

MINERS', FISHERS', SEAMEN'S CONDITIONS TOLD BY WORKER CORRESPONDENTS

CHARITY MONGERS PREY ON SAILORS ON WATERFRONT

Seamen's Institute Is Cop Hangout

On the corner of South St. and Coenties Slip there is a fourteen-story building known as the Seamen's Church Institute of New York.

In reality a seaman has to pay for everything he receives there. When a seaman asks for shelter he is sent to the Municipal lodging house and the degenerated charitable institutions of the capitalist system.

On other evenings they have the daughters of the parasites sing to the seamen when they are hungry and faced with the necessities of life.

You are bound to find very few seamen who have a good word to say about the Seamen's Institute, and the only reason they patronize it is that there is no other lodging house on the waterfront and nearer to shipping office.

"BLACKIE," A SEAMAN.

Miners Ask Aid Against Coal Bosses

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DENVER, (By Mail).—The City councilmen of Denver are very much interested in passing some kind of an ordinance to prevent workers to organize. They want something similar to the Criminal Syndicalism act of California.

It is to be hoped that all liberty loving peoples, who have a real sense of proportion, will oppose such a flagrant expression of boss class legislation.

MICHIGAN WOMEN SPEED UP WORK; NUCLEI ASSIST

To Hold Bazaar Early In March

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DETROIT, (By Mail).—The Women's Work Conference for Party functionaries held recently at headquarters marked a great advance over the previous conference. All the nuclei and sections have now elected their women's work directors.

The order of business on Feb. 3rd included an introductory talk by the head of the Women's Department, Comrade Buch, followed by an explanation of the district program, and assignment of tasks for the units.

More Contributions to Ruthenberg Daily Worker Sustaining Fund

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Fisher Tells of Alaska's Slave Hells

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

NAK NEK, Bristol Bay, Alaska, (By Mail).—I am sending you twelve dollars, and hope it will be of use to you.

I am a working man employed by the Fish Trust in Bristol Bay, Alaska. It is one of the greatest slave-holes on earth. Orientals here are working 18 hours a day and get only two meals a day. They get only from \$100 to \$200 per season.

I am a subscriber to The DAILY WORKER.

INSISTS REPORT ON S-4 UNFAIR

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—Following the order of Curtis D. Wilbur, secretary of the navy, to the special naval court to further consider details of the sinking and rescue operations of the S-4, Chairman Snell of the house rules committee declared that he thought the findings of the committee both "fair and comprehensive."

TEACHERS' UNION ADDRESS. "Free Speech and Education" will be discussed at the "Educational Pic Luncheon" of the Teachers' Union at noon this Saturday, at the Civic Club, 18 East 10th St.

EVANS FACTION OF KU KLUXERS DROPS ITS MASK

Few Survivors of Labor Hating Body

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. — The faction of the ku klux klan, under Hiram W. Evans, who called himself the "imperial wizard" of the hooded and masked order of "nordic, protestant, native-born, white, hundred per cent Americans" has abandoned the familiar regalia of the order and will henceforth appear without masks.

Evans, one of the beneficiaries of the stupendous graft connected with the organization of the klan at ten dollars a head and an additional sixteen dollars for a night-shirt and hood, announced that henceforth his faction of the klan that split off from the one controlled by the former wizard of Atlanta, Simmons, would change its name and hereafter be known as the "knights of the great forest."

Some 700 survivors of the once powerful organization of labor-hating fanatics feebly cheered this announcement.

Try to Revive Graft. The klan sun has set. The graft has been dwindling until it no longer suffices to keep the fakery in habitual luxury, so new methods had to be devised to try to maintain a substantial income from the forlorn yokels who fell for the original swindle.

George Arliss' spring tour in "The Merchant of Venice," which is now current at the Booth Theatre, will include Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Buffalo, Toronto, Montreal, and Hartford.

DRAMA

George M. Cohan's "Whispering Friends" At Hudson Theatre

A NEW play "Whispering Friends," by George M. Cohan opened at the Hudson Theatre on Monday night. To say that the play is light would be no disparaging remark for a work of Mr Cohan's, for he has built his nest-egg on plays so light they shivered in the mild breeze that sweeps the lane of fame and fortune called Broadway.



