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## Social-Fascism Speaks Thru Vandervelde

THE "New Leader," organ of the Socialist Party of Thomas, O'Neal and Hillquit, in its issue of May 17th, displays an article by Emil Vandervelde, one of the most prominent leaders of the Second International and a pal of the King of Belgium. The article is entitled "The Balance-Sheet of Socialism," and yields, upon a little examination of its pretentious phrases, a picture of the face of social-fascism that is all the more illuminating as coming from Vandervelde himself.

Expressing "grave apprehensions" for the future of capitalism, Vandervelde defines the role of the Socialist parties as follows:

"In almost all the countries of Europe since the war the Labor and Socialist parties—above all when they are in power—must carry on a policy of conservation and the bourgeois parties a policy of reform."

Here speaks the supreme wisdom of the Second International: Its function—"especially when in power"—is the conservation of the capitalist system, even leaving to bourgeois parties the role of reformism. Here speaks the fascist behind the "socialist" mask!

Vandervelde openly proclaims anew the theory of coalition with the bourgeoisie. With cynical openness he declares:

"The leader of the German Populists said two months ago that it is no longer possible to govern against and even without social-democracy. He was certainly right, and it seems that events must soon prove this. But let us not hide the fact that the converse is no less true."

In brief, while boasting that the capitalist class must call upon the Socialist Parties of the Second International, to bolster up its shaking rule, Vandervelde warns these Socialists never to forget that they can rule only with the support of the capitalists, that is, as agents of capitalism.

Vandervelde is openly preparing the Socialist parties for their role in the coming imperialist war. He openly says that the "last war is not behind but before us"; in each country he predicates future Socialist administrations upon a union with capitalist parties; in short, the future of the Second International is that of furnishing imperialism with its "popular" face in conducting the coming war, and "conserving" capitalism from the attacks of the working class.

At the moment when Vandervelde's colleague, MacDonald, at the head of the British government, is massacring Indians by the thousands, and throwing into jail all mass leaders whom it does not kill, in frantic efforts to strangle the revolution in India, Vandervelde cynically and contemptuously refers to the "colored peoples" as "immature" and incapable of self-government. He says:

"The struggle of the 'colored peoples' for liberation encounters and will encounter for a long time to come, because of their political immaturity, all the obstacles which come from themselves rather than from their masters."

This perfect apology for imperialism, this theoretical justification of mass-murder of the colonial peoples, is put forth in the name of "socialism"! It is printed with full approval by the official organ of the American Socialist Party. It sets down the line which has been and will be followed by the leaders of the Second International in the United States as throughout the world.

"Socialist" in name but fascist in action—that is the true character of the socialist parties of the Second International. That is why the Communist International characterizes these vermin, these belly-crawling servants of imperialism, as social-fascists. It is a correct description.

## United States of Europe

THE French government thought it necessary to send a special communication to Washington to reassure the United States that Briand's proposal for a "United States of Europe" was not directed against American imperialism. Up to date we have not heard of any similar communication being sent to the Soviet Union. These two facts sufficiently characterize this latest step in the diplomacy of imperialism. To the extent that Briand's scheme has actuality, it is in the field of building up the anti-Soviet front, and to a lesser degree in the struggle of European capitalist powers to escape the growing threat of U. S. imperialism.

Already the effect of the world economic crisis has enormously sharpened the antagonisms of the imperialist world. The Briand scheme is only another move in the play for position in the crushing world war. The London Conference, everywhere recognized now as a prelude to war rather than a move towards peace, was another of the same sort. And just as in London the most serious business actually transacted behind the scenes was the launching of a world campaign of calumny against the Soviet Union, so behind the facade of the "United States of Europe" the really serious business is the settlement among jealous powers of prices and terms of payment for the assault against the Workers' Government.

The whole capitalist world is trembling from the blows now shattering its temporary "stabilization." The world economic crisis added to the revolt of millions of colonial peoples, and the rising activities of the workers in all countries, hastens the maturing of the revolutionary crisis. Capitalism intensifies its bloody repression, mobilizes its "socialist" servants, and rushes from one expedient to another to postpone the inevitable crash.

War and Revolution are the dominant notes in the present chorus of history. War is the path of the capitalist class, revolution that of the workers. In the pitiless struggle between these conflicting class forces, the bourgeois utopia of a "United States of Europe" is transformed into a mere tricky maneuver among the imperialists, and at the same time another threat against the Soviet Union.

## HYMAN BLASTS LIE IN "DAY"

### Jewish Tammany Paper Faked Whole Thing

L. Hyman, president of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union, yesterday declared that the reports in the Jewish Tammany newspaper, the Day, pretending to quote him, were false, and invented for the special purpose of attacking the Union. Hyman announces that he is writing in detail on all the issues before the union. His statement in full follows:

"In the so-called report which the Tammany Day published Saturday, May 17, it was 'featured' quite big. The report was given a big headline on the first page, with sub-heads and even a 'picture' of me. The Day gave me the same 'publicity' which it gives wholeheartedly to its Tammany politicians.

"What have I done to make me so great and important to the 'Day'?" "I delivered a speech at a meet-

ing of the shop delegate council of our union.

"I have delivered dozens of speeches since my return from the Soviet Union. But though I am such an important personality to the Day and my speeches have such great significance, nevertheless, the Day did not consider it necessary to repeat a single word of what I said about the Soviet Union. It is clear, therefore, that the 'impartial' Day is not playing an 'impartial' role in this matter. The 'special report' of the 'special correspondent' Slonem is distinguished by the fact that Slonem was not present at the meeting and got his information—the devil knows where. The whole report has one special purpose—to attack our industrial union. For this end, they distorted what I said, and attributed things to me which I had never stated. I shall write in detail about this whole matter in a special article which I shall send later."

(Signed) L. HYMAN.

COPPER PRODUCTION SLUMPS. WASHINGTON.—Monthly copper production for the world, which in 1929 averaged 178,034 tons, dropped to an average of 146,441 tons in March and April, 1930.

## LYNCHERS KILL TWO NEGROES IN TENN., TEXAS

Hunting A Third Who Wounded Railway Cop in Defense

Burn Body in Orgy Worker Defended Self Until Riddled

OAKDALE, Tenn., May 19.—Herbert Robertson, a Negro worker, was shot dead in the railroad yards here last week by J. B. Moore, a special officer. Moore and a large lynch gang were hunting for another Negro whose name is known to the police only as "Mobile." The latter had been assaulted by a railroad policeman here, W. A. Brown, and in the fight had wrested away Brown's gun and seriously wounded him.

Moore and his fellows, following the tradition of the Southern ruling class in such circumstances, were out to kill enough Negroes to preserve the white terror, and Robertson happened to be the most convenient. Nothing is done to the murderous policeman, who makes the formal plea that his victim "acted suspiciously" and he "shot in self-defense." Lynchers continue to scour the woods for "Mobile" and at last accounts they thought they had him surrounded on Whetstone Mountain, but, with more malice (Continued on Page Three)

## NOTICE TO ALL N. Y. DELEGATES

Arrange Schenectady Trip by Thursday

All organizations which have elected delegates to the State Nominating Convention of the Communist Party that will be held in Schenectady on Sunday, May 25, are notified that in order to make proper and timely arrangements credentials should be brought in or mailed to the Campaign Committee, 26 Union Square, by Thursday, May 22, at noon, accompanied by \$10 for the fare and expenses of each delegate sent.

Without this timely arrangement it may be difficult to secure space on the steamer which will take the New York City delegation to Schenectady. All delegates are notified to see that the above requirements are carried out and to be at the pier of the Hudson River Night Line, North River and Canal St., at 5 p. m. sharp on Saturday. The boat leaves Saturday evening and sleeping accommodations are included in the fare for that night as well as for Sunday night on the return trip, the boat arriving in New York City early Monday morning.

