

FARMER-LABOR PARTY '36 CONVENTION IS DECISION OF CHICAGO CONFERENCE

Clash Looms As Red Army Enters Hopei

Peiping Rail Station Occupied By Japan-Students Active

PEIPING, May 31.—With the Chinese Red Army reported on the western border of Hopei province and anti-imperialist student demonstrations rising throughout the land, Japanese troops today occupied the main railroad station here as a decisive show-down seemed imminent.

[Earl E. Leaf, United Press correspondent now in Peiping, today reported that "Chinese Communist armies are operating due west of the Peiping-Tientsin area." Both cities are located in Hopei province, which is immediately west of Shansi province, previously reported the scene of Chinese Red Army victories.]

Forces from the Japanese Embassy tramped with arms and equipment through the heart of Peiping's Legation quarter. Soldiers with machine guns and fixed bayonets held the railway center.

Fresh Troops Simultaneously transports arrived with fresh troops from Japan and landed them at Tangku, the port for Tientsin, and at Chinwangtao, the port for Shanhaikuan on the border of Manchukuo where the Great Wall of China comes down to the sea.

Other troops moved down from the Japanese garrisons in Manchukuo to the strategic Great Wall passes. Accelerated Japanese troop movements, accompanied by the sabre rattling of Japanese military commanders and diplomats, increased North China tension to a pitch higher than that reached even in 1933 when invading forces advanced to within 10 miles of the gates of the walled city of Peiping.

Students, angered by heavy reinforcement of Japanese North China garrisons, were kept in check only by heavily armed Chinese police who occupied schools and university campuses and kept demonstrators from parading or staging mass meetings of protest.

Japanese troops in movements into Peiping and vicinity followed close on the heels of yesterday's blowing-up of a section of track on the railway line from Tangku to Tientsin. Japanese authorities immediately charged that the incident was due to an attempt to bomb a train carrying thirty Japanese officers which had crossed the spot of the explosion a short time before.

Chinese railway authorities asserted that Koreans and Japanese had removed spikes from the railway ties in order to afford the Japanese military command with "reason" for annexing the five north Chinese provinces.

Maneuver for Control The Japanese plan, it is believed, is to put Emperor Kang Teh, Japanese puppet in "Manchukuo" in control of North China.

Already the Japanese have concentrated heavy army units in Peiping and Tientsin. They have a large force in occupation at Fengtai, important junction between Peiping and Tientsin controlling all railway traffic between Peiping and Mukden, Tientsin, Nanking and Hankow.

Students at Tsinghua University in Peiping yesterday declared a five-day strike against the intensified Japanese invasion. Two thousand students at Shanghai demonstrated demanding that the Nanking Government join the Anti-Imperialist Alliance against Japan organized with the help of the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese Red Army.

North China Autonomy Demanded

TIENTSIN, June 1 (UP).—Chairman Li Ting-Yu of the "People's Autonomous Association of the Republic of China" today telegraphed General Sung Chih-Yuan, representative of the Nanking government, demanding that North China immediately declare complete "autonomy."

Wayne County Officials Face Grilling in Inquiry Of Black Legion Murders

One-Man Grand Jury Is Opposed By Liberal Groups

DETROIT, Mich., May 31.—Three high officials of Wayne County, a leading figure of the Republican Party, and two judges, faced a grilling here today before the Grand Jury investigating the murder activities of the notorious Black Legion, State Attorney General Crowley made known today.

The names of the three prominent officials charged with being members of the hooded night-riders, were not divulged. Within the past few days, more than a dozen persons holding key political positions throughout the Legion-infested area have been revealed as either members of the assassin band, or strongly suspected of having taken part in the fog-gings, bombings and actual murders committed by the black-robed organization.

Oppose One-Man Jury

Aroused citizens throughout the state are openly demanding a cessation of the "one-man Grand Jury" procedure of the investigators, who have been conducting the investigation generally behind locked doors, and withholding vital information from the public. Scores of liberal, church and working class groups are insisting on an open public investigation, to be conducted under the jurisdiction of broad citizens committees.

Charges that the affair is becoming "too hot" for the political bigwigs of the Michigan State Republican machine, and that there is a danger that the investigation will be maneuvered into "whitewash" channels to save the necks of many public officials involved in Black Legion depredations, are being made against the Republican Crowley crowd.

The Wayne County Farmer-Labor Party Committee today warned against such an eventuality, in an open statement, issued from that organization's headquarters. Listing a whole series of violence extending to murder of labor organizers, the statement charges a group of well-known Republican office holders of being involved in the affairs of the Black Legion.

Party Issues Warning

It declares: "We already have a glimpse of the intimate connection between the Republican Party and the Black Legion. The Republican ex-Governor, Wilbur M. Brucker, who energetically pressed for the passage of the notorious anti-labor Dunckel-Baldwin bill, in the Michigan legislature, chose none other than Wolverine Republican League, which harbored one branch of the Black Legion, at which to make his

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60,000 in Walkouts Hold French Shops

PARIS, May 31.—Sixty thousand workers today remained in possession of thirty munitions and metallurgical factories in the famous "Red Belt" around Paris as 50,000 others scored the biggest strike victory since the beginning of the crisis. The first great economic expression of the political gains scored by the People's Front in the recent national election saw union officials and employers draft new contracts giving sweeping concessions to the workers. The great Citroen auto works gave their workers a 10 per cent wage increase, one week's vacation annually with pay and no more overtime work.

Negotiations are proceeding in many plants and the Sarraut Government hopes they will be evasuated by tomorrow. The Socialist Party Congress which opened yesterday re-elected Leon Blum president of the Party and appointed Vincent Auriol as general secretary. The Congress received a letter from the French Communist Party stating that "the next government led by the Socialists will benefit by our unflinching support to realize the program of the People's Front."

It was also decided to oppose the re-election of the reactionary, Ferdinand Bouisson as president of the Chamber of Deputies. On a motion by Roger Salengro, Mayor of Lille, it was voted to propose to the other parties in the People's Front that bills be presented before the Chamber by any one of the parties, only by agreement with all.

Liberty League and Hearst Behind the Black Legion

AN EDITORIAL

HEARST, the Republican Liberty-League, aided by the open-shop employers are the real forces behind the murderous Black Legion!

The Daily Worker has repeatedly stated this since a horrified nation was first confronted with "IT CAN HAPPEN HERE" in its own boundaries. Now, America's Public Enemy Number One, Hearst, confirms our contentions!

In a brazen and cynical article, carried in all the Hearst press Saturday, America's head fascist has started a campaign to whitewash and adorn with a cloak of "respectability" the bloody assassins of the Black Legion!

The Hearst New York American reveals that the Legion has sprung from the poisonous soil of America's leading fascist bankers and "statesmen."

And who else can these gentlemen be but the duPonts, Raskobs, Smiths, Sloans, etc., of the Republican-Liberty League?

The Hearst correspondent from Detroit writes: "A reputable national organization numbering among its members some of America's most DISTINGUISHED STATESMEN and FINANCIERS was regarded by the Black Legion, terrorist cult, as an ally in its plots of wholesale murder."

"This was indicated to Universal Service tonight after a visit to the SECRET HEADQUARTERS of the black-robed band, revealing also the Black Legion is still 'going strong.'"

Thus Hearst now "shifts" his characterization of the Black Legion, from "riff-raff," as he demagogically termed the thugs in the beginning to—"distinguished," "reputable" people.

THE Hearst representative was taken into the confidence of the Legionnaires—allowed to see who were present at the illegal meeting, and told the name of the "nationally reputable organization" backing

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Jersey Jobless Dockers Vote In Convention To Ask Raise

Workers Alliance Opens Session In Trenton—Rasmussen Speaks

(Special to the Daily Worker) TRENTON, N. J., May 31.—The Army of Unemployment was in New Jersey's capital city again today. Unemployed workers from all over the State, who had participated in the occupation of the State House last month, greeted each other again as the Unity Convention of the Workers Alliance opened here. Symbolic of the spirit of unity which prevailed, out of the common struggles of New Jersey's unemployed, was the seating by acclamation of the delegates of the United Association of Unemployed, on motion of John Spain, Jr.

Paul Rasmussen, national organizer of the Workers Alliance of America made a stirring speech to the convention, urging the formation of the Farmer-Labor Party

200 Arabs Are Held By Britain

JERUSALEM, May 31.—Two hundred leading Arabian nationalists will be placed in concentration camps as a warning to the whole Arabian movement, it was reported today by the semi-official Zionist Falcor News Agency.

At the same time, British High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchop took steps to hold the whole Arabian people in Palestine directly responsible for the anti-imperialist uprising. Arabian village chieftains, called "mukhtars" were informed that "collective punitive measures" were imminent. The chieftains wanted to know how they could be required to keep "order" if the British Government found itself unable to do it.

Barracks are being erected in desert places, to act as concentration camps, it is reported. The government has already drawn up a list of 200 Arabian "agitators" as the first group to be sent away.

French Town Council Gives Ernst Thaelmann Honorary Citizenship

PARIS, May 31.—The Town Council of Montreuil, has adopted the following resolution: "The Town Council send Ernst Thaelmann the assurance of their fraternal sympathy and solidarity. The meeting salutes in Thaelmann, the martyr of fascism, the symbol of the wishes and hopes of the workers of Germany, oppressed by a terrorist government which supports only the capitalist class."

"The Council are confident that with this they express the feelings of the working population of Montreuil, and hope that the German people, true to their cultural past, to Emanuel Kant, Schiller, Goethe, and Karl Marx, will break their chains of slavery in the near future. The Town Council resolves to give Ernst Thaelmann the title of an honorary citizen of Montreuil."

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Strikers Win Pay Increase In Arkansas

Tenant Farmers Union Recognized By Planters In One County

By Rex Pitkin (Special to the Daily Worker) BLYTHEVILLE, Ark., May 31.—Planters in the northern section of Mississippi County, their fields overrun with weeds and their short cotton plants badly in need of attention, yesterday recognized the Southern Tenant Farmers Union and granted substantial wage increases to strikers.

Workers returned to the fields on a wage scale calling for a dollar for a ten-hour day and \$1.25 for a twelve-hour day plus transportation to and from the fields.

Before the strike was called two weeks ago the standard rate of pay throughout Eastern Arkansas was seventy-five cents for a work day which began at sun-up and ended at sun-down. The union's demand was for a dollar and a half for a ten-hour day.

Strike Spreads The strike until now has been centered in Cross, Crittenden and St. Francis Counties, and it was not expected that workers in Mississippi County would heed the strike call. But the strike is rapidly spreading throughout the Arkansas cotton area.

The planters of Mississippi County who agreed to sign contracts with the Southern Tenant Farmers Union pledged the union not to reveal their names. "So strongly organized are the landlords, absentee planters and land companies that the plantation owners who were forced to recognize the union fear reprisals. They are afraid that the other planters who are bent on destroying the union will combine against them."

Local leader of the union who was instrumental in arranging the successful settlement in Mississippi County said that "the cotton choppers strike put the planters on the spot here. Only a few went to work after we receded the strike leaders. The big fields were without a chopper in sight all last week. So this morning the price was raised to \$1.00 for ten hours and \$1.25 for 12 hours and we also get transportation to and from the fields. This strike has been worth thousands of dollars to the Mississippi County workers alone. The planters are demoralized. Grass growing to their knees."

2,200 Miners Set to Strike

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 31.—Attempts by the United States Steel Corporation to smash their union led 2,200 metal miners here to prepare to strike at 6 o'clock tonight. The men are members of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

By nightfall all the iron ore mines of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railway Company—a subsidiary of United States Steel—are expected to be closed down tonight.

George Googe, Southern representative of the American Federation of Labor, arrived here last night, and charged that a concerted effort had been made by the company to destroy the union organizing here. "This is an opening wedge," Googe stated, "of an attempt by United States Steel, to break up all trade unions."

The walk-out of the metal miners will be the largest strike in the Birmingham industrial region since the coal strike of last year.

Soviet Safeguards Worker in Industry

MOSCOW, May 31.—Numerous safeguards for the protection of Soviet workers, especially in cases of job transfers and dismissals, are provided for in the decisions of the Soviet Control Commission, which held continuous sessions from May 22 to May 26, just made public.

Flatly prohibited in the future are any dismissals or refusal to give employment to anybody on grounds of "social origin" or court convictions against the parents. To make this decision effective, it was decided to make a sweeping review of all previous rulings on cases of this sort. On the basis of reexaminations by trade unions and other institutions, past fines and reprimands will be voided.

Antikainen Witness Intimidated

(Special to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, May 31. (By Cable).—Barbarous police treatment accorded Feodor Matveyev, a witness brought to testify at the trial of Toivo Antikainen in Helsinki, Finland, from the Soviet Union, has evoked strong protest from the Soviet Government.

Antikainen, Soviet commander who opposed the invasion of Soviet Karelia by Finnish Whites in 1932, was sentenced to life imprisonment on Friday by the Finnish Supreme Court on a trumped-up charge of having been responsible for the death of one of his prisoners at that time.

As a witness, Matveyev was guaranteed complete protection and safety in Finland but he became the victim of persecution by Finnish White Guards and police as soon as he arrived in Helsinki.

