

## N. Y. TUEL FORMS CLASS STRUGGLE UNION CENTER TODAY

### THREAT TO BURN OFFICE IN GASTONIA; FRAME-UP MURDER CASE IN TENN.

**Summary of Today's Developments:**  
1.—Strikers guard building they have just erected in Gastonia for union and relief offices because Manville Jenckes thugs have announced they will destroy it within three days.  
2.—Strikers' sick children evicted in rain storm; quarantine notices torn down and house broken into by deputies.  
3.—Militia massed around court house where 87 Elizabethton, Tenn., rayon pickets come up for hearing on frame-up charges of inciting to murder, and other accusations.  
4.—Rumor Elizabethton picket ridden down by scab in car at orders of militia has died; General Boyd arrested on strikers' warrant.  
5.—President Green, of American Federation of Labor, aids prosecution by public statement from Washington that strikers have been destroying property in Elizabethton.  
6.—Mill thugs make bomb attack on strikers in Tennessee.

### MILITIA MASSES AROUND TRIAL OF RAYON STRIKERS

#### Green Aids Bosses by Attacking Strikers

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn., May 17.—With a line of militia around the court-house, rifles loaded, bayonets fixed, machine guns placed at handy corners, hand grenades and tear gas bombs issued, 87 rayon strikers came up for hearing today, some of them on charges of "inciting to murder" and others accused of disorderly conduct.

These are the strikers held after wholesale arrests yesterday, in which militia seized over 120 pickets who were trying to stop scabs being brought into the mills in busses guarded by militia stationed on top of them, and pointing their rifles at the masses of strikers. The militia had in many cases actually taken the busses out into distant hill counties of Tennessee and recruited the cabs from among the farm tenants.

**Rumor Scab's Victim Dead.**  
The militia also protected the scab Calhoun, who was booted and issued by a crowd of 500 strikers. There is a rumor that Evelyn Ieaton has died. This picket was one of those run over by Calhoun's car, when, at the orders of the militia yesterday, he drove it headlong into a crowd of pickets. The others badly injured by Calhoun are S. I. Fowler, who has deep lacerations around the body, and J. H. Brooks, who was knocked unconscious by the car. Calhoun was spirited away by the militia to Bristol as resentment rose higher and higher against him.

**Gen. Boyd Arrested.**  
A warrant was sworn out by Evelyn Heaton for incitement to murder, against Adjutant General Boyd, in charge of the militia, because of the militia order to Calhoun to ride down the strikers. It was served today, and Boyd was immediately released by a complaisant court on low bail.

The crowd of strikers, barred from the court house, jeered the district attorney general, Ben Allen, when he arrived, and cheered the defense attorney.

The strikers lived for a day and night without water, except what was brought in tanks from Johnson City, after mill thugs blew up the main through which the drinking water supply comes to Elizabethton. Schools were closed yesterday because of the lack of water for pupils. The pipe was repaired today. The mills never had any trouble with water, as their auxiliary water supply plant was put in order just

**Ask Correspondents  
to Write Comments  
on Cleveland Meet**  
All worker correspondents of the Daily Worker are requested to send in letters giving their opinions on the First National Conference of Worker Correspondents in the United States, to be held in Cleveland on Friday, May 31, immediately preceding the Trade Union Unity Conference on June 1 and 2.

Tell us what is being done in your city or section to prepare for the conference, how the call for the conference was received among your shopmates, etc. Write to the Worker Correspondence Department of the Daily Worker.

### STRIKERS GUARD NEWLY ERECTED UNION OFFICES

#### Gastonia Deputies Put Sick Out in Storm

(Special to the Daily Worker.)  
GASTONIA, N. C., May 17.—Threats to demolish the new union and relief headquarters which will be opened tomorrow are being made openly by mill bosses. The building is to house the National Textile Workers Union and the Workers International Relief.

The flunkies of the Manville-Jenckes Co. are boasting that the hall will not be torn down. Police officials are also threatening the union and the W. I. R.

The strikers are determined not to allow the building to be razed, as the union and relief headquarters were a month ago. Heavy guards are watching day and night and will fight to the last to prevent the destruction of the union center.

**More Evictions.**  
The evictions of the striking workers are continuing. Yesterday, during a terrific thunderstorm, Albert Ledford was evicted, although his son is ill with whooping cough. Deputies tore the quarantine sign, dated until May 26, from the house and evicted the entire Ledford family of eight.

When nobody was there, deputies broke into the home of J. Lynch, head of the housing committee of the W. I. R., and threw his furniture into the road, where it was exposed to the pouring rain.

Although their one-month-old baby is very sick with whooping cough, the Kissler family was also evicted. Many others were evicted yesterday.

The whooping cough epidemic among the children is spreading and the need for medicine is increasing. The W. I. R. is furnishing medicine to the sick children.

**Food Piled in Open.**  
Relief today was distributed to the striking workers on the field where the union headquarters is being built. The food was piled high

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**Recruit members for the Communist Party at factory gate meetings.**

### Homes of Negro Stevedores on Philadelphia Waterfront

**Negro Workers Suffer All Evils of Housing  
and Low Wages, Speed-Up in Plants**  
By C. RABIN.  
Sentimental and totally misleading articles about the quaint old houses, the quaint old courts and alleys, by streets and arcways along the waterfront of Philadelphia, the oldest region of the city are published regularly in the capitalist press of this city.

These tales never fail to tell of how the houses were built in 1688, 1692 or whatever year of the seventeenth century they were constructed, how the bricks were imported from England, how architecturally the houses are a bit of quaint old England now transplanted to the banks of the Delaware.

### CLINIC VICTIMS STILL DIE; SAY 80 MORE DOOMED

City Whitewashes Its  
Officials Who Let  
Fire Trap Exist

### War Gas Chief Arrives Revive Story Inventors Made Poison for Army

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 17.—Many doctors and physicians, and the health commissioner of Cleveland, Harry L. Rockwood, today expressed a fear that at least 80 more of the patients, hospital employes and rescue workers would die as a result of inhaling poison gas in the fire and explosion in the Cleveland Clinic Wednesday. The mere fact that they do not feel sick as yet is no guarantee of their safety.

The gas works by causing the lungs to secrete and accumulate quantities of liquid, which gradually drown the victim.

The latest to die is Ben Jones, professional football player, who felt so well yesterday that he undertook a 150-mile automobile trip. He collapsed suddenly in the presence of his family, and died within two hours, in great agony.

Twenty-five of those known to have been affected are missing. The death list now stands at 126.

The arrival here today of Major General Harry L. Gilchrist, chief of the chemical warfare service of the U. S. army, revived the suggestions already thrown out from numerous sources that some of the hospital

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### STRIKE IN BIG PRINTING SHOP

#### Unorganized Workers Fight Slavery

No longer able to stand the unbearable conditions, the 150 unorganized printing workers at the huge Schweinler Press, at Hudson and Leroy St., yesterday walked out on strike.

The direct cause of the strike was the dismissal on Monday of two militant workers in the plant, Silvestro and Speranza, for their activities in organizing the underpaid Schweinler workers.

About 450 workers are employed at this plant, 150 of whom are unorganized. The latter responded solidly to the strike call and began to picket the printing works immediately.

**Beat Up Strike Leader.**  
One of the leaders of the strike, Joseph Spencer, was attacked and brutally beaten, while on picket duty, by Schweinler, the millionaire owner of the plant. The striker was then arrested and released on \$500 bail. He was defended by the New York District of the International Labor Defense.

The workers are practically all young. The unorganized workers, consisting of flyboys (press helpers), press feeders, truck pullers, trimming crew and sheet carriers,

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### DUNNE JAILED ON HILLQUIT'S PLEA

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### NEW INJUNCTION ISSUED TO BREAK THE FOOD STRIKE

Injunctions Will Fail,  
Strikers Declare  
\$250 Each

### Read "Daily," Slugged Most Drastic Yet; Fine Strike Leaders

The vicious anti-picketing injunction granted by Judge Aaron Levy against the striking cafeteria workers on April 10 was superseded yesterday by an even more drastic one issued by Judge Henry Sherman in State Supreme Court. It prohibits not only mass picketing, but also individual picketing, "loitering" by strikers in the vicinity of the struck cafeterias, wearing or carrying banners, talking to customers, or in any way letting it be known that the cafeterias are struck.

The order was granted to the Willow Cafeterias, Inc., which in its plea announced that it owned \$3,000,000 in restaurant properties and operates 22 cafeterias.

While Louis Boudin and Phillip Wittenberg, attorneys for the Hotel, Restaurant and Cafeteria Workers Union, announced that they would take immediate steps to move for a re-argument on the injunction, strikers at once let it be known that they would continue to violate the injunctions granted to the bosses, regardless how drastic the order.

**Strikers Defiant.**  
"We will not be forced back to work by court orders," they declared.

Almost at the same time that the new injunction was granted by Judge Sherman, another faithful tool of the bosses, Supreme Court Judge C. T. Crain fined Michael Obermeier, organizer, and Sam Kramberg, secretary of the food workers organization, \$250 each for urging strikers to violate the earlier injunction. Crain is now hearing arguments on the building trades injunction.

A sardonic, cynical aspect of this (Continued on Page Five)

### ARREST PHILA. SHOE PICKETS

#### Scabs Herded in Plant; Strikers Fight On

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 17.—Anna Maltzer, arrested while picketing the Laird-Schober Shoe Company plant Wednesday, was yesterday fined \$13.50 by Magistrate Fitzgerald, a tool of the notorious Vore machine.

At the same trial Gino Scalabrini, chairman of the Shoe Workers Industrial Union strike committee, was sentenced to 30 days.

Both sentences are being appealed by the local International Labor Defense.

In spite of the close herding of the scabs, many of whom were tricked into remaining at work by the company, which, to prevent them from hearing the message of the strikers, keeps them prisoners inside the plant, under unhealthy conditions for 24 hours a day, strike literature is distributed throughout the shop.

**Distribute Strike Literature.**  
Helen Bennett succeeded in getting into the shop and distributing leaflets to the girls living in the

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### Negro Worker Was Hero in Rescue Work at Hospital Disaster



Robert Charles was the outstanding hero in the rescue work at the scene of the fire and blast which killed 125 at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital. This Negro worker balanced a ladder, which had proved too short, on his shoulders, permitting 20 to escape.

### PIONEERS OPEN DISTRICT MEET AMID CHEERING

#### Commended on Aiding Strikers

By I. TRAUBER.  
(Member of Bronx Section,  
Young Pioneers.)

The third district convention of the Young Pioneers of America opened here last night with a mass meeting at the Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th Street, at 8:30 p. m.

One thousand workers and their children filled the hall when Frances Gordon, Pioneer Director of District 2, rose to open the meeting and to introduce the permanent chairman. The chairman was Paul Tabolinski, a worker's child from the South Brooklyn section of the Pioneers. He brook the meeting in the name of the District Executive Committee of New York.

A telegram of greetings was received (Continued on Page Five)

### TAMMANY HELPS LOCKOUT MOVE

#### Fakers' Cringing Pleas Show Conspiracy

For the purpose, apparently, of permitting the Building Trades Employers' Association to stall for time and to bolster up its propaganda the New York City government, through its corporation counsel, Arthur J. W. Hilly, yesterday entered the building trades situation.

He appeared before Justice Thomas C. Crain, sitting in Part I, Supreme Court, in connection with the arguments on the temporary injunction "restraining" the Building Trades Employers from putting into effect its threat to lockout 75,000 building trades workers. Hilly told the judge that he was appearing at the express request of Mayor Walker.

This is the same judge who last night fined Michael Obermeier and Sam Kramberg, organizers of the striking cafeteria workers, each \$250 for advocating violation of the injunction against picketing. Ironically enough, this judge yesterday blandly offered to help "arbitrate" the building trades dispute.

**Proves Conspiracy.**  
That the Tammany city government has officially stepped into the proceedings is additional evidence that the proposed lockout is a conspiracy between the building bosses and the Building Trades Council, for the relations between the building fakers and the gang that rules in City Hall are of the most cordial nature. The lockout will give the bosses an excellent opportunity to begin a drive to crush all unionism in the industry.

Hilly asserted "that since \$100,000,000 worth of construction—including schools, subways and hospitals—would be tied up by the lockout," the mayor had asked him to request a week's adjournment to allow the city to examine the records in the case. This Crain declined to

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### 3 Communists Are Beaten by School Jingoos

#### Waukegan, Ill., May 17.—

Three Waukegan youths, all members of the Communist Youth League of this city, were viciously attacked and beaten up by members of the Waukegan High School Reserve Officers Training Corps while they were distributing Communist literature to the students of the school.

The youths are Philip Boyer, 20 years old, a graduate of the high school; Hugo Kronholm, 18, and Edward Dombrowski, 19.

The R.O.T.C. members seized the three young militants while they were distributing handbills to the passersby, mostly young workers and students. They were taken before Sergeant John Holly, United States army instructor, who told them he would count five before turning the entire R.O.T.C. troop loose upon them.

They began to run, but were overtaken and attacked. For a few minutes they put up a spirited resistance, but were outnumbered so badly that they were soon beaten up. Holly has not denied the charges of the three young Communists, preferring to keep the news in the open in order to intimidate other members of the Communist Party and League in the city.

This vicious attack is seen as the beginning of an open campaign here (Continued on Page Two)

### Needle Unions Open Forums Tomorrow on Furrier Strike

#### Mobilize for Struggle; a Story of Scab Joint Council and Attack on Strikers

For the purpose of mobilizing of thousands of fur workers in the coming strike in the industry, which will aim to establish union conditions, the Joint Board of the Needle Workers Industrial Union has arranged the first of a series of open forums throughout the city.

At these meetings the "phony" stoppage threatened by the corrupt I.L.G.W.U. will also be discussed. It has now become apparent that in addition to the hope that thousands of dollars will be mulcted from the workers in the shops, the purpose of the right wing gang in making these threats is to show signs of "militancy."

With the victory of the dressmakers, under the leadership of the N. W. I. U. still haunting them, and with plans being made for the fur strike, they find it necessary to make some "militant" gestures, it is pointed out. The most serviceable medium for these they have found, is the old and tried reactionary New York Times.

