

## LEWIS PROPOSES ARBITRATION PLAN

### BONUS SYSTEM HELPS PACKERS BULL-DOZE WORKERS AND PILE UP FAT PROFITS FOR FOOD TRUST

The bonus or incentive plan devised by the industrial survey department of Armour & Company and "put over" on the workers by the plant conference board is a clever scheme to get the workers in the "yards" to speed up and to "break their necks" in an effort to win a measly 60 cents to \$6 per week extra.

This plan which was put over on the workers after a long campaign of company propaganda on "rewarding efficient workmen" and "giving each man his just due" and other slogans of this kind is nothing more nor less than a scheme to get more work out of a worker than before at a smaller cost.

The function of the bonus is to get the worker to speed-up—to work faster. When the worker works faster and speeds-up, he produces more. The company is able to make more profits per day. The worker as his "reward" gets a few measly cents while the company pockets fat dollars.

How the Plan Works.  
A beautiful example as to how this bonus or incentive plan works can be easily illustrated by the following incident in the hog killing department.

Here at one time they had four headsmen. The headsmen have to cut (Continued on page 6)

### Current Events

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

THE New York Times of January 5, carried two columns on the death of an old parasite queen of Italy who passed away in her 75th year. Mussolini, the renegade socialist called her demise an "incomparable catastrophe." We are told she is sincerely mourned by the "Italian people." The death of ten thousand useful workers would not bring the publicity that was given to a woman who never performed a single useful deed in her life. She was born with a golden spoon within reaching distance and never had to strain a muscle or rack her brain at the task of making a living.

THE same paper gives over two columns to the marriage of a jazz composer and the daughter of the head of the Postal Telegraph company. The jazz artist started life juggling suds in a bawdy dive and developed his vocal chords singing to the soused guests. He observed the growing jazzmania craze, learned to supply the demand for suggestive melodies and became a millionaire. Now, he has married into the financial aristocracy. If the Ford of song is wise he will sprinkle a few millions around the churches and watch the lord's anointed seek excuses in scripture for sermons dwelling on the merit of the newly rich man who did not forget Jesus in the days of his fortune.

POOR old Kellogg, is liable to have a hard time during the present session of congress. It is said that two heads are better than one, but the farmers would not give an embroidered bunch of alfalfa for the top knots that adorn the bolies of Kellogg and his superior babbitt, Calvin Coolidge. The farmers are growling because Coolidge did not provide them with a solution of their problems. As usual they will probably take it out on the dog. The secretary of state, Kellogg, is supposed to know something about the needs of the farmer because he came from Minnesota. But it does not appear that he knows much of anything.

IN addition to the troubles that crop up in the ordinary course of events Kellogg rushed in where wiser politicians would tread warily when he refused Countess Karolyi permission to enter this country for a lecture (Continued on page 2)

### CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN IS ON ORDER OF DAY

#### Third Party Is Now Considered Dead

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—With the leading elements of the democratic and republican parties united on the taxation and world court question, the opposition party must seek other issues preparatory to the 1926 congressional campaigns, now only a few months away.

Both parties are supporting the policies of the House of Morgan in international relations, so it is necessary to find domestic issues that will enable the democratic machine politicians around Tammany Hall in New York, George E. Brennan in Chicago, Tom Taggart of French Lick, and the southern bourgeois, to strive to get their hungry lame ducks and ambitious politicians back to the swill barrel of governmental graft.

The fight is expected to open on the question of the prosecution of the Mellon aluminum trust, which involves the secretary of the treasury and will again raise an odoriferous scandal around the department of justice.

The department of justice, under Attorney General Sargeant, has followed the policy of the notorious Harry M. Daugherty, and has refrained from prosecuting Mellon and his gang of booters. Meanwhile Mellon, the beneficiary of the aluminum trust, form- (Continued on page 3)

### Iowa Farmer Goes Broke for Million; Bank Fails

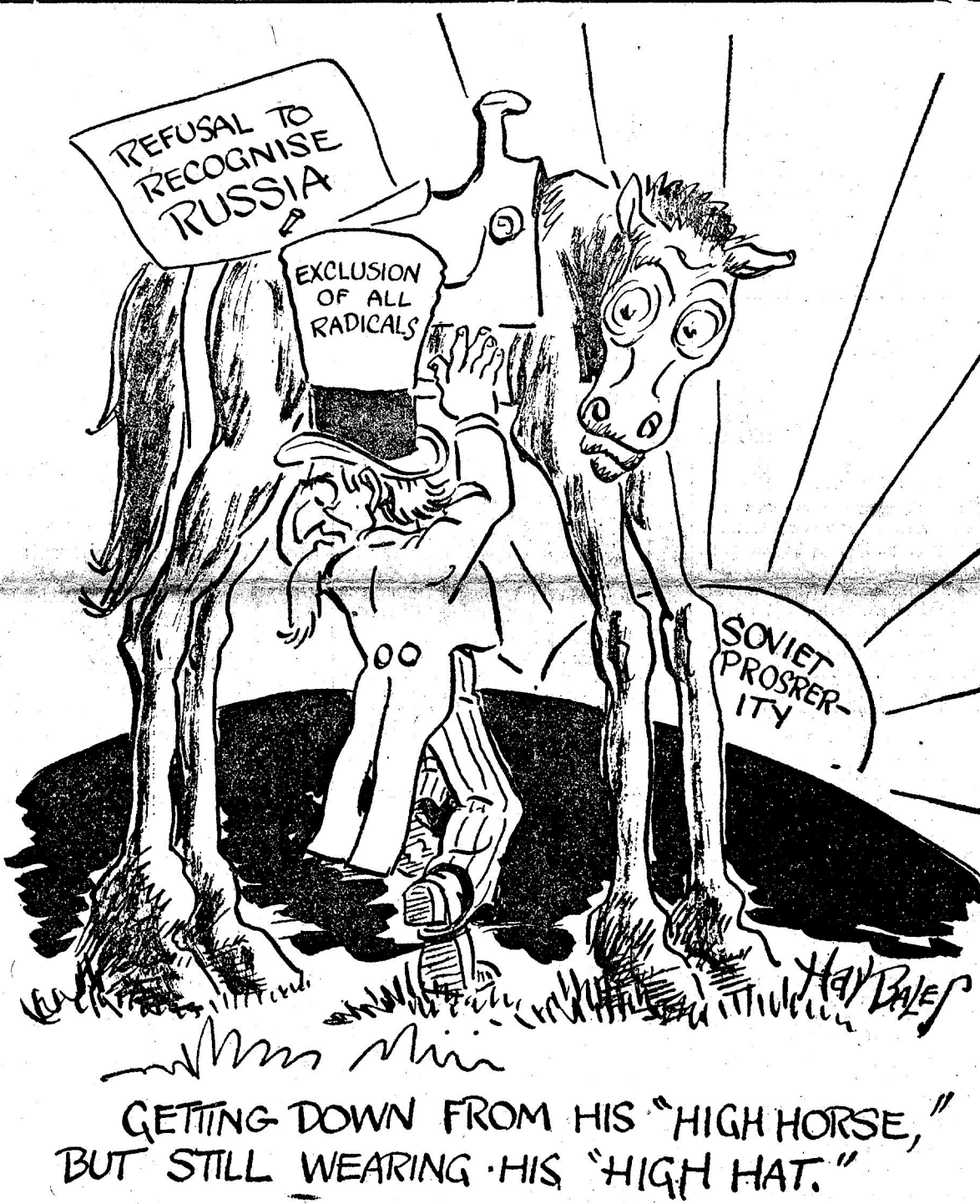
#### Bank Fails to Open.

TAMA, Ia., Jan. 7.—The First National Bank of this city failed to open its doors today. An announcement by the directors said that they had voted not to take on further responsibilities in view of the bad condition of its affairs. The bank was capitalized for \$75,000 and its last statement showed deposits of \$900,000. A large sum of money had been brought here from Cedar Rapids to meet an expected run if the bank had opened for business today. A committee has been named to reorganize the bank.

#### Biggest Farm Failure.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 7.—Probably the biggest farm failure, outside of wheat, in middle west history was made public here today when Charles Ulrich of Iowa Falls filed a bankruptcy petition in federal court, giving his liabilities as \$1,046,101.06 and assets of only a few thousand dollars. His wife filed a similar petition listing debts of \$5,718 and no assets. Ulrich listed among his debt unsecured notes for all but \$10,000 of the total. Most of the notes are held by seven creditors, four of them located in Des Moines.

### GETTING OFF HIS HORSE





## NEGRO WORKERS PROTEST RACE DISCRIMINATION

### Oppose Imperialist Aim in Liberia and Haiti

Race discrimination and oppression of Negroes in the United States as well as abroad will be answered by the emphatic protest of Chicago workers on Monday evening, Jan. 25, at a mass meeting to be held in Unity Hall, 3140 Indiana avenue, under the auspices of the Chicago Negro branch of All-America Anti-Imperialist League. Among those who have been invited to speak is Richard E. Westbrook, official representative of the republic of Liberia in this city.

"Never was there more urgent need of unified and decisive action in defense of the birthright of the Negro race," declared Walter Anderson, secretary of the local branch of the anti-imperialist league, in announcing the mass meeting. "Every day brings to light some new form of oppression against our race. And while oppression of the Negroes at home continues, the United States government is exerting all its energies abroad to crush the only two Negro republics: Liberia and Haiti.

"The Harvey S. Firestone scheme appears as a simple business proposition for growing rubber but actually it marks the definite participation of American imperialism in the partition of Africa. How long will it take before Liberia will be groaning under an American military dictatorship, similar to that which is already being exercised in Haiti? Meanwhile, the imperialist crimes against the Negro population of Haiti are becoming bolder and bolder. Military Governor John H. Russell, who is engaged in crushing the few remaining liberties of the Haitian people by means of American marines, has just declared that he will permit no presidential election in the 'republic' this year. Instead of allowing the people an opportunity to vote, the present servile Borno administration is to be continued in office indefinitely—which means as long as it does the bidding of the United States marines.

"Imperialism is the universal exploiter of the Negro people in this country and abroad, just as it is the exploiter of all other oppressed races and nationalities. All the oppressed must unite against this monster."

It is expected that Unity Hall will be filled to overflowing for the anti-imperialist protest meeting. The enthusiasm that characterized the meeting held on the south side of Chicago several months ago under the auspices of the Negro branch of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League is an indication of the attendance that can be expected on January 25.

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## RUSSIAN CO-OPERATIVES PROTEST AGAINST FASCIST ATTACK ON CO-OPERATORS

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Jan. 7.—The central council of the co-operatives of the Soviet Union sent a telegram to Mussolini in the name of the millions of co-operatives in the Soviet Union protesting energetically against the fascist attack upon the offices and property of the Central Union of the Italian Co-operatives. The co-operatives of the Soviet Union demand that the Italian co-operative movement be granted a free possibility of existence.

## GRAIN CROP OF U. S. FALLS OFF IN TOTAL VALUE

\$708,000,000 Below the  
Figure of 1924

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Official estimates of values of farm crops, made public by the department of agriculture, show that despite increased production of grain crops in the United States during the past year, the gross value was \$708,000,000 less in 1925 than in 1924.

The gross value of grain crops for 1925 is placed at \$3,810,713,000 compared with \$4,518,716,000 in 1924. The largest deficit is in corn, of which 2,900,581,000 bushels was produced the past year compared with 2,312,745,000 bushels in 1924, but the gross value of which is estimated at 1,956,326,000 for 1925, compared with \$2,270,564,000 in 1924.

