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Against Imperialist War August 1

JAIL UNITED FARMERS LEAGUE ORGANIZERS IN BEMIDJI, MINN. COMMUNIST ELECTION MEETING

NO FREE SPEECH

Streets Denied Communist Candidate for Lieut. Governor of State

FOUND GUILTY

Defense of Workers In Court Exposes Terrorism of Capitalist Lackeys

Bemidji, Minn. July 23.—On the 16th of July a United front conference was called for Clearwater and Beltrami counties to prepare for the August 1 anti-war day demonstration at Bemidji and also to make last minute arrangements for a United Farmers League picnic to be held at Solway, about 12 mile out of Bemidji. As the workers of the Unemployed Council had been promised by the Mayor, Tom Smart, and chief of police, Gray, of Bemidji, that they could hold their meetings on the corner of the city hall, the workers had arranged a meeting for Comrade John Lindeman, Communist Candidate for Lieut. Governor, to give an address at that place.

It was decided at the conference that Comrade Ed C. Baumann should announce the picnic to be held at Solway, and give a little talk at the same time. Comrade Ed Hanna of Bemidji, was to give the opening address.

Refuse to Allow Street Meeting
As the comrades put the box down on this promised corner, the Chief of Police stepped up to Comrade Hanna and told him that he could not have any more meetings on that corner. Comrade Hanna explained to him that as he had been promised that this corner was open for meetings, he had advertised the meeting and the Unemployed Council had gone to trouble and expense in advertising the meeting, that he would see what the workers said about it. He turned to address the workers when Chief Grey, supported by Officer Daley, stepped up and told him to cut out the talking, that there would be no street meeting there that night.

Protest Hanna's Arrest
The workers, feeling they had something to say to that, having been promised the corner, crowded about Comrade Hanna, who continued to speak to the workers to find out whether they would change the place of meeting as ordered. The Bemidji police grabbed Comrade Hanna, brutally dragging him to the police station.

Some of the workers ran after the police, trying to stop them from taking Comrade Hanna, telling them he had done nothing wrong, but these tools of the boss class in Bemidji refused to listen to the workers and farmers that made up the crowd. At the same time others of the crowd realizing that a drive was on to stop the workers having free speech in Bemidji, several of them made a jump for the box.

As Comrade Reino Tantilla jumped on the box, stating to the workers that he would explain the situation the police came back and grabbed him, dragging him to jail.

Demand Candidate be Allowed to Speak

At this time Comrade Mrs. Hanna, who was under a 30 day suspended sentence for a May 4 Relief fight, before the Commissioners of Beltrami county jumped on the box. Knowing the police had started the trouble she tried to bring the workers' meeting to a peaceful conclusion. As she began to talk to the workers the police again came back, dragged her from the box and started to haul her to jail, but were met by more militant resistance from the workers who demanded that their candidate be allowed to speak or they would all go to jail. Comrade Ed C. Baumann, U. F. L. organizer, then stepped on the box, told the workers how their rights were being denied them, and asked them to gather around the box while

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\$900,000,000 Is Annual Tribute to Capitalists on Farm Debt

Each year the farmers of the United States pay over \$900,000,000 in tribute to the capitalist class as interest on the \$13,000,000,000 to \$14,000,000,000 indebtedness which they bear, according to an estimate of Norman J. Wall, economist of the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics, Department of Agriculture.

The largest item in the total indebtedness of the American farmers is farm mortgages. This "materially exceeds" \$900,000,000 according to Wall. This has been reduced somewhat during the past three years. The reduction has not meant relief for the farmers but is the result of foreclosures, that is, the reduction involves those loans that the farmers could not maintain.

Short term loans, primarily loans from local banks, amount to about \$3,000,000,000. There is no reliable estimate of intermediate loans but they are in the aggregate quite substantial. The annual volume of merchant credit has been estimated to exceed \$1,000,000,000.

On these debts Wall estimates that the average rate of interest is 6 per cent on the real estate indebtedness, 8 per cent on the short term indebtedness, and 15 to 20 per cent on the merchant credit. Using these figures Wall estimates the total annual payments of the farmers of the country to the capitalist class to be \$900,000,000. Nearly ONE BILLION DOLLARS EXTRACTED FROM THE FARMERS THRU THEIR DEBTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS.

In addition to this hundreds of millions more are plundered by the capitalist class thru taxes, rail rates, the tariff, and by the board of trade speculators. It is by these means that the toiling farmers of the country are exploited by the capitalist class.

EXPOSE GRAFT IN SOUP LINE

Ex-Bootlegger Is Cook to Hand Out Bread, Coffee at Two Bits Per

(By TOMMY FREEMAN)

Missoula, Mont., July 19.—The city of Deer Lodge, Montana, had a soup line that they were proud of once but not any more. Two militant workers who were on their way to Missoula arrived in Deer Lodge via side door pullman and naturally being unemployed they were broke and hungry.

They started looking for something to eat, asking the only ones that had anything, namely the business men. They were told to go to the soup kitchen. This soup kitchen proved to be similar to the other nests of graft thruout the country. An ex-bootlegger was the "cook" as if a cook were needed to put up two slices of bread and a cup of black coffee.

On being told that there was nothing more than the above mentioned bread and coffee we formed an investigation committee to see why we were not getting the beans and fruit we had been promised. We found that the dirty grafters were getting 25 cents to hand out two slices of bread and coffee. We don't think the same cliques will be in charge of the outfit any longer as we got results, we are sure.