**Forms Throughout City.**  
The open forums will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in various parts of the city—Bronx Workers Club, 1472 Boston Road, with B. Kaplan, furrier, and H. Shiler, cloakmaker, as speakers; H. Cutler will be chairman. At the Brownsville Workers Club, 154 Watkins St., speakers will be Kolov, cloakmaker and L. I. Gohen, furrier. Coney Island Workers Club, 2901 Mermaid Ave., speakers will be Kud-

renetski, cloakmaker and L. Sisselman, furrier.

All cloakmakers and furriers are urged to attend these meetings.

### MEXICO PEASANT LEADER SHOT BY CALLES' ORDER

#### Protest of Peasantry Is Strong

MEXICO CITY, May 17.—Peasants throughout Mexico are enraged at the execution of Jose Guadalupe Rodriguez, treasurer of the National Peasants League, at Durango, Tuesday on the orders of General Calles.

The execution only became known today upon the publication of a telegram of protest sent to President Portes Gil by the National Peasants League. The execution of Salvador Gomez, peasant leader, was ordered at the same time but it is not yet known whether he has yet been shot.

Gil replied to the protest wire that Calles had authorized the execution (Continued on Page Five)

### Carnegie Hall Concert with Walpurgis Night and "Twelve" Tonight

The Freiheit Gesangs Verein will appear in an exclusive new program of songs and fragments of "Twelve" and "Walpurgis Night" on the occasion of their Sixth Jubilee Concert, tonight, at Carnegie Hall.

For the first time in the history of the chorus, it will appear in full force with all sections combined—over 300 voices.

### T.U.E.L. Leads Fight.

Workers in these unions declare: "We have seen the A. F. of L. acting as the agent of the bosses in a whole series of strikes. The furriers, cloakmakers, dressmakers, window cleaners, paper box workers, shoe workers, cap and millinery workers, traction workers, butchers, grocery clerks, painters, oil workers, rubber workers, copper workers, silk workers, knit goods workers, plumbers' helpers. In fact in every struggle of the organized and unorganized workers against the bosses, the A. F. of L. bureaucrats and the traitorous socialists, together with the Muste group, have united with the police, the gangsters of the underworld and the bosses to betray and defeat the workers and to prevent them from organizing into unions based upon the class struggle."

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### SHOP AND UNION DELEGATES MEET AT IRVING PLAZA

Will Co-ordinate All  
Forces for Militant  
Organization

### Veterans of Class War Pave Way to Cleveland Congress June 1

Practically every basic branch of Metropolitan Area Trade Union Educational League Conference, which opens today at Irving Plaza, 15th Street and Irving Place, at 2 p. m.

This conference will pave the way for the Cleveland Trade Union Unity Convention of June 1-2, and will also do on a local scale what the Cleveland convention will do on a national scale. It will create here a center for militant trade unions, for the fighting textile and needle trades workers, for the shoe and food workers, and all the other centers of the workers' revolt against inhuman conditions. It will also co-ordinate the activities of the left wing groups in building trades unions, and other reactionary unions under the grip of reactionary machines of the Broach type.

The Metropolitan Area Conference will, like the Cleveland Convention which follows it, pay attention to the approaching war danger and rally the workers against it.

**A.F.L. War Mongers.**  
While the A.F.L. assists in launching war ships and cooperates in citizens' military training camps, the new center established at Irving Plaza today and tomorrow will turn its face resolutely against such schemes to use the workers for cannon fodder, and will muster all possible defense for the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, against which a conspiracy exists in every capitalist country to attack and destroy it.

**Know the Struggle.**  
The workers of the great metropolitan area around New York have had experiences which make them fully capable of seeing through the schemes of capitalists and A. F. of L. agents of the employers. The call for the conference is issued by the Trade Union Educational League local in New York and signed by the secretaries and organizers of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union, Millinery Hand Workers' Union Local 43, National Textile Workers' Union, Marine Workers' League, Hotel, Restaurant and Cafeteria Workers' Union, Bakers' Union Local 164, Retail Grocery, Fruit and Dairy Clerks' Union, Independent Shoe Workers' Union, and all the sections of the T.U.E.L. organized in New York.

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# IGLESIAS, PORTO RICAN TRAITOR HELPS WALL ST.

### Want \$100,000,000 Loan from U. S.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—A loan of \$100,000,000 from Yankee bankers to the government of Porto Rico was urged upon President Hoover by the delegation of Porto Rican congressmen headed by Senator Iglesias, which arrived in Washington yesterday.

**Would Enslave Masses More.**  
While Iglesias, who parades as a "leader" of the Porto Rican people, admits that the economic and social conditions in the island are miserable for the masses, he runs to the Yankee imperialist masters with the loan proposition, which would enslave still more the Porto Rican peons and workers to Yankee imperialism. With all the rhetoric of a demagogue and betrayer, he told Hoover of the intolerable conditions (for publication) and demanded what the Wall Street bankers wanted all along.

The influx of Yankee dollars in the island has already resulted in the creation of large land corporations which expropriated the land from the peasantry, forcing the peons into the already large army of agricultural laborers and unemployed. As a result of this extreme exploitation on the land, many of the Porto Rican peons, many of them Negroes, have immigrated in large numbers to the United States, where they find the exploiters' racial barriers working just as viciously against them.

**For Big Profits.**  
Although Iglesias says that half of the population of school age lack elementary school facilities, he is the proponent of the "govern-when-you-are-literate" idea, which is only an excuse for submitting to the Yankee imperialists.

That Iglesias is working for the interest of the imperialist masters can be seen from his reported conversation with Hoover to the effect that "nothing else, we believe, would so stimulate the building of a sounder and more healthy community of American citizens in the Caribbean whose increasing welfare would insure a constantly growing market with every prospect for increasing profits for American business."

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grant, but said that Hilly would be allowed sufficient time to frame any motions he desired, and would have status of "amicus curiae"—meaning in simple English that he would be given the opportunity to examine records in the case and to "guard the interests" of the city.

Hilly spoke after lawyers for the Building Trades Council and for the bosses' association had formally "argued," the former pleading that the injunction should be made permanent and the latter that it should be vacated.

**Gentle Love Taps.**  
The lawyers for both sides were indistinguishable, both looking equally prosperous, and both talking about "contracts, property, building," in the weasel words of the capitalist jurisprudence.

Smith, attorney for the union, reviewed the history of the recent negotiations with the bosses and told, among other things, how after the builders had "promised" the five-day week they suddenly announced that the "contracts were so much scraps of paper and declared open war against the Building Trades Council."

**Bureaucrats Crawl.**  
The attorney read from numerous communications addressed to the bosses during the past few days, each one more cringing than the other, and all assuring the bosses that they, the building trades officialdom, is "eager to continue the friendly relations with the employers."

The losses' lawyer spoke briefly, urging that the injunction against the lockout order be vacated. At the conclusion of the session Judge Crain announced that the proceedings would be continued next Wednesday at 4 p. m.

# Philadelphia, Rival Gang's Town, Gives Capone a Jail Term

PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—"Scarface Al" Capone, the gangland ruler who roams Chicago's streets with the freedom and deference accorded a gold coast millionaire, fell victim today to an unfortunate accident. The gangs in Philadelphia, where half the police force is exposed as taking money from underworld sources, are not his gangs. So when he came into town with his usual "rat" on him, he was arrested and sentenced to a year in jail.

It is not expected that he will actually serve the sentence.

Prepare for the big struggles that are coming by building the Communist Party.

# Cleveland City Negligence Led to Death of Scores in Hospital Horror



Photo shows the dead being removed from the Cleveland Clinic Hospital, where over 120 patients and employees were killed in a fire and blast which liberated poisonous gases from X-Ray films. Failure by the city to properly inspect the hospital, and improper precautions by the hospital authorities caused these deaths.

## More Relief to the Gastonia Strikers!

The very interesting chart published several days ago in the Daily Worker showed that during the first half of April there were 17,000 textile workers on strike in the South.

These centered in Elizabethton, Tennessee, and in Gastonia, North Carolina. In Elizabethton the workers struck against the speed-up and "stretch-out" systems. The United Textile Workers under the direction of the A. F. of L. sent the workers back to work on a promise that the systems would be done away with. The workers went back, but the promise was not carried out. They struck again in militant fashion without the U. T. W. But the U. T. W. came into the situation again and is now making a pretense of leading the strike in an effort to regain the confidence of the workers.

In Gastonia the workers went on strike under the leadership of the new, militant National Textile Workers Union. They have been courageously fighting for many weeks and despite the greatest terror and persecution show no let-up in the militancy of their spirit. Such proletarian militancy is unprecedented in the South. The bosses have announced willingness to deal with the A. F. of L. as an excuse for violent attacks on the strikers and N. T. W. U. The experiences of both the workers and the bosses with the A. F. of L. in Passaic in similar circumstances makes the former very antagonistic to calling in the A. F. of L. and the latter very friendly to the idea. That the corrupt U. T. W. helps the bosses against militant workers has been established on more than one occasion previously.

The entering of the Southern workers onto the scene of militant class struggle is of tremendous importance to the working class as a whole. Every effort must be made to help them win. Many are already living in tents, many don't even yet have tents. The police are attacking them. The A. F. of L. is carrying on propaganda to undermine the struggle.

The militant workers throughout the country can help defeat this combination by sending funds for relief. Food, clothing, and tents are needed. Send your contributions to Workers International Relief, 1 Union Square, New York City.

# After 7 Weeks: The Strike of the Boston Shoe Workers

(A Letter From a Striker.)

It is now seven weeks since the strike of over 12,000 shoe workers of Boston, Chelsea and Stoneham began.

As was to be expected, all the forces of reaction joined to crush the strike—the corrupt American Federation of Labor bureaucracy, the capitalist press and their henchmen. As usual, the bosses' courts came through with their accommodating injunctions making picketing "illegal." But the greatest assistance given to the bosses comes from the corrupt, mildewed Boot and Shoe Workers Union.

**Many Unions Formed.**

A short resume of recent organizations to which shoe workers were affiliated will illuminate the present situation: The shoe industry in this region is by no means an infant; as far back as 25 years it was already a lusty youngster. Then, as now, the workers suffered indescribably not only from miserable conditions in the shop, but from the petty tyrannies of their foremen and superintendents. Wages were low. Organization became the only weapon available for the workers in order to improve their status and working conditions.

In the course of a score of years the Boot and Shoe, the old United Shoe and a number of others were organized. There were formed a variety of unions of various crafts in the industry and also unions which took in many crafts, such as stitchers, cutters, lasters, finishers, etc.

All these unions came with the announcement that they had arrived to save us poor shoe slaves. The militancy of the rank and file of the union did, however, succeed in improving the condition of the workers considerably after the course of several years.

There were times, ten or more years ago, when a shoe worker

earned as high as \$50 a week, for a five-day, nine-hour week. This "paradise" lasted but a few years, until the officialdom of the unions learned the facile trick of getting rich—both off the union and in graft from the bosses.

**The Most Corrupt of All.**  
The Boot and Shoe Workers Union distinguished itself above all in variety and extent of its grafting operations, in its ability to sell out the shoe workers, and in its systematic campaign of crushing militancy in the union. To the shoe workers they advocated the policy of no protest, no strikes, no "high" demands.

During the past two years the group of militants fighting this corrupt clique has grown, but in the meantime the standards of the shoe workers fell lower and lower. A reign of terror was established by the bosses, in which the labor fakers heartily joined. Any worker who raised his voice was driven from the shop.

The campaign against the labor bureaucrats became intensified, with the result that a new union, the United Shoe Workers Union, came into being.

**Respond to Strike.**  
So miserable were the conditions of the workers that on the first day of the general strike call over 10,000 workers walked out of the shops, and, in the face of police terror, injunctions and all the attacks of the reactionary A. F. of L., are putting up a strong fight.

**A Fighting Union.**  
The lessons that the striking workers have learned from the bosses, courts, police and the press during the past few weeks have caused them to look toward the Independent Shoe Workers Union for a fighting, militant, clear-cut policy, and many of them express a desire for one strong, industrial union, where all the fighting qualities of the shoe workers will be utilized to the full.

# STRIKE IN BIG PRINTING SHOP

### Unorganized Workers Fight Slavery

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The strike is being led by the Communist Youth League, which several strikers have joined, and the Trade Union Educational League. Included among the strikers are 15 Negro workers.

**Strikers' Demands.**  
The demands of the strikers are: 1, recognition of the shop committee as representative of the unorganized workers in the shop; 2, a minimum wage of \$22; 3, equal pay for equal work; 4, against the speed-up system; 5, Speranza and Silvestry must be taken back on their job.

An appeal to all young workers to aid the strikers on the picket line was made by the strikers.

Strikers pointed out that the foremen who dismissed Speranza and Silvestry were members of the American Federation of Labor pressmen's and typographical unions. George Fay, general foreman, a member of the A. F. of L. operators' union, has been carrying out the inhuman speed-up at the plant.

# MILITIA MASSES IN RAYON TRIAL

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before the main was blasted with dynamite.

'Thugs also blew up yesterday theivist mill of Joe Gindstaff, one of the strikers, and burned the automobile of Sam Hall, another striker.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—President Killiam Green of the A. F. of L. did his bit towards the breaking of the rayon strike at Elizabethton with one of his characteristic rear attacks on the workers in his own organization today, by declaring: "The striking mill workers of Elizabethton, Tenn., have been incited to futile and ill-advised destruction of property."

Since Green's usefulness as a labor lieutenant of the employers depends on his ability to pose as a labor leader, he added: "They were goaded to desperation by the oppressive dictatorial methods of the mill owners."

**Helps Frame-Up.**  
Apparently fearing that this was an error on the side of militancy, Green amended it by saying, "This does not mean that I approve the violence of the strikers. The use of force will hurt rather than help their cause. There is another horrible fight like that in Homestead in preparation."

Textile mill owners here state that they are very well satisfied with Green's statements, which should give the governor of Tennessee all the excuse he requires for declaring martial law, and will greatly help the proposed criminal prosecution of the strikers.

**REFUSE CANADIAN OFFER.**  
OTTAWA, Ontario, May 17.—The United States has refused the Canadian government's offer to permit U. S. officers to operate in Canada in order to obtain and transmit information in respect to liquor shipments. It was made known here today in the House of Commons. The U. S. government expressed appreciation of the offer.

# CHARGE HAGUE "FIXED" VOTES

### Rivals Are Sore; Urge Another "Inquiry"

JERSEY CITY, N. J., May 17.—Continued opposition to four-times-elected Mayor Frank Hague may be expressed by the defeated republican opposition, which makes vague threats of a new "inquiry" centering on the corrupt practices in the election. Of course, it makes no mention of its own corrupt methods.