George M. Cohan

has failed to do what he did in "The Baby Cyclone" and other plays — turn them into fairly amusing farces by wily showmanship and an expert knowledge of the mechanics of the theatre.

The play is little more than a series of dialogues by means of which we are introduced into a series of complications so bewildering no one cares how they end. If Mr. Cohan had exerted his mental faculties more his play would no doubt be interesting, for he writes of the difficulties in which an insurance man, Joe Sanford, finds himself when he marries an extremely wealthy widow, a present-day petty-bourgeois ideal. He is sensitive over the fact that people, no doubt jealous of his "good fortune" will say he has married for money. Which, of course, he has.



Maurice Ravel

The noted composer-pianist will appear in recital Sunday afternoon at the Century Theatre playing a program of his own compositions. The noted composer-pianist will appear in recital Sunday afternoon at the Century Theatre playing a program of his own compositions.

A production in English of Tchekov's "The Cherry Orchard," played here by the Moscow Art Theatre, will be produced here in English opening at the Bijou Theatre on the afternoon of Monday, March 5, for a series of matinees. Mary Grey will have the chief role.

PHILA. TO HOLD MEMORIAL MEET

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 23.—A Ruthenberg Memorial meeting will be held here at the Labor Institute, 810 Locust St., Saturday, March 3. Jay Lovestone, executive secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, Herbert Benjamin, district organizer of the Philadelphia district, and Clarence Miller, industrial organizer of the Young Workers League, of New York, will be the speakers.

Several tableaux depicting memorable episodes in the class struggle in America, and a musical program by the Freiheit Chorus and the Young Workers Mandolin Orchestra will be the principle features of the entertainment.

Error in Estimate to Cost \$1,100,000 More

ALBANY, Feb. 23.—Due to an alleged "error" in the original estimations, Governor Smith has just learned that at least \$1,100,000 more will be required in the construction of the new 32-story state office building here, the cornerstone of which will be laid next Tuesday.

HOLD ATHLETE ASSAULTER

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 23.—Irving E. Frey charged that Prof. E. U. Balsbaugh, head the science department and athletic coach of the Elizabethton High School, attacked life son Karl M. Frey because he did not approve of his behavior during the singing of a patriotic song. Balsbaugh was arrested on a charge of assault and battery yesterday, and was held on \$300 bail. He will be tried today by Squire Grimm.

Revolution Tonight? YES—JAY LOVESTONE NO—GEO. HIRAM MANN Come to the Big Debate Tonight at 8 P. M. IRVING PLAZA HALL 15th-Street and Irving Place ADMISSION 75c. Auspices WORKERS SCHOOL.



The American Legion, the Keymen of America, the National Security League, the American Government have combined to destroy Labor's fighting paper and are attempting to put its editors in jail.

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Here is My Contribution to the Defense Fund 33 First Street, New York City. NAME: AMOUNT: City: State:

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Dictatorship at Havana

In regard to American policy at Havana the New York Times for February 21 says editorially:

"We have made it clear that the surest guarantee against our intrusion upon the Caribbean states is for these states to manage their affairs without imperiling American lives or legitimate American interests."

Since the state department issues all passports it stands back of American citizens (at least all prosperous citizens) who enter the various Latin American countries; and, since it likewise passes upon all foreign loans, its stands back of the enterprises in which American capitalists engage. The word "legitimate" as used by the Times therefore means that all "American interests" are backed by the state department.

Further, since Wall Street government interprets the Monroe Doctrine to mean that it is the sole authority which determines whether the conduct of their affairs by Latin American governments is favorable or unfavorable to "American interests," the Times is stating the bald fact that American imperialist government has set itself up as the dictator over the Latin American republics and their peoples.

Charles Evans Hughes as the chief spokesman of American imperialism in the Havana conference reserved for it the right to intervene in any country, in any manner and at any time it sees fit to do so in the interest of the imperialist rulers.

This is the cold fact established by the Havana conference: That the Latin American republics now stand always in danger of armed invasion by American forces if in the judgment of imperialism's advisers such invasion will advance the program of conquest of which the war on the Nicaraguan people is a part.

Wall Street government at Havana asserted its right of sovereignty over Latin America. This sovereignty can be given actual governmental expression only by war; and the Havana conference policy of American government is a war policy.

