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JAPAN RUSHES MORE TROOPS IN NEW WAR THREAT

WORKER-PEASANT ARMIES PUSH ON TOWARD NANKING

Make Advances Thru-out Southern China

LONDON, May 16.—Chiang Kai Shek, commander-in-chief of the Kuomintang armies, has yielded to Japan's demands regarding the Tsinan-fu "incident," according to a Central News dispatch from Hong Kong this afternoon.

TOKIO, May 16. — With the Kuomintang troops, commanded by Chiang Kai-shek, pushing their way toward Tientsin, the Japanese Cabinet decided at a special meeting to despatch additional troops to China. In the expectation that fighting will take place near the Manchurian border the Cabinet made tentative plans to divert part of the third division from Nagoya, now on its way to Shantung, toward the Manchurian border.

The Japanese Government will actively intervene if the fighting spreads to Manchuria, it was stated in semi-official circles today. A despatch from Peking to the Rengo News Agency reports that steps have already been taken for withdrawal of Japanese civilians from Tientsin and Peking to Mukden in Manchuria.

The chief of the general staff has instructed General Fukuda, in charge of operations at Tsinan, not to permit Nanking troops to pass thru Tsinan on their drive north unless they yield to the Japanese demands, which include the complete cessation of "all hostilities, propaganda and warlike activities" within twenty miles from Tsinan-fu, Tientsin and the Shantung Railway.

TSINGTAO, May 16. — Three companies of Japanese infantry which were sent from Tientsin to Tsinan have been ordered to immediately return to Tientsin because of the "tense situation there."

(Special Cable to Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, March 16. — Gains for Communist-led worker-peasant troops thruout southern China are described in reports received here.

The towns of Ninnyuan and San-yuan in southern Hunan have been captured, while worker-peasant troops have taken the town of Lanyuan, 75 kilometers west of Nanking. All political prisoners were released and all police disbanded.

On May 13th, worker-peasant troops attacked the town of Tchutchan in Hunan.

Strike in Canton

VANCOUVER, May 16. — Virtually every Japanese mill and factory in Canton has been closed down as the

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SIGMAN AMNESTY BRANDED AS FAKE

Thousands Hear Left Wing at Mass Meets

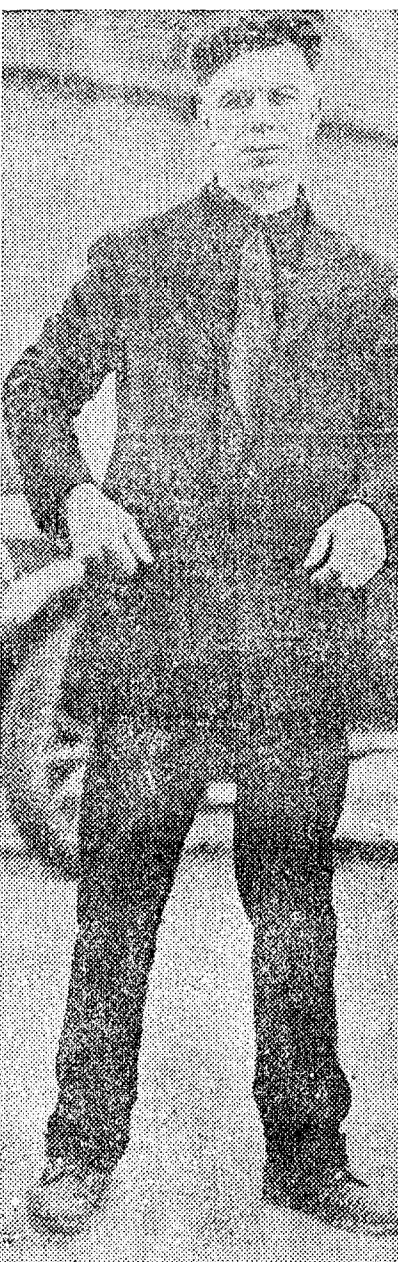
The fake amnesty resolution passed at the last sessions of the Sigman-controlled International Ladies Garment Workers' Union was to be the main question discussed by the left wing leaders of the New York Joint Board, after the program of the National Conference of locked-out delegates had been laid before the membership at a number of large mass meetings held last night.

The first reports from the mass meetings, held in Cooper Union, Webster Hall and other halls showed that thousands of cloak and dressmakers were crowding the meeting halls long before the opening hour. Louis Hyman, J. Borachovich, Rose Wortis, and delegates from other out of town locals addressed the meetings.

Fake Resolution. The so-called amnesty decision, passed at the convention of the union wreckers still in session in Boston, announced that Communists would be permitted to reenter the union, but would never have the right to run for office. This fake resolution fools nobody, an announcement from Joint Board office states: "It is clearly understood by the masses of cloak and dressmakers to be a declaration that the war against them will be continued." The militant delegates

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New Bedford Militant



Joseph M. Cabral, above, is one of the outstanding figures in the strike of the 30,000 textile workers that is tying up the New Bedford mills. Cabral's stirring speeches in Portuguese have helped to keep up the strong spirit of the strikers, many of whom are of that nationality. The picture is by courtesy of the New Bedford Evening Standard.

"DAILY" NEEDS FUNDS TO MOVE

Five Thousand Dollars Is Required

Alterations now in progress at the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square, will soon make the new home of THE DAILY WORKER ready for occupancy. THE DAILY WORKER however, will be unable to move unless the workers of this country supply it with the necessary funds. The financial condition of the paper is such that there is hardly sufficient money to get out the daily issues. Moving tons of machinery and office equipment will involve expense that THE DAILY WORKER finds it impossible to meet. Five thousand dollars is the minimum sum necessary to move THE DAILY WORKER, pay for the alterations in its new home and institute the improvements that will make the Daily a better and more powerful organ of the militant workers of this country. Only a small part of this sum has thus far been raised. The workers must get busy and rush funds as the DAILY WORKER cannot remain longer in its old quarters.

Fill out the attached coupon and mail it with your contribution to the office of the Daily, 33 First St., New York City.

Sixty Missing in Storm

BELGRADE, May 16. — Sixty fishermen were missing today following a violent storm which swept the Dalmatian coast. Scores of fishing craft were lost in the storm and several houses were destroyed at Ragusa, Italy.

Aid Swedish Strikers

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker) MOSCOW, May 16.—The miners of the Soviet Union have sent 15,000 more roubles to aid the striking

DENTAL WORKERS DOWN TOOLS IN NEW YORK STRIKE

Many Laboratories Are Picketed

More than 1,000 dental mechanics of Greater New York have come out on strike.

Of the 1,500 workers in this industry in New York City and vicinity, 85 per cent have answered the strike call of the Dental Laboratory Workers' Union, issued at mass meetings in the Labor Temple, Second Avenue and E. 14th St., yesterday and Tuesday, according to union officials.

The workers demand a 44-hour week, time-and-a-half for overtime work, the adoption of a definite minimum wage scale, and recognition of the union. George E. Powers, of the Iron Workers' Union, P. Pascal Cosgrove, and John De Santo, of the New York Council of the Unemployed, addressed the mass meetings.

Many laboratories are being picketed.

The conditions in the trade, the workers charge, are intolerable. All mechanics must have at least three years experience before being qualified in the industry. Before a worker can be considered a full-fledged mechanic, he must have spent from 8 to 10 years in the trade. During this unusually long apprenticeship, the dental mechanic must live on a wage insufficient to pay for necessities. Some workers in the trade receive as little as \$18 a week. Even after a worker has become a full-fledged mechanic, he is often forced to work for a starvation wage, doing overtime work for as many as 15 hours a week and being paid nothing at all for it. This excessive overtime is one of the most powerful factors in the unemployment situation in the trade.

There are 1,500 dental mechanics in New York City at the present time who work for the most part in unsanitary, poorly-ventilated shops.

There will be another meeting at the Labor Temple today at 10 a. m. to spread the strike and discuss tactics.

KENNY'S \$70,000 TO SMITH FUND A GIFT

WASHINGTON, May 16.—William F. Kenny, Brooklyn contractor, did not "lend" any money to the fund to secure the democratic nomination for Governor Al Smith. The \$70,000 he contributed was a gift, he told the senate committee which is conducting an alleged investigation of presidential campaign funds.

Kenny did not say whether the \$70,000 gift was in appreciation of the numerous fat contracts he had received from Tammany Hall. In the last 11 years, he blandly told the committee, his contracts from the New York City Fire Department have totaled \$242,407. Deducting his little "gift" to Tammany Al, this leaves him more than \$170,000 to the good.

William H. Todd, a Brooklyn ship-builder, and James J. Riordan, head of the New York Commercial Bank and Trust Co., testified that they had each given \$5,000 to the Smith slush fund. Kenny, Todd and Riordan all said that Smith could have as much of their money as he wanted.

MINE EXPLOSION IS FIERY CYCLONE

"Some One's Got It," Miners Say When Thud Tells of Blast

By ED FALKOWSKI. (Federated Press.)

TAMAQUA, Pa., May 16.—Miners at work in their breasts heard a sudden thud that seemed to jar the entire mine. Loose coal broke off from the roof, falling to the ground. Timbers groaned. Miners instinctively sought shelter under a secure roof of timber, waiting.

"Someone's got it," they whispered. "Someone's got it," they whispered. "Someone's got it," they whispered.

In the gas explosion at Lansford colliery, they were burnt almost to the bone. Oliver Rottet, Joseph Ghenetis and Jacob Ogustakik are in the hospital at the point of death. Two others, less seriously burnt, are at their homes.

Speed Plans for Nominating Convention Centralia Prisoners Appeal to U. S. Labor

DRIVE TO OPEN BARS OF WALLS IS BEGINNING

Facts of Arrest, Trial Made Known

SEATTLE, May 16.—The Centralia I. W. W. prisoners at Walla Walla, Wash., through International Labor Defense have addressed a letter "to all labor and friends of labor everywhere" calling upon the working masses to organize a mass protest movement to effect their release and their return to the ranks of the labor movement. Every labor organization is asked to go on record for the following resolution passed unanimously at its last meeting by the Seattle Central Labor Council:

Labor Council Acts.

"Be it resolved by the Central Labor Council of Seattle and vicinity assembled in regular meeting that we join in an application to Roland H. Hartley, governor of the state of Washington, for an unconditional pardon in behalf of Eugene Barnett, Bert Bland, O. C. Bland, James McInerney, John Lamb, Britt Smith, Loren Roberts and Ray Becker, and that the secretary is hereby instructed to sign such an application on behalf of the council and to notify all affiliated unions of the adoption of this resolution with the request that they concur therein."

After Eight Years.

After eight long years the attention of the workers is thus again riveted upon the Centralia prisoners confined in the State Prison at Walla Walla. As a result of the recent visit of James P. Cannon, national secretary of International Labor Defense, to the Centralia prisoners and an agreement between the Centralia publicity committee and the I. L. D., there is a revival of activity in behalf of these long-neglected workingclass fighters.

The prisoners are serving sentences of not less than 25 nor more than 40 years for conviction of murder in the second degree. They were arrested Nov. 11, 1919, Armistice Day, after they had defended their hall from the murderous assault of American Legionnaires.

After a mockery of a trial, during which every form of intimidation, prejudice and threat was invoked on witnesses and jurors by the lumber barons and their police agencies, these I. W. W. boys were convicted and have been continuously in custody

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CHARGE FRAUD IN JERSEY PRIMARY

TRENTON, N. J., May 16.—Charges of fraud in the republican and democratic parties are flying thruout the state following the results of the republican primary.

Judge Robert Carey, who was reported as defeated by Morgan F. Larson in the race for governor by at least 35,000 votes, charged that Mayor Hague in Jersey City ordered 30,000 democrats to cast ballots in the republican primary to assure his defeat.

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pulled in their ears. Drivers hid behind cars. For the moment, every living thing thought only of dear life. And everyone thought the same thought: "Someone's got it."

SOMEONE did. Three were caught in the gas explosion at Lansford colliery. They were burnt almost to the bone. Oliver Rottet, Joseph Ghenetis and Jacob Ogustakik are in the hospital at the point of death. Two others, less seriously burnt, are at their homes.

A gas explosion is over in a few hot seconds. A slight spark out of

Herd Women Furriers Into Patrol Wagon



Twenty-eight women furriers have been sentenced to serve from 10 to 15 days each at Welfare Island for picketing during the 1927 strike. A like number of the men also received sentences. Many of these workers will lose the jobs they had found after months of unemployment and their families will be hard hit as a result of these sentences. The picture shows the police herding the women workers into the "Black Maria."

ILLINOIS MINERS TO OUST OFFICIALS MAY 19

(Special To The Daily Worker.) BELLVILLE, Ill., May 16.—Active preparations for the special District 12 convention called at Bellville for Saturday by the Save-the-Union Committee leading the rank and file miners are being intensified, according to

TALKFEST'S MEET AT AMALGAMATED

Adolph Held Boasts of Bank's "Progress"

(Special to The Daily Worker)

CINCINNATI, O., May 16.—The convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union completed its second day with the organization of numerous committees for handling of the convention's business. Previous to this the delegates listened to addresses by the heads of the various locals thruout the country, and to the speeches of Adolph Held, director of the Amalgamated Bank, and two college professors.

Held's message consisted of a recitation of the strides made by the Amalgamated Bank in the banking field. He lengthily detailed several innovations inaugurated by the Amalgamated Bank, which, he declared, "compelled many banking houses in this country to follow our lead."