Several thousand were disfranchised by the maneuvering of the Hague machine, it was charged by John Ferguson, Hudson county superintendent of elections.

When voters presented at the polling booths transfer slips showing they had moved in the district since last year, they were prevented from voting because duplicate cards had not been filed with the district election officials, it was charged.

**Widespread Corruption.**  
The Hague opposition had maneuvered appointment of the McAllister Commission to inquire into widespread graft in the districts in which the Hague machine was entrenched. It was proved from testimony from 300 witnesses, reported in thousands of pages, that Hague and his henchmen had acquired fortunes in graft ranging from casual sums of \$25 to thousands of dollars "wasted" in payroll reading.

Many workers, it was shown, were forced to pay weekly graft to hold down the pettiest job. Failure to "tip the right people" brought dismissal.

Mildly corrective remedies were suggested by the commission, which adopted a motion "recommending the passage of legislation to make 'waste' in payrolls more difficult." Thus, even if superficial tampering with the municipal apparatus was completed, the same "misappropriation" would be made available for Hague's rivals, if successful.

Effigies, bon-fires, parades and rowdiness marked the elections, in keeping with the policy of the democratic grafter to "forget politics."

# MASS MEETINGS FOR TOUSSAINT

### Negro, White Workers at Two Memorials

The life and work of Toussaint L'Ouverture will be commemorated by white and Negro revolutionary workers in New York City in two major mass meetings.

As a part of National Negro Week, set aside by the Communist Party, the Brownsville Branch of the American Negro Labor Congress will hold an inter-racial memorial and dance Saturday, May 18, at 8 p. m., at Brownsville Workers Center, 154 Watkins St. Besides prominent speakers there will be a gala concert and dance.

The climax of the week will be marked by the Toussaint L'Ouverture memorial mass meeting, Tuesday evening, May 21, at St. Luke's Hall, 125 W. 130th St. The speakers will be C. H. Hathaway, editor of Labor Unity; Jean G. Lamotte, general secretary of the Haitian Patriotic Union; Albert Moreau, of the Anti-Imperialist League; Williams Burroughs, of the Teachers' Union; George Pershing, of the Communist Youth League; Richard B. Moore, of the Harlem Tenants' League, and Robert Minor, acting secretary of the Communist Party. The Arthur Gaines Kentucky Choir will supply the music.

# ARREST PHILA. SHOE PICKETS

### Scabs Herded in Plant; Strikers Fight On

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ately arrested on complaint of the bosses.

Charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing traffic were made against William Murdoch, arrested while peacefully picketing. Murdoch and Bennett were kept in jail for several hours. They were finally released on bail, and were scheduled to be tried this morning. The local I. L. D. will defend them.

When asked by International Labor Defense representatives for copies of the charge, the police sergeant asked: "Who sent you down?" "Cooper, I. L. D. secretary," was the reply.

"You tell the I. L. D. secretary that she's a bum and that she had better keep out of this place, and everybody else connected with the I. L. D.," the sergeant growled.

**Strikers Determined.**  
The strikers are now more determined to win the strike than ever. The fighting spirit of the strikers is bound to make for victory, the local Shoe Workers Industrial Union declares.

**Build Up the United Front of the Working Class From the Bottom Up—at the Enterprises!**

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# Wall St. Envoy to England Gets Instructions

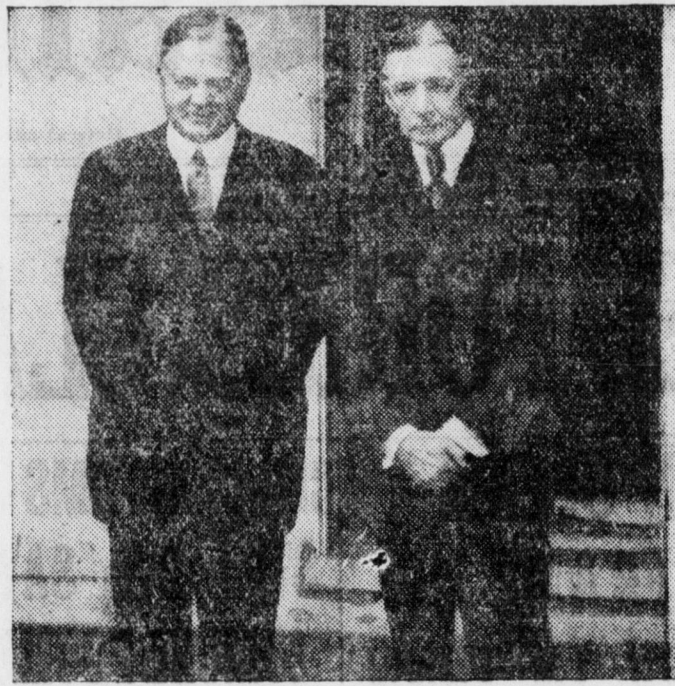


Photo shows Wall Street's new ambassador to England, receiving the final instructions of Wall Street thru Wall Street's servant in the White House, Hoover.

# NEGRO WORKERS IN PHILADELPHIA

### Live in Worst Slums of City

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the south has changed the character of the street.

All day long heavy trucks noisily rumble over the cobblestones on their way to the piers. When it rains the mud between the cobblestones of this supposedly "paved" street is thick and it requires several days after a storm for the mud to become dust.

All the houses in this block are small, two stories high and very, very aged, so aged they are apt to totter over at any moment.

**Wants a Union.**  
Entering the home of Mr. B. G., a Negro stevedore, the purpose of the Daily Worker and the housing campaign were discussed. After being seated Mr. B. G. talked freely, but he was very much disappointed. He had thought we were there for the purpose of organizing the stevedores, and Mr. B. G. had very serious grievances, which he thought could be righted only by the organization of an aggressive union amongst the stevedores.

Yes, the house was bad. Only 5 very small rooms for a family of 4 and 2 lodgers who had been taken in to help pay the way. The rent was not so high, considering the fact that there were five rooms. The rent is "only" \$28.00 per month. However lighting costs \$3 a month, heating costs, anything that's done in the nature of an improvement, Mr. B. G. had to pay.

Said Mr. G. "It's not the price of the rent nor the house I'm against, but it's against the expenses to keep the house, and the high cost of everything. How can I pay even \$28 if I make only \$25 a week full time, and most of the time I'm only working three days a week?"

**Speed-Up.**  
He went on to tell that the freight loading concern he was working for had increased the size of the trays 4 feet, and that the new trays contained two-thirds additional tonnage. He also told how sore he and all the other stevedores were for being compelled to do this very hard work for no additional wages, and he hoped that the Daily Worker would do something towards bringing back the conditions of the stevedores to the same they had been, and do away with this sort of speed-up on the pier he was working on, loading vessels, as well as other piers.

I told him the Daily Worker always works for the bettering of the conditions of the workers, and he was much interested in the copies I left him.

**Clean House.**  
His wife kept the house spick and span. It is no exaggeration to say, that even the floor of the house is clean enough to eat from. I marvelled at the cleanliness displayed amid such sordid surroundings as 3rd and Noble Streets, amidst such moldy atmospheric conditions as prevail along the damp river front.

Mr. G. also, whenever it is possible sends some spare money to his mother and step-father in the south. His step-father cannot work because of a broken leg.

# ALLOW CHANDLER TO HIDE BACKER

### WASHINGTON, May 17.—Harry Chandler, owner of the notorious labor-hating Los Angeles Times, and a string of similar papers over the South today admitted before the Federal Trade Commission's investigating commission on control of the press by the power trust, that he had been given \$100,000 for further purchases, but refused point blank to say who was providing the money.

Edgar A. McCullough, presiding at the hearing, always agreeable when big business interests are asking privileges, consented to let Chandler name his backer in secret.

Chandler expressed resentment when Healy, another investigator, repeated a question asking whether any money was supplied him by any power company.

# STRIKERS GUARD GASTONIA OFFICE

### Mill Thugs Threaten to Attack Soon

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on the lumber of the unfinished hall, also on the grass.

One of the evicted workers, it was learned today, was a textile worker from another state, who read an advertisement for help and came here without knowing that a strike was taking place. He joined the union and is now working in a mill in South Gastonia.

**Tricked, Work for Relief.**  
A committee of three strikers, Russell Knight, E. G. McAllister and Salliers, have gone on a 75-mile trip to take up relief collections. They left with two South Carolina textile workers who came here upon reading an advertisement in a South Carolina newspaper, which stated that a new mill had been opened and workers were needed. They joined the union and became strikers as soon as they found out that a strike was taking place.

A site for the tents has been secured at Pine Forest on high ground opposite the union and W. I. R. headquarters. The first shipment of tents is expected to arrive here soon and will immediately be set up.

Funds to purchase food, tents and medicine for the striking textile workers should be sent to the Workers International Relief, Room 604, 1 Union Square, New York City.

**Expert on Strikebreaking.**  
Richard W. Edmonds, of the editorial staff of the Manufacturers Record, writing in the Wall Street Journal, the publication of big business in New York, boasts of the growing supply of tenant farmers, which he relies on for strikebreaking purposes in the south.

"In a series of articles that I wrote for the Barron publications about three years ago, following an intensive study of textile labor conditions in the south," says Edmonds, "I showed from U. S. census reports that while the employes in southern cotton mills had increased from 101,000 in 1900 to 241,000 in 1920, the number of white tenant farmers only—this being the class most largely drawn upon for green help—had increased from 547,000 to 670,000. While these figures take no account of the thousands of owners of small mountain farms, another source of mill help, nor of the farm-owning class of lowlands, from which a smaller number are drawn, they are sufficient to show the immense reserve of labor available in the south, not only for textiles but for other industries."

Although he gloats over the crushing down of the farmers, making them into proletarians who may be forced to work in the mills for \$10 a week, Edmonds blithely closes his eyes to the fact that such a crushed farmer, ousted from his land and starved into industry, may, nevertheless, feel that something is wrong with the system, and be ready, as thousands of them have proved themselves ready in Gastonia and other Carolina mill centers, to organize when the National Textile Workers Union comes to him with its message.

# TECHNICAL MEN IN HOUR STRIKE

### 450 Walk in on Board and Demand Pay

Four hundred and fifty of the approximately 500 junior engineers affected by the refusal of the board of transportation to carry out the law and pay the Grade C engineers their wage of \$3,120, went on a one-hour strike yesterday and demonstrated in a body in the office of the commission.

The bosses heard through their agents of the proposed demonstration, and distributed notices that anybody leaving work would be brought up on "serious charges."

**Defy Threat.**  
In the face of this threat, practically every man came out, and after attending the meeting at 11:30 a. m. called by the Union of Technical Men, walked in on the commission, to ask about their pay.

Commissioner John Delaney, chairman of the board of transportation, saw them coming and sneaked out the back door, leaving Robert Ridgeway, chief engineer, and other officers to explain he wasn't there.

The chief engineer tried to scold them for leaving their posts without permission, but on seeing the demonstration of the employees, agreed to arrange a meeting with his chief.

# 3 Young Communists Severely Beaten Up by School Militarists

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against the Communist Party and Youth League, and for the strengthening of jingo sentiment against them. But the militant workers of the city have announced that they will oppose the militarists and strengthen their own ranks for a fight against capitalist militarism and intimidation.

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# BILL HAYWOOD'S BOOK

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## 40 Years for Centralia Boys; Jury Afterwards Admits Verdict Unjustified; Burns Exposed; "The Red Dawn"; Haywood Leaves U. S.

In the last issue Haywood was describing the Centralia tragedy, and the frame-up trial of the unionists arrested after the shooting. He told of the jury's intimidation, their verdict of guilty, and recommendation for mercy. At this time Haywood was himself under 20 years' sentence, but was out on bonds during appeal of his case, and was directing the I.W.W. General Defense.

By WILLIAM D. HAYWOOD PART 114.

"LABOR JURY" was elected from the A. F. of L. unions of Washington state who attended the trial.

The verdict of the labor jury was "Not guilty," voting to give their report to the press. It was signed Theodore Meyer of the Everett Central Labor Council and John O. Craft of the Seattle Metal Trades Council.

John M. Wilson was the judge presiding at this trial. Vanderveer told him in open court: "There was a time when I thought your rulings were due to ignorance of the law. That idea will no longer explain them."

Judge John M. Wilson sentenced the seven convicted men to terms of from 25 to 40 years in the Walla Walla penitentiary. Though the jury had asked for leniency, the judge gave the men the limit of the law. These men are still in prison and there is a movement on foot for their release.

Five of the regular jurymen have since sworn to affidavits that the verdict was unjust. One told of a preliminary ballot unanimously for acquittal.

I tried to get each member of the I.W.W. who had been released from the penitentiary on bond to make a lecture tour in behalf of himself, his fellow workers, and the organization generally. It was upon my suggestion that Ralph Chaplin went to the Northwest. While there he gathered material for his splendid pamphlet, "The Centralia Conspiracy."

OUR application for a new trial had been denied by the United States Court of Appeals, though that court overruled one of the counts under which we were convicted and eliminated the fines that had been imposed upon us by Judge Landis.

It is evident, however, that the court did not review the testimony. As for example, Clyde Hough, a young machinist from Rockford, Ill., was convicted with us though he was in prison at the time the Espionage Law was passed and remained there until finally sent to Leavenworth. He had had no chance to violate the law under which he was convicted, even had he wanted to. There was Walter T. Nef, who at the time of his arrest was secretary of the Marine Transport Workers at Philadelphia. Nef was a Swiss by birth, and felt a bitter antipathy towards the Kaiser and everything German. He was a protagonist of the war and had never hesitated to say how he felt about it. His appeal, like that of the rest of us, was denied.

Our next move and last hope was to take the case to the United States Supreme Court, where it was pending when I left the country. The decision of this august body would determine whether or not we should return to Leavenworth prison, and with those who were still there, whether we should serve out the time of our sentences.

I learned that President Harding was interviewed by Meyer London, Socialist congressman from the State of New York, and was told by the president that the I.W.W. members would be pardoned with the exception of Haywood, whom they were going to hold.

IT was good news when I learned in 1924 of the downfall of William J. Burns, the director of the Department of Justice, who had been handling the affairs of this government department in the interests of his private detective agency.