WORSE MISERY IN WASHINGTON

Berries Left to Rot, Cows Sold, Figs Becoming Curiosity

(By WILLIAM FERGUSON)

Seattle, Wash., July 21.—I am busy organizing the farmers in a district here in Washington known as the Peninsular, in the beautiful Hood Canal district. For some reason the farmers did not seem to get fat on scenery and Hoover's "prosperity" is much in evidence. A great many of the farmers have lost all hopes of our Great American Saviour (Hoover). They are more and more convinced that Hoover is a thorough scoundrel, and is not hard to show the masses of stump ranchers that this is a Wall Street owned government.

Berries Left to Rot

Just at present there is a tremendous acreage of berries. These are left to rot on the bushes. The farmers have in many cases picked the berries and after shipping have not received more than enough to pay for the empty crates. They paid from 10 to 16 cents for baby chicks and are losing money because of the high cost of feed. Usually strawberries sell readily for ten to fifteen cents a box but have been sold here on the public

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Imperialist War Faces the Masses

As August first nears the approach of imperialist war is marked by a renewed attack of the Japanese in southwestern Manchuria, in the province of Jehol. The advance of the Japanese in Jehol brings them closer to the borders of Soviet Mongolia which is a power friendly to the Soviet Union. The advance of the Japanese brings them closer to the Soviet Union, brings them closer to an attack on the Soviet Union.

In this attack there is again shown the alignment of all the enemies of the working class against the Soviet Union, against the Chinese masses.

The League of Nations, the arena of struggle among the imperialists, is still "investigating" the Japanese invasion of Manchuria, which began almost a year ago, and the Japanese bombardment of Shanghai which took place in February. Not one imperialist nation took a decisive stand against the Japanese invasion of Manchuria, not one has taken a decisive stand against the latest renewal of widespread military action in Jehol. The absence of any sharp struggle among the imperialists on the Japanese invasion is NOT the result of the absence of antagonism toward the Japanese invasion of territories in which the other imperialists also have interests. The other imperialists, the United States and Great Britain in particular, are bitterly opposed to Japanese occupation of new fields of exploitation. But they see also in the Japanese invasion that which is more important to them than even their own immediate desire for new fields of exploitation. They see in the Japanese invasion the crushing of the Chinese and Manchurian masses to imperialist domination. They see also in the Japanese invasion of Manchuria the organization of a spearhead of imperialist intervention in the Soviet Union.

United Front Against the Soviet Union

They are attempting in every way to submerge their very bitter inner antagonisms toward the forging of a united imperialist front against the Soviet Union.

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500 ATTEND BIG FARMERS PICNIC

United Farmers League Has Organized Farmers and Youth In Township

(By CONRAD ESPE)

Bryant, Wash., July 11.—The United Farmers League sponsored a picnic July 4 at the Pilchuck creek. The day was somewhat marred by bad weather, but, barring weather conditions, a crowd of over 500 turned out for the occasion. Lunch was served at noon. The afternoon was taken up with sports and speaking. Comrade Murphy of Seattle was the principal speaker. He gave a fine address, explaining fully the Liberty party and other fake organizations which are trying to mislead the working class.

300 Attend Dance

The picnic was followed by a dance at the Bryant hall with a crowd of over 300 attending. The United Farmers League was organized in Bryant during

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FARMERS RALLY FOR AID IN N. D.

500 Farmers Demand Relief From Government for Harvesting Crops

Belden, N. Dak., July 20.—The farmers meeting held at Stanley courthouse yesterday afternoon, July 19, was called at a very short notice with only a small frimot page notice in the Stanley Sun, the local newspaper. The United Farmers League of Mountrail County called upon all farmers to be present to discuss ways and means to get the twine and other repairs to harvest; our crop which is ripening very fast. As the conditions of the farmers of Mountrail county are no different than of the surrounding territories, this question is of vital interest to all, practically 90 per cent of the farmers having the seed loans from the Federal Government and no money with which to harvest this crop and furthermore no security to borrow money to buy the necessary things.

At this meeting there were approximately 500 farmers, a few U. F. L. members, some Farmers Union members and quite a few who belonged to neither group, not members of any organization. But nevertheless all had the same purpose, and were there for the purpose of getting some action.

The meeting was called to order by Arvo Husa, county secretary of the U. F. L., who briefly outlined the purpose of it and opened the nominations for chairman of the meeting. Harry Hardy of Ross, one of the active leaders of the U. F. L. of Mountrail county was elected for chairman and took charge of the meeting. Evans was elected secretary of the meeting. After that the meeting was opened for discussion from the floor, many of the farmers taking part in a good lively discussion lasting over two

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A CORRECTION

In giving the names of jurors in the article "Koochiching County Graft" published in a recent issue of the News, one name was misspelled and the addresses of two were wrong. The name, Frank Babbitt should have been Frank Babich, and his address as well as that of Anton Rauch is Rauch, Minn.

JAPANESE PUSH INVASION OF JEHO; FASCISM RAISES BLOODY HEAD IN GERMANY

OUST SOCIALISTS

Martial Law Declared to Crush Workers, Plan to Suppress Communists

CALL FOR STRIKE

Rote Fahne, Communist Party Organ Is Suppressed By Van Papen Govt.

