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CONVENTION OF COMMUNISTS IN MINOT, JULY 30

Will Make Preparations for
State-Wide Election
Campaign

HOLD CONFERENCES

Burke County Farmers to
Demand Twine of Govt.
for Harvesting

Great preparations are being
made by members and sympathizers
of the Communist party for the
North Dakota State nominating
convention to be held at Minot,
North Dakota, on July 30 in the
Sons of Norway Hall. The
convention will open at 2 p. m. There
will be an open air meeting in the
evening.

Four county conferences have al-
ready been held to prepare for this
convention and this week and next
many meetings will be held through-
out the state, on farms and in the
school houses.

In Ward and McLean counties
Omholt, District Organizer of the
Communist party, John Zaharee,
Dan Zaharov, and Hank Kabanuk,
will hold meetings in Mountrail,
Burke, Williams, Divide and Mc-
Kenzie counties. Comrades Frank
Witty, Louis Negard, James Pear-
son, Arvo Husa, Pat Barrett, Fred
Dalsiel and Axel Starr will be "on
the go" constantly.

Comrade Bloor in Eastern
Counties

Comrade Bloor, the state cam-
paign manager and Erwin Nelson,
acting District Organizer of the
Young Communist League will
make a trip through the eastern
counties, speaking as follows: Bismarck
July 20; Jamestown, July 21; Val-
ley City, July 22; Ellendale, July
23; Frederick, South Dakota, July
24; Aberdeen, South Dakota, July
25; Forbes, North Dakota, July 26;
Grand Forks, July 27 and 28.

U. F. L. Supports Communist
Party

At Larson, North Dakota, the
United Farmers League of Keller
township elected delegates to the
state nominating convention and
passed the following resolution:

"We the United Farmers League
of Keller township accept the
Communist party as our political
leader because of the fact that it
is always at the forefront of all
the struggles of the workers and
poor farmers for better conditions,
for our class."

To Hold Mass Demonstration

The Burke county farmers under
the leadership of the U. F. L. will
hold a mass demonstration at Clay-
ton township school on July 23 at
1 p. m. From there they will mo-
bilize farmers in mass to go to
Bowbells to demand of the govern-
ment farm agent there cash for
twine and repairs and other costs
of harvesting.

Mountrail county farmers under
the leadership of the UFL will
also hold a mass demonstration at
Stanley courthouse Tuesday, July
26 at 2 p. m.

War Between Japan and
S. U. Coming Nearer

The Japanese newspaper "Bussio
Simpō" publishes an article by
Okada Mukio entitled "The inevit-
ability of war between Japan and
the Soviet Russia." Okada Mukio
declares that as war between Jap-
an and the Soviet Union is abso-
lutely inevitable, the sooner it
begins the better for Japan. He
writes: "It would be better not to
leave the question of who is the
stronger unanswered until the com-
pletion of the five-year plan." He
also expresses the opinion that it
would not be difficult to find some
pretext for declaring war. He
points out that Japan has gener-
ously supported the Russian white
guards both morally and materi-
ally and declares that in return
their job would be to make the war
is fact. In other words, provoca-
tion.

Nebraska Bank Is
Forced to Close

Lincoln, Neb., July 9.—The Lin-
coln Trust Company and its sub-
sidiary, the Lincoln Safe Deposit
Company, today filed voluntary pe-
titions in bankruptcy in United
States District Court.

The State Banking Department
estimated the loss of the trust
company as of March 10 as \$436,-
454 and questionable assets as
\$322,594. The company's capital
stock of \$600,000, the department
said, was insufficient to cover the
losses.

ARMED FARMERS RELEASE WATER ON DRY LANDS

Denver, July 18.—Armed
farmers today stood guard over
broken headgates of the high
line canal, which carries Den-
ver's water supply, and watched
thousands of acre feet of water
run onto their parched lands....
Rifles, shotguns and smaller
arms were freely displayed.

Climaxing several days of
conferences and threats over
water of the canal, the farmers
today took charge of the head-
gates, broke recently installed
locks and allowed the water to
run. A proposed armed patrol
for the canal was hastily dis-
carded by the Denver board of
water commissioners late today,
when it was decided such patrol
would surely lead to bloodshed.

The high line canal carries
water from Chessman lake and
Antero reservoir to Denver.
Many farmers along the canal
held contracts for delivery of
water from Antero reservoir but
not from Chessman lake. An-
tero reservoir is now dry.

IND. FARMERS GET THE "NEWS"

Communist Party Speaker
Exposes Fake Program
of Socialists

Hammond, Ind., July 14.—This
is to thank you for your im-
mediate response to my letter. I
would like to tell you a few things
about our experience here with the
Producers News.

The bundle you sent arrived just
to the day. Myself and another
comrade went out into the country
that very night to a meeting called
by the Socialist party in a little
country schoolhouse.

Our Communist party speaker
was given permission to speak but
when he started to speak, an old
Socialist "bat" got up and very in-
sultingly told him of our man and
tried to throw him out bodily. I
immediately rushed to his aid and
we quieted the rasal.

Farmers Hear Communist Speaker

We then waited until the last
speaker got through and after they
adjoined the farmers said, "Now
is your chance, Stocker, tell us
what you have to say," and so
our speaker got up and spoke for
about three-fourths of an hour,
even as late as it was and not one
of the farmers left. They were all
very interested, asked questions
and talked with us like old friends.
I was busy giving out literature.

