

Workers Case to Jury

Gompers' Gag Rule Hit by Seattle Labor

By HARVEY O'CONNOR
(Faded Press Correspondent)

SEATTLE.—Repeal of the gag rule of the Central Labor Council is threatened within 60 days by the executive council of the A. F. of L. unless Seattle labor renounces its advocacy of trade relations with Russia.

Purshmore it must withdraw its demand for the recognition of the Russian republic; devote less time to discussion of Russian and Hindi affairs; withdraw its endorsement of the Farmer-Labor party and accept the A. F. of L. non-partisan political policy; co-operate wholeheartedly with the State Federation of Labor, and expel three unions not recognized by the A. F. of L.

This order, received at the last meeting of the Seattle council, was issued after investigation by the executive council of the A. F. of L. upon the complaint of various international unions. The complaints were sent to organizer C. O. Young, A. F. of L. representative in Washington, D. C., who has attended the meeting of the Central Labor Council in the past year. The local council was not asked to explain its attitude during the probe.

The council immediately dispatched a reply to A. F. of L. headquarters drawing that it had in no manner violated the constitution of that body, with the exception of hearing delegates of the lady barbers, blacksmiths and engineers' locals. A bill of particulars was also asked, as the executive council's letter contained only vague charges.

The leading count in the indictment was that the local council "spends more time talking about Russia and India than in dealing with local union business." The reply of the council states that the Seattle body's constitution places local union business first on its weekly calendar. Russia has not been officially discussed for months, and India but once in the past year.

The answer to the indictment and threat was drawn up by Secretary James A. Duncan and received the unanimous endorsement of the Central Labor Council.

Delegates held that the A. F. of L. intended outside of its right in attempting to dictate the attitude of Seattle labor toward independent political action, Russia and other issues. In enforcement of independent political action by the United Mine Workers, and the statements that the A. F. of L. endorsed the policy of the Irish independence prior to the creation of the Irish Free State, are cited as examples of the constitutionality of the local acts. The local council has promised to unseat delegates of the three unions, if so ordered.

Some delegates regard the A. F. of L. action as timed to coincide with an election in the Washington State Federation of Labor, a few weeks off, agreed with William Short, president of the state body, on political issues. Others saw the action as an attempt to secure control of the Daily Seattle Union Record, owned by the Central Labor Council, which might revert to the national body, with the revocation of the charter.

Detroit Opposes Fascist

DETROIT, Mich.—A mass meeting of workers in the Ford plant, Monday, has unanimously adopted resolutions calling upon the workers to organize one solid front against the bourgeoisie and the Fascist movement which is rapidly spreading through the work.

Foster Sees Big Task Ahead for Militants of the East

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
Secretary, Trade Union Educational League

The Conference of the Eastern District of the Trade Union Educational League, to be held in New York on May 5th and 6th, will be one of the most important gatherings held by militant workers in the East. It will mark the beginning of an intensified drive to achieve the policies of the League in the labor movement throughout the many districts.

Under Comrade Mauer's direction, substantial groups of militants have been built in most of the big centers throughout the territory. The thing now needed is to bring the representatives of these groups together, so that the whole movement may be co-ordinated and given impetus towards a common goal. This the coming Conference will do.

Amalgamation and a Labor Party! These are the two great issues now being stressed by the League everywhere. They represent the most vital needs of the labor movement on both the industrial and political fronts. Eastern District Conference will intensify, systematize, and organize the movement to support these measures through the populous industrial district of the Atlantic seaboard. If the League members in these places are awake to the situation, if they grasp the opportunities presented them, they will rally to the Conference and make it a powerful instrument for the revolutionizing of the whole American labor movement.

Raids and Arrests in Pittsburgh Tribute to Success of Militants in Rousing Coal and Steel Slaves

By MAX LERNER
(Special to "The Worker")

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Glowing tribute to the success of the militant labor movement among the coal miners and the development of the Workers Party in this city, was paid by the Pittsburgh District Headquarters of the Workers Party, in the Labor Union in this city, capitol of Gary's steel and coal empire.

It was with the usual grandiloquent, opera bouffe, comic methods, made famous in past Department of Justice Raids, that a horde of detectives of all sorts swooped down upon the Labor Union, the headquarters of Dist. 5 Workers Party, last Friday, seized its records and files and they could lay their hands on, and fearing lest the office furniture might commit some serious acts if left to stay in the office of both the Workers Party and in the office of the building, they carried the furniture away with them, as well as all the literature in sight.

Everywhere in the building was given the closest scrutiny and put there hurried third degree. Everyone coming into the building, was taken to some dark corner and a gun shoved against him while he was questioned.