In High Society.

After announcing that "while the greatest riot of speculation that ever swept this country was going on, our bank kept its feet solidly on the ground," Held ended with the proud declaration that the officials of the Amalgamated Bank had been invited to address the next national session of the American Bankers' Association.

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MILL STRIKERS TO GREET WEISBORD

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 16.—Elaborate preparations marked by tremendous enthusiasm, are almost completed here, for the welcoming to New Bedford of Albert Weisbord, leader of the Passaic textile strike of 1926. Weisbord will address a mass meeting of strikers tomorrow, arranged for him by the Textile Mill Committees.

Weisbord Arrives Today.

The sentiment expressed by the strikers gathered at the North and South End strike halls of the Textile Mill Committees, makes it apparent that this will be the largest mass meeting yet held since the 30,000 textile workers began the struggle against the ten per cent wage cut. The meeting will be held on some of the largest lots obtainable here.

Weisbord is scheduled to arrive here today, but it was not learned whether his stay will be extended for any period after the mass meetings. In addition to the 58 fine cotton goods manufacturing mills closed down by the strike, there were two silk mills which also attempted to cut wages. Yesterday the Old Colony Silk Mills capitulated to the strikers and announced that the wage cut order had been rescinded. The settlement was reached after a conference with the officials of the Textile Mill Committees.

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DISTRICTS MAKE READY TO SEND OFF DELEGATES

Illinois Elects State Candidates

Plans are rapidly being matured for the opening of the National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party at Mecca Temple, 133 W. 55th St., where one of the most historic gatherings in the history of the American labor movement will convene on May 25. No single gathering in the past has ever brought together on one platform so many representatives of so many varied elements of the American workers.

Scott Nearing, prominent Communist, will be a leading speaker at this great political demonstration of the Communist Party, while Tom Rush-ton will speak for the auto workers, Senator Charles E. Taylor for the farmers, Lovett Fort Whiteman for the oppressed Negroes, and others will represent the miners, the textile workers, etc. In addition, many of the outstanding Party leaders will speak, including Wm. Z. Foster, Ben Gillow and Jay Lovestone who will act as chairman.

It is planned to have the convention, which will be continued at Central Opera House after Saturday morning, elect all committees before the end of the first session. The second session will be given over to the opening addresses of the delegates to be followed by a report of the Program Committee.

This will be followed by the debate on the platform and its final adoption. It is believed that the convention will be able to proceed to nominations before the end of the second day.

BOSTON, Mass., May 16.—The Massachusetts State Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party will be held at one o'clock, May 20, at 93 Staniford St., Boston. All Party units must send two delegates to the convention.

In making the announcement of the State Nominating Convention, the district office of the Workers (Communist) Party pointed out that thousands of textile workers are on strike in New England while the strike movement threatens to envelop the whole state in the near future. Thousands in both the shoe and the textile industries are unemployed and the army of the jobless is daily recruiting its ranks from the workers of mills and factories which are shutting down.

Only the action of the working class under the lead of the Workers (Communist) Party can force the bosses to change these conditions.

Following the convention a picnic will be held at Caledonia Grove, West Roxbury on May 30. There will be two orchestras for dancing. Members of the Labor Sports' Union will stage a number of events. Admission will be fifty cents.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 16.—An enthusiastic gathering of 65 regular and 15 fraternal delegates, with hundreds of spectators, filled North West Hall

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SEWER GRAFTER IN NEW ACTION

John M. Phillips, one of the most notorious figures in the Queens sewer scandal, served notice yesterday through his counsel, Henry Vollmerit, that he will apply May 21 in the Federal Court, Brooklyn, to have dismissed an indictment filed March 30, charging him with having failed to file income tax returns for 1924, 1925, and 1926 and with having failed to pay taxes amounting to \$746,957 on his earnings during these years. Phillips, who was one of the men most benefited by the swindling of millions of dollars from the residents of Queens, pleaded not guilty April 30, following his return from Miami, Fla., and was released under \$50,000 bail pending trial of the case.



# Union Leader Endorses the Activities of National Miners' Relief Committee

## PRESS USED BY POWER TRUST IN STATE OF IOWA

### Text-Books Removed at Command of Combine

WASHINGTON, May 16 (FP).—Iowa was mentally drugged by the power trust, according to evidence laid before the federal trade commission. Joe Carmichael, director of the Iowa Committee on Public Utility Information since the committee was established in 1922, was the witness. A trunkful of files from his office, into which Chief Counsel Healy of the commission delved produced documentary material on widespread, continual and powerfully-backed propaganda of the public utility combine in the newspapers, the public schools and colleges and in clubs.

First of all, Carmichael decided that "Newspaper publishers believe in advertising, and they will be friendly to those who advertise with them." So he persuaded the utility companies in Iowa to increase their expenditure on newspaper advertising within the state by 1,000 per cent in five years. He was soon able to report that his propaganda, issued fortnightly in a printed bulletin, was being used—chiefly without disclosing its source—in the news columns of most of the 560 papers in the state. Some papers used this stuff as editorials. He reported to the power combine that in the first year of his activity he had secured the printing of arguments which, if paid for at advertising space rates, would have cost them over \$80,000. The press of Iowa was eating out of his hand.

Wine Over Doubter. Presently the Inland Daily Press Association, an advertising managers' service in the midwest region, declared that free printing of propaganda must cease. But Carmichael spent a day with Tufford, its secretary, at Clinton, and made Tufford see that Carmichael was really paying the paper handsomely, in advertising contracts, for the news and editorial favors he received.

For the schools and colleges his scheme was simple. He sent a circular letter, and if necessary a follow-up letter, to every professor, superintendent, principal and teacher who dealt with civics or economics, telling them that the Iowa Committee would furnish them with a supply of pamphlets on public utilities economics, etc. If the educators failed to respond, a stock of these pamphlets went to the nearest power or gas or street car company, whose manager was then directed to have an interview with the school official or teacher, reminding him or her of the pamphlets. If this hint failed, the local manager reminded the educator that these pamphlets were advertised in the educational magazines. Thus the "dope" was forced into the schools by every means short of threats against the teachers' jobs.

Had Textbooks Removed. In a letter to J. S. S. Richardson, propaganda agent at that time for the Pennsylvania power companies Carmichael, in May, 1925, described how he and his assistant, Selby, surveyed all textbooks on civics and economics used in Iowa high schools, academies and colleges, and how they secured "in almost every instance," by private interview with school authorities, the removal of textbooks which they found objectionable. In many cases the company manager in a town asked a school board member to get rid of the book, which contained some suggestion favorable to municipal ownership.

"We continue to watch the matter closely," Carmichael wrote, "and to get reports on new textbooks. We have the matter pretty well in hand, but I do not intend to let any of these bugs slip anything over on us."

Line Up Professors. Professors at the University of Iowa, Drake, Coe, Grinnell andorningside were "rounded up" at will for power conferences or other demonstrations. Dean Williams of the engineering department at Iowa State was a ready helper. Dean Raymond of the College of Applied Sciences at

## NEW JERSEY LAUNCHES "DAILY WORKER" SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE

An intensive DAILY WORKER subscription drive was launched at an enthusiastic meeting of the New Jersey subdistrict of the Workers (Communist) Party last night at the Newark Labor Lyceum, 93 Mercer St., Newark.

Two National Training School stu-

dents, George Saul and Kellogg, addressed the meeting and made an appeal for an active campaign to secure new subscriptions to The DAILY WORKER in New Jersey. A committee of four was immediately elected to take charge of this work. They are Irving Freiman, J. Gaal, subdis-

trict organizer; Constantine and Alfred Steines, Newark DAILY WORKER agent. It was decided that the committee visit every workingclass organization in the city.

Following this meeting, the Newark Council of the United Council of Workingclass Women, held a meeting

in the same hall and discussed plans for the subscription drive. In addressing the meeting, Gaal stressed the importance of foreign-language workers subscribing to The DAILY WORKER for the sake of their children, who would otherwise read the capitalist press.

Twelve new subscriptions were secured at the meetings to start the drive in New Jersey. Other New Jersey cities will also be visited by the two National Training School students, Saul and Kellogg, and all Workers Party members will be mobilized in the drive.

## HEARING REPORTS MANY THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN AIDED

### Body Has Saved Union He Declares

(Special to The Daily Worker) STAMFORD, Conn., May 16.—Endorsement of the National Miners' Relief Committee's efforts in behalf of striking miners and repudiation of the attacks made on the committee by the officials of the A. F. of L. Bureaucracy was made by William G. Hearing, president of the General Labor Union of Stamford and a member of the recent rank and file trade union committee to the Soviet Union.

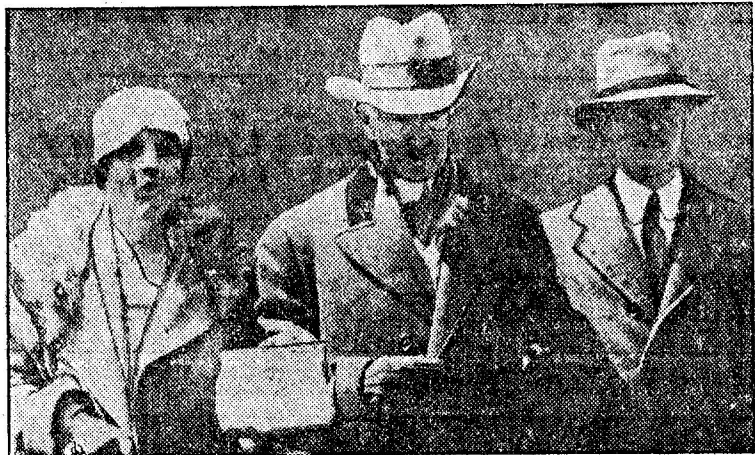
Made Investigation. Hearing has just returned from a trip of investigation of conditions in the Pennsylvania mine districts in behalf of the Stamford Central Labor Union. His conclusions are given in the following statement:

"As a result of my visit to Pittsburgh to investigate the relief situation in behalf of the Central Labor Union, I found that all the accusations and attacks upon the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee by certain labor officials of this state are false and unfounded. The Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee is the only organization that feeds tens of thousands of striking union miners. If not for this committee the strike would have been lost and the union destroyed months ago."

The officials especially referred to in the statement by Hearing are believed to be Eagan, Secretary of the Connecticut State Federation and Murphy of the New Haven Trades Council who have been circulating slander and lies against the miners' rank and file relief committee at the behest of John L. Lewis and William Green.

Divide with Strikebreaker. Eagan brought into the state a certain worthy by the name of "Butch" James of Illinois who has been driven out of the mining camps in Pennsylvania for being a notorious strikebreaker, an agent of the coal operators. Eagan and James spent some time collecting money supposedly for relief of the miners. For this work James is reported to have taken a rake-off of \$16 per day. It is believed doubtful whether any money whatever was turned over by James and Eagan to the miners.

## 100% Fundamentalist Wins Battle For God



Charles Lee Smith, head of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, may be compelled to spend three years in jail and pay a fine of \$3,000 because of too persistent efforts to convert the fundamentalist preacher, Dr. John Roach Straton. Straton brought suit against Smith, who was found guilty of having annoyed god's shepherd. Photo above shows Dr. Straton, center, his wife and son on their way to testify.

## Dry Men Earn Pin Money on Booze Trade

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 16.—A large number of so-called prohibition agents drawing salaries from the federal government are extremely peeved today because of interference in a spirited liquor traffic which they had developed during their off-hours.

At least a dozen officials, all big shots in the Buffalo enforcement office, will probably get the gate "for the good of the service" as a result. It seems that they have been discovered diverting alcohol from the plant of the Illinois Alcohol Company here. Included among the luminaries involved are Judge Roscoe C. Harper, of New York, former prohibition administrator of this district; Michael H. Stapleton, New York, former chief of the Buffalo dry office, and several others. They are charged with being the leaders of an organization including 38 men now under indictment.

While other prohibition enforcement agents were busy with various duties, the accused dry officials slipped away with 108 carloads of alcohol from the distillery. Bribes totalling half a million dollars were paid to lubricate the transaction, it is charged.

## Dry Agents Indicted

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 16.—A former prohibition administrator, his former assistant and a former chief of the Buffalo enforcement staff were indicted in the district court yesterday on charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law.

## SIX YEAR OLD BOY DROWNS

Raymond Roberts, six, of Stapleton, S. I., was drowned when he tripped and fell in the river near Pier 13, Water Street.

The State University wrote a textbook which "pleased all of our men" because it proposed the taxation of municipally-owned plants. Prof. Arthur N. Ford of the electrical engineering department of the University of Iowa wrote three surveys of alleged rate reductions in Iowa towns where municipal ownership had been abandoned under trust pressure. He was paid \$300 for the total job.

One, Adler, publisher of the Davenport Times, asked Carmichael for a series of articles on the calamitous effects of street car stoppage. Adler was trying to bluff Davenport into giving a 10-cent fare to the local company. Carmichael paid \$5 each for five articles, written by a Des Moines Capital reporter, Charles Darlington.

## ILLINOIS MINERS MEET SATURDAY To Oust Lewis-Fishwick Machine

(Continued from page 1) trap. In the northern field several local unions have been forced into a separate agreement at a scale below the Jacksonville agreement.

"In 1922," the circular continues, "the district convention gave the Lewis-Fishwick fakers a definite mandate not to sign separate agreements. But they have violated the mandate."