Of course, we had to give it
away because the Socialists had
already taken all their cash any-
way, we gave every one a copy of
the Producers News. One of our
Hunger march leaflets, the Com-
munist party program, "The Fight
for Bread," a few of the pam-
phlets called "Poverty Midst Rich-
es—Why?" and also many Daily
Workers. So if you get any sub-
scriptions to the Producers News
from LeRoy, Ind., you will know
why.

Comradely yours,
LEONA JOHNSON.

Renew Your
Subscription Now

GERMAN WORKERS ERECT BARRICADES



Fifteen workers were killed in the past week and in Germany in street fights
between Fascists and Communists and in Altona, a city of 170,000 near Hamburg,
6,000 fascists supported by the police attacked the workers led by the communists.
Barricades were erected by the workers during the course of the fight which lasted
over an hour. Fighting also took place in the St. Pauli section of Hamburg where
sailors fought with fascists. Our picture shows barricades erected recently in Berlin
by workers in the fight against the fascist murder gangs.

MINERS IN OHIO CONTINUE FIGHT ON WAGE SLASH

National Miners Union Tells
Miners They Must Take
Strike Into Own Hands

UMWA BETRAYERS

United Mine Workers are
Against Miners, Attempt
to Break Strike

Bridgeport, Ohio.—The week pas-
sed quietly in the Ohio strike field.
One scab was severely wounded at
Provident mine. Three others were
badly bruised the next day when
boulders fell from hillsides on top
of their cars. The third day the
scabs' cars were stopped while the
pickets emptied the scabs dinner
buckets which contained only water
and sent the scabs home.

A stampede to work almost re-
sulted from rumors that the Rail
and River mines, near Neffs would
be sealed indefinitely. The work-
ers soon realized that this was a
bosses trick to scare them into ac-
cepting the wage cut. It influenced
a few. It also served as a pretext
for "businessmen" to guarantee
protection for any one wanting to
scab. A petition is being circu-
larized among the Rail and River
Co. miners asking the company to
reopen its mines. The miners
charge that the United Mine
Workers for America, the sub-di-
strict leaders inspired this petition
in order to put the blame for back
to work movement upon the min-
ers.

UMWA Officials Strike Breakers

At Blaine local UMWA officials
led 150 back to work. Barton lo-
cal UMWA sec-treas. went scab-
bing. The scabs at Blaine are not
mining coal. So much rock has
fallen in the places that loading
the coal is impossible. The bosses
refuse to pay anything for remov-
ing this rock, so most of the men
that returned to work just sit
round or pack their tools and walk
out again. The wages for loading
at this mine is 27 cents a ton.
These miners are saying that they
will come out again if the National
Miners Union calls them.

The river pickets at Powhatan
have been successful against all
efforts of the National guard air-
plane to drive them off. The plane
flies so low that the pickets have
to drop flat in the skiffs to es-
cape the landing gear. Gas bombs
fall into the skiffs, the pickets
throw them into the river. The
scabs cannot get by the river pick-
ets.

Capitalist Press Runs "Red" Scare

The capitalist newspapers are
carrying "red scare" stories since
the NMU issued a leaflet telling
the miners to take the strike into
their own hands. The papers are
talking about overthrowing the gov-
ernment, wrecking the mines and
such drivel. The fact that many
miners have Slavic names is also
used to rouse prejudice against
them.

The NMU conference held Fri-
day afternoon, held that the strike
is not lost yet, and there is good
chance to win some concessions
from the coal company. V. Kem-
enovich explained the tactics as
adopted by the National Executive
Board of the NMU: "The NMU
stands for rank and file control of
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Polk-Collins-Bennett Gang Win Nominations In Election Tuesday

Williston Herald Man, Olson, Nominated for County
Commissioner Over Frank French Who Had Served
Mainstreet "Not Wisely but too Well"

Gang Loses Four Places

Fake Economy League Will Keep Dolly Peterson At-
tached to County Payroll if Successful
In November

Candidates Double Cross Own Ticket

The Polk, Collins, Bennet gang,
hiding behind a bush of false po-
litical whisks which they were
pleased to name "The Taxpayers
Economy League," swept to a
glorious victory in Tuesday's pri-
mary election, after one of the
hottest and bitterest primary cam-
paigns ever staged in Sheridan
county where real political cam-
paigns is the order of the day, by
nominating its entire ticket at one
fell swoop, except in four out of
ten contested places where its can-
didates did not win.

Grant Bakewell was defeated for
county attorney by Vernon Hoven
of Antelope; James Michels of Re-
serve, farmer, was defeated by
Paul Kurtz, bank clerk, of Red-
stone, for county treasurer; Minnie
P. Elliot of Redstone, was defeated
by Henry Raen of Raymond for
County Superintendent of Schools;
Edgar I. Syverud, Dagmar farmer,
one of the founders of the Sheri-
dan County Taxpayers League and
suggester of the idea of the Tax-
payers Economy League was lead
away by Harry Sparling, Medi-
cal Lake merchant and banker for
the office of state representative
in the legislature. The successful
"Taxpayers Economy League" can-
didates were: Andrew Ueland of
Outlook, banker and farmer, for
Legislature; Andrew J. Olson of
Homestead, ex-hardware merchant
for county commissioner; Neils
Madsen, of Dagmar, office holder,
for Clerk and Recorder; C. F.
Christiansen of Plentywood, clerk,
for assessor; Hans P. Madsen of
Archer, farmer, for sheriff, and
the two uncontested places: M. S.
Nelson of Plentywood, undertaker,
for coroner and R. L. Wheeler,
of Plentywood, miner, for surveyor.

