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CALL OUT BRITISH LABOR'S RESERVES

SOCIALISTS SAY BIG MEMBERSHIP GROWTH IS MYTH

Story Spread by Own Press Is Unfounded

NOTE.—The publication of this concluding article on the socialist party convention at Pittsburgh was delayed, due to the fact that J. Louis Engdahl, while attending the convention, was arrested during a protest demonstration against the denial of the right of the Workers Party to hold its May Day celebration in Carnegie Hall. Engdahl with Abram Jakira, after being held in jail for four days, were finally released when the case was dismissed by the court of common pleas after jail sentence had been imposed in the lower magistrate's court. Engdahl's daily article is again resumed today on page two.

By J. LOUIS ENGDahl.
(Special to The Daily Worker.)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 8.—(By Mail.)—Recently the socialist press hysterically broadcasted the claim that the membership of the socialist party had shown an increase of 4,000. Like many other reports, this one would have been "interesting if true." It would then have been a phenomena in the working class movement worth studying.

But George R. Kirkpatrick, socialist party secretary, in his official report to the Pittsburgh convention, made the interesting confession.

There's Nothing to it.
"No communication has been given out by the national office justifying the inference in our press that our party membership is this year averaging an increase of 4,000 over that of last year."

Thus the socialist membership boom bursts quite comically. The mass membership conventions addressed by Eugene V. Debs in all parts of the country, the \$15,000 donated by Abraham Cahan, editor of the New York Jewish Daily Forward, for organization purposes, the launching of the party's weekly, the American Appeal, edited by Debs, have not brought the results that some socialist editors have frantically claimed for them.

Actual Figures Interesting.

Some of the actual figures are interesting. The socialists officially admit that they lost about 2,000 members following their disastrous participation in the LaFollette campaign in 1924. The early months of 1925 pushed the membership down to bed rock showing for the first three months of that year, as claimed, an average monthly membership of 8,754.

The average membership for the first three months of this year (1926) is placed at 9,772, which would be an increase of 18 members. It must be remembered, however, that these were the months leading up to the present convention, when all the states wanted to make a good showing in the official report. This led them, as is the custom, to purchase blocks of dues stamps, upon which the membership estimates are based, although they may be a good part of the rest of the year in disposing of these stamps.

The best that can be said is that the socialist party membership, in spite of the tremendous efforts exerted, as outlined above, have merely resulted in the membership remaining stationary. One interpretation of this effort is given by Secretary Kirkpatrick in his report as follows:

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ALL SOVIET UNION RALLIES TO AID THE BRITISH STRIKERS

By JOHN PEPPER.
(Special Cablegram to The Daily Worker.)
MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., May 10.—The whole working population of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, from the largest cities to the furthest village, is absorbed in the campaign of assistance to the striking British workers.

It is impossible to establish as yet the total amount collected for the support of the strikers, but it is already clear that it will surpass the originally estimated sum of one and a half million dollars. Workers in numerous enterprises, notably in the Don Basin, the Urals and Siberia, not only contributed a quarter day's pay, but in many instances a whole day's pay and two days' pay. Many thousands are working overtime and transferring the pay they receive to their unions for immediate remittance to London.

Not a single ton of goods has been put aboard English ships in Soviet ports, and other foreign ships which are suspected of the intention to carry goods to England are not being permitted to have goods put on board by the workers' unions. Demonstrations participated in by the sailors and crews of English and other foreign ships, as well as those of

the Soviet Union, as well as transport workers and railway men, are reported from Leningrad, Odessa and other ports.

CALL ON SECOND INTERNATIONAL FOR UNITED FRONT.
The Executive Committee of the Communist International and the Red Trade Union International has addressed a call to the coming sitting of the executive committee of the Second International at Amsterdam declaring that the struggle of the British workers imposes upon the workers of all countries, especially their international organizations, the duty to do all in their power to assist the British workers in their great fight. The Communist International and the Red Trade Union International consider that joint action of workers of all political opinions is necessary to aid the British working class.

To give such aid the Communist International and the Red Trade Union International have appointed a committee, consisting of Taelman of Germany, Semard and Monnosseaux of France, Dogadov of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, Ilek of Czechoslovakia, to negotiate with the executive committee of the Second International for the establishment of such a united front.

