

MELLON ALUMINUM TRUST PLAYED IN SENATE DEPARTMENT TRIES TO MONOPOLY

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Mellon's aluminum trust is again under fire from a new coalition of democrats and republican insurgents. What is considered the first gun in the coming congressional campaign was fired by the Morgan senator, Thomas D. Walsh of Montana.

In a verbal skirmish on the floor of the senate the democratic forces, led by Walsh, who directed the naval reserve oil scandal in which Denby, Fall, young Roosevelt and others were proved to have indulged in speculations for the benefit of the oil magnates, Doheney and Sinclair, the secretary of the treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, was accused of violating the anti-trust law. The Coolidge administration was arraigned for condoning this violation.

Walsh showed that the Aluminum company is owned by the secretary of the treasury and his brother, R. B. Mellon, and that it is a monopoly which defies the law without any fear of consequences because Mellon is a member of the Coolidge cabinet and Attorney General Sargent uses the department of justice in order to conceal the crookedness of Mellon instead of prosecuting the concern.

Violation Charged.

The senate judiciary committee has already indicated that a majority of its members are convinced that such violation of law is taking place, and that the aluminum company has grossly violated the law prohibiting monopolistic practices.

The vulnerable Coolidge senator, Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, one of the stalwarts up for re-election this year has thrown caution to the winds and submitted a minority report in which he holds that the senate has no right to interfere with the business of the department of justice.

Meanwhile, the regular republican caucus has moved to stop investigations, because the crimes of Mellon are so flagrant that they will never stand investigation and Mellon is the real leader of the Coolidge administration. To eliminate him is to cripple the confused puritan in the White House.

D. J. Whitewashes Mess.

As the democrats prepare to carry the fight into the campaign in order to have an issue to hold office against the identical bloc that they lined up with in the infamous world court conspiracy, the department of justice, under Attorney General Sargent, follows the footsteps of Harry M. Daugherty and endeavors to whitewash the grafters by issuing a statement that

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JUDGE REVOKES CITIZENSHIP OF I. W. W. LEADER

Decision Will Help in Deporting Radicals

(Special to The Daily Worker)

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 19.—Federal Judge J. Stanley Webster has entered a decree revoking the citizenship of James Rowan, long a prominent I. W. W. leader, on the grounds that he is not desirable as a citizen. This decision sets a precedent in the disposition of sabotage cases. It will enable federal judges to cause the deportation of workers convicted under syndicalism laws the naturalized years previously. All the government attorneys has to do is to prove to the judge's satisfaction that the convicted worker's idea of government is anti-capitalist.

Suit to deprive Rowan of his naturalization right has been pending in the federal court of this district ever since his release from Leavenworth penitentiary in 1923. He was originally convicted, along with Haywood and other prominent leaders of the I. W. W., in 1917 in the famous "Chicago Case." He was pardoned by President Harding after serving five years of a sentence of 20 years. Rowan was active here during the world war as a labor agitator. During that time he served as secretary of the I. W. W. local No. 500.

Detrimental to Government.

In asking for the revocation of his citizenship, United States District Attorney Garvin charges that since coming to this country as a young man Rowan had "continually conducted and allied himself with factions and institutions detrimental to the United States government. As under a capitalist dictatorship like that which rules this country today any attempt to strengthen the workers as a class is detrimental to the interests of the ruling class, this decision gives the government a new weapon in its fight to suppress all revolutionary labor activity.

Garvin will now place the case before Secretary of Labor Davis, who has his final disposition. Rowan is staying in Portland.

INDIANA MINE MARCH A HOAX, STATE MINERS

Despatch Police to Stop Union Organization

(Special to The Daily Worker)

HERRIN, Ill., Feb. 19.—Denial that union miners from here had gone to Evansville, Indiana, where trouble recently arose in the non-union fields was made here today by Fox Hughes, president of sub-district Number 10. A close check of all miners today showed the Evansville report erroneous.

Where The State Power Comes In.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 19.—Extra police and deputies were hastily dispatched to mines around Evansville to reinforce guards already on duty when reports were received here this morning that a caravan of Herrin, Illinois union miners, was advancing on this city.

The reports were denied by local police and the sheriff's office after they investigated the rumor that the invading miners had crossed the Wabash River at Mt. Carmel early this morning. John H. Pouch, Mt. Carmel police chief, said no miners had crossed the river there.

Police Deny Report of March.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Feb. 19.—Reports that union miners from the Herrin Ill., district were headed for the crossing of the Wabash river near here and marching upon the non-union mines near Evansville were denied at police headquarters today. The local ferryman who was said to have been hired to take the miners across the river said that no one had crossed, nor had he heard of any plan for a large number to do so. The police were indulging in none but routine activities, despite reports that a request had been made that the ferry crossing be guarded and the miners turned back.

Medieval Catholic Order Protests the Closing of Schools

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The knights of Columbus of this city have decided to protest publicly against the action of the Mexican government in closing up religious establishments presided over by foreign-born ecclesiastics and in expelling a number from the country. The decision followed on a report by Archbishop Curley of Baltimore who defended the right of priests to criticize the Mexican government and Mexican law.

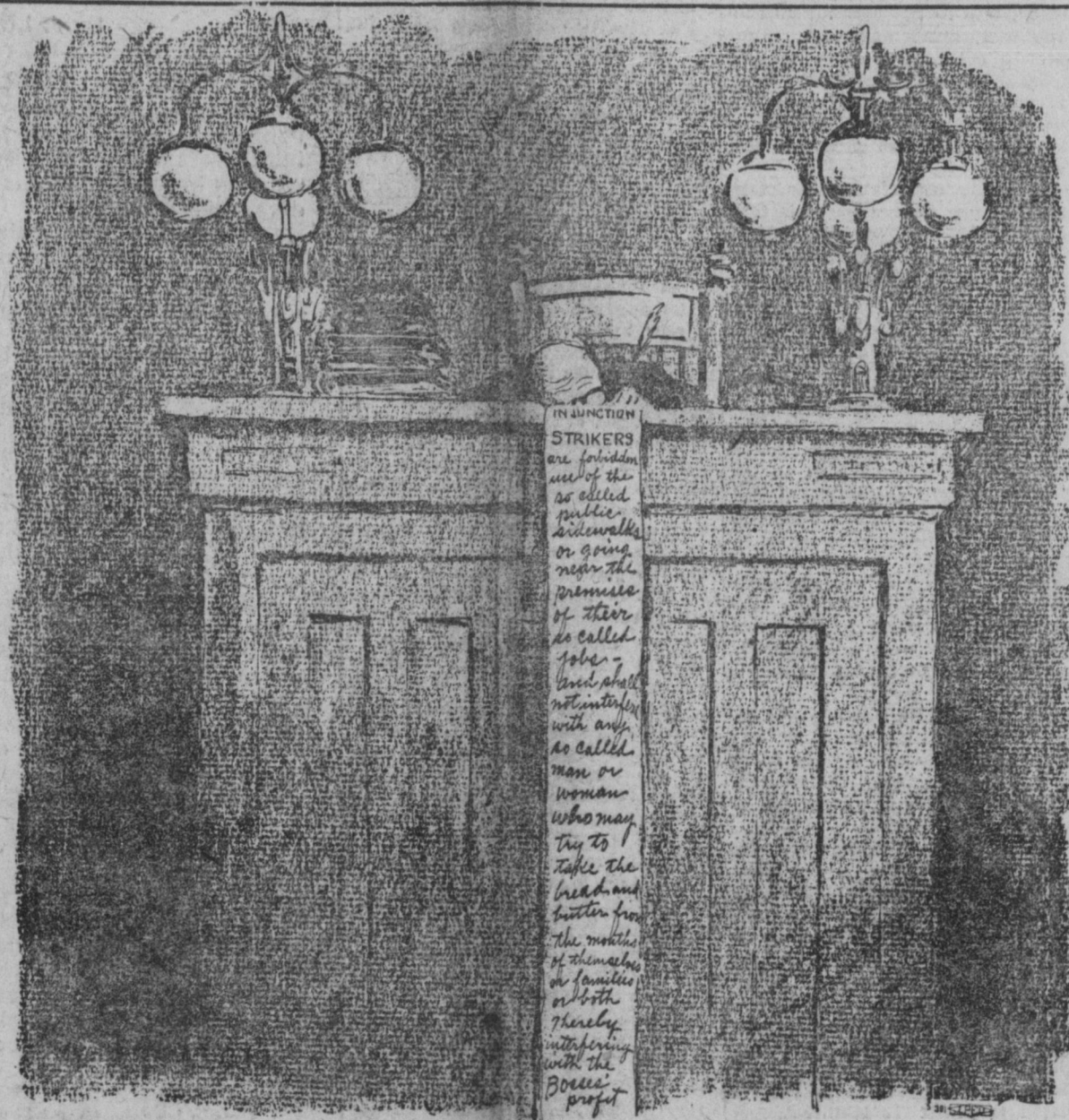
Close Catholic Colleges.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 19.—The catholic institutions at Puebla have been closed by the authorities and four Catholic colleges in the state of Guadalupe have been closed by the authorities. Governor Jara of Vera Cruz has ordered all cities in that state to enforce the federal constitutional provision excluding alien priests and forbidding catholic educational institutions. The closing of the catholic college of Teresiana, at Mixcoac, in the federal district, brot on a riot which, however, was quelled without casualties.

Japs Build Monster Plane.

KOBE, Japan, Feb. 19.—What is declared to be the largest bombing plane in the world is under construction at the Kawasaki works here. It is claimed that the wings of the machine are ninety feet long, and the body sixty feet long.