"Never have there been any greater traitors in our ranks." Further proof of the treachery of the union officials is disclosed through a statement by one of the operators: "W. J. Jenkins, the president of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association, in a statement made this spring, maintained that Lewis gave 'definite promise that he would take upon himself to guarantee that Illinois would secure needed relief by April 1.'"

It is this promise that the Lewis machine is now beginning to fulfill. "Illinois Miners," the call ends, "Rally round the Save-the-Union movement. Elect delegates to the special convention of District 12 at Belleville, May 19. The fakers declare this convention illegal. We answer, it is authorized by the rank and file Illinois miners. The fakers will not be at this convention. Their offices will be declared vacant. The rank and file will rule this convention. It will work out policies in the interest of the rank and file. Miners take control of your union!"

## MINERS' RELIEF BECOMES URGENT

(Special to The Daily Worker) PITTSBURGH, May 16.—Responses to the appeals by the National Miners' Relief Committee for assistance to the striking miners, their wives and families have multiplied during the past week. But side by side with the spreading and intensification of relief activity, the wants of the striking coal diggers grow more numerous and more urgent daily. From the Kiski Valley where thousands of non-union miners are on strike, comes a plea to the office of the committee for one hundred tents. These tents, sixteen feet square, will house a family of seven or eight. Each tent, delivered from the factory, costs \$45. One hundred tents, consequently, would cost \$4,500.

## DISTRICTS PLAN CONVENTIONS TO VOTE DELEGATES

### Workers Party to Have Strong State Lists

(Continued from page one) last Sunday afternoon when the State Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party of Illinois convened. Max Bedacht, organizer of District 5 called the convention to order and outlined the issues of the campaign. Bedacht emphasized that participation of the Party in this and all election campaigns is not a departure from its revolutionary aim but a preparation for its realization. He reviewed the present situation, stressing the growing unemployment, the increased aggressiveness of the capitalist state against the workers and their organizations, and the permanent crisis in agricultural fields. No reforms can help.

Only the workers themselves, under the leadership of the Workers (Communist) Party, can accomplish anything. Sam Hammersmark was elected permanent chairman of the convention. Arne Swabeck, Platt and Childs also spoke.

The convention unanimously nominated the following candidates to be placed on the ballot for the next general elections: For governor, Wm. F. Kruse, Chicago; for lieutenant-governor, George Voyzey, Springfield; secretary of state Sam Hammersmark, Chicago; attorney general, D. J. Bentall, Chicago; United States senator, Max Bedacht, Chicago; congressman-at-large, Dan Slinger from Belleville, and Elizabeth Griffin from Chicago.

A delegation of 10 was elected to represent the state organization at the National Nominating Convention on the 25th of May. A state committee was also elected with instructions to place the required 29 electors on the ballot and to work out a state platform on the basis of the national platform that will be adopted in New York on the 25th.

Seven Jurors Ask Release. It is declared reliably that seven members of the jury have personally called upon Gov. Hartley and stated that the defendants had not had a fair trial, and asked that the Centralia men be pardoned. W. H. Abel, who conducted the prosecution, made a similar request in writing.

These workers have wives and families who are suffering actual physical privations on account of their imprisonment. It is plain to thinking workers that these men were convicted and are held in prison for their opinions and labor affiliations, and not for the crime charged against them.

gressional districts in the state will be present. Most of the delegates will be industrial workers with a large delegation of farmers from the agricultural districts. H. M. Wicks will deliver the keynote speech at the opening of the convention. Many fraternal delegates from trade unions, workers' fraternal organizations, cooperatives, etc., will be present.

The convention will close with a banquet in the evening. On the following evening, Sunday, May 20th, a big banquet will be held at the Workers Home in the city of Detroit. The state candidates and the delegates to the National Convention will speak at both banquets before leaving for New York.

West Virginia Convention. WHEELING, W. Va., May 16.—The state convention of the Workers Party of West Virginia will be held at the Arion Hall, 2000 Main St., Wheeling, Saturday, May 19 at 2 P. m.

The convention will nominate candidates for president and vice-president of the United States and will elect a state committee to be in charge of the coming election campaign. Delegates to the National Nominating Convention to be held in New York on May 25-27 will also be elected.

Michigan Nominations. DETROIT, Mich., May 16.—The state convention of the Workers (Communist) Party of Michigan which will nominate a full slate of candidates and elect delegates to the National Convention, will be held in Flint, Michigan, May 19th. The convention will be held in the Knights of Pythias Hall in the very heart of the city and will be called to order at 10 o'clock in the morning. Delegates from all of the 13 con-

## Taxi Driver's Wife, Children Face Starvation



Destitute, and facing the problem of supplying food to her two small children, Sylvia, 4 and Lena, 2, Mrs. Fannie Morelli has appealed to the Parole Commission for the release of her husband, Charles, sentenced to jail for crushing a pedestrian with his cab.

## APPEAL MADE IN CENTRALIA CASE

### Campaign Begun for I. W. W. Prisoners

(Continued from page one) since then. The charge against them was that they had "deliberately and with premeditated malice killed one Warren O. Grimm," an American legionnaire. In ruling upon the defendants' motion for a change of venue from Grays Harbor county, on the ground of local prejudice, Judge Wilson said: "This case cannot and must not be tried in this county."

Notwithstanding this, he arbitrarily denied the motion for a change of venue. The attorney for the Centralia prisoners was George Vanderveer who is also participating in the campaign now initiated for their release. Among the main forces driving for the release of these framed-up workers, formerly active in organizing the lumber workers, are Elmer Smith, I. W. W. attorney, Carl Brannin, of the Federated Press, John Kennedy of the Seattle Labor College, and the International Labor Defense.

Seven Jurors Ask Release. It is declared reliably that seven members of the jury have personally called upon Gov. Hartley and stated that the defendants had not had a fair trial, and asked that the Centralia men be pardoned. W. H. Abel, who conducted the prosecution, made a similar request in writing.

These workers have wives and families who are suffering actual physical privations on account of their imprisonment. It is plain to thinking workers that these men were convicted and are held in prison for their opinions and labor affiliations, and not for the crime charged against them.

gressional districts in the state will be present. Most of the delegates will be industrial workers with a large delegation of farmers from the agricultural districts. H. M. Wicks will deliver the keynote speech at the opening of the convention. Many fraternal delegates from trade unions, workers' fraternal organizations, cooperatives, etc., will be present.

The convention will close with a banquet in the evening. On the following evening, Sunday, May 20th, a big banquet will be held at the Workers Home in the city of Detroit. The state candidates and the delegates to the National Convention will speak at both banquets before leaving for New York.

## 100,000 Miners on Strike 30,000 Textile Workers on Strike

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## "Honest" John to Go Abroad As "Observer"

(Special to The Daily Worker) SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 16.—"Honest" John H. Walker, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, red baiter and beneficiary of the Insular Traction interests, has been appointed by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor as its representative at the International Labor Conference which opens at Geneva, May 30.

The American Federation of Labor, which has been moving nearer a union with the reformist trade union movement of Europe without definitely joining it, has designated Walker to be an "observer" at the conference, in this respect applying the jargon of the U. S. State Department which likewise sends its "observers" to European conferences.

Announcement of the selection was made by Leifur Magnussen, American representative of the International Labor Office, who is sailing for Europe Saturday.

## TALK ON AT MEET OF AMALGAMATED

(Continued from Page One) Despite the boast of Sidney Hillman in his report yesterday that there was no left wing in the A. C. W., resolutions were handed in to the resolutions committee calling for a labor party, reinstatement of the expelled left wingers, recognition of the Soviet Union, condemning fascism, and calling for an immediate campaign to obtain the 40-hour week. Nearly all the other resolutions called for organization work in various centers with the exception of a few condemning the piece-work system. It is believed here that these resolutions will be opposed by some of the administration forces.

## Call Hillman's Bluff.

In answer to the speech of President Hillman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, which is holding its biennial convention now in Cincinnati, in which he declared that great strides have been made in the organization of many open-shop centers, and that the union has won many organizational victories, statements made by union employers in a trade journal deny that this is so.

## SOLIDARITY FOR CLOWNS AND JUGGLERS

### New Federation Builds Branches in Detroit and Points West

CONTINUED improvement of the economic conditions of the organized clowns, acrobats, and other circus and vaudeville actors who belong to the Federated Novelty Acts, was described yesterday by Jack Wilbur, organizer of that association, now six months old.

"Our organization," stated Wilbur, "represents the ranks and file novelty artists."

One of the principal objects of the organization is the elimination of the booking agents. Although legally the agents are not entitled to more than five per cent of the earnings of any act, in most cases they keep the major portion for themselves, Wilbur said.

The F. N. A., have arranged a booking office of its own which

deals directly with the theatre and circuit managers, five per cent of the earnings going to the association for organization activity.

WILBUR told of several incidents of the activity of the booking agents.

"One act," said Wilbur "was engaged for \$150 a week by an agent, who in turn sold it to a circuit for \$400 a week. The difference between the \$150 and the \$400 went into the pockets of the agent. In addition, the act was compelled to pay the usual commission to the agent out of its \$150.

"ONE agent made a profit of \$5,000,000 during the last six years from novelty acts alone. This shows the extent of the profits that are

being made at the expense of the workers in the novelty trade."

The association's headquarters are at 148 W. 46th Street. Meetings are held every Thursday at 11 p. m. at 253 W. 47th St. Branches will soon be organized in Chicago, San Francisco, Cleveland, Detroit and other large cities throughout the country.

Three organizers are now on the road signing up members. They are Toby Wells, who works out of Chicago, Ben Belleclair and Joe Jackson.

Wilbur stated that the organization was started on a street corner in the midst of the Rialto the first of the year, but today is spreading and gaining power as a defender of the rights of the novelty worker.

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# Argentinian Policemen Murder Dock Pickets as Strike Spreads in Rosario

## DEMAND GENERAL ARGENTINE PORT STRIKE AT ONCE

### More Police Killings Enrage Masses

BUENOS AYRES, May 16.—The killing yesterday by the police of several more dock strikers who were picketing the wharves at Rosario, Puerto San Martin and elsewhere has brought an insistent demand from the mass of the workers that the general strike which officials announced they would call in twenty-four hours be put instantly into effect.

The growing mass sentiment for a general strike throughout the Argentine ports has brought an outcry from the owners, and the authorities are massing police reserves and troops.

Attempts by the owners and the government to bring strikebreakers into the paralyzed zone have been practically total failures as a result of the solidarity of all the unions with the Rosario strikers. The few men brought in have been unable to work.

The discharge and loading of cargoes here is at a complete standstill with many vessels idle in the harbor. Rosario is the second largest port in Argentina.

Tension in the situation is heightened by the growing unemployment which is especially severe as the cold weather increases here.

## UNEMPLOYMENT IN ILLINOIS GROWING

### Less Work in State Since 1921

By LELAND OLDS, (Federated Press).

Factory employment in Illinois in April fell to a lower level than it has reached in any month of any year since the statistics started to gather statistics in August 1921. A regular reader of the monthly reports of the state department of labor over the last five years begins to wonder how long this steady decline can go on without producing some sort of drastic reaction. For Illinois wage earners the Coolidge regime has seriously damaged the good old myth of republican prosperity.

Factory employment in Illinois fell 1.3% from March to April to a level 6.5% below April 1927, 10.1% below April 1926 and 19.2% below April 1925. That means 120,000 fewer jobs than in April 1920, 120,000 workers turned off the factories to hunt some other chance to earn a meagre living for themselves and their families.

Continued Decline. Where they can have found work is a puzzle. The department shows that in the last five years employment has declined in trade, has declined in coal mining, has declined in building and contracting. The public utilities, none of all the industries in the state have gained in this period and they could not have provided jobs for all the workers laid off by the other employers.

Including all these industries in the comparison, industrial employment in Illinois fell 3.5% between March and April to a level 4.3% below April 1927, 11.8% below April 1926 and 15.1% below 1925. In a paragraph that inadvertently reflects the uncertainty of employment under the capitalist system the department indicates that the situation is likely to grow worse rather than better in the next few months. It says:

Is Usual Event.

"The experience of the manufacturing industries during the majority of the last five years indicates that a falling off in factory employment during April, May, June and July is a usual event. August ordinarily witnesses increased activity which continues through October and some times into November. December and January are usually dull months. This dullness has, in each of the last seven years, been broken in February which marks the sharpest and most decided seasonal upturn during the year."

In spite of all the palaver about curing unemployment that has gone on since the futile Harding conference in 1921 capitalism has done nothing toward stabilizing employment. If each year continues to show a lower general level than the preceding the trend will appear to the workers to be in the direction of stabilizing unemployment.

Drop Was General. In Illinois the drop in employment from a year ago was nearly general. Decreased employment was registered in 46 of the 55 manufacturing industries and in 51 out of the grand total of 67 industries covered by the report.

The number of employed in building construction declined. With the exception of glass the numbers employed in all industries producing building materials declined. The numbers employed in all industries manufacturing household goods and fur-

## Donetz Trial Will Start This Friday

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker) MOSCOW, May 16.—Seventy-six foreign and seventy Soviet journalists have been granted permission to witness the trial of persons accused of participating in the Donetz conspiracy it was announced today. The trial will open on Friday.