There appeared today in Moscow the first copy of a newspaper published by the Union of Proletarian authors in behalf of the British strikers, which calls upon them to "Fight like hell!"

Second Line of Workers' Army Joins Big Strike

(Special to The Daily Worker.)

LONDON, May 10.—The second week of the general strike began today with a reliable report that the trade union congress has ordered out the "Second line of defense" on Wednesday and instructed the unions to cease aiding the movement of food as an answer to the government's use of troops.

Until now the slogan of the unions has been "Food is not black," meaning that it is not scab and that assistance shall be given to the government to avoid a shortage. But with the government conveying the food with military and tanks, which the strikers take as a threat, today's order leaves the government to care for transport of food unaided by the workers.

Call Out Half Million More

THE second line of defense includes the half million workers engaged in the engineering trade who will quit work at the end of Tuesday's shift as well as gas, water and electrical workers not called out thus far.

This walk-out will bring the number of those idle as the result of the strike to nine million or more.

Mine Leaders Are Jailed

William Lawther and Harry Bellon were thrown into jail and refused bail at Durham in the coal region under the authority of the emergency act.

Mrs. Pollitt Is Arrested

Marjorie Pollitt, wife of Harry Pollitt, Communist leader finishing out a year's sentence in Wadsworth prison, was arraigned in Bow Street court for having "documents in her possession likely to cause disaffection among the civilian population."

The direct charge was that Mrs. Pollitt had published a newspaper, "The Workers Bulletin." She was released on \$500 bail.

Cook Dashes New Rumor

An announcement of a conference between Sir Herbert Samuel, chairman of the Royal Coal Commission, and the miners' leaders which caused optimism in government circles, was dashed by a vigorous denial from A. J. Cook, secretary of the miners, who said, "There is no truth in the statement that we have met Herbert Samuel. The conduct of negotiations is in the hands of the Trade Union Congress."

Strikers Ignore Troops

The huge and unnecessary display of armed force staged in and around the London docks by the government was met by an order from the Trade Union Congress for strikers to ignore the troops and to stay away from the docks.

"Front Line Remains Unbroken"

ALL peace rumors are peremptorily denied by the Trade Union Congress which today issued a communique that said, "Our front line is unbroken." Many rumors of violence thruout the kingdom are branded as false and the work of provocateurs by the union leaders. They are, however, aware of what may happen when hunger begins to pinch while the government conducts its affairs with a great show of military strength.

Amalgamated Organizes N. Y. Uniform House

NEW YORK, May 5.—(FP)—One of the largest uniform houses of New York has been organized by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union. Conditions under the agreement are union recognition, 44-hour week, wage increases of \$5 per week for cutters and 15 per cent for tailors. A three-day strike turned the trick. Workers in 10 shirt and boys blouse shops won wage increases of \$1 a week for week workers and 5 per cent to 10 per cent for piece workers.

San Francisco Cooks Send Cable of Cheer to British Strikers

(Special to The Daily Worker.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 10.—One thousand seven hundred members of Cooks' Union, Local No. 44 of this city unanimously passed a resolution instructing their secretary to send a cable of solidarity to the striking workers of Great Britain. The message was addressed to A. J. Cook and reads as follows: CONGRATULATIONS. BRITISH LABOR SOLIDARITY SPLENDID. YOURS FOR VICTORY.

FOOD IS NOW BLACK!



Before today the trade unions abided by the slogan, "Food is not black," meaning that it is not considered non-union and the Trade Union Congress had issued permits for workers to assist in the handling of food. But now food is black. As a protest against the use of heavily armed troops to convoy food trucks and trains the Congress has withdrawn permits and put a ban on the movement of food by union men.

PENNSYLVANIA LABOR IS FACING MANY PROBLEMS

State Federation to Meet at Erie

By GEORGE PAPCUN.
(Special to The Daily Worker.)

ERIE, Pa., May 10.—The State Federation of labor convention opens here May 11, at the Elks Hall. There will be several very important issues which mean life or death to different labor unions in Pennsylvania.

The chamber of commerce has demonstrated to the workers how it tries to get influence in this state, especially in the Pittsburgh district, where it is making a big drive against the United Mine Workers.