Matveyev found himself a victim of the Finnish police. (Continued on Page 2)

Amalgamated and Minnesota Leaders Join in Resolution On Congressional Candidates

OUTSTANDING MINNESOTA LEADERS



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Advisory Group of 15 To Act With Minnesota Party in Call

By C. A. Hathaway (Special to the Daily Worker) CHICAGO, Ill., May 31.—A convention to form a National Farmer-Labor Party will be held this year. This was considered certain today when the conference of labor, farmer and progressive leaders called by the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party in the Morrison Hotel here unanimously went on record urging the Minnesota Party to call such a convention. The conference, moreover, set up an advisory committee of fifteen members, representative of groups outside of Minnesota, to cooperate with the State Committee of the Minnesota Party in arranging and calling this national convention. A significant feature of the decision reached is that it specifically requests the Minnesota F. L. P. to contact and to seek the cooperation of significant and representative organizations and bodies in the field.

This was interpreted to mean particularly an appeal to labor's non-partisan league and to the Committee on Industrial Organization headed by John L. Lewis and Sidney Hillman.

Resolution

The full text of the resolution, introduced jointly by J. B. S. Hardman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the leaders of the Minnesota F. L. P. follows in full: 1. "That this conference goes on record as favoring the formation of a national party of farmers, labor, liberal middle class, and professional and unemployed workers' organizations.

2. "That this conference formulates the essential political and economic reasons for the formation of such party.

3. "That this conference favors the launching of independent Farmer, Labor and Liberal Congressional candidates in the various states and districts where there may be a chance of success in 1936.

4. "That this conference requests the Minnesota State Farmer-Labor Association Committee to continue its efforts toward bringing about the launching of a national party, as above described, in 1936. To that end the State Committee of the Farmer-Labor Association of Minnesota is asked actively to contact and to seek the cooperation of significant and representative organizations and bodies in the field.

5. "That this conference asks the State Committee to select 15 members of this gathering to act as an advisory and cooperating council to help in the realization of the above indicated aims.

6. "That the formal sponsorship of calling a determining convention for the launching of a national party should be left open at this time and that the Farmer-Labor Association of Minnesota be given discretionary powers to decide on the form of action in consultation with the Advisory Council."

The conference is continuing its work, drafting its declaration of principles and choosing its Continuations Committee. It has been marked by the greatest harmony throughout.

5,000 Steel Workers At Edgewater Mills Quit Company Union

(Special to the Daily Worker) VERONA, Pa., May 31.—Five thousand steel workers, employed by the Edgewater Steel Company here, have decided to break with the company union and organize an independent union. The company was forced to recognize the newly formed independent union of the steel workers.

Many of those leading this new union are very much in favor of joining the forces fighting for industrial unionism in the steel industry, supporting fully the program and proposals of the Committee on Industrial Organization in this industry.

Set Up Labor Camps

MODESTO, Cal., May 31 (FP).—Growers in Stanislaus county, led by the gigantic Solyo ranch, plan to establish migratory labor camps of their own to compete with the new federal camps for transient. Tent platforms, washrooms and toilets will be provided.

Strike Issues

Circulation of Hearst Paper Cut in Half During Walkout

With a vote to affiliate to the American Federation of Labor already under its belt, the third annual convention of the American Newspaper Guild, meeting at the Hotel Astor here, yesterday heard detailed reports of its fifteen-week-old strike against the Hearst Wisconsin News.

After a morning of executive session, Heywood Brown, Guild president, issued a summary of the discussion and decisions. "The convention of the American Newspaper Guild in executive session today, heard reports on the strike being conducted against the Wisconsin News, and took action pledging the strikers full and concrete support to the end that the strike shall be fought through to victory," Brown said.

It was further announced that reports were heard from J. Nash McCrea, strike chairman, George A. Mann, president of the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild; Herbert Langendorf and Gunnar Mickelsen of Milwaukee. They reported that the circulation of the News had been cut from 110,000 to 50,000 since the strike started and that substantial advertising income had been lost by the News.

A telegram was sent to the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, thanking it for its aid in the strike, and urging continued cooperation.

Coast Unions Aid Modesto Boys' Fight

Maritime Federation in Second Convention at San Pedro

By Pat Barr
SAN PEDRO, May 31.—To carry on the fight for the freedom of the Modesto boys, eight maritime workers who have been sentenced to prison on trumped up charges of possessing dynamite, the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast at its second annual convention here today elected a Modesto Sub-committee.

Growth of Federation

In a report on his activities as first president of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast up to the time that the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific was revoked, necessitating his resignation, Harry Lundberg painted a picture of the growth of recognition of the Federation, its battles with the shipowners, and the vital part it has played in building and strengthening not only the solidarity of all maritime workers on the Pacific Coast, but on the other coasts as well.

Take-up Affiliation

A four-hour battle over the advisability of allowing the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipyard Workers to affiliate with the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast on a coastwise scale occupied almost all of Friday's session.

Still undecided at the end of the day's session, further discussion of the recommendation of the committee on organization which reported on the resolution was deferred.

Sharp debate on the floor which mainly centered around industrial unionism versus the craft type of organization, brought out the fact that the Machinists' International, Brotherhood of Shipbuilders and Boat Builders, affiliated to the International Brotherhood of Carpenters, all A. F. of L. unions who are affiliated to the Maritime Federation on a coastwise basis, claim jurisdiction over the same workers that are organized into the Industrial Union of Shipyard Workers which is not affiliated to the American Federation of Labor.

Numbers 1,200

The committee on organization recommended that a joint committee be set up representing the unions already affiliated with the Maritime Federation and the Industrial Union to iron out the jurisdictional difficulties.

Organized mainly in San Pedro, where it is affiliated with Southern California District Council No. 4 of the Federation, the Shipyard Workers Industrial Union is said to have a coastwise membership of 1,200. While the exact membership of the A. F. of L. craft unions doing similar work in other ports could not be learned today, it is said by the delegates here to be much larger.

Though the majority of delegates canvassed seem to be in favor of endorsing the CIO, many delegates have also taken pains to point out that the Federation will probably amend its constitution at this convention to conform with the requirements of the A. F. of L.'s constitution, and thus remove many of the technical grounds upon which reactionary international officials have based their attacks upon the Maritime Federation.

Atlanta Police Raid Meeting; 17 Are Arrested

ATLANTA, Ga., May 31.—Seventeen Negro and white workers were arrested by Atlanta Police in a raid on a workers meeting here. The workers were charged with "suspicion" and marked "hold for investigation."

Police said they found a copy of The Southern Worker, journal of the Communist Party in the South, and parts of the Fulton Bag Worker, shop paper in the Fulton Bag Mills. Whether they would attempt to use this as a basis for the "investigation" under which Angelo Herndon was jailed is not yet known.

Bulgarians Sentenced

SOPIA, May 31.—The court at Plovdiv has pronounced sentence on the five young peasants accused of membership in illegal Communist organizations. Four accused have been sentenced to three years and four months imprisonment each, and heavy fines. The fifth, who is a miner, has been sentenced to two years and six months imprisonment.

TANKS USED AGAINST STUDENTS



A military tank, equipped with fire hose, disperses a group of Bucharest, Rumania, university students who demonstrated outside government offices after some of their classmates were arrested.

Browder Broadcast Opens '36 Campaign Of Party in Illinois

CHICAGO, Ill., May 31.—Earl Browder fired the opening gun of the Communist campaign in Illinois with a 30-minute broadcast over Station WLS, Friday night, from the platform of Ashland Auditorium. Browder spoke on the need for a labor party and a united front of working class organizations to carry out a working class program in 1936. He emphasized the Communist attitude toward the old parties, and outlined the Party program for united working class action to stop fascist reaction and win shorter hours, higher pay and social legislation for the farmer.

Browder opened his broadcast with a statement that the world faced bloody war and bloodier fascism today, and that those dangers were not confined to Europe, but threatened the United States directly through the actions of the Liberty League-Republican Hearst combination, and such outgrowths of their program as the Black Legion.

Farmer-Labor Party

Browder gave the Farmer-Labor Party as the workers guarantee that capitalism would not go into fascism, and cited the success of united front action in France and Spain as the method of work. He scouted Norman Thomas' praise of Roosevelt as the best the workers could hope for under capitalism. The Communist party, he said, does not believe that the ills of capitalism can be cured but a Farmer-Labor Party in power would be far better than Roosevelt, even under capitalism. Communists do not expect a Farmer-Labor Party to bring a social revolution, he said, but it would defend the workers from fascism while they learned the necessity of completely changing the social system.

Organize Own Forces

"The working class should organize its own forces to fight for labor, independently, as the Liberty League is organized on the other side" was his message to these non-partisans.

United Front

A united front with the Communists would bring the Socialist closer to the trade unions and break down their sectarian isolation, which threatens to be disastrous, Browder said, speaking of the position against unity taken by Socialist leaders at the Cleveland convention.

Raps Thomas Statement

Browder rapped Norman Thomas' statement, repeated so often it has become a formula to avoid thought, that "we Socialist cannot unite with the Communists because they believe in good wars." Things are different from 1914, said the general secretary of the Communist Party.

In 1914 all the nations at war were imperialist. There was no part of the world that was owned and ruled by the working class; there were no fascist nations threatening working class territory and smaller nations. Those who cannot recognize these new facts, no matter how much they quote Lenin, are not Leninists, he said.

Hitler Proposals

He scorned the statements of certain Socialist leaders that the Western European governments should accept Hitler's "peace" proposals. Those proposals were planned to disarm France until Hitler was prepared to attack her. The naval pact with England was calculated to protect Hitler's rear while he struck eastward. They were not peace pacts, they were war pacts. He quoted the Socialist Call's statement that efforts to stop aggression were bad. This was Hitler's slogan to give fascism a free hand by forcing the organized peace forces to hold their hand while he attacked, he said.

Struggle for Peace

War today is clearly more imminent than at any time since 1914, he declared. Mussolini's victory in Africa has sharpened this danger. Mussolini's triumph spurs on Hitler to the desperate stroke of war, to save himself, because he sees the forces of peace disorganized and apparently unwilling to stop his aggressions. Hitler arms himself. Japan is armed, and her aggression in China is not a threat to China and the Soviet Union alone, but more and more a threat of war to the United States and England.

Soviet Press Refutes Lies On Railroad

New Japanese Fiction Is Ridiculed by Moscow Paper

By Sender Garlin
(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, May 31.—Cracking down on the latest fiction broadcast by the Japanese newspaper, "Manchurian Daily News," Ivestia, official organ of the Soviet government, today branded as transparent anti-Soviet propaganda the report that a secret agreement has been concluded between China and the Soviet Union for a railroad running from Siberia to North China.

The Japanese inspired report states that the railroad would connect Verkhneudinsk in Siberia with Kalgan in North China. The Manchurian Daily News gives special emphasis to the fact that the alleged line would not cross Manchuria.

Ivestia inlines no words on this question and declares that the obvious purpose of spreading this kind of anti-Soviet propaganda is to distract from Japan's own war preparations.

Calling attention to the fact that the Manchurian Daily News is so ingenious as to report that a number of tracks and small railway branches have already been built, and that construction of new railroads is also planned, Ivestia says: "The Japanese military clique is working untiringly to prepare... Far Eastern war base. The existing railways are being militarized and new ones are being rapidly designed. Old aerodromes are being modernized and new ones built."

"For the purpose of justifying and making its actions," the Japanese military clique is using an old and not original method—continually shouting about Soviet danger and Soviet armaments."

The Soviet newspaper goes on to say that the press, fed by the Kwantung army, is doing everything to supply every kind of rumor and invention.

Ridiculing assertions against the Soviet Union, Ivestia asserts that the most glaring statement is the indication of the location of the railway and the outposts, which for several hundred miles must cross territory which today or tomorrow have the chance of becoming the next "independent" state after the type of "Manchukuo." And the U. S. S. R. is cunningly building a line on this territory."

Ivestia concludes by saying that the Manchurian kept press has long since excelled "the Riga correspondents" who formerly earned world wide notoriety for anti-Soviet inventions.

Antikainen Witness Is Intimidated

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A witness by the Finnish police who prevented him from reaching the Soviet Embassy in Helsinki, Finland, only on the day following the trial did he succeed in escaping from his jailers.

INSIGNA OF TERRORIST BANDS



The Ku Klux Klan and the Black Legion robes are shown above. Just as the Klan serves the interests of the Southern lynchers of the Negro people, the Legion is an anti-labor instrument in the hands of the big industrialists.

Terre Haute Police In Drive on Unions

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 31.—Using Black Legion tactics, Terre Haute police struck twice this week against working class organizations.

Vigo County representatives of the Communist Party were put in a car, driven 15 miles out of the city by several detectives and a uniformed policeman, then beaten and threatened with further attacks if they returned to Terre Haute.

A. F. of L. Leaders Deported

This outrage followed deportation of American Federation of Labor officials, when policemen ordered International President Warren G. DeLoe of the Retail Clerks union and R. H. Lowman, local business agent, to leave the city.

Dillon Threatened

Francis Dillon, Detroit general organizer for the A. F. of L. reported to a storm mass meeting here that Terre Haute police took him to headquarters and warned him to leave town at once. Another visiting labor official told a similar story. Adolph J. Fritz, secretary treasurer of the Indiana Federation of Labor, asked whether Hitler and Mussolini had moved their headquarters to Terre Haute.

Belfast Ship Strike

LONDON, May 31.—A lightning strike of welders on the cruiser Penelope at Belfast has stopped work on the cruiser.

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The Legion, at the very moment an aroused and indignant nation is frantically searching for precisely such evidence!

And Hearst waves this evidence provocatively before the eyes of the nation!