Forward to Mass Conference Against Unemployment, Chicago July 4th.

## Newark Judge Immediately Shows Sedition Case Is To Be Railroaded

NEWARK, N. J., May 19.—The first step toward railroadng nine workers to prison for long terms took place today, when Judge Van Riper in the Quarters Session Court ruled against postponement of the trial and the demand of the International Labor Defense attorneys, Leon Josephson and Abraham Isersman, for further specific details on which the indictments of sedition are based.

The actual trial will start tomorrow. Today the defense lawyers

demanded that Prosecutor Simon Fisch furnish them with the answer to 12 questions not adequately covered in the indictment. Judge Van Riper ruled against the motion of the defense on 11 questions and after much debate instructed the prosecutor to answer the other question.

Negro Workers Attended. When the case was called this morning in the Hall of Records building on High St. the small court (Continued on Page Three)

## New Auto Union Adopts Constitution; Elects

Sends Delegate to Red International; Demands Release of N. Y. Delegation; Ready to Grow

Morgan's Man Tomorrow



He's running for Senator in New Jersey, but what he's aiming at is the Presidency in 1932. Noted as the imperialist lion tamer of Latin capitalist politicians, he is responsible for the shooting and tortures of workers and peasants of Mexico, Mexicanizing New Jersey, his followers in Jersey have nine Communist workers jailed and facing 15 years each for "sedition," including D. W. Graham, a Negro worker who is Communist candidate against Morrow for the U. S. Senate. Morrow is trying to sidetrack all issues into "need or dry"—but the Communists insist that "Work or Wages" is more important.

SAYS N. C. GODLY PURE STATE. CONCORD, N. C.—Commander Bahson of the local Knights Templar in an attack on the Communists before the assembled knights (read businessmen and shopkeepers) held its place as a purely American, godly state, meaning starvation wages and pelagra for the mill workers.

DETROIT, Mich., May 19.—The Sunday morning session of the national convention to organize a national auto workers union, part of the coming Metal Workers Industrial Union carried on the discussion on the reports rendered Saturday by officers of the Trade Union Unity League, the metal league and of the auto workers.

Negro workers, women and young workers participated, and told of the speed-up system, and the wage cuts taking place in the auto industry. They told of the militancy of the workers and their determination to fight these cuts and speed up systems. All repudiated the reactionary leadership of the Amer- (Continued on Page Three)

## INITIATE NEW NTWIU MEMBERS

Shop Meetings Elect to Union Convention

A fine meeting of workers on streets above 25th took place yesterday in the headquarters of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, at which organization was perfected for active competition in building the union. Tonight, right after work, in the union headquarters, 131 West 28th St., workers in shops on 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20 and streets farther down town will meet for the same purpose.

Initiate "First Group." The first group of workers taken in during the present drive were initiated into the union yesterday, after an address by union organizers who told them of the glorious history of the militant needle workers in New York, and urged them to not be mere card members but to carry on the struggle.

Shop meetings started last night to elect delegates to the N.T.W.I.U. national convention, June 6-7 and 8 in New York.

DROP IN GERMAN STEEL OUTPUT.

BERLIN.—April production of steel ingots in Germany amounted to 1,033,000 tons, against 1,201,000 in March.

## ENTIRE INDO-CHINA SEETHING WITH REBELLION

1,500 Coolies Carrying Red Flag Surround Imperialist Official

French Bosses Alarmed Revolt Spreads and Grows Despite Terror

A Paris dispatch to the Chicago Tribune reports that on May 17 "1,500 coolies carrying red flags surrounded the administrative chief of the province of Sedac while he was making an inspection tour of the village of Tan Doua." Troops were rushed from Seigon and many arrests were made. This important event gives further evidence of the great headway which the revolutionary movement against French imperialism has made in Indo-China.

According to L'Humanite, the official organ of the Communist Party of France, revolt is enveloping the whole of Indo-China, especially Annam and Tongking. The textile workers in Cochinchina are reported to be particularly militant. Railway workers and coolies on many plantations are striking. The red flag of revolt is being waved and the "Internationale" sung in many places throughout Indo-China.

The alarm of the French imperialists at the revolt of one of its most important colonies is best reflected in the fascist newspaper, La Liberté. In a trembling tone, La Liberté says that "the situation is too grave for Premier Andre Tardieu not to give it his entire attention."

White terror is one of the weapons that the French imperialists (Continued on Page Three)

## MADRAS BATTLE WITH POLICE

Indians Under Martial Law Publicly Flogged

Capitalist sources report two more bombs thrown at British police, one at Multan, which injured a police superintendent and eight constables, and one at Wadala, casualties censored. A large party of Sikhs, marching on Lahore, was attacked by police at Jhalum, with results not permitted to pass censorship. At Kala, near Simla, police fired a volley into a crowd seeking to prevent the arrest of their leaders.

MADRAS, India, May 19.—Despite the strictest censorship, government sources admit that an attempt to break up a prohibited mass meeting here of anti-imperialists resulted in resistance from the masses, with shots fired and hand (Continued on Page Two)

## "Butcher" Machado



The errand boy of Yankee imperialism in Cuba, whose soldiers shot down two workers on May Day without the capitalist press saying much about it. But now they shot into a crowd of the bourgeois opposition "Nationalists," there's a stir. It seems that imperialism is getting ready to change errand boys and the "Nationalists" are being made ready to take Machado's place as fascist murderers of the workers.

## PEASANT REVOLT IN SOUTH ITALY

Armed Fascists Kill 3 Berlin Workers

(Wireless By Imprecors.)

PARIS, May 19.—L'Humanite reports an anti-fascist peasant revolt at Martinafranca, in Southern Italy. Armed with scythes and pitchforks, the peasants stormed public buildings, burned down the local fascist offices, tax offices, etc., and overwhelmed the police. Marines and military suppressed the revolt, killing seventy and wounding hundreds. The fascist authorities admit the revolt, but seek to minimize its importance.

Armed Fascists Kill Berlin Workers. (Wireless By Imprecors.)

BERLIN, May 19.—Last Friday the fascists organized a series of attacks. Two workers were shot dead in the northwest of Berlin and one was stabbed to death in Schoeneberg. A number of workers were injured. The police arrived too late everywhere. Even a section of the bourgeois press admits the murderous attacks of the fascists against unarmed workers.

The Reichstag deprived the Communist deputies Schneller and Blenke of parliamentary immunity at the demand of the socialists.

Kill 18 Communists in Mukden. (Wireless by Imprecors.)

TOKIO, May 19.—Mukden authorities arrested a number of Communists, including Yukungthao of Decan University. Eighteen were executed.

Palestine Political Prisoners Hunger Strike.

JERUSALEM, May 19.—Thirty-nine political prisoners are on a hunger strike in the central prison, demanding political treatment. A telegram has been dispatched to MacDonald.

## 4 DEAD IN CLASH WITH CUBAN ARMY

Crisis Leading to A Mass Revolt of the Starving Workers

Fake Nationalists! Oppose Machado But Aid Imperialism

BULLETIN. Late hour reports from Cuba stated that six were killed, three of them soldiers, in the clash at Artemisa. "Butcher" Machado says he deplores the event, especially because today is "Independence Day," with Yankee officials present to demonstrate that the "independence" is a sham.

Capitalist press reports from Cuba tell of a bloody clash between the troops of the fascist dictator Machado, and a crowd of the bourgeois opposition party known as the "Nationalists" at Artemisa, near Havana, four being killed and 20 wounded, among the dead being an army lieutenant and a captain.

One account states that at a "Nationalist" meeting addressed by Colonel Carlos Mendieta (who once was a bosom friend of Machado), the troops under Lieutenant Alber Silva "warned Mendieta not to mention the name of Julio Mella," a Cuban Communist who was killed in Mexico in 1929 by Machado agents.