Under a decree issued by von Hindenburg, Chancellor Von Papen was named Commissioner for Prussia, with the power to remove any ministers and to install his own tools in the offices. This von Papen immediately did on assuming office of Commissioner. All of the Socialist ministers were removed, including Braun, the premier, Grezesinski, head of the Prussian police, and Carl Severing, the Minister of the Interior.

Berlin Declared in State of Siege

By decree the city of Berlin and province of Brandenburg in which Berlin is located were declared in a state of martial law. The decree also carries the death sentence for any militant actions on the part of the workers. The capitalist class is attempting to maintain capitalism thru open fascism.

The Socialists have been removed because at this stage of the political development the capitalist class no longer needs them in office. The Socialists immediately after their removal from office showed that they are still tools of the capitalist class, and actually working with the very fascist leaders who threw them out of office. The Socialists "protested" against this fascist step by appealing for an injunction to the German Supreme Court. The Supreme Court refused them the injunction. The Socialists by this action wanted to continue deceiving workers into looking for support against fascism to the very class that is instituting it now.

Attempt to Crush Communists

The real enemy of German capitalism, and the enemy that the capitalist class is attempting to hit with the fascist decrees is the revolutionary movement of Germany under the leadership of the Communist party. The Rote Fahne official organ of the Communist party of Germany, has been suppressed for calling on the workers for a mass political strike against the looming fascist dictatorship.

Workers who have been distributed the Rote Fahne have been arrested, because it is the Communist party and the other revolutionary organizations which will lead the workers and farmers of Germany in decisive struggles against fascism.

Death Toll of Fascism Rises

While the Communist party and the revolutionary organizations (Continued on Page Two)

FARMERS' LEADERS 30 DAY SENTENCE UPHELD BY COURT

Ontonagon, Mich.—Gene Island, upper Michigan organizer of the United Farmers League, and Comrade Arvola received a 30-day sentence which was upheld when appealed to a higher court. The arrests followed an attack by fascist elements and Legionnaires against a preparatory street meeting for May 1 in Ontonagon, which was attacked and broken up.

COPS JAIL NINE EX-SERVICE MEN

Veterans Beaten By Police as they Demonstrate in Washington

Nine veterans were arrested on July 25 in Washington after they had started to picket the White House. The veterans who started to picket the White House were attacked by police who beat the unarmed ex-soldiers with clubs. Among those who were arrested were John Pace of Detroit, and Walter Eicker of Washington, D. C., leaders of the Workers Ex-servicemen's League. They were charged with "inciting to riot" an obviously framed charge.

Others arrested were John Dmetrick, New York; Sylvester McKinney, Washington, D. C.; David Budd, Washington, D. C.; Louis Priobolos, New York; Frank Thomas, Portland, Ore.; George Reppas, who said he had no address, and Albert Geroshowitz, New York.

With the aid of the traitor Waters, the police are going ahead with their attempt to force them to leave the city. Waters is agreed that the veterans should leave the city but is trying to maintain his influence over them. For that reason he has told them that they should offer passive resistance to the police if they evict them from their temporary shelter in the government buildings.

In order to conceal the fighting determination of the rank and file of the veterans the capitalist press is reporting every day that additional thousands have taken advantage of the government fare offer and have left the city.

The brutal attacks on the veterans are a shining example of what imperialist war means even for those who are able to get back out of it alive. The veterans who fought for Wall Street profits in 1917-18 are now told by the capitalist class that they can starve, that they will not get the bonus. At the same time that the bonus is refused to the veterans, the big banks, railroads and industrial concerns are getting billions from the United States treasury thru the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

ALL OUT AUGUST 1

Invasion Brings Japanese to Soviet Mongolia, North China Threatened

MASSES PROTEST

Red Armies Defend Central and South China from Nationalist Attacks

During the past week the Japanese imperialist troops have entered on a large scale invasion of Jehol Province in the southwestern part of Manchuria. The attack of the Japanese invaders in Jehol brings them close to Soviet Mongolia, which is friendly to the Soviet Union. The Japanese invasion of Jehol is also a threat against all of Northern China. The Japanese are carrying on this invasion with large troop contingents, motor transports, tanks, and large military supplies.

Kuomintang Traitors Attack Soviet
While this invasion is being carried on by the Japanese imperialists the traitor Kuomintang nationalist government has issued only empty "attacks" against them. It has continued to develop instead an extensive attack on the workers and peasants in the Soviet districts of Central and South China. The workers and peasants' Red Armies are putting up a heroic resistance to the attacks of the Nanking butchers.

Thruout China the masses have reacted to this latest murderous invasion of the Japanese by demanding determined struggle against them. Great demonstrations have been held by the workers and the students in cities.

Empty Slogans of "Resistance"
The Kuomintang authorities are trying to head off this movement by new empty gestures of "resisting" the Japanese invaders. Chiang Kai-shek, Nanking dictator, who is at the head of 600,000 "Communist suppression" troops at Hankow, sent "instructions" to Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang to "resist" the Japanese with armed force. Chiang sent similar instructions to Chang in the early stages of the Japanese invasion and seizure of Manchuria. Chang ignored these public instructions and under a secret agreement with Chiang withdrew his huge army from Manchuria, leaving the Japanese a clear field.