Enough of this! The time has come to act! Hearst must be made, through immediate congressional action, to tell what he knows, what part he has played—and what connections he has with the Black Legion!

Scottsboro Protest June 7 In Washington

Trials Are Scheduled to Open June 7 in Decatur, Ala.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—A protest mass meeting in preparation for the Scottsboro trials scheduled for July 9, in Decatur, Ala., will be held here Sunday, June 7, at the Typographical Temple, 623 "O" Street, Northwest, at 8 P. M.

Speakers will include Ruby Bates, defense witness; Gardner Jackson, of the American Civil Liberties Union; George Murray, Jr., representing the Local Scottsboro Defense Committee and Samuel Levin, local attorney of the International Labor Defense.

The meeting is sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union, the I. L. D., the Inter-Professional Association, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, American League Against War and Fascism, Local 440 of the American Federation of Teachers, and the Washington Branch of the National Scottsboro Defense Committee. Admission to the meeting will be free.

Officials Face Black Legion Investigation

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maiden speech in his present campaign for Senator.

Pontiac a Stronghold

"In the town of Pontiac, a Republican stronghold of General Motors, it has now been disclosed that the Sheriff's Office is intimately connected with the Bullet Club, local affiliate of the Black Legion. David C. Pence, county prosecutor admits he was a member of the Black Legion, and the ex-police commissioner of Pontiac now admits that fully one-third of the police force, the fire department and the city employees of Pontiac were, or still are members of the Bullet Club!"

Detroit Activities

"In Detroit proper, practically all of the leading members of the Black Legion so far questioned here have been found to be employed by the city and its various departments. It is reported that a large number of Detroit police officers belong to this organization."

Mitchell in Campaign

"John B. Mitchell, one of the Black Legion defendants on trial for murder, was an ardent campaigner for one of the Republican Circuit Judges in the last election. "But it is not the Republicans alone who are found connected with the Black Legion. A strong suspicion exists that reactionary Democrats, such as Duncan C. McCreyn, Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney, have received support from this nest of terrorists."

Browder to Report On Chicago Conference

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 31.—The workers of Western Pennsylvania will get a first-hand account of the outcome of the National Farmer-Labor Conference being held in Chicago today when Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party will address a mass meeting in the North Side Carnegie Music Hall in Pittsburgh on Monday night, June 1 at 8 P. M.

Browder will also deal with the results of the Socialist Party Convention as well as the prospect of Socialist participation in the Farmer-Labor Party movement and the prospects of the United Front.

Canadian Youth Congress Sessions Open New Era for Movement

By Fred Hodgson

Editor Associated Labor Press OTTAWA, Ont., May 31.—When the elected representatives of 343,666 young Canadians get together in one common meeting hall and formulate a series of demands the powers on Parliament Hill sit up and take notice.

This is the effect of the Canadian Youth Congress which concluded three days of business in the Lisgar Collegiate Institute here.

For three days the 456 accredited delegates, representing youth organizations in all parts of the country from the Rockies to the Maritimes, discussed their problems and crystallized them in a series of resolutions and in a "Declaration of Rights" and a proposed "Canadian Youth Act," the latter to be presented to Parliament.

Many Groups Present

Young Communists, Socialists, Co-operative Commonwealth Youth Movement, Young Conservatives and Young Liberals, Catholics, Protestants and Jews, athletes and agnostics, workers and middle class—even a black-shirted, pallid-faced Toronto Fascist, Charles Crute, and under-cover delegates of the Jounesse Patriote, French Fascist group—took part.

Not as one solid block, to be sure, but as Canadian youths all having the same problems. Obviously, there could be no clear united front between the Young Communist League and, say, the Jounesse Patriote. Fascism, however, had its place as showing the desperation to which Canadian youth in Quebec has been driven and also as demonstrating the power of reactionary forces in the church in that province.

Trotzkists, a small but noisy group from Toronto and Montreal who quickly separated themselves from the masses of the Congress, set about in a definite policy of disruption and succeeded in the early sessions in pretty thoroughly confusing large sections of the Congress, particularly the French sections. In the lobby they strove with might and main to convince C.C.Y. M. and other delegates that the Young Communist League had formed a "united front" with the fascists and was capitulating to the Presbyterians.

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The effect of all this was naturally to confuse those delegates who were not sufficiently informed politically to understand what was going on. Trotzkist resolutions, both on the Spartacus Youth League and the "League for a Revolutionary Party," were aimed, not at contributing anything definite to the congress, but at compromising the Y. C. L. delegation. Finally Roy Davis, of the Y.C.L. was forced to make a formal statement on the floor dissociating the Young Communist

League from the Trotzkists. This statement was indicative of the Congress feeling. It was cheered. When the final Trotzkist resolution was put to a vote it was snuffed under amid a chorus of boos and hand-clapping.

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Negro Congress Conference Called June 6

Brooklyn Groups Meet to Discuss Program—Delegates Chosen

A borough-wide conference to put into effect the program adopted by the National Negro Congress which met in Chicago, February 14-16, has been called for Saturday, June 6, by the Sponsoring Committee of the National Negro Congress in Brooklyn.

The conference will take place in Carlton Avenue, Y. M. C. A., 405 Carlton Avenue, near Fulton Street, at 1 P. M. A call has been issued by Malcolm G. Martin, prominent Negro chairman of the Brooklyn sponsoring committee, and endorsed by more than 39 Negro and white leaders and organizations.

The purpose of the conference is to "federate all Negroes and Negro organizations and others sympathetic to the cause of the Negro people and to unite them on the following program: better housing conditions; jobs and financial security; adequate unemployment relief; preservation of civil liberties; improvement of conditions of Domestic Workers; and improvement of the conditions of the Negro youth."

"Every Negro organization should elect delegates," the call said, "and every trade union, church, fraternal, educational, civic and social organization should be represented."

Allowed Two Delegates

All organizations are entitled to two official delegates to the conference and unofficial observers and individuals are urged to be present.

Among the organizations and individuals who are sponsoring the conference are: Zeta Psi chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Negro college fraternity; Brooklyn Division No. 152 of the Universal Negro Improvement Association; Rosa Parks, Domestic Workers Union; American Federation of Government Employees, local 1042; Robert A. Campbell; United Aid for Defense of Ethiopia; Laundry Workers International Workers Union of Brooklyn; International Workers Order; the Rev. S. A. Perry; William Hill-ton; Stanley M. Douglass, and others.

The address of the sponsoring committee is 576 Greene Avenue, telephone MA-2-0657. Organizations have been urged to send their delegates credentials to this address as soon as delegates are elected.

ERB Requests Lehman To Approve Hendel Bill To Avoid Mass Layoffs

Pointing out that enactment of the Numan Bill might result in the dismissal of several thousand ERB employees and demoralization of the bureau's work, the Emergency Relief Bureau has requested Governor Lehman to approve the Hendel Bill, whose provisions would avoid this possibility.

Both bills make possible the transfer by civil service of the ERB staff to the Department of Public Welfare of New York City, with the approval of the State Temporary Emergency Relief Administration. Under the terms of the Numan Bill, however, it appears that existing civil service eligible lists would be used. The effect of this procedure would be to replace entire classifications, such as clerks, with persons on eligible lists.

The Hendel Bill would give existing employees credit for their service in the Bureau and at the same time at least permit them to prove their merit by taking competitive examinations from which other applicants would not be excluded.

Romain Will Speak Over NBC Network Wednesday Night

Jules Romain, author of "Men of Good Will" and other French novels, will pause en route from Paris, California, for a broadcast "Peace in Europe" over the NBC-Red network on Wednesday, at 11 p. m., Eastern daylight saving time.

Romain has come to America to lecture during the summer course at Mill College in Oakland, Cal.

He is recognized as one of the world's outstanding literary figures, and was a close friend of the late Henri Barbusse, international leader of the fight for peace and biographer of Joseph Stalin.

Romain is an active supporter of the People's Front in France, of the Soviet Union, and of all anti-war activities.

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Shown before the Terminal Barber Shop at 152 West Forty-second Street, these union pickets are demanding guaranteed union wages and conditions.

New York Carpenters Under Hanson Rule

Control of District Council Stifles Rank and Gives Hutchison Machine Power to Dominate Policies of International Organization

This week all the New York local unions in the United Brotherhood of Carpenters will hold their elections of officers and delegates to the District Councils. These elections are just as important as the coming elections of delegates to the National Convention of the Brotherhood, for the rule of the Hutchison-Duffey machine depends on the support of the district councils, who are in turn supported by the little machines of the local unions.

The New York Carpenters District Council is one of the pillars upon which the Hutchison regime rests. This council is ruled by a reactionary clique which is hated by almost every union carpenter in New York. The head of this clique is Charles W. Hanson, president of the Council and also president of Local Union 257. This clique is supported by the delegates and officers of the majority of the thirty carpenters' local unions in the New York district. The few progressive delegates in the New York Council are made powerless by the bureaucratic methods of the majority of the council delegates.

Methods of Hanson

What are the methods the Hanson clique is using to terrorize and control the membership of the New York Carpenters' local unions?

The main thing that the Hanson machine is swinging over the heads of the rank and file of the carpenters is a little booklet called the "District Council By-Laws and Trade Rules." This set of reactionary laws and rules were put over the New York carpenters in 1918, two years after the big revolt of all the New York Carpenters locals. At that time, in 1916, the New York Carpenters struck for an increase in wages. But Czar Hutchison came down and ordered them to go back to work for the old scale of wages. When the members refused, Hutchison suspended all the New York locals with the exception of the dock builders local, 1456, which became the agency to reorganize the New York district.

The present District Council By-Laws are contrary to all elementary principles of trade union democracy. According to these laws, there is no referendum vote for the election of district council officers, for trade agreements and assessments. The council delegates elect the Council officers for a term of three years. The Council Executive Committee has the sole right to decide who is fit to be accepted as a delegate to the District Council. Business agents must be elected for three years and are under the jurisdiction of the council president. The locals who elect the business agents have nothing to say about them and must keep and pay them as long as Hanson wants them.

But the worst part of these by-laws is the part which provides that amendments to the by-laws must be approved first by the Council Executive Committee before they are to be submitted to the locals for a referendum vote. Thus, for instance, if the membership wants to elect the Council officers, or reduce their fat salaries, or vote on agreements, they must have the approval of the ruling clique, and since this is impossible they simply cannot have it.

Democratic Rights Denied

The Carpenters District Council By-Laws are full of other reactionary provisions that bind the membership and deprive them of their democratic rights. So, for an example, members are liable to expulsion if they discuss union problems outside local meetings. Fined members cannot run for office for a period of five years. The Trial Committee of the District Council is therefore the only Council Committee which is productive—meeting out punishments for all the opponents of the Hutchison clique. General Executive Hutchison and his family dismissing an appeal from fined members. Thus the iron fist of Charles W. Hanson and his clique of business agents and district council delegates and reactionary

One Big Clothing Union

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 31.—Industrial unionism is popular with clothing workers. Applause rang during the convention hall of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America when delegates of the former Journeymen Tailors Union were presented as new members of the Amalgamated. The merger of the two unions brought industrial unionism a step closer.

Only a Farmer-Labor Party gives any hope of checking and defeating the Republican-Liberty League threat against our liberties.

The victory of the Republican Party-Liberty League-Hearst combination would throw power on to the side of the war-makers. Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, speaking at Madison Square Garden on May 26.

Committee Will Study Unemployment

More Data Needed, Says Berry, Before Problem Can Be Solved

WASHINGTON, May 31.—A running inventory of unemployment which will determine currently who are the unemployed and where they are will be major objectives of a committee established today by the Council for Industrial Progress, according to Industrial Coordinator George L. Berry.

The group, with equal representation of management and labor, will conduct no research and collect no statistics. It will work with existing Government statistical agencies, including the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of the Census, United States Employment Service, the various emergency agencies and seek the cooperation of industry to secure the needed industrial viewpoint.

The committee includes, on the management side, Paul S. Hanway, National Fibre Can & Tube Association, New York; Henry Dennison, Dennison Manufacturing Company; and Hector Lazo, Cooperative Food Distributors of America. A fourth member will be named from the construction industry, where the employment lag is great. Labor representative include John P. Frey, president, American Federation of Labor Metal Trades Department; M. J. McDonough, secretary, Building Trades Department; I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer, Union Label Trades Department; and George M. Harrison, President, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

Major Berry said, "The Industrial Council, in its declaration of national industrial policy, has said that the market for industry must depend upon the buying power of the people, and that surplus production and unemployment arise chiefly, if not solely, from the diversion of too great a portion of the national income from the consuming market into the investment field."

Berry then argued that "before the problem of unemployment can be solved, we must have more exact data."

Communist Newspaper In Mexico Ousting of Fascists

MEXICO, May 31.—"El Mache," organ of the Communist Party of Mexico, calls for the ousting of Fascists from the Cardenas government, and the suppression of the Gold Shirts in a recent issue which published an expose revealing close connections between General Bonilla, governor of the state of Tlaxcala, and Nicholas Rodriguez, leader of the Gold Shirts.

The Cardenas government is still honeycombed with Fascists of the type of Bonilla, who must be ousted from the government, "El Mache" stated.

The letter, sent to Rodriguez by General Bonilla, said in part: "I congratulate you warmly on your praiseworthy work on behalf of the sovereignty and institutions of our country. I hope that your efforts will find many supporters in all parts of Mexico so that you will be able to realize your worthy plans."

