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"SMASH MURDER MACHINE!" MILITANT MINERS SAY

NICARAGUAN ARMY OF INDEPENDENCE TRAPS INVADERS

Withdraw Successfully to Jungle

MANAGUA, Feb. 29.—Panic has struck the Nicaraguan reactionaries since four United States marines were killed and many others wounded when a detachment of 36 invaders was ambushed by the troops of General Sandino armed with machine guns. The attack which occurred between Yali and Condega is reported to be the first maneuver in the newly resumed operations of the army of independence against the marine forces occupying northern Nicaragua.

Army Near Matagalpa. The main army of independence under General Sandino is understood to be strongly posted in the jungle country beyond Matagalpa.

Special significance is attached to the battle which took place in territory not previously under the control of the army of independence. The news of the casualties took several days to penetrate to the capital disclosing the interruption of communications with the interior country.

Serf-Drivers Terrified.

The army of General Sandino which recently withdrew before immensely superior American forces operating in the district of Neuva Segovia re-emerged victoriously in the more southern territory around Matagalpa. The reactionary planters were terrified and begged the return of the marine patrols with which they had been keeping the coffee serfs in submission on their plantations.

The column of United States marines which sustained the casualties are reported to have been part of the guard of a supply train sent to provision the American troops operating around Quail.

After the battle the Sandino troops withdrew into the wilderness where it is alleged they can withstand an American offensive for months at a time.

PITTSSTON SILENT AS 2 MINERS DIE

Workers Party Urges Union Defense

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 29.—Silent men walked the streets of the silent city of Pittston today—marked men, awaiting the next death move in the union struggle which today had added two more names to its rapidly growing list of victims.

Alex Campbell, 55, former international board member of the United Mine Workers and Peter Riley, 26, local union secretary, were shot down near Campbell's home while returning from a visit to Saint Bonita, held here on a murder charge for shooting Frank Agati, Bonita and his friends as he shot in self defense.

Pittston waited silently for the next move, waited knowing that other lives will be taken.

Workers Party Statement. The executive committee of District 3, Workers (Communist Party), issued the following statement last night on the murder of Alex Campbell and Peter Riley, progressive mine leaders:

"The death of Campbell and Riley at the hands of the remorseless assassins who are undoubtedly in the pay of the murderous Cappellini machine marks an instance of proletarian courage seldom equalled in the history of the American labor movement.

"These two leaders of the rank and file struggle against control of the miners' union by the coal operators have known full well for a week that they were marked for assassination. They had unmistakable evidence of the murderous ruthlessness of Cappellini's gunmen when their co-worker Lillis was murdered, and when an attempt was made, on the life of Bonita, who fortunately succeeded in felling it by felling the assassin Agati, and when the stalwart Greco was shot down in the presence of his wife.

"Yet they failed to be cowed into..."

MINE AND R. R. DISASTERS TAKE LARGE TOLL OF WORKERS' LIVES

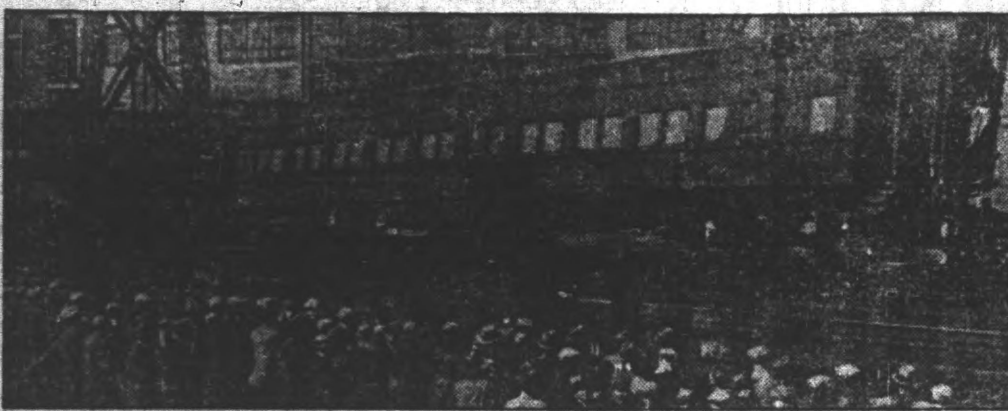


Photo to the left was taken after a passenger train of the Pennsylvania Railroad jumped a switch near Chester, Pa., resulting in the death of the engineer and firemen when the boiler exploded. A superintendent of the railroad hastened to blame the dead engineer for the wreck, altho the railroad workers say that a defective switch may have caused the derailment. On the extreme right is shown the victims being removed from the Mama Coal Co. mine at Jenny Lind, Ark., where 13 miners were killed by a gas explosion. This mine was non-union, and the non-union miners had no means of obtaining proper safe-guards. Thus, both accidents may be laid to the bosses' negligence. In the center a couple of senators are shown "investigating" the mine strike.



Murder of 2 Miners Symbol Of Fight for Militant Union

By BILL DUNNE.