Winter wheat production was nearly 200,000,000 bushels less than in 1924, and although the Dec. 1 price was somewhat higher the past year than in 1924, the gross value of the crop was \$589,504,000, compared with \$776,227,000 the preceding year. Spring wheat, on the other hand, shows an increase in gross value, being estimated at \$358,439,000 for 1925, compared with \$344,560,000 in 1924.

All the other grain crops, including oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, and flax, but not including rice, show decreases in gross value, ranging from a decrease of \$515,000 on buckwheat to \$155,000,000 on oats. The rice crop shows an increased value of \$6,290,000 over 1924.

Of the crops other than grain, potatoes were the outstanding exception where values were above 1924. The potato crop was 100,000,000 bushels less than in 1924, but its value, based on Dec. 1 prices, is estimated at \$605,327,000, compared with \$266,047,000 in 1924. Other crops which show increased values include clover seed, dry beans, sweet potatoes, hops, seed.

The cotton crop was one of the three largest ever produced, exceeding production in 1924 by some 2,000,000 bales, but its value was \$1,419,000,000, compared with \$1,540,384,000 in 1924.

Other crops showing decreased values include peanuts, tobacco, sorghum syrup, broom corn, peaches, grapes, cranberries, wild hay, tame hay and sugar cane syrup.

Texas led the states in value of production this year, the gross value of all crops produced in that state being estimated at Dec. 1 prices, at \$799,330,000.

## 20 FAKE FARM RELIEF BILLS BEFORE SENATE

### U. S. Aids Italy But Not Own Farmers

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Every conceivable nostrum for farm relief is proposed by senators and congressmen here except one that will really aid the farmers. The senate committee on agriculture and forestry has twenty bills presented for its consideration and not one of them approaches a solution of the farmers' problems.

That relief is needed now is plain to all, and politicians from the agricultural states are almost frantic in their efforts to palliate the voters from their home states since their return to Washington after the holiday recess. However, their allegiance to the old parties prevents them taking independent steps even if they had brains enough to do so.

Old party politicians are trying to frame up some sort of performance that will enable the congressmen and senators from the various states to present conflicting bills purporting to relieve the farmers and then have them all defeated so that fraudulent records of congressmen can be created to go before the farmers in the coming congressional elections that will be held this fall.

#### No Mortgage Cancellation.

While the Coolidge administration is trying to get senate endorsement of the Italian debt settlement that resulted in a seventy-five per cent cancellation of the debt owed by the despotic Mussolini government, there is no sign that any senator of the Coolidge camp or from any other camp will propose that the debts of the farmers be cancelled so that they can get new loans to carry them over for a time.

The whole fraudulent nature of the farm relief measures are revealed by an examination of some of them, showing that each author presented his bill purely for home consumption and not because he desired to solve the problem.

#### Fake Measures.

Chief among these measures are the ones drafted by Senators William B. McKinley (rep., Ill.) and Charles L. McNary (rep., Ore.) for cooperative marketing. Senator Arthur Capper (rep., Kas.) has a similar bill up his sleeve, and others are forecast in rumors from the senate office building. Henrik Shipstead, farmer-laborite of Minnesota, would have the federal government place agriculturists in the same general category as the railroads and shipping, with guaranteed returns. Mr. Capper has a forestry conservation and a co-operative purchasing act, as well as an amendment similar to one contained in Mr. McKinley's bill to permit to farm loans. Joseph E. Ransdell (dem., La.) would have public lands exploited for sulphur. Morris Sheppard (dem., Tex.) wants similar prospecting for potash. Likewise Mr. Sheppard would have a dairying experiment station established in his home state. Hiram Johnson (rep., Cal.) and Francis E. Warren (rep., Wyo.) have new irrigation projects in line; J. Thomas Heflin (dem., Ala.) has four bills for cotton growers, and George W. Norris (rep., Neb.) wants inspection of export farm products.

#### Bait for Farmers.

Politicians at Washington look with contempt upon the voters who elect them and they consider the farmers mere voting cattle can be stampeded into supporting any senator or congressman who loudly bleats about his loyalty and claims that other senators and congressmen combine to defeat him. In their own states they are all defenders of the particular interests of the states, but in Washington they are party men, or tied to some sort of bloc, doing everything in their power to keep the farmers and workers in subjection to the capitalists who own the old parties.

The farm measures proposed are so much bait for the farmers. Though the farmers have been suckers heretofore and supported the old parties, the farm crisis that is growing ever more menacing will inevitably result in a political revolt through the agricultural region.

Never before was there a more pressing need for a powerful labor party in the industrial centers to form alliances with the discontented and impoverished farmers for an attack upon the old parties of capitalism.

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#### IN NEW YORK!

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### Current Events

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tour. The countess' pulchritude is at least up to the ordinary, if one is to judge by the pictures that appear occasionally in the press. If anybody thinks this is not a factor to be considered among congressmen, that somebody does not know the inner workings of a senator. Aside from that the countess is no more a Communist than the "Gloomy Dean" of Canterbury and it is quite fashionable for democrats and insurgents to rush to her defense.

NOW, a capitalist court comes along and orders Kellogg to show cause why he should not be compelled to permit the countess entry into the United States. It is not easy for the secretary to back down and in view of the circumstances it is quite likely that the countess will break thru the wire entanglements. Kellogg's backers would not feel so embarrassed if a court decision allowed the countess in, because she is harmless, but it might establish a precedent which would cause trouble later on when real radicals of prominence may seek admittance.

HALF the Hungarian government, including army generals, diplomats and a prison full of princes are involved in the most gigantic counterfeiting scheme ever discovered. Even Horthy the "hangman of Hungary" is under suspicion. No less than \$30,000,000 French francs were in the course of printing when the conspirators were detected. It seems that the plot had two aims; one to completely ruin French currency and the other to use the money for a fascist coup in Hungary. It would not be surprising if British agents were at the bottom of the conspiracy. The Locarno treaty by no means solves the disagreements between England and France.

THE prince of Wales captured a runaway horse and got on the front page of the New York Times. If the horse had captured the prince he might have broken into the Chicago papers. This is the first time in many years that the prince's name was mentioned in connection with a steed, that the royal scion did not come out second best.

THE Irish labor movement has tended towards conservatism since it lost James Connolly's revolutionary leadership, it still follows a militant policy in the conduct of strikes. The government gave the contract for building a giant power station on the River Shannon, to a German engineering firm, which sought to employ labor at scab wages. The Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, got in touch with the German trades unions and the latter pronounced the job "unclean." This precaution was taken to warn German workers against coming to Ireland on a scab job and also to rob the Irish capitalists of an opportunity to accuse Irish labor of being anti-German.

THE next step of Irish labor was to call a national conference of all workers' organizations for the purpose of putting a national strike in operation against the Shannon scheme as the job is named. The instructions given to union workers and to their sympathizers in the Voice of Labor are drastic and would surely get an American injunction judge on his ear. No worker is allowed to have any social relations with a scab, whose names and addresses are published weekly in the labor press. Cinemas are not permitted to allow a scab to enter the premises and the same applies to sport organizations and dance halls. The ability of the unions to enforce their decrees does not appear to be in question. It promises to be a stiff fight and an interesting one.

### Detroit Labor Forum to Hear Blanshard on Conditions in Russia

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 7.—Paul Blanshard noted traveler and lecturer who has just returned from an extensive tour of investigation in Soviet Russia and the Far East will address the Detroit Labor Forum Sunday, Jan. 10th, at 3 p. m. at Cass High School. Mr. Blanshard's wide experience makes his comment on Soviet Russia especially important.

The Labor Forum which is under the auspices of the Detroit Federation of Labor has been instrumental in bringing some very gifted speakers to Detroit including A. A. Purcell, W. F. Dunne and J. P. Cannon. The efforts of those whose efforts makes possible a forum where all points of view on labor's problems should be encouraged by diligent attendance by all class conscious workers. Remember the time and place. Every Sunday 3 p. m. Cass High School, Second Blvd. entrance.

## Labor Leaders Cannot Fight Fascism and Also War on the Communists

By J. LOUIS ENGDAHL.

TODAY, the bloody hand of fascism seeks to tighten the murderous grip of its dictatorship over wider regions of capitalist Europe.

General T. H. Pangalos, with the applause of the British, swept aside the bourgeois republican constitution of Greece and proclaimed himself military dictator in the struggle against the rising strength of the Greek Communists.

In Germany the socialists are told by the leaders of the democratic and catholic center parties that they must join the "so-called big coalition" to stave off the threatening military dictatorship. Yet both moves are born of the same fear of the Communists.

In France the dictatorship is held as the only way out of post-war financial difficulties. But simultaneously grows the challenge of increasing Communist strength in this country.

In Hungary, where the socialists made peace with the Horthy dictatorship and were only lightly reprimanded by the Second (Socialist) International, it is declared that the fascists long in power, are planning the return of the monarchy.

This fascist spread will be welcomed by American finance capital that now controls definitely in Washington, as revealed by the big majority pledged in the senate to entry into the world court. It is in the light of this sweeping aside of all forms of bourgeois parliamentarism, supplanted by the mailed fist of profit rule, that the Locarno pacts reveal their real meaning. Every effort must be made to crush the workers' militant organizations at home before an effective new war can be launched against the Union of Soviet Republics.

It is here that the fraudulent attack of President William Green, of the American Federation of Labor, against fascism in Italy and against the organization of Italian fascist groups in this country, under inspiration from Rome, is most effectively exposed.

Thru support of the world court, which means Wall Street's ambitions in Europe that are the ambitions of fascism, the Green regime in the A. F. of L. shows itself an ally of native fascism in the United States.

The socialists of Italy, Hungary, Spain, Greece, the Balkans and the Baltic states, and also in Germany, France, and England, have shown by their actions to the workers of the world that it is impossible to make war on fascism and Communism at the same time. That is what the present A. F. of L. administration claims it is going to do. Yet such an attitude gradually develops into an alliance with fascism, uniting definitely with it in the war against the Communists, who alone wage a militant struggle for the whole working class.

The class collaboration schemes of Green, Johnston and other leaders of the A. F. of L. with their evident efforts to bridge the chasm between "company" unions and the trade union movement, definitely place these officials in a position where they will not and cannot make a fight against capitalism that breeds fascism in self-protection.

If the fascism that is invoked to save the capitalist class in Europe results in war against the working class on the other side of the Atlantic, then the same is true of fascism in the United States.

The rank and file of the American workers must place the American Federation of Labor definitely on record against budding fascism in this country, the country in which they are compelled to fight their battles and win their victories. They will only win those battles by definitely organizing their class power and going into action as a unified working class.

## BROOKHART ELECTION FIGHT ON IN CAPITOL

### Early Decision Is Not Expected

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Chances of an early decision in the Brookhart-Steck election contest appeared slight today, following conclusion of hearings before a sub-committee of the privileges and elections committee.

Counsel for both Senator Smith W. Brookhart (R.), of Iowa and Dan F. Steck, his democratic opponent were busy today preparing briefs which will be presented before the sub-committee begins an examination of thousands of contested ballots.

Steck now has 447,944 uncontested

votes to his credit as against 443,817 for Brookhart. Agreement between opposing counsel reduced contested votes to 1,063 for Steck and 6,282 for Brookhart.

### Calls Appointment of Nye to Senate Violation of Federal Constitution

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The fight over seating Senator-designate Gerald P. Nye, republican of North Dakota, reached the floor of the senate today for a final decision when Senator Guy D. Goff, republican of West Virginia, urged adoption of the senate election committee's majority report, excluding the North Dakotan.

Goff declared Governor A. G. Sorlie, of North Dakota, appointed Nye in violation of the seventeenth amendment to the constitution.

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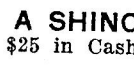
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lated the tax bill that enables him to retain millions of dollars in taxes that otherwise would be paid to the government.