Report Japanese Prepare Tientsin Attack

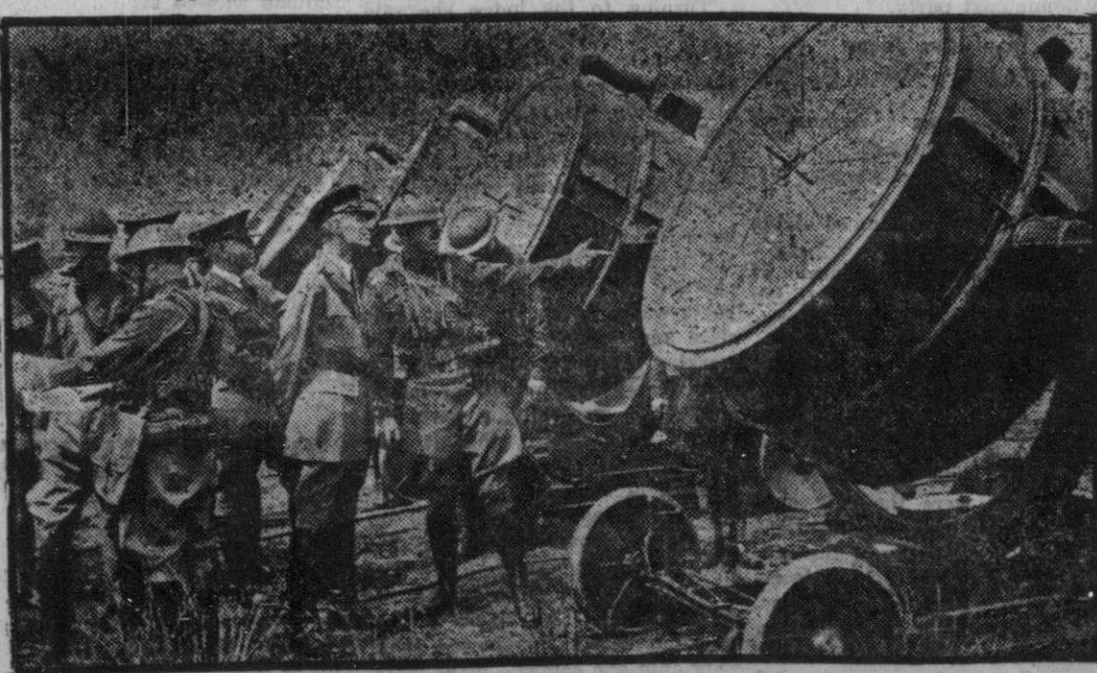
Unconfirmed reports from Shanghai say that Marshal Chang is moving his army from Peiping to Jehol. The Japanese are reported to be preparing to carry out an attack from Tientsin, in a pincers movement against North China which would be invaded simultaneously from Jehol Province and Tientsin where there is already a large number of Japanese troops.

Foreign observers in Manchuria report huge movements of Japanese troops and artillery toward Jehol from Chinchow. Large Japanese forces are also reported to have left Mukden yesterday "on a secret mission."

MONTANA CANNERY WORKERS STRIKE AGAINST PAY CUT

About 60 men and boys struck for higher wages at the plant of the Bozeman Canning Company, Bozeman, Montana, on July 26. The workers demand a return to the wage scale of last year. The present wage scale is fifty per cent below that of a year ago. The capitalist press reports that the women workers in the plant did not strike.

Point 6 on the election program of the Communist party: "Against imperialist war; for the defense of the Chinese people and of the Soviet Union."



Our picture shows officers on Governor's Island, New York, inspecting huge anti-aircraft searchlights. This is a only a small part of the preparations being made by the U. S. army for the next imperialist war in which the bankers want to plunge the workers and farmers of the country. Against imperialist war! All out August first in militant demonstrations!

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IMPERIALIST WAR FACES THE MASSES

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In the new Japanese invasion of Jehol the misleadership, the treachery of the Kuomintang leaders in China comes to the fore once more. They "proclaim" against the Japanese invaders. Chiang Kai Shek, arch traitor, "denounces" them. These are the WORDS of the Nationalist, Kuomintang leaders. What are their actions? Every real attack they have made has been AGAINST THE CHINESE MASSES, AGAINST THE CHINESE SOVIETS, AGAINST THE RED ARMIES OF THE WORKERS AND PEASANTS. While they attempt to deceive these masses by militant phrases against the imperialists, their actions are against the masses, against every effective struggle on imperialism, on the side of the imperialists and against the militant Chinese masses.

In this the Japanese and other imperialists and the Kuomintang leaders are united—in the ATTACK ON THE CHINESE SOVIETS, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, and in the PREPARATIONS FOR THE ATTACK ON THE SOVIET UNION.

Attack Chinese Soviets

In this, tho, their mutual antagonism and struggles bring them closer to inner-imperialist conflicts, because as they attack the Chinese masses and prepare for intervention in the Soviet Union their eyes fix on the immediate loot that the Japanese are gaining. Their mutual antagonisms and conflicts bring them closer to a decision to "solve" these mutual struggles by a united attack on the Soviet union, on the Chinese Red Army and the Chinese Soviet government.

The imperialists see in war not only a "solution" of their imperialist ambitions but a "solution" to their crisis within each imperialist country itself.

The Wall Street bankers see in a new world war not only a chance to gain new world markets in China and in the Soviet Union, if this first workers' and farmers' government can be crushed, but also a "solution" to the growing radicalization of the masses of unemployed and employed workers and toiling farmers thruout the country. If they can ship millions into the trenches to be murdered and maimed these millions of workers and farmers will not protest against wage cuts, will not strike, will not demonstrate for relief, will not protest against evictions and foreclosures. The capitalist class feels that in this way it could "solve" the growing antagonism of the working class to its entire regime of misery and exploitation.