PITTSSTON, Pa., Feb. 29.—Little Alex Campbell, brave and honest, and young Pete Riley, militant, smiling and determined fighter against corruption in the United Mine Workers, died at their posts, killed in the most cruel and cowardly manner by machine gun and shotgun fire. Their bodies were riddled without them having a fighting chance for their lives.

OHIO MINERS TO DEFY SHERIFFS

Will Picket in Spite of Terrorism

(Special to The Daily Worker.)

MARTINSFERRY, Ohio, Feb. 29.—One thousand pickets are on the job today at the Dorothy mine near Yorkville, after the unsuccessful attempts by U. S. marshalls and deputy sheriffs to break the lines yesterday, which ended in the use of tear gas and clubbing to disperse the strikers.

The resolve to continue and intensify the mass picketing came after the arrest of six of the strikers who were taken to Columbus, charged with violation of the injunction, and the miners are in a rebellious mood as a result of the arrests. The picketing started upon the announcement that the mine would resume work on an open shop basis. Fifteen were injured during the onslaught on the pickets by the marshalls and deputy sheriffs, including six company thugs, the U. S. marshalls and six strikers.

The strikers wrecked two autos being used to bring guards and stoned cops and company houses. Nearly 100 women, wives and relatives of the strikers were in the front line of the picketing.

REWARD STEWART FOR HIS SILENCE

CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—Col. Robert W. Stewart, who supposedly "defied" John D. Rockefeller Jr.'s request to "tell all" to the Senate, will be rewarded for his silence by being rejected chairman of the board of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana tomorrow, it was learned today.

Almost a unanimous vote is expected to put Stewart back at the head of Standard Oil of Indiana, despite Rockefeller's pretended disapproval.

READERS SHOW LOYALTY

Money Still Needed for "Daily" Defense

From the Workers (Communist) Party branch in Hartford, Conn., a check for \$100 came yesterday. "I hope this will be of some assistance in raising the fund needed to save THE DAILY WORKER," wrote the secretary of the organization. At the same time letters from individual Party members and sympathetic organizations came with varying amounts to aid in the defense of the "Daily" from the latest attack against it.

From Many Cities. A money order for \$10 came thru Chris Reiss, secretary of the Party organization at Portland, Oregon. "We have already distributed the do-

nation lists," wrote Reiss, "and will do our best to raise twice the amount that we have been asked to raise."

From the Workers Party branch at Gardner, Mass., came a check for \$20, with a letter from the secretary of the organization assuring the "Daily" that it has devoted support of the class-conscious workers of that city. "It is a big fight you're putting up," he wrote, "and it's worth it!"

Loyalty Shown. Thousands of dollars are still needed, however, to assure the continuance of THE DAILY WORKER. Despite the enthusiastic response of its...

LEPROSY DRUG GROWN. WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—A world search and long experimentation was brought under cultivation in Porto Rico a plant which promises unlimited quantities of the ingredients of chaulmoogra oil, a most valuable agency in the treatment of leprosy.

PIATAKOV ADMITS TROTSKY ERRORS

Asks for Admission to Communist Party

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Feb. 29.—Piatakov, who was expelled with other opposition leaders from the Communist Party by a decision of the Fifteenth Congress has made application to the Central Controlling Commission requesting that he be restored to Party membership.

"What Next?" In his declaration Piatakov points out that the Party is facing new difficulties which it is working untiringly to overcome with a hard and stubborn struggle still ahead. This circumstance makes it vital for every opposition member expelled from the Party to question the necessity of returning to the Party. The question facing every opposition member is "What next?"

Three answers can be given to this question: Either the opposition can remain outside the Party and carry on a further political struggle or they can remain outside the Party and cease struggling, or they can return to the Party and participate in the common political struggle and Party work.

"If I believed the Thermidor actually exists," says Piatakov, "I should give the following reply to this question: 'Remain outside the Party and pursue the political struggle against the All-Union Communist Party.'"

MINERS' MEETING BANNED BY MAYOR

Police Hold 2 Men for Murder of Militants

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 29.—Mayor Gillespie this afternoon prohibited a scheduled meeting of the Pittston local of the United Mine Workers here tonight. The mayor said he may allow a meeting of the union tomorrow morning in connection with the funeral of the two murdered progressives, Alex Campbell and Peter Riley.

The police today arrested two men whom they claim are being held as suspects in the slaying of the two militant leaders. They refused, however, to make any comment or give any details about the men.

CHICAGO LABOR HONORS LEADER

The workers of Chicago will gather at the Ashland Auditorium Sunday at 2:30 p. m. to commemorate the memory of E. Ruthenberg.

A year ago the same day, thousands and thousands of workers went to the same hall to view the body of their departed leader. This time the workers of Chicago will gather at a time when the struggle of the working class demands energetic and militant resistance against the onslaught of imperialism and against injunctions, wage cuts and unemployment.

The workers will be urged to remember Ruthenberg's last words: "Fight on!"