THE SO-CALLED MAJESTY OF THE LAW



The Way to Smash Strike Injunctions is not to Argue About them in Court but to Break them by Picketing in Open Defiance of the Slimy Injunction Judges.

BIMBA TRIAL TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 24

Campaign Against Reds Being Organized

(Special to The Daily Worker)

BROCKTON, Mass., Feb. 19.—The trial of Anthony Bimba, editor of the Lithuanian paper Laisve (Freedom), charged with blasphemy under a law passed in 1697, has been set for Feb. 24.

The text of the blasphemy law is as follows:

State of 1697 Under Which Bimba Will be Prosecuted

"Whoever wilfully blasphemeth the holy name of God by denying, cursing or contemptuously reproaching God, His creation, government or final judging of the world, or by cursing or contemptuously reproaching Jesus Christ or the Holy Ghost, or by cursing or contemptuously reproaching or exposing to contempt and ridicule the holy word of God, contained in the Holy Scriptures, shall be punished by imprisonment in jail for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than \$300 and may also be bound to good behavior."

The charge against Bimba on the basis of this law is simply another attack on the workers. Under cover of this stupid Puritan "Blue Law" there is being conducted a campaign against the Lithuanian workers' organizations.

Anti-Red Campaign.

In Hudson, Mass., the local business men thru their selectmen have taken up this campaign and have expressed their determination to "drive out the reds." Dr. Glazier, chairman of the selectmen, has instructed the police to seize any leaders of the "red faction" or "undesirables" and take steps to effect their deportation.

The leader of this campaign against those workers who are not willing to meekly accept the dictation of the local capitalists is the Rev. John Mulen, pastor of a catholic church. He is using the burial of a Lithuanian woman "without benefit of clergy" to arouse sentiment against all progressive and Communist workers.

Under the pretense of opposing "blasphemy" the bosses and the hangers-on are working up a campaign against the thousands of Lithuanian and other foreign-born workers in the shoe-factories of this state. While it is true that most stress has been laid on the blasphemy charge against Bimba, it must not be forgotten that there is also a charge of sedition hanging over him. While he will be officially tried on the former he will be really on trial for the latter. His

AMERICAN FLEET HOLDS MANEUVERS IN EASTERN WATERS; WHO IS ENEMY?

MANILA, Feb. 19.—At the conclusion of the Asiatic fleet maneuvers, in which the fleet engaged a mock enemy who was attempting to land forces on the islands, it was decided by the judges that the imaginary foe had been successfully repelled. The battle plans, it was announced here today, were by far the most comprehensive ever used in the Far East in sham battles.

WORKERS SHOW UP CONGRESSMAN AS REAL LOAFER

Representative Dodges Congress Sessions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(FP)—Representative Davey of Ohio, who startled the federal employes here last week when he made the statement that there were 100,000 superfluous workers in the federal service and that they are only loafers, was absent at 528 of 1,036 roll calls in the time he has served in the house. Out of eleven meetings held by the committee on foreign affairs of which he is a member, Davey attended just one.

Prince Carol in Austria.

VIENNA, Feb. 19.—Prince Carol of Roumania, who was forced to relinquish his rights to the Roumanian throne by the Brantiano brothers, intends to take up a permanent residence near Vienna, it was reported here. The prince, it is stated, has arranged to occupy the country home of Katharina Schrit, the actress and friend of the late Emperor Franz Joseph.

Malone To Aid Defense

BROCKTON, Mass., Feb. 19.—Dudley Field Malone, New York lawyer who was connected with the Scopes defense, will aid in the defense of Anthony Bimba charged with blasphemy under a 200-year old law.

On Feb. 23, the night before the trial opens, a mass meeting will be held here at which both Bimba and Malone will speak. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Brockton branch of the International Labor Defense.

Harry Hoffman, attorney for the defense, has entered a motion for a bill of particulars in the case. He wants to get the specific nature of the words that Bimba is charged with using. Prosecutor Rubin is opposing the motion. Arguments for the motion will be heard soon in the local court.

BRIAND FACES NEW DANGER OF CABINET FALL

"Hero of Locarno" Is on the Run

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PARIS, France, Feb. 19.—Defeated repeatedly and thwarted constantly in all efforts to obtain funds with which to endeavor to balance the badly sagging French budget, the government of Premier Briand still exists today for the simple reason that the economic condition of France is so bad that all parties in the chamber of deputies, with the exception of the Communists, fear a change in cabinet. They are afraid a political crisis would only sharpen the general crisis and all defenders of things as they are fear the consequences. So, in spite of their aversion to Briand, the members of the chamber gave him a vote of confidence today, but only after Briand had indulged in threats during an all-night session to appeal to the senate if the chamber did not sustain him.

The vote was asked after the decisive defeat of the government sales tax measure which had been counted upon to yield 2,500,000,000 francs needed urgently by the treasury.

May Soon Fall.

Opinion was widespread in political circles today that after the drubbing Briand received in the chamber he cannot fail to resign if that body turns down the government's financial project as a whole.

All the eloquence for which the "hero of Locarno" is famous was exhausted in making appeals to which the chamber turned an indifferent ear.

Resurrects Senate.

A salient factor was the threat of the premier that he would desert the chamber if it refused to come to his assistance and appeal to the senate. He reminded the deputies that France after all was governed by a senate as well as a chamber.

Considerable importance was attached to this threat in political circles for all observers are agreed that Briand has his back to the wall and is in no mood for failure after the intense battle he has been making to push thru measures which will gain for France some economic equilibrium.

Duluth Carpenters Demand Wage Increase

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 19.—Local No. 361, Carpenters' Union voted to raise the scale of wages from \$7 1/2c. to \$1.00 an hour. Others in the building crafts should follow suit.

NEW YORK GARMENT WORKERS WILL DEFY INJUNCTION WEAPON BY A STRIKE AGAINST MANUFACTURERS

By J. LOUIS ENGDALH, (Special to The Daily Worker)

WEBSTER HALL, NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 19.—In this auditorium with thunder cheers, the great majority of the 1,200 union members at a shop chairmen's meeting by unanimous vote invoked the strike as their reply to the vicious injunction weapon being sought by the Association of Dress Manufacturers in the courts.

Coming direct from the shops of the association members, expressing the sentiments of the tens of thousands of workers at the machines, the shop chairmen, one after another, took the platform and voiced courageous defiance against the numerous threats of the employers in their war on the union.

Communist Issue.

ANTHRACITE OPERATORS TO FIGHT CHECKOFF

Lewis Runs Up Against First Joker

(Special to The Daily Worker)

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 19.—As the miners return to the mines under the 5-year agreement the jokers contained in that agreement are being brot out. The operators have already opened fire on the statement of John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, to the Tri-District convention that the operators had agreed in principle to the collection of union dues by the company offices known as the check-off.

Bosses Against Checkoff.

Following the speech by Lewis the spokesmen for the operators let it be known that they were as much opposed to the checkoff as they had ever been. They state that far from agreeing to the checkoff all they had agreed to was to allow the union the right to bring up the question for discussion at the conciliation board.

Lewis claims that in return for the checkoff the miners had agreed to cooperate with the operators to increase efficiency. He bases his claim on clause four of the agreement which says, "the demands of the operators and miners on the question of co-operation and efficiency are referred to the board of conciliation, exclusive of the umpire, which shall work out a reciprocal program of co-operation and efficiency."

"Means What It Says."

The operators definitely state that the clause "only means what it says," and reaffirm their opposition to granting the checkoff. However, the operators are waiting until the miners get back to work before definitely refusing to concede the checkoff.

The checkoff is one thing that the Lewis administration wishes to secure as it gives them greater control over the membership. But the operators are not giving anything away without a struggle. Now that the miners are back at work they think they can refuse to grant the checkoff without any fear of a strike. The future holds a rough road for the "5-year peace agreement" in the anthracite fields.

Local 269, A. C. W. of A. Instructs Delegates for 15 Pct. Wage Increase

At its regular meeting, Local 269, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America voted to instruct delegates to the Chicago joint board as follows:

"To demand that at the next wage and conditions' negotiations our union take over the unemployment fund and properly distribute it to the unemployed members and that a 15 per cent increase in wages be demanded because of the steady increase in the high cost of living."

Firestone Hopes for Rubber Plantations on Philippine Isle

MANILA, Feb. 19.—Harvey Firestone, one of the leading automobile tire manufacturers in the United States arrived here. He expressed regret that the land laws of the Islands prevented American interests from establishing a big rubber industry in the Philippines.

Priest Gets Neuralgic Vision.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—"We must look forward to a period of rheumatic and neuralgic crises," according to the forecasts of Abbe Moreux, famous French priest astronomer. The Abbe declares that gigantic sunspots will increase rheumatic ailments.

SOVIETS TO BUY MORE LIVESTOCK FROM AMERICA

Seek Select Stock for Breeding Purposes

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Feb. 19.—The Soviet government is contemplating the extensive purchase of select stock of cattle, sheep and hogs in the United States during the months of May and June.

The 3,000 Rambouillet sheep that the Soviet government purchased in America last fall have been successfully acclimated in Ukraine, northern Caucasus and Siberia and have increased considerably in number.

Only eight sheep died in the voyage from America to the Soviet Union while forty were born.

"The Siberian cold and the winds of the Caucasus increase the wool on these American sheep," said Michels Perferkovich, head of the live stock division of the commissariat of agriculture. He also headed the commission of three that purchased the 3,000 Rambouillets in America. "I believe we have developed the science of stock breeding to a higher degree than they have in the United States. Hitherto we have purchased cattle and hogs in England, but as the animals were affected by the sea voyage, we shall attempt to transport from the United States this summer."

