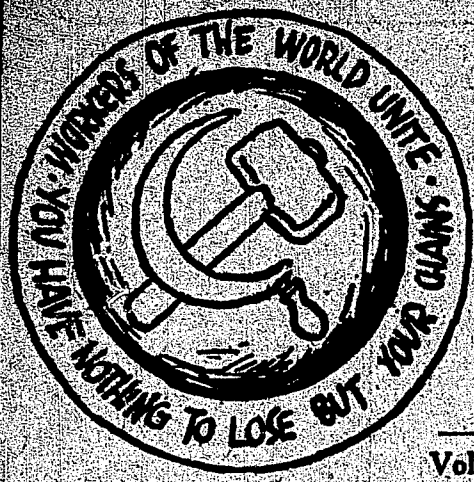




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The Kaiser's Mr. Burns

Detective Agency Organized Spy Service in United States for German Imperial Government

By ROBERT MINOR, in the May "Liberator"

This story was to be told at a mass meeting in the City of Washington on the evening of April the 8th. It had been announced that the occasion would be used for a revelation of facts showing that the William J. Burns detective agency had organized an espionage service in the United States for the benefit of the German Imperial Government. Shortly after this announcement the owners of the hall, under some unexplained influence, withdrew the hall from use, and the meeting had to be cancelled. On the scheduled night a body of Department of Justice agents under Burns' official

control, appeared at the hall and arrested seventeen men who came to attend the meeting unaware that it had been cancelled. The Washington office of the Labor Defense Council, under whose auspices the gathering was to be held, was simultaneously raided and its secretary arrested. In this article I give the facts which I intended to reveal at the meeting which Burns suppressed.

Practically every essential point in the following account is taken from testimony given under oath by detectives who at the time of the acts were employed in the acts by the Burns agency.

A great deal of this testimony has been contradicted by other Burns detectives equally under oath, and therefore the question may be raised, which set of Burns' men was lying? But the testimony which I quote here can be disbelieved only on the theory that Mr. Burns has the habit of accumulating on his staff a most extraordinary lot of perjurers. I tell the story with the stipulation that those portions which are supported only by the oaths of Burns detectives are to be taken only with such credence as one is ready to give the picked confidential agents of Mr. Burns.

The substance is that the William J. Burns International Detective Agency organized an espionage service in the United States for the German Imperial Government during the World War. This spy service was organized previously to the entry of the United States into the war, and it was used

by the Burns' agency in co-operation with the German Government spies to supply the German Government with false evidence to be used by Count Bernstorff against the United States Government, to show that American neutrality was being violated in favor of Great Britain.

The Burns agency placed "guards" in American munition plants who delivered reports on the production of war materials, and Burns' agency in turn reported to the agents of the German government.

Burns' agents further provided means of fraudulently obtaining United States Army uniforms to be used by them for obtaining information for the benefit of the German Government.

The Burns agency and William J. Burns individually, attempted to get his London manager to smuggle a German agent under a false passport into England during the war, and the London manager, becoming frightened lest he be shot as a spy, resigned from the Burns agency.

In the beginning of 1915 had begun the period of submarine warfare which was soon to culminate in the sinking of the Lusitania. Von Bernstorff in Washington was using every possible means to arouse enmity between the Allies and the United States, and to arouse public belief that the American Government was unfairly favoring the Allied cause, for which American manufacturers were supplying large quantities of munitions.

To ferret out all possible secrets of munitions manufacture in the United States, and at the same time to keep the American people's faith in the German Government while the ships carrying the munitions were torpedoed, were the two imperative tasks that von Bernstorff had to accomplish. The William J. Burns International Detective Agency hired itself out for both these jobs, if we are to believe Burns' ex-employees.

The job of supplying von Bernstorff with material for diplomatic use against the United States Government was what is known as a "frame-up" job. The work required as its first step the tricking of tug-boat captains into signing false affidavits to the effect that they had carried supplies to the British warships out of New York harbor. The trick was played in this way: the tug-boat captains were offered, con-

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More Blows for Emancipation on This Year's May Day



THEY CAN DO IT

I. W. W. Ask Increase of Wages and Release of Class War Prisoners

A strike for the release of their class war prisoners, combined with a wage demand of \$20 per month, was called by the Marine Transport Workers' Union, of the I. W. W., Wednesday, April 25. It is expected that by May first the movement will have taken on a national character extending to all ports on both coasts of the United States. The movement began at the port of Seattle, April 23, and up to Wednesday the New York headquarters of the I. W. W. received telegrams from Boston, Philadelphia, Portland, Ore., Baltimore, New Orleans and San Francisco telling of the participation of all classes of seamen and harbor workers.

In N. Y. on May Day

Big Program of Mass Meetings and Concerts Arranged by United May Day Conference.