First, it carried on a "Forward Week" in Pittsburgh from Feb. 13th to the 19th, trying to show the need of increased membership and increased income in order that it may be better able to aid in the fight

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Put a copy of the DAILY WORKER in your pocket when you go to your union meeting.

LAST STRIKE BULLETINS AS WE GO TO PRESS

Support From Nova Scotia Miners.

SYDNEY, N. S., May 10.—Announcement was made today at the district headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America, that miners of this district would not work on shipments of Cape Breton coal destined for British ports. Moral support was pledged the striking British miners.

Hull Strikers Failed.

HULL, England, May 10.—Thirty-two strikers, arrested over the weekend, were today arraigned and sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from three to six months. Most of the persons were charged with assaulting policemen.

House of Lords—Superfluous:

LONDON, May 10.—"The strike situation is still very grave, but at the moment there is nothing more to be said about it," declared the Marquises of Salisbury, the government spokesman, in the house of lords this afternoon. The house of lords adjourned, for lack of business, at the end of a ten-minute session.

More Clyde Workers to Come Out.

GLASGOW, May 10.—Shipyard workers and members of the Engineering trades unions have been ordered to join the general strike tomorrow.

More Armed Convoys.

LONDON, May 10.—Again today the government moved food supplies thru the streets of London under the escort of armored cars and with troops with rifles unslung and bayonets fixed.

One convoy reached Hyde Park this afternoon, after a parade of some twelve miles from the docks. No attempt was made to molest the convoy, but it was jeered all along the route.

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BRITISH STRIKE TIGHTENS INTO WAR ENDURANCE

Clubmen Talk Openly of Machine Gunning

By N. N. EWER,
Foreign Editor of the London Daily
Herald and Federated Press
Correspondent.

LONDON, May 10.—The situation today is marked by a general tightening into war endurance. "The first two years of this strike are going to be the hardest," is the favorite slogan of the workers of the London docks while the other side every day has some new melodramatic display to convince the middle-class they are fighting for their lives.

Food wagons entirely unmenaced are convoyed by cavalry and heavy armored cars thru crowds of strikers who laugh with good humored derision at the foolish and unnecessary display of armed force. Thousands of young middle-class men from schools and colleges parade the half deserted streets. The latest stunt is to equip special constables with "tin hats."

Grimly Dangerous.
All this is incredibly foolish, but also grimly dangerous. It arouses and intensifies hatred for the working class among middle-class strata who, under the influence of the government manifesto's are rapidly developing a real war psychosis.

He will like it! Give your union brother a sub to The DAILY WORKER.

MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS OF I. W. W. CALL STRIKE IN N. Y.

(Special to The Daily Worker.)

NEW YORK, May 10.—A strike of marine workers in sympathy with British labor went into effect here shortly after midnight today, it was announced at headquarters of the Marine Transport Workers Industrial Union No. 510.

25,000 seamen may be eventually involved. The announcement said the strikers asked for a wage increase of \$15 monthly and improvements in working conditions.

A cable notifying the British branch of the union of the decision was dispatched early today. Similar cables were sent to South American and Central American branches. Word was also sent to Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Coast ports where the union has representation.

THE EVENT OF THE SEASON!

Revolutionary poets, artists, writers and dramatists will celebrate with you at the Central Opera House, 67th Street and Third Avenue, New York City, on May 14, 1926.
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CONVENTION OF A. C. W. OPENS IN MONTREAL

Convention Cheers the British Strike

By JACK JOHNSTON, (Special to The Daily Worker)
MONTREAL, May 10.—Two thousand delegates and visitors attended the opening session of the convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union. President Sidney Hillman and the members of the general executive board made their entrance while the band played the "Marseillaise," "God Save the King," the "Star Spangled Banner" and the "International."

Hillman said in his opening speech that the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union had extended its field of influence and become stronger numerically in spite of attacks from without and from within. He advanced the theory that only weak organizations were drawn into strikes and advised class collaboration under the slogan of "industrial democracy."

Eulogized Nash. He eulogized "Golden Rule" Nash as a man who practiced what he preached and said that the Nash agreement contained every clause included in other agreements between manufacturers and the A. C. W. "Those employers who drag American working conditions to the level of the Chinese do not realize that both the employers and the workers would be in the same ditch," Hillman said.

