

JOINT ACTION COMMITTEE CALLS TEMPORARY STOPPAGE IN SHOPS AS WARNING TO MANUFACTURERS

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NEW YORK CITY, Aug. 16.—The cloak and dress industry of this city has been called upon by the Joint Committee of Action of Locals 2, 9 and 22 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, to stop work next Thursday, August 20, at 3 o'clock. The workers will gather in 10 of the largest halls thruout the city and there discuss a general stoppage thruout the industry.

Thursday's meeting is called not only to reiterate the demands of these locals for re-instatement of their officers, for the resignation of President Sigman, and for re-organization of the Joint Board, but it is a particular protest against the interference of the manufacturers in this internal union quarrel.

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

THE so-called Americanization committee of the American Legion is all set up over a Communist school which gave a course in economics during the months of June and July in the state of Wisconsin. Stoolpigeons were employed by the legion to get the goods on the Communist school. And they did. They learned that the pupils were taught that capitalism was bad and should be done away with. This pernicious doctrine, it appears, was kept a dark secret by the Communists according to the finks of the legion, and it was only by strenuous and clever work on the part of the detectives that the conspiracy was exposed.

THE legion, in order to deserve the Dupont powder trust's subsidy is planning to make war on Communist propaganda. It seems we heard that three somewhere before. This is not novel and it is not funny. The funny thing is the comment made by the Milwaukee Leader, a socialist paper, on the determination of the legion to wipe out Communism. It says that the legion used the wrong methods to crush Communism. To quote: "The American legion should not bother itself so much about that Communist school somewhere in Wisconsin. If the American legion and others would help the socialists to improve conditions in this country, there would not be any Communists to deal with."

THERE you are. A socialist paper invites the scabby legion to unite with it in blocking Communism. American workers who have not followed the history of the socialist parties of Europe may express surprise at this attitude on the part of the only socialist daily in the United States. But Ramsay MacDonald politely welcomed Mussolini's regime. The German socialists supported the Dawes plan. The French socialists are supporting the war in Morocco and the Bulgarian socialists helped Zankov spring the traps that broke the necks of the Communist and agrarian leaders of the working class. The American socialists are only living true to type.

THE governor of Ohio, recently pardoned or paroled 22 state prisoners. Those prisoners were convicted of most everything from shooting craps to manslaughter. The governor did not pardon Dominic Venturo, a miner who is in jail as a result of participation in a strike. The greatest crime in the eyes of capitalist officials is loyalty of a worker to his class.

RECENT railway accidents in France are attributed to Bolshevik propaganda. The effect of the propaganda is so amazing that the engineers become indifferent and let their trains fly over curves and jump ditches at will. This is almost as ridiculous as the order given by the Greek police to people attempting suicide. Unless they warn the police of their intentions, they may be punished severely. But what if they succeed?

THE Baroness Mildred de Vryes Van Doseburg secured a divorce from her husband, whose name is equally long, on the ground that he was too noble. "To beg he was ashamed and to work he was not able." His wife did not see any fun in lugging a string of empty words around, particularly as she was getting weak with hunger. It is a bad era for indigent nobles.

EVERY navy in the world is behind the navy of some other country. The British sea lords say that their navy is behind the United States navy. The American rear admirals, who won the title from their constant use of a

Pressmen and Assistants Unions in Chicago Unite for Joint Action

AGREE ON PACT FOR STRUGGLE AGAINST FOES

Berry's Tools Try to Block Alliance

With a thundering roar of ayes against the weak squawk of two of "Majah" George L. Berry's tools, a joint meeting of locals 3 of the Pressmen and 4 of the Feeders, voted last Saturday afternoon to join forces in a working alliance for common action against the employers and in defense of militant trades unionism against the traitorous head of the Interna-

Going to Call Sigman Bluff.

In behalf of the Joint Committee of Action, Louis Hyman, the chairman, issued the following statement this afternoon:

"From the beginning of our fight with the machine of the Joint Board, we have demonstrated that 60 per cent of the members have renounced their affiliation with the Joint Board, that they are with us, and refuse to recognize that the Joint Board any longer has a moral or legal right to talk for the workers and act as their representatives.

"The discredited officials have used all means in their power to force the workers to recognize them and to take orders from them; but it has all been in vain. The workers would not under any circumstances have anything to do with them. They never elected them and they are not going to be forced to recognize leaders who have captured the offices with the aid of strong-arm men.

Manufacturers Lined Up with Joint Board.

"Their main supporters are the manufacturers who are doing everything in their power to force the workers to recognize these self-appointed officials. The Dress Manufacturing association sent out letters to their members asking them not to engage any workers who have not working cards signed by the appointed manager of the Joint Board, and not to deliver any mail to the chairman except that sent from the Joint Board office. Also hundreds of cases have been reported to us where the association threatened to expel from the organization their own members who were unwilling to discharge their workers for refusing to go to the Joint Board and pay dues. In our opinion such tactics are not only unfair but criminal.