The commissariat of agriculture has made extensive purchases of American incubators and wool-shearing machinery.

Italian Butcher Asks Mandate Over Syria

(Special to The Daily Worker)

ROME, Feb. 19.—The mandate commission of the league of nations is meeting here in special session at the request of Premier Mussolini. He is maneuvering to secure an Italian mandate for Syria in case France is willing to surrender hers. Taken in connection with the secret understanding between Italy and Great Britain, this indicates that a deal will be attempted by which the French will receive support elsewhere in return for the transfer. The main difficulty is to arrange this without seriously undermining French prestige.

CLARA ZETKIN GREET'S PARTY OF SOVIET UNION

Veteran Speaks at Moscow Session

(International Press Correspondence)

Clara Zetkin delivered the greetings of the German Communists and the whole revolutionary working class of Germany. She declared that "the revolutionary working class in Germany followed that great work of reconstruction in the Soviet Union with strained attention. Thanks to the correct policy of the Russian trade unions, to the carrying out of the tactics of trade union unity, to the close co-operation of the English and Russian trade unions, to the flood of workers' delegations to the Soviet Union, the wall of lies which surrounded the Russian Communist Party, has broken down. Not only the working class, but also the bourgeoisie which follows the work of reconstruction in the Soviet Union with hate and fear, has learnt to respect the Soviet Union.

Great Interest Shown.

"We are following with the greatest interest and the greatest attention the discussion which has commenced in the Russian Communist Party because a few elements are attempting to play a game with disruption. Such a game means the greatest danger for the Communist parties of the west which are still young and inexperienced and which learn from the Russian Communist Party, above all the Communist Party of Germany.

"In consequence of an unsuccessful policy the Communist Party of Germany has experienced a severe period of crisis and only now after the overdue letter of the executive committee of the Communist International is the slow and difficult process of recovery commencing. Every attempt at a split could endanger our work and those elements which carry on double bookkeeping could make capital out of it.

Party Must Lead Masses.

"One must remember that at the present moment a severe political and economic crisis is ripening in Germany and that in this winter our party will have to lead the masses under difficult conditions. But despite our fears in connection with the discussion in the Russian Communist Party my comrades and I have not the least doubt that the iron unity of the Russian Communist Party will be maintained. This conviction has been strengthened by today's speeches of Leningrad workers, the representatives of the old Communist guard trained by Lenin who will understand how to protect unity. Should anyone attempt to lead the crew of that great and firm vessel that calls itself the Russian Communist Party over to insecure boats, he will not be successful.

"I am convinced that there is no party member and no party organization which would leave this ship. (Applause). The iron cohort which leads the world proletariat to victory will continue on the tried and trusted Leninist path in firm and unshakable ranks." (Applause)

Many Delegates at Congress.

According to the report of the committee on credentials, there are 665 delegates at the party congress with decisive votes and 641 with consultative votes representing 1,083,000 party members and candidates. Sixty-two per cent of the delegates are made up of workers.

FREE LITERATURE SUPPLIED.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Free copies of the YOUNG WORKER, Tribuna Robotnicza, Pravda, and Honor and Truth, can be secured from Frank Milder, 821 Clydesburn St., Milwaukee.

The Russian Colony in Movies!

Performance, Concert and Dance

given by the Federation of Russian Children's Schools

Sunday, February 21

at WALSH'S HALL, Milwaukee, Noble and Augusta

CLASSICAL DANCING, OPERA SINGING, ETC.

Movies of the Russian colony taken in Chicago at the picnic of the Federation August 23 will be shown, also the famous Russian comedy

"Soldier Ivan's Miracle"

Beginning at 4 p. m.

Tickets in Advance 50 Cents, at the Door 60 Cents.

Tickets for sale in advance at the Workers' House and at the Russian co-operative restaurants.

UNEMPLOYMENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN LOS ANGELES MET WITH POLICE BRUTALITY; SPEAKER IS ARRESTED

(By Publicity Comm. Los Angeles Unemployment League.)

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 19.—The unemployment situation here is daily growing worse. Even the figures of the chamber of commerce show 25,000 unemployed, but the real situation is that nearly 50,000 men and 5,000 women are in the ranks of the jobless. In spite of this the bosses are continuing to advertise the "opportunities of Los Angeles" to fool more thousands of workers into coming here for work.

The organization of these unemployed workers is being carried on vigorously by the Los Angeles unemployment league. The league is striving to organize the unemployed and link them up with the labor unions and other workers' organizations. At the first meeting of the league thirty-one working class organizations sent delegates. In this way the unity of the organized workers and the unemployed workers is established.

Police Attack Secretary.

As usual the bosses are using the local police to intimidate the leaders of the unemployment movement. The following account of an attack on the secretary of the league is given by an eyewitness:

"On Friday, Feb. 5th, the red squad of the Los Angeles police department got on the rampage again. It was during the noon hour. With a great hurrah and rattle-de-bang of shotguns and clubs, they descended upon a peaceful assemblage of the unemployed, met on a vacant lot in the rear of a store between Towne avenue and Standford avenue and arrested Herbert Harris, who was addressing the men from a soap box. Harris is the secretary of the Los Angeles county unemployment league.

"He was speaking on a private lot, the owner having given his consent and the gathering being quiet and orderly in every way. He had often spoken there before in recent weeks, as had also other speakers. In fact, it was a sort of outdoor open forum, and being in the vicinity of the unemployment agencies there were usually quite a number of listeners ready to hear any one who cared to address them. At present it is conservatively estimated that there are 50,000 unemployed men here in the city and some 5,000 women without work. So it is never difficult to gather an audience in that section of the city.

Grilled by Cops.

"All unexpectedly the cops made their appearance and broke up the meeting, crowding the audience back into the alley and nabbing Harris. He was taken to police headquarters and for an hour subjected to a grilling at the hands of a half dozen of the "dicks." "Who are you—an I. W. W.? A Communist? What are you trying to start? Who's back of you? Such were the questions hurled at him. But little satisfaction did they get. He disavowed membership in any of the so-called "red" organizations, claiming that he was simply secretary of the county unemployment league, and that he had a perfect right to address the jobless who were there listening to him. Finally they let him go without placing any charge against him."

Unemployment Demonstration.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 19.—The Los Angeles county unemployment league will hold a mass demonstration at Music Art Hall, 233 So. Broadway, Sunday, Feb. 28th, at 2:30 P. M.

Speakers from central labor bodies, labor unions and other workers organizations will be there—the colored workers included, of course. A special invitation is hereby extended to Spanish speaking toilers.

State Senator Charles H. V. Lewis, thirty-eighth district California legislature, has also been invited to address the unemployed. He has expressed willingness to do his best for the unemployed at Sacramento as well as locally.

Parts of a letter that has been sent to a number of labor organizations follows:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters: "Owing to the unprecedented propaganda which the Los Angeles chamber of commerce and allied organizations have spread all over the United States—advertising the Los Angeles climate, opportunities for work, and favorable means of home-building here—many

France Seeks Arrest of Horthy Henchmen for Many Forgeries

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Feb. 19.—According to news from Paris, the French government wants to bring about the arrest of Goemboesch, Ulaín, Magashazy, Bartha and Jadravetz, declaring they are the instigators of the bank note forgery. These five men form the second Hungarian government—they are the executive organs of the court of Horthy which can be seen from the fact that Goemboesch and Ulaín were the political advisors of Horthy, Magashazy, his adjutant; Bartha, the chief of his offices; Jadravetz, his priest. This group consists of the most intimate personal friends of Horthy who would undertake nothing without his knowledge and would have never risked participating in the forgery without an order from the head of the Hungarian state.

thousand of workers in all parts of the country have sold their belongings—the accumulation of a life of toil—and migrated to southern California, where they are now unable to find work.

Owing, also to the rigorous climate in the east, north and west, many thousands of workers flock to Los Angeles in the winter with the hope of securing work here. As you are aware, there are not enough jobs to go around even for the citizens of Los Angeles.

The usually conservative estimate of the chamber of commerce is that there are 25,000 out of work. That means that the whole army of unemployment is between 75 and 100,000 in Los Angeles county.

At the last meeting of the unemployment league thirty-one bona-fide organizations were represented by thirty-eight delegates. The delegates went on record to tackle the local unemployment problem with a view of organizing this army of jobless workers, to link them up with unions and other workers' organizations, and carry on a campaign of education and organization to alleviate the suffering of the unemployed;

To urge the city, county and state governments to open up public construction works, which give employment to the jobless workers—or to provide these workers with the means of livelihood.

That this is quite possible can be seen from the fact that the city of Los Angeles alone has already voted \$50,000,000 for public construction works, which money at present is idle in the banks.

Brother Workers! No one needs to emphasize to you the urgent need of the hour to organize the unemployed who are a millstone around the neck of organized labor and all employed workers. Again and again the bosses have used the army of unemployed to break strikes and as a means of lowering wages and to speed up production. That the army of unemployed is the potential scab-army is known to you all. This serious question is yours. It is threatening your job, and it is particularly the labor unions who must help to solve this problem.

In order to start and organize this work, the unemployment league is urgently in need of money. We appeal to you to give us your moral and financial support. Send in your contributions and see that delegates of your organizations attend all meetings."

WICKS' SPEECH DRAWS AUDIENCE DESPITE STORM

Lambasts World Court Before Crowd

Despite a stormy night, snow and sleet, workers packed Imperial Hall last night to hear H. M. Wicks lambast the World Court and expose the further enslavement of the workers thru its agency.