**Insurgent Republicans Help.**  
Coolidge and Mellon have caused alarm because the insurgent republicans will line up with the democrats in the fight against the aluminum trust and the department of justice, as well as against the second democratic issue, the Forney-McCumber tariff.

Under the subject of the tariff they will link such measures as farm relief and try to prove that the tariff on imports has enabled the American manufacturers to charge high prices for farm necessities, while failing in any manner to add the farmers in the corn, wheat and tobacco growing belts.

**Hope for Victory.**  
The democrats hope, by raising these issues in the coming campaign, to carry sufficient congressional districts and regain their majority in the house and increase their representation in the senate, as a prelude to carrying the presidential election of 1928. The insurgent republicans hope to so discredit Coolidge in the congressional elections that a representative of the industrialist bloc of the middle west will secure the republican party nomination in 1928, and they do not conceal the fact that they believe Coolidge will fail of election if he runs again.

The general farm depression and the slowing down of industry that is apparent and is expected to become intensified during the coming year will have the way for widespread political revolts in the estimation of many of the democrats and insurgent republicans.

As usual, none of the conflicting groups have any remedy that will improve the condition of the working class.

**No Third Party Move.**  
To all appearances the third party movement launched by LaFollette in the last presidential campaign is dead as a door nail. Young LaFollette, who succeeded his late father in the senate, tho an insurgent, is safely in the camp of the republican party. Wheeler of Montana is back with the regular democrats and howling for the world court, while the former LaFollette supporters in the republican camp are unanimously against this country entering the court.

The "farm bloc" is watching the developing farmer-labor parties in the northwestern states and is somewhat alarmed that the character of this new movement is more definitely of a class character and not tinged so much with the petty bourgeois psychology of the earlier parties bearing that name. Few politicians seem to have definite opinions on the rising demand for a labor party in the industrial centers of the country and not even the insurgents can be made to comment upon the action of two great labor conventions going on record for the formation of a class party of labor.

## RED STARS

By Wm. F. Kruse.

A new film in Russia to mark the progress of "movies" in the world's first workers' government—a vivid account with photographs—in the

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## Capitalist Women in Effort to End Laws Protecting Workers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—National Woman's Party leaders who are opposed to all laws which give special protection to women in industry, as compared with men in industry, are to have an interview Jan. 17 with President Coolidge. They will also hold a meeting in the Belasco theatre, opposite the white house, when the national conference called by the women's bureau of the department of labor is in session, seeking to protect women in industry by minimum wage laws and otherwise.

## KAROLYI CASE GETTING WARM FOR KELLOGG

### "Nervous Nellie" to Be Brought to Court

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 7.—(FP)—Countess Karolyi, Hungarian liberal, when Secretary Kellogg excluded from this country on the ground that she is a dangerous red agitator, has secured from Justice Hitz in the supreme court of the District of Columbia a rule directed to Kellogg, to be answered in court Feb. 4, to show cause why he should not be compelled to grant her a passport visa.

The department of justice, representing Kellogg, will try to have the temporary ruling dismissed when the case comes up again. It will take the ground that was taken by President Coolidge in his annual message last month—that no alien not residing in this country has any rights under our government.

If Kellogg does not like to permit the wife of the ex-president of Hungary to lecture in the United States, he can keep her out, under alleged legal authority in the anti-anarchist and anti-Communist clauses of the immigration law.

In her petition to the District court, filed by New York and Washington lawyers, Countess Karolyi denies that Kellogg has any legal authority or discretion under any valid law or regulation to refuse her a visa. She will fight the case thru to a finish.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE VOTES FUNDS FOR GENEVA MEETING

### Congress Will Soon Endorse It

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Participation by the United States in the preliminary conference at Geneva next month to draft an agenda for a disarmament conference under the league of nations was approved unanimously today by the house foreign affairs committee.

The committee recommended appropriation of \$50,000 to defray expenses of the American delegates, as was asked by Coolidge. The authorization carried no commitment for participation in the major conference.

The committee decided to ask for early consideration of the appropriation in the house. While members of the committee agreed on a favorable report it was with individual announcements that they would not commit themselves to go further than a discussion with other nations as to a general conference.

**Find Murder Trust.**  
Existence in Chicago of a murder "trust," with paid killers to go anywhere in the United States and commit assassinations, was charged by Nicola Agostino, himself admittedly one of the gunmen and the slayer of a man in White Plains, N. Y., who owed bootleggers \$1,000.

Following a confession which, because he cannot write, Agostino signed with a mark and his thumb print, police made a series of raids which netted eight men said by Agostino to be ringleaders of the murder crew.

## LEWIS PROPOSES FIVE-YEAR TERM FOR U. M. W. OF A.

### Would Set Part of the Union Against Rest

By ALEX REID.

**Sec'y. Miners' Progressive Committee**  
The proposal of John L. Lewis for a five-year contract for the anthracite, which contract will undoubtedly terminate at a different time in the year and in a different year from the bituminous miners, is another insult to the miners of America, and a betrayal of the hard coal miners' Scranton convention demands.

The miners are bitterly opposed to long term agreements. The tying of one part of the mining industry down to a long term agreement in opposition to another part of the industry, is in effect the setting of one part of the miners against the other, and in reality contains the principles of dual unionism. It is the policy of the open shoppers, and the Lewis gang are playing directly into the hands of the Wall Street union wreckers.

**Costs Soar.**

Long term agreements react against the miners' interest as we have reason to know. The cost of living is generally on the increase, while stationary wages are in reality a decrease in value of our earnings. To tie ourselves down for five years means that no matter how high the cost of living soars, no matter how unbearable the working conditions become, we will have to suffer them for what will appear a lifetime.

Five years will give the operators ample time to get rid of all militant miners from the mines and Lewis time to get rid of them from the union.

Long term agreements will cause the miners to scab on each other—as they are doing now. The soft coal miners against the hard coal miners and vice versa. What a grand Wall Street scheme. But how long will the miners put up with it? How long are they going to allow Lewis to corrupt our union. Awake miners, and save your union.

Take the power out of Lewis' hand. Remove him from office. Down with such policies! Down with long term contracts!

## Русская Вечеринка

A real old time Russian Vetcherinka concert and dance will be given this Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Workers' House, 1902 W. Division street, to celebrate the official opening of the Chaynaya (tea room) at the Workers' House.

A good program is promised, as well as a good time in general. Admission only 35 cents. Beginning at 8 p. m.

## Milwaukee Russians to Give Concert Sunday, Jan. 10

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 7.—The Ukrainian-Russian Singing Society and the Russian "Red Star" Mutual Aid Society of Milwaukee, will give a concert, vaudeville and dance, Sunday, Jan. 10, at Freie Gemeinde Hall, corner Eighth and Walnut streets.

An interesting program of Russian and Ukrainian national songs, a comedy in two acts and dancing are the attractions.

Beginning at 3 p. m. Admission 50 cents.

**Drunken Bull Kills Worker.**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Samuel Krainin, a glazier, who was shot by Patrolman John J. Brennan as he stood in front of the desk in a police station in Brooklyn, died today. Krainin had charged Brennan with bribery and assault. Brennan admitted intoxication and was charged with homicide.

You bring the leaders of the world Communist movement to your shop, make your arguments for your—when you bring their articles in The DAILY WORKER to your shop.

## Freiheit Concert on Sunday Will Present Attractive Program

The 11th concert of the Freiheit Trio, with singing of adult and children's chorus and mandolin orchestra, will take place on Sunday Jan. 10, at 2:15 p. m., at the Eighth St. Theater, 8th St. and Wabash Ave.

A special program will be given that day. There will be sung the well-known oratorio of Ghetto, "The Night" of Walfurgo, with music composed by Mendelssohn. The program also includes a number of soloist specialties, obtained for this concert alone, such as D. Obsfeld, tenor; M. Dubrow, baritone; Eva Gordon, counter-alto; and Troy Senders, pianist.

This concert is expected to be the best this well-known organization ever heard. They have decided to donate all proceeds of the affair to the Jewish Daily Freiheit, the only Communist daily in that language in America. The Freiheit is now much in need of funds.

All workers of Chicago know what service the Freiheit has rendered to the labor movement, and the good cause and the guarantee by the Freiheit Trio that an excellent concert is assured, should bring all concert goers to the theater that day. Admission is only 75 cents to \$1.50, for a concert whose equal could not be heard for twice this cost at any other occasion. Help the Freiheit by enjoying this big concert.

## Telephone Strikers at Harrisburg, Ill., Still Staying Out

HARRISBURG, Ill., Jan. 7.—The second day of the strike among telephone operators for the Illinois Southern Telephone company brot forth no effort on the part of either side for a settlement. Business houses are trying to force a settlement by threatening to install phones of an independent company. The company refuses to sign a contract with the operators' union.

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Banquet  
Good Music—Living Newspaper  
Sunday, January 17

Workers' Hall, 225 Valencia St.

Oakland

Banquet  
Musical Program—Living Newspaper  
Joint celebration of Oakland and Berkeley

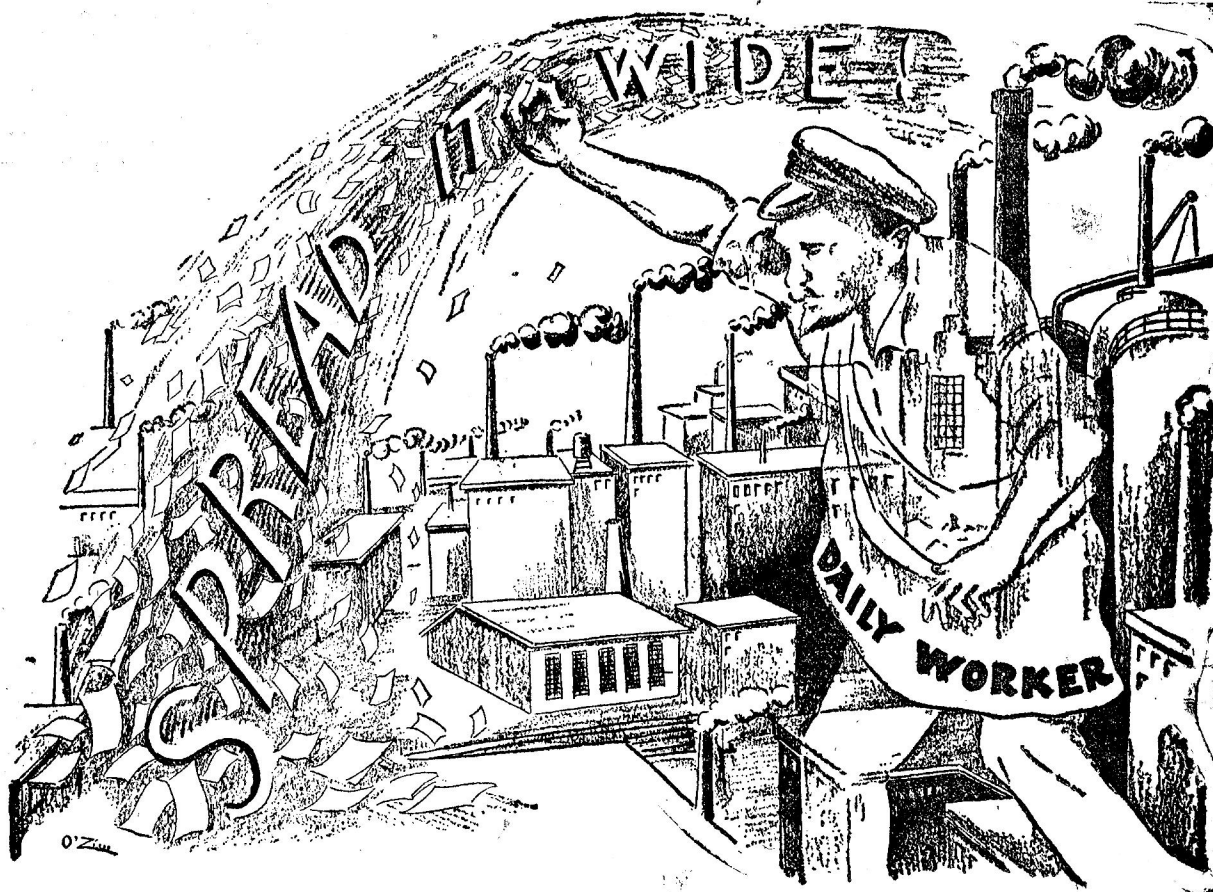
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# On the Road to Mass Activity

By MARTIN ABERN.