The I.W.W. "came into possession" of personal documents of William J. Burns, which they printed in their official organ. As a result of the exposure, Burns was dumped out on the dung heap where he properly belonged, and several detectives and agents provocateurs were discovered and expelled from the I.W.W. by the General Executive Board.

When the reactionaries wanted to cast opprobrium upon the I.W.W. they would call us "Bolsheviks." We were sometimes hailed with approval as "Bolsheviks" by the others.

Immediately after the Russian Revolution, Harrison George began a pamphlet entitled Red Dawn. He vividly portrayed the historic development of the Russian Revolution. I had it published in February, 1918. Many thousands of copies were distributed. But when the new administration took over the headquarters in 1920, it reflected the opposition which had developed in the I.W.W. against the state character of the Soviets, and the remainder of George's pamphlet was destroyed.

About this time a lengthy letter reached us addressed to the I.W.W. by the Communist International. This letter spoke of the situation of capitalism after the imperialist war, outlined the points in common held by the I.W.W. and the Communists, warned of the coming attacks on the workers, pictured the futurity of reformism, analyzed the capitalist state and the role of the dictatorship of the proletariat and told how the Soviet state of workers and peasants was constructed. Such basic questions as "political" and "industrial" action, democratic centralization, the nature of the social revolution and of future society were gone into thoroughly. After I had finished reading it, I called Ralph Chaplin over to my desk and said to him: "Here is what we have been dreaming about; here is the I.W.W. all feathered out!"

The receipt of this letter was a momentous circumstance in my somewhat eventful life. While it was addressed to the I.W.W. as an organization, I felt, as I knew many other members did, that it was a tribute to ourselves, as each had helped to build this class conscious movement.

ON July 4th, 1920, I spoke at Renton Park, Seattle, where an enormous crowd had gathered. After the meeting I was introduced to one of Wesley Everest's closest friends. He had served with Everest in the trenches and had been so badly injured in the back that it was impossible for him to move without assistance. The income from the Seattle meeting was something over \$6,000.

From Seattle I went to Portland, Ore., where another large meeting was held. George F. Vanderveer, the attorney, was the chairman. At this meeting considerable over \$1,000 was raised for the defense.

As soon as the consolidation of the Communist Party in the United States was effected, I became a member. John Martin was elected secretary of the General Defense Committee.

I came on to New York City and there urged members of the Central Executive Committee and other leaders who were known to me that some effort must be made to get the Party or an organization representing it out from underground, giving it as my opinion that little would be accomplished until we could freely publish our papers and take a place on the public platform.

I spoke at several meetings for the defense, the last of which was held in the Rand School. At this meeting two of my co-defendants, who were out on bail, George Andreychine and Charles Ashleigh, were also speakers.

THE suggestion had been made to me that I should go to Russia. There was little hope entertained of a favorable decision from the United States Supreme Court, and my friends thought it would be an unnecessary sacrifice for me to spend the rest of my life in prison. When I was told that I should go to Russia, I said: "It may not be so easy for me to get away, but I will make the effort."

I was booked with other friends on the S.S. Oscar II, which had been Henry Ford's "peace ship." After bidding my friends farewell, I stopped in the home of a Lithuanian family—my last night in the United States. From there I went early in the morning to a hotel in Hoboken where I had breakfast. I then went to the wharf and direct to the boat where I showed to the inspector what purported to be a passport. I went aboard and down into the hold where a berth had been reserved. I remained there until the ship was under way. When I came on deck we were passing the Statue of Liberty. Saluting the old hag with her uplifted torch, I said: "Good-bye, you've had your back turned on me so long. I am now going to the land of freedom."

In the next issue, Haywood finishes his story. You can get Bill Haywood's Book free with one year's subscription to the Daily Worker.

# Machado, the Wall Street Puppet in Cuba, to Deport Workers

## SOCIALISTS PUT STATE OF SIEGE ON HAMBURG CITY

Workers at Socialist Meet Score Murders

(Wireless By "Inprecorr") BERLIN, May 17.—The Hamburg senate consisting fifty per cent of social-democrats today declared a state of siege in Hamburg. It ordered suppressed the Communist newspapers "Hamburger Volks Zeitung" and "Norddeutsche Zeitung," as well as the prohibition of all leaflets of the Communist Party. It prohibited all meetings, either in the open air or in halls of the Communist Party and similar organizations. This prohibition is effective between the seventeenth and twenty-first of May inclusive, and is an attempt of the social-democrats to prevent the Red Front Fighters conferences scheduled for the week of May 19.

The social-democratic deputy, Heilmann, well-known for his connection with the corrupt Barmat deal, involving bribery and graft on an extensive scale, today proposed to withdraw parliamentary immunity from two Communist members of the Reichstag, Bertz and Florin, and the Reichstag agreed.

Bertz is accused of assault, and Florin of signing an appeal to the Ruhr miners. They will be turned over to the prosecutor of the capitalist state, and may be sent to prison. A meeting of the social-democratic party of Germany in Cologne devoted lively scenes when the opposition workers present condemned the social-democratic chief of police in Berlin, Zoergel, for his orders to shoot down workers engaged in May Day demonstrations, and declared the bourgeois policy of the social-democratic party responsible for the Berlin blood bath. The official speaker for the socialist youth joined the opposition.

## NEGRO PRESSERS IN BIG ROLE NOW

Out of the many new industries in which Negro labor plays an important role in Baltimore, the cleaning and dyeing business may be ascribed entirely to Negro workers.

There is no other industry in this city where Negro labor so completely predominates. Especially is this true in the pressing business, where we are worked at an alarming speed for wages that are extremely low and not infrequently cheated out in various ways by the employers, either by selling us some worthless suits at an exorbitant price, or by saying that we drew during the week more money than we actually did draw. Negro pressers must always draw money from day to day to subsist on, for their salaries are too small to carry them over from one week to another.

Negro workers need unions, and especially in the cleaning and dye industry here. Our employers are constantly engaging new help for lower pay due to our competition for the job. We are constantly getting less and less money, while our landlords and storekeepers are extorting more from us all the time. We must unite. We must get together and defend ourselves against lower conditions in our shops. We must also fight against other abuses, as Jim-Crowism, segregation and official extortion when we buy our means of livelihood.

It is true that our experience in organization is little. The A. F. of L. has never given us a chance to organize ourselves into their unions. They practice labor Jim-Crowism against us. To them we are industrially, politically and socially "persona non grata."

There is only one movement where we are received with open arms, as equal members of the workingclass—the movement built and developed by the Communist Party. We must look to its leadership. The Negro masses must get close around the Party and must ask it to guide us and lead us into the victorious struggle.

The pressers in the cleaning and dyeing industry of Baltimore must get ready for organization into a union. We must also affiliate ourselves with the Communist Party to fight against the bosses, against Jim-Crowism and white supremacy, for full economic, social and political equality.

## Union Lists Cafeterias Which Have Signed Terms

The following cafeterias have settled with the union and workers who have to eat in cafeterias should patronize them:

- Pearl, 94 Fifth Ave.; New Gold, 554 Eighth Ave.; Roman, 119 W. 26th St.; Waldorf, 12 W. 27th St.; Royal, 436 Sixth Ave.; Adele, 118 Second Ave.; Moon, 13 W. 27th St.; College, 883 Sixth Ave.; Terminal, 54 W. 18th St.; Tower, 154 Delancey St.; Morsel, 67 E. 8th St.; State, 611 Sixth Ave.; Haynes, 411 Broadway; Rialto, 556 Seventh Ave.; H.

## Imperialist Flyer



With French and Wall Street imperialism planning long flights to boost their air services, British imperialism does not want to be outdone. So Frank Mase, New Zealand flyer, is planning a flight from London to New Zealand, to boost the British imperialist air service.

## LEATHER WORKER TELLS OF TRADE

Comments on Letter in Daily Worker

(By a Fancy Leather Goods Worker.)

In yesterday's issue of the Daily Worker (May 16), appeared an article by a fancy leather goods worker, calling upon the leather goods workers to defeat the administration's plans to betray the workers. On the whole, the article covers a number of important facts which must lead one to the conclusion that Shipplacoff and his henchmen will sign any agreement (if it is not signed already) as long as they can draw their fat salaries. It is likely that Shipplacoff's plan is to bring an agreement with some "trimmings," perhaps (to make it look better), but will be basically worse than the other.

## Condition of Trade.

The writer above mentioned, however, in calling for immediate strike mobilization, failed to mention the conditions of our trade generally and at this moment, which would more fully convince the workers of the absolute necessity for such a step.

The manufacturers are getting richer from day to day, which they accomplish through a vicious system of speed-up and intensive exploitation of the workers. The introduction of new machinery in the industry seriously points to a chronic unemployment situation, which will especially effect the cutters, the unskilled and semi-skilled workers, (helpers) who constitute the largest section of the trade, are most miserably abused and exploited.

Most radical changes must be effected in the new agreement with the bosses in order to lessen the exploitation to which we are at present subjected. Therefore, the questions of 40-hour, five-day week, week work, one week trial, one minimum scale for mechanics, a minimum scale for general helpers, as well as the rest of the demands, must be won.

## Boss-Faker Conspiracy.

At this very moment the union officials, with their conspiracy of silence and do-nothing, and the bosses through lay-offs, discharge and discrimination of workers in all kinds of ways, are together cooperating to break the backbone of the union membership. Not only did the administration fail in calling special meetings for mobilization and information purposes, but even failed to call the regular monthly meeting.

Any worker can see what disaster this will bring to our union if we remain with our hands folded.

Immediate mobilization for struggle must be on the lips of every fancy leather goods worker.

## Report at Least 2,000 Killed in Persia Quake

TEHERAN, Persia, May 17.—The death toll in the earthquake recently reported along the Soviet-Persian border totals about 2,000, the governor of Khorassan reported today after a trip through the stricken area. Another 2,000 persons were injured and the crops damaged to such an extent that the food situation is desperate.

## UNITED FRUIT CO. OUSTS COLOMBIA BANANA WORKERS

Import 10,000 Jamaica Negroes to Slave

BOGOTA, Colombia, May 17.—The importation of the 10,000 Negroes from Jamaica to replace the native Colombian workers on the banana plantations of the United Fruit Company and to destroy their union has begun, according to a dispatch to the bourgeois newspaper, "El Espectador," of Bogota.

A few weeks ago the United Fruit Company asked the Colombian government to permit the importation of Negroes from Jamaica, and the company has already begun to import the Jamaicans in large numbers. The "Federacion Obrera Sindical del Atlantico" (The Labor Union Federation of the Atlantic Coast of Colombia) sent a telegram to the Colombian minister of foreign affairs asking him whether the United Fruit Company had already received that permission as many imported Jamaicans were already working in the banana fields of Santa Marta, where Colombian workers were being dismissed.

The Labor Federation says in its telegram to the minister that the United Fruit Company wishes to take vengeance on the Colombian workers for their participation in the recent strike, and to eliminate Colombian workers altogether in their own country.

## 'DEBENTURES' GO TO COMMITTEE

Curtis Saves Secrecy on Lenroot Vote

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Committees representing the House and Senate will meet Monday to discuss the disputed debenture provision of the farm relief bill, Chairman McNary of the Senate Committee announced today.

The adoption of a resolution to submit debentures to a joint committee was by vote of 240 to 119, and followed a sharp debate, in which various congressmen sought to put themselves in a position to tell their farmer voters that they personally did everything possible for relief, and the forthcoming bill, which every one knows will give no relief, is not their fault.

## Pou Explains Plan.

Representative Pou, Dem., N. C., said the "republican steam roller of the House is in action to prevent a vote on the debenture plan. Your object is plain. You want to prevent a vote on the debenture plan. You will then go back home and see how your constituents stand, and then you will tell them you would have voted the way you want, and your speaker is violating the constitution to give you the privilege."

Representative La Guardia of New York said the democrats were playing politics and the republicans were too scared to come into the open.

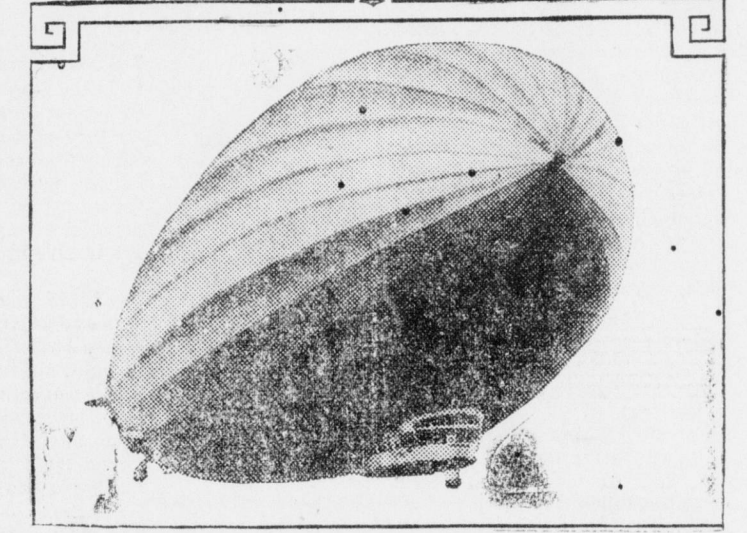
## Secret Vote on Lenroot.

Meanwhile the Senate held up its vote to approve of the appointment of the notorious power trust agent, Senator Irving I. Lenroot, of Wisconsin to the post of justice of the U. S. Court of Customs Appeals, to argue whether the vote for secret sessions should be made public.

Senators who thought it inadvisable to vote for Lenroot mustered 38 votes to make the vote public, against 36 who wanted to vote for Lenroot, but were afraid to let the workers and farmers know they were doing it. Vice President Curtis, in his capacity of chairman of the Senate, ruled that this vote required a two-thirds majority.

The Curtis ruling threw the chamber into a parliamentary discussion, many senators contending that the 38 to 36 majority was sufficient to provide for publication of the roll call. An appeal was taken from the vice president's decision.

## German Militarists Abandon Zeppelin Flight



The contemplated trans-Atlantic flight of the Graf Zeppelin, to boost German militarism, had to be abandoned, due to motor trouble. The Graf Zeppelin is shown above.

## Revolt in the Belgian Congo Is Ruthlessly Suppressed

LEOPOLDVILLE, Belgian Congo State, (By Mail).—With the active cooperation of British authorities, the Belgian colonial government in Ruanda has drowned in blood the revolt of the natives who rose in protest against their exploitation by the Belgian oppressors.