"The main enemy of the people of America today is the Republican-Liberty League-Hearst combination. We must place at the center of our work in the election campaign the need for combating this reactionary bloc and defeating its plans in 1936."—Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, speaking at Madison Square Garden on May 26.

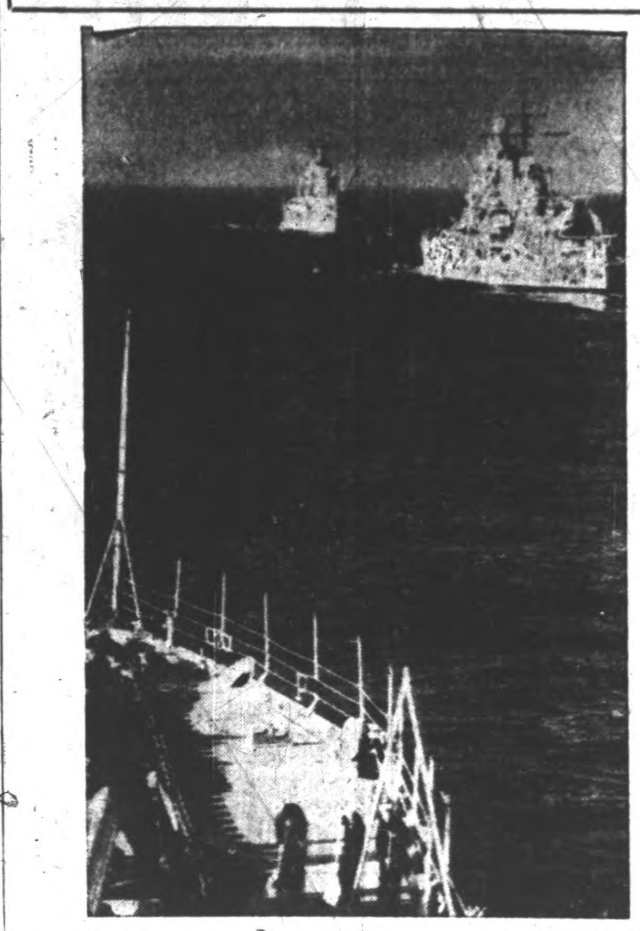
"Over a hundred and fifty years ago our ancestors waged a bitter war for freedom from British oppression. This War for Independence was against the American colonists by Great Britain and they had to act. We have been following the efforts of the Japanese Government in your country and see a much more brutal attack on freedom. We are particularly concerned because the destruction of the independence of China will mean not only slavery for you and your country but also an added incentive to Japan to continue on her path of war in the Far East.

"Your cause is just, your fight is justified. We protest your persecution and pledge our continued support."

Among the signers of this letter are: Paul Streich, Christian Youth Conference, St. Louis, Mo.; Lee Kanter, editor, "Washington Square Bulletin," New York; Roger Chase, editor, "Columbia Spectator"; Gilbert Banfield, editor, "The Hilltop"; Howard University, Robert G. Spivack, editor, Cincinnati "Bearcat"; Martin Harvey, president, Christian Youth Council of North America; Juanita Jackson, president, Baltimore Young Peoples Forum; Joseph Cadden, secretary, National Student Federation of America; Joseph P. Lash, national secretary, American Student Union; Edward B. Strong, chairman, Youth Section, National Negro Congress; Ann Meiklejohn, secretary, American Student Union, University of California; James Wechsler, editor, "Student Advocate"; James Lerner, secretary, Youth Section, American League Against War and Fascism and Harold Letts, president of the Student Body, Union Theological Seminary.

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BATTLESHIPS IN WAR MANEUVERS



The people will have to dig down in their pockets again to pay for the damage done the S. S. Mississippi (upper right) and several other of the navy's expensive playthings when they went on the blink during "war games" off Panama. It's all for defense, navy chiefs whine, as the boats cavort far out in the mid-Pacific!

Marine Firemen Rank and File Put Up District Election Ticket

"The membership still has one right that may transform our union into a real democratic union—we have the power to elect our officials," says the "Committee for Progressive Unionism" of the Marine Firemen's union, launching an election ticket for the Atlantic district, yesterday.

The Committee points in its election circulars to the new constitution of the union, which says: "The Decision of the Executive Board shall be final" on all matters.

In such a situation, it makes all the difference in the world who is elected to office. The officials had no intention of holding any election this year, and had reapportioned themselves to office. Only a terrific outcry from the membership, and overwhelming sentiment expressed in numerous meetings, even though some of the meetings were declared illegal by the upper and district officials, compelled the executive board to finally order a ballot.

The Committee for Progressive Unionism campaigns for P. C. Phillips, for secretary, in place of Oscar Carlson, present incumbent. In complete opposition to Carlson, who is one of the most undemocratic officials the Committee says, Phillips stated his principles as follows: "I believe that the control of the Union should be in the hands of the members of the Union, rather than in those of the officials alone, and that the officials of the Union should make all efforts to carry out the wishes of the membership which they serve."

Phillips' personal history is that of a native born American of Irish descent, who served in the war in France, went to sea as a wiper in 1923 and has been following the sea ever since.

M. Byrne, progressive candidate for Treasurer is working now on the S. S. New York and has a record of fighting for the interests of the seamen.

The Progressive Committee calls attention to the fact that much responsibility and power is centered in the hands of the Board of Trustees. It calls particular attention to R. McBride, L. W. Johnson as having proved themselves honest, capable and progressive. The committee urges that Nils Anderson should be elected chairman and also be elected delegate to the convention.

The committee also supports P. Keane as candidate for trustee. These last two men are officials now, but the Progressive Committee does not put them in the same class with such reactionaries as, for instance Carlson or Misland.

The Committee calls for a special effort to vote down and put out of the board of trustees: J. Bley, G. Brown, E. Misland, F. Rosendale, and W. Ross, as thoroughly bad officers for the rank and file.

Arbitrator in Ferry Dispute

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31. (FP)—J. W. Walsh, chief examiner for the National Mediation Board under the railway labor act, has been called in to settle dismissal pay demands of ferry workers, who want either new jobs when San Francisco bay bridges eliminate the ferries, or else retirement pay or bonuses. Months of discussion have failed to bring agreement. If demands are not granted, the ferry boatmen's union committee is empowered to call a strike, which would tie up ferries which take tens of thousands of Alameda and Marin county commuters daily to and from San Francisco. Four ferry companies and 1,000 men are involved.

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Draftsmen Asked to Join Union Meeting

Cooperation Urged With United Shipyards Workers

The Federation of Architects, Engineer's, Chemists and Technicians is calling upon all draftsmen and engineers employed at the United Shipyards in Staten Island to attend the open meeting of United Employees called by the Industrial Union at Parkway Hall tonight at 8 p. m.

Marcel Scherer, general organizer of the Federation made the following appeal: "We urge all the engineering personnel of United Employees to attend the meeting and to hear the report on the negotiations for the referendum. It is very important for all concerned to effect cooperative action between all groups of workers. The matter of wage rates is of vital concern to the engineers and draftsmen. The United Shipyards is paying a lower scale than all the large shipyard drafting rooms in the East. The general scale of the engineering personnel is lower than that paid by the government to its marine draftsmen.

"We are recommending to the men that a joint committee represent all the workers in the yard and office in the negotiations. We have a large percentage of the men signed up with us and expect to have a majority of the men very soon. Our organization has members in other yards in New York, Camden, Philadelphia and Quincy, Mass.

"We will hold a membership meeting the coming week to take action on a scale of wages, reclassification, and relations with the organized mechanism."

60 Clerks Strike In 15 Shoe Stores For 48-Hour Week

All salesmen in the Kitty Kelly Shoe Co. chain of stores walked out on strike Friday morning. The company has fifteen stores in Manhattan and Brooklyn and was planning to reopen one in Bronx soon, about sixty clerks are involved.

Picketing started on the first day of the strike, with the police making the usual threats of arrest. Nobody was arrested yesterday, however.

The Retail Shoe Salesmen's Union, one local in Manhattan and one in Brooklyn, are handling the whole situation.

The strikers demand a forty-eight-hour work week, with \$20 a week salary plus commissions, no lay-offs during the summer and better working conditions. They had been putting in regularly seventy hours a week, with as much as ninety in holiday periods, for \$22 a week salaries, without vacations but with seasonal lay-offs.

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Federoff Blasts Miller Speech Against C. I. O.

McKeesport Mayor Attempts to Halt Drive Meeting

(Daily Worker Pittsburgh Bureau) PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 31.—A dramatic clash, took place between high officials of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin workers gathered here last week in what was hoped to be the first mass meeting of a drive to organize the steel industry.

Anthony Federoff, District Five organizer for the United Mine Workers of America, speaking in place of District President Pat Fagan—who had been detained in Harrisburg, turned his back on the audience, at the climax of his speech, and pointed his finger dramatically at Vice President Edward W. Miller of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers' executive board, and gave him the lie direct.

Miller made a flat, discouraging speech. He never mentioned the strike of 5,800 steel workers at Portsmouth, Ohio. He said that what is really needed to waken America is more decisions like that of the Supreme Court on the Guffey bill. He struck a blow at the unity between miners and steel workers, and sabotaged the decision of the recently concluded Amalgamated convention for acceptance of the offer of the Committee for Industrial Organization to provide \$500,000 to help organize steel.

Greet Strikers

Miller sat down. A worker rose, as though in deliberate reproach of Miller's silence on the Portsmouth strike and moved that a wire of greetings be sent the strikers. The motion carried unanimously. Federoff blasted Miller's argument. The miners' leader told of the visit of U.M.W. Vice President Phil Murray, John Brophy, secretary of the CIO, and P. T. Fagan and himself to the A. A. headquarters immediately following the convention, and how they renewed the offer of organizers and funds, but since that time they have awaited in vain some sign of acceptance by the executive board.

He read John L. Lewis's sharp letter scoring such "perfunctory actions" as the mailing out of official copies of the convention resolution without comment to all international unions.

"You must either do one thing or another," he declared. "Mr. Miller, the United Mine Workers want to see the steel workers organized, they want to help, and they want action—right away!"

Resolutions were adopted protesting the repressive activities of the McKeesport police and mayor, requesting the A. A. executive board to begin the drive immediately and endorsing the C.I.O. offer.

McKeesport Meeting

It was no fault of Mayor Lysle of McKeesport, friend of the U.S. Steel Corporation, that a meeting was held there at all last Sunday. Steel workers had tacked on poles a few placards advertising the gathering and had put some cards in store windows. Three of them engaged in this work were arrested Friday and after summary hearings before a police-magistrate were sentenced to 30 days in jail for "violating a city ordinance."

Repressive measures are reported from other towns. Crucible Steel Co. at LaBelle, fired President Keefer of the A. A. lodge being organized there, and sent word to him that he would get "his damn head cracked" unless he stayed far away from the plant property.

West Coast Lawyers Assail Legion Stand On Bar Applicant

LOS ANGELES, May 31 (FP).—Aubrey Grossman, 28, University of California law school graduate, is too radical to be admitted to the bar—at least so thinks H. L. Knowles, chairman of the subversive actions committee of the American Legion in Los Angeles.

In a letter to a supreme court justice Knowles declared that Grossman would take the oath only "with his tongue in his cheek" and accused him of "continued and pernicious radical activity" while at college. Grossman's "radical" activities consisted of joining a student picket line during the 1934 maritime strike, opposing the state's notorious criminal syndicalism law and being a member of the National Student League.

Lawyers' groups throughout the state are protesting the American Legion's action as an example of "unprecedented interference with the legal rights of applicants."

WHAT'S ON

Philadelphia, Pa.
Mass meeting to initiate the Farmer-Labor Party campaign on a 1936-1937 Ward Scale, Wednesday, June 3rd, at the Park Mansions Club, 11th and Ridge Ave. Speaker: Frank Hill, chairman of City Committee for a Farmer-Labor Party.

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CHICAGO, ILL.
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"WE ARE FROM KRONSTADT"

GETTING BONUS READY FOR DELIVERY JUNE 15



The official seal of the United States is stamped on the bonus bonds as the finishing touches are given the certificates which will be in the hands of the veterans beginning June 15.

Black Legion Storm Troops For Fascist State Hearst, Liberty League Would Set Up

By Inigo Ingram

Hearst. In that one name is concentrated all the venom that the long record of his infamy has generated. That record, running the gamut of all that is vile, from open advocacy of assassination, from open incitement of terror against organized labor to unbridled ranting—that record has furnished the political climate in which the Black Legion could rise and flourish. Written in human blood, the long dark record includes the assassination by an anarchist fanatic of William McKinley, then President of the United States, after the pages of Hearst papers all over the nation had called for the President's death.

Mr. Brisbane's Role. Arthur Brisbane, editorial panderer in the Hearst menage of prostituted talent, commenting on McKinley's election to a second term, had said in the New York American:

"If bad men cannot be got rid of except by killing, then the killing must be done." Ambrose Bierce had written for Hearst's New York Journal after the murder of Governor Goebel of Kentucky:

"The bullet that pierced Goebel's breast Can not be found in all the West; Good reason, it is speeding here To stretch McKinley on his bier." As the cancer that is Hearst spread through the nation, violence and murder followed. With the appearance of the Chicago American on the streets of that city, newspapers and dealers were beaten by thugs until they gave proper display to this latest bid of the creature, Hearst, for control of America's thinking.

Chicago Sluggers. Hearst's slugging circulation builders were two young men from Chicago's West Side who are today exemplars of success under capitalism: Moses ("Moe") and Max Anenberg. Working behind the scenes with the full connivance of Hearst, they built the circulation of the American as they built their own careers—on intimidation and assault by hired thugs on murder.