"No peace for workers will come of it, as our pacifists paid by Mr. Bok would have us believe" he told a most responsive audience. "The U. S. is in it for Wall Street to enslave Europe and the world, and the workers of this country will soon feel the pinch of a lowered standard of living thru low wages in the competition for world markets."

Audience Interested.

The clear and most interesting analysis of the situation by the speaker was dotted with bright spots of humor that drew salutes of applause from the workers assembled. Many questions asked of the speaker were good evidence of the interest created and these were answered in a manner to draw further applause for the lecturer which was voted such a success as to prompt Section 5 of the local Workers (Communist) Party to make open lectures on live issues of interest to workers, a regular monthly affair.

English Beauty Snubs Notoriety Seeking Dame

Lady Diana Manners, English beauty, was busy explaining that she intended no snub to Chicago society by her failure to appear at a reception in her honor by the fashionable drama league. The arrival of "a very dear friend from New York who had only five hours to spend in the city" was given as her reason.

"I heard only one mention of Lady Diana's absence," was the icy comment of Mrs. Howard Willett, president of the league. "Really, she wasn't missed. The reception was for other members of 'The Miracle' cast, as well."

Lenin Funeral Film in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 19.—In connection with the celebration of the seventh anniversary of the Communist International, Cleveland will witness the Lenin funeral film and another striking film. The celebration will take place at Moose Auditorium on Saturday, March 7, at 2 p. m. There will be well-known speakers and a musical program. Admission 50c.

MELLON TRUST WHITEWASHED BY DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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"the department"—not any court—found the charges unfounded.

The department not only found the Mellon concern was not guilty of the practices charged by the federal trade commission, but recommended that no further action be taken against the company. The department's conclusions will be injected into the senate battle, where a democratic-insurgent coalition hope to force a senatorial investigation of the Mellon concern to be followed by an independent prosecution similar to the process followed in the Teapot Dome case.

The department inquired into four charges brot against the Mellon concern by the federal trade commission. The conclusions follow:

Lie Number One.

1. On the charge of delaying shipments of material, the department said: "In order to successfully sustain this charge, it must be affirmatively shown that delays were intentional on the part of the Aluminum company and were designed to injure the purchaser. There is an entire lack of evidence to support such contention."

Lie Number Two.

2. On furnishing known defective material, "It is true that many deliveries of defective material were made during the period in question. The evidence at hand clearly shows that the company made earnest endeavors to maintain the quality of its product and when unable to do so, accepted the return of defective metal and made proper adjustments."

Lie Number Three.

3. On discriminating in prices of crude aluminum, "The company's price policy as shown by the evidence was to quote the same price to all buyers where quantity, specification, credit and other conditions were the same or similar. The conclusion is that this charge is not warranted by the evidence."

Lie Number Four.

4. On hindering competitors from enlarging their business: "The evidence fails to disclose that any such agreements were made or sought to be made. All evidence warrants the conclusion that this charge should not be sustained."

More Lies.

"The evidence is convincing," the department concluded, "that the dominant position in the aluminum industry, occupied by the Aluminum company of America is in no wise related to the admitted fact that the company owns practically all of the Bauxite lands in the United States.

Still More Lies.

"It now appears had the department filed a citation for contempt when the report was received, it would have been wholly impossible to sustain the charges appearing therein."

The senate meanwhile stood in adjournment until Monday when the coalition of democrats and insurgents will resume their battle to force a senatorial investigation.

Pinchot Admits Vote Thieves Rule State

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 19.—Chief Pinchot, governor of Pennsylvania, issued a circular letter dated Feb. 4, addressed to all the citizens of the state, in which he attacks the "gang" for stealing votes and using other dishonest means to carry the elections. The following quotations, taken from this letter are rather illuminating.

Ballot Thieves.

"Today the right of the people of Pennsylvania to govern themselves is at stake. Never in the recent history of our commonwealth has corruption at the polls been as widespread as at the recent elections. Ballot thieves defrauded candidates of votes that were honestly cast for the, counted for other candidates votes that were never cast at all, set the will of the people ruthlessly aside, and put in office men whose right to the posts they now hold is in doubt.

"Dead men were commonly placed upon the registration lists and voted by gang politicians. In a single division in Philadelphia, 330 names out of the 530 on the registration lists were found to be phantoms. In another section of the state, riot and murder over the counting of votes were averted only by the prompt action of the attorney general and the state police.

No Remedy.

"The decent people of this commonwealth cannot suffer these conditions to continue. Either we must govern ourselves, or else we must suffer our government to be taken over by a few gangs of election thieves."

Governor Pinchot undoubtedly tells the truth but the remedies such as election machines and laws punishing the corrupt ballot thieves, will not remedy the situation.

Italian I. L. D. Will Hold Dance Tonight

The Italian International Labor Defense branch will hold a dance tonight at 1429 West Taylor St. Every worker should attend this dance as the proceeds are to be used for labor defense.

'Zeigler!' and 'Scranton!' Clarion Calls to Miners Who Fight for Progress

By J. LOUIS ENGDALH.

SCRANTON AND ZEIGLER!

The names of the two coal mining towns, one in the Pennsylvania anthracite field, the other in the southern Illinois soft coal field, typify methods of the war of enthroned reaction in the United Mine Workers of America against the developing left wing.

They are not the only methods employed by the Lewis czardom. But they demand thoro study by the thinking elements among the coal miners who are striving to promote the class integrity of their organization.

Scranton stands out big again, as it has in the past, as the scene of vicious oppression within the miners' union. Six hundred delegates, representing 158,000 organized coal miners, had been gathered together at great expense from every corner of the anthracite field to discuss the "Black Friday" betrayal put thru by President John L. Lewis, at Philadelphia, last week. Thoro discussion of the agreement had taken place in many of the miners' unions and quite a number had instructed their delegates to wage bitter war against it.

But immediately Ed Scharfenberg, of the South Wilkesbarre miners, demanded the floor to discuss the agreement, a red-baiting drive was launched against him and he was driven out of the convention. He was charged with having literature of the Progressive Miners' Committee in his possession, and President Lewis, appearing as witness for himself, in addition to being prosecutor, judge and jury, declared the Progressive Miners' Committee a dual organization affiliated with the Workers (Communist) Party.

All this, of course, is sheer nonsense. No one knows better than Lewis himself that the Progressive Miners' Committee is not a dual organization. He knows that he lies when he tries to compare the Progressive Miners' Committee with the Industrial Workers of the World and the "One Big Union," the latter organization being confined to a small section of Canada. Lewis knows that the Progressive Miners' Committee has fought the "One Big Union," in the Nova Scotia coal strike, for instance, and that the Progressive Miners' Committee has fought every splitting and dual tendency in the union.

Lewis knows that his whole case against the Progressive Miners' Committee is built on an unstable sub-structure of malicious falsehoods. No wonder he wouldn't give Delegate Scharfenberg an opportunity to state his case. The craven coward and cheap bully that he is, wouldn't even accept Scharfenberg's challenge to read the leaflets that his henchmen claimed they had stolen from the progressive delegate. The truths set forth in the leaflets might be the spark that would set the discontent against Lewis' sell-out flaming in the convention.

This criminal deed of suppression perpetrated by President Lewis at Scranton is a confession of the unstable foundation on which his traitorous regime wobbles.

In Zeigler the Lewis-Farrington outfit, co-operating with the Ku Klux Klan, aided the capitalist courts to convict left wing mine workers. The only crime of the Zeigler miners is that they hold progressive views in conflict with the predatory interests of the officialdom. They were dragged into the courts for this crime, and an attempt will be made to complete the attack by sending them to prison, just as Alex Howat was sent to jail in Kansas thru the collaboration of President Lewis with the mine owners and their capitalist state.

"Scranton" and "Zeigler" are clarion calls to all militants in the miners' union to organize energetically and intelligently for new struggles.

The five-year slave contract has gone into effect in the anthracite coal fields. The actual workings of this treason pact will become apparent with each new day's developments.

"Scranton" and "Zeigler" are admissions of weakness by a tottering regime trying to play a Mussolini role in the American labor movement. The future belongs to the militant masses of miners seeking to weld their organization into a weapon for combat against the mine barons and the whole ruling class in America.

ZEIGLER MINERS' FRAME-UP WILL BE SUBJECT AT MANY I.L.D. MEETINGS

The Bulgarian Club will hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon, at 842 West Adams street. Alex Reid will speak on the Zeigler miners' trial and on the anthracite miners. There will also be a speaker in Bulgarian.

Lettish Workers Meet

The Lettish Workers' Society will hold a meeting at Harmony Hall, corner Thomas and Kostner Aves., tomorrow afternoon, Feb. 21. Tom Bell will speak on the Zeigler Trial.

Southwest Side Meets Monday.

All members of the Tom Mooney, Ford and Suhr, Mid-City, Italian 19th Ward, Czecho-Slovak No. 3, Lithuanian No. 77 and 93 will meet in the Vorwats Turner Hall, 2431 West Roosevelt Road, Monday evening, Feb. 21. Alex Reid will speak on the Miners' Struggles and Their Persecutions." Fred Mann on the "Organized Persecution of Industrial Workers in California" and M. Steinberg in Jewish on the International Labor Defense and the Bimba Blasphemy Case.

South Side Branch Tuesday.

The South Side English Branch of the International Labor Defense will meet at the South Side Community Center, 3201 South Wabash Ave., Tuesday evening, Feb. 23.

Your neighbor will appreciate the favor—give him this copy of the DAILY WORKER.