Break This Conspiracy of Silence

To those who have followed with interest the story of the Foster trial in the capitalist press, it may seem rather strange that the case has now almost entirely disappeared from both the capitalist press and the New York call and Forward. To students of the subject it takes on the nature of a frame-up. It is dangerous it seems for the public to know the inside story of this now famous case. Not content with this means of concealing the public eye, the authorities have ordered the public to be barred from attendance at the trial proceedings therefore are being held without the usual visitors.

On Friday, May 4, at 8 P. M., William Z. Foster, the first defendant in the Michigan case, will give the inside story of the proceedings. He will tell in full the things that happened outside of the newspapers did not dare to print. He will tear aside the blankets of silence which the employers class is trying to put upon these matters that are so vital to the workers.

An overflow meeting is expected at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th St., on the evening mentioned. Admission of 25c will be charged. The entire proceeds will go for the defense.

Young Daughters in Sanitarium

Major Draper M. Daugherty, recently put the Young Daughters in Daugherty, has been sent to a sanitarium to recuperate from his drinking bout. Young Daugherty broke into the limelight thru his connection with Dot King, the slain model-companion of J. Kearley Mitchell, alias Marshall, the Philadelphia millionaire. The attorney general will undoubtedly be ready to go to the same place after a few more anti-Communist trials in Michigan.

When this issue of "The Worker" went to press, Wednesday afternoon, May 2, the indications were that the case of C. E. Ruthenberg would be put in the hands of the jury at St. Joseph's Mich., before the day was over.

It is difficult even to hazard a guess as to what the verdict will be, and by no means immediately the trial of any of the other Michigan defendants.

If Ruthenberg is acquitted the other indictments will no doubt be dropped. If he is convicted the case will be carried to the highest court in the land, the other cases being held in abeyance pending the final decision.

Attorney Frank P. Walsh, in closing the case for the defense, asked, "Who will dare challenge that history does not show the facts as stated by the Communists. We may hope that the final working out of the problem will come otherwise than thru civil war, but the facts of the past struggle, of the present struggle, cannot be denied."

"What do the Communists say?" asked Walsh. "They say that today a new oligarchy rules. They say that the few own the industries. That the great trusts with their control centering in the banking houses of Wall Street control the wages which the workers in the factories receive and the prices they pay for the things they need."

"Harrison Males Juries Smile"

Frank P. Walsh, attorney for C. E. Ruthenberg, rested the case of defense Tuesday afternoon. The prosecution also rested. Evidently the prosecutors, after examining their "shut-out" witness, J. Sposa, who has recently been expelled from the Workers Party as a spy, decided that the brutal looking government agent who speaks a broken English, would not help their case, and kept him off the stand for the rest of the trial.

Carb Harrison was the last witness for Ruthenberg. He testified the struggle within the Communist Party about the question of coming out of the open and the part that Ruthenberg had taken in that struggle. His winning personality made the jury men over and the part that Ruthenberg had taken in that struggle. His winning personality made the jury men over and the part that Ruthenberg had taken in that struggle.

During May and June several conferences of great importance to the militants in the trade unions will be held in place. Those already arranged are as follows:

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Canada Bars Howat, Admits Bitner

(Special Wire to "The Worker")

McAdam Junction, New Brunswick, Canada.—Alex Howat, of Kansas, and Thomas Myerscough, Secretary of the Progressive Miners' International Committee, were stopped at the Canadian border here by immigration officials who refused to allow them to proceed.

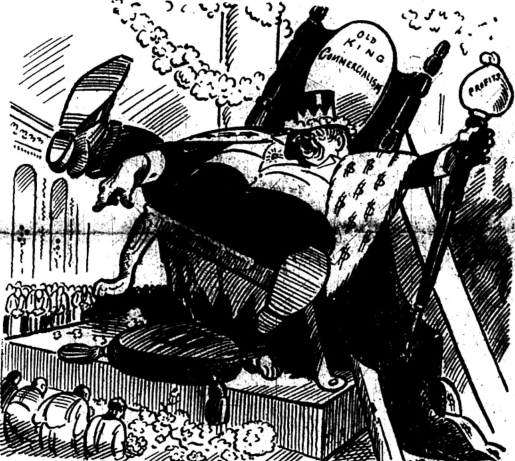
Howat and Myerscough had been invited to come to Canada by the Nova Scotia coal miners and address a number of meetings, opening with the May Day Demonstration.

When taken into custody, Saturday, the two coal-miner militants were refused the right to go either way, back to the United States, or on to their destination.