But terror and assault can be and are used by one capitalist when his domain is threatened by another. The Chicago Tribune hired these two young career men away from Hearst, to build the circulation of the Tribune on the bodies of maimed and murdered boys.

But by the autumn of 1910 Hearst's American was fully prepared with a new staff of gunmen and thugs to meet the threat of the Tribune. And with the launching of this new feud began the reign of terror by gangsters that has marked Chicago's history ever since.

Gangsters Branch Out. Backed by the Hearst millions, protected by the Hearst power which made them invulnerable to the process of law, these gangsters

thrived and branched out. Brothels paid them tribute; they intimidated union workers and officials, terrorizing them at the dictates of their overlords. Dion O'Banion, riddled with machine gun slugs in the florist shop he used for a "front," was among the early recruits to this less notorious, but of equal brutality and callousness, were among those early Hearst mercenaries. Hearst wealth is based on terror, on brutal suppression of the workers who pile up his fortune. At the basis of his newspaper domain lie the copper mines of Cerro de Pasco in far-off Peru, and the largest deposit of low grade gold ore in the world in the Homestake Mine, at Lead, S. D.

Cerro de Pasco. At Cerro de Pasco, 14,000 feet above sea level, where no shrub or tree will grow, the Peruvian Indian knows the full terror of the unremitting Hearst campaign against the workers. Recruited from farms in the region, workers in the Cerro de Pasco mines are virtually indentured slaves. Living within a stockade whose only entrance is protected by armed guards, they must pay tribute to Hearst for the basic necessities of their lives: water and salt. Even brutal suppression and harsh extortion have not made Cerro de Pasco highly profitable, however; only a war in the Pacific can do that.

And so Hearst asks for a war against Japan. At Homestake it is a different story. This mine is the very foundation of the Hearst fortune. And within the town of Lead, where the miners live, terror rules and no man dares trust his fellow-worker. The churches belong to Hearst; the stores, the newspaper, the bank, they are all his. Mine detectives and guards are the deputy sheriffs of the township. Water and electric light are controlled by Hearst.

2,000 Locked Out. Once union organization was attempted there, Hearst locked out 2,000 union members and began to import strikebreakers under the care of 100 heavily-armed guards. The union men tore up their cards and returned to work. Even the churches at Homestake belong to Hearst. Under the principle of "divide and rule" Hearst maintains all religious sects on property rented from him; and the miners are split among 26 different nationalities to forestall solidarity.

Terror has driven the spirit of freedom deep into hiding at Homestake, but rebellion smoulders there still, despite armed guards, company spies and the constant threat to organization. Visits Hitler. Visiting Hitler Germany in 1934, Hearst found the type of government he had always sought, a replica of Homestake and Cerro de Pasco on a national scale. He spent the summer absorbing the fascist ideology of the Nazis, whose tactics he had mastered long before.

Thus fortified, he went to London from where he directed the breaking of the San Francisco general strike in 1934, through his attorney in San Francisco. With Hearst's San Francisco Examiner and Call-Bulletin leading the pack, the strike became a "revolution" and a "Communist plot" in the daily papers of the region. General Hugh S. Johnson, NRA head and cracker-down-in-chief, appearing as the personal representative of President Roosevelt, quickly fell in line with the Hearst propaganda and helped instigate the vigilante mobs who attacked labor headquarters. The National Guard, obeying the behest of Hearst's servants in the state government, was brought in to break the strike, "justified" by Hearst's campaign of lies and vilification.

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For Hearst has been a stench in the nostrils of this nation and the world since his career began. He helped make the Spanish-American War. He has openly advocated the use of violence against the people. He has attacked the teachers and students of the nation time and again because they advocated progressive ideas. He backed the "grass roots" lynch convention of Governor Talmadge, held Jan. 29 in Macon, Ga. (The duPonts and other Liberty Leaguers contributed thousands of dollars to this anti-Negro rally.) Lies About Communism. Hearst lies about Communism. And he has purchased bales of lies from those whose testimony about the Soviet Union was discredited by the fact they ever opened their mouths. From the beginning of his career he has sought to apply to the American nation as a whole the terror that rules his mining camps, to crush labor as it has been crushed in Lead, S. D., and at Cerro de Pasco. Through his newspapers and his Big Business alliances he seeks to establish that very atmosphere in which hooded death by night, intimidation of Catholic, Jew, Negro and the foreign-born may prosper, to the end that national fascism, brutal repression of the forces of labor, may be born. A Hearst Child. When the hood is ripped from the face of the Black Legion, it will stand exposed as a seven-month child of Hearst's siring. Hearst, the Morgan-duPont barons who control General Motors, the Liberty League, and the industrial feudalist and proven anti-Semite, Henry Ford, arch-reactionaries of America, there are the creatures who use the wealth created by America's workers to buy the forces of repression. The Black Legion are the storm troops for the fascist state they hope to establish.

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Dress Union To Organize On the Coast

Garment Workers Pledge \$50,000 to Fund to Fight Fascism

LOS ANGELES, May 31.—Although the entire membership of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, consisting of more than 350,000, has gone on record as favoring a Farmer-Labor Party, David Dubinsky, I.L.G.W.U. president, former Old Guard Socialist leader and bitter foe of the united front, failed to raise the matter with the General Executive Board as that body ended its quarterly sessions at the Baltimore Hotel here. Deliberations will be resumed in San Francisco tomorrow where the May Day and political policies as well as resolutions will be given special consideration.

In his report to the board on the conditions in the industry, Dubinsky announced that eighty-four strikes are now in progress throughout the country at the present time in the cotton and silk fields. "Due to the number of 'runaway' shops from eastern centers Los Angeles, because of its 'open shop' reputation has become the second largest needle trades manufacturing city in the United States.

Pledges Support

A determined effort will be made to organize the entire ladies garment industry in Los Angeles, Dubinsky revealed, and he pledged the resources of the nationwide union, which is reported to have a treasury of several million dollars, to that purpose.

More than a half a day was devoted to a discussion of overtime which resulted in the decision that no overtime was to be permitted on either the East or West Coast, other than by approval of the board and the I.L.G.W.U. president, and this in emergencies only where shortage of labor exists.

Anti-Fascist Campaign

It was unanimously decided to pledge \$50,000 in continuation of the anti-fascist campaign. It was also announced that two strikes are now in progress in New York as the result of intolerable fascist tendencies on the part of the bosses. Dubinsky pledged the support of the I.L.G.W.U., both financially and morally to the organization of unorganized industries, such as steel and rubber, along industrial lines. However, he emphatically stated there would be no toleration on the part of non-bona-fide organizations to split the ranks of the American Federation of Labor.

Following the close of the sessions the members of the G.E.B. were conducted on a tour of the Hollywood studios.

Cotton Workers Answer Union Strike Call

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 31.—Thousands of Arkansas agricultural workers dropped their tools today in answer to the general strike call sent out by the Southern Tenant Farmers Union yesterday from a large strike committee conference of fifty delegates, held in Memphis. In several Mississippi counties near the river, word arrived of the general strike call, which was particularly applied to Arkansas, but nevertheless, the Mississippians came out too.

Today the strike entered its eleventh day. Reports reaching the National officers from all parts of the affected area showed conclusively that the strike was successful as the men remained out of the fields.

Terror Used

Two organizers were driven from St. Francis County by planters, while a posse was formed and a reward of \$50 offered for a union member who drove the plantation thugs from his home when they tried to force him at the point of a gun to work in the fields.

On several plantations, officers have united with the plantation interests to force the striking cotton choppers back into the field. A concentration camp for strikers has been found by union officials in Crittendon County where thirteen men were imprisoned and threatened.

Aron Gilmartin and the union attorney who went to secure the release of the men held in the concentration camp were assaulted by J. D. Peachers, City Marshal of Earle, Arkansas. Peachers struck the attorney in the face, and arrested Gilmartin on a charge of "disturbing labor."

The Emergency Committee for Strikers Relief yesterday invited Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President, to make a personal inspection of the Arkansas cotton fields and see for herself the slavery, violence against strikers, and inhuman working conditions.

The Emergency Committee also wired Senator Robert M. LaFollette, chairman of a Senate sub-committee investigating denial of civil liberties, that investigation of Arkansas conditions is needed.

Baltimore Workers To Fete Mother Bloor

BALTIMORE, Md., May 31.—The Baltimore Communist Party will give a banquet in honor of Ella Reeve (Mother) Bloor on Thursday evening, June 4 at 209 South Bond Street. Mother Bloor will speak on the Communist Party position in the coming elections. The celebration will also be a celebration of the activities of the Communist Party and Workers School in its present headquarters and its moving to separate Party headquarters on June 15, at 501 North Eglaw Street.

NAMED AS BLACK LEGION CHIEF



Vern F. Effinger (above) of Lima, Ohio, reputed Ohio leader of the Black Legion, is believed to be merely a cover for the real leadership of the terrorist band.

LOS ANGELES, May 31.—Seven striking field workers were shot, several stabbed and many beaten and clubbed by hired thugs, acting as guards and scabs, in the bean fields of the Palos Verdes agricultural district.

Two workers, shot by the thugs, were arrested when they applied for treatment at a San Pedro hospital. They were held on charges of assault with a deadly weapon. Fifteen other workers were arrested and held at from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Nearly 100 striking agricultural workers have been jailed by the Los Angeles County "Red" Squad in the past week.

Approximately 1,500 workers organized in the Mexican Confederation of Unions, have been on strike in the rich Los Angeles County agricultural fields since April 20. They are demanding an increase in wages from twenty-two and a half cents an hour to thirty cents, union recognition and equal pay for women workers.

Continuing the same terroristic policy as used against the striking Venice celery workers several weeks ago, the Japanese Growers Association, backed by the Bank of America and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, are using the police and the courts in an effort to break the strike and force workers into the fields at starvation wages.

Forty strikers, thirty-seven men and three women, arraigned before Judge Frank Carrell, in Gardena Township (Los Angeles County) last Monday, on charges of trespass and destroying crops, were given the alternative of "behaving" and remaining away from the Palos Verdes bean fields and having bail set at \$50, thereby losing the strike, or having bail set at \$100. Judge Carrell raised the bail to \$200 when one militant worker after another refused to accept his "offer."

Workers were brought into the courtroom in true southern chain-gang style, manacled and chained together. Federal immigration officers have secured a "hold" order on the striking workers, most of whom are Mexican, in a further attempt to break the strike and keep militant workers from the strike area.

More than 300 workers walked out in the strawberry fields of El Monte last week. Police immediately started a reign of terror against the workers driving three out of town. Strike headquarters were raided today by police and six workers arrested.

Defiance Employer Tricks Workers Into Company Union. DEFIANCE, O., May 31.—(FP).—Small concessions in wages and hours, given workers in return for disbanding their local of the Mechanics Educational Society of America and the formation of a company union instead, has proved a good bargain for owners of the Lectorite Corp. in Defiance.

The workers, most of them inexperienced in labor union affairs, threw their union out of the window in return for 5 to 7 cents an hour pay raises, recognition of a workers' committee and a 6-month contract.

Unions are something new for Defiance, a town of 10,000 located 80 miles north of Toledo, and local bosses were quick to take advantage of their members' inexperience. Local workers had their first meeting with unions when many young workers were drafted by the National Guard to act as strikebreakers during the Toledo Auto-Lite strike two years ago.

The encounter was scarcely pleasing to the military chiefs, however, for shortly afterward the M. E. S. A. local was formed.

The company union set up in the Lectorite plant, which employs about 40 workers, is expected to be the opening wedge in a general employers' fight to rid the town of M. E. S. A. locals in other of its factories.

Social Bills Passage Asked By Conference

Liberty League Scored for Its Attacks on Relief

ATLANTIC CITY, May 31.—Meeting at a time when Federal relief has been discontinued and millions of the unemployed thrown into acute distress because of the financial inability of the states and localities to care for them, 8,000 social workers gathered in Atlantic City the past week on the occasion of the sixty-third annual Conference of Social Work. The national conference was faced with the task of dealing with fundamental economic and social issues, with evaluating trends and underlying forces, with clarifying methods and objectives. Leading the progressive forces of the Conference, the National Coordinating Committee of Social Service Employees Groups, an organization of 12,000 members in twenty-one rank and file groups, of whom nine are affiliated with the A. F. of L., faced the issues squarely. Only a few of the hundreds of well-known social workers of the country joined hands with their young and active co-workers.

Notably among these was Mary Van Kleeck, who was named by Mrs. Mary R. Beard, the historian's wife, as one of the three outstanding women in the country. Miss Van Kleeck, after scoring Fascist forces in Europe and America, asked the people of the U. S. to follow the roads of the "People's Fronts" of France and Spain to preserve democratic liberties.

Marcantonio Bill

The National Coordinating Committee called for the immediate enactment of the Marcantonio Relief Standards Bill to put the Federal government back into the relief picture. In addition, the NCC endorsed the Federal-Labor-Union Workers Social Insurance Bill and the American Youth Bill.

In a sub-session dealing with "the present status of public relief," Jacob Fisher, NCC chairman, charged the American Liberty League, the United States Chamber of Commerce and the American Manufacturers' Association with the responsibility for the declination of the relief and works program, just as they had "destroyed the NRA, AAA, and Guffey Coal Act."