AT the fourth Communist International congress, Lenin reported that the theses on organization were accepted, but not understood, except by the Russians.

In America the question and importance of the right form of organization was not fully understood for a long time, and not even now. Otherwise the federation form of organization might have disappeared long ago. It is evident that to reach the workers to carry on mass activity, requires an organization which is in, and part of the workers. That can be only in the shops, particularly, in the factory nuclei.

The Workers (Communist) Party is now pushing swiftly actual reorgan-

ization on the shop and street nuclei basis. There has been some confusion in the midst of reorganization. The role of the workers' clubs, for instance, has been confused with the party unit, the street or shop nucleus. There is a tendency, for instance, to continue to hold affairs, entertainments, etc. under the auspices of the language branches of the Workers (Communist) Party, that is, as regular party units. The comrades are not fully clear that party language units do not exist and that language activity is conducted, in part, thru the workers' clubs, fraternal societies, etc. This does not exclude affairs and so forth organized thru party language fractions.

Workers clubs are the nonpartisan organizations of non-party and party

members in which party members form a fraction to influence with Communist views the non-party members. Work Among Foreign-born to Increase Thru Nuclei.

THEN, too, there has also been mingled with confusion some fear on the part of the federations, that with the abolition of language units, mass contact with and influence over the foreign-born workers in industry would be broken. Quite the contrary, the fusion of all language and English (American) members into either shop or street nuclei has for the first time brought even the party members together. The shop cements them closely with the other workers on common ties of daily struggle issues. The basis is laid for discussion on general and specific problems of the American working class.

In the language units the problems of each foreign group, pertaining for the most part or very often, to the old country, were paramount. Thru the workers' clubs, however, thru activity of the party language fractions in fraternal bodies, with party direction, the important work, therein such as labor defense, protection of foreign-born, etc. in the fraternal bodies is not only preserved, but increased.

IN the reorganization there has entered also the factor of skepticism. "It won't work," the membership itself is against it," was the forbidding wall of some comrades prior to actual steps toward shop and street nuclei reorganization.

Comrades, what does all this skepticism, this doubt and fear, both of the reorganization itself and in the membership to respond, mean politically? This is not mere loose talk. This skepticism is one of the roots of a Loreist ideology. This is the "can't be done" view, "the workers are not ready, the time is not ripe" attitude. This is a lack of belief in the party membership, as well as the mass of workers, to do what is required of them.

Opposition and Skepticism Toward Shop Nuclei Disappearing Swiftly.

SO far as the reorganization is concerned, the bucket of skepticism has been tipped over and found to be empty of good drinking water. It was only hot air, trying to be cold water, on a live body.

The city of Chicago is completely reorganized—90 per cent of the dues paying membership stayed. So also with Milwaukee, South Bend, Gary, Zeigler, Springfield, the entire district in fact. The reorganization results in the other districts, New York, Pittsburgh, Minneapolis, Detroit, are producing like results.

Organization on an isolated scale, at the beginning of the campaign for shop organization, worked both good and bad. When successful, it convinced the comrades; where not so successful, the comrades were doubtful of the shop and street nuclei plan. However, neither was the best test. Organization on a large broad scale is more convincing, as is being shown, even at this early period. The organ-

ization theses of Lenin are beginning to be understood in the United States of America!

PRACTICAL phases of the success of the reorganization are to be noted. The language restrictions and barriers have been broken. The minds of the comrades have been turned away from purely internal party or language problems toward the factories, shops and mills. A better organization base for mass contact and work is laid. Connections with the party units are more easily maintained. More members enter with enthusiasm into party life.

Undoubtedly an impetus will be given THE DAILY WORKER. Language members, participating now in the English language in party work, will subscribe to THE DAILY WORKER or read it. Chicago reports this already manifesting itself.

The nuclei, and this is taking place now, will order THE DAILY WORKER bundles to be sent to factory workers or distributed at or in the factories.

THE membership, especially with the desire for theoretical training and enlightenment growing, with schools and educational classes of all kinds increasing, will purchase party pamphlets, literature, Workers Monthly, etc. in greater numbers, both for themselves and outsiders. Nuclei will insist on each member purchasing a minimum amount of literature each month which the party issues. Agitation and propaganda will take on a renewed energy.

With a proper industrial registration, a real drive for trade union activity and for reorganization of the nonunion party members becomes possible. Organization meetings, trade by trade, industry by industry—this is possible and will be done.

Both thru the shop and street nuclei a real set of party workers' correspondents for THE DAILY WORKER can be set up, and, at the same time, draw non-party workers into the role of workers' correspondents—a most important way of developing their class consciousness.

Build a Leadership in Every Shop.

IN each shop nucleus a miniature DAILY WORKER, a Shop Bulletin, must be issued, relating to the problems in the shops, hearing from the workers, giving the Communist solution to the workers' problems. The politicalization of the nucleus will be slow but certain. These are but some of the few things which the Communist International theses on reorganization can and are beginning to mean in concrete situations and work.

Thru the shop nuclei, the party lays a groundwork for becoming the real unchallenged leader of the masses in their daily, practical bread and butter struggles and in the general revolutionary struggle for political power by the working class. The nuclei, street and shop, are technically superior, flexible, responsive, alert, awake to the struggles and problems of the American labor movement.

Face to the factories. Every shop a Communist stronghold!

## Pittsburgh Members to Hold Party Meet on Sunday, Jan. 10

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 7.—An important meeting of all members of the Workers Party of Pittsburgh and vicinity will be held in Pittsburgh at the Labor Lyceum, 35 Miller street, Sunday, Jan. 10, 2 p. m. All members of the party must attend. The question of THE DAILY WORKER campaign, protection of the foreign-born workers, campaign for recognition of Soviet Russia, will be among the questions to be considered at that meeting. Admission is by membership cards.

## Saturday Night in Detroit, Vecherinka by 'Luxemburg' Club

A real Jugo-Slav Vecherinka will be held in Detroit by the Jugo-Slav Women's Educational Club "Rosa Luxemburg" on Saturday night, Jan. 9th, at the South Slav Workers' Home, 1349 E. Ferry Ave. at 8 p. m.

Home made goodies of every description, and simply delicious are being prepared by the Women's club which is determined to make every one who attends happy. The Young Red Guard String Orchestra will furnish the music. There will be singing, dancing, good eats and a real jollification. If you live in Detroit, don't miss it.

Lenin Committee Meets. Chicago Lenin Memorial Committee meets Friday 8 p. m. at THE DAILY WORKER Office. All Workers (Communist) Party nuclei delegates should attend. Delegates from other working class organizations are invited. Lenin Memorial meeting at the Coliseum Sunday, Jan. 24, 8 p. m.

## NEWARK WORKERS ARRANGE LIEBKNECHT MEMORIAL MEETING

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 7.—A Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg memorial meeting will be held at the Newark Labor Lyceum, 704 So. Fourteenth street, on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 17, at 2 o'clock, with M. Harrison as the main speaker. This meeting is being arranged under the auspices of the Young Workers (Communist) League. Admission free.

Paterson Meets For Reorganization. PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 7.—A meeting for the reorganization of Paterson, N. J. into shop nuclei and international branches will be held this coming Sunday afternoon, Jan. 10, 1926, at 2 p. m. at 7 Bridge street, Paterson.

At the meeting, registration of all members will be taken and the reorganization will proceed immediately. All members of Paterson branches are to attend without fail. Failure to attend this meeting will result in hindering the work of reorganization.

we must trace the deplorable condition in which we find ourselves at this time.

Liquidate This Lack of Uniformity and System.

But the past is only important at present in order to learn lessons for the future. What must we do now in order to liquidate this very harmful lack of system and uniformity that characterizes our organization and to knit it together as closely as possible in various parts and with the center.

As far as the center itself goes, the present National Pioneer Department is determined to omit nothing in giving the whole Pioneer organization the closest and the most unrelenting supervision and direction. Indeed it may perhaps go to the other extreme of paying too close attention to the activities of the individual organizations, but it certainly will not permit the Pioneer organization to lapse into its previous chaotic state.

Uniformity! System!

But the National Pioneer Department itself cannot do everything. The systematization and the development of uniformity in our work depends even more upon our individual Pioneer leaders and Pioneer leaders' committees. It is up to them to cooperate with the N. P. D. to establish the organization on a functioning basis. Here are some of the things Pioneer leaders must do immediately in this direction:

1. Connections. So far the National Pioneer Department has established direct connections with only a part of the groups in this country. It is absolutely necessary that we get in contact with every single group that exists and is functioning. Every Pioneer leader in charge of a group or a nucleus should immediately send in his name and address along with the name of the group or nucleus and the city to the national office. This applies to all groups and nuclei and leaders—including those in New York and Chicago who work under the direct supervision of their District Pioneer Committees. This should be attended to at once. Establish connections.

2. Reports.—All group leaders not directly connected with city Pioneer committees (in the cities of Boston, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, etc.) or in districts where they are under the direct supervision of the District Pioneer Committee (in District Two, New York, and District Eight, Chicago, only) should send in

regular, detailed reports every two weeks to the National Pioneer Department. The New York and Chicago District Pioneer Committees and the various city Pioneer committees will send in reports for the groups and nuclei under their supervision. This also should be initiated at once. Send regular reports.

3. Uniformity and system in group meetings. To liquidate the stalling diversity in the forms and methods used in conducting Pioneer group meetings, the N. P. D. has issued a bulletin giving in concrete form an outline for the routine of the ordinary group meeting. This bulletin gives in brief form the principles on which the group meeting is based and the generalized form for carrying out these principles into actual life. Every Pioneer leader should have a copy of this bulletin. If you haven't a copy write for it. This bulletin should be studied by the Pioneer leaders' committee where such exist and definite plans made to base their practice on them.

Uniformity in Our Group Meetings! 4. Uniformity and system in the work of the organization. The N. P. D. is now issuing another bulletin giving in condensed form a practical summary of the principles and practice of the Pioneer movement. Write for this bulletin so as to make sure of getting it. Uniformity in the work of our organization.

5. Leaders' committees and leaders' classes. Wherever there are more than two leaders in any one town or city, leaders' committees should be immediately organized. These committees should get in touch with the national office and we will supply you with the information as to your functions and activities. Form leaders' committees! As soon as leaders' committees are organized, there should be set up side by side Pioneer leaders' classes. Set up these classes! Notify us. We will help you and supply you with all information. Form leaders' classes.

Comrades! There is no use talking any more about what we must do. Fewer words! More Action! The immediate tasks before the Pioneer leaders are few and simple. The extent to which these are carried out will point to what co-operation the National Pioneer Department may expect in the future in building a strong centralized Pioneer League in this country.

HELP SAVE THE DAILY WORKER!