He told the story of the International Tailoring company strike in Chicago. The union won a nineteen weeks' strike without a single desertion. "We tried to avoid the strike, but because the employers received aid from the United Garment Workers' Union we were forced into it."

The whole speech was obviously a thinly veiled attack upon the left wing. He closed with a bitter attack upon the opposition, terming them a small, unscrupulous group who would stop at nothing to gain their end. He mentioned no names. He justified the expulsion of those who are in opposition.

Gave Russia One-Fourth Million. He said that the Amalgamated had given a quarter of a million dollars to Russia during the famine, that it had helped to establish the Russian Clothing Industry, that it gave aid to the German, Austrian and Polish workers and had assisted the strike in Passaic and the furriers' strike in New York, irrespective of their policies. He then inferred that the left wing should not interfere with the administration policy. He said his slogan was "Unity, loyalty and solidarity with the ranks."

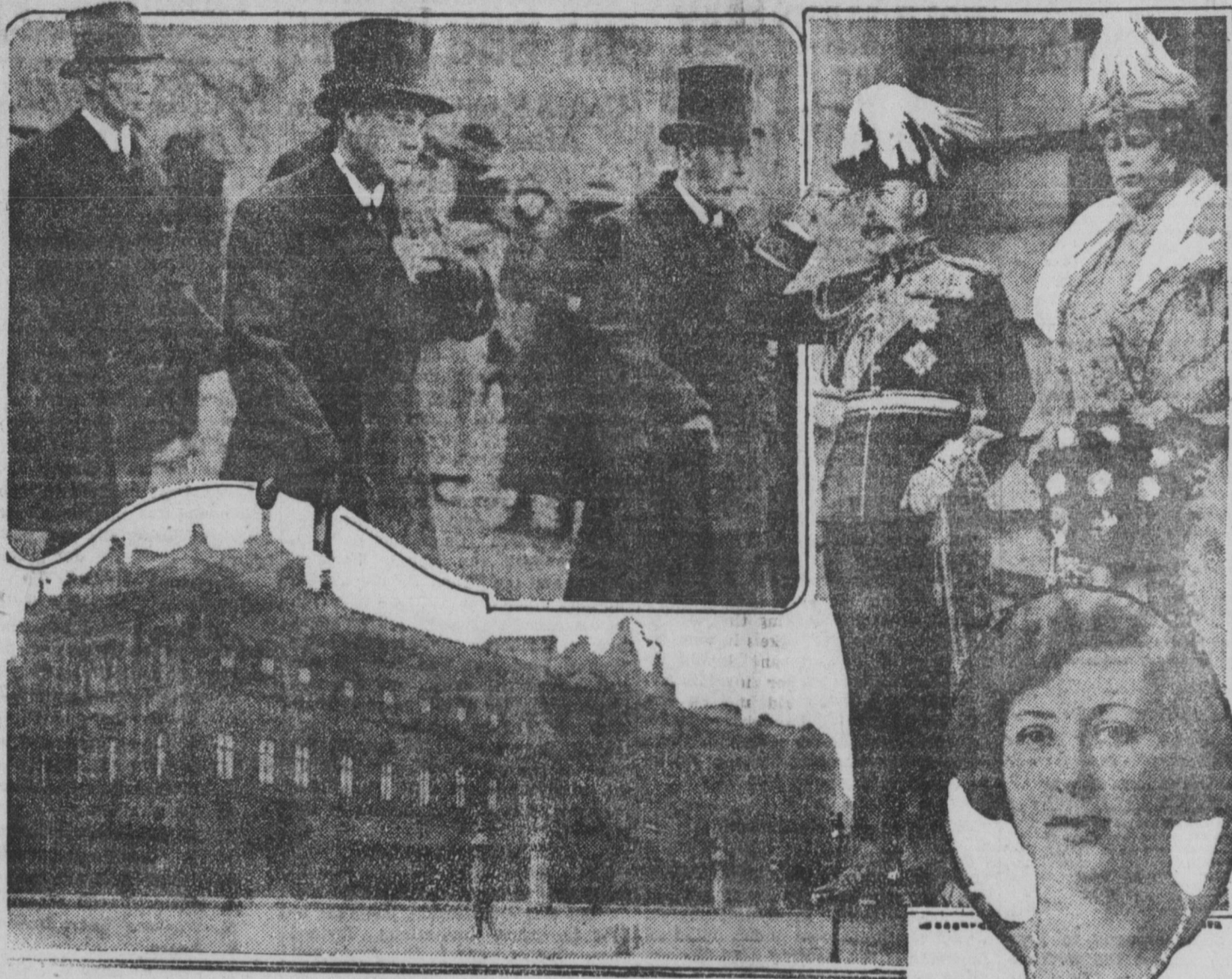
Speaking in support of the British strikers, Hillman urged moral and financial aid to their cause. The delegates rose to their feet and gave three cheers for the British strikers.