Int'l. Trade Union Federation Fails to Assist Striking Miners

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 29.—The needs of over half a million striking miners and their wives and children fail to bring a response from the right wing leaders of the International Federation of Trade Unions with headquarters in London. The American Federation of Labor to make application to us. Furthermore, since only miners come into the question, the International Miners' Federation, 8 Rue, Joseph Stevens, Bruxelles, is the competent body for the purpose. There would of course be difficulties in the way of your applying to this international if, as we assume, you are not affiliated with it.

Yours fraternally, —John Sassenbach, Secretary.

Evasion Cold Blooded. In reply to this cold blooded evasion of the duty automatically imposed on any avowed workingclass organization to stand by striking trade unionists in the common struggle against the employers, the Secretary of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee forwarded the following letter to the I. F. T. U. headquarters at Amsterdam:

"Dear Sir and Brother: We are in receipt of your reply to our letter of recent date urging you to initiate a relief action thru your organization in behalf of the striking miners in the United States and their families who are destitute and in dire need of the essentials of existence, after a fierce struggle with the coal barons, now in its eleventh month.

"We are compelled to express our (Continued on Page Two)

COOLIDGE FIRM ON FLOOD "ECONOMY"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—An energetic fight to put over the Coolidge-Hoover flood control compromise, saddling 25 per cent of the reconstruction costs upon the affected districts, was indicated today by reports that Coolidge would veto any flood control legislation which might pass congress authorizing the treasury to meet the full cost of various flood projects.

"The policy of setting up commissions in locals in which the administration has position has sapped the strength of the union and keeps hundreds of workers from participation in the work of the union.

"The division in the ranks of even those few who are organized makes impossible a common stand against the bosses and brings to the fore more sharply than ever the problem of creating one union in the industry.

WOMEN HAVE LABOR DAY

They Organize for Better Conditions

Today marks the opening of a week's intensive campaign for bringing the message of organization to the unorganized masses of working women throughout the country and rallying them around the standard of the labor struggle.

This drive is being carried on by a number of labor and working women's organizations including trade unions, women's clubs and housewives' organizations. There will be women's mass meetings, and conferences where the present critical position of women workers will be discussed and programs outlined for the defense of the labor standards of working women and the improvement of their conditions by trade union activity, labor legislation and a labor party.

The present unemployment crisis and the wage-slashing policy of the bosses is causing great hardship among women workers in all sections of the country. The Workers (Communist) Party

SAVE THE - UNION COMMITTEE URGES DECISIVE ACTION

Must Defend Framed-Up Coal Diggers

(Special to The Daily Worker.)

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 29.—The Tri-District Save-the-Union Committee of the United Mine Workers, over the signatures of Stanley Dziengelski, chairman and George Pappan, secretary, in a statement issued to the press, characterized the murder of Alex Campbell and Peter Riley as the brutal act of the agents of the operators and contractors in the union supported by the Lewis-Cappellini machine.

Prepare for Struggle.

The statement calls for the organization of rank and file committees throughout the anthracite field to "smash the murder machine" and to build a powerful defense organization to free Sam Bonita, Steve Mendola and Adam Moleski, who, the Save-the-Union Committee charges, are being framed up and railroaded to the electric chair because Bonita shot Frank Agati, known as one of the chief gunmen in the Cappellini machine, in self defense.

Accuse Authorities.

The Save-the-Union Committee charges that the murder of Campbell and Riley in broad daylight on one of the principal streets of Pittston by machine gun and shotgun fire, leads to the conclusion that the authorities must have had knowledge of the murder conspiracy, which has taken the lives of the three principal leaders of the opposition to coal company and contractor control of the union, put another in the hospital at the point of death and is trying to send three more rank and file miners to their deaths.

Organize Mass Meetings.

The purpose of what the Save-the-Union Committee's statement characterizes as fascist terror is to exterminate all union men who fight the open corruption of union officialdom. The statement calls upon all miners to come to the series of mass meetings arranged by the committee and to organize to rescue the union from the agents of the coal operators and contractors.

The statement in full is as follows:

Honest Leaders Killed.

"The murder of Alex Campbell and Peter Riley, honest and militant leaders of the rank and file opposition to the Pennsylvania Coal Co., contractors, Cappellini machine, shows the utter ruthlessness of the reactionary forces whose grip on the Pennsylvania colliery local unions of the United Mine Workers was broken by rank and file miners led by Campbell, Riley, Lillis, Greco, Bonita and other courageous union men. The statement of the Save-the-Union Committee of the tri-district, 33 West Union St., Wilkes-Barre, said.

Courage Respected.

"The brutal murder of Campbell and Riley in broad daylight by machine guns posted to cover a populous Pittston street is a great shock to the hundreds of miners who knew and respected their courage and ability.

"The bloody job done at the corner of Railroad and Vine Streets in open fascist fashion forces the conclusion that the authorities had some knowledge of the conspiracy and that no serious efforts will be made by them to arrest and convict the actual murderers and the higher ups responsible for the deaths of Lillis, Campbell and Riley and the almost fatal wounding of Greco.