## CUTS WAGES THEN JACKS UP RENTS

### Company Union Agrees to Both

SOUTH MANCHESTER, Conn., May 16. (FP).—The recent pay cut of 10 per cent at the Cheney Silk Mills has been followed by a rise in rents of company-owned houses. Cheney Bros., one of the largest silk manufacturing corporations in the United States, employs more than 4,000 workers. The company owns the town; one of the brothers is a director of the town water supply, another of the town electric light company, and the entire community is built around the mills and the beautiful estates of the owning family. Even the scenery is company-owned.

Company-owned houses are provided for 450 families. Single men and single women live in company boarding houses. The petty foremen have their own cars, and swear by the company. Nothing is said about the low-paid majority.

"We are all one big family here," asserts the personnel manager with pride. The company has beaten the union to it. It has provided baseball grounds, basket ball field, silver cups as trophies for the winning teams, and above all the company union, called "employee representation" by the industrial relations department.

### Company Union Here.

A Council of 25 representatives from the various departments is carefully supervised by the company. "Oh yes, we supervise the elections," said the young industrial relations man. "An election committee meets beforehand, and the employees may vote for one of the three names highest on the list."

"We had no trouble at all when we put through the wage cut. We talked the matter over with the council of employees and they agreed with us that a cut was necessary."

### Increased Output.

Just before the cut went into effect, an article appeared in the Monthly Labor Review describing the increase in output per worker in the Cheney Silk Mills. The number of wage earners in relation to each \$1,000 of product had decreased by 46 per cent from 1914 to 1926, the number of salaried employees had decreased 5 per cent, and power consumed per hour had increased 1.1 per cent. Or, in terms of 1914 dollars value of individual production had increased by 86 per cent.

A silk worker who produced \$1,000 in silk goods for his masters, the Cheney brothers, in 1914 was producing \$1,860 for those same masters in 1926.

## Cleveland Youth Will Discuss Election Issues

CLEVELAND, May 16.—To prepare the members of Cleveland for the election campaign and to acquaint them with the youth demands and the importance of rallying the young workers behind these demands, the Young Workers League membership meeting to be held Friday, at 7:30 p. m., at the League headquarters, 2045 E. 4th St., will discuss in detail the role of the League in the campaign. New methods of League work and the further intensification of the campaign for the Young Workers Training School will also be on the order of business.

nishings declined. The numbers employed in making boots and shoes and in fact all kinds of clothing, with the exception of women's hats, declined.

### Machine Work.

Industries producing all kinds of machinery, electrical apparatus, tools, locomotives, railroad and rapid transit cars show fewer employees than a year ago. In this group auto and agricultural implement makers show some temporary gains. Employment declined in all branches of the food beverage and tobacco group with the exception of miscellaneous groceries and dairy products. The major chemical industries report decreases compared with a year ago. And, perhaps the most unexpected of all, printing, book job and newspaper, has seen employment sharply since 1927.

Such a situation running through all industries show the workers falling steadily farther and farther behind in the ability to purchase with a capitalist wage what they can produce working capitalist hours.

## SAVE BELA KUN, INTERNATIONAL SEAMEN DEMAND

### USSR Scientists Urge World-wide Protest

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker) MOSCOW, May 16.—The Congress of Scientists of the Soviet Union has issued an appeal to scientists throughout the world to protest against the threatened extradition of Bela Kun.

The congress of physicians of the Soviet Union has also passed a resolution protesting against the threats of Bela Kun's extradition. Factory meetings to demand the release of the Hungarian Communist leader are still being held throughout the Soviet Union. International Seamen's Clubs which held protest meetings expressed the conviction that the workers of Austria would prevent the extradition of Bela. The meetings were attended by British, German, French, Norwegian and Swedish seamen.

## KANSAS YOUTH TO AID MINERS

### 23 Organizations Open Relief Drive

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 16.—The Kansas City Young People's Miners' Relief Conference was held at the Linwood Christian Church.

There were 23 organizations represented, among which were: Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Industrial Departments of the Young Women's Christian Associations of both Kansas cities, Office Workers' Union International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, Journeyman's Tailors' Union, United Mine Workers' Union, Railway Clerks, Young Workers (Communist) League, Friendship Baptist Church and many others.

The conference heard a report on the situation in the mine fields by R. Shohan and the report on the condition in the Kansas mine fields by Fred Stathem of the United Mine Workers. Ashley Totten of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters promised the full support of his organization to the conference.

An executive committee of 15 was elected. The conference decided to reconvene every six weeks and to immediately begin work for a tag day, a house-to-house collection and to hold a picnic.

The headquarters were selected at the Musicians' Union Hall. The committee is showing the picture "Passaic" under the auspices of the Car Porters' Brotherhood and the committee.

## TWO PROVIDENCE STRIKERS HELD

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 16.—John L. Brown and Charles L. McCool, two workers of the Darlington Textile Co., now out on strike against the company's reduction of wages and lengthening of hours, were arrested here yesterday and held in contempt of court for having violated a court order prohibiting picketing of the company's plant and for approaching men who were working as scabs.

The two workers were ordered to pay the costs of proceedings.

During the testimony, all that was brought out against them was the fact that they had peacefully visited two men who were scabbing at the Darlington Co. in order to induce them to quit scabbing. This was in violation of an injunction that the company had procured on April 24. The company in an attempt to make the injunction permanent, will soon procure a new hearing in court.

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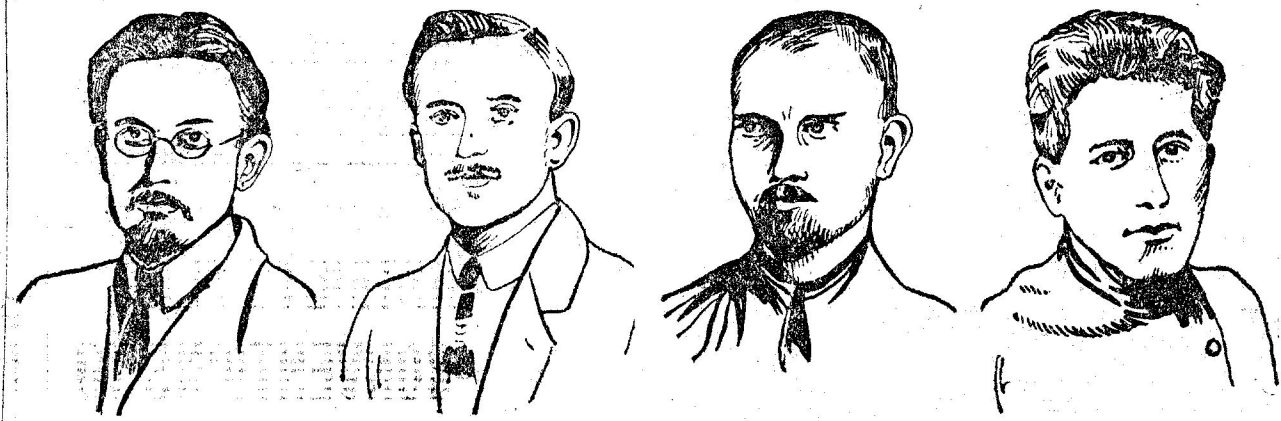
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## Four Communist Leaders Murdered by Lithuanian Terrorists



From left to right are Karl Pojella, Joseph Graifenberg, Kasis Kedris and Rafael Tschenny, four Lithuanian Communists who were murdered by the Lithuanian white terrorists. Hundreds of workers have been jailed and tortured by the Wlademaras regime in Lithuania.

## BRITISH TEXTILE LOCKOUT LOOMING

### Workers Demand Strike to Fight Wage Cut

MANCHESTER, May 16.—Manufacturers at Blackburn are making preparations to lock out their workers in order to enforce the proposed wage reduction, it was authoritatively stated after a meeting of the executive committee of the Manufacturers' Association.

Numerous meetings have been held by textile workers to demand a general strike against the proposed wage cut and lengthening of hours. The conservative trade union leaders are believed to be opposed to a strike.

Ben Turner, Misleader leader of the textile workers' unions.

## ACCUSE SCHOOL HEAD IN CHICAGO

### McAndrew Faked Evidence, Teachers Charge

CHICAGO, Ill., May 16.—The union high school teachers of Chicago, Locals 2 and 3 of the American Federation of Teachers, have decided that it is time to explode the glory bunk surrounding the enforced departure of Supt. Wm. McAndrew from the school system. In a statement, "Why McAndrew Failed," plain charges are leveled against him by the union. He is described as an educational crook framing false evidence to bolster up his pretensions of great achievements under his rule.

"He manufactured proofs of his allegations," the teachers state. "He gave tests to large unselected groups without warning or preparation; then much later he gave the same or similar tests to small selected groups and repeated those tests until the desired results were attained. Publishing the results of these two entirely incomparable tests he claimed that the difference between them indicated the dreadful condition in which he found instruction when he came and the splendid achievement of his administration."

Other crooked statistical dodges were made by this educator, who, the teachers charge, was "carefully building up a barrage of false information," and not giving this publicity. "Loyalty begets loyalty. If Mr. McAndrew had been true to the teachers above all, true to the ideals of education and the real welfare of the pupils, he would have secured teacher-cooperation and support. The vast majority of teachers think the humiliation of McAndrew was merited."

## Panic as Brazilian State Bank Closes

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 16.—Financial panic has followed the closing of the Credit Bank of the state of Sao Paulo, according to a report from the capital, Sao Paulo. Long lines of depositors, besieged the doors of the bank at an early hour yesterday, the report adds. The reason for the suspension is not given.

## TRUST FIGHTING FERTILIZER BILL

### Dukes, DuPonts Cause Farm Bankruptcy

WASHINGTON, (FP) May 16.—Daily blasts from the office of Charles J. Brand, lobby director for the National Fertilizer Association have reminded press correspondents as well as members of the House and senate, for the past month, that the Norris-Morin Muscle Shoals bill, as reported to the House, would destroy a great private graft. Brand did not use the word "graft," of course. He spoke of a great privately owned industry, the making and sale of fertilizer for the American farmers. He begged, in the name of sacred private enterprise, that congress halt before it committed economic treason.

Unfortunately for Brand and his fertilizer department of the power combine—for the Duke, DuPont and other power trust units are tied into the fertilizer trust—Congress now seems hell-bent on passing the Muscle Shoals measure. Southern members discover that the fertilizer manufacturers have been charging them robber prices for many long years past, while the farmers have sunk lower into bankruptcy and despair. They have made up their minds—such as those minds are—that if the federal government can produce fertilizers at Muscle Shoals, by any process, cheaper than the trust is selling them, then the Southern farmers are all for it.

## Slurs Declared 'Inexact'

BOGOTA, Colombia, May 16.—"Inexact" is the word the Panamanian minister here employs to characterize rumors that members of his government had referred to the new Colombian minister in Panama City, Dr. Luis Felipe Angelo, as persona non grata. The rumors have aroused considerable resentment in government circles here.

## Bottle Worker Killed

Vincent Robejick, a bottler in the soda water plant headed by Henry Bruckner, borough president of the Bronx, was killed while at work on a bottling machine in the factory, at 406 E. 161st St. The electrical current of the machinery passed thru the workers body and electrocuted him.

## JAPANESE RUSH MORE TROOPS TO NORTHERN CHINA

### Worker-Peasant Armies Nearing Peking

(Continued from Page One) result of a strike and boycott to protest against Japanese intervention in Shantung, according to reports received here by the Canada Morning News, left wing Chinese newspaper. Workers and students who demonstrated on "Humiliation Day" (May 9th) against Japan were attacked by soldiers and police, according to the Canada Morning News. Twenty persons were reported to have been wounded.

According to a report received by the News from Hankow both Chiang Kai-shek and Chang Tso-lin were denounced at a mass meeting attended by more than 50,000 workers.

## POWER CONCERNS FORM HUGE TRUST

### New York Corporations Under One Head

Unification of almost all of the New York gas and electric power corporations under one head has been agreed upon by the local companies. The Brooklyn Edison Co. will be taken over by the Consolidated Gas Company of New York, which will thus gain practical control of the entire field in New York City, Westchester, and Long Island, with the exception of the Brooklyn Union Gas Co. and the Long Lighting Co. Acquisition of the other two companies will be affected in the near future, it is believed.

## Amnesty of Sigman Is Branded a Fake

(Continued from page one) locked out of the Boston convention will fight the reactionary national officialdom till the union has been completely rebuilt, they state.

The latest report from the Sigman make convention show that the Schlesinger faction's struggle for control of the International has not ended despite continued attempts to patch up differences between the two union wrecking gangs. They still refuse to accept renomination for the several vice-presidencies in their control.

Resolutions of thanks were also passed to the three capitalist sheets, The New York Times, The World, and the Jewish Forward, for the aid rendered them in the struggle against the rank and file of the union.

## USSR LABOR AIDS STRIKE IN INDIA

### Police Reserves Out as Textile Walkout Grows

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker) MOSCOW, March 16.—The Central Committee of the Textile Workers Union has sent 10,000 roubles to the striking textile workers in Bombay. At the same time, the Central Committee of the Textile Workers Union and the International Propaganda Committee sent the striking miners of Bombay a letter of greetings expressing their class solidarity and their fervent wish for the success of the Bombay struggle.

BOMBAY, March 16.—All police reserves have been ordered out, with the spread of the textile strike here in which more than 150,000 workers are involved. All cotton mills but four have been shut down by the walk-out.