Van Bitner, field marshal for President John L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers' Union, in writing on militant coal miners was on the same train with Howat and Myerscough. But he got thru without trouble.

Canada immigration officials said they were holding Howat and Myerscough on information that they intended to agitate against the government, and to create general disturbances in Nova Scotia. These officials, however, refused to reveal the source of their information.

Alex Howat will make his first appearance in New York City, at a mass meeting to be held Sunday afternoon, May 20, at the New Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave.



May Day, 1923, Show Him Up a Little More

The Revolt of the American Marine Workers

By GEORGE HARDY

The inevitable has happened in the Marine Industry. A national strike in the industry has been declared by the Marine Transport Workers Industrial Union of the Industrial Workers of the World. This strike has been long overdue. The competent seamen have, for a long time past, been refusing to sign on, taking their chances at more remunerative work ashore.

The seamen's wages have been constantly reduced since the loss of the 1921 strike, conditions at sea have been gradually getting worse, overtime pay has ceased to exist, the Dog-Watch (12 hour day) prevail in most of the ships. The International Seafarers' Union of the American Federation of Labor has been reduced to a skeleton, and as a result of the utter lack of efficient organization American ships have been sailing under the open shop system (American plan).

While the wages of shore workers of late have had a tendency to increase those of the seamen have been miserably inadequate and far below the standard of all working class parties.

When the stokers, almost blind with soot, must toil for \$27.50 per month, their families are equally low in all other departments, with Ordinary Seamen receiving as low as \$40 per month. A general increase of \$20 per month over all existing rates is being asked. (Continued on Page Three)

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Problems of Our Party

II. A Discussion with Upton Sinclair on the United Front

By JOHN PEPPER

The Socialist Party is becoming more and more of a shilly-shally party. The honest workers within the Socialist Party are thoroughly aroused against the policy of Morris Hillquit and Victor Berger. But the honest leaders in the Socialist Party are also beginning to rebel against the official policy of this Party.

Scott Wearing declared that the Socialist Party belongs to the past, and the future belongs to the Workers Party. Eugene Debs endorsed the amalgamation policies of the Trade Union Educational League, while the Socialist Party supports the policies of Gompers.

Wearing and Debs write articles for the Communist "Liberator" and declare their solidarity with the persecuted Communists, while the N. Y. Call and the Forward hurl the most shameless slanders at Foster, Ruthenberg and all other Communists. The managing board of the N. Y. Call reprints the vindictive articles of the N. Y. Herald against Soviet Russia and David Kaminer resigns his editorship on the ground that he is for the united front of all working class parties.

Horstman Thomas openly condemns the Rand School, the policy of the Socialist Party toward the trial of the Cleveland Conference for Progressive Political Action, signs against admittance of the Workers Party to the United Front of all working class parties.

This question is answered in the accompanying discussion between Upton Sinclair and John Pepper. We urge all our readers to thoroughly study both declarations. Pepper is writing a series of articles on Workers Party problems. The article on "My Party—Right or Wrong," will appear in next week's issue.

Welcome Foster! First Appearance in New York Webster Hall, FRIDAY EVE, MAY 4th: See His Trial in Michigan 119 E. 11th St. Workers! Turn Out!

Prosecution in Fear of Ruthenberg

from the 1921 program of the Communist Party, and the Communist Party advocated the use of violence in the class struggle, but all the references to violence had in them the words "the final struggle" or "the idea of armed insurrection," plainly indicating that they referred to something that would happen sometime in the future history of the struggle.

Prosecution Fears Ruthenberg
The prosecution was very much afraid to permit the Ruthenberg trial to explain the Communist principles to the jury that is trying them. In the Foster case, Ruthenberg was cross-examined for three days, both Assistant Attorney General Smith and Prosecutor Green taking turns on this job. Tuesday Smith dropped Ruthenberg after about an hour's questioning, evidently giving up as a bad job the proposition to make Ruthenberg admit communism was something it was not.

Even in this brief cross-examination Smith opened the door to Ruthenberg to state to the jury the Communist view in regard to the part that force plays in the class struggle. He asked Ruthenberg, "Have you ever advocated the use of armed force?" "No," was Ruthenberg's positive answer.

Smith then read an article on "Parliaments and Soviets," which Ruthenberg admitted writing, that the Communist goal was the "acceptance of the principle that the use of armed force is an inevitable phase of the class struggle."
Ruthenberg tried to explain the difference between "acceptance of the principle that the use of armed force is a phase of the class struggle and 'advocating' it." He said that he never permitted to do so.