The atmosphere of the conference, he-fogged by President Roosevelt's telegram asking social workers to "humanize" relief, by Mayor LaGuardia's characteristic lashing out in vague generalities, by New Deal proponents' apologetic and passing the buck, was cleared somewhat by the sessions conducted by the NCC. Early in the week, John Davis, executive secretary of the National Negro Congress addressed a large audience on "The Problem of the Negro in Social Work." He asked Negro and white workers to organize jointly to fight racial discrimination and oppression, a plea concurred in by Edward Lewis, executive secretary of the Baltimore Urban League.

12,000 Attended

The largest NCC meeting, attended by more than 1,200 delegates, were devoted to discussions of "Political Action for a Social Welfare Program" and Fascism and Social Work." The first was addressed by Francis Gorman of the United Textile Workers, Aubrey Williams, Deputy WPA Administrator, Harry Lurie, nationally prominent social worker, and John Baker, a representative of the Minneapolis social workers union of the A. F. of L.

Gorman, Lurie and Baker took forthright stands in urging support for a Farmer-Labor Party. The vice-president of the Textile Workers said, "I feel sure that there is no other single group of people with a more profound obligation to take a more active part in the building of a Labor Party than the social workers."

Missouri AFL Opposes CIO Resolution

(By Federated Press) HANNIBAL, Mo., May 31.—Missouri Federation of Labor delegates to the 1936 convention of the American Federation of Labor will oppose granting of industrial union charters to workers in mass production industries, it was decided by the fortieth annual meeting of the State Federation at Hannibal.

The federation voted "non-concurrence" in a resolution offered by representatives of the United Mine Workers of America which would have instructed them to endorse the Committee for Industrial Organization plan for unionizing such industries as auto, steel, rubber and others in which large numbers of workers are organized.

After the resolution was turned down, Arnold Griffith, chief inspector for the Missouri Bureau of Mines and a U.M.W.A. member, declared: "We believe the industrial union is right, but whatever action is taken at the next A. F. of L. convention, we will not bolt the ranks of labor."

Support of President Roosevelt's re-election campaign was approved by the delegates, while indorsement was also in the introduction of a bill in Congress denying the U. S. Supreme Court the right to declare congressional acts unconstitutional.

In the June HEALTH and HYGIENE

- The Truth About Smoking**
Is any one cigarette brand less irritating than another? Have mentholated cigarettes any advantage? Is smoking harmful?
- Do All Foods Mix?**
Can you eat pickles and ice cream together?
- A Sex Problem of Women**
Another article in the fascinating series on sex in modern society.
- How to Gain Weight**
Do tonics improve appetite and increase weight? An outline of foods that help gain weight.
- Consumers Page**
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Buffalo Mayor Given Summons By Anti-Fascists

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 31.—Mayor George J. Zimmermann, Police Commissioner James W. Higgins, and Police Inspector James Hylind are among those witnesses subpoenaed to city court by Stanley Chmiele, I.L.D. counsel for three of four workers arrested while picketing the city-owned Elmwood Music Hall where the Italian-fascists were holding a "victory" dinner in celebration of the plunder of Ethiopia. The three officials will be forced to appear when the case comes up June 4 and explain their part in the persistent denial of civil liberties to anti-fascists while granting the use of publicly-owned buildings to fascist war mongers.

Bay State Minister Resigns from Church In Anti-War Protest

NORTHBORO, Mass., May 31 (FP).—The Rev. James S. Clark of the Northboro Congregational Church believes in practicing what he preaches. So, rather than take part in Memorial Day exercises, which he regards as "un-Christian" and "glorifying war," Clark has resigned from his church. Clark's action came as a surprise to the community in which he has been a leading figure. "War," he declared in a statement explaining his action, "will never end as long as the churches continue to make soldiers an object of worship. . . . Real patriotism is having the courage to speak out for decency and order against corruption in politics and against hypocrisy, irrespective of what it may cost one."

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A Letter from Chicago

By HAYS JONES

THE flatfoot was visibly embarrassed. He stood by the call box, with his feet spread at a 60 degree angle, a couple of creases taken out of his neck by the forward thrust of his chin, and a wailing ten-year old held by the scruff of the neck in his left hand. The youngster had mistaken him for a man with a heart and panhandled him. But that wasn't what embarrassed the bull.

His embarrassment was caused by a crowd of Chicago matrons and misses, who didn't appreciate his heroic efforts for law and order and morals in Chicago.

The kid was crying his heart out in terror, and the dick felt a bit terrorized as well. Here, in a city where Mr. Hearst finds copy for one whole edition of his "morning" paper in the police courts each day, the plain clothes man had made a triumphant catch—a ten-year old panhandler. And the crowd of women shoppers didn't like it, and told him so.

The uncourious had to detour into the street to get around the crowd that wanted "justice" tempered with a little mercy.

"You turn that boy loose!" a woman of fifty, with greying hair, told the dick.

"You shut up!" the dick told her.

"Why don't you go after a robber instead of a little boy?" the copper turned another woman on the other side. He couldn't answer them all. He shoved his chin another inch forward and waited for the wagon to lift the seige.

Chicago women saw the law in action. And the night before, a Republican politician asked Courtney, the Democratic District Attorney, why he didn't do something about Speitzer, under whose gentle administration \$500,000 disappeared out of the county treasury.

THREE THOUSAND Chicago "Italian" couples got iron rings from Mussolini, Sunday, in exchange for the golden ones they had sent him to massacre Ethiopian men, women and babies.

Today's papers inform them what they bought for their relatives in Italy. Mussolini is adulterating the macaroni, to save money for his war schemes, and the "Roman empire." His meatless days were a flop, the papers say, and in spite of his urgent "eat fish to save Italy" nobody ate fish, except in Naples, where they've been eating it for centuries.

The workers and peasants in Italy quit eating meat a long time since, to "save Italy" for fascism, and they substituted "not eating fish" for "not eating meat," when Mussolini gave his order. But with the macaroni adulterated, they can sacrifice some more for Mussolini. And the poor deluded Italo-American couples can see that they bought endless days for their relatives with this matrimonial sacrifice.

I SEE by the papers that Miss Louise Kimbell, debutante daughter of a Boston cotton broker, and a graduate nurse, wants to get her papers as a quartermaster on a ship, so she got a job as a purser. A purser is the ship, and the quartermaster steers the sort, and handles the flags. I wonder if Miss Kimbell got her graduate nurse's certificate in a boiler works?

RYDZ-SMIGLY, Poland's new General, successor to Pilsudski, appealed to his colonels to "unite the peoples' will." He pointed to "what is happening across the eastern and western borders where the nation's will is mobilized for a common purpose." It's a different purpose in each of the two cases, however, the purpose to maintain profits and private property in Naziland, and the purpose of the Polish people in the Soviet Union.

The Polish people see that, and naturally it splits them. The "haves" want to keep on having, under a "united will" a la Hitler, while the "have nots" want to have something, like the former "have nots" in the Soviet Union.

The Polish colonels have been trying to unite the people's will for years with the sabre, cannon and handgun's roar. But they haven't succeeded, and Gen. Rydz-Smigly unconsciously tells the reason in this appeal. The people see the Soviet Union, as well as the General does.

CHICAGO newspapers, including "Hearst" have finally recognized that the Arabs are fighting British Imperialism, and the poor Jewish immigrants are accidental victims. Maybe some day, even the Zionists will realize this truth.

England promised the Arabs national freedom in return for their war on the Turks under "Lawrence of Arabia." Instead, she gave 'em the Zionist colonists to fight with, an old British trick.

LITTLE LEFTY



'Not a Thing to Lose' U.S. Dancers Organize

UNION LEADER TELLS OF CROPPERS' LIFE FIND COMMON GROUND AT N.Y. CONGRESS

By Seems Adams

ED PICKERING, one of the first organizers of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, which has called a strike in three counties in northeastern Arkansas, tells of the terror the sharecroppers have undergone and what has brought about their determination to fight for better living conditions.



MAY DAY IN MOSCOW. A DRAWING BY FRANZ MASREELE

By Elizabeth Skrip

SO significant is this gathering that henceforth events in the dance world will probably be reckoned as having happened B.C., before the Congress, and A.C., after the Congress. This prediction, made by one of the speakers at the opening session of the first national Dance Congress held May 18-25, promises to be completely realized.

to bring cultural and artistic guidance to the commercial dancer whose audience is truly numbered in the millions? Finally, how to reconcile in the art field, the personal animosities arising out of different techniques, different forms, opposing schools, professional jealousies? These were the problems confronting the Dancers Congress. How were they dealt with?

At the first, S.T.F.U. convention, in 1934, at Marked Tree, Polk County, Arkansas, Ed was chosen as one of the Union's organizers. He has been very active in organization over a large part of Arkansas. Shortly after the formation of the Union and when a reign of terror was introduced by the planters and vigilantes, Ed was chosen to guard the union hall and literature.

"The sharecroppers haven't a damn thing to lose by fighting," Ed says. "They have to live like dogs and be evicted at the pleasure of the planters. The planters hang together to exploit the poor whites and Negroes and the cropper can not hope to get a decent contract by individual effort. They must put up organized opposition to the landowners' policy of getting their labor for the very least consideration."

The sharecroppers work under the direct supervision of riding bosses who are, in nearly every instance, deputy sheriffs by commission of the sheriff. Thus the workers' boss can evict and mistreat them at will and if he is resisted he can arrest or shoot down the sharecroppers.

SOVIET NOTES

Children's Literature for 1936

THE publishing houses for children's literature will publish 400 titles with editions ranging from 25 thousand to a half million, totaling 35 million copies in all in 1936.

Spring Sowing of Tea Finished in Georgia

THE collective farms of Georgia have completed their spring planting of tea, having planted 4,452 acres. This fulfilled their plan by 104.7 per cent.

Prizes for Best Textbooks THE Central Executive Committee of the Soviet government is offering a first prize of 100,000 rubles for the best elementary history textbooks of the U. S. S. R., including a brief outline of world history. Other prizes are 75,000, 50,000, and 25,000 rubles are also offered.

He also worked in the coal fields of Colorado and the oil fields of Texas. It was while he was working at Pochontas, Colorado, that he first became interested in the labor movement. He joined the Industrial Workers of the World and participated in a strike. With other

strikers he was arrested and jailed but after 15 days was turned loose and warned to leave the state.

Ed is at Commonwealth College learning so that he can go out better fight with the sharecroppers their battle to gain better contracts from the planters. Contracts that will make life a little more worth living for the thousands of white and Negro tenant farmers here in the South.

erved during the Spanish-American war. He also served in the army and was stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas during the World War.

develops this, showing concretely how the reactionary leading groups of Social-Democracy seek, through sabotage of the movement for the united front, through slander or through silence on the achievements in France and Spain, to prevent a wholesale going over by Socialist workers from the policy of collaboration with the bourgeoisie to the policy of the anti-fascist people's front.

The Communist International

By DAVID LURIE

ONCE more, in the post-war developments of trade unionism in the United States, strong progressive and revolutionary movements are growing within the American Federation of Labor. But the possibility of success for the advocates of militant class struggle trade unionism is much greater than in the previous movement of 1919-1923.

Such are some of the conclusions reached by William Z. Foster in an article on "The Industrial Union Bloc in the A. F. of L.," which appears in the No. 5, May, 1936, issue of the Communist International. Foster's article is a careful and concise evaluation of the character of the Committee for Industrial Organization. It discusses the reasons for the Committee for Industrial Organization's coming into existence after the 55th Convention of the A. F. of L., describes the personalities at the head of the C. I. O., and the nature of this leadership, analyzing the tasks and perspectives of this movement and the policy of the Communists. It is in connection with the policy of the C. P. that Foster discusses two dangers confronting militant trade unionism as led by the C. I. O.

These are the possibility of a split in the A. F. of L. provoked by the Green-led reorganizations and the possibility of a compromise between the C. I. O. leadership and the Executive Council of the A. F. of L., arising from the fact that while the decisive leaders of the C. I. O. are for industrial unionism, they are not committed to a policy of class struggle unionism.

Foster's excellent article gains at this moment special topical importance in the light of William Green's ultimatum to the C. I. O. to dissolve upon pains of expulsion from the A. F. of L.

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The role of Social-Democracy is further discussed in an editorial in this issue dealing with "The Struggle to Maintain Peace." The editorial deals in detail with the English defenders of Hitler in the Labor Party and the Independent Labor Party. While the National Government made it impossible to set up a solid peace front in the League of Nations, the Labor Party leaders gain leadership in the A. F. of L.—all these factors make for the difference between success and failure as contrasted with the movement of 1919-1923.

A SECOND editorial deals with the attitude of Social-Democracy to the developments in the unity of the working class, as represented by the movements of the French and Spanish Peoples Front. The editorial discusses the division in the camp of the United Front, showing how the reactionaries are going even further along the line of class collaboration. The editorial points out that the main question in the Socialist Parties today is the question of which policy to follow: the British Communist Party, titled "Against the Instigators of War and Those Who Abet Them." Politt states that while it is clear that the menace to peace comes from Italy, Japan, and Germany, three fascist countries, it is not so gen-

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Questions and Answers

Many more questions are received by this department than can be answered in the column. Daily Worker, Questioners are asked to enclose self-addressed, stamped envelopes for a direct reply. Address all questions to Questions and Answers, care of Daily Worker.

Question: How would you explain to a rank and file Zionist the inconsistency that exists between the statements made by the American Jewish Communists that they favor free immigration to Palestine and the demands, made by the Palestinian Jewish Communists, for stoppage of immigration?—B. U.