Schlossberg Speaks. Joseph Shubert, labor party alderman of Montreal, and Joseph Schlossberg, Secretary of the union spoke after Hillman. Without openly stating so and while he advocated "unity, loyalty and honest criticism of the administration," Schlossberg followed Hillman's lead in the question of expulsions.

The convention adjourned for the day to allow the delegates to make a sight-seeing tour. The sessions will probably conclude on the 15th of May.

That worker next door to you may not have anything to do tonight. Hand him this copy of the DAILY WORKER.

BRITAIN'S ROYAL FAMILY AND ONE OF THEIR HOMES



Photos above show Buckingham Palace, King George and Queen Mary, Princess Mary below, and with high hats, the king, the Prince of Wales and Prince Henry. These rulers are the last royal heads left in any great nation and the strike raises the question of their abolition. The working class of England has for long not been over-fond of their majesties.

MORE STRIKE BULLETINS

Troops Called to England.

BELFAST, Ireland, May 10.—The Northumberland fusiliers, recently returned from duty in the Rhineland, have left their camp, near Belfast. They are under orders to proceed to England.

Dublin Stops Food Shipments.

DUBLIN, Ireland, May 10.—On instructions from British labor and the Irish trade unions no shipments of foodstuffs or agricultural produce were made from Dublin today.

Socialists Say Big Membership Report Was All a Mistake

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ization in 1925 was illuminating and is now servicable as history, well known to all of us. A half-dozen men in the field for months, at immense expense, with faithful and laborious effort, produced new members—about a thousand of them—at a cost of approximately \$7.00 each. The cost and the results at first seemed alarming. However, it is to be remembered that this extraordinary effort had the very fortunate result of holding up our weakened membership, morale and organization, thus, in a great measure, justifying the expense."

But the 1,000 members brought in merely filled the places of other who rapidly dropped out. The socialists now have little hope or plan to plug up the leaks promised for the coming year.

The membership report for the first three months of this year indicates that the bulk of the socialist party membership is located in California, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. These are the only states having more than 500 members. New York leads

with Wisconsin second, and Massachusetts third.

Some of the delegates came to the convention from states with practically no membership. Indiana had two delegates for its 72 members. This is Debs' home state. Kansas had a delegate for 37 members. Kentucky showed no dues stamps bought this year but it had a delegate just the same. Maryland had one delegate with 37 members. Michigan sent two delegates for 162 members; Missouri one delegate for 137 members; Montana one delegate for 27 members; Virginia, two delegates for 46 members; with similar slender representations for other states.

It is significant that J. Mahlon Barnes, acting business manager of the American Appeal, the socialists' official organ, and George R. Kirkpatrick, acting national secretary, both want to resign their posts.

Income Drops \$5,000. The total income of the socialist party is shown to have been \$5,045.75 less for 1925 than for the previous year. It faced this year with a balance of \$237.48.

The records show only four surviving foreign-language federations. These include the Finnish, 2,403 members; Italian, 476 members; Jewish, 587 members; Jugo-Slav, 811 members, and Lithuanian, 111 members; taking

the average for the first three months of this year.

The whole faith of the socialist party has now been placed in its weekly organ, the American Appeal. Secretary Kirkpatrick expressed this faith when he declared:

"The American Appeal is by far the best, if not the only available—or practicable—resource for the upbuilding of the party, at this time, and is the one big thing for organization work as regarded from the national office point of view."