Mendieta is a bourgeois and no friend of Communism, being interested only in getting into Machado's place, but another report states that "a speaker mentioned the name of Mella," whereupon Lieutenant Silva tried to arrest the speaker and a fight began. Since the "Nationalists" are intriguing for aid from Washington to get American help in replacing Machado's rule by their own, it is obvious that if "Nationalist" speakers are toying demagogically with the names of Communist martyrs they do so because of the (Continued on Page Three)

## POLICE RALLY TO WEISBORD'S AID

Memorial of Haywood Big Success

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 19.—The Haywood Memorial meetings here were a big success, textile workers, some of them men and women who had followed the leadership of "Big Bill" Haywood in the famous Lawrence strike, rallied to carry on the work of organizing the textile mills, and to protest the death plot on Powers and Carr in Atlanta.

The hall was full and workers waited from 2 p. m. until 6 p. m. for the speakers, who were being arrested by police who co-operated with Weisbord, Keller and Rubenstein in the attempt to hold a counter-meeting in another hall.

The Lovestonites usurped the name of the National Textile workers Union to draw workers into their meeting, but when it started, there were present only 20 anarchists, twelve detectives and three patrolmen, outside of a few workers who came there to protest against the misrepresentations of the Napoleonic Weisbord.

The police arrested these workers as soon as they raised their voices to demand the floor, and Weisbord went on to demand a new convention of the N.T.W., one that would not repudiate him like the big second convention held in Paterson did.

Weisbord was just saying he believed in throwing out of the union leaders who would not fight, when some one sitting in the small audience said very clearly, "We did." Then William Murdoch, acting organization secretary of the N.T.W. came in and demanded to know what was going on. He was arrested at once, and each worker who rose to ask the floor was also arrested. They are: Eulalie G. Mendez, local secretary of the N.T.W.; J. Rappaport, district organizer of the N.T.W.; Lemeiras, Freiras and Pappas.

They are held for hearing Wednesday, and Weisbord, Rubenstein and Keller have been summoned by the prosecution to testify against them.

During the meeting, a worker, Pelsler, whose name had been appended to the Weisbord meeting call rose and denounced him, and disavowed the signature and the whole Lovestone program.

The N.T.W. has issued a statement scoring Weisbord's tactics, and the arrests. The union called a meeting Wednesday.

# We Must Have Action in Every City

Detroit and New York Point the Way--What They Have Done You Can Do to Help the 'Daily'

Will any comrade dare to say that only in New York and Detroit workers' organizations and masses of workers will respond to the Daily Worker call for financial assistance in this emergency? Are only New York and Detroit workers conscious of a developing world revolutionary situation? To hold this would mean to be crazy with exceptionalism.

What New York and Detroit comrades have done can be done in every city where the Party members will take leadership, go to the workers, ask their help and support.

The Detroit comrades have to their credit the distribution and sale of 100,000 copies of the Daily Worker for May Day mobilization. One-fourth of all May Day Daily Workers printed were distributed in Detroit, another fourth in New York, and the other half in the rest of the United States. Not a very good showing for the rest of the comrades in the United States.

Then we came face to face with a crisis in the Daily Worker. The Detroit comrades telegraphed us immediately that they would send \$500 in the course of three days, and \$400 has already been received. The Detroit comrades immediately programmed their campaign for funds for our paper, immediately decided to mobilize for mass collections, tag days.

New York rushed into a mobilization for a mass collection, recruited Party members, workers' organizations, workers from the shops, and altho we do not at this time know how much was collected, we do know that the tag days were successful, that the workers approached for

contributions responded enthusiastically. Collectors report that in many instances workers who contributed demanded to subscribe for the Daily Worker at the same time.

A New York Party unit called a gathering at the home of a member in the Bronx. Shop workers were invited. Twelve non-Party workers from the shop came. Thirty-five dollars was collected for the Daily Worker. When other workers in the shop heard about the affair the next day, more dollars were collected from those who did not attend.

The comrades on the staff of our Russian paper, Novy Mir, just contributed \$20 and they seldom know where their next meal is coming from. A collection of \$110 taken at Camp Nitgedaiget by the Party unit just arrived. Comrades from our revolutionary trades union went into a shop controlled by the reactionary needle trades company union and collected \$14. A worker, I. Paska, just called and gave a day's wages, \$5.

All of this means that the workers will give to keep the Daily Worker going if the Party members will organize their forces and rush into the field for contributions. Workers and workers' organizations earnestly desire to keep the Daily Worker alive and in fighting trim. We can raise the \$25,000 Emergency Fund. Every city, in proportion, can do as well as New York and Detroit. You know what is needed, what needs to be done. Into action! Concrete achievements count!

—THE DAILY WORKER.



# 2nd INTERNATIONAL NOT ALL OF ONE MIND ON PAN-EUROPEAN IDEA

## MacDonald "Labor" Government Turns a Cold Eye on French Imperialist Ambitions

## German "Vorwaerts" Claims the Reactionary Plan As "Hereditary Property" of S. P.

European dispatches concerning the reception greeting the proposal of France to form a Pan-European Federation of capitalist governments, indicate that the idea has a somewhat chilly audience.

Since it obviously collides with British ambitions on the continent, the British imperialist press, including the "Labor" organ, the "Herald" either say nothing or attack it. The "Times" cleverly opposes it on the ground that it is directed against the United States, but adds that of course it is impossible for England to approve of it since England is barred from the proposed Federation by the Briand proposal, and anyhow it would commit members of the empire "to indefinite and unforeseen responsibilities."

The most interesting development is the silent hostility of the MacDonald "Labor" government, the Herald printing only a brief summary of Briand's plan without comment, meanwhile the German "socialist" "comrades" of MacDonald through their organ, the Vorwaerts, come out with the claim that Briand's idea is the "intellectual hereditary property" of the Second

"Socialist" International and demand that the German government "seize the proffered opportunity" and "strive to bring about a solidarity of European nations" in "Briand's sense."

It was natural that any such solidarity of West European capitalism should appeal to the German "socialists" who have long advocated through Kautsky and Hilferding the idea of super-imperialism, especially since it is directed to the ends of war against the Soviet Union. But because in Briand's plan French imperialism seeks hegemony in the maneuver to the injury of British imperialism, the British "socialists" who are defending the special interests of British imperialism, look upon the plan with coldness and hostility.

Of course, since Briand makes his proposal as a "peace" measure, even the British react piously that they are "always ready" to help the cause of peace, etc.

Meanwhile, Mussolini at Florence, Italy, was reviewing the greatest military concentration since the World War after his war speech yesterday directly and openly challenging France.

## France and Italy Exchange War Cries

PARIS, May 19.—Mussolini breathed fire at Florence Saturday, uttering an ugly war cry particularly directed against France. Today some French capitalist papers answered the fascist chief in no less ugly tone. Populaire called Mussolini a "little man who can stand on his toes and look bigger and raise his voice and sound fiercer, but he is still ridiculous." Le Figaro put

the matter even more frankly. It says: "He sounds disagreeable to French ears, but he said a number of general truths which we would have liked to have heard from our government head rather than from our neighbor." The battle of words has already started. These war talks are the inevitable expressions of the intensified contradictions of capitalism. They usually precede the battle of arms.

## Silver Reaches New Lows in China

Capitalist reports from Shanghai state that Chinese silver units are displaying exceptional weakness. Quotations on Shanghai and Hongkong moved to new lows. Shanghai lost about 1 1/2 cents in about a week. Hongkong fell about 1 cent. This means a further raise in the cost of living in China and makes the lives of the teeming millions of the toiling masses more wretched and unbearable. A further intensification of class battles that are raging throughout the country, especially in the South, will necessarily follow.