## Robbed and Kidnapped.

Land had been taken away from the natives and handed over to the concession companies. The natives, who formerly owned the lands, were carried off to work in the copper mines of Kantanga. As a result of this robbery and the kidnapping of the natives, the fields were not tilled and a famine broke out. The situation of the natives reached an unusually severe state with unlimited suffering.

Revolts of the natives started in Anko and Uganda. The leader of the revolt was a brother of the king of Ruanda, assisted by a priest of the sect of Nya Bingri. This sect announced that justice in Africa will only return when the European oppressors have been driven out and appealed to the natives to rise against the invaders.

## Natives Revolt.

The revolt spread to Gastsibou, where native princes known to be friendly to the foreigners were murdered. The Belgians were driven out and a number of officials were killed. A military expedition armed with all modern methods of colonial warfare, was sent out by the Belgian governor-general, who defeated the natives after a bitter struggle.

The leaders of the revolt fled to the neighboring territory of Uganda where they were immediately arrested by the British authorities and handed over to the Belgians. British troops acted jointly with the Belgian troops and occupied Kyante, which was regarded as the center of the revolt. For the time being the revolt has been broken, but only machine guns and rifles can establish the authority of the oppressors, and ultimately it will be broken.

## To Hold Meet.

On May 24, at Harlem Casino, Lenox Ave. and 116th St., the All-America Anti-Imperialist League will hold a conference of all Negro and labor organizations of New York where the question of the fight for freedom being conducted by the oppressed masses of Africa will be discussed.

## ALMA RUEBENS INSANE.

LOS ANGELES, May 16.—Alma Ruebens, one of the high priced ladies of the screen until she began to take too much dope became insane today and attacked her nurse. She has been committed to the city psychopathic ward.

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## WORKERS OFFICE RAIDED; MANY ARE ARRESTED

Literature Confiscated, Keep Close Watch

HAVANA, Cuba (By Mail).—The headquarters of the Ukrainian workers' organization here, "Uniey," was raided May 6 by the police of Dictator Machado, Yankee imperialism's puppet president in Cuba.

The police confiscated all records and literature found, and arrested the officials and all active members of the organization for deportation to Europe.

Ivan Kovalchuk, Nicholas Fasedice, Basil Martinku, Basil Savchin and Daniel Tokalo were among those arrested. Affiliated to this organization are Czechoslovakian and Yugoslavian emigrants, but the persecutions are mainly directed against the Ukrainian and Russian workers as "natural-born Bolsheviks."

Nothing incriminating has been found among the newspapers and books confiscated, but the capitalist press makes a big noise about the confiscation of Communist literature that were supposed to have been found and about the "dangerous Communist agitators" arrested.

The Novy Mir, New York Communist weekly in the Russian language, and the Ukrainian Daily News have received telegrams from workers in Cuba asking them not to send their papers to them because the police are watching closely and are ready to persecute them at any pretense. The International Labor Defense is working on the cases.

## Marine Workers Hear Bill Dunne Tomorrow

"The Organization of the Unorganized" will be discussed by Bill Dunne, member of the council of the Red International of Labor Unionism, at the Seamen's Club, 28 South St., at 8 p. m. Sunday.

In the course of his talk Dunne will deal largely with the organization of the new seamen's industrial union to be discussed at the Cleveland Trade Union Unity Convention June 1. Discussion and questions will follow the lecture.

The Marine Workers League urges seamen to ensure attendance at the meeting and contribute to the discussion.

## SAY MEXICO DISCOVERED IN 1170.

PARIS, May 17 (UP).—From the serene pages of a crumbling yellow book in the British museum, Stella Cleaver-Cox, well known historical and archaeological research worker, believes she has reconstructed the daring adventure of Prince Madoc of England and his band of Welshmen, who as early as 1170 journeyed across the sea to a land believed to be on the gulf of Mexico.

Among all the classes that confront the bourgeoisie today, the proletarian alone is really revolutionary—Marx.

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# Negro Workers Live Near Railroads in Philadelphia

By C. RABIN.

At one time, the section of the city of which South Street is the principal thoroughfare, was the main segregated district for Negro workers.

But with the large migration of Negro toilers from the South, Philadelphia received scores of thousands of these new Negro settlers and is still receiving them.

They have been forced to accept whatever living quarters they could secure, and many of these workers were by circumstances compelled to rent the shanties which make up the largest part of the old tendorloin district.

The "Tenderloin." The Tenderloin of Philadelphia is notorious throughout the world as one of the foulest sections of the sort known anywhere.

Under the capitalist system, vice is evidently an important industry in a large city, and because of the geographical location of the Tenderloin, its relative nearness to the central or main part of Philadelphia, vice will continue to make its headquarters here.

Willow Street. One of the worst streets in the Tenderloin is Willow Street, and along Willow Street adjacent to dives of the vilest sort have moved in recently Negro families from the country.

Along this street runs a freight line of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. Soot from the noisy engines that pass by erodes the windows of these "homes," the front yard for the children to play in are the tracks where they are apt to be run over, and the backyards are the notorious Callowhill Street Cider Saloons.

What chance has a Negro child, living under such adverse conditions? Near Rittenhouse. Conditions here are even worse than those so vividly portrayed in Jack London's book of London's East End "People of the Abyss."

Only one mile to the southwest is Rittenhouse Square, where in sumptuous and lavishly furnished apartments and mansions, live the millionaires whose enormous fortunes are due to exploitation, and which exploitation leads to such living quarters as Philadelphia's tenderloin.

Cops are placed only a few feet apart on all streets of the tenderloin. It is difficult for strangers to carry on any real investigation in this section. Where there are no cops, there are plainclothes dicks.

Courts and Places. Another well known Negro neighborhood in Philadelphia is that just north of the Tenderloin. At one time the houses here were considered good, but the ravages of time has made even the best of them look dilapidated.

# "Moscow Today" Is Film Epic of New Life in Soviet Union

HOLDING up the camera to the remarkable spectacle of life in the Soviet Capital is the purpose of the Sovkino film "Moscow Today," which is now enjoying a phenomenal reception at the Film Guild Cinema, at 52 W. 8th St., where it commences the second week of its limited engagement today.

Besides embodying a new technique of the cinema, called the Vertoff-Kinok method, "Moscow Today" gives one a penetrating and comprehensive sweep of the seething Red metropolis.

Beginning with the first panoramic shots of the vast Muscovite city, the camera penetrates keenly and intimately into the heart of the capital of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

It reveals with powerful photography the old and the new. We are shown some of the remnants of the old world—nepmen, bon-vivants—still clinging like atrophied growths to the vigorous young body of the new civilization.

Here are the workers in their clubs, libraries, schools and spacious shops building a new world. We see Moscow at play in a score of sports on land, water and in the air. There is revealed to us Moscow at rest with the many means taken to give them complete, intelligent relaxation.

As for the worst, just hovels. Brown Street, Poplar Street, Parish, Mellon, Warwick, and many narrow streets such as Reno Street.

Numerous streets that are merely alleys abound in this section. And so do numerous "thorofares" designated by the city as "alley" "court" or "place."

Worse than this, some of these alleys are not even, in the opinion of the rulers of the city of Philadelphia, worth the name of alley.

"Rear of." And this sort of alley is merely known as "Rear of" the nearest number of whatever street the alley may lead out of.

Up an alley no more than two feet wide known as the Rear of Warnock Street, live in old hovels, Negro workers and their families.

A drain, carrying open sewage thru this alley and thru the water the dwellers must walk, in single file, as two cannot walk abreast for lack of width, to reach their homes.

A "Home." In one of the "homes" of this obscure "blind" alley with no name, lives Mr. K. For five extraordinarily small rooms Mr. K. pays \$20.00 rent per month, a little over five dollars per week. Seven people live in this "dwelling" with Mr. K. Mr. K. made \$24 a week when he worked full time for the United Engineers Construction Co., but during his work he was hit with a gutter-bucket, which tore his elbows. He is always in a state of acute misery from the pain and as compensation receives \$12 per week, from which he has to pay carfare to and from the hospital daily, and has to pay for medicines, support himself and two dependents.

This house is in a deplorable state, "everything in it needs fixing" said Mrs. K. Plaster is falling off, there has been no papering or painting for many years, there is no fire-escape, the windows need repairing, there is no hot water.

Rats and Vermin. There is however plenty of rats, mice and vermin. To light this "building" kerosene lamps are used. Waste matter has to be carried out to the main street, Warnock Street.

The Daily Worker. Despite his acute suffering Mr. K was highly interested in the Daily Worker and wanted to know exactly what the Harlem Tenants League in New York City was accomplishing. This was explained, and Mr. K as well as all the other Negro people who had come in were unanimous in the opinion that a league of this sort was needed to protect the Negro workers from the dreadful living conditions prevailing in the Tenderloin.

The house described is no isolated or exceptional one. There are thousands like it in this city.

THE VILLAGE OF SIN," hailed by Theodore Dreiser (in his book, "Dreiser Looks at Russia") as being "among the best achieved by the motion picture adventures anywhere," begins an extended engagement at the Little Carnegie Playhouse today.

"The Village of Sin" is the first Sovkino film directed by a woman, Olga Proobrozovskaja. This is one of the first Russian films to depart from the political idea fixe of the present regime and it treats, instead, of the changing morality in New Russia.

The photography of K. A. Kuznetsov is especially distinguished and, to again quote Dreiser, "It is the best cinematography I have ever seen."

The musical score has been especially arranged from modern Soviet music and a special reel showing the various dances of New Russia is included on the program.

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"ELEVEN WHO WERE LOYAL" AT THE 5TH STREET PLAYHOUSE "Eleven Who Were Loyal," a German film, is to have its first American presentation at the 55th Street Playhouse beginning this Saturday.

The film is based on the revolt of the Prussian against Napoleon. Mary Nolan, Grete Reinhold, a well-known European film actress; Leopold von Ledebour, a player of the Berlin State Theatre, and Rudolf Meinert, member of Max Reinhardt's theatres are in the cast. The picture was adapted from the novel, "The Eleven Schill Officers" by Max Jungke and directed by Rudolf Meinert for the International Film A. G. IFA of Berlin.

On the same program will be a scenic "Roaming Over Andian Byways," and a Charlie Bowers Comedy.

"KIF TEBBI" AT 5TH AVE. PLAYHOUSE The Fifth Avenue Playhouse will present beginning today the American premiere of "Kif Tebbi," a new Italian film.

"Kif Tebbi" deals with the occupation of the African colony of Tripoli by the Italian armies. The main parts are enacted by Marcello Spada, Donatella Neri, Gino Viotti, Laura Orsini, and a cast of native Arabs.

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# HAIL NEGRO WEEK!

(A former misleader union organizer enters Red Square Cafeteria out of the rain, admires decorations, then: "But it's too bad they let niggers, Japs and Chinks eat around this place—I couldn't stand eating here, no—siree.")

I SING no pacan To the luscious dark skin Of my brother-workers. As they of Greenwich Village Whom you admire so well, Oh you misleader, Grown fat on your betrayal of my brothers, White and black.

I've heard your talk before In many places Where bosses smile and nod In quiet approval When workers stand separate. Dark men shall scab Upon their fellow-workers, That's their task— The stake and faggot

For their resting place To keep them cowed— Their women for our beds But not for wives— Well, that's the gist Of what you mean And do Your bosses say it too, But like you, Not too openly.

But we're not fooled By this fine talk Of white supremacy, Not while we slave And die like rats in holes Of mines, and ships And factories. We'll not let little things Like shade or hue confuse us, A slave's a slave In any skin— We've learned that lesson well. Together with our brothers Brown and black

We organize Our army of revolt To crush the class That bleeds us.

We organize, We fight, We whites and browns and blacks, We workers!

—A YOUNG WORKER.

# Soviet Village Life

Bar Book Telling Too Much About King Geo. LONDON, May 17.—A book on the life of King George of England written by someone who evidently knows a great deal about his subject, has been officially prohibited by the British government.

The ground given for barring publication was that the material "trespassed on his majesty's privacy to an undesirable extent."

NEW BANK MERGER. The Equitable Trust Co. and the Seaboard National Bank are merging. The new concern will be the fifth largest in the United States and will have resources amounting to \$860,000,000. The new company will bear the name, Equitable Seaboard Bank and Trust Co.

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# The New Plays

"CHINESE O'NEILL," a mystery play by Cushing Donnell, will open Monday night at the Forrest Theatre. The cast includes, William Harrigan, Hugh Buckler and Lenore Chippendale.

"STEPPING OUT," a comedy by Elmer Harris, opens at the Fulton Theatre on Monday. Grace LaRue, Jobyna Howland, Herbert Cothell, Walter Conolly, and Hale Hamilton head the cast.

"A NIGHT IN VENICE," the new Shubert extravaganza will open at the Shubert Theatre Tuesday evening. The cast is headed by Ted Healy, Ann Seymour, the Dodge Twins, Arthur and Morton Havel, the McCarthy Sisters, and Stanley Rogers. The music is by Lee David and Maury Rubens.

# "Grand Street Follies" Smack Hoover and Gorgeous Grover

HOOVER and Whalen come in for some smacks with the slapstick at the Booth Theatre this season, and at the hands of the always sprightly and usually impudent "Grand Street Follies."

Noah's flood is assigned to Mr. Hoover, plus his press agent, by none other than the devil, in the first scene. Hoover is soon crowded out of the news by an amoeba, the lowest form of animal life, but comes back to manage Noah's Ark.

Whatever his predictions for prohibition, the Grand Street Follies, Actor Managers, Inc., and Paul Moss, their associate, find it impossible to prevent Mr. Hoover's Noah from singing raucously about "Vineyards of Manhattan."

Marc Loebell, with his painted face, talks of Grover. He has the flower in his buttonhole, too. Grover's plan is to extend his sway over the whole round world, "eastbound traffic through the Suez Canal, westbound through the Panama," etc.

Washington crossing the Delaware is done by the Earl Carrol girls, sad to say, without any bathtubs, however. The tune is, "Oh, what did Della wear, when Georgie came across," which your reviewer thinks he has heard before, some place. Albert Carroll does a wonderful Fanny Brice in this one.