A Warning.

"As a protest against this interference of the manufacturers in our internal union affairs, and their efforts to dictate to our workers what officials they shall recognize and where they shall pay dues, we have decided to ask the workers to stop work on Thursday, August 20th, at 3 o'clock, as a warning to the manufacturers to keep hands off.

"The workers will gather in ten of the largest halls in the city and there discuss the necessity of calling a general stoppage thruout the whole cloak and dress industry to prevent the manufacturers from taking advantage of the present situation to take away the rights and reduce the standards of the workers.

"Thursday's stoppage will also demonstrate, once more, that the vast membership of the union stands with us in this fight, and both employers and union officials will be forced to recognize the fact and act accordingly."

swivel chair, declare loudly that unless this country wakes up, and puts up the dough, our navy—that is, J. P. Morgan's navy—will be behind the Japanese navy. This kind of thing will go on until a war breaks out, when suddenly all those navies become superior to each other. Then, if somebody with an incurable mania for saying what he remembers, tells the world that the navy of the country in which he is incarcerated, is inferior to some other navy, into the can he goes.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN left part of the fortune he amassed during his lifetime of war against the "vested interests of Wall Street" for the erection of a monument to his memory. The following is suggested for his epitaph:

Here lies the body of William J. Bryan. For a nickel he'd fight He would kill for a dime Of brains he had none His head was a stew The fact is this monument Should be in the zoo.

JACQUES SADOUL IS FREED BY VERDICT OF FRENCH COURT

(Special to The Daily Worker) PARIS, Aug. 16.—Jacques Sadoul has been freed by the French court. This third attempt at his life by the French government has also failed. The death penalty has been dropped and he was declared not guilty. The third charge like the second and the first was treason to the French government because Sadoul showed sympathetic understanding of the Soviet Government of Russia. The acquittal came when the prosecuting judge tried to ascertain whether France was at war with Russia at that time. The answer had to be no, and since the two countries were not involved in war at that time, the conviction was declared void and Sadoul definitely declared not guilty.

BERRY'S FUNNY RACE FOR THE U. S. PRESIDENCY

Thot He'd Get in Like Strikebreaker "Cal"

This is the fourth of a series of articles exposing the record of George L. Berry, president of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, as a betrayer of labor and tool of the publishers.

When "Majah" George L. Berry hung out his sign and offered himself as a candidate for the presidency of

"BERRYISM"



George "Strikebreaker" Berry is hiring "union" finks to force open shop conditions on the pressmen and feeders at the Cuneo plant.

tional union, George L. Berry and his subservient board of directors.

The hall in which the meeting was held, the People's Institute, was packed to the doors, with a determined body of pressmen and feeders when the president of the pressmen took the gavel and declared the meeting open. With the treachery of Berry and his finks in the Cuneo strike fresh in their minds, the men were anxious to get down to business. Also on the platform was President Crambert of the Feeders' Union. Crambert is a Berry tool and tried to betray the Cuneo strikers into going back to work under scab conditions. Crambert and another official of the Feeders' Union, were the only two that voiced opposition to the alliance between the two unions.

Plan for Joint Action.

The meeting was called especially for the purpose of presenting a proposed plan for joint action by the two unions, in wage disputes and in the drawing up of wage scales. A committee of six from each union, consisting of three officials and three laymen from each drew up the plan.

It was rumored that "Majah" Berry was hiding somewhere in the vicinity hoping for a chance to butt in and pull the wool over the eyes of the members. But he evidently shot discretion was the better part of valor. (Continued on page 2)

UNION WATCH MAKERS LIBEL HUMBLE SKUNK

United Garment Scabs Not in Dictionary

By CELIA MERSON. Worker Correspondent.

At a general meeting of the Watch and Cloak Makers' Union held last Thursday night, a resolution condemning the scabbery of the United Garment Workers' Union in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers strike was unanimously adopted.

The attitude taken by the officials of the American Federation of Labor in relation to the strikebreaking activity of the U. G. W. was denounced in terms unmistakable during the discussion.

Said one of the speakers: "Skunk is too polite a name for an individual who consciously scabs on a job, but when a whole organization does it, it is an outrage that an up-to-date dictionary runs short of describing."

the United States on the democratic or jackass ticket, he made of himself the laughing stock of the country. The capitalists of the United States are not yet in the condition that would compel them to select anybody associated with the labor movement to fool the workers into the belief that a representatives of theirs was running the country, as the British ruling class did when they allowed the faker, Ramsay MacDonald, to take over the reins of government.