The Latin American peoples will not submit to American imperialism. The fact that only the Argentine delegate made an open fight (and at that a timid fight) against this policy does not mean that the peoples of the other republics have abandoned all thought of struggle. It means only that American diplomacy backed by Wall Street and its army and navy was able to intimidate and bribe Latin American officials into betraying the interests of the masses at Havana.

These masses will have the last word and it is only by the support of the Latin American workers' and peasants' organizations and nationalist movements directed against imperialism by American workers and farmers that imperialism can be defeated.

The Havana conference was a flaming danger signal to the masses of the United States, Canada and Latin America. It has brought nearer and made clearer the danger of imperialist war.

The same forces that are making war upon the striking coal miners and their families—trying to starve 600,000 men, women and children into submission—are preparing for war upon the workers and peasants of Latin America.

The weapon of the masses of two continents is organization for war against United States imperialism, the arch war maker and the enemy of the workers of the United States and of Latin America alike.

Davis Deceives on Tariff Issue

Secretary of Labor Davis, following in the foot-steps of the democratic politicians, is attempting to exploit the sufferings of the unemployed masses in the interests of the republican party and in the interests of those capitalists who are profiting by the tariff.

The workers must not permit themselves to be fooled by these maneuvers of the republican politicians.

Mr. Davis attempts to impress the workers that the way to solve the unemployment situation is to maintain the tariff on foreign goods. He says that the removal of the tariff would endanger employment and wages of the American workers.

The conscious American workers will not believe this stuff. They will remember that despite the fact that the American government has been in the hands of a republican administration for nearly twelve successive years, an administration which has maintained a high protective tariff in the interests of several big industrial combinations, yet unemployment has been growing and not diminishing. The workers will also remember that despite the domination of the republican party with its high protective tariff policies, the working class of America today is passing through the severest unemployment crisis since 1924. Today there are about five million unemployed workers, with consequent suffering, misery and starvation.

The speech of Davis is nothing else than the maneuver of a republican politician to utilize the resentment of the working masses in the interests of the republican party and the big capitalists of the United States.

The Workers (Communist) Party will wage a determined struggle against these maneuvers. It will continue to bend all its efforts to mobilize all organized as well as unorganized workers, the employed as well as the unemployed, for a militant struggle against unemployment and for effective unemployment relief.

The Lenin-Ruthenberg drive for the increase of the Workers Party membership and for the building up of the circulation of THE DAILY WORKER is designed to strengthen this campaign

"I DIDN'T DONE IT..."



"Before my God, I am as innocent as a babe," said William J. Burns, before receiving his 15-day jail sentence for shadowing jurors in the Standard Oil trial. Burns, in co-operation with the bosses, has sent more labor men to jail than any other single man in the country.

By Fred Ellis

Workers Lives Cheap Under Capitalism

By M. RENUD.

THIS mad and insane machinery of exploitation, slavery and oppression, daily claims its toll of victims from the ranks of those whose position in life is to toil eternally and serve industry. How often it is the life of a worker, or a serious injury disabling him while performing his task in return for a miserable wage?

There rarely passes a period with no accounts of tragedies which take the lives of workers, leaving their dependents without any means of a livelihood.

We are filled with horror and pain when visualizing miners struggling amidst the black giants of destruction, overcome by the deadly fumes, away from the sun and light, seeking air, dying amidst an agony of untold torture. Only recently the lives of twenty-one miners were taken in an Illinois town. They went down into the dungeon, to earn bread for their hungry wives and children and a maintenance in the company's barn—but they never saw the light again. The bosses were warned against the possibility of inflating gas—but human life is cheaper. An hour's work was saved—and new slaves took the vacant places of their martyred comrades, perhaps to await the same fate.

Such tales are plentiful and endless; the guilty murderers are cleared of their share of responsibility, and the undisturbed exploiters continue their vicious methods of slaughter.

Will it continue? Will those workers not throw off the yoke of their masters?

The suffering of the proletariat has for centuries accumulated to go down into history as a glorious page of heroic martyrdom, but the spirit of discontent in the ranks of the weak and oppressed will rise and unite in the great cause of international emancipation.

Episcopalian Socialism in Massachusetts

By BILL DUNNE.

RELIGION," said Marx, "is the opium of the people."
Alfred Baker Lewis, state secretary of the socialist party in Massachusetts, disagrees with Marx. In a letter to the Boston Transcript, published on February 14, Lewis states that he is a member of the Episcopal church.