Answer: There is no inconsistency. Communists, whether they are in Palestine or America, are in favor of genuinely free immigration into Palestine. At the same time, they call for the stoppage of the present immigration—not an "immigration" which is discriminatory and not-free and which infringes on the rights and interests of the Arab and Jewish masses already settled there. The Communist position is stated in the pamphlet on "Zionism Today" by Paul Novick, as follows:

"The Communists are not against the emigration of groups of Jews, from Germany or Poland, into Palestine or any other country. The Jewish Communists have declared on many occasions that they are for free immigration into Palestine on the basis of free labor, without discrimination of race or nationality, without infringing on the interests of the poor peasants. On this basis and on no other! At present there is no free immigration into Palestine. Nobody can go to Palestine if he is not a capitalist, or if he is not a trusted Zionist deserving a certificate and able to pass the literary test in Hebrew. "At present there is selective immigration into Palestine, the immigration under the slogans of 'conquering' the soil and labor, an immigration and settlement under the spur of racialism and force. The Communists are against such 'immigration' because it runs counter to all principles of true Communism and to the solidarity of the toilers of all nations and races. The Communists are against it because it is bound to create an unhealthy Jewish ghetto in the countries of the so-called Diaspora (which means almost all Jews). By creating a settlement with the aid of force and discriminations, by creating a new ghetto, Zionist leadership gives aid and comfort to those who discriminate against Jews in the United States, Poland, Germany, etc."

Current Films

By LAUREN ADAMS

BULLETS OR BALLOTS. Supposedly an exposure of what goes on behind the scenes in modern gangland, but falling considerably short of the mark it might have attempted to reach. It projects the theory (and probably a racketeer) that even the most powerful of our racketeers only act as employees of the men "behind the scenes," but in this case the "higher ups" are just a couple of small-time bankers and an ex-government official. They get caught through the efforts of an honest police commissioner (did you ever meet one?) and a really heroic cop—a typical Hollywood fairy tale, you see. Love interest is negligible and the plot reveals nothing new about rackets. Edward Robinson, Humphrey Bogart and Joan Blondell are in the cast. If film producers really are interested in the welfare of the people in this country, they might go ahead and make an "It Can't Happen Here" or a story dealing with the insidious Black Legion, instead of dealing with petty crooks and politicians. But the brave crusading makers of "Bullets or Ballots" are the Warner Bros., who in turn are partners with William Randolph Hearst, so it is easy to understand why they do not make the Hearst-Landon-Liberty League No. 1 underworld.

IT'S LOVE AGAIN. Soviet motion pictures, of course, have a style magnificently their own; French productions contain a special flavor, and many countries produce films that show a distinct national quality. But it seems that the more British productions simulate American films the better they are liked by American audiences. This latest Gaumont-British release has a part-American cast and an entirely American flavor. Jessie Matthews, London musical comedy favorite, with a flair for dancing and making herself agreeable on the screen, stars. Fair entertainment for a warm evening in a cool theatre.

13 HOURS BY AIR; FLORIDA SPECIAL and THE PRINCESS COMES ACROSS. In the first, a man, a woman and a criminal are involved in a series of adventures while crossing the American continent in a plane. Fred MacMurray and Joan Bennett are the stars. In the second, a man, a woman and a criminal, are involved in a series of adventures on a train bound for Florida. Jack Oakie and Sally Eilers are in the cast. In the third picture, a man, a woman and a criminal are involved in a series of adventures aboard a trans-Atlantic liner. Carole Lombard and Fred MacMurray are the performers. Each picture has a detective, except the last-named, which has four. Paramount made each production.

CAPTAIN JANUARY. Shirley Temple in her old routine, this time dressed in sailor clothes. Her performance becomes more mechanical with each film.

THE GOLDEN ARROW. Bette Davis received the Academy (company union) award for the best performance on the screen last year. From her acting in this one, it is difficult to tell that it isn't her initial screen appearance in a story by an amateur writer. George Brent's presence doesn't help.

THE EX-MRS. BRADFORD. Advertised by the Rivoli Theatre: "The Great Zigfield Goes to Town with Mr. Deeds' Gal." That describes it. A moderately amusing and mystifying whodunit with William Powell and Jean Arthur in what the producers fondly hope is the "Thin Man" tradition.

MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN. In many ways a surprisingly good picture, especially in scenes dealing with the unemployed.

TILL WE MEET AGAIN and THE MOON'S OUR HOME. The first extols the virtues of the international spy ring and how great it is to die for one's country. The other is a bit of Hollywood fluff, not too well done, with Margaret Sullivan and Henry Fonda and partly-dialogued by Dorothy Parker. A good double bill—so you can miss both pictures at the same time.

WE ARE FROM KRONSTADT. Undoubtedly the finest screen entertainment in New York. Now in the fifth capacity week at the Cameo Theatre. Triumph of the Soviet film studios, acclaimed by all critics. Don't miss it.

Seamen's Strike Spurs Growth of Union Aboard Ships

INES AND I.S.U. OFFICIALDOM FORCED TO YIELD TO RANK AND FILE DEMANDS—BUILDING OF SHIP COMMITTEES IS NEED NOW

THE rank and file seamen's strike, which pulled out all or part of the crews on 85 ships and kept one of them, the California, tied up to the very end, has been called off by majority vote of the men.

The International Seamen's Union's upper officialdom, which branded the strike from the beginning as "outlaw," an action which is largely responsible for the failure to win all the demands, hastens to gloat over the retreat.

The statement of the Executive Board, this same board which approved of the district officials furnishing strikebreakers all through the struggle, is replete with such insulting expressions as: "alleged strike," "event called a strike," "reputed grievances" of the men, etc.

But the gist of the situation is contained in the re-

marks made during the course of the very clear explanatory article by R. B. Hudson, in the Sunday Worker (city edition):

"For many years the I. S. U. leadership has overruled any request or proposal that came from the membership and they branded the striking members outlaws and refused to give any consideration to their proposals. But the consistent struggle of the strikers and their correct policy to fight for the right to express their opinions and solve their problems through the machinery of the union forced the International Executive Committee to meet with them in Chicago, not as outlaws but as members with rights that must be reckoned with."

The strike, apparently indecisive, when analyzed is seen to be a very decisive victory in several ways. For

one thing, several shipping companies have had to yield to demands of the strikers—notably to pay overtime.

The preservation of the union and the display of rank and file militancy forced any ship-owner who was hoping to get open shop conditions, to settle with the I. S. U.

And probably most important, the strike gave every seaman a sense of strength he never had before. It showed him that there was a vast fund of discontent in the union, and of hatred for the undemocratic forms of union leadership. The eleven dictators, set up by the new constitutions in the I. S. U. unions, will find great difficulty to rule with a high hand and give no accounting to anybody.

They may get away with a lot, but from now on

there will be a growing and more and more articulate rank and file, demanding a voice in the affairs of the union, forcing a growth of the union on shipboard, enforcing the contract, such as it is, and preparing for a better one soon.

Nearly a third of the membership of the Eastern and Gulf district of the union passed to some extent through the school of this strike, learned organization from it, learned tactics, learned what they needed, learned to rely on themselves, found their own leaders. That is one sort of a victory.

Now, as Hudson pointed out in his article, for the immediate future more organization, more explanation to those who didn't understand, and the building of ship committees as organs of the rank and file are what is needed.

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Behind the Black Legion

THE anti-labor program of the Black Legion coincides with the program of union-busting of the auto manufacturers. The execution of the auto manufacturers' program is entrusted to the governmental bodies of the city and state. The Black Legion has found protection from these governmental bodies. Only the childish can believe that such an organization could exist for any length of time without at least the tacit support and endorsement of police, prosecutors and politicians.

In these words the Wayne County (Detroit) Farmer-Labor Party puts the finger on the forces that created this fascist terror band.

They are the same forces that are the chief threat to the liberties of the people throughout the country—the forces of Republican-Liberty League reaction, working with the poisonous Hearst press.

It is no accident that the Black Legion sank its deepest roots in the stronghold of General Motors, controlled by the same Morgan-duPont interests who organized the American Liberty League.

And it is no accident that Black Legionism flourished especially in the industrial suburbs of Detroit dominated by that other representative of arch-reactionary open-shopdom, Henry Ford.

Ford's terroristic spy system and anti-Semitism are well-known. Not so well-known is the fact that Ford contributed thousands of dollars to the Hitler movement before it came to power and now employs at his plant the national leader of the Friends of New Germany, Fritz Kuhn. General Motors-Ford-Chrysler-Hearst—this is the four-headed monster that spawned the Black Legion.

Take the duPonts Off the Relief Rolls

ON the eve of Memorial Day the House of Representatives remembered the dead of the last war by acting to assure a good crop of corpses in the next war. It sent to President Roosevelt for his signature the record-breaking \$526,000,000 Navy Bill. This is the kid brother of the \$527,500,000 Army Bill—also a record-breaker—already enacted into law.

These bills are part of the program which has moved William Randolph Hearst, ace fascist and enemy of the New Deal, to describe the Roosevelt administration's war preparations as its "main achievement."

They mean millions in the pockets of the duPonts, high chiefs of American reaction.

Both the war budget and the relief budget are going places—in opposite directions. But since the Republican-Liberty League crowd are demanding even greater reductions in relief—

HOW ABOUT TAKING THE DU-PONTS OFF THE RELIEF ROLLS?

A Fighting Weapon

THE struggle of the French workers against fascist reaction and capitalist exploitation goes on apace, now at the election polls, now in the factories, but always forward.

There were some people who cannot see farther than their noses who predicted that the People's Front victory in the last elections would dull the fighting spirit of the French workers. These people seem to operate on the theory that the more victories scored by the French workers, the worse it becomes for them.

Fifty thousand French workers have

just returned to work after having gained their demands—10 per cent increase in pay, one week's vacation every year with pay, no overtime work. More strike victories of this kind are also assured.

There were two notable things about the strike wave in France besides its numbers, militancy and unity:

1—The strikes were called in the key industries, especially those with munitions contracts.

2—The strikes took an advanced form in that instead of simply walking out of the factories, the workers occupied the factories and refused to leave until their demands were granted.

Again the prophets of evil have been rebuffed by the whip of actual events. Through its unity and breadth, the People's Front against fascism and reaction has immeasurably increased the militant spirit of the French workers.

That's what a Farmer-Labor Party would achieve in America. Based on the trade unions, a Farmer-Labor Party would not only give the working class a good fighting weapon in the political struggle against fascism and reaction but that would in turn inspire greater economic struggles by the American working class.

A New Japanese Move

A TYPICAL Japanese-inspired provocation designed to open the way for the annexation of the five northern provinces of China is now in the making.

It was just such an incident in 1931 which preceded Japan's invasion of Manchuria. At that time, Japanese sources complained of "railroad sabotage" near Mukden. The Japanese cure for "railroad sabotage" was annexation of that huge territory.

It was just such an incident in November, 1935, which started the epidemic of "autonomy" movements by which the Japanese army command veiled their assaults against the existing Chinese government in Nanking. A Japanese marine named Nakayama was then reported shot in Shanghai and Japanese marines were immediately landed "in retaliation."

This time, Japanese ultimatums are sure to follow the alleged blowing up of a section of track on the railway lines from Tangku to Tientsin. Without offering any proof whatever that the episode was a Chinese "plot," demands for suitable "concessions" will no doubt follow.

Significantly enough, this latest provocation occurs just as Chinese students and workers have swung into militant action against the increase of Japanese garrisons in north China.

North China is the Japanese gateway into the Soviet Union. Every thrust forward, every provocation by Japanese imperialism against the Chinese people hastens the day when the imperialists will launch their planned attack against the U.S.S.R.

Bailing Out the Ocean

THE attitude of the party (Republican) on public questions can only be fully known when both platform and candidates are fully known and understood," said Senator Borah, in a radio speech Thursday night.

The Senator is behind the times. It is already known that the platform and candidate of the Republican Party—whatever and whoever they may be—will be dominated by the Hearst-Liberty League coalition, with its full record of anti-labor activities and crusades against democratic rights.

Borah's own "progressivism" is of a highly dubious character. Before the last Presidential campaign, he talked liberal and then turned around and supported Wall Street's prize son, Herbert Hoover.

This year Borah has defended the autocratic Supreme Court, while flouting the constitutional rights of 15,000,000 Negroes by openly opposing all federal anti-lynching laws.

The Senator from Idaho is actually the spokesman of independent capitalists and wealthy Midwestern farmers who want to oust the ultra-reactionary big Wall Street monopolists from control. But in his efforts to "fumigate" the Republican Party he is trying to bail out the ocean with a spoon.

Party Life

By CENTRAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT

A Green Light Shines For the Taxi Units— Full Speed Ahead

WE, TAXI UNIT S-8 Day Unit of Section 3, District 2 (New York), Communist Party U.S.A., herewith accept the challenge of Night Taxi Unit S-5 Section 3, District 2, C.P.U.S.A., on their program which appeared in this column recently.

Unit S8 has already established a rigid check-up system, on attendance at Unit, Fraction, progressive and union meetings. We have already recruited four taxi drivers into the Party. We are going to increase our sales of Sunday Workers. Our unit bureau is constantly alert to the question of politicizing the comrades and has organized the mechanism of the Unit so that political discussions are a permanent weekly institution. We challenge, all units to do likewise.