Most of the rest of the Grand Street Follies is re-written history, quaint, clever, but subdued. The Siege of Troy, Queen Elizabeth's Court, the troubadors (members of the Associated Press, long on fancy, short on honesty), Serena Blandish at the Pompadour's court, are all neat, but gentle.

In general, one must say that this year's Follies, although real good, haven't quite the punch nor the satirical keenness of last year's. There isn't anything in this one that quite comes up to the "My Three Men"

episode last year, which hit Hoover, Coolidge and Smith about equally. The slap at O'Neill isn't as good. This year they give "Dynamo." Perhaps one trouble is that so much of the production is turned over to Carroll, the female impersonator. He seems to be in every other skit. You can get too much of a female impersonator. V. S.

Vestris Officer Evades Fact Vestris Boats So Bad They Killed Women LONDON, May 17.—The question of why such a great proportion of the 111 lost with the Vestris were women and children was introduced today at the Board of Trades inquiry into the disaster.

Arthur Duncan, second steward of the Vestris, questioned on that point, was unable to explain, except possibly that the women and children were less able to help themselves in the water.

He did not think it advisable, apparently to mention that the women and children were loaded into the first lifeboats, which were kept by the Lampont & Holt company in such bad condition that they all capsized.

CALIF. CANTILOPES ARRIVE. The first carload of California cantelopes this season reached New York yesterday. They are forced fruit, high priced, and will be consumed by the wealthy. Workers have not had any cantelopes during the winter either, though melons from Argentina have been available to the Riverside Drive palace dwellers throughout the cold weather.

2 NEW BIRTH CONTROL CLINICS Margaret Sanger, head of the birth control clinic on West 15th St., recently acquitted after a spectacular raid by Whalen's Catholic cops, states that many requests have been received for establishment of clinics in Harlem and on the lower East Side, proletarian sections.

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Avramenko adheres to the nations Ukrainian dress on the stage, at th classes and in every-day life on th street. "If you seek the secret of th fire and freedom of Ukraina dancing," he says, "look at Ros Bonheur's famous picture, 'Th Horse Fair.' More vivid coloring, marks the Ukrainian ballet, but th same high head-tossing exhilarating shies in both. Ukrainians wear free horse-loving and horse-livin' people.

"When the Ukrainians dance, the dance as the winds that wave th grasses of the steppes. None of th starched and scented and torture, and stiffness of the Russian cour ballet for them. No nigger acrobatic hugging matches. Hands and arms are used sparingly. They dance with their feet.

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# T.U.E.L. PARLEY TO OPEN TODAY

## Basic Industries Are Represented

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Trade Union Unity Conference to be held in Cleveland, June 1.

**Ballot to Open.**  
The conference will be opened by John J. Ballam, acting national secretary of the Trade Union Educational League, who will analyze the labor situation in this country and abroad, outlining the chief tasks facing militant labor in its struggles against the war danger, the reactionary A. F. of L. officialdom and the rationalization process in industry.

The representation at the conference shows that with the increasing vigor of the workers' struggles, the industry will be represented at the left wing in the labor movement has grown and consolidated itself by the formation of new militant unions and strong rank and file groups in the unions headed by reactionary A. F. of L. officials, and by the organization of shop committees in the unorganized industries.

**Cafeteria Strikers.**  
The left wing in the building trades, who are faced with a stubborn struggle against the corrupt A. F. of L. betrayers and the bosses, will be represented, as well as some A. F. of L. locals.

The militant Hotel, Restaurant and Cafeteria Workers' Union, affiliated with the Amalgamated Food Workers, which is putting up such a heroic struggle in the present New York cafeteria strike, and which has gained 2,000 new members as a result of its militant leadership in the strike, will be strongly represented.

**Clerks, Shoe Workers.**  
The grocery clerks who, organized into their Retail Grocery, Fruit, Butcher and Dairy Workers' Union, have put up a militant fight against the treacherous "socialist" Hebrew Trades, and resisted the attack of "socialist" thugs and Tammany police, will also be represented.

As a result of the strikes organized and led by the fighting Independent Shoe Workers' Union of New York, its 4,000 new members will be represented at the T. U. E. L. conference.

**Needle, Textile Workers.**  
The Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union, another of the new militant left wing unions, which has made great gains in its New York strike, and which is now preparing the strike of the furriers and the organization of that part of the industry, will have 75 delegates at the opening session this afternoon.

The National Textile Workers' Union, the new militant left wing union now leading the strike in the Carolinas, will be represented.

All delegates are instructed to be at Irving Plaza in time as much business is to be transacted. Any credentials that have not yet been handed into the local T. U. E. L. office, should be given to M. Pasternak at Irving Plaza, the T. U. E. L. district office announces.

The Trade Union Educational League Conference of the Boston area will open at 62 Chambers St., tomorrow, having the same tasks as the New York City conference—the consolidation of its forces in preparation for the Cleveland Conference.

Similar conferences will open in Pittsburgh, May 28, at which the miners and the steel workers are expected to have large representations. At Detroit, the center of the auto industry, the conference will open May 26.

**Miners Prepare.**  
The National Miners Union, Illinois district, will hold its district convention at Ziegler, Ill., where preparations will be made for the Cleveland Trade Union Unity Conference.

Six delegates to today's conference were elected at the last meeting of the Marine Workers' Progressive League. George Mink, league secretary, reports.

In the discussion on the election of ship committee delegates many seamen participated.

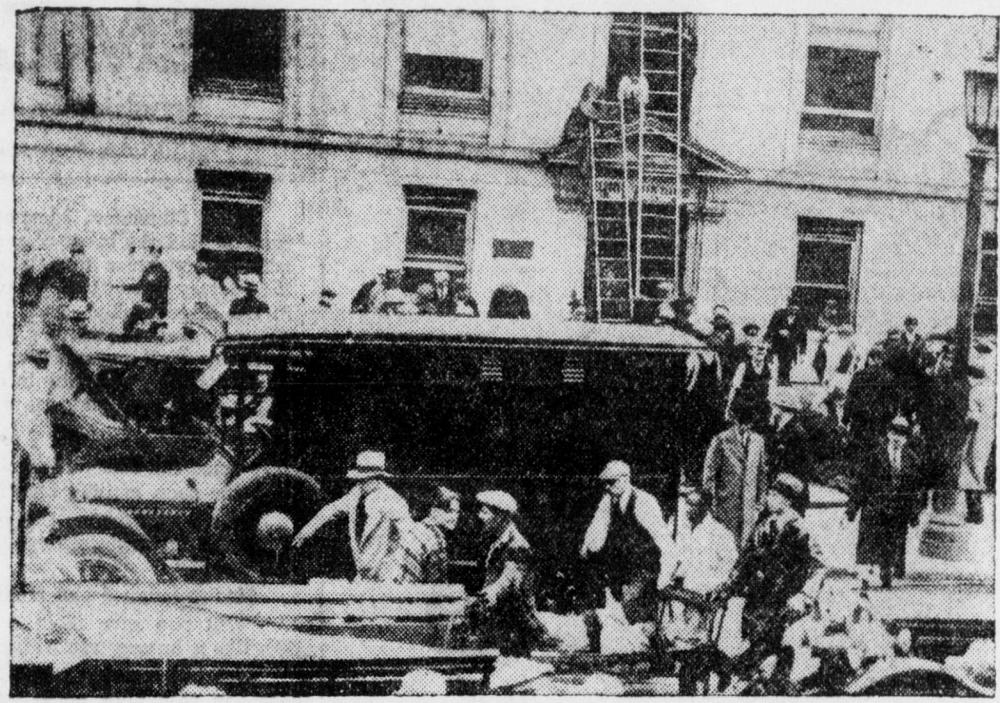
**"DAILY" AGENT REPORTS.**  
CLEVELAND, O., May 17.—Hundreds of new subscribers for the Daily Worker were obtained through the state in a tour by Sam Krieger, "Daily" agent.

Valuable aid in securing new subscriptions was afforded by the popular premiums of "Cement," the outstanding Soviet novel by Feodor Gladkov, and the "Red Cartoons for 1929." The Daily Worker circulation machinery throughout the state has been improved, Krieger reports.

# To Discuss Correspondents' Conference at 2 Big Meets

Thousands of workers at two great conferences over this week-end will learn of the call of the First National Conference of Worker Correspondents, to be held in Cleveland on May 31, immediately before the historic Trade Union Unity Conference in that city on June 1 and 2.

# Those Guilty in Hospital Horror Try to Make Worker the Goat



With the death toll in the Cleveland Clinic disaster now at 125, a move is afoot on the part of Cleveland city officials to make a goat of B. Foggs, a steamfitter who had been doing repair work in the X-Ray storage room where the blast is said to have started. The city itself is to blame, together with the hospital authorities, because of improper inspection and precautions, in allowing the dangerous film to be stored so near the rooms in which patients were treated.

# FOOD STRIKERS FACE NEW EDICT

## Fine Obermeier and Kramberg \$250

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vicious decision is that the court has ordered the money paid to the Willow Cafeterias, Inc., which, according to its own statement published recently in the capitalist press, admitted a profit of over \$100,000 during a period of six months.

**Threaten to Jail Organizers.**  
If the fine is not paid by May 28, the judge ruled, both Obermeier and Kramberg will be ordered to jail.

Strikers let it be known last night that they would fight to the last ditch before they would, in the face of suffering among hundreds of the pickets, permit this money to be turned over to the profit-glutted corporation.

For reading the Daily Worker in a cell, two strikers, William Black and Espiro Pappas, were yesterday beaten by police guards, they told representatives of the union.

"What are you reading?" the guard growled.

"A paper that tells the truth about the strike and the police," was the answer. The attack followed, they declare.

An enthusiastic mass picketing demonstration was conducted yesterday before the Home Plate Cafeteria, 54th St. and Eighth Ave. Five strikers were arrested. They were later released in \$50 bail each.

# DUNNE JAILED ON HILLQUIT'S PLEA

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Court on Monday for pleading.

**Got Indictments.**  
The exposure of Hillquit's participation in the steal of the needle workers' money was published both in the Daily Worker and the Freiheit in February of this year and were used by Hillquit as a basis for indictments.

Due to the close relation of the socialist party leaders with the boss legal machinery, he had no difficulty in obtaining indictments thru the district attorney, thus saving himself the task of going to a magistrate's court where the attorney for the Daily Worker might subject Hillquit to embarrassing cross-examination.

Following the indictment, Robert Minor, editor of the Daily Worker and M. J. Olgin, editor of the Freiheit, Jewish Communist daily, were both arrested at their desks. Minor and Olgin, after being held in Tombs Prison overnight were later released on \$500 bail each furnished by the New York section of the International Labor League. At that time Dunne was not arrested.

Minor and Olgin were recently called by the prosecution to appear for pleading before the labor-hating Judge Rosalsky, who gained considerable notoriety by helping to railroad innocent cloakmakers to long prison terms for strike activity. Both Communist editors pleaded not guilty, and the date for trial was set for June 4.

# Negro Workers Called to Harlem Conference

L. Gibarti, international representative in this country of the League Against Imperialism has issued an invitation to all organizations of foreign born Negroes, and to American Negro workers' organizations, to a conference to be held at the New Harlem Casino, 100 West 116th Street on the evening of May 24.

# PIONEERS OPEN DISTRICT MEET

## 1,000 Workers and Children Attend

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ceived from the militant Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union. It commended the Pioneers for the share they are taking in the struggles of the working class, and urged them to keep up their good work.

The first number was given by the band of the Young Pioneers. They played, among others, "Solidarity," and "Hold the Fort." Then the Pioneer Sport Club of Bronx, affiliated with the Junior Section of the Labor Sports Union, gave an exhibition of pyramids and formation marching.

Greetings were read from the International Labor Defense, assuring the Pioneers that they will defend the children who are made the victims of capitalist "justice."

George Pershing greeted the convention in the name of the Communist Youth League. He said, "the bosses are preparing the working class for an attack upon the Soviet Union. They are training the workers' children to fight for them by drawing the children into such organizations as the Boy Scouts. We must defend the Soviet Union."

D. Benjamin brought the greetings of the Communist Party to the convention. He said that more and more the children are being drawn into the factories and the shops. The Communist Party looks upon the Pioneers, not only as future leaders of the workers, but also as leaders in the fight of the workers' children at the present time.

A group of Pioneers presented a marionette show, called "Oscar Sapp," which greatly amused the workers present. Then Jessie Taft, district organizer of the Pioneers, spoke in the name of the District Executive Committee. She pointed out the growing war danger and the tasks of the Pioneers. "The Boy Scouts are having an international jamboree in England this summer. Our answer to this, and our answer to the preparations of the bosses for an attack on the Soviet Union must be the sending of a children's delegation to the U. S. S. R., which will tell the workers' children the truth about Russia. Forward to the delegation of the American children's delegation!"

The Pioneer dancing class gave a performance of revolutionary dances. This was followed by a few numbers by the Brownsville Pioneer Sport Club. A tableau, given by a group of the Pioneers, represented the struggle of the children in their efforts to better their conditions.

Juliet Stuart Poyntz, head of the Women's Section of the Communist Party, greeted the meeting. She stressed the point that the entire working class must put up one solid front against their enemies, the bosses.

The first business session of the convention will be held today at 10 a. m. at the Workers Center.

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# THUGS ATTACK IRON STRIKERS

## Over 3,700 Are Now Out Throat City

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**Thugs Attack Pickets.**  
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A mass meeting of all iron and bronze workers will be held today at 1 p. m. at Webster Hall.

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**Needle Union Forums Sunday**  
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him. The police also jailed Philip Kanger, whom they charge with being involved in the for defending himself against the attack.

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# Iron Bosses' Scheme Fails to Fool Strikers

PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND BOYCOTTING CONCERNING ITS STRIKERS.

UNDERSTAND YOU WERE STOPPED FROM COMING IN THIS MORNING. HAVE ARRANGED TO GIVE EVERY MAN FULL POLICE PROTECTION. EXPECT YOU TOMORROW MORNING TRY TO BE HERE SEVENTHIRTY.

The above telegram was sent out by the Jackson Iron Works on Carroll St., Brooklyn, to the 300 strikers of this shop, and was intended as a ruse to fool the workers. It failed. The strikers laughed at it and turned it in to the union.