## WITH THE YOUNG WORKERS CONDUCTED BY THE YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE

## PLAY AND MASS MEETING ARRANGED BY MOTHERS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

United Council of Working Class Housewives Helps Mothers of School Children in the Struggle for Better and More Schools

WHAT is the matter with the public schools in New York City? Why are parents protesting to the board of education? Why are small children transferred from one school to another where they are compelled to cross streets busy with traffic, endangering their lives thru being run over and maimed or killed?

All these questions will be discussed at a mass meeting Friday evening, January 8, at 1347 Boston Road, Bronx. Prominent speakers in Jewish and English will address the meeting. Among the speakers is Ella Reeve Bloor, a well-known woman speaker from the west.

A committee of mothers of children of P. S. 148 will tell of their six-weeks' struggle against transferring smaller children to other schools. At this mass meeting a play will be presented by the Young Pioneers. The play is called "The Public School," and is both interesting and amusing.

The United Council of Working Housewives appeal to all workers, especially to women, also to working class organizations of the Bronx to send representatives to this meeting. Only thru united efforts can we compel the authorities to answer our demands. Let us all together fight for the interests of our children.

Watch out for other mass meetings now being arranged by the united council.

The United Council of Working Class Housewives is also mobilizing for better and cheaper houses for the workers, and to do away with fire-trap tenements. A report by members of the delegation of the council to the hearing of the state housing commission in city hall will be given at this meeting.

This meeting is arranged by the Neighborhood Council of Working Class Housewives of the Bronx.

## OVER 200 BOYS WALK OUT ON STRIKE AT IMPERIAL GLASS PLANT, BELLAIRE

Youth Strike on Scene of Young Workers' Conference

BELLAIRE, Ohio.—Unwilling to accept an approximate 10 per cent reduction in wages more than 200 boys employed by the Imperial Glass plant here walked out on a strike.

As a result many of the departments in the plant which were to resume operations are shut down. The local press is trying to make believe that the strike is not effective. But the strikers are full of spirit and are full of determination to win the strike.

The company announced the wage reduction December 25, after which the young workers held a mass meeting where the strike decision was made. All the young workers including the carrying boys, snappers and vase swingers are affected by the cut.

The reduction would affect the wages as follows: carrying boys, from \$4 a day to \$3.50; snappers from \$4.80 a day to \$4.30; vase swingers from \$5.50 a day to \$4.90.

This strike movement of the young glass workers is taking place right in the seat of the Young Workers' Conference which has been scheduled for Bellaire for Feb. 28th.

The militant young glass workers are being urged to line up with their fellow young workers, the young miners and steel workers in a joint struggle against the miserable conditions that the bosses dish out to us.

The Imperial Glass plant must be represented at the conference with a substantial representative delegation of the young militant workers of that plant.

## A Monument to Marx

LONDON, England.—The editor-board of Trade

Union Unity composed of A. A. Purcell, Edo Firmin, and George Hicks, have issued a statement regarding the tombstone of Karl Marx, in Highgate Cemetery, London, which is a most inadequate memorial to the great revolutionist. They desire to open a fund for the erection of a more fitting monument.

The board announced that it is starting an International Million Penny Fund which will be devoted for the erection of this monument. The Young Workers (Communist) League wholeheartedly endorses this project and calls upon league members to start penny drives in their localities and to rush the funds collected into the national office of the league from where it will be forwarded to London.

HELP SAVE THE DAILY WORKER! LIEBKNECHT-LUXEMBURG MEETING AT NORTHWEST HALL, CHICAGO, TONIGHT

The Liebknecht-Luxemburg memorial meeting will be held tonight at Northwest Hall, corner North and Western Aves. Max Shachtman, Earl R. Browder and John Williamson will be the speakers of the evening. An interesting program has also been arranged, consisting of songs and recitations. The doors will open at 7:30 p. m. Admission will be 25c. Max Shachtman will be chairman.

HELP SAVE THE DAILY WORKER!

## Literature Agents, New York Concentration Groups, Attention!

On Saturday, January 9, at 2 o'clock sharp there will be a meeting of all the literature directors of the newly organized concentration groups in the Young Workers League. The meeting will be held at 108 East 14th street.

The final arrangements for the special Young Worker campaign will be taken up. It is absolutely necessary, that every literature director be present and on time.

## New York Leaguers

A general membership meeting of the league will be held on Sunday, January 10th, 5 p. m., 105 Eldridge street. This meeting is called for the purpose of taking up the general activities of the league and especially factory campaigns and the youth conference.

Be sure to come with your shopmates to the Liebknecht memorial meeting which will be held Friday evening, January 15th, at Central Opera House.

## Eat's Everything at Young Worker Dance

YONKERS, N. Y.—All aboard to the rescue of the YOUNG WORKER. That is the slogan of the Rescue Party and Dance given for the benefit of the YOUNG WORKER by the Yonkers, Young Workers (Communist) League. It happens on Saturday Evening, January 16, at The Labor Lyceum, 20 Warburton Avenue. There will be dancing, life savers, refreshments 'n everything.

Get a sub and make a young Communist.

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## Come Ahead Into the Young Workers League



## For the Pioneer Leaders

(Pioneer Leaders: This is one of a series of articles for the Pioneer Leader. These articles will appear regularly. Clip them for your note book.)

Problems of Pioneer Work. I. Uniformity! System!

THERE can be no doubt that the fundamental question facing us when we consider the Pioneer organization and the activities of the various groups and group leaders on a broad national scale is the great lack of uniformity and system in functioning. It is sometimes very hard to believe, when we compare the organization and activities of some group in one part of the country with another in some other part, that they are both supposed to be parts of the same organization—so utterly different are they in every respect.

The Development of the Communist Children's Movement.

The Communist children's movement in this country, as in the rest of the world, has seen quite a fundamental development in the last few years and has passed thru many different stages. Our movement had its birth as a variant of the Socialist Sunday Schools and Junior Yipsel organizations and then passed on to the stage of predominantly internal educational groups and general propaganda organizations based, however, on the principle of directed self-activity. That this was a great and definite step forward from the Sunday schools there can be no doubt. But we had no Pioneer League of struggle as yet.

It is only now that our best Pioneer organizations are beginning to advance out of this stage and develop in the direction of a real Pioneer League organized on school nuclei, having its roots in the schools, and basing its everyday and regular work upon the school struggle. It is only now that we are beginning to turn in this direction—not merely in "accepting" it as the correct theory, but in making it our practical guide to action.

Now why is there this tremendous contrast in what are really the various parts of the same organization? Of course, the external objective conditions must be considered and their influence appreciated. But there can be no question that the most influential factor must be sought for in the unheard-of lack of centralization that has until recently prevailed in our Pioneer work. It is to this lack of connection between the center (the National Pioneer Department) and the Pioneer groups and leaders that



# Workers Write About the Workers' Life

## WILINSKY AND CO. CORRUPT LEATHER WORKERS' UNION

### In Setting Prices Sell Out to Bosses

By A Worker Correspondent  
NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—In the pocket book manufacturing plant of Metter Bros. and company, New York, 50 to 70 operatives are ordinarily employed. This firm is notorious for underpayment of its workers and maintenance of poor conditions of work. In the halcyon day of the open shop the original Metter, who has recently retired, fought the union tooth and nail. And he was always successful. He would shift his factory to Brooklyn, or he would put the very leaders of the strike to work in the factory at increased wages, thus breaking the strike. Again he would put private detectives at work beating up his striking employees. The firm would maintain an open shop with its \$9 a week to girls and \$12 to boys, allowing no attempts at unionization to be come successful.

Several months ago the place became unionized. This after the employees of the shop had been members of the union for over a year. What is the explanation?

Every month Ossip Wilinsky, head of the Leather Workers' Union, or some other official of the union, would come to ask the elder Metter if he would allow him to unionize the place, but the latter would always put him off. I suppose the protector of the workers' rights got something for himself. Then, three months ago, Metter, tired of the game, recognized the union.

In setting prices, according to a story I heard a member of the firm tell a friend of his, in the shop meeting, Wilinsky started to shout at Metter that he, Wilinsky, was there to protect the workers' rights and that Metter would have to pay the workers the union scale. And then, walking behind a partition, he told Metter that he knew times were hard and that he was willing to settle for the lower price. He told Metter that all the fraud was for the benefit of the employees exclusively.

In the union, Wilinsky and his crew rule the works, throwing out anyone who attempts to dissent from their high-handed practices. Several known Communists have been thrown out of the union by Wilinsky and so all opposition has been successfully stifled. Wilinsky and company now rules the totally reactionary Leather Workers' Union.

## Only Amalgamation in Building Trades Would End All Freak Disputes

By A Worker Correspondent  
It was while working on a large building under construction at Lawrence Ave. and Sacramento Blvd., that a jurisdictional dispute arose over whether a cement finisher or a structural iron worker should lay the iron rods and wire netting needed to reinforce the concrete being laid. On this building there were men of the different trades, working for sub contractors.

The cement finisher, a member of Local No. 502, Operative Plasterers & Cement Finishers' Union, with some laborers was laying these rods and wire netting in the soft concrete on the second floor of the building. An iron worker, a member of Local 1, Bridge & Structural Iron Workers' Union, working close by on the same floor, came up to us and inquired if a member of his union was laying the rods, to which the cement finisher answered, that to his knowledge it was the work of the cement workers and did not come under the jurisdiction of the iron workers. The iron worker then stated, that he did not care, but that the union officials may come along and they would surely slap a fine over on us.

There are in the building trades some thirty-two different craft unions, each craft fighting for its own particular work. It is over these jurisdictional disputes that fights arise among the officials in the building trades council and at times on the job. These disputes often threaten the very existence of the unions themselves, while at the same time play into the hands of the bosses. For example the fight between the plasterers and the bricklayers which has been going on for the past year.

These fights will continue between the craft unions, until the rank and file under the leadership of the left wing recognize that we must organize industrial unions thru amalgamation in the building trades.

### WORKERS ARE LAID OFF.

By A Worker Correspondent  
DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 7.—Briggs Auto Body Making company, sweat shop contractor for Ford, laid off all its employees for 2 weeks for inventory. Every employee was paid off, and made to check in tool checks and badges for entry into the factory. A good many will not be notified to return after the two weeks are up.

## THE WINNERS

THE prizes in this week's worker correspondents' contest go to three correspondents from cities on the western coast, one writing directly from the inside of a cannery, a union painter relating the struggles within his union with reactionary labor officials and one defining a crime committed by a profiteer in Pasadena, Cal., which in a capitalist society is dispensed with as "accidents."

FIRST PRIZE—Nikolai Bukharin's latest book, "Historic Materialism," goes to the worker in the cannery in Olympia, Washington.

SECOND PRIZE—"Russia Today," the official report of the British trade union delegation on Soviet Russia, goes to the painter in San Francisco, Cal.

THIRD PRIZE—The original of a DAILY WORKER cartoon, framed, goes to the Pasadena, Cal., worker.

START at once sending in your contributions for next week's competition. The prizes to be offered are as follows:

FIRST PRIZE—Marxian Economic Handbook, by W. H. Emmett. A complete elementary primer containing all the essentials for understanding Marx's "Capital." There is a glossary of 700 economic and other terms and valuable addenda and appendices.

SECOND PRIZE—"December the Fourteenth," by Dimitri Merezhkovsky. An intense and gripping historical novel dealing with one of the most stirring episodes in Russian history.

THIRD PRIZE—The original of a DAILY WORKER cartoon, framed.

### THE FIRST PRIZE.

## WORKERS IN CANNERIES THE MOST EXPLOITED AND ENSLAVED

(By a Worker Correspondent)

OLYMPIA, Wash.—Western Washington takes no second place in the exploitation of workers. The very hot of the conditions in the mills, mines and camps is a veritable nightmare to those unfortunates who must endure them. But as bad as are the conditions in those industries, they are much worse in the canneries.