He asked Ruthenberg what he intended to say about this difference and Ruthenberg replied, "I stated that I had never advocated the use of armed force. To my mind there is a great difference between advocating the use of armed force and the acceptance of the principle that the use of armed force is a phase of the class struggle. It will develop into such a use of force as the economic and political interests of the contending class."
This statement came before the jury the very distinction which Judge White made in his instruction to the Foster jury.

Attorney Walsh read to the jury the proposal of Ruthenberg for the open party known as the National Socialist Party, which appeared in an official organ of the Communist Party.
Smith questioned Ruthenberg during the nine times he had been arrested. He brought out that Ruthenberg had been convicted of opposing the conscription law at the beginning of the war and had served 10 months in prison. Also that he had served 18 months in jail for the violation of the conscription law.

On Monday morning it seemed that the prosecution had forgotten that Ruthenberg was on trial for "assembling with" the Communist Party. For Prosecutor Smith, cross-examining Day Lovestone, devoted his energies to insisting, having no relation to the point at issue in the trial, Smith was particularly insistent upon finding out the relations of the Communist Party to the Federal Press, trying to create the impression that the Communist controlled this labor press venture.

In view of Smith's badgering of Lovestone and continual insinuations the latter conscientiously demanded the position that the only money that had been sent to the Federated Press from Communist sources was for the purchase of news services rendered to the Communist papers, payments made in the same manner in which other labor papers paid for this service.

Trials The Great Force United Labor Front

JOHN PEPPEL
The Ruthenberg trial is the second act in the grand drama of the prosecution of the Communist Party. The trial of William Z. Foster is the first act. There is a reason for this. The trial of Foster is the trial of the Communist Party in its capacity as a political party. The trial of Ruthenberg is the trial of the Communist Party in its capacity as a labor union.

Not a single reporter sits in the courtroom. The Sunday papers now carry no photographs. This is the cause for this contrast. The Ruthenberg trial is more "sensational" than the Foster trial, and the latter trial is more "sensational" than the Foster trial. The trial of Ruthenberg is the trial of the Communist Party in its capacity as a labor union.

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Importers of Arms and Ammunition

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Coal and Steel Barons Crazy in Pittsburgh

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Cannon Runs into U.S. at Martins Ferry

(Special to "The Worker")
MARTINS FERRY, OHIO.—The city authorities refused to permit the meeting planned here at which James P. Cannon was scheduled to speak on "Russia Today." When the local committee for the meeting found the police would not permit the meeting they turned to the Federal Press for assistance. They found the Federal Press willing to send Cannon to Martins Ferry, Ohio, to speak on "Russia Today."

The major says no Bolsheviks would be present. The only person who would be present is Cannon. The major says no Bolsheviks would be present. The only person who would be present is Cannon. The major says no Bolsheviks would be present. The only person who would be present is Cannon.

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Abraham Lefkowitz--Whom Do You Represent?

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East Pittsburgh Workers Enthusiastically Receive Cannon Message On Russia

(Special to "The Worker")
TURTLE CREEK, Pa.—There no doubt, whether a considerable number of workers in this district nor in the case of James P. Cannon messaged to the workers here in East Pittsburgh, Pa.

It was undoubtedly the most enthusiastic meeting ever held in this district. The audience was so large that the meeting had to be held in the East Pittsburgh Y. M. C. A. building. Cannon's message was so enthusiastically received that it was the only message of the kind ever received in this district.

Without doubt the address had a great effect upon the workers here and renewed activity has been the result. Cannon's message was so enthusiastically received that it was the only message of the kind ever received in this district.

George Hard Explains the Causes for Growing Revolt Among the American Marine Workers

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by the men, with 20 cents an hour overtime, three watches (four hours) on deck while at sea, and eight hours a day during the winter months in port, together with \$20 per month increase for all harbor workers receiving less than one hundred dollars per month. Comparatively speaking these demands are not exorbitant and workers in European countries should understand that these are wages for almost entirely unskilled and uneducated men. An impression has prevailed in Administration circles at Washington that the release of the men who are serving outrageous and vicious sentences in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, under war-time legislation would add to the prevailing unrest; to prove the contrary the very first item in the demands of the striking seamen is the release of all war-time political prisoners.

In the past years the seamen have been no better situated in European workers in other industries in matters of organization. The petty struggles and skirmishes between the twenty-two different members of the I. L. A. and the United Cargo Workers have signified their willingness to work for the benefit of the United States and many of the Longshoremen throughout the country have joined the strike. In spite of the ultra-conservative attitude of the officials and their reactionary advice to the rank and file of the I. L. A. to go back to work, and are leaving the strike.