The primary battle raged about
the office of Sheriff for which
nomination there were five candi-
dates; namely: Hans Madsen, in-
cumbent, Judd Matkin of Redstone,
Robert Smith of Plentywood, one
of Madsen's deputies recently let
out, Joe Redmond of Plentywood,
automobile tire and accessory mer-
chant, and Elmer Hultgren of
Westby, butcher, and petty office
holder. Madsen's nomination was
a foregone conclusion from the
first and he was nominated with
only 38 per cent of the vote cast
at the general election. A great
deal of interest centered about the
contest for clerk of the district
court between Sen. F. G. Fishbeck
and Carl B. Peterson incumbent,
who has been on the county pay-
roll in one capacity or another for
15 years of the 19 years he resided
in the county. Carl managed to
sneak under the wire 119 votes to
the good, handicapped as he was
by his wife Dolly, who has also
been attached to the county pay-
roll during nearly all of her years
in the county and she came here
before Carl. The Peterson family
holds two jobs and draws down
\$287.50 per month from the county

money bags. In the race for as-
sessor, Christiansen was an easy
winner getting as many votes as
Bolster and Kollman combined.
There was quite a struggle in this
contest. Most folks thought that
Kollman was not entitled to con-
sideration at all after four years
on the payroll, but many thought
Bolster had the office coming, and
his defeat was a surprise to most
people who thought the old man
was bound to win in a three cor-
nered fight. In the county attorney
race, in which there were 4
candidates young Hoven emerged
as the victor, the surprise of the
primary. The other candidates
were A. C. Erickson, Paul Bab-
cock and Grant Bakewell, present
incumbent, all of Plentywood.

Magnificent Triumph

The Polk, Collins, Bennett Tax-
payers Economy League Outfit
however accomplished its most
magnificent triumph when it pulled
Carl and Dolly Peterson thru to a
nomination over Sen. F. G. Fish-
beck in spite of the fact that the
Senator had promised to do all of
the work in the clerk of court of-
fice now stooping the shoulders
and gnawing the fingers of Carl
and Dolly all by himself, old man
that he is, thus saving the tax-
payers \$137.50 a month pension
they now pay Dolly for "occupying
the deputy's chair" as a base for
the carrying on of a gum chewing
marathon calculated to win the
total championship in the "gum
chewers endurance contest," and
\$137.50 per month is a lot of
money nowadays with wheat at 20
cents per bushel. The taxpayers
in this case did not seem to be
much concerned in economy as they
did in keeping Dolly on the county
roll. However, Dolly seemed to
be the exception that proved the
rule, for in each and every other
case, except where they didn't, the
taxpayers went, hell bent, for
economy a la Harry Polk, the
great Dakota economy champion.

Polk Wins Sweeping Victory

However, there is no doubt but
that the Polk, Collins, combination
won a sweeping and glorious vic-
tory for Harry for did he not en-
gineer the entire "Taxpayers
Economy League" gag for one pur-
pose, the purpose of securing and
perpetuating the Sheridan county
printing contract to and in the
hands of the Plentywood Herald,
which is the "Taxpayers Economy
League" milking machine, milking
the Sheridan county treasurer for
the benefit of Harry Polk's Wil-
liston Herald and did he not nomi-
nate the county commissioner that
is necessary to the accomplish-
ment of this purpose? It was
necessary for Harry to nominate
and elect a county commissioner
pledged to give the printing con-
tract forever and a day to him,
the Sheridan county republican
boss from North Dakota, and
Harry selected and nominated his
man, A. J. Olson of Homestead by
a safe majority, retiring Frank
French of Medicine Lake, who had
served mainstreet and even Harry
"not wisely but too well," for
many years gone by.

Who Is A. J. Olson?

Who is A. J. Olson? Most peo-
ple in this county never saw or
heard of him before this summer.
He used to be a hardware mer-
chant at Eroid before he went broke.
He never was for the farmers and
of course he would not have been
selected by the gang that picked
him if he had been. He claims
fame as a friend of John Schnitz-
ler, banker, etc. Some time back
he moved onto a farm near Home-
stead that he saved out of the wreck.

Interested Only In Olson

A. J. Olson was the only candi-
date on the ticket in whose suc-
cess Polk was concerned—had each
and every candidate on the "Tax-
payers Economy League" been de-
feeted and Olson elected, the
Plentywood Herald would still have
flapped its wings and crowed for
victory and joy; but if every one
of the "Taxpayers Economy
League" ticket except Olson, had
been elected, and Olson defeated,
Polk would have dragged his tail
feathers in defeat. Yes, he would
have folded his tent like the pro-
verbial Arab and left after the
setting of the moon for more pro-
mising fields. Harry was only in-
terested in another county com-
missioner and that only. He had
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PROTEST PREPARATIONS MADE TO ATTACK HUNGER MARCHERS

Four Communist Candidates are Elected to Boards in Kentucky

Middlesboro, Ky., July 14.—Polling a ma-
jority of the votes, three Communist candidates
were elected to constitute the school board of Ne-
visdale, Ky., a mining town, despite a vicious re-
baiting campaign against them.

The Communist candidates received 81 out of
a total of 135 votes cast, 60 per cent of the total.