"Solution" of Blood and Murder

The "solution" of the capitalists is only a "solution" of the present miseries of the working class by plunging them into a sea of blood. They would drown our present misery by drowning us in a sea of blood. For hunger and exploitation and oppression they would substitute hunger, exploitation, oppression and MURDER OF MILLIONS OF WORKERS, FARMERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

For imperialist war means Flanders Fields, where the poppies grow, and where the ground is soaked by the blood of the millions of workers and farmers, and where the corpses, the bodies of workers and farmers rot to the GREATER GLORY OF IMPERIALISM and for the benefit of CAPITALIST OWNERS OF FIVE-SIXTHS OF THE WORLD.

Every field in an imperialist Flanders means millions paid out to the capitalist stockholders and bondholders. In Flanders Fields the lives of the working class are used to fertilize the fields where dividends are harvested by the great bankers and industrialists.

War for the Wives and Children of the Working Class

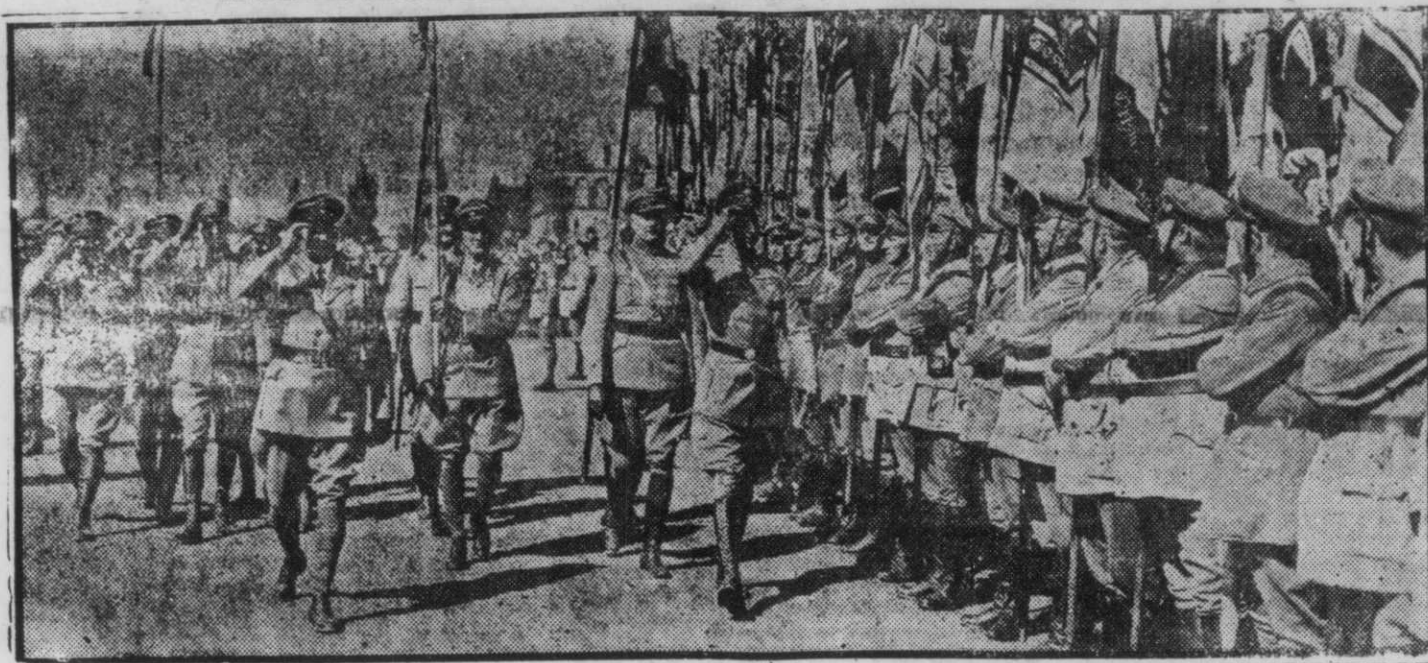
While the Flanders Fields for the millions thrown into the trenches lie in No-man's Land, behind the lines there are Flanders Fields for the wives and children of the working class, who have been starved and exploited for the greater glory of capitalism and for its profits. Each day the draymen of Shanghai gather an average of 120 bodies of children killed by shell fire and starvation, during and after the Japanese bombardment of Shanghai five months ago. In Manchuria tens of thousands have been murdered during the Japanese invasion. The imperialist attack on the Chinese masses is taking a toll of thousands thru cholera, which has spread as a result of hunger caused by the invaders.

This is what the imperialist war means NOW to the Chinese and Manchurian workers and farmers and their wives. This is what imperialist war would mean for all workers and farmers.

War Is on In China

The Chinese workers and farmers are suffering from this "solution" of the crisis—WAR. They are toilers like

HOHENZOLLERN'S SUP PORT FASCIST HITLER



Our picture shows the ex-crown prince reviewing nationalist military bands in Germany recently. The present attack on the German workers and farmers and on their revolutionary organizations is being carried on with the support of the Hohenzollern gang, and of their nationalist followers. One of the princes, brother to the one shown in the picture is a leading member of Hitler's fascist party.

JAIL UNITED FARMERS LEAGUE ORGANIZERS IN BEMIDJI, MINN. COMMUNIST ELECTION MEETING

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Comrade Lindeman, their candidate for Lieut. Governor, showed them the way out of the misery of the present system of starvation. With a little further talk he introduced Comrade Lindeman who was met with applause from the workers.