Here women and girls as well as men are driven twelve, fourteen and eighteen hours a day under constantly implied threats of dismissal or of being reduced to a lower wage level if they slacken in the least the killing pace required of them. State laws are flouted and laws of humanity are unheard of.

Women collapsing from nervous strain and being dragged away, are such commonplace sights as to pass unnoticed while practically every woman in the industry has had medical advice against working in the canneries.

Wages are lower and hours much longer than in any other industry. Jealousy and ill-feeling among the workers is instigated by giving favors and a small increase in wages to those who show a sufficient willingness to spy upon the rest and to otherwise assist the bosses to oppress their comrades.

## THE SECOND PRIZE. LABOR FAKER ENLISTS AID OF BOSSES TO FIGHT PROGRESSIVES

By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 7.—A little enlightenment may not be amiss on a big headline in the S. F. Bulletin of December 29, announcing that there is "plenty of work for painters here." The truth of the matter is that a local labor faker, T. J. O'Connor, business agent of a local Painters' Union, enlisted the help of a chamber of commerce paper in order to perpetuate his pie card.

Local Painters' Union, No. 1158, recently held its annual election of officers. Thinking that it was about time to rid themselves of the reactionary business agent, O'Connor, the progressives made a determined fight to have him replaced by a man more active and appropriate. However, far be it from a faker to let a well paid pie-card go without a fight, so he set his machine in motion, with the result that a most unscrupulous election was staged by his standpatters, and O'Connor won.

Altho defeated, the progressives did not accept the results, and adopted a procedure very harmful to O'Connor's treasury; they simply transferred from his union to another one in this city, thus depriving him of the payment of their dues. O'Connor, in order to appear rich in jobs and thus to prevent any more transfers of members, got in touch with the Bulletin and entered this interesting advertising gem: "Plenty work for painters seen here." "Work will be plentiful for union painters and paperhangers in San Francisco during the coming spring and early summer, according to a survey of the building program made by T. J. O'Connor, secretary of Painters' Union 1158. The larger buildings include four schools, four theaters, five large business buildings and 900 new houses in the Sunset district alone. The outlook for a busy season is better than it has ever been at this time of the year. Our union is in the best condition of its history. We have taken in more members during the last three months than in the nine months preceding. Comparatively few members of the local are idle now, the records show, and there is a capacity demand for paperhangers."

Of all the barefaced lies this one beats them all. There are hundreds of painters idle here and the union is in the weakest position in all its history both numerically and financially. The Bulletin of course is only too willing to advertise California and to flood the city with nonunion men. The Bulletin sold its space in 1916 to Lord Northcliffe, for British war propaganda and is owned by Dohrman and

company, notorious members of the local chamber of commerce.

Editor's Note: The motive behind the transferring from O'Connor's local to another one is healthy. But the tactic was wrong and the results will not be what was expected. The progressives in transferring simply left O'Connor in complete control of the local. The temporary loss of per capita will soon be made up. He will have the unquestioned support of the employers at the same time his opposition has been removed.

The progressives can fight O'Connor more effectively from within his own local than from without. This maneuver carries (unconsciously) the germ of the "effectiveness" of the splitting tactics as a weapon against the reactionaries. Withdraw per capita from a local union can very easily lead along the road to withholding per capita from the international.

We offer this criticism as food for thought to our worker correspondent and to the progressives in the Painters' Union mentioned in this article.

Worker Correspondence will make The DAILY WORKER a better paper—send in a story about your shop.

## DAILY WORKER BUILDERS CLUB TO HOLD MEETING SUNDAY IN NEW YORK

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—After The Daily Worker anniversary concert, which will take place this Sunday afternoon, Jan. 10th, in Yorkville Casino, 86th Street & Third Avenue, The DAILY WORKER Builders Club of New York will hold its official meeting, in the same hall.

## SPIES PUT INTO BRICK AND CLAY WORKERS' UNION

### Whole Building Trades Menaced by Move

By A Worker Correspondent  
NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Brick and clay workers can be on guard against activities of industrial spies in their union. Proof that spies operated in Connecticut that products plants during the recent strike of United Brick and Clay Workers' Union is contained in a letter by Commissioner H. A. Jung, National Clay Products Industries Association, affiliated with that super-association of employers—National Industrial Conference Board—bidding for spy business from North River Brick company of Saugerties, N. Y.

The Boss' Letter.

Sept. 25, 1925.  
"Dear Sir: Find herewith excerpt from confidential report received from one of our staff representatives in connection with the Connecticut situation:

"Lowrie did not speak tonight of using any violence, but begged the men to stick for the sake of their wives and children, saying further that next spring when this battle opened up again, the Hudson River district would be organized so that no influx of Negro labor could occur, as is now the case, and with this road blocked, the C. B. M. A. would have to come to time."

"It is essential that this fall, winter and next spring, the Hudson River operators get together and formulate a definite labor policy and it would be advisable to have the writer address you on the subject matter of 'What is the U. B. and C. W. of A.?'—What Do They Do?—What Have They Done?—What Should We Do to Offset Their Activities?' Very truly yours, (signed) H. A. Jung, commissioner."

From Big Business Center.

The letter is from the offices of the National Clay Products Industries Association, Chicago Chamber of Commerce, building. "Industrial Relations" is the caption above the association name, cloaking the industrial espionage activities of these open shoppers.

Brick and clay products are made in various parts of the country, but Hudson river is an important district. Haverstraw and Saugerties are brick centers which send fleets of barges downstream for New York city building construction. In White Plains, New York suburb, building trades unions have been enjoined against striking to have contractors use only union made building materials. The spy-using clay products manufacturers' association is one of the most powerful open shop employing groups, endangering not only its direct employees but all building trades workers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The class in worker correspondents conducted by Joseph Freeman meets every Monday evening, at 8 o'clock at the New York Workers' School, 108 East 14th street.

WORKER CORRESPONDENTS MEET.  
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# The Need of Organization for Millinery Workers

By A Worker Correspondent

THERE appeared in last week's issue of The DAILY WORKER an article telling about the conditions of the women workers in the millinery shops in Chicago. I eagerly watched the reaction of some of the millinery workers to this article. Some of the girls read it with enthusiasm and appreciation. "It's just like in our shop," they said. "Everything is true." Others still under the hypnotic influence of the Christmas gift presented to them by the boss, did not think that the boss is quite so unjust. Those workers went as far as to say they do not consider it necessary to organize a union.

The Holiday Spirit.  
The giving of Christmas presents to workers by the bosses reminds me of an old Russian tradition: to kiss one's slave in the name of Christ on Easter eve.

A notoriously savage general in the army used to come to the soldiers' barracks on Easter eve and kiss every soldier on the lips saying piously: "Christ has risen." The soldier would have to reply: "Praise God, for Christ the lord is reborn."

Next day if a soldier in meeting this general didn't stop twenty feet in front of him with the salute of honor, the general inflicted upon his last night's "brother" a lot of misery.

Some of the millinery workers receiving a present and a few words of flattery from the boss forget the past year of underpay and long hours of work. They forget that every year there is the same ceremony of presents and compliments but also the same disappointments when the holidays are over. They forget that after ten and twelve hours of work during the busy season, the boss piles home-work on to the hand-workers. I have talked with millinery oper-

## BATT INVENTS QUEER B. & O. PLAN THEORY

### Claims It "Leads to Revolution"

By A Worker Correspondent

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 7.—Dennis E. Batt clearly indicated why he is not in the Communist movement in America in an address delivered before the Detroit Labor Forum Sunday, Jan. 3. In dealing with the question of the B. and O. plan Batt said that the only criticism he had to make of the plan was that the workers had not received a raise in wages as promised. He stated that the good point of the plan was that it taught the workers how to run industry. To bolster his position Batt related the difficulties the Russian workers were having in 1921 in reorganizing the crippled industry of Russia.

Batt understands perfectly well the working classes of all countries must make themselves political masters of the country before they approach the question of industrial management as the workers in Russia did, but he chooses to ignore this logical revolutionary sequence which he perfectly understands because he wishes to find something good in the B. and O. plan which is sponsored by "B. and O. Bill," his International President.

Peculiar Logic.  
That a class collaboration program leads to a preparation of the workers for revolution and the problems of management following from it is as unique as many other positions "Comrade Batt" has developed during his pilgrimage from the Communist to the republican party.

Batt admitted that the workers of Russia had solved the problems of management, but failed to indicate that they have not the assistance of any B. and O. plans such as he prescribes for American workers. Batt lined up with Green in condemning the sending of a delegation of workers' representatives to investigate conditions in Russia on the ground that it prejudiced the chances of Green's A. F. of L. standing here.

Obeys Republican Discipline.

In answering a question regarding the recognition of Russia, Batt expressed a personal and an official position which were flatly contradictory indicating that he is much more amenable to discipline by the reactionary machine of the A. F. of L. than he ever was in a revolutionary party. Batt is proving that the estimate of his revolutionary phrases long held by the Communist leaders of America was and is correct. Batt's political instability condemns him to be what he described himself as, at the forum, "One of the little guys in the labor movement."

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## THE THIRD PRIZE. ROTTEN GRAND STANDS PUT UP BY PROFITEERS BRINGS TRAGEDY THIS NEW YEAR TO MANY IN PASADENA

By a Worker Correspondent.

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 7.—An instance of how fortunes originate in a capitalist society is strikingly illustrated by a gruesome accident which happened on New Year's day at Pasadena, Cal. On this day Pasadena holds its annual celebration of the tournament of roses. Thousands of people flock to Pasadena to view this parade. It is a day of recreation looked forward to by all.

A Parade of Ambulances.  
The parade started at 11:30 in the morning. About 12 o'clock a crash was heard and down went one of the several grandstands burying the people under the debris. Immediately the streets were crowded with ambulances. Within several hours the hospitals were filled. Two died from the shock. Thus the tournament of roses came to a tragic end.

On investigation, the writer learned that the owner of the grandstand, a certain Mr. Mahoney, living at South Pasadena, was the owner of several of those stands. The year previous the profits obtained by him from the collections on those grandstands enabled him to make a trip around the world. He is the owner of several buildings and no doubt draws a comfortable income from the rents. But what should prevent him from making a yearly haul with rotten lumber during the yearly festival? It is alright under capitalism.

Communists and I. W. W.'s must rot in the penitentiaries on frame-up charges of being "dangerous to life and property." Anita Whitney is facing a 14-year sentence for no other reason than that of having raised her voice in protest against graft and injustice. But capitalism goes on and the making of profits is given legal protection.

## I AM NOT WANTED!

By a Worker Correspondent.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—It was a foggy and damp Pittsburgh morning. The first rain of the new year baptized the unsheltered unemployed who were walking toward the employment office of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company.

I was one of this army of misery, which at 8 o'clock in the morning was already waiting in line in front of the building. At ten my turn came for filling out an application blank. Among the innumerable whys . . . and whens . . . which had to be answered, I missed two questions and I couldn't help wondering why they were not down there. One is, "Why was I born?" And the other, "When would I die?"

After filling out the notorious questionnaire, I was led to the third floor of the building which resembles more a capitalist court than an employment office. Mr. "Judge" was there, spread out in his comfortable chair. It is my turn to sit in the "defendant's chair" for cross-examination. So I sat down and handed him my application card. After glancing at the card "his honor" asked:

"Your name J. . . . ?"

"Yes sir."

"Worked here before?"

"Yes sir. At Department A-16."