At Carpenter, Ky., Steve McKiddy, a farmer
and member of the Communist party, was elected
to the school board also. McKiddy was the only
Communist on the ticket. On the day of the elec-
tion, a last-minute attempt was made to defeat Mc-
Kiddy, charging that he was a "dangerous Com-
munist," but the farmer received nearly two-thirds
of the entire vote after a vigorous speech on the
program of the Communist party.

These elections are only samples of what the
workers and farmers will do in Kentucky this fall,
they declare.

PRICE DECLINE HITS FARMERS

Department of Agriculture
Report Shows Practically
all Products Falling

The monthly report of the Bu-
reau of Economics, Department
of Agriculture, contains the follow-
ing details on the continued drop
in the prices of practically all the
farm products. The bureau finds
"one bright spot" in the situation
the fact that the price of eggs in-
creased one per cent in the month
from May 15 to June 15. The
price at the latter date was, how-
ever, twenty-five per cent below
that of a year ago.

Beef Cattle—The June 15 farm
price average of \$3.81 per hundred
pounds for the country as a whole
was 2.6 per cent lower than a
month earlier and about 27.5 per
cent lower than a year ago.

Corn—The farm price of corn
averaged 29.4 cents per bushel in
the United States on June 15, or
2.6 per cent below a month earlier
and approximately 45.5 per cent
lower than in June, 1931.

Wheat—As the new short crop
of winter wheat started to market,
a 12 per cent reduction in the av-
erage farm price of wheat occurred
from May 15 to June 15, which
brought the price to producers to
57.3 cents a bushel as compared to
61.9 cents in June, 1931. The
shift in sales to a new crop basis
was accompanied by a greater than
average price decline in the South-
west.

Potatoes—The United States av-
erage farm price of potatoes dropped
from 47.0 to 44.4 cents per
bushel during the month ended
June 15. The farm price on the
latter date was approximately 43
per cent under that of a year ago.
Potato prices slumped drastically
in South Central states from May
to June as new-crop shipments
from Oklahoma and Arkansas in-
creased. The decline was also quite
sharp in New England since the
Maine shipments of old potatoes
continued unusually heavy. Prices
increased in the North Central Di-
vision where supplies of the 1931
crop are rapidly diminishing. Little
change occurred in the averages
for far western and south Atlantic
sections.

Cotton Breaks to New Low Level
Cotton—The farm price of cot-
ton broke to a new low level on
June 15. At 4.6 cents per pound,
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SEEK "RELIEF" FROM HOOVER

Leaders of Farm Bureau
Bring Requests to Wall
St. White House

As one step in the long drawn
out process of keeping the farm-
ers looking to Congress and the
White House for relief a Commit-
tee of the American Bureau Fed-
eration, headed by its president,
Edward A. O'Neal, called on Hoo-
ver on July 11 to tell him what
measures for relief they favored.
Relief for the farmers, accord-
ing to the reports made by this
committee to Hoover, lies in the
passage of several measures. The
first of these is the Norbeck-Rain-
ey bill, which is supposed to make
the tariff on wheat, cotton, and
hogs effective for one year. By
this measure they hope to keep the
farmer looking vainly toward the
tariff as a solution out of his mis-
ery. The second measure is the
Goldborough bill which is sup-
posed to maintain the purchasing
power of the dollar, but which is
used by these farmers because it
keeps the farmer interested in the
money "question" rather than in
the capitalist system which is basi-
cally the cause of his misery.

Ask "Relief" Measures of Hoover
They then asked that two pro-
visions of the general "relief" leg-
islation be retained. One provision
is to make loans to finance sales
of surplus agricultural products in
the markets of foreign countries,
and the other provides for the es-
tablishment of regional agricul-
tural credit corporations. Neither
these measures nor the two first
ones provide any immediate relief
for the impoverished farmer. The
is the reason they are used by the
farmers, because they may be able
to win the support of the farmer
for these measures and at the same
time not injure the capitalist class.

Another Bank Closes
In Pawtucket, Conn

Pawtucket, Conn., July 13.—The
Pawtucket Bank and Trust Com-
pany, with deposits of about \$435,-
000, closed today. The State Bank-
ing Department took charge. With-
drawals had been heavy, officials
said, since the recent death of the
vice president and the assistant
cashier. The bank was incorporated
in 1921.

Polish, Rumanian Peasants Suffer Starvation, Suffer Brutal Terror

The situation in Carpathian Ukraina is gradually taking
on the form of an out and out famine. The peasant committees
report that the cases of death from malnutrition, or to put it
more bluntly, starvation are rapidly increasing. During the past
few weeks a series of violent demonstrations of workers and
peasants have taken place in front of the offices of the local
authorities. In all cases the police have proceeded against the
demonstrators with great brutality and fierce collisions have
occurred. In those localities where the recent elections have re-
sulted in a communist majority the red mayors have placed
themselves completely in the services of the people and against
the starvation and terrorist measures of the government. The
elected representatives of the people have now been suspend-
ed from office by the authorities and a number of them have
been imprisoned. Fierce collisions have occurred when masses
of peasants have rallied in order to prevent compulsory auctions
taking place. Many arrests have been made.

Duluth Mayor Tries to Find
Excuse for Police Arming
Against Farmers

I. L. D. IS ACTIVE

Labor Defense Calls Mass
Trial of Moore., Police
Chief for Actions

Duluth, Minn.—Two Farmer-
Laborites on the city council here
have shown that their party name,
Farmer-Labor, is a lie, every let-
ter of it. The two fakery on the
city council, Bodin and Oustafson,
who are affiliated with the Farm-
Labor party, proved themselves an
equal to the fascist Warren S.
Moore, who as public safety com-
missioner is head of the police that
brutally terrorized the St. Louis
county farmers Hunger march held
here recently.