Conspiracy Charged.

"No one now will deny that there exists a conspiracy to murder all leaders of the opposition to the contractor-Cappellini machine, to exterminate all miners who dare to challenge the bloody rule of the operators and contractors, supported by the Cappellini machine.

"The murder of Brothers Campbell and Riley is a challenge to every miner who is opposed to company and contractor control of the United Mine Workers.

"The murder of Campbell and Riley, following the murder of Thomas Lillis, the shooting of Samuel Greco and the attempt to frame-up Sam Bonita for defending himself from the attack of Cappellini's chief gunman, are all part of the conspiracy to break down working conditions and...

Opposition Member Begs Reinstatement in All-Union Communist Party

PIATAKOV ADMITS TROTSKY ERRORS; PROMISES CHANGE

Declares Others Would Gladly Return

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should advocate the necessity of creating a legal or illegal Party to pursue the struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat and Communism.

No Thermidor.
"But as political premises do not exist for such a solution, the question of the creation of a second party is in my opinion harmful and criminal. In rejecting the idea of a second party I likewise reject any kind of intermediary solution, such as the organization of this or that form of political movement outside the Party Units, not under the Party control and leadership and running counter to the Party's will. Such intermediary solutions must inevitably grow either into decisions to create another Party or decision to liquidate all special political organizations and return to the All-Union Communist Party.

"The second reply to the question, 'What next?' is no reply at all for a Bolshevik, but means an evasion of the question and refusal to participate in the political struggle of a working class.

"Hence only the third answer is the right one, that is return to the ranks of the All-Union Communist Party to participate in the Communist struggle and Party work.

Three Indispensable Conditions.

"Making such an answer, I necessarily intend to observe the three indispensable conditions of joining the Party. (1) Not to resume the factional struggle and to participate in the common work and struggle of the Party; (2) I do not question that the decision of the supreme organs of the Party is binding and my political status corresponds to any member of the All-Union Communist Party; (3) I do not question that the Comintern and its sections, particularly the All-Union Communist Party, are the only united political organization of Communists for carrying out Leninist policies, that the Soviet power in the U. S. S. R. is the organization of the dictatorship of the proletariat whose defense and consolidation is one of the most important duties of the Communists both in the U. S. S. R. and abroad, and that in the U. S. S. R. the Soviet state and the trade unions under the guidance of the All-Union Communist Party are building socialism. This initial estimation determines the fundamental line of conduct. After such an estimation controversies over this or that question which are inevitable in a living party cannot go beyond the limits of discussions between Party members.

Workers' and Peasants' Alliance.

"Under the concrete conditions of the struggle of the dictatorship of the proletariat for existence and development in the U. S. S. R., it is necessary to recognize as the basic law of development in the given stage, the principle of alliance between the workers and peasants which is also an indispensable condition of affiliation to the All-Union Communist Party. I entertain no doubts on this question. I had doubts lest the policy of alliance between the workers and peasants might become a policy of ignoring the class differences in the villages which would undoubtedly present a serious danger to the dictatorship of the proletariat. However, I am now clear that in this respect I was mistaken.

"I do not now consider it right to defend the opposition platform of the third of September which the opposition used as its main weapon in the struggle against the Central Committee of the All-Union Communist Party.

Rejects Trotskyist Credo.

"It goes without saying that I reject the directions of the Trotskyist center which were published in the Pravda of January 15.

"I quite agree with the criticism passed on them by Zinoviev and Kamenev in their letter to the Pravda of January 27.

"In view of all these considerations, I consider it necessary and permissible to request the Central Controlling Commission to restore to me my rights as a member of the All-Union Communist Party, believing that the comrades who participated with me in the opposition struggle and now share my viewpoint may likewise be restored to their rights as Party members."

Wages Are Low

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 29.—Nearly 40 per cent of the women in selling positions in stores in Pennsylvania receive less than \$15 a week while only 10 per cent of the men are paid this extremely low wage, according to a recent study of employment conditions by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Women and Children.

Makes Report on Peasant Problem



P. M. Roy, leader of the Indian Communist Party and former representative of the Communist International in China, addressing the International Agrarian Institute. In background is the Japanese Communist leader, Sen Katayama.

NO GRAIN BOUGHT ABROAD: PRAVDA LEAGUE MAY TALK OF ARMS SCANDAL

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Feb. 29.—Reports that the Soviet government is purchasing grain outside the Soviet Union are branded as misrepresentations by the press here. The rumors have been circulated abroad in an effort to stimulate grain prices and to encourage the western American farmers in view of the coming election in the United States, it is alleged.

Stories of a crucial bread shortage in Moscow are fabrications, the Pravda asserts, adding that such stories are to be attributed to the usual lie factories in various European centers.