GARMENT UNION READY TO STRIKE; DEFIES INJUNCTION

(Continued from page 1)

between the association and the union, therefore

"This meeting of the shop chairmen of the shops of the members of the association hereby

"Resolves, That on and after a date to be fixed the members of the union shall not return to work in the shops of the members of the association of dress manufacturers, and that they shall strike until union conditions shall be restored in such shops and will be fully protected."

To Sign Separate Agreements.

By SYLVAN A. POLLACK (Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 19.—The conflict between the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and the Dress Contractors' Association has now reached a stage that the union has decided to sign separate agreements with individual contractors due to its inability to come to an understanding with the association.

The union has at all times expressed a desire to meet the association and try to come to an agreement, while the association demanded as a prerequisite that the workers on strike in all of their shops return first, also that the business agents of the union stop visiting shops affiliated with their association, unless accompanied by their representatives.

The union rejected these impudent demands of the bosses and stated its willingness to go into a conference without any conditions being laid down beforehand.

The contractors' association later agreed to this suggestion of the union and a conference was arranged for Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Bosses Change Their Mind.

At the eleventh hour the bosses once again brought forth their proposition that the workers return to their shops before the conference opens, also that the business agents stop visiting their shops.

Seeing that the bosses' association was not serious in its intentions, the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union sent an ultimatum to the contractors' association declaring that if they did not agree to an unconditional conference by Tuesday at 1 p. m., the union would go ahead and sign separate agreements with the members of the contractors' association.

No answer was received, so preparations are now being made to handle each shop separately, giving each boss a certain amount of time to come to terms with the union, and if he refused, to call a strike in his shop.

No General Strike.

"This does not mean that a general strike is being called." So stated Charles S. Zimmerman, who is general manager of the organization department of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. "Every contractor will be given an opportunity to accept our terms and if he refuses, a strike will be called in his shop. "A shop chairmen's meeting will be held Thursday night at Webster Hall, to take up the attitude of the union members towards this proposition."

Renter Strike Continues.

While Supreme Court Judge Bijur has not as yet given his decision on the request of the Renter Dress Co., for a permanent injunction against the union (the temporary injunction is still in force) yet that does not prevent the continuation of spirited picketing daily in front of that shop, altho the Renter Dress Co. is re-enforcing its gang of sluggers, who try and bulldoze the workers, who do not let that prevent them from continuing to picket, knowing that victory ultimately will be theirs.

District Five Holds Agitprop Meet Sunday

The first district agitprop conference in the history of the party will be held by district 5 tomorrow (Sunday) at 10 A. M. at the Freiheit office, Room 14, 3209 W. Roosevelt Road. All members of the agitprop committees of every party unit, together with out-of-town comrades, should make a special effort to attend.

The agenda is as follows:

1. Fundamental agitprop work.
2. Agitprop and party campaigns.
3. Agitation in factories.
4. Propaganda and the Party school.
5. Daily Worker, labor press, and literature.
6. Agitprop and trades unions.

"Trade unions are the reservoir of the majority of the socially decisive part of the proletariat."—C. I. Thesis.

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GERMAN ENTRY INTO LEAGUE WORRIES FRANCE

Foresee Reopening of Disputed Questions

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PARIS, Feb. 19.—French politicians are realizing uneasily that Germany's admission into the league of nations, formally to take place in March, will bring up for reconsideration a number of problems in which France is vitally interested.

The Germans are certain to demand a further reduction of the forces of occupation in the Rhineland, a new status for the region of the Saar, a revision of the present frontiers in Upper Silesia and Danzig, the abolition of armament control, Austrian union with the Reich and better treatment for German minorities in the annexed territories.

In connection with the last point, Germany's patronage of Austria and of the cause of the German-speaking elements in the Tyrol are arousing apprehensions that she is also backing the movement in Alsace for autonomy.

Provisions in the regulations of the league of nations would allow the reopening of many of these questions. Article 8 is susceptible to an interpretation calling for the reduction of armaments to Germany's level. Article 19 enables the reconsideration of treaties. Article 20 may permit of an Austrian union. How seriously France takes the situation is seen in the replacement of Leon Bourgeois by Aristide Briand as delegate to the league council.

Workers Pay for Steel Trust Pensions

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Pension payments to retired employees of the United States Steel corporation and its subsidiaries from the fund established jointly by it and Andrew Carnegie reached the total of \$2,068,652.83 during the year 1925, according to an announcement by C. L. Close, manager of the bureau of safety, sanitation and welfare.

The number of employees on the pension roll at the end of 1925 was 5,084, representing a total increase during the year of 606. The average period of this service was 31.35 years and the average monthly pension \$43.20. After having slaved for the trust over thirty years, the retired worker gets the magnificent sum of less than \$50 a month on which to maintain himself and his family if married.

Close claims hypocritically that "no contributions are required from the employees"—in other words that these pensions are bestowed out of its goodness of heart. As the fund from which the payments are made consists of the income from stock of the trust, it is evident however, that the present employees are in fact paying for the allowances.

"The trade unions remain and will remain for a long time a preparatory school for the training of the proletariat."—Lenin.

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Social-Democratic Party Finally Expels Zankov from Central Committee

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 19.—The central committee of the social-democratic party of Bulgaria has decided with 5 against 4 votes for the expulsion of the central committee member, Asson Zankov. Asson Zankov is the brother of the former minister president Zankov and had enlisted the support of the social-democratic party for the Zankov regime.

CHARGE GERMAN LEADERS FORGED FRENCH NOTES

Implicate Nationalists in European Plot

BUDAPEST, Feb. 19.—Testimony involving General Von Ludendorff, General Von Seeckt, head of the German reichswehr, Hitlerites, and other prominent Germans in the conspiracy to flood France with forged franc bills was given today by M. Raba, private secretary of Prince Windisch Graetz. Raba testified voluntarily before an examining judge.

Raba charged that the franc forgeries were only part of an extensive German campaign which aimed to flood all central European countries with forged currency. This latest development of the Hungarian banknote scandal is bound to have serious international effects, particularly in view of the enormous depreciation of the franc. Incidentally, it reveals that the fascist groups and the extreme nationalist reactionaries of all countries are ready to resort to the most extreme measures to overthrow their political enemies.

San Pedro Merchants Object to Petzet Probe

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 19.—A new sensation has been created in the Petzet "shame suicide" case by the action of the chamber of commerce of San Ysidro, an American town opposite Tia Juana, in wiring Secretary of State Kellogg, placing all blame for the attacks and resulting suicides upon the family itself.

A mass meeting will be held Thursday night to voice the indignation of citizens at this transparent attempt to protect the vice interests of the Mexican town. Resolutions demanding that the international border be closed at 5 p. m. daily to prevent Americans visiting Tia Juana at night and urging a vigorous prosecution of the assaults of the girls will be presented to the gathering.

It is openly charged that the reason for the telegram by the San Ysidro chamber of commerce is the commercial dependence of that town upon its Mexican neighbor. Of course, on the other hand, none of these same ministers and other prominent leaders who so severely condemn Tia Juana would lift a hand to get to the root cause of the commercialized vice of this city itself.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Enough narcotics are used by addicts in America to put the entire population to sleep for twelve days, according to Frederick A. Wallis, commissioner of correction of New York.

CHINESE STATE CHRISTIANS ARE FOREIGN TOOLS

Declare Religion's Dope Is National Obstacle

(Special to The Daily Worker)

CANTON, Feb. 1.—(By Mail)—The anti-Christian movement has received a great impetus thru the action of the executive committee of the anti-christian league at their recent session here in organizing for a real struggle against the influence of the missionaries. The committee met in the assembly hall of Kwantung University. A board of directors, secretariat, organization director, investigators, finance, publication, and propaganda committees, were selected to carry on the work. Resolutions were passed demanding that all schools be placed under Chinese government control and that the activities of missionary educational institutions be strictly limited.

The close connection between the "christianizing of China" and its imperialistic oppression is indicated by the declaration of the league.

Declaration of Anti-Christian League.

"The present calamity and civil wars of our country is the result of imperialist aggression towards China. Because we wish to emancipate ourselves from the imperialist yoke, we therefore are organizing a great anti-imperialist movement. Imperialist schemes for invading China are very aggressive and their ways of encroachment upon China are many. The imperialists not only use military power, protocols, goods and methods in collusion with the militarists in order to seize the reins of our political and economical power, but also they use "servile education" and religion to influence our minds so as to make our Chinese, passive to the imperialists.

"The imperialist plans for attacking us are varied, and our ways for defending ourselves are also different. The aim of our anti-christian movement is to fight the imperialist organs, the churches and their methods of spreading "servile education." As the anti-christian movement is a movement against imperialism and for China's emancipation, the principle of the founding of our Kwantung anti-christian league is to help to accomplish the work of China's anti-imperialist movement.

"Christianity and the other religions are obstacles in the progress of our ideals and minds. Then why should we protest against christianity alone? We won't protest against it if present-day christianity is Christ's christianity. We are against it simply because present-day christianity is a tool of the imperialists. The imperialists use churches and missionary schools to manufacture Chinese slaves whose ideals and minds are naturally influenced by imperialism. The result of this is that they produce Chinese who are pro-imperialists. By effecting this, the imperialist will use these slaves so as to hinder our anti-imperialist movement.

"For this reason, the aim and duty of our anti-christian league is to frustrate the secret plots of the imperialists, who are destroying China's national movement, and their imperialist powers in China, in order to strengthen the force of our masses. Because Chinese christians are influenced by the imperialists, are mere tools—they support their interest and work for the advantage of the imperialists in China, so our league because it is anti-imperialist has to be at the same time anti-christian.