## President Reviews Fleet for Coming War

The war display by a part of the American imperialist navy anchored in the very shadow of Wall Street during the last twelve days will be continued off the Virginia coast. President Hoover, who is now relaxing from his arduous labors, at his Virginia fishing retreat, will review the battle fleet today. The war preparations of the American imperialists have been speeded-up tremendously since the Naval Conference in London.

## Congo Strike Crushed by Belgians

BRUSSELS (I.P.S.).—According to a report from Matadi in the Belgian Congo the Negro crew of the post steamer "Leopoldville" went on a strike to secure better wages and working conditions. The authorities

immediately took police action, the leaders of the men were arrested and taken on land, the remaining strikers were threatened and intimidated and new hands taken on from shore and the strike crushed.

## Asks Victims to Support Imperialist Policy

LYONS, France, May 19.—Calling on world war veterans to support the imperialist policy of the French bosses, Premier Lardieu in a speech yesterday before the National Union of Combatants outlined the war

plans of the French master class. He called on the soldiers of the last imperialist slaughter, many of them minus arms and legs, which had been turned into gold for the bosses, to prepare for the "defense" of France's colonies.

## Socialist-Fascist Unity

VIENNA (I.P.S.).—The official organ of the Austrian Communist Party, the "Rote Fahne," reports that in Carinthia a league of executive officers and commanders of the social democratic Republican Defense League.

who fought for the freedom of Carinthia from the Yugoslavian forces of occupation in 1919. The league of this new organization are Heimwehr officers and commanders of the social democratic Republican Defense League.

## And They Call It "Improvement!"

That American capitalism is a blessing for all those whom it oppresses, exploits, murders in cold blood, deprives of their land and drives into slavery at the point of the bayonet is the brazen contention of Francis White, assistant secretary of state, who told the Institute of Polity at Richmond, Indiana, Saturday that the American "people" need not be ashamed of

Wall Street's rule in Cuba, Haiti and San Domingo. American imperialist intervention in the Caribbean countries, he maintained, always improved their conditions. This grim imperialist joke apparently refers to the hundreds of murdered Haitian peasants whose condition was recently "improved" with the help of machine guns in the hands of Wall Street's marines.

## Morrow Again Praises Rubio Regime

ATLANTIC CITY, May 18.—The Rubio regime in Mexico, which vies with the Chinese Chiang Kai-shek Nanking government in its servility to American imperialism, received another very bad reward from Morrow, who was the go-between who brought the Calles-Rubio group to the services of Wall Street, speaks about the Rubio government with the "tenderness" of a foster

father. In a speech to the New Jersey Bankers' Association last night he said that after fifteen years of more or less chaos there is every evidence "that Mexico is striving sincerely and successfully for recognition among the world powers." Of course, what Morrow means is that Mexico, by the betrayal of the Rubio renegades, has been brought "sincerely and successfully" under the iron claws of Wall Street imperialism.

## "Go West Young Man"—and Starve There, Too!

The wires recorded another victim of capitalist "prosperity" when Frank Williams, a forty-three-year-old unemployed worker from Huntington, N. J., died of starvation Friday at San Bernardino, Cali-

fornia. Williams, who was out of a job, hiked West, but found no work there either. He was found unconscious in a railroad yard at Needles, Cal., having eaten practically nothing for over a week.

# POWERS MEETING IN BIRMINGHAM

## Toilers Gather May 22 to Fight Death Plot

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 19.—The Communist Party is calling a mass protest meeting against the proposed legal lynching of Powers and Carr, who go to trial for their lives in Atlanta, May 27.

The Birmingham meeting, to which all workers are invited, will be Thursday night, at 1524 1/2 Second Ave.

M. H. Powers, district organizer of the Communist Party, and Joe Carr, district organizer of the Young Communist League, were arrested for organizing Negro and white workers together to fight against unemployment, starvation and exploitation.

They are charged with "insurrection" under a civil war law of Georgia, not used since passed. If convicted, they may be sentenced to the electric chair.

## HEARST'S CHILD SLAVERY SCORED

## Striking Workers Hit His Speedup Scheme

Janitors and elevator men and other employees, following the lead of the Building Maintenance Workers' Union of the Trade Union Unity League, continue their strike against the Hearst Publications.

Strikers are determined to carry on picketing and to force the Hearst Publications to recognize the union demands.

The capitalist press has refused to place any news in regard to the strike and they are attempting to kill the strike by not publishing the actual conditions of the porters, elevator operators and all the building maintenance workers in the building. The workers are not surprised at this attitude; they know the policy of the capitalist press on any demands of the workers.

Capitalist Hypocrisy. The Hearst Publications, in their papers, the American and the Mirror, are trying to represent to the workers that they fight for shorter hours and better wages, while at the same time they are exploiting their own employees to the limit. They are even hiring children under age. There is one instance where a worker, 13 years of age, in the 220 South St. building, receives only \$6 per week, while they parade in their press that they are against the exploitation of children.

They placed on the porters and elevator operators the worst speed-up that there is in existence, a 10-hour shift and lower wages. They kept on hiring and firing, and all those men who were hired had to pay \$10 to the employment agency for a job in the Hearst Publications.

The workers are demanding reinstatement of all those who were thrown out of work, the 8-hour day, a \$3 increase in wages and no discharge without the knowledge of the shop committee.

The Trade Union Unity League will mobilize its forces and will help the workers who are in this struggle to bring final victory.

## Hold Newark Women's Council Anniversary

NEWARK, N. J., May 19.—The Women's Council of Newark will celebrate their sixth anniversary with a banquet and concert on May 24 at the Workers' Center, 93 Mercer St.

The Women's Council decided that 50 per cent of the proceeds will be given to help build the circulation of the Daily Worker to 60,000 and in this way be able to reach the women workers who are slaving at terrible conditions.

Members of the John Reed Club will be secured to entertain the workers.

## Communist Activities

Unit Meetings Tonight. Unit 2, Section 4, 8 p. m., 143 E. 143rd St., room 6; Unit 1F, Section 2, 63 Whipple St., Brooklyn; Unit 1, Section 4, 180 Seventh Ave.; Unit 1, Section 5, 8 p. m., Wilkins and Intervale; Unit 2, Section 5, 8:30 p. m., 2061 Bryant Ave., Bronx.

Acting. Joint meeting district actprop committee and section actprop directors, Thursday, May 22, 8:30 p. m., 26 Union St.

Forward to Mass Conference Against Unemployment, Chicago July 4th

## Today in History of the Workers

May 20, 1775—Second American Continental Congress agreed on Articles of Confederation preparatory to revolution against England. 1887—Alexis Ulianov, brother of Lenin, executed for attempt on life of Tsar Alexander III. 1921—New York state troopers charged crowds in Albany car strike. 1923—Four hundred thousand coal and iron workers in the Ruhr region, Germany, struck against French occupation. 1927—First Pan-Pacific Trade Union Conference opened at Hankow, China, founded Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat. 1928—Reichstag elections in Germany, Communist Party got 3,263,000 votes and 54 seats.

## ARTISTS PROTEST WORKERS' ARREST

## Over 100 Sign Letter of John Reed Club

A protest against the 1,600 arrests for political reasons of workers and their leaders within the last few months has been circulated and signed by over 100 leading writers, artists and scientists. The John Reed Club, which drew up and started circulation of the protest document yesterday, together with the names of signers. These include Franz Boas, the anthropologist; Carl Van Doren, John Dos Passos, Hugo Gellert, Mike Gold, Louis Lozowick, H. L. Mencken, Jim Tully, Louis Untermeyer and many others.

"Release N. Y. Committee." The statement scores the imprisonment of Foster, Minor, Amter and Raymond in the March 6 Union Square demonstration and the attempt to electrocute Powers and Carr in Atlanta.