POWERS SMUGGLE ARMS INTO CHINA

PEKING, Feb. 29.—More than 100,000,000 Chinese dollars, (approximately \$50,000,000 in United States money) were spent during the past year for arms, munitions and other military equipment for the armies in war-torn China, it was estimated here today.

These war supplies were shipped from foreign countries despite an international agreement to impose an embargo upon arms shipments into China, negotiated nine years ago.

Official foreign estimates of the quantities of war materials which have poured into China since the arms embargo of 1919 are as follows:

Rifles, 1,000,000; rifle ammunition, 500,000,000 rounds; machine guns, 2,000; artillery, 500 pieces; artillery ammunition, 500,000 shells.

SCIENTISTS FROM USSR SEEK POLE

LENINGRAD, U. S. S. R., Feb. 29.

For the first time in history human beings will drop out of the skies upon the North Pole when Gen. Umberto Nobile, of Italy, makes his second Polar dash in a dirigible, it was stated here today.

Three Russian scientists will make the trip with the Nobile expedition.

According to information received by the Russian Academy of Sciences, it is planned to bring the dirigible to a stop over the Pole and cast out anchors upon the ice from an altitude of approximately 200 feet. Rope ladders will be lowered so that at least three of the scientists on board may descend to take soundings of the sea beneath the ice floe and make other observations. The scientists will spend about five hours "upon the Pole" if possible.

Preparations for the flight are being pushed here by scientists who expect to accompany the expedition. It is understood that the expedition will be made up of 26 persons. The start will be made at the end of April or early in May when atmospheric conditions are most favorable.

PLAN TO EXTEND BIG ROTHERMERE PRESS COMBINE

See Ceaseless War on Labor in Move

By LELAND OLDS, (Federated Press).

A new capitalist attack is seen by leaders in the political and economic wings of the British labor movement in the announcement that Lord Rothermere will extend his huge newspaper combine. He will establish a chain of evening papers in 14 industrial centers outside London.

Rothermere, successor to Northcliffe who made and unmade governments during the world war, is England's leading newspaper capitalist. Through his Associated Newspapers, Ltd., he owns the powerful Daily Mail, the Evening News and the Weekly Dispatch, all of London. His Sunday pictorial newspaper including the Daily Mirror also wield enormous influence.

For the latest year for which figures are available Rothermere's Associated Newspapers reported a net profit after all charges amounting to \$5,460,000. This combine pays regular 40% cash dividends on its common stock. His Sunday pictorial newspapers made a profit of \$1,580,000 bringing the total profits of Rothermere's two enterprises to \$7,040,000. The Sunday pictorial trust pays 25% dividends.

\$8505 For Ad.

The Daily Mail leads all British papers in circulation, its daily average in 1926 being 1,756,000. For a full front page financial advertisement it gets \$8505 and \$6604 for a full page general ad. This is 8 to 4 times the cost of a full page in the New York Times. The Daily Mail's column rate is \$972, also about 4 times the rate for similar advertising in the New York Times or Chicago Tribune.

These enormously profitable news enterprises will get behind the new chain of evening papers which Rothermere plans to capitalize at about \$35,000,000. The first papers will be established in Glasgow, radical industrial center; Newcastle, center of the Northumberland and Durham coal fields; Manchester, center of the great Lancashire textile and manufacturing area where radical discontent has always been rife; Birmingham, center of the iron and steel country; and Bristol. Later the multiple evening newspaper system will probably include Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Liverpool, Sheffield, Hull, Nottingham, Wolverhampton, Leicester and Cardiff.

Labor circles regard the move as an attempt to extend the sphere of Rothermere influence to the detriment of trade unionism and the Labor Party. Rothermere is not firmly tied to either the liberal or the Tory parties but represents the pure capitalist interests, swinging public opinion to either as it suits the purposes of big business.

Fights Working Class.

All the weight of Rothermere's journals is certain to be cast in the scale against labor. That weight, when the new scheme materializes, will be brought to bear on a section of the newspaper public which is preponderantly working class. A great number of these readers are trade unionists and supporters of the Labor Party. Lord Rothermere's intention is to get them to read his papers and to absorb his ideas.

TRY 25 COMMUNISTS DOCKERS' STRIKE FOLLOWS ARREST OF 400 STUDENTS

Jugo-Slav Workers Face Long Jail Terms

VIENNA, Feb. 29.—The trial of the 25 Jugo-Slavian Communists is being prosecuted in Belgrade. The accused, among whom are Radimir Vujovic, Ottakar Kersovani, Lazar Stefanovic and many other prominent leaders of the Jugo-Slav youth movement, are charged with creating illegal youth organizations and the distribution of illegal propaganda.

The government intends to sentence several of the men to death and the remainder to jail terms of twenty years each. It is the government's plan to rush the trial thru so that only a short space of time

will be given the accused for the establishment of a defense and the discovery of fresh proofs of innocence. They also fear the outburst of public fury which has attended the disclosure of the sufferings of the condemned men in the Jugo-Slav jails.