Lindeman, Candidate for Lieut. Governor Speaks

Comrade Lindeman then stepped on the box and told the workers the Communist way out of the situation especially stressing the first plank of the Communist party election program:

"Unemployment and social insurance at the expense of the state and employers."

The third plank: "Emergency relief for the poor farmers without restrictions by the government and banks, exemption of poor farmers from taxes, and no forced collection of rents or debts," and the fifth plank, "Against capitalist terror, against all forms of suppression of the political rights of workers."

Arrest Three More Workers

Thinking the meeting was over they left the corner. The police, taking advantage of this, came back and arrested three more of the workers, Comrades Frank Mertlan of Bemidji, Ellioff of Minneapolis and Howard David of Bemidji, all of whom had climbed on the box to protest against the arrest of the comrades who had been taken to jail.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was decided to move to the city lots and hold an open meeting. About 150 workers followed and listened very interestingly to Comrade Ed C. Bauman, Comrade Violet Ebbens and Dave Robinson.

From there they went to the Unemployed Council hall, where a committee of eleven was appointed to call at the police station and demand the release of the six arrested comrades.

Elect Committee

As they passed the city jail where three of the comrades were imprisoned they could hear the strains of the Internationale coming from the cells and they answered them with cheers.

When the committee arrived at the station the spokesman asked for the Chief of Police, the lackey in charge of the station informed him that the Chief was home, and that the other police were not in. The committee then demanded that they immediately get in, and the lackey called the Captain and the other police who immediately came in.

Demand Release of Jailed Comrades

The spokesman addressed Police

Captain Daly, telling him that the workers demanded the release of their jailed comrades. The Captain said that only three were at the police station, that the sheriff had taken Comrades Hanna, Mrs. Hanna and Tantilla to the county jail.

The committee then demanded the release of the three comrades held at the police station. Daley told them they would have to call the chief on the telephone. Comrade Bauman then telephoned the chief, explaining the mission of the committee, and the Chief said to take it up with the Capt. Daley of the police. Bauman told him that as he was the Chief of Police and as Capt. Daley was there to talk with him himself, which the chief did.

Confers With Chief

The only part of the conversation the committee could hear were a few "yaps" from the gum-chewing jaws of the nervous Police Captain, after which he hung up the receiver and facing the committee asked them if they would hold any more street meetings that night if he released the prisoners? The committee replied that it was too late for more meetings that night.

The police captain then said, "Well, you wait here then, I'll go get them," and in about three minutes the comrades were let out of jail, taken into the police office, names and addresses taken down and then turned loose.

"Hold the Fort for We are Coming"

Then they went to the court house to demand the release of the other three comrades in the county jail but they couldn't find the Capitalist lackeys who had charge of the prisoners in the county jail as it was late. The committee then went back to the hall singing "Hold the Fort for we are coming."

The next day, Sunday, the 17th, about 150 farmers and workers gathered at Solway for the picnic. Comrade Ethel Hanna, the daughter of Comrades Mr. and Mrs. Hanna, took the platform and told of the police denying the political rights of the working class, told how her father and mother, Comrades Hanna and Mrs. Hanna and Comrade Tantilla had been refused the right to speak and asked if the farmers and workers were going to stand for the denying of these rights for the working class. A loud roar of "No" came from the crowd and the farmers and workers immediately had a Resolution of protest drawn up which reads as follows:

Resolution of Protest

Solway, Minn., July 17

To the County Atty. and Sheriff of

us. The workers and farmers of the Soviet Union are toilers like us—except that they have struck a vital blow at the capitalists by taking one-sixth of the world from them. In the attempt of the capitalists to solve the crisis thru war our place in the struggle is on the side of our brothers thruout the world.

The masses of China, workers and farmers, are our brothers. DEFEND THE CHINESE MASSES.

The workers and the farmers of the Soviet Union are our brothers who have struck victoriously against the oppressors. DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION!

The workers and farmers thruout the world would pay in a sea of blood and corpses piled mountain high for an imperialist war. AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR!

DEMONSTRATE AUGUST FIRST AGAINST THE WAR MAKERS, AGAINST THE BANKERS AND CAPITALISTS WHO WOULD SAVE THEIR SYSTEM BY MURDERING MILLIONS OF WORKERS AND FARMERS.

BUILD ANTI-WAR GROUPS AMONG THE FARMERS TO SPREAD THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE WAR MAKERS.

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

Beltrami County, and Judge Bailey of Bemidji, Minn.

WHEREAS it has been shown to us workers and farmers of Clearwater and Beltrami county that the law officers, of the city of Bemidji and Beltrami county have no respect for the political rights of the workers and farmers of this territory, and

WHEREAS on the 16th day of July, six of our comrades were thrown into jail for speaking for the workers and farmers candidates on the streets of Bemidji, and

WHEREAS three of those comrades, namely, Comrade and Mrs. Hanna and Comrade Tantilla, are still in jail for crime but are held for their political ideas and for their militant struggle for us workers and farmers.

THEREFORE, We the farmers and workers of Clearwater county and Beltrami county, demand that you release these comrades at once and that you throw the streets open for the political campaign for the workers and farmers candidates, who are poor and have no money for hall rent. We pledge ourselves to carry on the struggle until our three comrades are released, and free speech is reestablished here in Bemidji. We also hold you responsible for the welfare of these comrades.

