who refused to admit that it was a mistake, were expelled from the Workers Party. The party of the revolutionary working class cannot retain in its ranks those who bring in with them and defend such indefensible actions. It is reliably reported that another ex-member of our party, Salutsky, greeted one of the expelled before a joint board meeting with the words: "Here is an-

other one who does not mourn his expulsion." When such a greeting is not repudiated, when expulsion can be treated as a joke, we can be ten times assured that it was justified.

THE incident was not a pleasant one, and it injured the left wing movement considerably. But every such bad thing has certain good by-products. In this case it was the occasion for a sharp jerking up of our comrades and a stock-taking of those bad tendencies in our movement which hinder the growth of the left wing. The result has been an ideological house cleaning which, when it is completed, will mark the real beginning of the left wing in the A. C. W. of A.

THERE is still a trace of Hillmanism in our party and in the left wing, which will have to be overcome. Its last remaining strength comes, interestingly enough, from an alliance with an entirely different tendency in our movement—with the "left sick" and syndicalist elements. This spectacle of the right wing uniting with the infantile left, is a familiar one in the international revolutionary movement. It is due either to the middle, headiness of the left-sick ones, or to the fact that their left phrases conceal a fundamentally opportunist attitude to the problems of the movement. As to the real opportunists, they are, of course, always eager to grasp at any kind of alliances which can help them create confusion.

THE way in which the revolutionary movement fights against errors within its ranks is to expose them and show their falsity to the entire movement.

WITHIN the clothing industry the last obstacles to progress in the building of a militant left wing are just such errors as these. They are our weaknesses, and to cure them we must expose them. We must point out to the entire movement the false and dangerousness of the opportunistic right wing element which is afraid to denounce and fight against the policies of class collaboration in the union a fear which leads to such actions as the signing of statements

for the reactionaries. AT the same time we must completely isolate and render harmless the infantile sickness of those comrades who "want the clothing workers to settle their own problems" (as tho the clothing workers were not a part of the working class which can settle its problems only as a class), or who want to turn the party itself into an industrial organization with its executive made up of delegates from industrial groups. These left-sick ones (who, as usual in such cases, have hardly a word to say on policy) create an obstacle to progress by their confusionism, and by their alliance with the opportunistic elements.

OUR concern is not with individuals. If it becomes necessary, of course, it can easily be pointed out in what persons these errors find their champions. What we are concerned with, however, is to clarify the minds of the large numbers of rank and file members who follow the left wing, who believe in it and will fight for it, but who are dismayed by the shouting of opportunists and wailing of the infantile left. To these honest and sincere comrades we point out that this confusion is but a passing surface event, caused by the movement of those deep, underlying forces of historical progress which are making a left wing not only necessary but also inevitable. The temporary confusion is only the floundering about of those who haven't caught step with the march of the revolutionary workers—some thru error and others because they don't belong with the revolutionary workers. The first we will save and bring back into our army as disciplined soldiers of the revolution; the second we will part with as painlessly as possible.

(In another article I will deal with the opportunist argument that betrayal of the left wing can be excused as "loyalty to the union," an argument which is the fig-leaf every weakling or renegade tries to use with which to cover the nakedness of surrender to reaction.)

INTERNATIONAL DEMONSTRATION

For Irish Workers' Famine Relief and Class War Prisoners

AN international solidarity demonstration in which workers of more than fifteen languages will contribute the best entertainment features of their respective lands will be given in Chicago, on March 29, at Ashland Auditorium.

There will be Finnish athletics, Jewish music, a chorus of 300 Lithuanian children, a dance pageant by Young Workers League members and juniors, mandolin and balalaika orchestras, solos and ensembles and a dramatic sketch.

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The affair will be run under the joint auspices of the Labor Defense Council, the Workers Party, and the Irish Workers' and Peasants' Famine Relief Committee of the International Workers' Aid. Thus the Irish Relief and the Labor Defense will share in the financial benefits to be derived from the work of those who furnish the entertainment and the work of those who sell the tickets to bring out the crowd. Admission will be 50c, children 10c to comply with a city ordinance which compels every child to have a ticket.

Speakers Too. Of course there will be the best speakers available. William F. Dunne, of the DAILY WORKER, provided he is still out of jail, and Robert Minor, world-famed labor cartoonist whose trial in Michigan comes next.

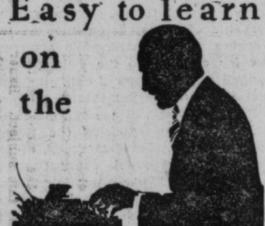
Contributions Invited. The affair will be in charge of the same committee that made out so well at the recent movie showing. This committee will meet again next Saturday at 722 Blue Island Ave., at 3:30 p. m.

Any group which can contribute any talent to this wonderful program, or any individual who might care to co-operate should get in touch at once with the secretary, Thomas O'Flaherty, 166 West Washington St. Frisco Runs I. W. A. Movie.

The "big affair" of San Francisco during "Fight the Jailers" week Mar. 15-22, will be the showing of the "Beauty and the Bolshevik" on Mar. 21. This is under direct auspices of the committee for International Workers' Aid and many workers' organizations are co-operating to make it a success. For information and tickets get in touch with C. J. Read, 225 Valencia St. Defense-Relief Bazaar in Philadelphia. The "Fight the Jailers" week, Mar. 15-22, will be celebrated in Philadelphia by a big bazaar in which defense and relief committees are giving full co-operation.

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