## Avalanche in Italy Causes Nine Deaths

ANCONA, Italy, May 16.—An avalanche to the south of here last night caused nine deaths. Ten more persons were killed and eighteen injured when a fast train collided with a pile of earth which had completely blocked the tracks near San Benedetto del Tronto.

## Over-Charges for Gas

Figures to show that the Brooklyn Borough Gas Co. overcharges its new customers alone many thousands of dollars a year were presented by Dr. John Bauer at the hearing before Public Service Commissioner George R. Van Namee. Dr. Bauer in cross-examination set his overcharge figures at 52 cents a month for each customer. The overcharge, he pointed out, occurs in the public service commission's order by which the gas company charges a minimum rate of \$1 a month, whether or not the customer uses all of the 900 cubic feet of gas allotted.

## What I Saw in China

by TOM MANN

For the past three years the Chinese masses have been struggling for freedom from the clutches of Imperialism. Everyone nowadays is either talking or writing China. Tom Mann, "grand old man" of the British labor movement, contributes his observations after a stay of six months in China with the International Workers Delegation.

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# ALL RIGHT TO STARVE NEW BEDFORD CHILDREN, BUT IT'S ALL WRONG WHEN THEY PICKET

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (By Mail).—There has been a lot of talk among the "respectable" people (read mill owners and their hangers-on) about the way the strikers have sent their children onto the picket line. A lot of people have been calling it cruel, a shame, etc. But they don't say it's cruel or a shame when the mill owners give the children's fathers \$17 a week to bring up a whole family of children on.

I'm sending you two clippings from a New Bedford paper about this discussion which has even gotten into the papers. Notice who wrote the first letter, a regular servant of the bosses from the United States navy. It's sickening to read such "gush" from a grown man. —JOHN MACDONALD.

I still feel it a duty to the children to call the attention of the red blooded American of today to the folly of placing children in the picket lines.

God bless the children for it is they who bring sunshine and joy to every home.

It is shameful to think that a city as prosperous and self supporting as New Bedford should allow such to take place.

Come on, you lovers of the children, you fathers who take pride in your homes, your city and the bringing up of your children—stop such foolishness and fight your own battles. Leave the children out of it. Don't be a wolf in sheep's clothing. Be the men you represent and stand up for the children instead of putting them on the streets to stand up for you.

Signalman First Class, United States Navy.  
 LLEWELLYN M. MASON  
 U. S. S. S-1, New London, Conn.

Defends Child Pickets.  
 To the Editor of The Standard:  
 I am greatly surprised to see the New Bedford children have so many friends at present. Friends from everywhere—from The Standard—the leader of the girl scouts, Mayor Ashley and also the leaders of the Textile council. And it's all about the "cruelty" of getting out the children one hour earlier in the morning on the picket line.

Well, we appreciate that. I for one will agree with you, that more sleep for the small children will do them a lot of good. But why get so excited because of the loss of one hour sleep, and not for the loss of other good things for the children which are probably important, if not more so than one hour's sleep?

Why not get excited because the same children do not have enough to eat, not enough clothes, nor shoes, not enough fresh air, not living in a good airy tenement, not having enough edu-

cation? Every one of the above mentioned is as important to the child as sleep, not only now but all the time.

What's wrong with children picketing? Don't they have to know why their parents are striking?

Every business man gives his children a business education, so that when the children grow up they will know how to do business and make their fortune. That's logical. But we all agree that we must have workers, laborers. And here we workers come and say that we want to bring up our children to be good workers, good union men, to understand their part in this world and to demand a better standard of living than we have today. But we haven't any schools or colleges for workers' children to learn that. The strike and the picket line—that's the school where the worker's child gets his education but with a little less comfort than the children of the rich getting their education. —A. JENKS.

## Demonstration for Kenosha Hosiery Strikers, Described by Correspondent

### WORKERS MARCH THRU CITY FOR ALLEN A MEN

Socialists Talk but Do Nothing

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 KENOSHA, Wis. (By Mail).—On Saturday, May 12th, there was held in Kenosha the largest demonstration of organized labor and sympathizers ever held in many years. The demonstration was held under the auspices of the Kenosha Trades and Labor Assembly.

**Workers Demonstrate.**  
 The huge parade of over 5000 workers started at 3:15 in the afternoon from the headquarters of the Allen-A strikers at 3215 60th St. Every local of organized labor in Kenosha and neighboring cities made up the mile long column of marching workers. Their were huge banners carried by the painters, milk drivers, sheet metal workers, plasterers, iron molders and other trade union organizations.

To the rear of the column were the locked-out Allen-A workers with banners reading: "We were locked out in a body, we will go back in a body," "Lincoln freed the slaves, the Allen-A Co. would enslave us," "The strike-breakers of the Allen-A Co. must Go!" and countless other signs. Slowly the long column marched down the center of the street past the open shop, Allen-A Co. and on to Liberty Park near the downtown section of the city. Along the sidewalks thousands of workers cheered the marching men and women until the air was deafening with cheers and applause. Hundreds of automobiles followed the marchers tooting horns in sympathy with the demonstrators.

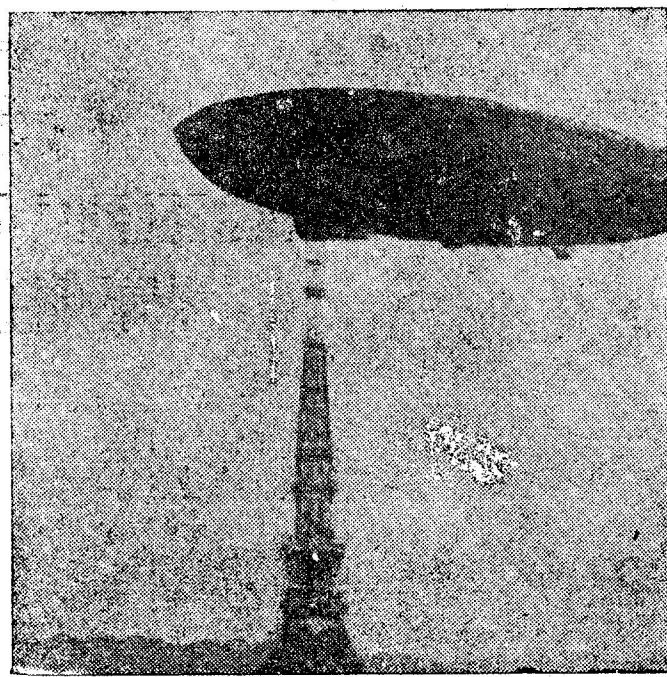
After arriving at Liberty Square the column broke up and gathered close to a speakers stand containing a microphone and four power loud speakers. A representative of the Kenosha Trades and Labor Assembly acted as chairman and after a few preliminary remarks introduced one of the leaders of the strike, Louis F. Budenz. Budenz pointed out the splendid struggle of the strikers against the vicious Allen-A thugs and gunmen. However he failed to mention what future policy the union will pursue in regards to the injunction and the calling out of the unorganized. No efforts worth mentioning have been made by the leaders to organize regular daily picketing around the open shop firm, and the unorganized have been entirely neglected and allowed to remain in the plant to help the scabs, in spite of the fact that with proper methods they could easily be won over into the union. Instead of outlining a militant policy for the future, Budenz trumpeted the lofty virtues of the late Robert LaFollette and Co. with whom he was once closely associated.

After Budenz, came Leo Krzycki, the national organizer of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and a member of the socialist party. He painted in rosy colors the good work of the socialist party and Mayor Dan Hoan of Milwaukee and reached a climax by comparing the trial of Budenz recently for violating the injunction, with the trial of Christ by the Romans, centuries ago. His entire speech was a crudely disguised campaign in behalf of the rapidly dying socialist party.

**Young Workers Sign.**  
 He was followed by the socialist mayor of Milwaukee, Hoan who boasted of his record in office. At this point in the open air demonstration there arrived a group of young workers from Milwaukee and Chicago who belonged to the Young Workers League of America. They joined the crowd of over ten thousand or more workers holding a tall banner that was applauded by the mass of workers present. The banner depicted an injunction document with a policeman in the center holding a club in his left hand. His right hand pointed to a group of strikers. The caption above the policeman read: "Don't talk, sing, or look cock-eyed at a scab." On the other side of the huge poster were the words: Young Workers League of America. As the sign was on a very tall pole it was seen by everyone present at the gathering.

Mayor Hoan continued to boast of the progressive state of Wisconsin where the "socialists" have the power of government. He failed to mention that Wisconsin suffers from unemployment, low wages and open-shop conditions just as in other states. Nor did he mention the fact

### Fascist Imperialism Heads North



The Italia, giant dirigible in which General Umberto Nobile, darling of the Italian fascists, is carrying the black flag over the polar ice is shown in the picture.

### FOREMAN GRAFTS WOULD GIVE LIFE \$5 PER FROM MEN TO SAVE UNION

#### Bricklayers Forced to Give "Present"

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 In former years building construction has been lively at this time of year. This year it is not. The losses and foremen are taking full advantage of this situation. As a result many building trades workers are working below the scale.

A fifteen story apartment house is now being erected on the corner of Prospect Park West and Montgomery Place, Brooklyn. The bricklayer foreman takes five dollars a week from every laborer who has to give it in order to get the job. Some bricklayers pay much more.

The money is given on the Q. T. and therefore it is impossible to catch anybody with the goods. The same thing is being done on many other jobs also.

It is about time that an end was put to this method of getting and keeping a job. —ENDORE.

#### Agent of Trusts

WASHINGTON, May 16 (FP).—Sen. Tydings of Maryland, democrat who has voted with the power trust on every test since he entered the chamber last December, has printed in the Congressional Record two articles attacking the Norris-Morin bill for government operation of the Muscle Shoals plant as "revolutionary and socialistic."

#### FASCISTS LEAVE ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 16.—The Bremen liners, following a triumphant two-day visit in St. Louis, prepared to hop off today for Detroit, the next official stopping place on their tour of American and Canadian cities.

that in his own city, Milwaukee, the injunction against the Kenosha strikers was issued, and according to latest reports police are arresting the locked out workers of the Adler Co. who are picketing the clothing firm of David Adler & Sons. He labeled the open shop as "un-American," though it is a well known fact that the open shop is entrenched more firmly in the U. S. than in many other countries. Only 3,000,000 workers are organized in the A. F. of L. compared to the over 10,000,000 workers organized in the Soviet trade unions where the workers hold power. Though he glorified the law on the books of the state of Wisconsin which prohibits the importation of out of town gunmen and strike-breakers without due "registration," he failed entirely to explain how the law has prevented the open shop Allen-A Co. from importing its large number of thugs and gunmen. After Mayor Hoan had finished his little talk that was really intended to boost the "watered" stock of the socialist party, the meeting was adjourned.

All in all, the open-air demonstration was a powerful one of Kenosha labor. It was a demonstration of solidarity with the strikers and their cause. Though the demonstration was marred by turning it into a political campaign for the socialist party, it was an inspiration to every worker in Kenosha.

### LABOR PARTY TO RUN MILITANTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Brophy, Ben Thomas, Kutz on Ticket

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 PHILA., Pa. (By Mail).—The Philadelphia Trade Union Committee for a Labor Party organized a mass meeting at Machinists' Temple, 13th and Spring Garden Streets on May 8 to celebrate the Centennial of the Pennsylvania Labor Party. The leading state candidates of the Labor Party for the elections will be John Brophy, candidate for Auditor General, Ben Thomas candidate for State Treasurer, and Charles Kutz, candidate for United States Senator.

In John Brophy, the leader of the militant rank and file miners in their struggle against the coal barons and the reactionary, corrupt, operator-controlled Lewis machine, we have a candidate who has real significance for every worker. It means that after a hundred years of the development of the Pennsylvania Labor Party, in which the Party has been dominated by the reactionary leaders of the A. F. of L. and been used as a tool of the old capitalist political parties, the politicians of the Republican and Democratic Parties, the Labor Party now will put up candidates who are real trade unionists, who run on no other ticket but the Labor ticket, and who, like Brophy and Thomas, have a fine record of struggle for the rank and file against the bosses and the labor bureaucracy.

Only those trade unionists who fight the reactionaries in the Labor movement can come out as representatives of the Labor Party at this particular time. Consistently the Pennsylvania Labor Party in the past has supported politicians who were running at the same time on the Republican and Democratic Parties, as in the case of William B. Wilson, candidate for U. S. Senator on the Democratic and the Labor Party ticket in the last senatorial elections. In the primaries of 1928, the State Labor Party had the brass to support Mr. Waters, a candidate of the Republican Party, for the office of auditor-general on the Labor Party, against John Brophy. This is a beautiful example of selling the Labor Party to the capitalists!

It is interesting to note that James Maurer, the candidate for vice-president in 1928 on the Socialist Party ticket, for many years the president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, and an influential figure in the Pennsylvania Labor Party, allowed the above sell-out to go on without any struggle to make the Pennsylvania Labor Party what it should be, an instrument of the workers to fight against injunctions, for unemployment insurance, against the state troopers, —the "cossacks," for relief and support of the miners in their struggle, and not an instrument of the republican party for corraling the labor vote. —B. H.

#### Miner's Family "Lives" on \$3 a Month

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 CAMBRIDGE, O. (By Mail).—I am writing this so you will send us THE DAILY WORKER.

My father is a union man. He is not working. My father has been a union man for nineteen years.