It says: "An Ohio court has actually sentenced two young girls to ten years in prison for distributing pamphlets. In California more than 900 unemployed were arrested for the crime of being out of work. In Chicago 137 are being tried for sedition for holding an indoor meeting to discuss unemployment. Milwaukee has jailed fifty-eight for participation in the March 6 unemployment demonstrations, and in the South workers are being sent to the chain-gang for organizing unions."

It pledges assistance to the International Labor Defense to fight for the release of these political prisoners.

Names of the Signers. A list of the signers follows:

- L. Adomany, Sherwood Anderson, Emilio Elias, Rev. Arthur G. Hayes, Franz Boas, Art Brody, Samuel Brody, Fritz Brons, Jacob Burck, David Barlink, Rev. B. Callahan, Walt Carmon, Ralph Cheyney, N. C. Chesborn, Lydia Cindogueria, Sarah N. Ciochran, on Cole, Malcolm Cowley, Franz E. Daniel, Miriam A. DeFord, John Dehn, DeWitt L. De Sauntes, Babette Deutsch, Carl Van Doren, John Dos Passos, Robert W. Dunn, Max Eastman, Edith Egan, Fred Ellis, Ernestine Evans, Kenneth Fearing, Sara Field, E. Waldso Frank, Harold E. Hays, Arthur G. Hayes, Hugo Gellert, Michael Gold, Plovis S. Grove, C. Hartley Grant, Horace Gregory, William Gropper, Rose Greening, Carl Haessler, E. Hadleyman, Julius M. Halperin, Julius Ruth Hale, Jack Hardy, Mina Barkavy, Prof. S. R. Harlow, Charles Y. Harrison, Alice D. Hays, Arthur G. Hayes, Lowell E. Hazard, Josephine Herbst, John Heriman, Harold Rickerson, Grace Hutchins, Estera Jshick, Joseph Kaplan, Ellen A. Kennan, Rev. C. E. Lester, Frank G. Lusk, Gordon L. Kitting, L. Klein, Alfred Kreyman, Joshua Kunitz, Melvin P. Levy, Louis Lozowick, Grace Lumpkin, Norman Macdonald, A. B. Magill, Jan Matulka, H. L. Mencken, Norma Milroy, Harriet Monroe, Prof. Frank M. Mann, Scott Nearing, Alfred H. Newman, Eugene Nickle, Joseph North, Harvey O'Connor, M. J. O'Leary, Joseph Pass, Morris Pass, Nemo Piccoli, Harry J. Potamkin, John Cowper Powys, Juanita Preval, Walter Quirt, Burton Rascoe, Anton Regretzky, Philip Reisman, Louis Ribak, Boardman Robinson, Anna Rochester, Anna Rosenberg, Julius Rosenthal, Martin Russett, Samuel Rusk, David Sapos, E. A. Schaeffer, Theodore Schell, Isidor Schneider, E. E. Lynn Scott, Edwin Seegar, Edith Segal, Esther Shemitz, William Siegel, Upton Sinclair, John Sloan, Otto Soslow, A. Solotaroff, Walter Snow, Raphael Sover, Herman Spector, Prof. J. M. Stainback, Genevieve Taggard, Eunice Tietens, Carlo Tresca, Jim Tully, Louis Untermeyer, Joseph Vogel, Keene Wallis, Frank Wells, Prof. R. E. Waxwell, Rose C. Weber, G. E. Wilson, Edmond Wilson, Jr., Adolf Wolff, Charles E. Wood, Art Young, Stark Young, Avrahm Yarmolinsky, William Zorach.

## Expel Renegade from Boro Pk. Worker Club

BROOKLYN, N. Y., May 19.—The Boro Park Workers Club expelled Paul Broder, former secretary of the club, as a renegade and betrayer of the left wing movement.

Broder organized a club called the Boro Park Workers Youth Club under the direct leadership of the renegade Lovestonites.

It worked, to some extent, as an agitational measure, particularly in small towns, where the struggle was just beginning. When the fight got serious, and the whole power of the state was thrown against the workers, it acted merely as an automatic trap to draw out of the organizational field and into the prisons all active members. When the prisons were full, the authorities built bull pens.

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# CHINA GENERALS GET MORE ARMS

## Progress of Revolt Continues Unimpeded

Nanking is reported to be gaining in battles around Suchow, but its northern militarist rivals are said to have just received large shipments of arms, ammunition and equipments from their imperialist masters.

Referring to the advancing Red Army, a cable dispatch to the New York Times yesterday says that "the bandit menace in the rear of the Nanking forces continues unabated since a large force appeared near Hankow, casting an ominous aspect over the entire Yangtze Valley situation. . . . The bandits' progress from the south is altogether unimpeded."

This unimpeded progress of the revolutionary forces will undoubtedly add much impetus and enthusiasm to the All-China Soviet Area Delegate Congress which is scheduled to meet on May 30.

## MEET TO PLAN BARBERS' FIGHT

## Called by TUUL, Wed., at 13 West 17th St.

The Trade Union Unity League Barbers' Section of Greater New York, 13 W. 17th St., has issued a statement on the fake stoppage called by Tartamella, which started yesterday.

The T. U. U. L. calls all barbers to a mass meeting at 6:30 p. m. on Wednesday at 13 W. 17th St., where there will be prominent speakers in English and Italian.

Take Over Strike. The purpose of the meeting is to mobilize the barbers to take the strike into their own hands and make it a real fight for the ten-hour day and five-day week, \$40 minimum wage, abolition of the hire and fire system, to compel the bosses to pay for an unemployment insurance system administered by workers' committees, and to fight against the company unionized A. F. of L. against corruption and expulsion of militant rank and files, and for organization of the unorganized into a militant industrial union controlled by the rank and file.

## Madras Battle; British Flog Textile Workers

(Continued from Page One) grenades thrown. One account says a bomb killed a police sergeant's horse, another is that several bombs were thrown, and police as well as workers killed.

Madras is across the country and far to the south of Bombay, in the vicinity of which much of the previous fighting has taken place. It is significant that this meeting was called by a Moslem, and that one of the points on the agenda was protest against British treatment of Egypt.

Flogging Workers. BOMBAY, May 19.—In Shelapur, where heavy concentration of British troops has regained the town after it was in possession of the demonstrators for several days, flogging of Indian textile workers and others is being conducted.

Hundreds of arrests are taking place. The troops raid surrounding villages and arrest those they think took part in the recent uprising.

720 More Arrested. BOMBAY, India, May 19.—The Gandhi demonstrators here continued a childish "prisoners' base" game with the police over the week end. Hundreds gathered to set spinning yarn just outside the wire fence surrounding the official salt piles in the northeastern end of Bombay island. When a policeman would look elsewhere, several would dart in and grab a handful or a cap full of salt. The greatest good humor prevailed.

But the police arrested 650 during Saturday and Sunday, and then this morning drove all away from the vicinity, and arrested 120 more.

Rotten Tactics. The tactic of "filling the jails" is known in America, being advocated by the I.W.W. during its free speech and anti-criminal syndicalism law drive.

It worked, to some extent, as an agitational measure, particularly in small towns, where the struggle was just beginning. When the fight got serious, and the whole power of the state was thrown against the workers, it acted merely as an automatic trap to draw out of the organizational field and into the prisons all active members. When the prisons were full, the authorities built bull pens.

## UNITY COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS ON THURSDAY

There will be an election of officers and executive committee at the next meeting of the Trade Union Unity Council Thursday, 7:45 p. m. at 13 W. 17th St. All delegates must attend without fail. All unions, industrial leagues, shop committees and groups that have not as yet elected their full quota of delegates should do so.

The membership drive and the Labor Unity campaign are closely connected with the building of the Trade Union Unity Council, the revolutionary trade union center, in New York. Every union, industrial league, shop committee and group must help build it.