Despite the fact that the Inter-
national Labor Defense proved
through photographs and evidence
that the Duluth police met the hun-
ger marchers with machine guns,
ready for action in a bullet-proof
car, with tear gas, riot clubs, an
ambulance, a patrol wagon and
squad cars, the city council at its
meeting on July 11 did not even
censure Commissioner Moors for
his action, did not even offer one
word of criticism.

"Sniveling" Snively

"Sniveling" Snively, the mayor
of Duluth, was grotesque in his
attempt to defend Commissioner
Moore's action. He called atten-
tion to a mob that lynched three
innocent Negroes in Duluth more
than 10 years ago and attempted
to compare that mob with the
march to Duluth of toiling farmers,
their wives and children. The I.
L. D. spokesman called attention to
the fact that the police did nothing
to interfere with the forming of
the mob to lynch the three inno-
cent circus hands and that after
Negroes were in the hands of the
mob the police that are so handy
with their riot clubs when it comes
to clubbing workers made only a
faint effort to prevent the lynching.
The I. L. D. spokesman then
asked the mayor whether the po-
lice thought the hunger marchers
were on their way to hang the
county commissioners, but the dod-
dering mayor had no answer.

Moore Commends Brutal Police

The fascist commissioner, Moore
on the other hand commended the
police for their action in the St.
Louis county farmers hunger
march and when asked about tear
gas, the bullet proof car, the am-
bulance and the other viciousness
displayed, he tried to pass the
buck to the chief of police saying
that he was in charge of it.

The city council chambers were
packed to the doors more than 400
workers cheering the I. L. D.
spokesman as he exposed the city
council members as enemies of the
workers and poor farmers in their
struggles to obtain relief.

When the fascist commissioner,
Moore, declared that the marchers
put women and children in the
front line of the march, the I. L. D.
spokesman pronounced him a
liar and produced photographs
that made Commissioner Moore
eat his words. Commissioner
Moore proved himself not only a
fascist but a liar in other respects.

Duluth News-Tribune Lies

The Duluth News-Tribune whose
representative was present at the
meeting was denounced for a lying
sheet. Until now they have lumped
together in their news columns the
I. L. D., the United Farmers
League, the Unemployed Councils
together and all of them "Com-
munists," attempting thereby to
frighten away the workers and the
farmers from the meetings. But
the meetings have been attended
by thousands despite the "red"
scare. Publicity was given to the
exposure of the commissioners by
The Tribune after the sheet was
denounced but in their news item
they twisted the facts by saying
that these organizations, while
saying communists as members,
were in no way connected with the
Communist party. Although the
I. L. D. spokesman did not go into
detail into that phase of it, the
workers at the meeting and those
who read The Tribune are remind-
ed that one of the six planks of
the Communist party platform this
year is that against terrorization.
Specifically, No. 5 of the Commu-
nist platform is "Against capitalist
terror; against all forms of sup-
pression of the political rights of
the workers;" and that the I. L. D.
is fully behind it, and in fact that
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AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR

Eighteen years ago this coming August 1 the rival Imperialist powers threw millions on millions of workers and peasants into a bloody struggle for imperialist profits. Tens of millions lost their lives in the trenches and on the battlefields, and from disease and hunger behind the lines. Less than three years later the Wall Street imperialists threw millions of American workers and farmers into the struggle.

Betrayed by Socialists

Millions perished, millions were maimed, crippled, their lives wrecked, so that the imperialists of the world could decide which of them would get the lion's share of the world markets which had become too small for their joint plundering. The workers and farmers of the world were driven and misled into this shambles by the hypocritical phrases of the leaders of the Socialist parties of the world who talked of each imperialist country as the "fatherland" of the toilers of that country. The Socialist leaders who had denounced the capitalist system in militant language for years, had told of the coming imperialist struggle, betrayed the masses of toilers into a sea of blood in the August days of 1914 and in the days that followed.

Against Imperialist War

While that war was still in progress there rose among the masses of every country the determination to put an end to the struggle by putting an end to the capitalist system which was responsible for it. These workers were led by the sound revolutionary cores of the Socialist parties who had preserved their working class integrity during all of the beating on the war drums by the directors of the war machines and their Socialist henchmen.

Revolutionary Struggle Crushed

In Russia, Germany, Hungary, Italy the revolutionary determination of the masses broke out into open struggle. In Germany, Hungary, and Italy, the revolutionary struggle was drowned in a sea of blood by the capitalists and their Socialist agents who did all in their power to prevent the militancy of the masses from crushing the system of capitalist exploitation and imperialist wars.

The Dictatorship of the Proletariat

In the Soviet Union the workers and farmers under the determined leadership of the Bolsheviks, smashed Czarism and the capitalist government which had been set up under Kerensky. The overthrow of the capitalist system in Russia and the establishment of a government of workers, farmers and soldiers soviets, the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, brought into the world political and economic area a system of society that spelled doom to world capitalism and its misery and bloody oppression.

The imperialists saw this and all of them whether in the German or American group of plunderers threw their troops against the new workers' and farmers' government, supported every bandit and brigand of the old regime with money and war supplies to crush the first government of workers and farmers and to reestablish the plunder rule of the capitalist class.

Counter-revolution Smashed

But the workers and farmers of the Soviet Union, under the leadership of the Bolsheviks, the Communist party, smashed all open counter-revolutionary brigand bands within the country and threw back the armies of the imperialists.