Several of the prisoners were kept thru the bitter cold weather in underground cells, partly filled with water and seepage. They had only newspapers to shelter them from the cold and were refused food on several occasions to starve them into submission. The victuals they received were of the foulest sort.

BUSINESS MEN ASK CHINA WAR

SHANGHAI, Feb. 29.—That the United States government still recognizes the Northern warlords as the supreme government in China was evidenced yesterday in a decision handed down by Judge Milton Purdy, of the United States Court in China, denying the right of the Nanking government to sue in an American court while it is unrecognized by the American government.

The decision which concerns fire insurance policies underwritten by American companies on government property which subsequently passed into Nationalist hands, proves that the Washington officials still recognize the legality only of the Peking administration.

KELLOGG EMBARGO COSTLY FOR USSR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Because the Treasury Department does not choose to give official notice of a change of government policy in regard to imposition of gold from the U. S. S. R., the Soviet Union is losing \$1,000 a day in interest on the 5,000,000 shipment of gold received here last Tuesday and still in the vaults of Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company.

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SENATE APPROVES FRENCH TREATY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—The new Franco-American arbitration treaty containing several "anti-war" provisions, was unanimously approved today by the senate foreign relations committee on a condition that it would not affect the old Bryan conciliation treaty.

Secretary of State Kellogg told the Committee the new treaty would not modify the old one and declared the American government would exchange notes with France to this effect, before the new treaty is ratified by the senate.

Venezuelan Dictator Jails Many

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Feb. 29.—A general walkout of harbor workers in the port of La Guayra has followed the arrest of four hundred students who were thrown into jail here by agents of the Gomez dictatorship, despatches from Caracas state.

The arrest of the students resulted from a huge demonstration held by the youth against the dictator, Gomez. Police and spies are said to have broken up the demonstration and hustled the four hundred manifestors to prison.

In spite of the rigid censorship which the Gomez dictatorship has clamped upon the country, despatches from Venezuela report that only two hundred of the students were confined in the capital.

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N. Y. TRACTION WORKERS START DEFENSE GROUPS

Raise Slogan "Our Own Strike!"

Traction workers on the lines of Greater New York are forming their own shop committees and other groups in defense against whatever move they may be forced to make in the next few days.

Open challenge by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company has been thrown down to them in the name of the company union which for over ten years has been enslaving them.

"You must remain in the Brotherhood, my company union," Frank Hedley, president of the company, announced to them yesterday in substance. "Even if there is to be a strike, it must be one which I control."

These were not his exact words, but his meaning could not be expressed more accurately.

"Go to the Brotherhood!"

In a letter to Mayor Walker, whose part in the situation has been to prevent real action to protect the workers, Hedley invites the mayor to go to the Brotherhood. "The Brotherhood officers request that they have a meeting with you, so that their side of the matter may be presented to you. In case you care to arrange such a meeting your office will find the Brotherhood officers at their headquarters, 162nd St. and Anderson Ave. Telephone Jerome 0633, ready to call upon you at your convenience."

Earlier in the day, Patrick J. Connolly, president of the company union, had issued a statement that the company union would itself call a strike if the nineteen discharged men of the Amalgamated Traction Union would be reinstated. "This was decided," Connolly stated, "at a meeting of the Brotherhood executive committee this morning." The company union is immediately under the direction of James L. Quackenbush, attorney for the Interborough and the decision announced by the "rubber stamp" Connolly was, of course, first worked out by Quackenbush and Hedley.

3 DRESS PICKETS ARRESTED; FINED

Three members of the Dressmakers' Local 22 of the Joint Board of the Cloak and Dressmakers' Union, were arrested yesterday while picketing the shop of the Sunrise Dress Company. They were later released after payment of a \$3 fine imposed by Magistrate Silverman, who found them guilty of disorderly conduct in Jefferson Market Court.

The Sunrise Dress Company was declared on strike by the Joint Board several days ago when the employer signed a contract with the dual "union" of the right wing. Upon the order of the employer that all those employed in his shop go and register in the right wing "union," a walkout immediately took place.

Right Wing Behind Arrests.

The workers were arrested upon the instigation of the right wing, testimony in the Magistrate's Court clearly showed. The police had made the arrests not in front of the shop, but almost a block away. Those arrested, Yetta Solovey, Jean Gorenstein, and Rebecca Mencken, were pointed out by the right wingers, it is declared.

Fine Pickets.

The six workers who were arrested for picketing the shop of the Main Cloak Company in Passaic, N. J., came up for trial in a local magistrates court yesterday. Four of these were fined \$6.00 and the other two were released. A Joint Board representative paid the fine.

A spontaneous walkout of all the 40 employees of the firm followed an announcement by the boss that all workers must go to register in the dual "union" of Morris Sigman, International president.

Women to Support Birth Control Bill

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 29.—Representatives of the Women's City Club, of New York arrived at the capitol yesterday to urge the assembly codes committee to favorably report a birth control bill sponsored by Assemblyman Olsen, Westchester Republican.

Miss Mary Arnold, chairman of the club's birth control committee, was scheduled to make the brief plea for the bill.

