

therefore, a criterion for judging the "socialist" party in many respects and particularly with regards to the Soviet Union.

Anybody superficially acquainted with that filthy sheet knows that there is no paper in the United States that could compare with the Forward with regard to slanders, fabricants, mutilating of news, including cables of the capitalist correspondents, in order to paint the most horrible picture of the land where the workers rule. The Forward has so far been the only paper in the United States that has been reprinting from the Russian monarchist press in Europe the series of articles of the infamous Bessedovsky who was found guilty by a Soviet court for stealing \$15,000 from the funds of the Soviet embassy in Paris. Bessedovsky's articles were presented to the Fish committee by the Tammany police Inspector Lyons in English translation and have since become the Koran of that committee. Matthew Woll is constantly in touch with his friends of the Jewish Daily Forward. Whatever agreements advanced by Abramovitch on the pages of that paper soon find expression in the statements of Matthew Woll in the capitalist press. Before appearing before the Fish committee Woll was the honorable guest at a banquet dedicated to Abe Cahan, editor of the Forward, side by side with Thomas and others. As if by magic, the arguments advanced by Woll at the Fish hearing were in line with the arguments of Mr. Abramovitch in the Forward a few days previously.

paign, or after. A war on the Soviet Union is in the making. The Geneva correspondent of the New York Times last Sunday openly stated that a blockade against the Soviet Union is on the order of business at the League of Nations headquarters. France and other countries have declared an economic war on the Soviet Union. In the United States the Hoover Government is openly engaged in creating a war atmosphere against "Moscow," whether in connection with Soviet timber, or Soviet wheat. The party of Hoover and Mellon, as well as the party of Smith and Roosevelt, are spreading anti-Soviet propaganda. The "socialists" are calling an anti-Soviet conference November 9. All this is part of one front of attack against the Five-Year Plan, against the land where the workers and farmers rule, abolishing capitalism with all its evils, including unemployment, and establishing the Communist Society.

On election day the parties of Hoover and Fish, and Cahan, Woll and Lee, must get a smashing answer. A tremendous vote for the Hammer and Sickle will be a warning to the Soviet-baiters and all kinds that the workers of the United States are ready to defend the Soviet Union. A tremendous vote for the Hammer and sickle will force to loosen up on the economic blockade against the land of workers' rule. A tremendous vote for the Hammer and Sickle will be a helping hand to the workers and peasants of the Soviet Republics. Vote Communist!

resorted to such measures if the American Federation of Labor had entered the strike. It would mean, the restaurant bosses frankly say, that lower conditions could be established for the workers in the industry. But since it was a militant union bent upon establishing decent conditions the Restaurant Owners Association raised a fund of hundreds of dollars and used the police and courts against the strikers. In this connection the "Restaurant Man" says:

"Had the organization sponsoring the 'strike' been a reputable one, negotiations might have effected peace, but here was a group with no affiliation with the American Federation of Labor and with apparently no aim except to intimidate the operators into recognizing the gang's leaders and accepting their terms for employment conditions. And these conditions were of a nature that caused several owners to decide to close up shop rather than comply, while the majority of the others decided to fight to a finish even if reduced to their last dollar."

Bosses Lose a Million

The workers continued to fight despite the injunction, the opinion of the Supreme Court, and Paragraph 600. Eventually in some shops at least better conditions were established. The bosses bewailed the fact in their official organ that it cost "sixty New York operators a total of a million dollars over a period of about two months because New York State laws are lenient with pickets." They proposed that picketing should be made "a felony with a penitentiary term as a penalty" and for this they are now actively campaigning.

They have the support of Tammany Hall and the republican party and such outstanding republican and democratic politicians as Judge Aaron J. Levy, Bronx, capitalist politician, and Supreme Court Justice, Henry L. Sherman. Norman Thomas and the "socialist" party are doing their best to help these bosses by campaigning for a more efficient police force and by assigning the lawyers in their ranks to obtain injunctions for the American Federation of Labor against striking workers as was the case in the Food Workers strike in the Bronx when Steve Katz's was murdered by the police, under an injunction obtained by Charles Solomon.

It is clear that there is no use appealing to courts for justice. The answer of the workers must be on the one hand to mobilize such forces in open violation of injunctions and Paragraph 600 as will break its utility to the bosses and on the other hand, to give energetic support and votes to the Communist ticket as will serve notice to strikebreaking judges and legislatures of the determination of the working class to establish its right to fight for better conditions.

Injunctions and Elections

By SAM DARCY

"Restauranters of the nation should hail with joy the decision of Supreme Court Justice Henry L. Sherman, who on May 7 (1929), in acting upon a plea of New York cafeteria owners, handed down a ruling which practically dispelled the old nightmare, 'Peaceful Picketing,' by which trouble-makers formerly terrorized operators."

Thus the "Restaurant Man," the official organ of the United Restaurant Owners' Association hailed the entrance of the Supreme Court in the struggle against the strike conducted by the cafeteria workers against the extremely miserable conditions which existed for them. These workers had, for months, heroically fought under the leadership of their militant trade union, the Hotel Branch of the Food Workers Union, and were having considerable success in establishing better conditions. The workers had practically

broken the back of the injunction issued against them through one of the most militant fights ever waged in New York.

The Willow Injunction

An example of how useless the injunction became is illustrated in the way the capitalists themselves risked their money on it. The stock of Willow Cafeterias, one of the largest of the New York chains which operated at that time twenty-three stores, rose five points when the injunction was issued. One week later, after the first mass violations of this injunction, Willow stock fell seven points and continued to fall until it was finally removed from the Exchange.

The famous Paragraph 600 was then vigorously introduced and literally hundreds of workers were arrested daily and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment.

The United Restaurant Owners Association explains in its editorial that it would not have