Two Systems—Two Worlds

Two worlds have lived side by side for over fourteen years. The path that these two worlds have taken in those years is shown lightning clear in the present situation in which the Soviet

Union finds itself on the one hand, and the capitalist world on the other. This coming October finds the Soviet Union completing the first Five-Year Plan in four years, prepared to take even further giant steps in the second Five-Year Plan now under preparation. The workers and farmers of the Soviet Union gain new benefits daily as the result of the tremendous victories they are winning in building Socialism. The capitalist class in the other five-sixths of the world drives the masses down to more desperate levels of existence daily so that the capitalist system may save itself in this crisis.

A Beacon Light

As their conditions become steadily worse millions on millions of workers and farmers throughout the world realize for the first time the significance of the Soviet Union, understand for the first time that the progress that the masses are making in the Soviet Union for themselves is possible only because fourteen years ago they ended for once and for all the capitalist system of exploitation and established in its place a dictatorship of the proletariat.

As the crisis in the capitalist countries deepens the bankers and capitalists become more determined that the one-sixth of the world in the Soviet Union should be added to the realm of the capitalist exploitation and misery. These exploiters realize that as the significance of the path taken by the Russian workers becomes clearer to the tortured millions throughout the capitalist world the danger grows that these millions will follow the path lighted by the Russian workers.

A New World War Looms

And so today, eighteen years after the last world war was begun the imperialists are preparing for another world war as a "solution" to the crisis. They are intensifying their preparations for war among themselves, but are striving to unite their forces against the Soviet Union to crush the first workers' and farmers' government as the surest means to win a new span of life for capitalism and to crush the growing militancy of their own workers and farmers.

The reparations and war debts negotiations now under way reveal on the one hand the sharpest contradictions among the imperialists but mean also feverish attempts on their part to submerge these antagonisms to the central effort of a united attack on the Soviet Union.

Stand Behind Japanese Invaders

All of the imperialists stand behind Japan in its savage invasion of Manchuria, except insofar as they see in this, not only the preparations for an attack on the Soviet Union but the extension of Japanese imperialism over areas which they also covet. Meanwhile the Japanese pour additional thousands of troops into Manchuria with guns pointed toward the Soviet frontier.

Mass Struggle Against Imperialist War

Only the mass struggle against imperialist war in every town and city, in every county in the United States can deter the Wall Street bankers from plunging the tolling millions of America into a new bloody slaughter. While determined struggle against the imperialist war can and must deter the robbers who would "solve" the crisis in a sea of workers and farmers blood, of the toilers of the Soviet Union as of the imperialist countries, the masses throughout the world can only win security from imperialist war by smashing for once and all time this system that brings not only imperialist slaughter but exploitation, hunger, and untold misery.

Among the farmers of the country the United Farmers League must bring this struggle against the imperialist war. This struggle must be made an inseparable part of all our organizational and agitational work, for imperialist war is an immediate danger that threatens all of us.

Communist Party Leads Struggle

In the United States as in every country it is the Communist party which leads the struggle of all the masses against the war danger. Of all the political parties, only the Communist party has declared in unmistakable terms against the war preparations of Wall Street. It has done this because it, the Communist party of all parties alone represents the life interests of the tolling masses.

"AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR; FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE AND OF THE SOVIET UNION" reads the sixth point on the Communist party election program.

Demonstrate August first against the war makers! Demand the use of all war funds for unemployment relief and emergency relief for the impoverished farmers! Protest the invasion of Manchuria and the setting up of a vassal oppressor state over the Manchurian masses! Demonstrate against the shipment of war materials by the Wall Street capitalists to the Japanese invaders of Manchuria.

"AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR; FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE AND OF THE SOVIET UNION."

OHIO FARMER IS COMMUNIST CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

(By JOHN MARSHALL)

Leetonia, Ohio, June 27.—I am a long time in answering you. You probably have concluded that I am dead to the movement, but it's not so.

To begin with, I am an actual farmer. You understand what that means—work from daylight to dark. This sort of thing doesn't leave one in the best of condition at the end of a day's work, for writing or anything else but sleep. However, I have a number of things to do in my spare time. For instance we are conducting a signature drive to place the Communist candidates on the ballot in this state and county. It falls upon me to keep the thing moving in this county.

Candidate for Governor

Then too, I have been chosen as the candidate for Governor and this means that I have certain duties that require somewhat of my time to perform. So you see I have been kept busy. However, if I can get the cooperation of the comrades in the various sections I mean to make this election campaign mean something in the way of at least making a number of solid contacts among the farmers, in probably half a dozen sections of the state. After the campaign is over I hope to be able, with the cooperation of the Party to build some real organization and to develop some action on the part of the farmers.

Will Send Article

Now, of course, what you want to know from me is what I can do in the way of contributing to the Producers News. So I am enclosing a little note and I promise to send in frequent articles from now on.

County News

OUTLOOK

The United Farmers League of Outlook held a meeting in the A. O. U. W. hall last Wednesday evening. After the business meeting, Charles E. Taylor of Plentywood, gave a talk which was enjoyed by everyone. Mr. Rasmussen, also of Plentywood, was a visitor at the meeting.

The Misses Cooper and Gilmore were visitors at the Carl Tange home where Margaret Cooper has been working in Violet Boyd's place. Jack Nelson and family and Tom Clauson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tobin, Norma Ejerke, Edwin Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Hart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob West and family, Ferris Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tange attended the rodeo at Wolf Point Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week.