I don't care about my own life so long as the union is saved. And I hope that you will finish the work you have started.

It is pretty hard to live with the union that John L. Lewis has. John L. Lewis and the rest of the officials have everything they need but I don't have a piece of bread for my family. They give me two or three dollars a month for a big family.

But still I will wait for the Jacksonville agreement. I have never worked a day in a scab mine for nineteen years and I hope I never will have to work in a scab mine.

If only I can eat one time a day I will never go into a scab mine.

Brother, excuse me for my writing. —K.

### JOBS CONTINUE SCARCER IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, May 16 (FP).—Payroll totals were 1.4 per cent lower, and employment was 0.5 per cent lower in April of this year than in March, for American manufacturing industries, according to statistics compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Employment in the industries covered by this survey shows that in April it was 85.7 per cent of the monthly average for the year 1923.

### Life of Chopin Subject of New Operetta by Hajos

AN intimate operetta based on incidents in the life of Chopin goes into rehearsal today under the direction of Messrs. Shubert. The operetta, tentatively known as "Chopin's Romance," has been adapted by Harry B. Smith from the European work of Sigurd Johannsen. The score, as one might be led to believe, is not made up of the music of Chopin, but is an original one by the Hungarian, Karl Hajos, composer of "Natja." Various compositions of Chopin, however, are utilized in the score.

Odetta Myrtil has been engaged for the role of George Sand, and George Baker, recently heard in "The Beggar's Opera," will play the role of Chopin. In addition to these two characters, other historical figures appear in the play, among them Meyerbeer, which role has been entrusted to Max Figman. Heinrich Heine will be interpreted by Ernest Lawford, and Dubussou, George Sand's publisher, will be played by Lumsden Hare. Liszt appears in the play, but the part has not yet been cast. Other important players are Marion Marchand, Leo Henning, Allen Rogers, Louise Beaudet, Hugh Chilver, Martha Mason.

"Chopin's Romance" opens in Atlantic City on June 11th, but it may not be seen here until the fall.

Another production of "Chopin" was recently announced by Charles L. Wagner, but no further news has been received since.

Gale Sondergaard, who has played leading roles with the Jessie Bonstelle Company in Detroit for the past two seasons, has been engaged for the Theatre Guild Acting Company for next season.

At the end of its thirty-fifth week, "Dracula" will end its engagement at the Fulton Theatre on Saturday and move to California. The Horace Liveright production is to open in Los Angeles within three weeks and after a run there it will return East in September. The play will tour east of Denver in the fall.

George Arliss will close his present tour in "The Merchant of Venice" in the Plymouth Theatre, Boston, on Saturday night. In October he will begin a long tour to the Pacific Coast in this Shakespearean play.

John Galsworthy's "Escape" has proven so successful on its brief spring tour that Winthrop Ames is now considering sending it on the road again next fall, with a well known star in the leading role. "Escape" ends its present season in Washington Saturday.

**COMMUTERS FIGHT FARE RAISE**  
 Briefs were filed yesterday by Corporation Counsel Eesser of Mount Vernon and Vanauken of New Rochelle with the Public Service Commission and a ruling is expected soon in the fight which is being waged by Westchester County commuters against the 40 per cent increase in fares imposed by the New Haven Railroad.

### GET LEWIS WOMEN TO ATTACK MINE STRIKERS' WIVES

Fail to Stir Up Fight They Wanted



Sylvia Field.

#### Power Trust Hand Seen In Attack on Teachers

CHICAGO, May 16 (FP).—The hand of the power trust and its nation-wide lobby is seen in the Seattle school board's yellow-dog attack upon the teachers by Secretary-Treasurer Florence Curtis Hanson of the American Federation of Teachers.

Mrs. Hanson says: "It is indeed highly significant that at the same time that the control by the power industry over the schools of Washington is made public, that there should also be made public the order of the school officials of Seattle forbidding teachers to join the American Federation of Teachers, which is the teacher organization which has actively and continuously been fighting propaganda in our schools even in the face of bitter opposition.

(By a Woman Worker Correspondent)  
 RURAL RIDGE, Pa. (By Mail).—I am sending an item to your paper in regards to what happened here at Rural Ridge on May 7.

The progressive group is very strong here and the Lewis machine tries in every possible way to break up the organization. Some of the Lewis henchmen want to go back to work and so they are trying in every way possible to break up the union.

While the majority of the progressive miners were away from home, the Lewis bunch called on the women to break up the Ladies' Auxiliary because our ladies are too favorable to the Save-the-Union Committee.

Mrs. Snedden and Polly Yates, who are at the head of the Ladies' Auxiliary of District 5, under the direction of Fagan and Helfry, came into Rural Ridge with a truck load of state troopers.

A crowd of the women who belong to the Lewis bunch stood down on the state highway and called us all hunkies and Reds and wanted to know where our Red Flag was, and they shouted "Hurray! Hurray for Uncle Sam! and the good old red, white and blue! and good old U. S. A. and John L. Lewis!"

But they could not get us to say anything. Then a man named Bill Brozek walked up and kicked a progressive miner so that the bunch from the Lewis machine could start for the state troopers to get busy and beat us up.

Mrs. Snedden and Polly Yates shook their fists in Mrs. Conti's face and told her she was expelled from the Auxiliary.

Please sign this a miner's wife, progressive and strong for the Save-the-Union. —MINER'S WIFE.

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# Break Up Meeting for Mine Relief in Brooklyn; Hand of Right Wing Seen

## HALT CONCERT TO AID COAL DIGGERS IN BROOKLYN

Charge A. F. of L. Was Behind Action

A mass meeting and concert arranged by the Women's Committee on Miners Relief was broken up Monday evening by the owners of the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, 947 Wiloughby Ave., the meeting place of many American Federation of Labor locals under right wing control.

First a poster announcing the meeting was removed. When the owner was questioned about its removal he claimed to know nothing about it. The right wing A. F. of L. officials, no doubt, used their influence to see to it that the meeting for miners relief should not be held.

When the miners, who were to address the meeting, came to the hall, they were ordered out and told that miners were not welcome. The manager of the Lyceum stood at the door and as the people came told them he knew nothing about the meeting for miners relief and that no meeting would be held there that night.

An indignation meeting of the women, who comprised the majority of the audience, was held outside the meeting place.

"We are not surprised at this treatment," said Pauline Rogers, secretary of the Women's Committee on Miners Relief. "This is only one more proof of the fact that the right wing labor bureaucracy not only does not join in the struggles of the workers, but as in this case, actually hinders the work which is being done by workers to help the miners in their bitter fight against inhuman conditions and union-smashing."

## WOMEN MEET TO AID FRUIT CLERKS

More Shops Settle With Strikers

A conference of fourteen working women's organizations and clubs will be held today at 1 p. m. to intensify activity to break down the opposition of the open shop fruit bosses on Bathgate Ave., the Bronx, to the members of the Fruit and Dairy Clerks Union, now on strike. Plans for the building of a cooperative fruit market to aid the fruit strikers will also be made at the conference tomorrow.

Officials of the Fruit Clerks Union announced yesterday that the three stores of Stern Bros. had settled with the union. The union pointed out that all but two stores on Bathgate Ave. were open shop, and asked workers and working women to cooperate with the strikers by refusing to patronize the open shops. The two shops on Bathgate Ave. which have settled are located at 1610 and 1638.

## Dance and Vaudeville In Detroit Saturday

DETROIT, May 16.—A dance and vaudeville show will be given Saturday, at 8 p. m. at Martins' Hall, 4955 Martin St., under the joint auspices of the Workers (Communist) Party, Section 3, and the Young Workers (Communist) League, Branch 1. The program will include a play written by Walter Trumbull, which will expose the militaristic purposes of the Citizens' Military Training Camps.

## CITY-WIDE OPPOSITION TO FARE STEAL GROWS

Organized opposition on a city-wide scale leading to a mass refusal to pay the increased fare sought by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company is being foreshadowed here as a result of protest activities set in motion during the past ten days under the leadership of the Workers (Communist) Party which has been staging open air mass meetings in every part of the city.

Reports from these meetings are uniform that the workers and riders of the city are aroused to the point of fare riots and mass demonstrations. Independent investigations conducted by THE DAILY WORKER show the riders of the subways indicate that the maneuvers and gestures of the city and state officials have not gone unnoticed by the strap hangers. It is evident that the workers see through the moves and are holding these officials responsible.

Hold Meetings. The Workers (Communist) Party, which is the only organized political body really fighting the increased fare, has raised the slogans: "Fight The Fare Steal" and "Refuse To Pay The Increased Fare." Mass meetings are being staged in many parts of the city tonight.

## Regular Army Troops Off For Summer Manoeuvres To Train for War



Photo shows a detachment of regular army troops leaving for Camp Dix for summer manoeuvres. The troops are fully equipped for immediate field service in case Wall Street interests in China or Latin America require the slaughter of the workers there.

## CROUCH, SANDINO SPEAK THURSDAY

General's Brother at the Brooklyn Meeting

Paul Crouch, the American soldier who agitated in the Hawaiian army barracks against American imperialism, is to occupy the same platform as Socrates Sandino, brother of the Nicaraguan general resisting United States marine invasion, at a mass meeting in Brooklyn Thursday. The meeting, under the auspices of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, will take place at 8 p. m., in Royal Palace Hall, 16 Manhattan Ave., near Broadway.

Manuel Gomez, U. S. secretary of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, will preside. Interest in the meeting is strengthened by the fact that Crouch has just returned from an extended visit to Soviet Russia. This will be his first appearance at a large mass meeting since his return.

Crouch, who was an American soldier stationed at the colonial possession of Hawaii, attracted world-wide attention when he was arrested and court-martialed for his activities in organizing the Hawaiian Communist League. Among his fellow soldiers and among the Filipino laborers in the Hawaiian Islands the League established its first base. Crouch served more than two years in the Alcatraz Military Prison.

## N. Y. WILL HEAR OF LABOR FRAME-UPS

Cannon to Talk Here on Mooney Case

"I have been fortified all thru these years of prison by my faith in the movement which I serve in this outpost of the class struggle and by my consciousness that, even the colored here, I am an instrument of the workers' cause and a symbol of their struggle."

These were the words of Tom Mooney when James P. Cannon, national secretary of the International Labor Defense, visited him in San Quentin Prison, several weeks ago. The frame-up of Mooney and Billings will be one of the cases that Cannon will discuss in a lecture on the American frame-up system Friday at 8 p. m. in Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place. The lecture was arranged by the New York Section of the I. L. D., 799 Broadway.

In order to acquaint a larger number of workers with the activities of the International Labor Defense, a three-months' subscription to the Labor Defender, organ of the I. L. D., will be given free to all those attending the lecture.

## Workers' Calendar

Correspondents Attention!

All announcements for this column must reach THE DAILY WORKER several days before the event in question to make the announcements effective. Many announcements arrive at the office too late for publication owing to the additional time needed for the delivery of the paper.

**Buffalo Miners' Relief Dance.** BUFFALO, N. Y.—The Buffalo Youth Conference for Miners Relief will give a dance at Grover Cleveland Park clubhouse, Main and Daily Sts., Friday, May 18, at 9 P. M. Proceeds will go to the striking Pennsylvania and Ohio miners.

**Philadelphia Daily Worker Affair.** PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—There will be a grand concert for the benefit of THE DAILY WORKER on May 26, at 8 P. M. at 1208 Tasker St. A fine program will be presented under the auspices of Branch A, Section 1 of the W. C. P.

**Cleveland Young Workers' League.** CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The Cleveland Y. W. L. will hold its sixth anniversary celebration Sunday at the District Headquarters, 2046 E. 4th St., at 7 P. M.

**Chicago Affair for Russian Colonists.** CHICAGO, Ill.—A concert and talk will be held under the auspices of the I. L. D. at the Labor Lyceum, 28 Howe St., at 8:30 P. M. There will be a musical program, and a talk by Moise Katz.

**Detroit Concert.** DETROIT, Mich.—An international concert of folk music and dancing will be held here by the Detroit Council for the Protection of Foreign-Born Workers, on May 20, at 8 P. M. at McClellan Hall. Various language groups will participate.

**Pittsburgh Picnic.** PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The Workers (Communist) Party, District 5, will hold its third annual picnic here on July 4.

**Youngstown Dance.** YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—The Young Workers' League will hold a concert and dance here May 27. All organizations are requested to keep this date open.

**Detroit Dance.** DETROIT.—The Detroit Miners' Relief Committee will hold a dance at the Graystone Ballroom on May 21.

**Philadelphia I. L. D.** PHILADELPHIA.—A lecture on "The American Frame-Up" will be given by James P. Cannon, at Grand Fraternity Hall, 1626 Arch St., on May 19.

The first annual conference of the Philadelphia district of the International Labor Defense at Grand Fraternity Hall, 1626 Arch St., on May 20.

**District 10.** Ed Hankins will speak at the following May Day meetings still to be held in this district: Fort Worth, May 18; Dallas, May 19; Oklahoma City, May 21.

**Cleveland House-Warming.** CLEVELAND.—The Cleveland local of the Workers (Communist) Party will celebrate the opening of their new headquarters at 2046 E. 4th St. with an entertainment and general get-together on Tuesday, May 29, at 8 p. m.

**Roxbury Mothers' League.** ROXBURY.—The Mothers' League will hold a banquet on Saturday, May 26, at 8 p. m. at the New International Hall, 42 Wrentham St.