"But if the Chinese christians would prove to us that they are real Chinese, supporting China and fighting against imperialists, our league would desist from protesting against them. We should be very glad to cooperate with them to carry out the aims of the anti-imperialist movement.

"Our league is an organization of the Kwantung masses. We can no longer suffer the oppression of the imperialists and therefore we immediately plan to free ourselves from the imperialist bondage by holding an anti-christian movement as well as an anti-imperialist one. We masses should first unite ourselves in order to have a stronger and greater force and be ready to fight against christianity, the tool of imperialism. Let us acclaim the following watchwords:

- Down with the "servile education" of the imperialists.
- Recover our educational rights.
- Support the anti-imperialist students of the missionary schools.
- Down with the churches which are imperialist tools.
- Down with imperialism.
- Long live the unification of China's revolutionary movement.
- Long live the emancipation of China.
- Long live the anti-imperialist league.

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HUNGARIAN AND GERMAN RULERS PLANNED TO FORGE RUSS ROUBLES

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Feb. 19.—English and French papers are now printing exposes of an agreement between the monarchist movement of Hungary and Germany to forge Russian roubles to finance a counter-revolutionary campaign against Soviet Russia. The newspaper Paris Soire publishes a document concluded in 1920 between the Hungarian and the Bavarian monarchists, which was signed for the Germans by Ludendorff and Colonel Bauer. This contract concluded with Horthy, had for its purpose the production of false 1000 rouble notes for financing the German-Hungarian-Russian monarchist movement. Not Soviet roubles, but roubles which were still valuable at that time, were to be forged.

This news explains the frequent conferences between the Bavarian and the Hungarian monarchists and for the representatives that Rupprecht repeatedly sent to Hungary.

The Paris Matin says that Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm in Doorn also participated in the business. The Kaiser issued a statement rejecting the accusation. He declares the report of the Matin to be an "impertinent, criminal vulgarity of a lying scoundrel who is ripe for the rope."

MILITANTS HAVE REAL DRIVE TO UNIONIZE SHOPS

Jobbers Are Next Point of Attack

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 19.—Gaining momentum as it progresses, the organization drive of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union to unionize the cloak and dress industry in New York City is now centering its attention on the jobbers, who are the real employers of the industry.

The members of the Wholesale Jobbers' Association which has an agreement with the union, does not lie up to it, giving work to nonunion contractors which the organization committee of the union is now making its next mark of attack to unionize all of the nonunion contractors who do work for the Wholesale Jobbers' Association.

Fined Five Hundred Dollars.

The Claridge Frock company, an independent union jobber, which has been giving work to scab contractors in violation of its agreement with the union, was fined \$500 and forced to allow the unionization of all of the contractors who do its work.

After a day's strike, the Jane Ray Dress company, a nonunion jobber, who gives work to 35 contractors, was forced to submit to the union's demands that all of its contractors be unionized.

This week's strikes have been called against two large jobbers, who are members of the Wholesale Jobbers' Association; the International Dress company who utilizes 25 contractors and the Style Garment company who gives work to over 90 contractors.

The Jobbers' Association demanded that the workers covered by the two above named jobbers go back to work before they would negotiate with the union. The union met this demand with the counter-demand that the contractors must be unionized before the workers return.

Bosses Made to Submit. This tense situation was added to by the Jobbers' Association sending an ultimatum to the union that if by Tuesday evening, five o'clock, the workers were not back, their agreement with the union would be cancelled. The union refused to consider this demand and later in the evening the representatives of the Jobbers' Association capitulated to the union, the workers returning to the contractors' shops which will be unionized.

The Dress Contractors' Association, which consists of 700 contractors, demanded that the union give them 24 hours' notice before it calls a strike in any of the shops which belong to its association. The union refused and relations between the association and the union have been broken off. In the past, clerks representing the Contractors' Association had accompanied the business agents of the union when visiting shops affiliated with the Contractors' Association. The business agents will now visit them unaccompanied, and when not admitted, a strike will be called.

Ignore Injunction. The Renter Dress company, which secured a temporary injunction against the union last week brot the question before Supreme Court Judge Bijur, who reserved decision on its plea for a permanent injunction. This is not discouraging the workers who are continuing to picket the shop, even tho a horde of police and gangsters are always on hand to intimidate the workers who are showing a will to victory.

MOVIES OF RUSS COLONY WILL BE SHOWN HERE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Moving pictures of the Russian colony will be shown together with the famous Russian comedy "The Miracle of Soldier Ivan," Sunday, Feb. 21, at Wash's Hall, cor. Milwaukee and Noble St., at the performance concert and dance given by the Federation of Russian Children's Schools of Chicago and vicinity. The pictures of the colony were taken this summer at the picnic of the federation, where all Russian labor organizations were represented. Beginning at 4 p. m. Tickets in advance 50c., at the door 60c.

MASS MEETING SUPPORTS THE ZEIGLER MINERS

West Frankfurt Meeting Condemns Verdict

(By I. L. D. Press Service.)

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Feb. 19.—A very successful mass meeting was held here Sunday evening in the Majestic theater under the auspices of the International Labor Defense. The chief speakers were Henry Corbishley, one of the eight Zeigler miners convicted of an assault on D. B. Cobb, and Mother Bloor, field organizer for the International Labor Defense. In spite of a heavy downpour of rain over 400 people attended the meeting.

A great deal of literature dealing with the Zeigler case was sold, a collection of \$30.80 for the defense fund taken up, and ten new members for the I. L. D. secured.

The following resolution was unanimously passed by the meeting:

Whereas, we feel that the conviction of the eight Zeigler miners was unjust and unwarranted under the evidence given in the case,

Be It Resolved, that this meeting go on record as condemning the said convictions and pledge our full support to these men.

Be it further Resolved, That we call upon the workers of the entire country to give their full support to these workers.

Further meetings will be held thru-out Franklin county to explain the Zeigler case to the miners. Mother Bloor and Henry Corbishley will be the speakers.

CICERO I. L. D. HOLDS SPLENDID PROTEST RALLY

Workers Protest Against Bimba Blasphemy Trial

Despite a heavy downpour that lasted all evening quite a number of Cicero workers gathered in the Liberty Hall at the Labor Defense Protest and Rally and listened to speakers expose the reasons for the persecution of Bimba in the blasphemy case.

Zaldokas explained to the workers present the reasons for the persecution of Bimba and showed the steps that the lackey of the shoe-shop bosses of Brockton had to go to in order to frame a charge on a working-class speaker.

Five new members were taken into the branch. After the lecture a meeting of the branch was held. T. Miller, M. J. Butvill, Charles Erickson, J. K. Daata and Joseph Paulus were elected to greet Trumbull when he arrives in Chicago on March 4. A collection for Zeigler defense brought in \$11.63. man, general manager of the organization department, the union will not be satisfied until it has achieved its goal of organizing the industry completely.

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FORD LINES UP WITH DAVIS FOR FINGER-PRINTING

Flivver Magnate Favors Blacklist Scheme

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON —(FP)— Secretary of Labor Davis' perennially promoted scheme for compelling alien workers in the United States to register once a year has been taken up by Henry Ford.

In the current issue of Ford's magazine, the "Dearborn Independent," now sent to all press writers in Washington, Davis is given the place of honor, to explain his plan. Opposition has been so effective in the country at large, and notably in the labor movement, that he has dropped the word "registration," and taken up "enrollment." The word means the same as the old—a system of silent terrorization of the alien as to his political, industrial and social thinking and expression. Any federal judge or other "enrollment" official who may not like the way the alien is facing industrial problems may decide to block his securing citizenship, according to the labor spokesmen who have, since 1921, protested against the idea.

Davis does not admit that he is trying to establish an industrial passport system for the big employers. He declares he wants to stimulate the alien to become Americanized. Also, he says he wants to secure proofs on which he can deport great numbers of aliens who are illegally in this country. Sailors from foreign ships, especially, he asserts, are becoming a problem because they desert their jobs in American ports and do not ship out again within the 60 days required by law.

"Enrollment," says Davis in Ford's magazine, "would diminish the effect of propaganda by irresponsible agents of anarchism, Communism and the like, because the foreign-born would better understand American principles (after being officially directed to Americanization agencies) and would realize the folly of red radical doctrines. At the same time it would reveal the existence of these sinister influences and aid us in our endeavor to rid the country of foreign-born agitators of that character."

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After combining with the Coolidge-Mellon republicans to put over the program of the House of Morgan to force United States adherence to the world court, the democrats, for the purpose of creating an issue in the coming congressional elections, have thrown their forces on the side of the insurgent republicans in an assault upon the Mellon aluminum trust. Not that they are opposed to trusts, but they want to unseat the republicans so they can loot the country for their own political henchmen.

The Morgan coalition, now that the international interests of Wall Street have been adequately protected, dissolve and the democratic-insurgent coalition takes its place. Mellon's machine, confronted with this new alignment is a minority in the senate. But there are means of defense of an administration party even though it is in a minority. It has the executive machinery in its hands to help it carry out its banditry. Attorney General Sargeant, head of the department of justice, has already submitted a report whitewashing the aluminum trust. The republican caucus has moved to enforce a rule prohibiting investigations unless they are approved by a committee under republican control.

Democratic ingenuity may be able to find a way to force the issue and bring the fight to the senate floor, where the teapot dome scandals of 1924 may be repeated, with the hope of crippling the Coolidge-Mellon machine.

Mellon is the real president of the United States. Coolidge is a mere puppet, mentally incapable of understanding the role he plays as the scullion for the great monopolistic concerns.