The Homme twins, Harold and Howard, Melvin Deck, Jake Good-

laxon, Glen Peterson and Dick Prescott were campers at Beaver Creek during the past week. Mrs. Reed's sister and family of Wisconsin came on a short visit to the Reed home last week. At the Brush Lake Young Pioneer camp there are 87 children and 23 more applications which they cannot accommodate. The children are having a wonderful time besides receiving useful training.

Mrs. Ed Wollan and Mrs. Wollander have been on the sick list this week. John Lundeen and family of Richmond, Mont., were visiting at the Martin Lundeen home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. O. Rose and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goodlaxon, Ransom Cosper, Rubin Wollan, Ralph Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Garrick, Leo Lund and Earl Stoner attended the rodeo and dance at the McKell ranch in Canada Friday.

P. J. Scott received a telegram stating that his nephew had passed away at his home in Appleton, Minnesota. O. Lindhe also received a message stating that his brother had passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wollan and Mrs. Morgan were visitors at Brush Lake Saturday of last week.

Master Robert Scott was a week end visitor at the Melvin Morgan home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Scott and family were dinner guests at the Kroger home last week.

Henry Walters motored to Minneapolis last week where he will transact business.

Frederick Mills has been very ill the past week but is regaining his health rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hurst are the parents of a boy born Wednesday, July 13.

Carl Peterson and family returned from their vacation last Saturday evening.

Several car loads drove out to Dagmar last Thursday evening to hear C. E. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Evenson returned from a month's vacation in Wisconsin and Minnesota last Saturday morning.

Wm. Moran, former assistant cashier in the bank here returned to spend a month or so among friends here; he arrived Friday evening.

James Riddell returned to West-

by on Sunday evening after spending a week among friends here. Mrs. Lyngas has been under the doctor's care for a week with a bad attack of the flu. Mr. and Mrs. Hans Larsen entertained a number of friends and relatives to dinner last Sunday.

Rev. Stowell of Medicine Lake conducted confirmation services at the school house here last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Almar Akre had as guests over the week end Mr. and Mrs. Alloyd Othman. Mrs. Lund and children drove to Bowbells last Saturday. Mrs. Lund returned on Tuesday leaving the children with their grand parents for a two weeks visit.

Over half an inch of rain fell on Tuesday evening, making things a bit brighter here. Mr. and Mrs. George Lund left on Wednesday morning for a two weeks trip thru the parks. Nearly everyone in town was at the big dance at Frank French's last Saturday night.

WESTBY

Alta Johnson returned Sunday afternoon from Fargo where she has finished her course in beauty culture. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Al Swanson and Mr. and Mrs. George Kittleson and Mr. and Mrs. Alloyd Othman were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Olson Tuesday evening.

Miss Freda Peterson of Coalbridge is visiting at the Hans Hanson home this week. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Espen of Comertown were county seal callers Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Skramstad and children and Miss Helena Sunbakken of Alkabo called at the O. Gunderson home Wednesday evening.

Bernice Gunderson returned home Tuesday after spending a few days at the Galgerud home in Alkabo.

Miss Grace Olesen returned home Tuesday afternoon from Sidney after having attended the Danish convention the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Timbrel and daughters Betty and Francis and son Billy

were Plentywood shoppers Tuesday. Omar Helseth, Walter Rowley, and Eddie McCallister motored to Brush Lake on Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. William Anholt and family and Mr. and Mrs. Louisa were guests at the A. T. Olesen home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Olson and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Mangel and family returned from Fish Lake to their home in Comertown Monday. Miss Helen Paulson of Crosby is visiting Martha Gunderson this week. Arthur Jensen from Bowbells visited his parents Sunday and returned to Bowbells Sunday evening where he will work during the summer months. Olaf Gunderson and family motored to Noonan Saturday to attend the fair.

Oscar Helseth and family were guests of Frank Anderson's of Comertown Sunday. Miss Martha Gunderson spent the week end at the Martin Paulson home near Crosby. Mrs. Benson and daughters and Marion and Edna George and Larry Larson spent Monday at Brush Lake. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. George spent Sunday visiting friends and relatives at Whitlatch.

The Antelope baseball team played the Westby boys at Westby Sunday. The score being 5 to 1 in favor of Westby.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson motored to Plentywood on business on Saturday.

Misses Mildred Johnson, Helen George, Arnold Rukkee and Eddie McCallister were Fortuna visitors Sunday.

Wallace Melseth had the misfortune of breaking his left arm while riding home back Friday afternoon. Dr. Smith of Noonan set his arm. His many friends wish for his recovery in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Helseth and family motored to Noonan Saturday to attend the fair.

Saturday afternoon a group of the youngsters helped little Merle Helseth celebrate his second birthday. Sigurd Tange and children, Karlson Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ted Nordhagen and children Gladys, Ruth and Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Lindell, and children, Norman and Natalie, called at the Sigurd Karlson home Sunday evening.

Miss Lillian Peterson of Coalbridge who has been helping at the Hans Hanson home returned to her home Monday.

Rev. Algie is teaching parochial school at Comertown this week.

Samuel Hall of Farwell, Minn. who has been spending a few days here returned home Saturday.

Gym class was held at the Orpheum theatre Friday afternoon with Mrs. Benson as instructor and Marjorie Engler as pianist.

The Concordia college quartet of Moorhead, Minn. sang a musical program at the First Lutheran church Friday. Many people attended.