Berry had broken so many strikes that he got to be another Calvin Coolidge. "Cal" reached the White House, owing to the publicity he got for helping to break the policemen's strike in Boston in 1919. Really, he took too much credit. The responsibility for the fiasco rested with Sam Gompers, who first gave the policemen a charter and then got cold feet when the employers raised the cry of alarm. Gompers betrayed the strikers and they lost. The result was that several hundreds of men lost their jobs and Coolidge saw to it that they never got them back. This is what happens to policemen when they do the manly thing and line up with the workers instead of doing as they usually do, act as strikebreakers. This is what the Chicago police are doing just now in the Amalgamated strike—taking orders from the International

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K. K. K. AND FARRINGTON AGENTS STARTED RIOT; KLUXER IN JAIL FOR MORTALLY WOUNDING MINER

(By Worker Correspondence.)

ZEIGLER, Ill., Aug. 16.—The ku klux klan is revealed as the co-conspirator with the Farrington gang in starting trouble once more in Zeigler Local Union 992 of the United Mine Workers, from which trouble the shooting and rioting of Tuesday evening arose.

When Farrington's henchmen in the sub-district, led by Sub-District Vice-President D. B. Cobb, deposed the officers of the local by the request of the coal company, the miners of No. 1 mine refused to work.

Some of those who are willing to work regardless of the conditions, went to West Frankfort and got a letter from Sub-District President Lon Fox, instructing the local union secretary to call a meeting at 8:30 p. m. Klan and Fakers Combine.

About 7 p. m. or 8 p. m. carloads of the ku klux klan drove out of Zeigler toward West Frankfort. Later they returned to the meeting, bringing with them Sub-District President Fox, and Vice-president Cobb, board member, Hindman, who is also head of the West Frankfort Trades and Labor Assembly, and another board member named Babbington.

Fox, at the meeting, stuttered around about the contract and the "100 per cent support the men always get from the sub-district officials," but he could not get a single response from the men. They knew him from bitter experience. They gave him a hearing, that was all. He proposed that new officers be elected to take the place of those deposed.

Then Cobb tried to say something. But he made a miserable mess out of it. The men knew that what he said was a lie from start to finish. Then board member Babbington tried to convince the men that the officers were working their heads off for the miners. He also failed to convince anyone.

Alliance With Company Exposed. Corbishley, the deposed local president then took the floor and for 20 minutes told the miners of Zeigler how things had been done, and produced a hand full of letters and decisions from which he proved his points. He showed that the members of this local union have been handled just as the coal company wanted them to be handled, with the full knowledge and support of the officials of the sub-district and the district.

After Fox had again failed to get the men to elect new officers in place of those whom he had deposed, he got to the point of saying that he would appoint officers of the local if the men would not elect them.

Adjourn Meeting. Then Stanley Pauray, assistant pit-committeeman, gave about 20 minutes more real exposure of the officials, and told the men they must stand by those who had fought for them at every opportunity, that such a thing as electing new officers was out of the question and that the men should remain until the coal company recognized the regularly elected union officials.

The miners seemed to be to a man against electing officers, so the meeting was adjourned.

Official Fakers Blacklisted Union Members.

But while the men were leaving the hall, an ex-checkweighman named Wilson hit an old man named Farthing, knocking him down. A general rough and tumble fight ensued, Sub-District Vice-President Cobb using a black jack until it was taken away from him. This black jack is retained by the miners as evidence of Cobb's kind intentions toward the membership of the U. M. W. of A.

Cobb lost his black jack but he found a good round beating as did President Fox, and Cobb will be getting his mail at the hospital for some time.

Klansman Fires Revolver.

The brave and valorous K. K. K. beat it hot foot for the most part, getting safely away and leaving Fox and Cobb to battle by themselves, tho' the fact that they had come there armed to support these fakers is clear. But one of the K. K. K. fired a shot, which went completely thru a miner, named Mike Sarovich and lodged in the Sub-District Board Member Hindman. It must be said that Hindman is reported to be a fairly decent man and miners regret that he should suffer along with their own valued union brother, Sarovich.

Kluxer in Jail.

The kluxer who fired the shot has been lodged in jail. Several miners witnessed that he was the one, told the officers and he was taken in custody. This is the same character who refused to sign the local union election returns last December when the district executive board of Farrington removed the officials so the K. K. K. could steal the elections.

Miner May Die.

Sarovich, the rank and file miner, is not expected to live. He had to undergo an immediate operation and some 30 inches of intestines were removed. Also his bladder was torn by the K. K. K. bullet. His recovery is doubtful.

Zeigler is otherwise quiet, but the men are not working. When asked what they would do if Farrington took their local union charter, they reply that at present it doesn't amount to much anyway, and unless the officials give them some support the charter is not worth while keeping.

The miners say that they will not go back to work until their local officers are recognized, and they demand as well the removal of the general superintendent of the mine, Paul Weir. He is almost wholly responsible for the violation of the contract, as he refused to comply with it and the decisions reached under it.

"WE declare emphatically that we have witnessed the devotion of the masses of the Russian people to the Soviet Union."—German Social-Democrat, Offenhausen, in speech at Kharkov, Soviet Ukraine, July 27, 1925.