The Lewis position as set forth in his letter is that there is no conflict between religion and socialism. This is about the same as saying that there is no conflict between superstition and science—which is about the most obvious untruth one can indulge in.

Socialism is scientific or it is not socialism. The Utopian theories of Fourier, Owens and St. Simon did not survive the scientific Marxian analysis of the evolution of society, of its class character and its commodity method of production—production for sale and exchange, production for the market exclusively—the proof that history "is a series of class struggles."

Religion proceeds on the false theory that mankind must be "redeemed," i. e., made better by the adoption of a code of morals contrived by a supernatural being—a god. All evil, according to theologians, is the result of mankind's evil disposition and the god—there is much difference of opinion among religionists as to whom and what he is—must be respected and obeyed. His mandates are made known to the masses by self-appointed spokesmen who claim that the god speaks thru them.

This procedure of selecting the god's spokesmen has not changed since prehistoric times. The Episcopal church uses the same age-old method and it follows therefore that the religious adviser of Alfred Baker Lewis has no more of a mandate than do the medicine men of primitive tribes.

Religion Is Superstition.
Socialism has a conflict with religion. Leaders who call themselves socialists may not have a conflict with religion but this merely proves that they are not socialists but middle class reformers or outright capitalist agents.

Let us take a look at the letter written by Alfred Baker Lewis: "To the Editor of the Transcript:
"Your correspondent, Mr. Moore, seems very determined to have your readers believe that there is some antagonism between socialism and religion. I am glad he admits that the socialist party of the United States is not opposed to religion. That is at least a step for him in the right direction.

"That the other socialist parties affiliated in the labor and socialist international, such as the British labor party, are not opposed to religion is also undeniable. That prominent individual socialists in this country are not only religious but obtained ministers of religion is also true, among them Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Rev. Norman Thomas, Bishop Paul Jones, Rev. Harry F. Ward and, to come nearer home, Maver Bakeman of Peabody.

"Furthermore, Mr. Moore's own church, the Episcopal church, finds no necessary opposition between socialism and religion. Both Edith Williams, who has several times been a candidate of the socialist party, and I myself, the state secretary of the socialist party, are members of the Episcopal church...."
"Alfred Baker Lewis
"Cambridge, Feb. 13."

The Episcopal church, to which Lewis gives allegiance, is the church of the aristocracy as Upton Sinclair so ably proves in his "Profits of Religion." But this is a small matter compared to the fact that a leader of the socialist party in one of the most important industrial states takes so much trouble to show that there is no antagonism between socialism and religion.

What is the reason for this? The churches are institutions of and for the ruling class. The whole theological doctrine of salvation—a paradise in a supernatural world after death for those who follow the clergy—has the effect of fixing the thoughts of the masses on the future instead of on the present. If one is assured of a heavenly home after a brief stay on earth—and misery suffered on earth together with servile obedience to the clerical code is the best guarantee of ghostly happiness—it is clear that it is more or less a waste of effort, and even jeopardizes one's place in the heavenly mansions, if one fights oppression unceasingly.

Religion is made for slaves and helps to make slaves.
Furthermore, the meekness and

"golden rule christianity" which the theologians preach is only for the exploited section of the population. It is intended to lull them into acquiescence to the demands of the ruling class—and it does so where it is not counteracted by scientific socialist propaganda and the conduct of the class struggle in a militant manner.

The only time the clergy have played a progressive role has been when individuals among them, at a time when scientific thinking was unknown, have broken with the hierarchy and joined with the proletariat and peasant masses in onslaughts on the ruling class which were not and could not be conducted in accord with the prevailing concept of christian conduct. At such times, these clerics have merely symbolized the rise of a new social epoch, have been swept along by a shift in class relationships.

But since the rise of capitalist society and the appearance of the working class as a class separate from all others, carrying the social revolution in its hands, the churches and the clergy have played a completely reactionary role. They have been and they are found on the side of reaction in every struggle between the working class and its oppressors.

Lately there has been noticeable a tendency in both the Roman Catholic and protestant churches for sections of the clergy to ally itself to some extent with the labor aristocracy—to favor the organization of unions, higher wages, better working and sanitary conditions, etc.