Mrs. Lydia Blair of Alkabo was a Westby caller Tuesday afternoon.

William Anholt and daughters of Elkhorn district shopped and visited in our city Tuesday.

Hilda Haugen of Elkhorn is visiting with Marjorie Engler this week.

Eddie McCallister is working on the milk route for Shorby Timbrell this month.

Sunday school and parochial school picnic was held at the church parlors on Thursday afternoon. Many attended and it report a fine lunch and a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Schultz motored to Noonan Thursday where the latter consulted the doctor.

Lloyd Helseth is spending a few days visiting Gordon Stubbe this week.

Mrs. Ed Olson and sons Raymond and Ingrid and Miss Ida Larson of Comertown shopped in our city on Wednesday.

O. Gunderson and family motored to the Ole Galgerud home in Alkabo on Tuesday evening for a short visit.

Mrs. Rukkee and daughter Mabel of Alkabo were city shoppers Wednesday.

Helen Miller of Plentywood called in our city on Thursday.

PROTEST

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is the foundation of the International Labor Defense.

Demand Moore Resignation

After the photographs had been submitted and the I. L. D. representative had told in detail what the evidence was at the mass public trial which was held to try Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Moore's resignation was demanded. Moore only smiled at the demand, but the smile was wiped off when the I. L. D. representative turning to the audience demanded that those who were in favor of either the resignation of Moore or his ousting raise their hand. A majority of those present did so. The I. L. D. representative then asked those opposed raise their hand, and only three of the 400 that were in the Council Chambers raised their hand. The I. L. D. representative pointing to one of the three, called the workers' attention to the fact that he was a plain clothes man in the employ of the police department under Commissioner Moore. Exposed, all the copper could say was "ain't I got a right to vote?"

Workers Behind Labor Defense

Although no fighting took place between the St. Louis county hunger marchers and the police, the I. L. D., in promptly acting on this matter, calling a mass public trial of Commissioner Moore and the city council on charges of intimidation and terrorization put a degree of fear into the city council members. It showed them plainly that the workers were behind the I. L. D., that the workers will not stand for terrorization, that they will fight militantly every inch to prevent their rights to the streets being taken away from them.

Lester Guenther returned from Spokane last week where he has been attending school.

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ILLINOIS POWER & LIGHT CO. ENGINEER ENGAGED FOR DNEIPER DAM



E. E. Robinson, of Kewanee, general supervisor of the Illinois Power and Light Corporation has been appointed by Hugh L. Cooper of New York, engineer, to go to the Soviet Union for work on the new hydro electric project on the Dnieper river in the Ukraine. He will be commissioned for nine months to establish operating rules and practices and instruct Russians in carrying on the work.

Robinson will be a member of the advisory staff of American engineers in the employ of Colonel Cooper's firm, which is under contract with the Soviet Government to supervise the construction and operation of the Dnieprestro hydroelectric power plant.

The picture shows the Dnieper dam, one of the giants of the Soviet Five-Year plan, near completion. The picture is taken from the left bank of the Dnieper river.

The electric power industry in the United States is characterized at the present time by the continued drop in electric output and by the disintegration of the great systems like the Insull group. In the Soviet Union the trend of electric output is continuously upward with new electric giants being put into operation constantly.

organizers cannot be sent out into the struggle and isolate the union from the masses of the miners.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

MINERS IN OHIO

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the strike through the United Front Strike committees elected by the miners and representing all the groups and factions among the strikers. It urges the miners to make their local demands based on no wage cut, recognition of mine committees, right of the miners to check weighman of discrimination or black list of miners for the strike or union activities, etc. This united front must be all inclusive, Negro miners, youth and women must be given representation on the strike commission. The united front must also include the unemployed and adopt demands for an immediate unemployment relief from the state and corporations to the unemployed. This policy makes it impossible for any leaders of the UMWA to sell the strike or knife the strike in the back as Hall, Cinque, Pacifico attempted to do when they tried to sign the Rail and

River agreement in May while the strike was still on and it was still spreading. The National Miners Union charges that the UMWA has ceased to be a miners union, and has become a company Union, trading wage cuts for the check off the bosses will give in return. This is best proven by wage cut agreements in the Pittsburgh Terminal mines and in the Scotts Run section of W. Va. The UMWA is willing to enforce its wage cutting strike breaking policy with threats to the miners who are willing to go back, that "we have enough loyal UMWA to fill these mines." Thus actually forcing the miners to accept the cuts at threats to scab on them if they refuse to take the cut.

Locals Must Function Regularly

One of the serious problems now facing the NMU, is the question of regular function of the local unions. Regular collection of dues, keeping the members in good standing; regular local meetings mass recruiting into the union. The very life of the union is threatened

at times due to lack of funds to carry on the most elementary fields that are crying for organizers. Strikes do not receive the necessary attention, etc. The keynote at the conference was that every member must pay dues, all local must be put on functioning basis, mass recruiting for 3,000 members in Ohio must receive the support of every member. It was pointed out that if we carried out even minimum of the NMU program and decisions into effect during the strike, the strike now would be controlled by the miners and not by the UMWA, fakers.

Paul Bohus made report for the district board, expressing unanimity of the district board with all the decisions of the national board. He also pointed to some of the deviations from the line of the Union, expressed in theories of some of the leading comrades in the district that "this strike is a UMWA strike and the NMU shall keep out," etc. These theories and policies lead to the liquidation of the NMU as an independent union, the NMU must enter every strike, re-