Mellon, himself, is a plain brigand, an outlaw, using the office he holds to further the illegal growth of the monopoly of which he is the chief beneficiary—the aluminum trust.

In order to avoid this identical corruption that now prevails in the administration the original act creating the treasury department, which was drafted by Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, John Adams and Attorney General John Randolph, decreed in section 8, the following:

"AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that no person appointed to any office instituted by this act shall directly, or indirectly, be concerned or interested in carrying on the business of trade or commerce, or be owner in whole or in part any sea vessel, or purchase for himself or another in trust for him any public lands or other public property, or be concerned in the purchase or disposal of any public securities of any state or the United States, or take or apply to his own use any emolument or gain for negotiating any business in the department other than what shall be allowed by law; and if any person shall offend any of the prohibitions of this act he shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor and forfeit to the United States the penalty of \$3,000, and shall upon conviction be removed from office and be forever thereafter incapable of holding any office under the United States."

Many precedents are established under which Mellon is in violation of this identical section of the act creating the treasury department. The most noted instance was that of A. T. Stewart, a retail merchant who owned the concern now known as Wannamakers. Stewart was appointed secretary of the treasury by President U. S. Grant. The appointment was confirmed by the senate. When the attention of Grant was called to the fact that Stewart was violating the law by holding office since he was engaged "in trade and commerce," the president recommended to both houses that Stewart be exempted by joint resolution from the provisions of the bill. Failing in this, Stewart's resignation was demanded and secured. But then, what do capitalist laws amount to when they interfere with the plunderbund?

We do not relate these facts because we expect Mellon to observe the law, or because we believe the democrats one whit better, but only that workers may come to despise with an implacable hatred the Wall Street government at Washington and determine to establish in its place a workers' government.

Defamer of Soviets Croaks

Archbishop John Cieplak, Polish prelate, imported to this country by the priests of that church in order to try to arrest the tendency of Polish people to leave the church, is dead in Passaic, New Jersey. Cieplak was used to disseminate the most monstrous lies against the Soviet Union and was hailed as a martyr after being released from a Soviet prison whence he was sent for conspiring with others to prevent the Soviets relieving the sufferers in the famine region. As an agent of allied imperialism this meddling old fool got in jail. His whimpering, disgustingly servile attitude in face of a prison sentence evoked such contempt on the part of the authorities that he was released.

This short jail experience as a white guard hireling was the excuse for his parading through this country as a martyr in order to inveigle Polish people back to the portals of the temples of superstition. But the machine age of capitalism has a method of its own of blasting all feeling of reverence for saints and miracles and Cieplak achieved little for the church here. The fact that he died in Passaic where the textile strike is now raging may be significant as people of his type are utilized for strikebreaking purposes, as was shown by the anthracite barons using the priest, Curran to aid John L. Lewis in his betrayal of the miners.

Exposes Role of Army

Major General Robert Lee Bullard, one of the notorious labor-hating mercenaries of big capital and head of the national security league, has again lifted the lid on the war department. This time the major general, speaking before the government club in the Hotel Astor in New York, revealed the fact that the now almost forgotten Ole Hansen, mayor of Seattle during the great general strike in that city in 1919, was a mere tool for the war department and that he only acted after the military authorities told him what to do. Bullard told his audience: "I am letting you in on a military secret when I tell you that Ole Hansen was called up from the office of the secretary of war in Washington, and told that we must have backbone in meeting the crisis. He was told the army would back him up in whatever steps he undertook."

For years we have exposed the army as a strikebreaking agency. Now it is thus stigmatized by one of the epauletted swashbuckling thugs of the war department itself.

Workers (Communist) Party

Our Tasks in the Trade Unions

By ARNE SWABECK.

EVER more clearly the fundamental line of policy pursued by the present trade union officialdom is becoming shaped to fit into the whole framework of American imperialism. Not only are the various class collaboration schemes being imposed upon the rank and file membership in constantly "improved" form to more effectively delude the victims, but a complete theory is cunningly being worked out to justify these schemes; while the unions, viewed from their historical perspective, are losing in membership, in conditions once obtained and in fighting ability.

Surely the antidote to this gradual decay is the building of a virile left wing movement as a prerequisite to infusing the unions with a new militancy. The Communist fractions are the instruments with which to build and strengthen the left wing movement. Unceasing and systematic activities by the Communists within the unions is the only real guarantee for reaching this object. Every Communist must as a first step become a member of a union.

The Role of the Trade Unions.

In order not to draw the wrong conclusions from the present deplorable status of the trade unions, it is well for us to remember Lenin's statement that: "The trade unions are the elementary class organizations of the workers." However, not only to acknowledge their value as basic instruments of the masses to defend their class interests and continually improve their economic position but it is also necessary to give conscious, organized direction, to build and strengthen the unions, to fit them for their historic role, viz., to throw masses into action—to become instruments of the proletarian revolution—and to become the principal builders of the new society.

Lenin formulated the tasks of the party in this respect as follows:

"The engine is the party, its cog is the cog of the trade union wheel and bring them into motion, the trade unions in turn set into motion the greater masses."

This, however, will require intensive schooling of the party membership to become equipped with the necessary understanding. We must understand the elementary needs of the unions, learn how to build constructively, acquire the correct approach to the masses and pursue the tactics which will lead to an ever deeper penetration. Ours is the task to completely root out the class collaboration policies which simply lay the basis for outright betrayal to capitalism. As

Lenin says further: "That the unions are made up of workers is not enough. They represent an organization of their class only if they pursue a class line, a class policy."

Class Collaboration in More Modern Clothing.

The latest "achievement" of the trade union officialdom in their endeavors to further fit the unions to the capitalist chariot is the so-called "new wage theory" enunciated by the last American Federation of Labor convention. We quote in part from the report of the committee on the executive council report:

"... We urge upon wage earners everywhere: That we oppose all wage reductions and that we urge upon management the elimination of wastes in production in order that selling prices may be lower and wages higher. To this end we recommend cooperation in study of waste in production."

"Social inequality, industrial instability and injustice must increase unless the workers' real wages, the purchasing power of their wages, coupled with a continuing reduction in the number of hours making up the working day are progressed in proportion to man's increasing power of production."

The report was adopted by unanimous vote.

The declaration contained in that last paragraph is, of course, correct and is quite a departure from usual statements coming from that source. But to the American Federation of Labor leadership, and to the trade union leadership in general it represents nothing but a phrase. The real emphasis is being put on the recommendation for cooperation with management toward elimination of waste. In other words to aid in making industry more productive and more profitable.

With this policy the officialdom intends to meet the coming "open shop" attacks. It is not a class policy but represents a deliberate effort to negate the fighting ability of the trade unions and to destroy their class basis. The more this policy is actually put into effect, the more the results will accelerate the present decay. It is conceived in the same spirit with which President Green made the statement at the last A. F. of L. convention that in America there is no need for the class struggle.

Facts Show Different Picture.

What does our experience show? The class struggle in its most ruthless form.—Mr. Green notwithstanding. Following immediately upon the industrial depression and great unemployment during 1920-21 the employers were quick to take all possible advantage. The "open shop" campaign

set in full force stretching way into 1922. No efforts were spared to attempt to smash the unions. All the forces of government were mobilized to crush the workers' strikes and help lower working conditions. The unions suffered in every respect. The membership of the A. F. of L., despite the following period of prosperity has gone down from over 4 million in 1920 to 2,877,297 at the end of 1925. Real wages have decreased despite the prosperity period. Although certain trades, such as building trades, have been very fortunate in maintaining their wage standard, the extent of reduction for the multitudes can be measured by the figures published by the U. S. department of labor showing the average wage of common laborers over the whole country in 1920 to be 49c per hour and in 1925 to be 38 cents per hour. Of course, the cost of living was higher in 1920, but nothing further need be said. In many instances the working hours have been lengthened. While the unskilled, unorganized were the heaviest hit, nothing can compensate the unions for their lost fighting ability.

Building the Future Leadership.

The downward slide has reached its crowning debacle in the betrayal of the anthracite miners. 158,000 miners sold out, their strike defeated despite their readiness to fight. The operators won the day and it will become the signal to a renewed union smashing campaign all along the line. The employers will be preparing while the union officialdom prattle about cooperation with employers toward elimination of waste in production.

The trade unions, however, will be compelled to fight or succumb. We say choose the former and make it a real job. That necessitates the pursuance of a class policy.

It cannot be expected that the present trade union leadership should pursue such a class policy or regard the trade unions as class organizations. Yet while that remains the task for the future leadership it is necessary meanwhile to prepare the unions for the immediate struggles to come. The Communist fractions must take the initiative. The coming "open shop" campaign, the attempted wage reductions will make the issues clear and also put them on an elementary basis. Naturally it must be along these lines that the fractions proceed to organize and broaden the left wing. On the simple issues of fight against wage cuts, against deterioration of working conditions, for the organization of the unorganized and the strengthening of the unions and against the policy of class collaboration.

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FORDS, N. J., LABOR FAKERS REFUSE TO CO-OPERATE FOR MINERS' RELIEF

By a Worker Correspondent
FORDS, N. J., Feb. — At a recent meeting of the local branch of the International Labor Defense I was appointed to visit the local unions for the purpose of organizing a relief committee to help the striking coal miners. This has given me an opportunity to see the treachery of the union officials of Fords, N. J.

I visited the Hod Carriers local first and after finishing my appeal for the organization of a miners' relief committee in Fords, N. J., I was informed by the officials that the union could not act unless authorized by the Central Labor Council. That same evening I visited the plumbers' local and there I was refused admittance altogether.