## 2000 IN TORONTO PROTEST JAILING

## FrenchCanadian Labor Follows Communists

SUDBURY, Ont., May 19.—Two thousand workers demonstrated here in the streets against police brutality, and against the sentencing of 17 to one and two months in jail for May Day activity.

A large number of French-Canadian workers were in this demonstration and are responding more and more to the Communist Party program.

In spite of the fascist persecution, backed by the owners of nickel mines and lumber interests, the workers are joining the revolutionary industrial unions.

The Communist Party French language paper, L'Ouvrier Canadien, is welcomed by the workers here.

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# STRUGGLE AGAINST RIGHT WING IN COOPERATIVES AND THE TASKS OF THE PARTY

(Adopted by the Central Committee, C.P.U.S.A.)

**T**HE letter of the Polit Secretariat of the Executive Committee of the Communist International to our Party lays down the fundamental line of our co-operative work; it categorically condemns the right wing of Halonen and his followers, which manifested itself in Halonen's policies as Educational Director of Cooperative Central Exchange, where he replaced revolutionary class education by "education" on how to sell groceries, how to become effective business men, in a revision of a revolutionary class policy in cooperatives in the direction of petty bourgeois reformism. (2) In Halonen's position as CC cooperative fraction secretary, he entirely neglected to build up Communist fractions in the cooperatives. (3) In Ronn's participation in the Coolidge exception committee, with the knowledge of Halonen and leading cadres of Central Exchange. (4) In Halonen's open defiance of the Party and in his efforts to publish an open attack against the Party in the Party organ, "Tyomies," and wrest the control of "Tyomies."

The letter of the CI also throws light on the grossly opportunist mistakes made by a group of Finnish comrades in responsible positions in cooperative work, who did not take a definite stand against Halonen's betrayal of a class line in the cooperative work. The letter of the Polit Secretariat calls the attention of the Party members to the great importance of a genuine revolutionary, Marxist, Leninist, standpoint on all questions connected with the cooperative movement, and facilitates the application of such a standpoint in our general cooperative work.

While the letter of the Polit Secretariat fully endorses the political line of the Party in the fight against Halonen's betrayal, it criticized the Party, however, especially in that the Party was too slow in starting the fight against Halonen's right wing opportunist line. When it did start the fight the Party did not carry on sufficient ideological preparations, and also made certain tactical mistakes (too sudden organizational measures, which were not understood by the masses because of lack of ideological clarification). Ronn's (general manager of the Central Cooperative Exchange) participation in the Coolidge Reception Committee was sufficiently alarming, so that the Party should have given immediate attention to our cooperative leadership and should have made decisive changes at that time. Instead, Ronn was quietly expelled from the Party, without publicly condemning his line, and without starting a strong ideological campaign against the right wing line and leadership in the Central Cooperative Exchange. This was neglected for factional reasons.

While the question of Halonen's removal was already discussed a year ago, and many times during the last summer, the Party was "too busy" with other matters and so this important matter was left over until last fall. Much good time was lost and as stated in the CI letter, time which Halonen used in preparing his fight against the Party, which he knew was coming.

Finally, when the CC started the fight, this fight was hampered and weakened not only by the Party mistakes, but to an even greater extent by the vacillating and conciliatory stand taken by many leading comrades. These comrades hesitated to take up the struggle against Halonen's petty bourgeois opportunist line, and instead tried to exaggerate the Party's mistakes and occupied themselves with criticism against the Party. This vacillation by many leading comrades created confusion among the rank and file of the membership in the cooperatives and even among the weaker elements in the Party.

However, the Party's energetic fight against Halonen's right opportunist line forced him to come out openly, not only as an enemy of the Party and the Communist International, but also as class enemy of the revolutionary proletariat and poor farmers, against whose real interest he fought. In this fight, the Party exposed Halonen's efforts to make workers' and poor farmers' cooperatives into only petty trade institutions, as opposed to developing them into organs of struggle against capitalist exploitation and the capitalist system. This great difference between Halonen's political and class neutrality and between the revolutionary class struggle line of the Party, has been clarified in this fight for the great number of workers and poor farmers in the cooperatives, who have, during this struggle, come closer to the Party.

This struggle against the right wing opportunists in the cooperatives is part of the fight against the incurable opportunist elements in every Communist Party during this third period, and regardless of former groupings, all those who have taken up struggle against the Communist International are now making alliances in their fight against the revolutionary line of the CI. For example, we see Lovestone and Halonen, formerly bitter enemies, now supporting each other.

Halonen's betrayal was finally and unmistakably exposed in the annual convention of the Cooperative Central Exchange, where his phrases about "democracy" and "neutrality" were unmasked. All of the enemies of the Communist Party and the working class—church people, social fascists, former IWWites, Alanne, Orrn, and all the rest of the renegades against the Communist and Revolutionary Opposition were united by Halonen. Tenhunen, Corgan, and Vainionpa, founders and builders of the Finnish Workers and Poor Farmers' Cooperatives and founders of the Cooperative Exchange itself, were removed from the board. Reactionary and renegade elements were elected to their places. The Cooperative Central Exchange convention was a thoroughly machine-conducted meeting, ruled by a united front of reactionary, social fascist renegades, bureaucratic clique of cooperative officials. The revolutionary opposition was not even allowed to introduce its resolutions.

The Communists and the revolutionary left wing made a splendid fight exposing Halonen's

demagogic talk of "democracy" as bureaucratic clique rule and his theory of "neutrality" as the theory of the bourgeoisie against the interests of the workers and poor farmers in the cooperatives. Our Communist fraction and the revolutionary opposition, despite the fact that they were allowed only five minute speeches, put very clearly the role of the working class cooperatives in the proletarian class struggle. In their program and in various resolutions which they prepared for the convention, the revolutionary position was made clear.

As a result of our fight, the revolutionary opposition has been crystallized and greatly consolidated. It is now the task of the Party to continue the fight against the reformists, social fascists and renegade elements in the cooperatives, to win over the masses for the line of the Communist International and to draw the cooperatives more closely to every class struggle of the working class.

In order to do this, we must link up our work in the cooperatives with the work amongst the unemployed. Our fractions must fight to make the cooperatives show their solidarity with the unemployed workers, by actively participating in their demonstrations, by granting credits to unemployed workers and strikers, selling food to them at cost prices, etc.

In the same way, our fractions must fight to make the cooperatives assist strike movements and show class solidarity with the striking workers, assist them financially, giving donations from their surplus and goods on credit and participating in their demonstrations and meetings wherever possible.

It is also of the utmost importance that our fractions emphasize the necessity of the cooperatives assisting in the organization of the unorganized workers into the TUUL and into new revolutionary unions and at the same time drawing new members into the cooperatives, from the ranks of these basic proletarian elements in the heavy industries and thereby strengthening the cooperatives with sound proletarian elements.

In this period of the sharpening contradictions between the imperialist powers themselves on the one hand and of the war preparations against the Soviet Union on the other hand, our fractions must strive to make the cooperatives actively participate in the struggle against the imperialist war and in the defense of the Soviet Union.

Cooperatives also, as working class organizations, must be won for participation in the defense of class war prisoners, and for the building up of a mass workers' defense organization, the International Labor Defense, and help it in its work.

The duty of the Communist fractions in the cooperatives is to work for class participation of the cooperatives in all the struggles of the workers under the leadership of our Party. It is absolutely necessary that this struggle against the right wing be linked up with these tasks. Only this way will we be able to win over the masses in the cooperatives for the line of the Party and educate them in the class struggle. Only in this way can the cooperatives be made organs of the class struggle.