The above letter is self-explanatory, but in spite of the fact that strikers are being arrested for taking liberties by the Marine Relief Association and by Ellis Island, which is absolutely at variance with the wishes of the crew, and telegrams are coming in from the Atlantic, Gulf and West Coast ports that the strike is rapidly spreading.

The strike of the world had a strategic position but it is pathetic to know that the British and other leading ships affecting by the strike. Here is the opportunity, during this strike, to lay a solid foundation for International Unionism. Local and National action should only be taken in the event of a real foundation for International Unionism. Local and National action should only be taken in the event of a real foundation for International Unionism.

Burns' Head Mum on Expose

Seeking safety in silence, Sherman Burns, director of the Burns International Detective Agency, in a reply to direct charges made in last week's issue of "The Worker," that the Burns Agency is the spy service of this country of the German Imperial Government.

"Bill" Burns was "not in" when the representative of "The Worker" called at the palatial offices of this detective agency at 233 Broadway. He was out on the Pacific Coast somewhere, chasing new clues in the Wall Street explosion, since "Wid" Lindel failed him and was deported to Poland. Anyway, while in New York City, Burns hangs his hat in the office of the United States Department of Justice at 13 Park Row.

But Sherman Burns, head of "Bill," was at the Broadway office. He professed never to have heard of "The Worker," but he did not refuse the copy handed him. In fact, he read the charges quite eagerly.

Philadelphia Workers Denounce Fascist in Monster Mass Meeting

(Special to "The Worker")
PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—More than 2,500 workers assembled in the Auditorium Hall here and voiced their unanimous protest against the Fascist movement. The meeting was arranged by the local Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Meeting, Food Workers Section, T. U. E. L., Friday night, May 21st, at 8 p. m., at 208 East 12th Street, New York City.

NOTICE
The Labor Herald for "MAY" is out. Get your bundles at office of Trade Union Educational League, 208 East 12th Street.

T.U.E.L. Makes Big Headway in Pittsburgh

By JOSEPH MANLEY
Eastern Regional Trade Union Educational League

Continuing our trip for the Trade Union Educational League I arrived in Pittsburgh. Whenever I go to a new city, I am always heart of America. I always smell with appreciation, not the smoke of the factory, but the smell of the struggle which rages here year in and year out.

Civil Liberties Union Takes Up Fight for the Kuzbas Colonists

In a statement just sent out to the 300 members, lawyers and correspondents affiliated with the American Civil Liberties Union through the country, the executive committee, headed by Prof. H. Ward, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Albert D. S. Norman, Norman Thomas and Rev. John Silver Sage, characterize the prosecution of the Kuzbas Colony Committee for false representations in their prospectus as political, and endorse the participation in the protest of the Union's director, Roger N. Baldwin, who is one of the defendants.

Eastern Militants! Greetings!

By BEN GITLOW
The Eastern District Conference of the Trade Union Educational League will mark one of the most important events in the history of the labor movement in this country in industry, commerce and finance.

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American Workers to enter the Cannons or TRAC VORS Contest for a Free Trip to Russia

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Upon the industrial conditions of the different countries depends the condition of the world-market.

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The Labor-Royalists

London has just welcomed another royal pagan—the wedding of Prince Albert, Duke of York, second son of the King and Queen, to the youngest daughter of the powerful Earl Strathmore.

May Day Is Over

Successful demonstrations, beyond the expectations of the most hopeful, characterized the passing of International May Day in all lands. This was especially true of those countries where the workers are in agony.

Cannons or Tractors

Western Europe groans under the wheels of rushing capitalism. Everywhere the Soviets are being reborn as sturdy, plow-pulling tractors with the soil to new life.

The Silence of Guilt

It is some time now since we published the facts proving the Anti-Soviet and Anti-Communist conspiracy of The Call and The Forward, the organized, right-wing, American press.

A Promising Spot

"Italy is the most promising spot on the Mediterranean," announces Julius H. Barnes, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. A., just back from Rome.

The First of May! Proclamation of the Communist International!

NOTE: This May Day Proclamation of the Communist International arrived too late for publication in our regular May Day issue.

They hope to establish the empire of the new capitalism by the degradation of the workers to a class of slaves.

Every day aggravates the antagonism between the imperialist powers and creates new ones.

Shoulder to shoulder with your Russian Comrades, we must give capitalism its deathblow.

Wisdom of the Poor Fish



It's all right for the rich to have so many enemies. They have to pay for them.

Against the Masses

The American Constitution is replete with the most cleverly devised and deeply effective means of baffling the will of the masses and making it impossible for them to alter it.

Long Live the Dictatorship of the Proletariat!

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