Signed:
United Farmers League of Beltrami and Clearwater Co. Unemployed Council of Bemidji and Bagley.

Many farmers and workers pledged themselves to be at the hearing the next day. An overflowing crowd attended the hearing. When the jailed comrades were brought in, all over the room one could hear the applause until it was stopped by Judge Bailey.

Street Meetings a Crime

The charge was then read to the defendants, E. W. Hanna, Mrs. E. W. Hanna and Reino Tantilla who were accused "with divers other persons of congregating in a body upon the streets of the City of Bemidji, to-wit: at the corner of Fourth and street and Minnesota ave. in a manner to annoy and disturb the citizens of the City of Bemidji and the public generally."

In the morning a farmers and workers committee called on the judge and presented the petition that was drawn up at the Solway picnic and he immediately started to bulldoze Comrade Baumann who acted as spokesman for the committee and threatened to lift the suspended sentences of Comrade Mrs. Baumann, who was found guilty by Judge Bailey and sentenced to ten days for the Relief fight of May 4. The judge then got a copy of the Producers News that carried the story of that fight and said "Do you think that is true," and asked if Comrade Baumann had anything to do with the writing of that article. Comrade Baumann said yes, and asked the Judge Bailey if he thought there was anything wrong with it in any way. The judge then called in the Chief of Police and asked Comrade Baumann if he was a member of the Communist party.

Inquisition Judge

Baumann said: "That is my business."

Judge: "Are you a member of the Communist party?"

Baumann: "I said that was my business."

Judge: "Are you ashamed of the Communist party?"

Baumann: "I am not ashamed of the party but I do not have to tell you here whether I'm a member or not."

Witnesses Prove Innocence

The defense proved that the defendants were not guilty from

many worker and farmer witnesses but the judge found them guilty, and sentenced them as follows: Comrade Hanna, 30 days, or suspended sentence if Comrade Hanna would not take part in street meetings for one year. He gave Hanna time to decide.

Comrade Tantilla, organizer for the United Farmers League of St. Louis county was found guilty by the judge and given 30 days in jail or get out of Beltrami county for one year.

This shows that the boss class of Bemidji is afraid of the farmers organizing into their own organization.

Mrs. Hanna Given 30 Days

Comrade Mrs. Hanna was given 30 days suspended sentence, but was taken to jail to serve her sentence that she got for fighting for food for the unemployed on May 4.

The county attorney Jones, of Beltrami county conducted the case for the bosses of Bemidji. He browbeat the workers on the witness stand and tried to intimidate them by asking about the red flag and information about the Communist party, but the workers just laughed and told him that the Communist party was a party of the working class.

In his plea the county attorney upheld the rotten laws that today are denying the workers rights. He used the American flag to cover up this frameup of the working class. He told how the American flag had been born from the blood of soldiers that had fallen in the Revolutionary war in 1776, and asked the young people to come to that fountain of blood in defense of the laws that today are denying the young and adults the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Workers Defend Selves

The three comrades defended themselves and had the state witness all mixed up and contradicting themselves.

Comrade Ed Hanna made the first statement before the court, pointing out that the case was being tried on class lines and pointed out that he was not guilty of any crime, only the crime of being a worker and standing for the rights of the working class.

Comrade Mrs. Hanna gave one of the greatest talks before that crowd in the court room that had been heard in the city of Bemidji. She exposed the capitalist system from one end to the other. She told the judge she was not there as a criminal but as a worker. She openly exposed the state's case and pointing to the county attorney Jones, said, "Mr. Jones you ought to be ashamed to ask young boys and girls who are growing into manhood and womanhood to come to the fountain of blood that is used by the capitalist system of today to starve them to death. You ought to be ashamed to ask them to that capitalist fountain of blood which wrecks the lives of the working class that fountain of blood that forces women and girls into prostitution; that fountain of blood that makes criminals of the working class, that fountain of blood that makes one worker shoot another worker in their imperialist war."

Shows Case Is Frameup

Turning to the judge she said, "Attorney Jones should be ashamed to make such a plea before the court and the mass of workers that are in this courtroom." Then she told the judge in plain words that it was nothing but a frame-up which could be easily seen and that she and the other two defendants were the victims.

Comrade Tantilla in his plea pointed out that the Communist party was a party for the working class and because it stood for the working class and would give them life, liberty and pursuit of happiness which was rallying the workers to its standard, that it was necessary for the boss class in Bemidji of Beltrami county to effect the arrests. He showed up the states witnesses, how they had contradicted themselves. He also showed that they were all in some way living on the backs of the working class. He showed there were only one common wage worker on the stand. He showed that all the rest were police officers, the Mayor of Bemidji, employers of labor or connected with business and made profits on the work-

Doings of the Advance Guard

"Paper is selling well here." That's what they write us from Washington, that's what they write us from Denver, Colo. Sure, The Producers News will sell well, the trouble is there are not enough of you handling it. If it sells well in Denver, it will sell well in any town and city, but somebody has got to handle it, people have got to know the paper is there. Look what it would mean for the paper and our movement if only five or ten papers would be sold in each city and town. But somebody has got to push it, millions of farmers and workers don't know we have a Producers News, don't know what is in it and what it stands for, simply because they have never seen it or heard of it. It should be on every news stand in plain sight and not hidden behind the shelves. It sells well in Denver, and Denver is not different from any other city, the farmers everywhere are just as hard up as the paper simply because it is not there, nobody is handling it. Try it out and you will find that Denver is not the only place where The Producers News will sell well.