In order to accomplish these tasks, the CC cooperative department must be made to function regularly. It must establish close connection with the CI cooperative sections and with the cooperatives of the Soviet Union. The CC Cooperative Department must study cooperative questions thoroughly and organize local cooperative fractions and through them, establish close connections with the revolutionary left wing and with the masses in the cooperatives.

Every district committee must establish a cooperative department and pay close attention to the cooperative work. Especially must this be done in those districts like District 9 and others, where there are many working class cooperatives.

The first duty of the Communist fractions is, to win the revolutionary left wing and the progressive elements for the Party program in the cooperative field.

The Party must immediately start an effective enlightenment campaign and discussion of the CI letter in the Party press. Especially the Party language papers, Finnish, Jewish, etc., must explain in detail the letter of the Political Secretariat of the CI and the role of the Communists and revolutionary workers and poor farmers in the cooperatives. Also wherever they control, or have influence, our fractions must start local cooperative house or shop organs for the membership, utilizing them in furthering the revolutionary line of the Party, by linking that up with the local questions, etc.

Discussion must be organized in every Party nucleus and in every Communist fraction in the cooperatives and from this the discussion must be taken up to the other working class organizations and finally to the shareholders' meetings of the cooperatives.

The Party must also issue cooperative literature, such as "Lenin on the Cooperatives," etc., in English.

While our immediate aim is to defeat Halonen and his followers in the working class cooperatives, and to continue the struggle against the alliance of Warbasse, Alanne, and Halonen, our general aim is, by our activities in the cooperatives, to win over the masses of workers and poor farmers for Communism. And in order to do this, we must study this question and find ways and means in our educational and organizational work and by correct tactics, to convince, by our work in the cooperatives, the rank and file members, that only we, Communists, stand for their class interests and that our line is the only line which they can support.

The Communists and revolutionary opposition must now concentrate its fight on the local cooperatives and for the winning over to the revolutionary class line of the Comintern and our Party those masses who have until now mistakenly followed Halonen's petty bourgeois line.

## AS THE CRISIS GROWS

—By Bill Gropper



Morgan, Hoover and Green (capitalism, its government, and its American Federation of Labor) were standing unemployment very nicely. They had it all fixed up that the workers should starve, without demands for more wages or for shorter hours. Now comes the great campaign for 50,000 new members in revolutionary unions, and a great national unemployment convention in Chicago July 1-5.

## The Movies As a Weapon Against the Working Class

By S. B.

**T**HE United States produces more than eighty-five per cent of the world's motion pictures. One hundred and ten million people see these films each week in the United States alone. It is with peacockish pride that Will Hays, so-called "czar" of the industry and arch-hypocrite, proclaims that the motion picture is now a two and a half billion dollar industry! But the motion pictures are not merely an industry in the same sense as say, the steel or oil industries. Besides being a tremendously profitable enterprise almost entirely in the hands of four powerful trusts (Fox, Warner Bros., Paramount-Famous-Lasky and Radio-Keith-Orpheum, it is at the same time a powerful instrument in the hands of American imperialism for doping the minds of the workers with "wholesome entertainment," and for spreading counter-revolutionary propaganda.

### The New Saloon.

To a large extent the movies have taken the place of the saloon and the church in the everyday lives of the workers. It is this competition with the church that accounts for the frequent attacks on the motion pictures by religious organizations. Only the other day the General Conference of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church launched an attack on the movies which was given a lot of publicity in the capitalist press. "... the motion picture theatre—the greatest menace to morals and religion the church has had to face in many years." So the proclamation read in part. A keen competition which cannot fail to end up in the triumph of the more modern motion picture with its "talk" and "color" and "wide film" and stereoscopy.

As to prohibition, the cultural minimum which the capitalist class permits the workers to enjoy is much more profitably supplied in the form of imbecile films of the current mystery brand, than the time spent in saloons. While whiskey results in a lowering of the productive capacity of the worker, the film kills two birds with one stone by stupefying him while allowing him to retain his working efficiency. Ford may threaten to fire intoxicated workers, but he will only find words of encouragement when it comes to their seeing movies.

And speaking of films that dope the minds of the workers, the last eighteen months have exceeded all possible limits in output of morose films. There is no need to name films to prove this, suffice it to quote Adolph Zukor, head of the largest film producing, distributing and exhibiting organization in the world, who offers the following excuse in defense of films that are an offense to the intelligence of even a 14-year old child. "The intelligence of the average movie-goer is that of a fourteen-year old child." Hollywood does not produce special films for children. The same "wholesome entertainment" is dealt to children and adult minds alike. Any wonder that the Soviet Union has found it necessary to forbid the admittance of children under sixteen into theatres showing films made in the United States.

### Children and Movies.

The question of children and the movies deserves a little more attention. The tragedy of juvenile delinquency that capitalism creates is closely allied to the movies that are shown to American workingclass children, over ninety per cent of whom attend movies from once a month to seven times a week.

"Movies is the real stuff. They ain't like at home. That ain't real life—home. It's just hollerin' and fightin' all the time and—kids, Pa's drunk. Ma yells and the kids cryin'."

You see things in the movies that are different—it's another life. Fine clothes, cars. Poor people want these things too and they ain't got them. Movies gives you the real stuff. Then it's over soon and you come out on the street and it's the same old thing for you, just like before you went in."

This is a stenographic report of what a seventeen-year old boy in the New York State School for Boys replied when asked his opinion of the movies.

And a fourteen-year old delinquent girl: "Movies make most anything seem all right. Things that look bad on the outside don't seem to be bad at all in the movies."

It was at the end of the nineteenth century, in the mining sections of Pennsylvania that the movies first made their appearance, commercially. They supplied the necessary safety valve for the recreation of twelve-hour-a-day slaves. But great a blessing as the movies were for the capitalist class at their origin, they are thousands fold more valuable today that Hollywood represents the third largest industry in the United States.

### Truification.

The complete truification of the motion pictures in the last two or three years has resulted in a more conscious shaping of this supreme propaganda machine by the capitalists. Consider that Owen D. Young, of Young Plan fame, is the man who leads Wall Street in the movies and helped organize the powerful Radio-Keith-Orpheum chain.

The three new and most important features that have come to light since the wave of truification have been the following:

- (1) The increasing importance of the newsreel.
- (2) The production of an unheard of number of war films.
- (3) Use of the most primitive and vulgar themes in the average run of films.

Without going into a detailed analysis of the special value of the newsreel for propaganda purposes, it is sufficient to point out that Fox, Hearst, M-G-M and Paramount have doubled and tripled their weekly output and never before has the documentary film played such an important role in the movies. In a later article we will explain the reason why we believe that even if the film as an industry declines, which, incidentally, is very possible, the newsreel will be retained as the purest and most efficient weapon for spreading reactionary propaganda. At any rate, the theatre showing exclusively newsreels is a recent and significant phenomenon. Nearly every large city in the country at the present time has at least one house screening newsreels exclusively and at nominal admission fees.

As to the war films, it is a well-known fact that the U. S. War Department cooperates with producers in the making of films like Wings, Flight, Cock-Eyed World, Tell it to the Marines, and others. Mr. Lasky recently was decorated for such cooperation by the U. S. government.

### The Stinking Quality.

The stinking quality of the "entertainment" films is the result of the digging into cheap novels and musical comedies in a desperate effort to revive interest in an industry which at the time of the invention of the "talkie" three years ago, was on the verge of complete collapse.

Hollywood at the present time is a thoroughly fascized machine, ready to pour out imperialist propaganda not only to America, but to the whole world. (American films are sent to seventy countries.) The Public Relations Committee which watch-

## PRE-CONVENTION DISCUSSION

### How Shall We Organize the Unorganized?

By EARL BROWDER.