FUR THUGS HELD BY GRAND JURY

It was learned yesterday that the grand jury had indicted the six thugs who were working for the "Furriers' Joint Council," a dual organization established by the American Federation of Labor to replace the left wing controlled Joint Board Furriers' Union. They are to come up for trial in the near future in the Court of General Sessions on charges of felonious assault.

Several weeks ago they had attacked with knives and severely wounded Meyer Fineman, a fur worker who was walking alone at the time on Sixth Ave. and 29th St. according to the testimony of eye-witnesses. Among those indicted is one known to the local labor movement as "Big Alex" Fried, who was appointed by Matthew Wall, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor to assist Edward McGrady, who is in charge of the fight against the Joint Board.

WISC. LABOR TO HOLD MEMORIAL

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 29.—Labor will hold a Ruthenberg Memorial meeting Saturday at 8 p. m. at the Frei Gemeinde Hall, 8th and Walnut Sts. William Simons, of Chicago will be the speaker. There will be a program of music also.

Militarist Chum of Wm. Green Heard Again

CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—The principal speaker at the principal Washington birthday affair in Chicago the past week was Major General Charles P. Summerall, chief of staff of the U. S. army. While he did not address a labor audience on this occasion, trade unionists who attended the Los Angeles convention of the American Federation of Labor last October recall the interchange of compliments with President Green who introduced Summerall as an invited convention speaker. At that time Green said:

"General Summerall is very, very sympathetic toward the aims and purposes of organized labor. He believes in the things we believe in: His great heart beats in sympathy with the legitimate hopes and aspirations of the organized labor movement." Summerall, in turn, declared: "I know that your aspirations are the aspirations of the good men in industry and in finance. I have sometimes been startled by almost the same sentiments that I have heard from Mr. Green and that I have heard from what we might call captains of industry and finance."

Workers Are Blamed

HOBOKEN, N. J., Feb. 29.—Three railroad workers were yesterday indicted for manslaughter as a result of a collision last September between a trolley car and a train here, in which a woman died and 23 other persons, including railroad workers, were hurt. Henry Smith, driver of the freight locomotive, Mortimer Hoagland, the towerman and William Mensing, flagman, were the workers indicted. The motorman of the trolley, Joseph Roth, was not indicted, but is being sued by the railroad for damages to the locomotive. This is another attempt to place all responsibility for railroad accidents on the workers.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BOXING NOTES

Boxing fans are all keyed up in expectation for the 15 round bout between Tom Heeney and Jack Delaney at Madison Square Garden tonight. The announcement yesterday that Delaney weighs only 175

Tom Heeney, featherweight champion, has signed up to defend his crown against Andre Routis, former French champion in a 15 round bout at the Garden on March 23.

Originally Jimmy McLarnin, newest ring favorite was to clash with Billy Wallace on that date, but Wallace was not ready to go through with the match.

The possibility of a lightweight championship bout between McLarnin and Sammy Mandell, the title holder, in Yankee Stadium in June will be taken up by Eddie Kans, Sammy's manager who is scheduled to arrive here today.

INDUSTRIAL SQUAD ATTACKS LAUNDRY PICKETS IN N. Y.

Laundry Workers Fight for Recognition

Police are employing their usual terroristic methods in an attempt to intimidate striking laundry workers. Jean Scatele, Richard Salvatore and Alex Cardinelli, while picketing in front of a laundry owned by the Manhattan and Bronx Hand Laundrymen's Association, were approached by several plainclothes men of the Industrial Squad who first asked their names and then struck them, according to spokesmen for the workers.

The larger percentage of workers in the Oak Laundry on 54th St., the Liberty on 116th St., the Pruce on 137th St. and the Giant Laundry on 156th St. have walked out. In two of these laundries, every worker struck and in the others, practically all of the keep people, the wringers, washers, drivers and markers have joined the ranks of the strikers.

The women in these laundries earn from \$13 to \$15 a week. A large number of them are Negroes and Italians. Many are married and have several children to support as well as themselves on these meager salaries.

The strikers are demanding recognition of their union and a \$5 a week increase for all inside laundry workers.

Airport on Atlantic

A series of airports along the entire Atlantic coast will be erected by the National Airway Terminals, Inc., it was announced yesterday by the company. Officials of the Curtis and other aviation companies are behind the airway company, it was said.

Each airport will provide flying instruction and passenger flights. It is said that the airports will be used by the military authorities in case of war or "national emergencies," such as strikes or other mass action of the workers.

More Printers Jobless

COLLINGSWOOD, N. J., Feb. 29.—Over 50 workers of the Levering Reibel Printing Co. here were made jobless yesterday when a boiler explosion wrecked the plant. No one was injured.

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All workers are urged to attend and to bring their friends and shopmates.