After a moment's search he pulled out my record card from the files. He read it and threw me a mean look. Then in a loud voice he commanded me:

"YOU GET OUT OF HERE. YOU ARE NOT WANTED HERE, UNDERSTAND? GET OUT AND STAY OUT?"

"Why? What is the matter?" I asked in a surprised tone.

"You're a trouble maker. Go on . . . Get out!"

Eleven o'clock and I was out again, travelling back along the same road I had started from at 8 o'clock that morning. The rain was still pouring. Pittsburgh was still foggy, and smoky, and I was still jobless.

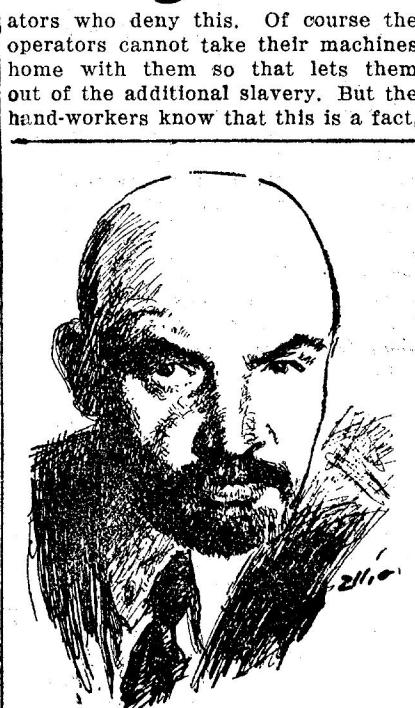
My "crime" was unforgivable. I had urged the 40 to 50 cents per hour slaves of Morgan-Westinghouse to organize and better their conditions. I have lost the right to earn a living because we workers still tolerate the capitalist system.

## DAILY WORKER ARTICLE FORCES MESSINGERS TO OUST MANAGER

By RUFUS P. HEATH, Worker Correspondent.

C. B. Emery, manager of the new Messenger lunch room at No. 3 West Grand Ave., who was exposed in an article in The DAILY WORKER by the writer on Dec. 21, has been discharged from the service of the company for being incompetent and for mistreating the employees.

The DAILY WORKER article exposing Emery's mistreatment of workers, showing up his discriminations and his forcing them to eat their meals in the basement, brought about so much indignation and complaints from the men that the company was forced to take a stand in the matter, and on the third of January Emery lost his job.



## Lenin Says:

"It is a complete misapprehension to suppose that precisely the literates and almost exclusively the literates (in the professional sense of the word) are capable of successful work upon a newspaper. The reverse is the case; the newspaper does not awaken to real life or capacity for continued life until 500 or 5,000 non-literates add their contributions to the work of five leading and permanently active literates."

Lenin: "How Are Our Newspapers to Be Made Into Real Organs of the Labor Movement?"

ators who deny this. Of course the operators cannot take their machines home with them so that lets them out of the additional slavery. But the hand-workers know that this is a fact, not only during the season, but even now, tho the season has not yet started, it is evident.

Between seasons the manufacturers design complicated new styles to send

on the road with their salesmen to beat competition. The hand-worker works hard all day to accomplish the desired result. But because of the unusual requirements very little is achieved during the day and so the boss as a matter of course packs up a bundle of homework for them. Those who want proof of this can see it on the corner of Wabash and Madison.

Working Overtime.  
Some girls console themselves with such reasoning: "Why during the season in the clothing industry the workers also work long hours and sometimes on Sundays too." That is true. But it is also true that because these workers are organized they are paid time and a half for overtime.

The millinery season is short. The operators belonging to the union make their year's expenses during the season. How much do the unorganized hand-workers make? I challenge those who are opposed to the union to answer.

Some workers think because they are complimented by the bosses for their skill, they are favorites and they do not need the protection of a union. Those workers forget that there can be no friendship between the spider and the fly. As long as the boss gets cheap labor he will be polite. That's one of his tactics for underpaying his workers.

While we spend the day and part of the night in toil, the boss plans how the more to economize on our labor and how to prevent us from getting together. The manufacturers are organized. They come together to discuss way and means to keep us from each other.

Let those who oppose organization analyze the situation carefully and not try to console themselves with making excuses for the bosses. The employers have their organization and we must strive to build ours.



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## The Liebknecht Anniversary

Seven years have passed since the murders of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg by the soldiers and police of the social-democratic boodhound, Gustave Noske, one of the monstrous triumvirate that included Fritz Ebert and Philipp Scheidemann.

Karl Liebknecht who, in the summer of 1917, was acclaimed by Lenin as "the foremost leader of the proletarian revolution," fought against the monstrous betrayals of the social democrats from the outbreak of the world slaughter until the day he and Rosa were foully murdered in the streets of Berlin. The records of their revolutionary activity are known to informed workers throughout the world and need no recounting here.

But what of those guilty of the murder of Liebknecht and Luxemburg after seven years? If ever a crime demanded vengeance to the limit it was the wanton murder of these two leaders of the proletariat. Ebert, one of the foul triumvirate, died in bed, a traitor to labor and servant of capitalism to the last. Scheidemann and Noske still infest the earth, eminent members of the social-democracy which in Germany is today trying to fasten upon the German proletariat the imperialist fetters forged at Locarno. The bourgeoisie in Germany is too weakened to support the socialist renegades in their customary affluence, so the party that murdered the flower of the proletarian revolution in Germany lends itself to the schemes of the British foreign minister, Austen Chamberlain, in his efforts to form an alliance of European nations against the Soviet Union. Just as these social-democratic bandits and prostitutes slaughtered the leaders of the workers in their own country so they now strive to aid the tory government of Britain in a drive against the outpost of the world revolution.

But in this attempt against Russia they will fail, for two reasons. In the first place the European powers, if they dare attack Russia, will find that in their own countries are tremendous reserve forces of the proletarian revolution that will strike and strike hard against a government at war with the Soviet Union. Secondly, the German workers, steeled in the fierce fire of revolutionary upheavals since 1919, when Liebknecht and Luxemburg perished, will rise and destroy capitalism in Germany. In order to destroy capitalism they will march over the wreckage of the social-democratic party, the leaders of which are the last bulwark of capitalism.

The proletarian revolution in Germany and its extension to the rest of the world will be the monument to the lives of Liebknecht and Luxemburg.

## The Hungarian Counterfeiters

The Horthy government of Hungary, which came into power by wading thru the blood of the working class, and which is so influential at Washington that it dictates to Secretary of State Kellogg the exclusion from the United States of people antagonistic to the white terror, has proved itself an ingrate to France. The Horthy government is supported directly by French and American capital, and at a time when the French franc is already hitting the toboggan and threatening to wreck the currency of the French republic, the Horthy government throws upon the market some thirty million 1,000-franc notes.

The expose of this affair by agents of the French government has already resulted in the imprisonment of many members of the Hungarian nobility, and certain army officials and, as is usually the case, the men of god—the clergy—also had a dirty hand in the affair.

There can be no doubt that Horthy is directly implicated. Something more difficult is the question of fixing the motive. Since it is known that the United States is interested in the fall of the franc to a point where a Dawes plan can be imposed upon France, and since counterfeit currency in circulation will further deplete the franc, it might be well to investigate the possible role of the United States in this affair. If such is the case the affair will, like the British spy scandal in Paris, be hushed up, and Horthy will be advised to use less crude methods henceforth.

## Armour's Company Union

Not so long ago when employers wanted to reduce wages or lengthen hours they simply announced the thing to the workers. Such crude and obviously arbitrary decisions often caused ill feeling, resulting in labor disturbances. But of late the exploiters of labor have discovered that it is much better to create the illusion in the minds of workers that they themselves, as partners in the industries, reduce their own wages or lengthen hours.

The packing house trust in Chicago maintains company unions or "conference boards" for this purpose. When the management wants to increase hours, say from 54 to 60 as in the case of Armour & Co., they simply call the conference board into session, and there the "representatives" of the workers agree with the bosses to increase the hours of labor from 54 to 60. Of course, they do not say they will increase hours of labor; they only decide to pay time and a half overtime after 60 hours, which means that the workers slave for 60 hours at straight hourly wages and if they work more than 60 hours they get a bonus for their overtime. In practice it means the 60-hour week, tho it is not yet called by that name.

The only adequate reply to the fake unions controlled by the bosses is organization of the workers into class unions of their own, independent of and against the bosses.

## New York Daily Worker Celebration

Communists and sympathizers of New York City are to stage a birthday celebration for THE DAILY WORKER at the Yorkville Casino next Sunday (January 10) that will be an innovation in affairs of this sort.

That no stone has been left unturned to make it a success is evidenced by the splendid array of talent, including some of the foremost artists of the world, obtained for the occasion.

Thousands of workers will take advantage of this celebration to reaffirm their allegiance to the one daily labor paper in the English language that at all times fights for the interests of the rank and file of the working class. This is the first of a series of such celebrations that will be held thruout the country during the coming week.

# An Estimate of the International Situation

By Gregory Zinoviev

A YEAR ago, the international organization of the proletariat, the Communist International coined the formula, which has since gained great popularity, of "stabilization," the partial stabilization of capitalism.

Was this diagnosis correct? Is it true that international capitalism is really passing thru a period of partial stabilization? Yes, the diagnosis was undoubtedly correct. It implies that international capital has gained time, that it has been given longer grace than we originally expected, for organizing its resistance to the proletarian revolution. Now, however, it is evident that only they, not only the capitalists, but we also have gained time. The first victorious revolution in our union has also gained time. Side by side with the partial economic strengthening of the capitalist countries, an irresistible steadily growing process of real, healthy stabilization, of real strengthening of our national economy has been going on for the last few years—as not only our friends but our enemies also bear witness.

FOR the first proletarian revolution the question of gaining time until the day comes when the troops of workers from other countries hasten to our aid, is of immense importance. Our whole policy during the past years of the revolution was chiefly dictated by our endeavors to gain time. Of course we must not gain time by the method of waiting with our hands folded in our laps to see what may happen, but we must gain time by making the best use of every moment in the interest of social reconstruction.

We said that capitalism is at present passing thru a period of partial stabilization. There is still a regular confusion as to this question. Stabilization, strengthening, but in comparison with what period? If we compare the condition of capitalist economies now and at the time of the end of the war, at the time of the treaty of Versailles, in the years 1920-1921, at the moment of the greatest collapse, of the greatest crisis of capitalism, then we can say: "Yes, Eu-

ropean capitalism seems to be working its way out of this state of collapse."

The Conference of Locarno and its Significance.

THE treaty of Locarno is of very serious significance. As a matter of fact, at Locarno not one treaty, but a whole number of treaties were signed. The chief treaty was concluded between Germany, Poland, France, England and Italy. Apart from this, a number of so-called arbitration treaties were concluded at Locarno between the separate countries, between Germany and Belgium, between Germany and Czechoslovakia, between France and Poland and between France and Czechoslovakia. The matter however is by no means exhausted by Locarno. It is intended to call two more conferences: a special economic conference and a conference which is to concern itself with European disarmament, a question which is closely connected with the Locarno treaties.

During the last few years, we have grown accustomed to the innumerable international conferences which have always developed into a simple diplomatic tug-of-war, and have ceased to attribute any great significance to them. It would however be a mistake to conclude that the conference of Locarno has no serious significance. This is not the case. The conference of Locarno represents the first serious attempt since the treaty of Versailles to bring about an alliance of the bourgeois world against us, against the Soviet Union. The significance of the Locarno agreement is not yet quite cleared up because there are no doubt a number of secret treaties which were concluded in Locarno and are, up to now, unpublished, in addition to the published documents. For this reason, even within international Communism, no clearly crystallized point of view has yet been formed on all questions of detail with regard to the meaning of the conference of Locarno.