# Communist Activities

**MANHATTAN**  
Party Picnic.  
Keep June 23, the date of the Party picnic to Pleasant Bay Park, open.

**BROOKLYN**  
Toussaint L'Ouverture.  
A Toussaint L'Ouverture memorial will be held at the dance and concert at the Workers Center, 154 Watkins St., under the auspices of the Brooklyn Branch of the American Negro Labor Congress, tonight. Music by Carl Brown's Modern Colony Orchestra.

**Council 10, Bath Beach.**  
An entertainment in aid of the Shifrin and Mineola defense will be given at the Workers Center, 48 Bay 25th St., 6 p. m. tomorrow.

**Bath Beach Communist Youth League.**  
A one-act play will be presented at the May dance of the League at 8:30 p. m. tomorrow, Workers Center, 48 Bay 25th St.

**Brooklyn Youth Club.**  
Starting point for the hike tomorrow will be 1472 Boston Road.

**MANHATTAN**  
Millinery Handworkers' Union.  
The social and educational club of the Union will hold a dance Friday, May 24, 8 p. m., at New Webster Manor, 11th St. and Third Ave.

**Harlem Progressive Club.**  
A hike to City Island will be held tomorrow. Meet at clubrooms, 1492 Madison Ave., 8:30 a. m.

**English Section, Die Naturrefreunde.**  
A hike to the Hudson River will be held tomorrow. Meet at Dyckman St. Ferry, 8 a. m.

**Freiheit Gesangs Verein.**  
The sixth jubilee concert will be held at the Carnegie Hall, tomorrow, 8:30 p. m. "The Twelve," by Blok, will be given.

**American Negro Labor Congress Meet**  
A Toussaint L'Ouverture mass memorial meeting will be held at St. Luke's Hall, 125 W. 130th St., at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday, May 21. Speakers include: Harold Williams, chairman; C. H. Hathaway, editor, Labor Unity; Jean G. Lamonte, Haitian Patriotic Union; Albert Moreau, Anti-Imperialist League; William Burroughes, A. N. L. C.; George Pershing, Communist Youth League; Richard B. Moore, Harlem League; and Robert Minor, acting secretary, Communist Party.

A rehearsal for the program of the picnic will be held today, 8 p. m., at the Labor Temple, 243 E. 84th St.

**Harlem T.C.W.W.**  
Morris Taft will discuss the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union at the new club rooms of the Harlem Council I, cloakmakers and dressmakers, 143 E. 103rd St.

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# MEXICO PEASANT LEADER IS SHOT

## Protest of Peasantry Is Strong

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cution on the ground that Rodriguez had taken arms from the government arsenal with which to arm the peasants.

The growing terror against the revolutionary class organization of the Mexican workers and peasants grows apace with the submission of the Mexican bourgeois government to Yankee imperialism. On government orders the homes of peasants and workers have been raided, peasants have been killed, and a strict censorship has gone into effect against workingclass revolutionary literature.

**Peasant Leader.**  
Rodriguez was a moving spirit in the organization of the National Peasant League and in leading the peasantry in their movement to the left. At the conference held in Mexico City last February the National Peasant League was affiliated to the revolutionary class center of Mexico, the Workers-Peasants Bloc.

On the order issued by Wall Street's Mexican government of Portes Gil that the peasantry be disarmed, the Communist Party of Mexico issued a statement calling upon the peasants to retain their arms and prepare for armed revolution against the reactionary government.

**AGUA PRIETA.** Sonora, Mex., May 17.—Mexican federal soldiers were rushed to the mining town of El Tigre, which is reported to have been attacked by a force of clerical insurgents, who killed some Mexican guards and captured 50 others. The arrest of Rogelio Loveto, former mayor of the town and insurgent leader, was also reported.

**Brownsville Toussaint Memorial Meet Tonight**  
The life and work of Toussaint L'Ouverture, Haitian revolutionary leader, will be commemorated in the inter-racial memorial and dance to be held tonight at the Brownsville Workers Center, 154 Watkins St., Brooklyn. Besides prominent speakers there will be a gala concert program and dance.

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## A CHALLENGE

### The Class Struggle Trade Union Center.

Class struggle industrial unionism as opposed to "class peace" craft unionism will be crystallized into organizational form in the New York district at the Metropolitan Area Trade Union Educational League Conference which opens today at Irving Plaza Hall.

The trade union center of the left wing grows inevitably out of the radicalization of the toiling masses in the nation's metropolis. This process goes on as part of a similar development throughout the United States. It is an integral part of the world phenomena in the ranks of labor in the third period since the world war, the period that inevitably leads through the further development of the contradictions of capitalist stabilization, "to capitalist stabilization becoming still more precarious and to the severe intensification of the general crisis of capitalism."

Thus the growing favorable results being achieved for the class trade union center in New York City, which will be registered at the conference today, and which prepares for the Cleveland Trade Union Unity Conference, June 1, cannot be separated from the intensification of the revolutionary struggle in India, the heroic resistance of the Chinese workers and peasants to imperialist intervention and the treachery of their own national bourgeoisie, the courageous struggle of the Lodz, Poland, textile workers; the mighty battles of the metal workers, coal miners and other sections of the German proletariat in the Ruhr, finding a sequel in the militant challenge of Berlin labor to the social-democratic effort to outlaw May Day this year.

Today's conference, lifting the standards of class resistance to capitalist oppression, will greet the rapid tempo of the industrialization process in the Union of Soviet Republics, calling for the defense of the Soviet Union, the very existence of which in the present period contributes in great part to the precarious position in which world imperialism now finds itself.

The American Federation of Labor nationally, and its New York affiliation, the Central Labor Union, are the craft centers of the old and reactionary unionism that not only collaborates with the employers, once more clearly revealed in the building trades situation, but as a very definite part of the capitalist regime openly supports the profit takers' government.

The American Federation of Labor, the supporter of the war preparations of Yankee imperialism, is the enemy of the Union of Soviet Republics, and of the revolutionary movements in China, India, Nicaragua, and other colonial and semi-colonial countries, as well as in capitalist countries, thus extending to an international scale its treachery to the working class in the homeland of the Wall Street tyranny.

The announcement of the delegations for today's conference reveals the substance out of which the new center will be organized. There will be representatives from almost every important industry in New York and vicinity, revealing the thoroughgoing nature of the radicalization process. It is not confined alone to the needle trades, an industry that has already seen the struggle for the new left wing industrial unionism waged over a period of many years. Great significance attaches to the fact that the building trades left wing, not only facing but developing a stubborn struggle against the corrupt A. F. of L. officialdom, will be strongly represented.

With the smashing of the old coal miners' union, the United Mine Workers of America, the building trades unions remain the sole center of dwindling strength possessed by the A. F. of L.

It is not an accident that at the very moment the conference gathers today, the commissioner of New York City, "Gorgeous Grover" Whalen, announces that he is using the full strength of the police against strikers. Militancy means struggle, and working class struggles face the oppression of the employers' government at every turn. Every struggle now being waged in New York City and vicinity is under the banner of left wing unionism; in the food industry (the cafeteria workers and grocery clerks); in the shoe industry, as well as the needle and textile industries. These workers will be represented at today's gathering, their delegates sitting side by side with spokesmen from workshops in important industries, such as the Otis Elevator Co., Ford, Edison Electric, Nichols Copper (copper refining), the Standard Oil Co., as well as the Singer Sewing Machine Co., of Elizabeth, N. J., and the Wright Aeroplane Co., of Paterson, N. J.

The call for the conference reviewed the seething discontent being registered in many small spontaneous, unorganized strikes breaking out in various sectors of the industrial front, with the workers fighting valiantly against wage cuts, the speed-up, for shorter hours and the right to organize, including for instance the Bayonne oil workers, the Milltown rubber workers; the Perth Amboy copper workers, the New York City traction toilers, to mention a few. As the conference convenes there is a significant strike struggle of unorganized workers in the printing industry.

This whole situation calls for the most serious and careful action on the part of the New York conference today and similar gatherings to be held in the immediate future in various sections of the country. It is not sufficient to ride the waves of discontent lashing with growing might and fury against exploitation in industry everywhere. This upheaval calls for the most careful organizational activities. This organization work must be fundamental in character, so that the class struggle centers of the new left wing industrial unionism, nationally and locally, will be built on a foundation of adamant that will be able to stand against the full power of the exploiters that will inevitably be hurled against it.

Thus the new center takes concrete steps to establish itself as the leader of every strike struggle, helping prepare for it and develop it. It will not appear, as is now sometimes the case, only after the workers themselves have taken the initiative and launched their own battles.

Labor in New York's metropolitan area marches forward today to greater efforts, toward new, historic achievements.

By Fred Ellis

# CEMENT

By FEODOR GLADKOV

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Gleb Chumalov, commander in the Red Army, returns to his town to find the great cement works all in ruins, his wife, Dasha, an active Communist with no time for household duties or love, and the factory committee wrangling uselessly. Gleb, a former worker in the cement plant, goes to report to the Party Committee to see about getting the factory going again. There he meets Shidky, the secretary of the committee; Shibus, the head of the Cheka; Comrade Shuk, a former comrade in arms, who is impatient with the slowness of the work, and Sukhara, secretary of the trade unions.

HE opened the door and went out without looking back. Shidky looked at the door, smiling knowingly.

"Don't let's argue, Comrade Chumalov. The main question is not to get the factory working, but the organization of the masses. Isn't that right?"

Shidky laughed and firmly pressed Gleb's hand.

"Will you give Shuk a little training, too, Comrade Chumalov? He's like a hungry rat without it."

Gleb put his arm round Shuk's shoulder, drawing him towards the door. In vain Shuk endeavored to embrace him.

"Gleb, my dear comrade! But we'll make things go now, we'll move mountains and fill up craters!"

Behind them they heard Shidky's voice once more.

"Comrade Chumalov, it wouldn't hurt if you had a straight talk with Badin, chairman of the Executive Committee. And you ought to go and have a good row with Likhava, so as to become good friends afterwards."

In the doorway Likhava pressed Gleb's elbow. There was fever in his eyes and in his words.

"I heard about you from Dasha. We're going to consider your plan all together, and use it as the basis for our work. We must go to work on facts and not on words. The future is in our brains, but we must realize it with our muscles."

The two men regarded each other fixedly. Once more Gleb felt the other's words and gaze were stabbing him deep.

Dasha? Likhava? Was Likhava perhaps the answer to this confusing puzzle?

### THE WOMAN WITH THE CURLS

GLEB went back to Mekhova. He accidentally leaned on the table and it boomed like a copper bugle. Mekhova, suppressing her laughter, looked at him in astonishment and without geniality.

"Moderate your attack, Comrade Chumalov. This isn't a heavy gun. We're working here in peace-time surroundings."

"Sorry, I've got used to having space for my elbows, and here it's narrow as a hen-coop."

"Well, get used to taking shorter steps. We'll soon put you in your place here, and you'll get your Soviet work to do; then you'll have to get going like everyone else with the monotonous hard work of the administrator. You'll soon forget the smell of powder and deeds of daring. You'll get soft and faded, Comrade. I believe they've appointed you secretary of the factory group. Well, we'll see how you manage that crowd. You can't get near the women: they all stink of pigs, goats and dung. Every house is a little shop and a warehouse for stolen goods. In another six months the factory will have vanished bit by bit. And what a factory!"

"Oh, and we're just thinking of setting the factory going again. We're starting the Desels and dynamos and we're building ropeways to the top of the mountains for the transport of wood fuel."

"Oh, you all say the same thing. To hear you, you're all a lot of wonders, but in truth your whole idea is to make yourselves a little more comfortable and become Soviet bourgeois. Time passes very dully here. It's livelier in the army. I wanted to join the army but they wouldn't let me go. It's only your wife that doesn't feel the dullness; she finds something worth doing in every trifle."

DASHA, standing by the wall, smiled chaffingly. She showed impatience in every movement.

"I can't understand your conversation, Comrades. What's it all about, and what's the good of it? Get out, soldier, you're in our way. Clear out while you're still safe!"

And she smiled amusedly.

"There, look at her! That's a stern business-like woman!"

"It's true, Dasha sabotages her household pretty thoroughly." Mekhova laughed, shaking her curls.

"Doesn't she carry out her wifely duties? What a disgrace! The revolution has completely spoiled the woman."

Dasha burst out laughing, but it was not the charming laugh of his old sweetheart.

All the women were laughing now. They had just pushed Shuk out into the corridor and were crying to him through the door: "Your mastery is finished, you shaven goats! You look like a lot of women since you shaved your beards off. And the women, look like men! You'll never get the good old times back."

Again Mekhova looked closely at Gleb, and it seemed to him as though she were greedilyavoring him.

"You haven't really got acclimatized yet; you're still full of the war and the army. One would think you were going back to-morrow to rejoin your regiment. Do tell me about your exploits. When did you receive the Order of the Red Flag? If you only knew how I love the army! You know there was a time when I fought in the trenches. It was at Mannich."

She smiled, and her smile was not for Gleb, although he was looking at him. A partly concealed joy sparkled in her eyes.

"It was wonderful! They were unforgettable days, like the October days in Moscow—for the whole of my life. Heroism? It is the fire of revolution."

"That is so, Comrade Mekhova. But here also on the industrial front we must also have heroism. A difficult situation: destruction, muddle, hunger. Right! The mountain has fallen, crushing man like a frog. Now, for a real big effort, shoulder to the wheel, and shove the mountain back into its place. Impossible? That's precisely it. Heroism means doing the impossible."

She laughed again and her eyes sparkled more than ever.

"Shoulder to the wheel? Yes! Splendid! You use the right words! With every fibre of one's being. We must talk together about this, Comrade Chumalov. I live in the Soviet House."

Dasha smiled and looked curiously at Mekhova and Gleb. Then she went up to Gleb, turned him round by the shoulders and pushed him towards the door.

"Now be off from here, soldier! You've nothing to do here."

GLEB turned round, seized her in his arms and began to carry her out of the room. The women burst out laughing; Mekhova also laughed. This shameless caress before all these people made Dasha shriek out and she flung both her arms around him. For a moment Gleb felt the old loving heart of Dasha and heard her dear woman's laugh, which cannot be defined, for it flows from the blood into the blood.

"Comrade Chumalov, do you know what your Dasha is? Hasn't she told you her adventures? She's been through a great deal, perhaps more than you yourself have experienced."

Dasha started, then leapt out of Gleb's arms.

"I don't want you to talk about me, Comrade Mekhova, whether good or bad. No more jesting, Comrade Mekhova, and leave me in peace."