**W**HEN the Party Convention meets on June 20th, one of the most important problems which it must pass judgment on is our trade union work. The main line proposed by the Central Committee, in its thesis and in the trade union resolution, is the organization of the unorganized into the revolutionary unions, and the independent leadership of economic struggles. This line, the product of our past years of experience and of the leadership of the Red International of Labor Unions, undoubtedly has the support of the overwhelming majority of the Party. In the main, the attacks made upon it come from outside the Party, from the renegades of the Lovestone and Trotskyite groups, and from the fascists and social-fascists. There is, however, still some unclarity among some Party members, and an occasional voice is raised against this line. For example, in discussing trade union problems, Comrade Kurt Stahl (in Der Arbeiter on May 8), comes out most sharply with the conclusion that "it must be our task and duty to mobilize the membership of the Party against this wrong line."

Comrade Stahl, by thus challenging the line of the Central Committee, lays upon it the task and duty to convince him (if that is possible) that he is wrong and that the Party is correct. Such a task can also be the occasion for a restatement of the trade union policy in a way calculated to clear up some misconceptions more widely held among the membership than those of Comrade Stahl.

### Development of the New Line.

The present policy of the Party represents a sharp turn from that followed for many years (approximately from 1922 to 1928), which made the center of all trade union work the penetration of the A. F. of L. and the building of left-wing groups therein, upon a program of transforming the A. F. of L. unions into organs of the class struggle for the workers. The former policy was, in general, correct for the period in which it was applied. But in the course of those seven years, certain changes took place, first in the general conditions of the class struggle (transition from the second to the third period of post-war capitalism), and second in the transformation of the trade union bureaucracy into fascist shock-troops of the capitalist class. With the changing conditions, our policy changed also. It is true, not fast enough, however, as the change in policy was accomplished only under the blows of sharp defeat. Two experiences stand out as the most effective in bringing up sharply to face the necessities of the newly developing conditions of the class struggle. These were the Passaic strike and the Colorado coal strike.

In Passaic our Party made one of its first steps in directly organizing the unorganized workers. It did this faltering, without any

clear boldly-conceived policy, but the pressure of the movement of the workers quickly carried us into a great strike, in which the Party was recognized by the workers and the world as the unquestioned leader. Faced with the question, how to organize the unorganized, in this concrete form, we tried to fit it into our established policy of working "within the main stream" of the labor movement, the A. F. of L. We set ourselves the task of bringing these workers into the United Textile Workers.

It is unnecessary at this moment to recall all the incidental blunders that were made in this great struggle. It was a magnificent class fight, in which the Party organized a national movement of masses in support, over many long months. But the basically wrong conception of the A. F. of L. as "the main stream," into which all efforts must flow, led us finally to a disastrous and shameful capitulation to the A. F. of L. bureaucracy. We delivered the Passaic workers over to the United Textile Workers Union, which destroyed all organization within a few months.

In Colorado the coal miners came out on strike, under the nominal leadership of the I. W. W. We had a great left-wing mass movement on within the United Mine Workers at the time, and a national strike was going on. We could have united the Colorado movement of hitherto unorganized miners with our left wing, if we would not insist that in Colorado they should join the U.M.W. But we were afraid of organizing any workers outside the A. F. of L.; consequently the Colorado miners continued their movement isolated from the main body of the left wing, and under the disastrously blundering leadership of the I. W. W. to final defeat and breakup of their organization. At the same time, our left wing in the U.M.W. had been paralyzed by the united front with Brophy, Howat and Haggood, who effectively prevented any independent leadership.

Shortly afterward, came the Ninth Plenum of the Comintern and the Fourth World Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions. These international gatherings registered the first practical recognition of the "Third Period," which was only established theoretically a year and a half later at the Sixth World Congress of the Comintern. This international reorientation, expressed in the slogan "Class against class," and the sharper fight against social-democracy and its fake left wing, when applied to the examination of our experiences in America, produced the program for the independent organization of the unorganized into revolutionary trade unions given us by the Fourth Congress of the R.I.L.U. (1928). This soon resulted in the foundation of the National Textile Workers Union, the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, and the National Miners Union.

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es over the quality of the films produced is composed of the following organizations:

- National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.
- National Education Association.
- Federal Council of Churches of Christ of America.
- International Committee of the Y.M.C.A.
- Boy Scouts of America.
- Girl Scouts of America.
- American Legion.
- American Federation of Labor.
- National Community Center Association.
- Camp Fire Girls.
- American Sunday School Union.
- Chautauqua Institute.
- Daughters of the American Revolution.
- National Board of the Y.M.C.A.
- International Federation of Catholic Alumnae.
- Russell Sage Foundation.
- Central Conference of American Rabbis.
- Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.
- National Catholic Welfare Conference.
- American Library Association, etc.

In 1925 this committee became a permanent and actual part of the motion picture industry. In other words, every jingo and fascist organization in the country has a say as to what pictures the workers are to see. After this, one need no longer be surprised at the quality of pictures shown.

Censorship in the United States is from day to day becoming more vicious. Despite the fact that strict control is exercised at the point of production, the great danger remains the newsreel, which for technical reasons cannot very easily be overseen. Czar Hays, can, however, cause any "dangerous" newsreel to be burned at a moment's notice, as in the case of the Sacco-Vanzetti films, the movie records of which have been destroyed. Also the police commissioner of any city is empowered with the privilege of ruling out whatever he may think objectionable in a newsreel. A flagrant example of this was the action of Forgery Whalen, who saw to it that the films of the March 6 demonstration in New York were not shown. I want once more to emphasize the news-film is the important thing; that the capitalist class knows that there are certain things that it cannot afford to have shown. It is afraid of some pictures. On the other hand, it has learned to use this kind of film to its own advantage. Hence the concentration on the newsreel in the past year.

American capitalism has also learned to use the movies for directly militarist purposes. There are 84 army motion picture theatres showing films from twice to seven times weekly. They are under the supreme supervision of Major General Charles H. Bridges, with branch managers in the five army territorial divisions throughout the country. Before long every army post will be equipped with sound projection apparatus as a means of instructing soldiers in up-to-date mass murder technique.

We must challenge this pernicious use of the film against us. We must openly fight against jingo films by hissing them off the screen. Films are being used against the workers like police clubs, only more subtly—like the reactionary press. If the capitalist class fears pictures and prevents us from seeing records of events like the March 6 unemployment demonstration and the Sacco-Vanzetti trial we will equip our own cameramen and make our own films. The vogue of sound films, and the

tremendous expense that goes with it by no means make this impossible. In their present state, the talkies are by far inferior in their technical value to even the old silent films, made in Hollywood. Moreover, we have in the labor movement individuals who have absorbed and studied the best in the Russian methods and can produce films more economically and effectively than the capitalist studios.

### The Bunk About Over-population

**T**HE theory that wars are caused by "over-population" which is a very common fallacy and which is advanced by bourgeois theoreticians for the purpose of misleading the workers as to the real cause of war was again pronounced a few days ago by a Baptist pastor, MacArthur, in a speech at a dinner of the American Eugenic Society and the Eugenics Research Association.

He said, "there must be legalized control of human race increase before the saturation point leads to war on the part of Italy, under its saber-rattling dictator, or on the part of Japan and China with their teeming millions."

It should be remembered that Italian fascism and Japanese imperialism will go to war not because they want to dispose of their so-called "surplus" population but because the exploiting classes in these countries want more colonies for exploitation.

As for China, it is obvious that wars and revolutions are caused by the contradictions inherent in imperialism and native reaction and are not due to "over-population."

To get profits, and more profits, is the driving force behind the war for the colonies and the real cause for war. The theory of "surplus population" has been used by the imperialists merely as a cover and an "argument" for the real purpose of their colonial policies and no class conscious worker should be fooled by it.

**Demand the release of Foster, Minor, Amer and Raymond, in prison for fighting for unemployment insurance.**

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