**Chicago Labor Picnic.** CHICAGO.—The Chicago section, Trade Union Educational League, will hold a picnic May 20 at Van's Grove.

**Milwaukee Youth Dance.** MILWAUKEE.—The first joint concert and dance of the Young Workers (Communist) League and the Young Pioneers of Milwaukee will be held at the Freie Gemeinde Hall, 8th and Walnut Street on Sunday afternoon and evening, May 27.

**Shachtman China Lecture Four Dates** Wednesday, May 16, Springfield, Ill. Thursday, May 17, Staunton, Illinois, territory. Friday, May 18, St. Louis, Mo. Saturday, May 19, West Frankfort, Illinois. Sunday, May 21, Cincinnati, Ohio. Tuesday, May 22, Jamestown, N. Y. Thursday, May 24, Buffalo, N. Y. Friday, May 25, Toronto, Ont., Canada.

Wednesday, May 30, Springfield, Mass., Liberty Hall, 692 Dwight St. Thursday, May 31, Providence, R. I., A. C. A. Hall, 1753 Westminister St. Friday, June 1, Boston, Paine Memorial Hall, 67 Freeman St. Saturday, June 2, Peabody, Mass., Paine Hall, 9 Appleton St. Monday, June 4, Haverhill, Mass. Tuesday, June 5, Hartford, Conn., Labor Educational Alliance, 2063 Main Street. Wednesday, June 6, Stamford, Conn. Friday, June 8, New Haven, Conn., Labor Lyceum, 28 Howe Street. Sunday, June 10, Perth Amboy, N. J., Workers' Home, 308 Elm St. Tuesday, June 12, Arden, Del.

Wednesday, June 13, Wilmington, Del. Friday, June 15, Newark, N. J. Sunday, June 17, Passaic, N. J., Workers' Home, 27 Dayton St., 7:30 P. M. Sunday, June 17, Paterson, N. J.

"Pass Me On!"

—The Daily Worker.

## THRONGS TO HEAR OF KUN'S ARREST

Communist's Release to Be Demanded

Thousands of workers of New York City and vicinity will gather in Union Square Saturday at 1 p. m. to protest against the contemplated murder of Bela Kun, Hungarian Communist leader, and to demand his immediate and unconditional release. The mass meeting is called by the New York section of the International Labor Defense, 799 Broadway.

In an appeal to the workers of New York, Rose Baron, secretary of the New York section, points out the significance of the arrest of Kun by the Austrian government and his threatened extradition to Fascist Hungary, and calls upon all class-conscious workers to join in preventing the murder of Kun.

The mass meeting will be addressed by many prominent speakers from three platforms. Among them will be Jay Lovestone, executive secretary of the Workers' (Communist) Party; James P. Cannon, national secretary of the International Labor Defense; William W. Weinstone, organizer of District 2, Workers' Party; Robert Minor, editor of THE DAILY WORKER; Carlo Trasca, Nicola Napoli; Richard B. Moore; Robert W. Dunn; Louis Hyman; S. Liebowitz; Anthony Bimba; Louis Kovacs; Gustav Mayer; Antonio Wechsler; Emmery Balint, S. Biederman, and Hugo Gellert.

## COOKS CONTINUE ON PICKET LINE

Reject Bosses' Terms to Keep Scabs

Negotiations with the owners having been broken off, the strike of the cafeteria workers in four Brownsville restaurants is continuing successfully. Officials of the Cooks' and Assistants' Union of Brooklyn announced last night.

The bosses demanded that picketing cease while the conference was being held and that the scabs hired during the strike be retained. The union emphatically rejected the demands.

It was also rumored yesterday that the bosses would again apply for an injunction, one plea having been denied last Tuesday by Judge Dunne in the Brooklyn Supreme Court.

H. Shultz, owner of the Mayflower Restaurant, who struck one of the girl pickets, was in hiding all day yesterday to avoid the serving of a summons. He hit the girl when she was picketing his cafeteria last Saturday night.

## I. L. D. IN STATEMENT ON BALDWIN REVERSAL

The reversal by the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals of the conviction of Roger Baldwin and four workers, arrested in connection with the Paterson silk strike in 1924, will not affect the cases of scores of workers still in the jails of this country, the New York section of the International Labor Defense pointed out in a statement issued yesterday thru its secretary, Rose Baron. Labor defense is still a vital issue, even in New Jersey, according to the statement.

"Roger Baldwin and the four workers arrested with him are free, but thruout the country the capitalist class are full of workers denied freedom because of their devotion to the cause of the working class," the statement says. Eugene Barnett and many others have for years been rotting in the dungeons of the ruling class. They have learned that the frame-up is the law of this land. In Pennsylvania, Ohio striking miners and their wives are being persecuted and jailed by the agents of official law and order. In the state that has reversed Baldwin's conviction workers were thrown into jail during the Passaic strike whose convictions have not been reversed.

"Only ceaseless struggle on the part of the class-conscious workers will succeed in freeing these other victims of the class war. Only ceaseless struggle will defeat the frame-ups of the ruling class in the future. The International Labor Defense, the central defense organization of the American working class, is leading this struggle and calls upon all class-conscious workers to rally to the fight to free our comrades still behind the bars."

## PLAN WORKERS' SUMMER SCHOOL IN NEW YORK

Conference To Be Held Here Sunday

A conference of all labor and fraternal organizations interested in a plan for "training young workers for the class struggle" will meet on Sunday, May 20, at 1 o'clock at the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square. This meeting will open the drive for the Young Workers Summer School, a full-time course to be started this year.

This school, one of a series planned under the direction of the Young Workers Communist League, will be situated in New York City and will include young workers and students from the city itself, from the various cities of New Jersey, from Philadelphia, and surrounding towns and from the anthracite region.

A call has been sent out to a large number of fraternal and labor organizations appealing to them to support this school and send delegates to this conference. A large response is anticipated.

## COOPERATIVES TO HOLD "FESTIVAL"

Sports and Dancing in Brooklyn Sunday

Consumers' cooperative organizations in and about New York, doing a business totalling \$3,500,000 a year, have arranged an all-day festival to be held in Ulmer Park, Brooklyn, on Sunday. Included in the organization as members of the Eastern States Cooperative League are cooperative apartment enterprises, restaurants, bakeries, food and clothing stores.

The morning will be devoted entirely to sports. Dashes and long distance running, shotput, discus throwing, broad jumping, will be open to all members of any of the allied cooperative organizations.

In the afternoon there will be singing by choral societies and individual entertainers, classical and novelty dancing, organized calisthenics, and stereopticon views of the establishments of the various societies.

The Brooklyn Finnish Workers Club Band and the United Workers Cooperative Mandolin Orchestra will furnish instrumental music. Arrangements are being made to broadcast the musical numbers with loud speakers to all parts of the park. There will be dancing in the evening.

## DENTAL WORKERS PLAN FOR STRIKE

A strike of dental mechanics was planned last night at an enthusiastic meeting of the Dental Laboratory Workers' Union held at the Labor Temple, Second Ave. and 14th St. The workers demand a 44-hour week, time and a half for overtime and a minimum wage scale. The speakers at the meeting were George E. Powers of the Iron Workers' Union and P. Pascal Cosgrove. H. A. Lindsey, president of the union, presided.

A meeting of the workers will be held at 10 a. m. today at the Labor Temple.

## Labor Defense Branch Formed in Reading, Pa.

READING, Pa., May 16.—A Berks county branch of the International Labor Defense was organized at a meeting held at Labor Lyceum Hall. Jacob J. Dolla, of Hamburg, former class-war prisoner and leader of the iron and steel workers of Lebanon, Pa., was elected county organizer. Pearl G. John and Fred Vigman were named county secretary and assistant county secretary, respectively. It is expected that the organization just formed will be the parent body to a number of branches, especially foreign language branches, to be formed thruout the county.

The new branch has applied to the national office of the International Labor Defense for a charter and will send two delegates to the district conference which is to take place Sunday in Philadelphia. Dolla and John will represent the Berks county organization in the conference.

## WORTIS TO SPEAK AT PROGRESSIVE WOMEN'S MEETING

Hold Big Conference on Saturday

The heroic struggle of women in the needle trades who were the first to organize a union of 30,000 women in spite of the greatest obstacles, will be reviewed by Rose Wortis for the benefit of delegates attending the conference next Saturday to organize the New York Working Women's Federation. The conference which is to take place at Irving Plaza Hall, 15th St. and Irving Place, at 2 p. m. is arousing widespread interest among women workers in unorganized shops and factories as well as among women in the ranks of organized labor.

"Dressmakers have always been in the forefront of the struggle against sweatshop conditions, starvation wages and the employers' idea of what a union should be," stated Wortis last night. "Their struggle has helped to set a new standard for workers in the five-day, forty-hour week. Their record of steady and courageous fighting has stirred exploited women in many trades to understand how helpless and futile the women workers are unless organized."

"The militant dressmakers union has again demonstrated its ability to fight for the workers in the industry by repudiating the convention in Boston controlled by the reactionaries."

"The New York Working Women's Federation which meets to organize next Saturday will support every effort of working women in this and other trades to organize their forces. Militant workingclass women are determined to organize. The New York Working Women's Federation is an answer and challenge to those who wish to keep working women divided."

## PHILADELPHIA TO AID MINE RELIEF

Collectors Called for House-to-House Drive

(By a Worker Correspondent) PHILA., Pa., (By Mail).—All available forces of the Philadelphia Committee of the National Miners' Relief Committee will be mobilized this Saturday, May 19, at 1 p. m. at 125 West Oxford St.

An intensive house to house drive thru all this neighborhood will be made for cash collections and contributions which are urgently needed by the starving miners and their families in the strike zones.

Not only should all persons and their respective organizations be on hand, but all class-conscious workers who have not taken part in this important collection work are expected to volunteer their services this Saturday and make it a banner day of the weekly house to house collection drives held here.

Workers of Philadelphia, show your solidarity with the courageous striking miners by being on the job and doing your part on Saturday afternoon.

—C. R.

## Chicago Atheists Meet

CHICAGO, May 16.—The Russian branch of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism held a special meeting for 150 students of the Chicago University. The Russian Workers' Singing Society, the Russian Mandolin Orchestra and the Young Pioneers participated.

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## Jersey Mosquito Justice

Editorial comment on the action of the higher New Jersey court in reversing the lower court which four years ago convicted four Patterson silk workers and Roger Baldwin, head of the American civil liberties union, in connection with the silk strike in Paterson, is significant:

"But the final opinion re-establishes it (the constitution) as the supreme law of the land."—N. Y. World.

"It also shows that even radical socialists can go into an American court assured that any flagrant injustice which has been done them will be righted."—N. Y. Times.

This editorial comment exhibits the reason why the court indulged in the inexpensive luxury of releasing five men from small jail sentences and fines imposed solely for trying to hold a meeting during a strike. The reason is that by this gesture of "leniency" some of the working class can be further duped into believing what the Times says—that workers (and more especially a member of the liberal intelligentsia) involved in police suppression in the course of the class struggle "can go into an American court assured that any flagrant injustice which has been done them will be righted." The reason for "leniency" of Jersey justice is of course amplified by the following facts:

1. This is an election year.
2. It is a period of increasing union-smashing, wage cutting, suppression and police violence against the working class.
3. Within a few months there has been open murder by state troops of six striking coal miners in Colorado allegedly for stepping across a property line, but really for picketing.
4. A reign of terror is now in process in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and other coal fields, with clubbings, wholesale arrests and complete abolition of civil rights, injunctions entirely nullifying so-called constitutional guarantees so far as workers are concerned.
5. The pauperization and expropriation of smaller farmers is proceeding at a rapid rate, causing wide-spread discontent.
6. The march of United States imperialism is just beginning in real earnest with the bloody war against Nicaragua and the invasion of China on a large scale.
7. At this particular time one of the alternative candidates of Wall Street for the presidency is necessarily put forward (as Woodrow Wilson was at an earlier time) as a candidate representing liberalism, constitutional rights and the "common people."
8. The open shop movement, now engaged in a nation-wide effort to sterilize and eliminate trade-unionism, can absolutely rely upon all of the present candidates of capitalist parties.

Under these circumstances in this election year, which is also the year of the supreme crisis for the organized labor movement, every harpy of the capitalist press and pulpit is striving to prove to the masses that although strikers' heads are broken, although men, women and children are jailed, evicted and assaulted without even the forms of law,—nevertheless "the constitution" protects them from all of these things, and "any flagrant injustice which has been done them will be righted."

That is why, on the day when 58 fur workers are sent to jail in New York for picketing and four workers are jailed for picketing a scab mine in Ohio, the New York World and New York Times pick out, not these incidents of the living struggle now in process, but a four-year-old case in New Jersey, to editorialize about. Crush the strike today! Stifle all speech and club the picket line of today at all costs! Smash the Union in the struggle which is going on now!—but it is safe and profitable to editorialize on liberty in a four-year-old case in which a middle-class advocate of "free speech" is liberated.

The working class must learn and is learning not to trust these miserable hypocrites of "liberal" journalism who strain at a mosquito and swallow an elephant, in support of capitalist class rule. The courts of law which murdered Sacco and Vanzetti, the courts which liberate Harry Sinclair and hold Mooney and Billings to a life-time of torture, the courts and the constitution which are now being used to repress with blood and iron the miners of Pennsylvania and Ohio, cannot be vindicated with this petty gesture of "Jersey justice" and the philistine boasts for which the gesture is made.