"Oh, I didn't know that this was a forbidden subject."

Why was she so startled? Why did she shut Mekhova's mouth? Why, when everyone knew about her years without him, would she tell him nothing?

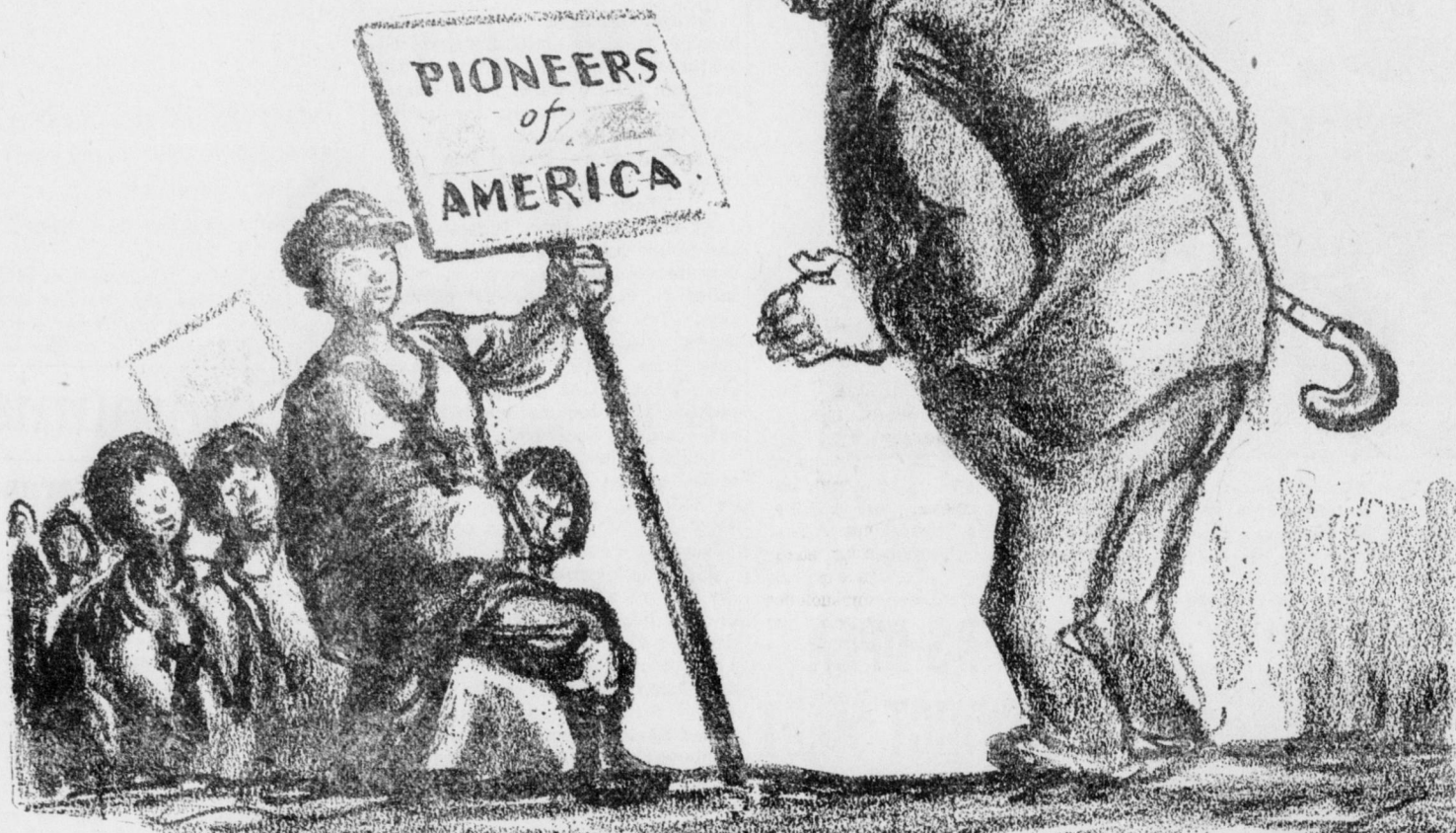
Likhava, standing in the doorway, gazed at Gleb with burning eyes.

Gleb passed him, trying not to jostle him. But Likhava caught the sleeve of his tunic and stopped him.

"Comrade Chumalov, call a special meeting of the group. I want to come and make a report. Come and see me tomorrow at the Council of Trade Unions; we'll look ourselves in and discuss the whole matter. For a big plan one must have precise details. I'm not only speaking of the fuel, but also of the factory. I've been thinking about it. We're going to fight by all possible means. Do not forget that this will be a real struggle, calling for all our strength. And don't forget that the time may seem inopportune. It's a fight for the future, and therefore appears Utopian and absurd. Of course we know that only by audacity and strength can the future be made the present. So let's get down to work."

He gripped Gleb firmly by the hand and quickly passed through the door of the Women's Section.

(To Be Continued)



The Young Pioneer Convention of District Two (New York) opened last night.

# The British General Elections

By J. R. CAMPBELL (London)

For the first time in its history the Communist Party of Great Britain will enter a General Election under its own revolutionary banner, with its own revolutionary program in opposition to the three capitalist parties, Liberal, Labor and Conservative. The Party appreciates the heavy struggle which lies in front of it. The two open capitalist parties have millions of pounds and a powerful press at their disposal. The Labor Party still retains the allegiance of millions of workers who in spite of its complete surrender to capitalism while in opposition are still of opinion that it should be given an opportunity of becoming the government; the whole strength of trade union discipline has been perverted to Labor Party purposes, and in no country in the world are parliamentary illusions so strong. (That these illusions were weakened by the General Strike is true, but they are still relatively speaking very strong.)

The principal issue of the election from the point of view of the three capitalist parties hinges around the economic crisis and its solution. In slightly different ways the three parties of capitalism are putting forward programs for the state stimulation of rationalization as a means of solving the economic crisis. There is so little fundamental difference between the parties that the Conservative Party has just put into operation a measure of rating relief for the large capitalists which had previously, in its essentials (if not in quite the same form), been advocated by both the Labor and Liberal parties, while the Liberal and Labor parties are frantically quarreling over the question as to which party first suggested the measures for the state stimulation of rationalization which are to be found in the programs of both. The

## Communist Party to Enter With Own Revolutionary Program; Opposes 3 Capitalist Parties

Communist Party will therefore be the only party in the election explaining to the workers the meaning of the capitalist rationalization offensive, seeking to mobilize the workers for a counter offensive, and linking up the immediate struggle of the workers against rationalization with our ultimate goal of the revolutionary seizure of power and the setting up of a Workers' Government.

"Empire" Bank. All three capitalist parties will have much to say about the empire. Each will strive to conceal the real character of the empire as a machine for the brutal repression of the colonial peoples and will strive to represent it as a federation of self-governing nations, or at least a structure which is in the process of development towards such a federation. All of them will expressly repudiate the charges made by their opponents that they are in any way against the empire. The strangling of Egyptian nationalism, the attempt to suppress the working class movement in India by the most brutal methods—those things which will be concealed from the electorate by the three capitalist parties of empire. Only the Communist Party will show the workers of Britain the importance of forming a united front with a genuinely revolutionary movement in the colonies for a joint struggle against the brutal imperialism which is suppressing the workers in the Metropolis no less than the colonial peoples. The Communist Party will champion the right of the colonies to complete independence, and as a proof of its intention to achieve this, will run two candidates against the

Labor members of the Indian Commission and will strive to get the workers in other constituencies represented by the members of the commission to put up candidates against them.

The great issue of the election, i.e., the question of the coming imperialist war, will not be mentioned by any of the capitalist parties. If the Communist Party was not appearing in the election as an independent force this question would not be discussed at all. The Party will be able, however, to put before the electorate the proof that the capitalist class is preparing war, that the program of all three parties consists in supporting the capitalist policy which renders war inevitable, and will describe to the workers all the methods of struggle which must be employed to prevent war coming or to change the imperialist war into a civil war should it come in spite of our efforts to prevent it.

26 Candidates. In twenty-six different districts our Party will put forward its independent candidates against the candidates of the three capitalist parties and will make an effort to increase the number. The British electoral system is designed, however, to aid wealthy parties, because it is a regulation that no party can put forward a candidate unless it places a deposit of £150 per candidate with the local authorities. This naturally diminishes the number of candidates that a proletarian party can put forward. The Party will, however, in a number of additional districts put forward candidates and seek to raise the £150. If it is unable to do so

it will continue to keep its candidate before the workers even if his name is not on the official voting list, and will expose the fraudulent electoral system constructed in the interests of capitalism.

The Party will go into the election with the slogan of class against class. It will show that the fundamental political division is between the capitalist parties, which stand for the perpetuation of the dictatorship of capitalism, and the workers and the Communist Party, which stands for a workers' dictatorship which holds down those classes hostile to working class emancipation until the realization of the complete social order eliminates classes altogether. The Party will therefore expose the electoral struggle of the three capitalist parties as a sham fight between parties all of which stand for capitalist rationalization, empire and war, all of which are in a tacit coalition against the workers and the colonial peoples.

It follows that the Communist Party cannot advise the workers in those districts which are not being contested by Communists to vote for any of the candidates adhering to the program of any of the capitalist parties. Where labor candidates are prepared to abandon the capitalist program of their party and declare their willingness to support a series of elementary working-class demands, the Communists will be prepared to advise support, but in no other case.

The Party will of course link up its electoral struggle against capitalist rationalization, against the empire and against war and for the revolutionary Workers' Government with the struggle to win the leadership of the workers in the economic struggles which are pending. It will by its electoral struggle recruit new members for the Party and open the way to the leadership of the British working class.

# Murder of Karl Liebknecht Again in Berlin Court

By WILHELM PIECK (Berlin)

"Public Prosecutor: 'Had you taken any steps at this discussion to secure a better conduct of the investigation?'"

"Landsberg: 'I took no steps.'"

It would seem to be an irony of fate that almost exactly ten years after the court-martial proceedings against the murderers of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg the case should have been heard again before a civil court in Berlin at the instigation of the Supreme Court of Prosecution, which is naturally not over-anxious to recall those murders to the memory of the working class. The Supreme Court of Prosecution, however, obviously thought that the intervening ten years had so far effaced the traces of the murderers and of their mild treatment at the hands of the authorities, that an attempt could be made for the rehabilitation of the culprits and their accomplices.

In the weekly "Das Tagebuch," which inclines to the Left, an article appeared in March 1928, which once again established that Public Prosecutor Jorns, who had been entrusted with the preliminary investigation against the murderers, favored the latter by the manner of his cross-examination, veiled their guilt, and assisted them to escape. Seeing that in the meantime Jorns had been advanced to the dignity of Chief Public Prosecutor by the Republican government in reward of his activity and is in this capacity exercising a notorious role in the so-called "high-treason trials" (in which connection the article in question was written), the Supreme Court of Prosecution was induced to

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protect its "colleague" and to bring action for calumny against Bornstein, the responsible editor of the publication, whose counsel was Dr. Paul Levi. Herr Jorns appeared as a witness and was admitted as an "accessory plaintiff." At the trial, however, the weight of the evidence produced so transformed the individual roles, that even the Court of Prosecution repeatedly addressed the "witness" as an accused.

Murders Present. Greatly as the composition of the court and its audience differed from the court-martial proceedings of 1919, there was a certain parallelism between the two proceedings. Two of the murderers, Liepmann and Rungé, were present and sought to exonerate themselves. Liepmann has in the meantime become a barrister at a Potsdam court and was addressed as "dear colleague" even by the chairman. The court, the plaintiffs and the defendants, moreover, anxiously avoided the establishment of the real culprits in the murder. The chairman did his best speedily to remedy all situations which might have proved awkward for the real culprits and to help Jorns out of his plight, while keeping the basis of discussions and the treatment of the evidence within as narrow limits as possible. But under the weight of circumstances the one day set aside for the trial was lengthened into many days.

The "plaintiff," the public prosecutor, and the "accessory plaintiff" Jorns could not reveal the true culprits or their protection of the mur-

derers, if only for the reason that this would have been tantamount to an admission of the crime of which Jorns was accused. The "officially" accused and his counsel ought to too consciously avoided doing so and, by concentrating their attack on Jorns, became parties to the veiling of the murder and the protection of the murderers. It was merely certain bits of evidence which made it possible to guess at the actual culprits, and that only momentarily.

The revolutionary working class has long since established that the true culprits were the social-democratic leaders, men like Ebert, Scheidemann, Noske, Landsberg and Heine. In those months following on the November revolution, their infamous agitation against Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg prepared the way for the assassination of these two prominent Communists; in their capacity as members of a "popularly elected" government, they sanctioned the open incitement to murder and refrained from taking any steps against the murderous bandits; they made no attempt to deny the rumors of a government reward for the murderers; they brought the bands of assassins to Berlin, established their headquarters at the Eden Hotel, and openly encouraged them in the "Vorwärts." And when the assassination had been committed, they permitted all things possible to be done in favor of the murderers and helped to camouflage their acts, doing nothing to impede the measures initiated by govern-

ment organs in protection of the murderers.

The Workers Will Judge! Bornstein and his counsel, Paul Levi, are fully aware of this, Levi himself having said as much in the columns of the "Rote Fahne." In court, however, they refrained from putting forward this evidence and from accusing Noske, Landsberg, Ebert, and the others. Was not Noske the personal friend and ally of Captain Pabst, the organizer of the gangs of murderers? Did not Heine openly reproach the members of the Executive Council of Workers deputies with refusing to carry on the face of an investigation? Had not Landsberg to admit, in answer to a question put to him by the public prosecutor (and not by Levi), that in his capacity as minister of justice he had done nothing to secure a proper investigation, not even when informed of the protection afforded the murderers? Bornstein and Levi, however, were just as inactive in failing to establish this fact in court.

The true culprits have not yet been brought to book, with the exception of Jorns, a tool of the then social-democratic government. This task has been left for the working class to fulfill. The murder of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg will be brought into court a third time, but it will be into a revolutionary court that it will be brought. Not till then will truth triumph and all the culprits be called upon to answer for their guilt. But the present trial has served to bring to the minds of the workers the foul murder of two of their very best leaders. At the same time, the veil has, after all, been slightly lifted, which on the occasion of the first trial was purposely drawn over the murder and the main culprits.