Cahan Buys Control.

The financial report, however, shows that the American Appeal has already, after a few weeks, eaten up nearly all the money taken in on subscriptions. A subsidy of \$1,000 per month is promised by Abraham Cahan's New York Daily Forward. Cahan was also the big financial backer of the New York Daily Call for a long time. But when he contributed financial support, he was always on the job insisting on dictating editorial policies.

Attack the War Debts.

There was a big element in the socialist convention that believed the cancellation of the war debts was a war preventative. The proposition finally adopted read:

"We denounce the present method adopted by the United States government of settling war debts upon an arbitrary basis and its brazen discrimination in favor of reactionary governments. Thus it granted extraordinary generous terms to the murderous fascist regime in Italy while imposing much harsher terms upon the comparatively liberal government of France. Its settlement with Italy amounts to a gift of \$2,000,000,000 in interest to the Mussolini dictatorship upon a plea of poverty; yet at once upon this settlement the Mussolini government agreed to pay no less than seven per cent interest to Wall Street bankers for a loan of \$100,000,000 for imperialistic purposes. It is hypocrisy for nations spending upon war and war-like preparations more money than before the world war, to plead poverty. The socialist party favors complete cancellation by the United States of all governmental war debts, including sums due from Germany, but only upon condition of international disarmament and cancellation of all inter-allied war debts and all reparation claims."

This is practically the position of the republican senator, William E. Borah, of Idaho. No mention is made of European workers repudiating the debts to Wall Street's international bankers.

Berger Is Almost Forgotten.

In considering the question of lynching it was proposed that the convention favor the Dyer-McKinley anti-lynching bill. McKinley is the reactionary senator from Illinois. The resolution was on its way to passage when someone remembered that the socialist congressman, Berger, had an anti-lynching bill before congress. This was then approved.

"Vic" Berger was remembered again as the convention drew near to adjournment. "I make a motion that Berger sing us a song," yelled one enthusiastic delegate, as the motion to adjourn came up.

But the motion was not considered. Berger was not given the opportunity to sing. If he had, it would probably have been a dirge.

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ELEVATED LINE TOILERS DEMAND WAGE INCREASE

Threaten to Strike to Enforce Demands

Workers on the Chicago elevated lines have followed the lead of the street carmen in demanding an increase of five cents an hour for all classes of workers in the Chicago Rapid Transit Lines.

Besides demanding the 5 cent an hour wage increase, which would bring their wages to the point they were before the wage slash of 1922 which was caused by the actions of Frank L. Smith republican nominee for the United States senate and who is backed by a number of Chicago labor lieutenants of the open shop republican party, they insist on \$1,000 death benefits and \$20 weekly sick benefits at the expense of the company. At present the death benefit and the sick benefit are maintained on contributions of the union and the traction bosses. The workers now insist on having the company bear the burden.

The present contract expires on May 31. The 4,500 workers on the elevated lines are determined to strike if the company does not meet their demands. At present motormen receive a maximum of 77 cents an hour. They insist on getting 82 cents an hour.

Williamson to Report on Y. C. I. Plenum at Vilnis Hall, Friday

John Williamson, just returned from Moscow, where he was a delegate to the enlarged plenum to the Young Communist International, will make a report to the members of the Chicago League on the proceedings of the congress, at Vilnis Hall, 3116 South Halsted St., Friday evening, May 14, at 7:30 o'clock sharp.

This is the first time Chicago members will hear Williamson since his return. He will report on the decision and resolutions on the American League. Members of the party are also invited to attend.

Proletarian Writers and Artists to Hold Dinner on Wednesday

NEW YORK, May 10. — The Proletarian Writers and Artists League will hold a dinner and open meeting at the Co-operative Cafeteria, 54 Irving Place near 17th St. on Wednesday evening, May 12 at 7 o'clock. Bertram Wolfe, Michael Gold and John Howard Lawson will be the speakers. Robert Wolf will act as chairman. Following the speeches there will be an open discussion.

Walter Trumbull Speaks in Grand Rapids, May 17

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 10.—Walter Trumbull will speak at a mass meeting to be held Monday, May 17, at 8 p. m., at 211 Monroe Ave., Room 209, under the auspices of the International Labor Defense.

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