## Advertising in the Daily Worker

How can the militant and class-conscious workers help build the DAILY WORKER? Every comrade and sympathizer should always bear in mind that when they patronize a restaurant, or buy clothing, shoes, furniture, etc., they should ask the proprietor to place an advertisement in the DAILY WORKER. The needle trade workers in the garment center should demand advertisements from the restaurants and cafeterias they patronize. The militant workers know that the DAILY WORKER is the only daily newspaper that fights for the inter-

ests of the working class. The DAILY WORKER, therefore, has a right to demand that you help get advertisements for the paper. The DAILY WORKER must reach the striking miners, the textile strikers, and the steel towns where the workers have no organization. The DAILY WORKER is the only hope for these workers. It helps to organize the unorganized, and fights for a progressive and militant policy in the unions. Comrades and sympathizers, let us do our duty and help build the DAILY WORKER in circulation and advertisements.

## FASCISMO



By Fred Ellis

## Underweight-- No Jobs Open For Negroes

By SCOTT NEARING.

Joe weighs 118 pounds. He is black. When I talked to him he had been standing in an employment office for a week waiting for work. Before that he worked for one day as an errand boy in place of another lad who was sick. But the sick boy came back the next day and Joe returned to the employment office.

"Not much demand for Negroes these days," explained the manager of the office. "There is a feeling around town that no Negro has a right to a job while a white man is out of work."

"Besides, Negroes are only hired to do certain kinds of work."

"Take Joe here as a sample. He weighs under 120 pounds. When we get inquiries from factories and office buildings for Negroes they always specify, around 160 or 170 pounds. The Negroes do the heavy labor and they need heavy men. A light fellow like Joe is no use on such a job. It doesn't even pay us to send him out of the office."

"Some day we'll pick up a job for Joe," the manager went on hopefully. "Messenger or errand boy or something like that. It won't pay him much. Jobs like that pay little enough to white men and always less to Negroes. But it's the best he can expect to do. Joe's handicapped. He's underweight."

# Thousands Jailed in New Fascist Terror

By NICOLA NAPOLI  
The Sozzi murder is a definite sign of the situation of Italian fascism. It indicates that the Mussolini government after six years' rule, can not stand on its feet but through terror and crime, and that it is still compelled to murder and strangle militant workers in jail.

It indicates that the opposition to fascism is still very strong and that, above all, it is gradually assuming definite forms, as in the recent textile strikes of Gallarate and Pordenone—under the leadership of the most active and revolutionary oppositional force in Italy: The Communist Party.

**6,000 in Danger.**  
The lives of 6,000 political prisoners, who are in jail and in the various deportation islands, are in danger. They are continuously under threat of sharing the fate of Matteotti, Gobetti, Piccini, Sozzi, Riva, Ruggeri and other fascist victims bestially tortured and murdered. It is impossible to count them all!

From a list recently compiled by the International Red Aid we note that from February 1927 to the beginning of April 1928, the special fascist tribunal has distributed more than 17 centuries of jail sentences to hundreds of workers.

**1,300 Year Sentences.**  
For the Empoli "incident" where the workers responded with energy to a fascist provocation—97 comrades were sentenced to 1300 years of jail! In November 1927, a young worker and his sweetheart were condemned to 36 years of imprisonment for having leaflets in their possession. In

April of this year comrades Vignocchi, Spinelli and Parodi were sentenced to 52 years for having taken part in an illegal meeting. A few days before three Communists, Chini, Grilli and Morellato were sentenced to seven years each for "inciting people to revolt."

**How Fascism Works.**  
These few instances, taken from tens of others, eloquently prove how fascist courts work and without what anger and insane brutality they condemn those who show the least opposition to the Mussolini regime. Even those who speak of Mussolini must be careful lest they do not go to jail as Ricci Timoteo, a worker, who was sentenced to four years and one month for "lack of respect in mentioning the Duce."

Simply enough, Mussolini tries to violently suppress the rising voices of opposition. And he also tries to divert the attention of the public with choreographical proclamations, with "fascist tours" as the one recently organized in Milan where 10,000 workers were forced to go to Rome to listen to a speech of Mussolini under threat of being fired from their factories and with a typical system of provocations.

Any one who is acquainted with the fascists and their methods knows of their elaborate artistry as "agent provocateurs." We recall, a propos, the case of the agent Quaglia in connection with the Zaniboni "plot"; the scandal of Ricciotti Garibaldi in France (where the fascist police had instructed their agent to organize pseudo plots) and the murder of the fascist agent Savorelli in Paris used in order to compel the French government to extradite all anti-fascists

to Italy where they would have been well taken care of.

**A New "Plot."**  
Now, we have the "Milan plot," a new pretext for terrorism. Hundreds of workers have been arrested. We have been informed by cable that the trial will take place on May 28 or even earlier. No witnesses will be allowed for the defendants. Numerous death sentences have been prom-

## Fascist Terror Victim



Gastone Sozzi, Italian left wing labor leader, murdered by fascist police in Milan under Mussolini's orders.

ised. For the occasion, the headquarters of the special fascist tribunal have been transferred to Milan.

One of the arrested for the Milan bomb was comrade Carlo Riva. After a week of his arrest, the papers reported that "Carlo Riva had committed suicide by hanging himself in his cell" in the prison of Genoa. As with Sozzi's body, the fascists also refused an autopsy for Riva.

## Murdered by Fascists.

No, Sozzi and Riva did not commit suicide! They, as Communists who still had faith in the proletariat, would have never eliminated themselves from the fight. They were killed by the fascisti after being tortured.

Yet these are not isolated cases. The fate of numerous comrades is still unknown to us and to their families. Among these are the student Martellanz, the former secretary of the Chamber of Labor of Treviso, Ghidetti, the school teacher Betti, the workers Monfrini and Tepasso and Azzario who was arrested in Panama in 1927 by order of the fascist government and was to be extradited to Italy.

## Demand Their Release.

Public opinion demands that the fate of these workers to be known!

Public opinion demands that the fascist atrocities be stopped!

Public opinion demands that the 6,000 political prisoners among whom are hundreds of women and children (12 women have already given birth to their infants in dark, pestilential cells, deprived of every medical assistance) be released at once!

And not only public opinion: It is our conscience as workers, as

brothers, as comrades that makes these imperative demands.

We also demand that the Milan trial be conducted in the open, that ample opportunity be given to the defendants to prove their innocence. We demand that a committee of liberals be permitted to investigate the conditions of the political prisoners on the spot.

We can not allow the further slaughtering of workers!

The American proletariat must join the international protest against the new wave of fascist terror.

## Labor Defense Active.

The International Labor Defense has taken up the cry of the innumerable victims of fascism and has instructed all its supporters to promote protest demonstrations and to energetically and actively participate in this new anti-fascist campaign. As part of the campaign, the International Labor Defense has issued special stamps with pictures of Matteotti and Sozzi. These stamps must be largely used and circulated.

In a special appeal to the American workers, written for the June issue of the Labor Defender, Henri Barbusse concludes:

"Only one thing can make them (the fascists) reply, one thing alone can force them to halt and to retreat. And that thing is the great avenging voice of the outraged public opinion of mankind."

Let the voices of the world proletariat ring in the ears of Mussolini and his henchmen and let them encourage our comrades who in spite of the fascist terror—are still in the front, fighting for the liberation of the Italian workers and peasants.

# The Yellow Forward, Rev. Thomas, and James Maurer

By PAUL NOVICK.  
(Continued.)

The editorial deals with the miners' conference which was held at Pittsburgh at the beginning of this month, and like a good disciple of Matthew Woll it raises the cry of "Communism" and "Moscow." Let us quote a few paragraphs.

"The Communist Party of America—the Forward begins—has suddenly become busy again. After the Communist agents had for a few years been active solely among the Jewish workers and have for that period succeeded in destroying and ruining a few of the most beautiful and progressive Jewish unions, they now decided to get busy in the 'gentile' unions. In Moscow they finally realized that solely with the Jewish workers of New York and Chicago it is impossible to create a Communist revolution in America; that for a revolution in America they must have not only the Jewish tailors, but also the non-Jewish workers of the big industries of the country, and Moscow therefore has ordered the American Communists to start organizing the real American workers (Our emphasis)."

## "Progressive" Lewis.

Here the editorial goes on to explain how progressive the miners' union is, and that "among the officers and active workers of the miners' union there are very many progressive trade unionists." The editorial would have readers believe that those progressive elements are with the Lewis machine. And Lewis

himself, although he belongs to the Republican Party, the Forward says, is not such a bad fellow:

"In pure trade union questions Lewis is not any more conservative than other American trade union leaders. In any case, Lewis is an energetic man and the majority of the members of the union seem to have confidence in him, since at all conventions of the union and at all referendums Lewis has been elected with an enormous majority."

It is hardly necessary to point out the hypocrisy of these lines. The "energy" and the "majorities" of the Lewis machine are well known. Let us get back to "Moscow."

## Attacks Soviet Union.

"There is no doubt that the Communists have suddenly become active in the miners' districts, because there it is easier for them to incite the workers, and meanwhile it will be possible to keep up the bluff before Moscow that the Communists are active in the struggle of the miners. And there is also no doubt that among the 'progressive' miners, that have suddenly become the standard bearers of Communism in America, there are a good number of Pinkerton detectives, that are paid by the mine companies for their revolutionary work."

This contemptible propaganda against "Moscow," which is "ordering" its "agents" in America to stir up "revolution" among the miners, can very well be compared with any kind of propaganda against the Soviet Union, emanating either from the Civic Federation, Key Men of America, or the D. A. R. And this kind

of propaganda is unanimously acknowledged as "good socialist work" by a convention which so hypocritically demanded that "Moscow" be recognized! Mr. Kellogg needs only point out to the editorial of the Forward of April 8, 1928.

And this is how the good socialist paper and the mouthpiece of Mr. Thomas regards the struggle of the miners to free themselves from the corrupt and murderous Lewis machine that has been the undoing of their once powerful union and the source of their misery and suffering. This struggle, according to the slanders of the yellow socialist sheet, is paid by the companies and is led by Pinkerton detectives.

Could the agents of the Mellons themselves have concocted anything more devilish against the movement that threatens to break their deadly grip on the miners and their families?

## Some Facts.

Mr. Norman Thomas is a contributing editor to the liberal magazine, The Nation. In the issue of that magazine of April 25 there appeared an article on the Pittsburgh "Save-the-Union" Conference. In that article we read that the delegation of over 1100 men represented "a majority of the coal miners, organized and unorganized, in North America." There we also read that John L. Lewis has been so "energetic" that he has drawn for the past six months \$11,093 from the union treasury in salaries and expenses, at a time when the miners are getting one dollar per week from the union—"when they get it," as the writer of the Nation adds. He also tells us that the Save-the-Union Committee is headed by

such men as John Brophy, "Tony" Minerich, John W. Watt, Pat Toohy, and Powers Haggood, whose aim it is to oust the Lewis leadership "as a prelude to more extended union action." Does the contributing editor of the Nation agree with this article, or does he think that the activities of the Save the Union Committee were ordered from Moscow and that those miners who are Communists are "Pinkerton detectives"? Has he any grounds for such serious accusations? Does he, as well as Maurer, believe that the Forward was right in its statement of April 2 that "A Mexican Businessman, a Barber and Jewish Communists Are Delegates to the Conference of 'Progressive Miners'?" If so, how could they represent a majority of the coal miners?

## Forward, Agent of Lewis.

Does not this touch an issue most vital to the labor movement? Did not the Forward act here as an agent of the Lewis machine and as an agent-provocateur both against the Soviet government and against those progressive miners who believe in Communism?

But the "decent" socialists do not mind all this. They gave the Forward a carte blanche. The S. P. convention indorsed that contemptible paper unanimously.

We could go back another week and quote the editorial of the Forward of Sunday, April 1, on "The Truth About the Red Militarism" (this type of editorial seems to be the regular Sunday sermon of the good socialist paper). That editorial, just as the editorial on the miners' situation, surpasses what the New York Times could have said on that subject. But, as we said at the start, it is super-

# The Yellow Forward, Rev. Thomas, and James Maurer

fluous to touch upon the stand of the Forward towards the Soviet Government. There is no limit to what the Forward can stoop to here. The paper for instance maintains a special agent in Berlin who supplies it with cables about "Moscow" which the Chicago Tribune, for example, would always welcome. The Forward also maintains a special force here to gather all news items regarding the crimes appearing in the Soviet press. A collection of such news is presented to the reader every Saturday, as a depiction of life in the Soviet Union (imagine how American life would look if any European paper would give its readers nothing but the crime news of any American big city).

## Hypocritical Action.

If the socialist party were either socialist or a party, it would have denounced the Forward long ago. This would have been the duty of a real party towards a yellow, reactionary and Soviet-baiting paper which is identifying itself, and is being identified, with the socialist cause. But instead of denouncing the Forward the socialist convention passed a resolution commending it for its "good socialist activity," accepting it as its organ, and Mr. Thomas, its standard bearer, uses it as his mouthpiece. Here the socialists stand exposed. By adopting that resolution they openly declared that the Forward expresses their opinions and their policies. By adopting that resolution they have identified themselves with that paper and have therefore branded themselves as Soviet-baiters, as supporters of John L. Lewis and all that is reactionary in the American labor movement.