This is by no means the dominant tendency and it appears chiefly among those clergymen depending for their support on sections of the middle class who find themselves in conflict with the big capitalists over certain points of the imperialist program, who feel the burden of increased taxation for imperialist adventures, etc., and who need the support of the masses.

But even this activity of these sections of the clergy is by no means progressive. As a matter of fact it is the clerical expression of the class peace and efficiency unionism theory of the labor bureaucracy. The policy has as its goal not the encouragement of resistance to exploitation, but submission to it. It is reactionary in essence and its objective effect solely that of retarding militant working class organization and the development of class-consciousness.

There are two possible reasons for a socialist party leader belonging to a church—Episcopal or otherwise: One is that he believes the superstitions disseminated by the clergy, and the other is that he wants to appear respectable and avoid conflict with and criticism by the upper classes.

If Alfred Baker Lewis belongs to the Episcopal church for the first reason he is so ignorant that no worker should trust him.
If he belongs for the second reason he is a hypocrite and a coward and likewise unworthy of the confidence of the working class.

The reformist theory that religion is a private matter is put forward by

Young Communists and the Red Army

(Continued from Last Issue.)

The defeated White Guards left behind many gangs of bandits. These gangs terrorized the civil population, raided factories, trains, and destroyed whatever they could. The Ukrainian Young Communists performed enormous tasks in combatting this banditism. There are some very striking cases on record. In the Don district there were 10 nuclei with 202 members. These 202 members fought in 154 battles in the course of 1½ years. Twenty-seven members were wounded, 16 killed, 55 were taken prisoners, 21 of whom were tortured to death. The Young Communists revealed great heroism in their struggle against banditry. There were also some tragic cases, for instance, the destruction of a Young Communist detachment in Tripoli. The detachment did not take any protective measures and settled down in the different homes of the neighborhood; the kulaks, knowing that the detachment was scattered, attacked the members individually and killed them all. That gang was soon after suppressed by the Red Army.

Underground Activity
Then the underground activity which the Young Communists carried on in the enemy's rear (in the Ukraine during the Petlura period, in the caucasia, in Odessa, Simferopol, Nikolaev, White Russia, etc.) merits attention.
There were cases when spies be-

trayed Young Communists, who died for the proletarian revolution unflinchingly. In Odessa nine young Communists were sentenced to death by the Whites and before their execution they made a statement: "We die, but we are triumphant and we hail the victorious offensive of the Red Army. We look forward to, and believe in, the final triumph of the Communist ideals. Long live the Red Army! Long live the Communist International! (Signed: Dora Lubarskaya, Ida Krasnostchokina, Yasha Roffman, Lev. Spivak, Boris Mikhailovitch Dunitovskiy, Vasil Petrenko, Misha Pitteman, Polia Park.)"

The Red Army detachments which smashed the enemy forces captured this letter of these young heroes. But how many unknown heroic Young Communists fell in the defence of the proletarian revolution?

Reduction of Army.
The final destruction of the counter-revolution and the freeing of the Soviet outposts from banditry, raised the question of reducing the Army and placing it on a peace footing. The Workers' and Peasants' Government not aiming at conquests, decided to keep an army for defensive purposes only as to protect the U. S. S. R. from attacks of the West European bourgeoisie. The U. S. S. R. was continuously menaced by an attack, but at the present time that menace has greatly increased. The British imperialists and now the French

banking interests are preparing a direct attack on the U. S. S. R. (as witness the severance of diplomatic relations with the U. S. S. R. by the British Tories, the raid on Arcos, the raid on the Peking Embassy, the organization of terrorist acts against the most prominent figures in the U. S. S. R., etc.)

Under these conditions, during the period of peaceful construction, the Y.C.L. devoted much attention to questions of defending the U. S. S. R. in the ranks of the Red Army and among the broad masses of the toiling youth.

Army of Workers and Peasants
The Red Army is an army of workers and peasants. The leading role in the Red Army as in every phase of life in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, falls to the proletariat as represented by its vanguard, the Communist Party. The Young Communist activities in the army constitute a component part of Party activity (see decision of the Sixth Congress of the Russian Leninist Y.C.L. on work in the Red Army and Navy).
(To Be Continued.)

83, BUT HAS NO WORK.
LAWRENCE, L. I., Feb. 23.—James Lanheim of this town is 81 years old, but still must work as a clerk. He is said to be the oldest clerk in Long Island.