Unit S8 challenged all taxi units in comradely competition. 1. To recruit Negro taxi drivers into the Party and into the Taxi Chauffeurs Union. 2. To insure a monthly shop paper twelve times a year. 3. 100 per cent attendance and 100 per cent dues paying membership. 4. Unionization of all unit members. Remember—A strong Communist Party is the driving power toward a National Farmer-Labor Party for 1936. Lets go!!!

Day Taxi Unit S. 8, Section 3, Dist. 2.

ON INSTRUCTIONS from the membership of Unit S-5, Section 3, C. P. I wish to thank you for the prompt appearance in the Daily Worker of our challenge to the taxi-drivers. We are doing all in our power to make the taxi-drivers class-conscious. We realize that the best way to do this is to distribute the Daily and Sunday Worker to them. We purchase more than 100 copies of the Sunday Worker every week. The Party press always has a place on the agenda of our weekly unit meetings.

When this point on the agenda is reached, our Daily Worker Agent does not get up and say, "I will now collect money for the Sunday and Daily Worker." He gives first, a report on the amount of papers subscribed for, and if the comrades have not taken out as many as the week before, he urges that they increase the number to make up for the poor week.

He then calls for individual reports as to experiences in selling the paper to the cab-drivers. This exchange of experiences is very valuable to us. Last week, one of the comrades reported that he gave copies of the "Worker" to the newsdealer who has a small concession on the floor of a garage of a large General-Motors controlled corporation.

This comrade has now informed us that these copies were sold and the newsdealer wants more. It is the duty of this comrade to find out who the purchasers are and to establish contact with them and eventually recruit them into the Party.

We know that taxi-drivers read newspapers while waiting for a call and we propose to place in their hands a paper from which they can learn something. Through rigid check-up by our Daily Worker Agent we will be able to carry out our pledge to secure readers for the Daily Worker and 75 taxi-chauffeur subscribers to the Sunday Worker.

TAXI-DRIVERS! The green light shines in our favor. Full speed ahead—forward to increased circulation of the Daily and Sunday Worker!

Taxi Unit S-5, Section 3, New York.

Join the Communist Party

35 East 12th Street, New York

Please send me more information on the Communist Party.

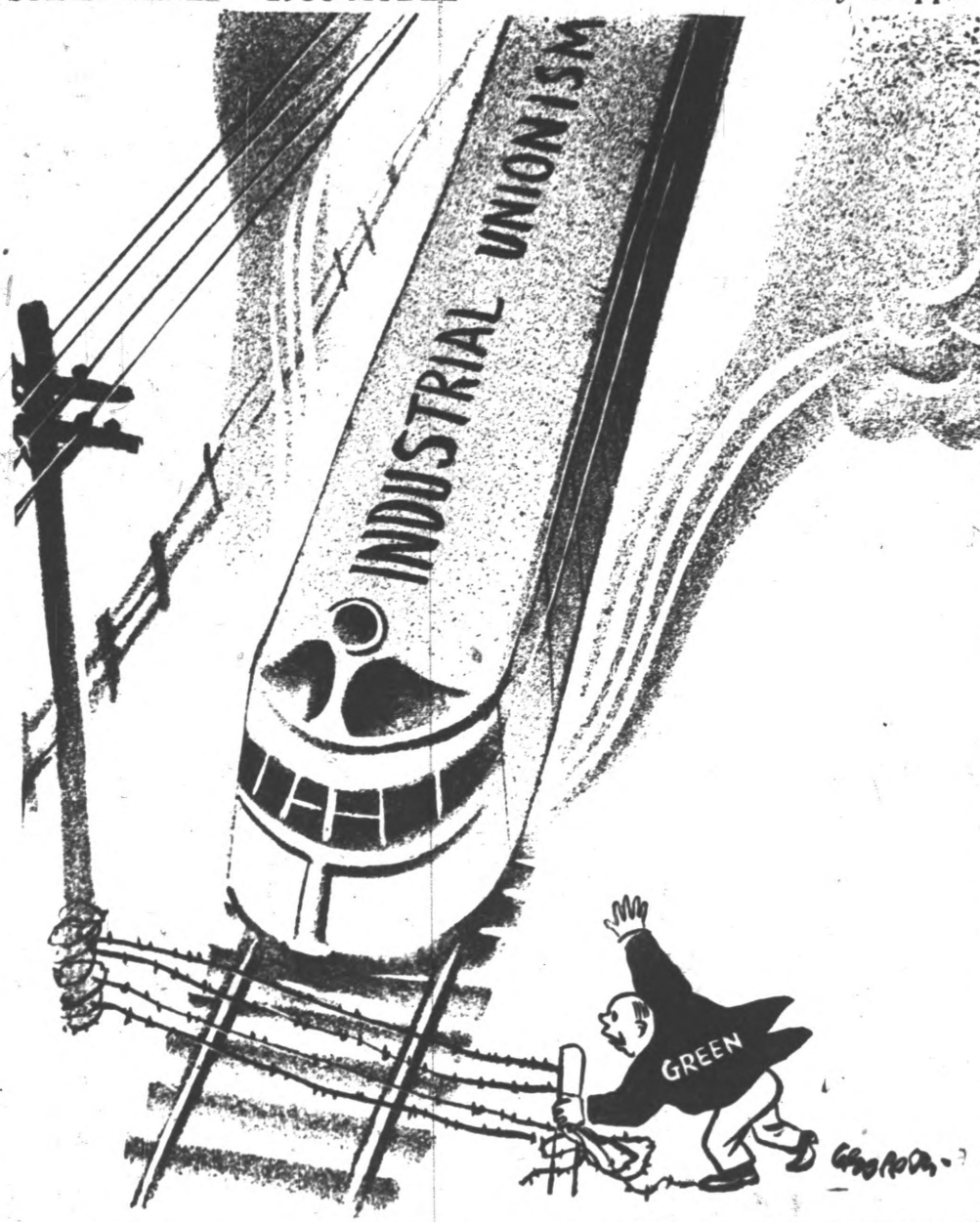
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—By Gropper



Letters From Our Readers

Pay Slave Wages—But 'Last Cent' to Break Strike
Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:
Here in Philadelphia, the Horn and Hardart truck drivers are on strike for better conditions and wages and want the company to recognize the union, but Mr. Horn says he will spend to his last cent and still will not recognize it. So he has found a method of breaking the strike while the drivers were striking. The superintendents are getting the bus boys and cleaners to drive trucks and even getting their drivers' licenses so that will help break the strike. Many bus boys were fired for not wanting to take the job. They hire all kinds of thugs and pay them \$15 a day to protect the scabs. The bosses don't want any of the workers to talk about the strike, but everyone is talking anyhow. On the trucks that are driven by the scabs they have four or five scabs. When the bus boys refuse to drive a scab truck, the bosses say, you don't have to worry, you'll be well protected, and those strikers won't get anywhere, they'll only lose their jobs.

Well, they have nothing to lose because the bus boys get \$10 to \$12 a week, so there is no reason for them to work as scabs.

All the food workers, bus boys, cleaners, bus girls, should be in the union, so that we could help win the strike. And the workers in Horn and Hardart should refuse to work as scabs, for their own interest.

P. M.

Lynch Law vs. Charles Jones, in a New York Court
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:
On May 25th I was a spectator at a trial in the Kings County Court-house at Schermerhorn Street, where I saw lynch law in practice. The judge was the "Honorable" Judge Taylor. The defendant was Charles Jones, colored and poor. The

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Readers are urged to write to the Daily Worker their opinions, impressions, experiences, whatever they feel will be of general interest. Suggestions and criticisms are welcome, and whenever possible are used for the improvement of the Daily Worker. Correspondents are asked to give their names and addresses. Except when signatures are authorized, only initials will be printed.

charge was attempted robbery in the first degree. The jury was composed entirely of white people.

The prosecutor opened the case. Q. Tell what happened on the evening of May 5th. A. A man entered my store and flashed a gun and said, "Give me the money." I protested. Two people entered the store. He put the gun into his pocket and fled. I called the police. Q. Is Jones the man? A. Yes. (The two other witnesses in the store at the time of the holdup were not named or produced.)

The defense attorney (colored and frightened) asked: Were there any other men in the store? The prosecutor, "I object." The Judge, "Sustained."

The next witness, a detective. Q. What happened on the evening of May 5th? A. I was called to the store. Leaving the store, I went to Marcy Ave. I saw a man sitting on a stoop. I asked this man, did you see anybody here? He replied, yes he went that way. I went to the next house and received information (source not disclosed) that the man on the stoop was the fugitive. I went into the cellar and found the gun (ownership not proven). I took Jones to the D. A.'s office where he confessed to an official (not at trial or named, no confession offered).

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Relief Denied, Bed-Ridden Invalid Is Evicted
Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:
While I was at the relief office on May 20th, suddenly there appeared three colored men bringing in a colored woman on a common wooden chair, not able to walk, not able to sit up. They had to take her and lay her on a bench. Her complaints was that they had denied her relief, and she had been evicted while waiting for her relief.

I myself have been trying to get some rent for more than six months. I have gotten one pair of cheap pants in two years.

A WORKER.

'Daily' Hasn't Got All It Takes Yet—Help It Grow!
New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Why are the reactionary Hearst publications read by some two million or more readers while such fine educational newspapers as your Sunday and Daily Worker are neglected by the vast working class masses? I think the answer lies in a great deal in what is still a noticeable difference in technique. On the superior content of the news, there is no gainsaying your paper. But how vastly important are such entertaining features as the jokes, crossword puzzles, and so forth, of our bourgeois newspapers! Countless readers are attracted to the sports column of the Evening Journal. Others read the Mirror for Hellinger who feeds them gossip, a notable human interest way of gaining readers. Your "Sunday" in this respect is far ahead of the "Daily" and is bound to succeed and grow. Cannot Redfield, and the other artists be gotten to expand and enlarge their comic department to the extent of the ordinary newspaper? You cannot afford to alienate anyone through the lack of these valuable features.

D. S.

World Front

By THEODORE REPARD

Militia Madness Forces Beyond Control What Britain Counted On

THE leaders of Zionism have apparently learned nothing and forgotten nothing if one is to judge from their reactions to the events in Palestine.

In Palestine itself, the gravest consequences will follow any formation of a "Jewish legion" or militia within the British army of occupation, already larger and better equipped than at any time since the World War. This step was forecast by Augur about five months ago and now it is reported that British High Commissioner Wauchope is "considering the mobilization of 1,000 Jews into a special unit to help government forces cope with the Arab revolt."

The Arab revolt is a revolt against British rule in Palestine. The Zionists, who at the beginning dismissed it as the work of bandits and pogromists, have completely changed their tune in this respect. The realities of the situation have to this extent been knocked into their heads.

What can such a militia composed solely of Jews signify except that the Zionist leaders have at last decided that Palestine can be made safe for Zionism only by British tanks, bombers and gas, only by cowering the Arabs into submission with that very persuasive argument: the mailed fist. The struggle for unity of both the Jewish workers and the Arabian masses against British imperialism will be made immeasurably more difficult if this step is actually taken.

SOMETIMES, there is an iron logic to events which ruthlessly sweeps aside the feeble, comforting reasons by which men sway themselves into bad actions.

Many Zionists no doubt would prefer that the Jewish "national home" in Palestine should be achieved without friction with the Arab majority and without placing the Jews in a position where they do the dirty work for British imperialism. It is true that Louis Lipsky, vice-president of the World Zionist Action Committee, made a speech in Chicago about three weeks ago in which he cursed the Palestinian Communists for trying "to embarrass the British Empire." But not all Zionists think it a crime "to embarrass the British Empire."

The trouble is, from the viewpoint of the rank and file Zionists, that there are forces at work in Palestine beyond Jewish control. No amount of idealistic aims can change them in the slightest.

FIRST, nothing the Zionists can do today can change the history of yesterday. Before the Balfour Declaration of November, 1917, signaled its betrayal, an agreement was concluded between Sir Henry McMahon for the British and Sharief Hussein, King of the Nejd, for the Arabs, promising complete Arab independence throughout the Near East if the Arabs entered the World War on the side of the Allies.

Secondly, nothing the Zionists can do can change geography. It is entirely a mistake to think that Palestine can be wrested from the Arabs without breaking the back of the whole Arabian revolt throughout Arabia. Palestine is the Arabian door to the Mediterranean.

Every tremor of national feeling in Palestine is felt throughout Arabia and vice versa. Even if every Arab in Palestine were slaughtered, it would still not solve the problem. It would present the Jews with a new one on an infinitely more difficult plane. The Palestine question is but part of the Arabian question.

Thirdly, nothing the Zionists can do can change the imperialist interests of the British Empire. Palestine is today the chief military center of the Empire in the Mediterranean and the Near East, the naval key to the route to India, the commercial outlet of the Baghdad-to-Haifa oil pipe line. British imperialism will never let go of Palestine unless the whole British empire is hit a mortal blow. The question of Palestine for the British is the question of the Empire, not merely 10,000 quarrelsome square miles.

The tragedy of the Zionist illusion is that when the Arabs rise in revolt against the British, the Zionists must of necessity agitate the Jewish people to support the British mandate and British rule. And this is what British imperialism counted on all the time.

What Common People Need

"We assert that the needs of the common people of Summit County require the creation of a new political party based upon organized labor and the farmers, which will represent the great majority and which will fight in a common front of workers, farmers, middle class persons, professionals and intellectuals, without regard to race, color or creed. Such a party is a Farmer-Labor Party." — From call issued by Summit County (Akron), O., Central Labor Union for convention June 7 to launch Farmer-Labor Party.