THERE can be no doubt that America was behind the affair of Locarno. As is well known, America

## ZINOVIEV WRITES ABOUT SITUATION FACING THE WORLD



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herself is not a member of the league of nations. She did not take part in the last European conferences for she regarded it as beneath her dignity to do so. She considers it sufficient to send a simple "observer" to these conferences as well as to the league of nations, who sits behind the scenes and pulls the European great powers on wires like marionettes. America did not behave differently even with regard to Locarno—of that there can be no doubt.

The second fact about which there can be no doubt is that the Soviet Union was the target at which the conference of Locarno was aimed; that this conference was a more or less successful attempt on the part of England, relying on America's backing, to organize the most important European states against us, against the Soviet Union.

## Bonus System Helps the Packers

(Continued from page 1.)

off the head so that it hangs from the hog by a slender piece of skin. This is not easy work. The headsmen must find the joint in the back of the neck and break it with his knife. He has to do this from 300 to 400 times per hour for five hours at one time with only 15 minutes for relief in the forenoon. This is considered one of the highly skilled jobs on the floor and for this work they average 63 cents per hour. For the minimum week of 40 hours they earn \$25.20. The company paid out to the four headers \$100.80.

Company Saves Dollars.

Since the bonus was put in two of the headers have been eliminated. Two headers now have to cut the heads of 600 to 800 hogs per hour. These two headers get 63 cents per hour. Their wages are still \$25.20 for the minimum week. The company pays these men a bonus which averages about \$6 per week. In other words each headsmen gets \$31.20 per week. The company pays out a total of \$62.40 for the two headsmen where before it paid \$100.80 to the four.

Under the bonus system while the company gives each worker a measly \$6 bonus, which is quite high as compared to the other workers who get anywhere from 25 cents to \$1.75 per week, the company saves a sum of \$19.50 on each man or \$38.40 on both. So you see, packing-house worker, while you grow thin the company waxes fat.

Snatchers Speed-Up.

Let us now consider the snatchers. Here the company had four men at one time. The snatchers must take out the intestines of the hog. They must hold the intestines with one hand (and these intestines weigh from 60 to 90 pounds) and with the other cut them out of the hog. They must then throw the intestines onto a table where a government inspector examines them. This work must be done quickly. There is always a great danger that the men will cut their hands. Now instead of four men handling the hogs that come down the chain there are only two. The wages here are 53 cents per hour. For their minimum week they receive \$20.20. The total amount paid to the four was \$80.80. Now there are but two men doing that same work. Each man still gets the \$20.20 minimum plus an average bonus of \$3 to \$4. In this way what cost the company formerly \$80.80 now costs the company but \$48.40. The company saves \$32.40 while you, snatchers, only get \$4 apiece more at the most from the company. Whom does the bonus system benefit?

Who Wins, Packing-House Worker?

In every operation, at every job we find that the same thing happens. Men eliminated—put out of work. The company pocketing \$10 to \$20 each and every week while the men on the floor are getting a measly sum for "breaking their necks." It is called an "incentive" plan. There is an "incentive" in putting this plan across, packing-house worker. But it is not for you. It is for the boss. His "incentive" is to make you work harder—at a lower wage. He wants longer hours. You want more wages—

shorter hours—and you want to work so that after a day's work you can enjoy life and not be so "damned tired" to even enjoy what supper awaits you when you get home.

Bulldoze Workers.

When the headsmen and the snatchers and the other workers in the hog killing department complain that they cannot handle the hogs and that the pace is too fast and ask for help the boss tells them in a sarcastic manner: "Sure we'll give you help. If we put someone else on the job besides you, you lose the bonus." And the sorrowful part of it all is that the worker lets himself be bulldozed and cowed by these sarcastic slurs and threats of the boss.

Packing-house worker, in the last issue of the Armour Oval, they published a picture of the man who introduced this system in the yards with the able assistance of the conference board. In the article that accompanies the picture it states that the bosses are planning to extend the system to all of the departments. They are planning to do the same to all departments in the "yards" as they have done on the killing floors and some of the other departments.

In yesterday's article on the conference board, it was pointed out that the workers on the West Side loading dock had lost their bonuses. It was pointed out that this matter was taken up before the beef divisional committee of the conference board and that they referred the matter to the industrial survey department for "adjustment"—after the bosses had pointed out that there were more workers on that loading dock than are usually employed. What do they mean by "adjustment"? This term is a polite expression that they mean to fire someone. It may be you, who are reading this article. It may be your best friend. It may be your nearest relative.

Use Bonus as Club.

That is the way the bonus system works. First they fire Jake and have John and George do the work. They give the two that are left a bonus—a bribe—to do the work and to keep Jake out of that job and on the street. Every time that they ask for better conditions the boss points to Jake, who is out on the streets and wants a job. "If you don't want to work here, say so and I'll get someone else. There's Jake waiting for his job."

Later John is let go and George then does the work for the three men. He gets a little higher bonus at first and later that is cut down. The worker gets a measly sum—but remember the company gets the big money. They save dollars where you get pennies. And when you ask for an increase in wages or even in the "hush" money they pay in the form of a bonus the boss points to the employment office and shows you that Jake and John are waiting for the job.

Refuse "Hush" Money.

Packing-house worker, are you going to let beautiful phrases lull you to sleep? Are you going to let the boss threaten you every time you want better conditions? The bonus system is the bosses' system. If you cannot make your ends meet with the low wages you are getting, your job is to organize and demand more!

our job is to make the boss come across with more money in real wages and not in "hush" money. Get wise to yourself before it gets too late.

Expose Profit Sharing Scheme.

In tomorrow's DAILY WORKER there will be a special article dealing with why the company you work for wants you to buy shares—to buy stock—in its company. THE DAILY WORKER will expose the drive that is now being carried on in the "yards" to get the workers to buy the company "paper" and what the real purpose of the sale of that stock is. Get a copy of the paper tomorrow.

## Edison Strike Settling Down to Long Drawn Out Fight

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before the strike was called, lives at 1136 Claremont avenue, Oak Park. Let all the union men in his neighborhood know the Judas among them and treat him accordingly.

"White Rats."

"Silent Cal" Bushman, the foreman, is serving his masters so well that he is said to be wearing overalls for the first time in many years. In spite of his great efforts the scabs are not able to turn out the work and the production is still at a standstill.

Bushman's lickspittle, Barney Mitchell, alias Michalsky the straw-boss, who is also known as "Barney the Sloop," is another one of those half-men who for a long time was talking about unionism but betrayed the cause when action was taken. Barney lives at 3032 S. Keeler avenue for the information of the union men in his neighborhood.

Bill Krause is the fourth Judas who was spineless when action was taken and stayed on the job to become straw-boss. He lives at 1325 S. 48th court.

In spite of these few betrayals and in spite of the police intimidation the ranks of the strikers remain unbroken. The unions conducting the strike are preparing for a long fight against this notorious open shop subsidiary of the General Electric company.

Success in this struggle will pave the way for the organization of all the workers in the electrical industry. The conditions of the workers in this important industry are deplorable and the wages paid in most cases are miserable, but organization is difficult due to the spy system maintained by the companies. However with a real systematic organization campaign by the unions in the metal industry there is no doubt that this industry can be organized and forced to pay a living wage.

Open New Training Camp.

Brig. Gen. Michael J. Lenihan announces that the Citizen's Military Training Corps members of the Chicago sector will be trained at Fort Sheridan in the future instead of at Fort Custer. As there will be two corps during the summer all members of the corps will be sent to the place nearest where they live to be prepared for any future imperialist aggressions in behalf of the American capitalists.

## Lewis Proposes Arbitration Plan

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to name two each. In case that this board of five could not agree, the disputed point is to be referred to one man, an arbitrator, to be selected by members of the board.

Can They Strike?

What is not disclosed in the reports leaking out of the secret session is the almost certain provision that there shall be no strikes while the interminable red tape of arbitration is being unwound, and the pledge of the union to accept the dictate of the one man, the arbitrator, as final judgement without strike. Naturally, the unpleasant angles of the plan are glossed over by those who are giving the news of the conference. Both sides must have an apparent "victory" to show to their side.

One of the "victories" of the union will be, it is rumored, an increase of five per cent in wages. That this pitiable sum should be granted is merely an indication that the operators wish to give Lewis the charity of having a few crumbs to exhibit as a result of his strike policy. But the Progressive Miners' Committee, which insisted at the tri-district convention upon a twenty per cent raise, but was de-

feated when the Lewis-Cappellini machine asked for only a ten per cent increase, are bitterly opposed to the five per cent being considered any increase at all.

A Surrender.

In view of the fact that the Lewis machine has practically betrayed the miners to arbitration and to the mercy of the bosses, the five per cent increase is sure to be more than won back by the bosses speeding up the miners and generally taking more out of them than before. The progressives claim it is a surrender and not a victory.

The other element yet in doubt is the length of the contract period. Since Lewis has already offered to sign a contract for as long as five years, it is thought that the new pact will run for that long at least, maybe longer if the operators press Lewis for a longer term, if they think it to the operators' interest.

There is no report of what the settlement may give in the line of a check-off, but if the operators get the surrender reported, they may agree to the check-off, which is not an unmixed blessing for the miners who actually dig coal but who do not draw fat salaries as does Lewis.

## Judge Declares Moritz Loeb Is Guilty in Indiana

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syndicalist law that Loeb, in his speech on May Day, 1923, at Gary, had said "We must fight for our rights and overthrow the government by force and violence." The four witnesses who had obviously memorized their testimony were A. G. Perry, editor of the East Chicago News; Tom Cannon, reporter for the Gary Post-Tribune; and Earl Kidwell and Wm. Bolen, both police officers of Gary.

Judge Protects Witnesses.

When the attorney for the defendant endeavored to impeach the testimony of the witnesses by endeavoring to present their statements made shortly after the arrest, the judge prevented it by sustaining objections by the prosecution.

He sustained most of the prosecutions contentions and overruled all the objections of the defendant. The witnesses for the defense tried to testified to what Loeb had actually said but were forced to confine their testimony as to whether or not he did say the words charged to him by the prosecution. The judge remarked so that the jury could hear it that the testimony of the defense witnesses, two girls, didn't mean anything because the fact that they could not remember the defendant saying the words charged to him does not mean that he did not say them.

Jurors Motley Crew.

The jury was a peculiar aggregation composed of 7 farmers, 1 steel worker, 2 clerks, one auto accessory dealer and one salesman. The defense had three challenges and used one on a prospective juror 32 years of age who was deaf. A worse one was selected in his

place, so the defense decided to let the jury remain as it was.

An atmosphere of prejudice and intimidation permeated the court room. The stenographer who had taken the original testimony of the witnesses for the prosecution had agreed to tell the facts and was asked to testify for the defense, but evidently she had been visited by the prosecution's agents and her changed attitude caused the defense to decline to place her on the stand.

Judge Decides Case.

When the case had been concluded the judge decided to take it out of the hands of the jury and render a verdict of guilty. The result was that he fined Comrade Loeb \$100 and costs, which can either be paid or new bonds set and the case appealed to a higher court.

## Packing House Bosses Threaten Workers Who Read Daily Worker

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lice seem to think that they can threaten and bulldoze workers not only in the "yards" but also out on the public streets of Chicago. A number of the stoolpigeons were also near the gates to see to it that THE DAILY WORKER distributors did not trespass upon company property.

Volunteers Needed.

More volunteers are needed for this work and all comrades and workers who can spare the time are asked to co-operate by calling up THE DAILY WORKER and leaving their names, telephone numbers and dates that they will be able to aid in this work.

Watch the Saturday Magazine Section for new features every week. This is a good issue to give to your fellow worker.