The next evening the Central Labor Council met. I arrived early. I was going to present this thing to the officers in whom I formerly had some confidence. I met the president and a few others. I presented the proposition to them addressing myself to the president. I told him it was the opinion of workers that something more than merely a donation from the union treasury should be done to assist the striking miners. I told him about the relief committee of the I. L. D. and asked his permission to address the meeting.

He absolutely refused to give me the floor. He said that organized labor has already done its share towards helping the miners for has not each union donated a sum of money.

An official from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America by the name of Warren came up to me. He called me into a back room and began in this fashion: "Say you are sending me union tickets and literature for your I. L. D. but I will not support it because all of your members are not citizens. I want you

to understand that we do not take anyone into our union unless he is a citizen, and we will have nothing to do with any organization that takes in non-citizens."

I answered anyone can become a member of the I. L. D. whether he is a citizen or not as long as he is a worker and understands the necessity of defending the workers in and outside of prison. They he answered: "Aw, to hell with the workers!"

This is the answer I received from the union officials of Fords, N. J. when appealing for help for the striking coal miners.

Warren, O., Negroes Show Interest in Negro Labor Congress

By a Worker Correspondent
WARREN, O., Feb. 19.—Lovett Fort Whitman spoke in Warren to a fine meeting of Negro workers of this town. His audience consisted of some of the real workers of the mills and factories who were there to listen to his speech on the work of the American Negro Labor Congress.

His talk upon how the Negro was to emancipate himself from his deplorable condition was an inspiration to his hearers and they listened and drank in the many well told and pointed illustrations on how the colored worker in the mines and mills had to endure the most deplorable conditions due to the fact that he was not organized and that he still was hatched to the bosses both politically and industrially, thru his lack of organization and education in industrial lines.

A nice collection was taken up and quite a few subscriptions for the Negro Champion were received at the meeting.

PROLET-TRIBUNE NO. 5, RUSS LIVING NEWSPAPER, WILL BE OUT TONIGHT

The next issue of Prolet-Tribune, the Russian living newspaper, will be out Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Workers' House, 1902 W. Division St. It will be the fifth number of the paper.
Beginning at 8 P. M.

Lakewood Hotel Workers Must Organize to Better Conditions

By M. SCHNEIDER
(Worker Correspondent)
LAKEWOOD, N. J., Feb. 19.—This town is mostly visited by parasites who come here for the week-end. Many of their families stay here all year around. Most of them are either dress manufacturers or chain restaurant owners.

There are two hotels here—one the Fairmount and the other the Clarendon. At the Fairmount conditions are better than at the Clarendon. The bell boys in the Fairmount receive \$20 a month, no days off. One day they work 12 hours and the following day 8 hours. This continues thru the busy season which lasts about six to seven months. The tips they are supposed to depend on for a living are very small and scarce.

The girls in the dining room and also the chambermaids work from 8 to 9 hours a day for \$30 a month. The food that is given them is very poor. The boys and the chambermaids are those who suffer most on account of food that is so badly prepared that it is hardly digestible. When there is a little better food there is less of it and the workers must leave the table feeling very hungry.

The girls in the dining room get a little better food. The only way that these workers can change their conditions for the better is thru organizing into a union and demanding better conditions from their bosses.

Notes to Correspondents.
John H. Hanson, Farmer Correspondent, is requested to kindly send his address to the office of THE DAILY WORKER for our records.



Forward to a Workers' Sport Movement!

Today the fundamental, the all-important task confronting our league is the broadening of its base among the young workers, i. e., the mass recruiting of new members. It is absolutely essential for our reorganized, but numerically weakened league that it assimilate new elements. In order to do this it must penetrate into the new masses of young workers.

The reorganization of the league while temporarily causing loss in membership, nevertheless prepares the ground for mass activity. The conference of the young workers in eastern Ohio and the intensification of the trade union economic work are slowly moving us toward mass activity. But there is another way in which we can approach, influence and win large masses of young workers, a way which we have completely neglected in the past, and that is thru sports work.

The Young Communist International has time and again pointed out the importance of sport work as part of the activities of its sections. At the fourth world congress it declared:

"The work in the workers' sport organizations, having regard to the present world political situations is of the greatest importance. The fourth world congress gives the Communist leagues the task of taking up the work in the workers' sport and athletic organizations much more strongly. They must take the initiative in the formation of workers' sport and athletic organizations where such are not already in existence."

Break the Capitalist Sport Monopoly.

Because of the present situation in which the league finds itself, and because of the objective sport conditions in this country, these words of the Y. C. I. assume the greatest significance for us. The capitalist monopoly of sports must be broken thru the building up of a powerful, mass workers' sport organization based on the principle of the class struggle. And it will be the historical role of the Young Workers League to lead in this work, and to give it energy and direction.

Communist Activity Thru Sports.

Sports work offers our league splendid opportunities for its Communist activities. Thru the building of a working class sports' organization we

create a means of gaining contact with large masses of young workers who we could not otherwise reach. It is obvious that the existence of a mass workers' sport organization (with our fractions functioning within) would prove an inexhaustible source of strength to our league—numerically, financially, and in all of its campaigns and activities. Thru our fractions we could bring our program before the membership, we could organize united front campaigns and demonstrations, and bring out the members to our meetings and affairs. In general the sports organization can be to the Young Workers League what the workers' clubs and fraternal organizations are to the party; a rich field for propaganda and agitation, as well as a reserve of sympathizers and potential members.

Organizing Workers' Sports.

As the first step toward the systematic organization of sports work on a national scale, it is necessary to gather together and unify all of the existing working class sports bodies into a single whole. With the league and party comrades assuming leading roles (by dint of their constructive activity) a real organization campaign can then be launched. The American youth readily lends to organization on the basis of sports. This reflects itself in the innumerable athletic clubs that sprout up in every neighborhood. However, these clubs are very short lived because they lack leadership, organization connections and a class basis. As our work broadens and develops, members of the workers' sport organizations can be sent into these clubs, whose members are mainly young workers, and they can be won over.

Work Among the Rural Youth.

In our work among the rural youth, we can use sports to great advantage. In this field the bourgeoisie is just beginning to penetrate and the workers' sport movement can meet it without the technical difficulties (gymnasiums, fields, etc.) that it encounters in the cities.

Another phase of our sport activity will be in connection with the workers' children. Large numbers of working class children are drawn into the orbit of bourgeois sport influence, and this must and can be combated by the building of a children's sport movement, with the Young Pioneers as the kernel. —P. C.

Young Girl Arrested

By a Young Worker Correspondent.
PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Mary Freethick, 14 years old, of 1113 Saw Mill Way, northside, was pinched for trying to take some silk hose in a department store here. It was found that Mary's father was killed in a mill accident three years ago.

The state compensation board allowed the widow of this worker merely \$12 a week, with which she had to take care of a family of 6 children besides herself.

Then an attorney came around and told the mother that he could get her more compensation if she would sign over the balance due her from the corporation where her husband was killed.

The mother complied with the attorney's request little dreaming that he was working for the very corporation where her husband had worked. The attorney wanted more money before he would handle the case for her.

So the mother started to work, i. e., took in washing and because of overwork soon took sick and died.

Then Mary had to quit school, and go to work. To help keep the family together she worked as domestic help which pays in Pittsburgh from \$5 to \$6 a week.

But Mary, young as she is, was not satisfied with the fake attorney's tale. Yesterday she had a friend call up Harrisburg, Pa., and there she found out that no attorney tried to get an increase in the compensation.

So Mary started for home. She could not resist the temptation of getting a look at some real clothing and therefore started to walk thru a department store. Her desire for new clothes proved too strong, and she started to take a pair of silk stockings. She was caught and arrested by one of the so-called store "dicks," and is now being held on a charge of larceny.

Now she is branded as a thief. What a joke it is to say that everybody is equal!

Toledo Debate Arouses Interest of Workers

By a Worker Correspondent
TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 19 — Two conflicting opinions will clash Saturday night, Feb. 20, 8 p. m., at 716 Jefferson Ave., at a debate over tactics in the working class struggle. Karl E. Pauli holds the opinion that atheism is the sole road to economic emancipation. Alex Schwarzenfeld holds the opinion that the struggle must be on all fronts, not only one. The question is: "Resolved that atheism is the road to economic emancipation of the workers."

The proceeds of the debate will be divided between the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism and THE DAILY WORKER.

CORRECTION.

In the article appearing in this column two days ago: An answer to the Young Jewish Marxian Alliance, there appeared the statement that the Young Workers League is sanctioning the organization of Freiheit Youth Clubs "all over the country." The writer was using a Chicago example. We participate in the organization of young Jewish workers' clubs, under certain conditions, where clubs of such a character do not exist, etc. Naturally, clubs choose their own names.

Folk Dance, Feb. 27.

A folk dance will be held by the Young Workers League of Cleveland, Saturday, Feb. 27, at South Slavic Hall, 5607 St. Clair Ave. Begins at 6:30 sharp. Good music and big program. All workers are cordially invited. Admission free.

Night of the Bronx Youth.

The Bronx section of the Young Workers League will hold an affair on Saturday evening, March 13, at 1347 Boston Road, Bronx. This is the first affair of the Bronx working youth this year. An interesting program of plays, games, song and dancing will be given. All working youth of Greater New York is invited. Remember the date and place.

Y. W. L. AGITPROP HEADS.

Attend the party agitprop conference this Sunday at 10 a. m., at the Freiheit office, 3209 W. Roosevelt Rd. Room 14.

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