WORKERS AND FARMERS VOICE OUT AUGUST 1

Communist Election Campaign Newspaper to Appear in Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minn.—The District Election Campaign Committee of the Communist party announced that the first issue of the "Workers and Farmers Voice," the official monthly organ of the Campaign Committee will be ready for distribution by August 1. This paper will be issued as a means of reaching broad masses of workers and farmers in Minnesota and the Head-of-the-Lakes territory, including Northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, during election campaign. The paper will cost \$2.00 a hundred in bundle order and sell for 3 cents. All orders for same should be sent to the nearest Communist party section headquarters, or to 425 Kasota Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

ing class. He pointed out that the witness for the defense were all working class witnesses and that they were interested in the Unemployed Councils, the United Farmers League, and the Communist party, interested in the meetings for the working class. He told that the defense witness were not annoyed by the word Communist and their own workers' meeting. He pointed out that the leaders were against the working class movement which they called the reds.

Judge Holds Them Guilty

But Judge Bailey told them they were guilty. He told Comrade Tantilla that he knew Legionnaires were against the reds as he himself was a Legionnaire and that he was going to do all he could in America to keep the reds down, that is the working class in America.

This did not show the court up very good to the large crowd of workers that were gathered there, as they knew that members of the Legion had testified against the workers.

Workers Have No Rights

Judge Bailey followed throughout the trial that high-handed method of denying justice to the working class prisoners. At noon on the first day of the hearing, when Comrade Bauman spoke for the farmers and workers, asking the release of the three working class prisoners so that they could go out to dinner, the judge roared in a good old Capitalist style "No, Baumann, you don't get nothing in this court. You are not a farmer, you are an agitator."

Bauman replied "that is not right I am a poor farmer, fighting for my rights and my class, and if you don't believe me ask some of my neighbors who are in this court room today."

Nothing from This Court

The judge ignored that, turning to Comrade Hanna saying "this man (meaning Baumann) will get nothing granted from this court," and told Comrade Hanna, "if you want to ask anything of this court you have the privilege to do so. Hanna showed his solidarity with the rest of the working class, and said, "I guess we'll go back and eat on the county."

At the end of the hearing Mrs. Hanna was given over to the custody of the sheriff and taken to the county jail to serve out her 30 days suspended sentence of May 4. The workers and farmers saw her going from the courthouse head up, spirit unbroken, and she knew that she was paying for the fight that the workers had put up for relief for the workers and farmers.

OUST SOCIALISTS

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face suppression the fascist murder gangs are given free reign by the police to murder and beat the workers. The death toll as a result of fascist attacks on the working class continues to grow.

Decisive steps are being taken in Germany. The German capitalists and the other imperialists will use the actions of the militant work-

Doings of Last Week

Joe Garbo, Phillips, Wis., sends us two subs.

F. Zagmeister, Gasport, N. Y., sends for a bundle of papers to be distributed at an open air meeting.

Chas Joslyn, Avondale, Montana sends two subs.

Casey M. Boskation, Eatonville, Wash., pays for bundles. "The papers sell good, they are all agreed with me The Producers News is a fine farmers paper," he writes.

Paper Sells Well

M. J. MacEnlis, Denver, Colo. pays for a bundle and orders a bigger bundle. "They're selling well here," he says.

H. Keinoven, Evelet Minn., sends one sub.

Alaska Heard From

B. B. Woodham, Hartford, Alaska, sends for a sample copy. "I am very much interested," he writes.

D. H. Ashley, Wabash, Ind., sends two dollars for 10 25 cent sub cards.

A. Edeen, Casper, Wyo., sends us two subs.

Wouldn't Miss It

Mrs. H. P. Barritt, Buffalo, Mo., renews her subscription and writes: "We wouldn't know what is going on in the industrial world without The Producers News."

Eugene Ranta, Geyser, Mont., subscribes.

C. A. Miller, Littlefork, Minn., sends us 11 25 cent subs.

James Ostby sends two more subs from Sheyenne, N. D.

Max H. Busse, Rock Island, Ill orders 50 copies of the latest Producers News.

Harvey Johnson, Tago, Minn., sends two subs.

One comrade from Arizona renews his subscription.

Ludvig Larson, Minnesota, Minn. renews.

Alex Kautio, Dassel, Minn. Minn. orders a \$2 bundle to be sent.

J. Grid, McGregor, N. D. subscribes.

Joseph R. Fratus, Stockton, Cal. subscribes for one year.

Ed Gromdahl, Kelsey, Minn., sends us three subs.

DEFEAT SOVIET MOTION FOR ONE THIRD ARMS CUT

Mixim Litvinov, Soviet delegate to the disarmament conference, by moving on July 22 that the declaration to be adopted by the conference before it adjourns contain a statement for a cut in armaments of one third, exposed the hypocrisy of the entire disarmament proposals. Hoover had made a similar proposal in order to hide the feverish arming being carried on by the Wall Street government. When Litvinov's demand was made it was opposed by Hugh Gibson, American delegate to the conference, representing Hoover and Wall Street. Litvinov's motion was defeated 80 to 5 with 16 abstaining.

ers of Germany under the leadership of the Communist party for the purpose of forging the united front of the imperialists against the Soviet Union.

Von Papen has stated that the national elections on July 31 will take place. Whether they will or not depends on how fast the capitalist class in Germany is determined on establishing an open fascist dictatorship without any of the forms of "democracy."

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