Free Passaic Striker; Others Still in Jail

PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 29 (FP).—Paul Kovac, Passaic textile striker, sentenced April 1927 to a one-to-five year term in state prison on a bomb charge, has been released. Strikers still serving time are Adolph Wisnefski, Joseph Belene, Alex Kostamaha, Paul Ozanek, Tony Pchno and William Sikora. International Labor Defense aids their families.

WEEK-END DRIVE FOR MINERS HERE

Activities for the relief of the striking miners and their families will be greatly intensified during the next few days. All workers and sympathizers are preparing to participate in a special collection drive Friday, Saturday and Sunday. According to Fannie Rudd, secretary of the Pennsylvania-Ohio-Colorado Miners' Relief Committee, which is sponsoring this drive, the quota set for New York is \$25,000. Every section of the city will have its own quota set.

Centers Are Organized.

Drive centers have been established throughout the city. From each of these stations volunteers will work under the supervision of a station-captain. All sympathizers with the cause of the striking and locked-out miners have been urged to volunteer their services during these three drive days.

The results of the recent city-wide conference on Miners' Relief can be seen both in increased individual contributions and in the relief activities of organizations, according to Miss Rudd.

Contractor Threatens

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29.—An Alabama labor contractor has written to the agricultural labor bureau of the San Joaquin Valley saying that he stands ready to send 20,000 Negro laborers into California should bills restricting Mexican immigration be passed.

"These men are receiving \$1 a day and board and are ready to come West upon those terms," said the contractor.

Damages for Worker

Edward Kemp, 55, has been awarded \$32,500 by a jury in Supreme Court, Brooklyn, for the loss of his eye and left leg while an employee of the U. S. Trucking Corporation last September.

CHICAGO TO HEAR NEARING DEBATE ON IMPERIALISM

Will Urge War Against Wall St. Policy

CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—Scott Nearing and Arthur Fisher will debate on American imperialism, Saturday at 8 p. m. at the New Plumbers Hall, 1340 W. Washington Blvd.

The chairman will be Carl Haessler, of the Federated Press, and the subject: "Resolved that the independence of Latin America is doomed unless the United States becomes a Communist Country."

Nearing will take the affirmative and Fisher the negative. Fisher was with the trade union delegation to the Soviet Union and was formerly professor of law at the University of Montana.

This debate will be held under the auspices of the Chicago Workers School.

Negro Barbers Shunted Into Separate Local by Race-Hating Officials

DETROIT, Feb. 29.—The latest move of race discrimination on the part of America's labor officialdom is seen in the action of the chiefs of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union, in establishing a separate local for Negro barbers who wish to enter the union.

Decision to form the separate Negro local was reached at the International headquarters in Indianapolis.

After a Lifetime

WEEHAWKEN, N. J., Feb. 29.—Two workers of the West Shore Railroad, a branch of the New York Central, retired today after long service, and found themselves little better off than when they started to work for the railroad. Thomas Minshull, a locomotive engineer, made his last run after 56 years of continuous service. Melvin Worden, a ticket seller at the Weehawken terminal of the West Shore, retired after 33 years work. Worden has worked long hours and had little time off. Both workers will be forced to live on very meager savings after many years of toil.

Union Wins Increase

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 29.—Organized carpenters won a nine-months' strike against two interior finishing firms. The union scale of \$1.20 an hour and a 44-hour week is restored.

Detroit Unions Send Miners Relief Funds

DETROIT, (FP).—Four Detroit unions are forwarding money to the relief funds of the striking coal miners. Ironworkers No. 25 donated \$200 and voted a voluntary assessment of 25c per member per month until the strike comes to an end. Electrical Workers No. 58 and Plasterers No. 16 assessed their members 25c per month for the same period. Building Laborers No. 334 donated \$25.

NEW YORK WOMEN TO MEET SUNDAY

International Women's Day will be celebrated Sunday at 2 p. m. at Central Opera House, Third Avenue and 67th St. at a demonstration arranged by the New York Working Women's Federation Conference, 80 E. 11th St.

The speakers will be Rose Wortis of the Cloak and Dressmakers Union; Ellen Dawson, Passaic Textile Workers' Union; Marion L. Emerson, International Workers Aid; Ray Ragozin, Women's Conference for Miners' Relief; Rose Nevin, United Council of Working Class Women; Robert Minor, editor of THE DAILY WORKER and Regina Medim. Juliet Stuart Poyntz will preside.

The program will include Fanny Levine, violinist; the Freiheit chorus and dances by Dorsha. Genevieve Taggart will read from here poems.

Legislature for Chair

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 29.—Not a single member of the state legislature attended a hearing scheduled for yesterday on bills advocating the abolition of capital punishment. This killed all hope of any chance to procure a vote on the measures during this session of the legislature.

Hunger Causes Death

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 29.—Genes Kraveas, an aging worker, dropped dead as he was begging for something to eat at the door of a house here yesterday. Starvation and exposure were said to have caused his death.

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pounds has resulted in many of his supporters beginning to worry as to the outcome of the match. Heeney will enter the ring weighing at least 200 pounds. At the present he tips the scale at 197 pounds and will an-