New York May Day Celebrations on May 1st, under the auspices of May Day United Front Conference, will be held as follows:

Mass Meetings and Concerts:

11 a. m.—Ladies Tailors' Local No. 38 of the I. W. W. Union at Harlem Social Center, 62 E. 46th St. Speakers: John J. Ballam, in English; Alexander Bittelman, Jewish; Antonio Presi, Italian.
2 p. m.—Joint Board Waist and Dress Makers' Union, I. W. W. Union, at Central Opera House, 205 E. 62nd St. Speakers: Julius Hochman, J. Louis Engdahl, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Philip Randolph, in English; Arturo Giovannitti, and Luigi Antonini, in Italian. Chairman: E. Berlin. Musical program by the Russian Quartet.
2 p. m.—Cloak Finishers Local No. 9, I. W. W. Union, at Lexington Theatre, Lexington Ave. and 51st St. Speakers: Louis Hyman, J. Louis Engdahl. Singer:

Ivan Staschanko, the famous singer of the Chicago Opera Company and Joseph Chernovsky, the well-known Cellist.
8 p. m.—New Star Casino, 107th St., Lexington and Park Aves. Speakers: Ludwig Lore (English), Alexander Bittelman (Jewish), Frank Bellanca (Italian). Singer: Schneider, Soprano.
8 p. m.—Czechoslovak, Central Labor Council, Bohemian National Hall, 321-323 E. 7rd St. Speakers: Ludwig Lore, English; William Abraham, Bohemian; Vodka, Slovakian.
8 p. m.—For the Finnish Workers, Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lexington Ave.
8 p. m.—Lithuanian Labor and Fraternal Organizations, Brooklyn, New Plaza Hall, 127 Havemeyer St., cor. Grand St.

The next conference will be held on Sunday, April 29, at 2 P. M., at Labor Temple, 243 East 84th St. All delegates are requested to attend this conference, where all final arrangements will be made for the May Day Celebrations.

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One Front Conferences Plan Many Meetings to Celebrate May Day

Large May Day gatherings will be held under the direction of the Workers' Party United Front Conferences in all sections of the country. Some of the meetings, in addition to those planned for New York City and Chicago, with speakers, will be as follows:

Robert Minor at Boston, Mass., May 1st; Lynn, 2nd; Lawrence, April 29th; Brockton, 30th; Worcester, 28th; Springfield, May 6th; Peabody, 4th.—Jack Carney at Buffalo, N. Y.—Rose Pastor Stokes at Philadelphia, May 1st, 2 p. m., 8 p. m.; Wilkesbarre, May 1st.—H. M. Wicks at Reading, Pa., May 1st.—William Z. Foster at Cleveland, O., May 1st.—H. E. Keas at Akron, O., May 1st.—Jay Lovestone at Detroit, Mich., May 1st; Grand Rapids, April 29th.—Norman Tallentire at Minneapolis, Minn., May 1st.—Caleb Harrison at St. Louis, Mo., May 1st.

Rose Pastor Stokes Has Big Meeting for the Michigan Defense

NEW HAVEN, CONN. — Rose Pastor Stokes opened her tour of the Eastern states here, on the Michigan Defense meetings on Saturday, April 21st, and drew a crowd that filled the Trades Council Hall. A collection of \$60 was taken up for the defense. Mrs. Stokes will speak on "Communist Defense in Michigan" at the following places: Fitchburg, Mass., May 6th; Gardner, Mass., 7th; Lynn, Mass., 9th; Lawrence, Mass., 10th; W. Concord, N. H., 11th; Springfield, Mass., 12th; New Bedford, 14th.

Sinclair and Pepper Discuss Workers Party

Upton Sinclair, author of "The Goose-Step," "The Brass Check" and other books of militant nature, has written the editor of "The Worker," declaring he is in favor of admitting the Workers Party to the united political front of labor as it is developing thru the organization of the Labor Party. But at the same time, Sinclair, who is still a member of the Socialist Party, discusses the general political outlook for labor, including the tactics of the Workers Party.

This letter will be published in next week's issue of "The Worker," with a reply by John Pepper. This reply gives the Workers Party position on the questions raised by Sinclair. This issue of "The Worker" should therefore receive a wide circulation among radical workers whose views on labor's political struggle are still a little hazy. Order a bundle for distribution in your shop or neighborhood, at 3 cents per copy. Address "The Worker," Room 405, 799 Broadway, New York.

In the Foster case Judge White ruled that the state must prove advocacy of acts of crime, sabotage, violence or unlawful methods of terrorism and that a merely historical forecast that violence ensue in the working out of social forces was not violation of the law.

It was a curious fact of Morrow's testimony, covering the testimony of Morrow regarding the convention itself, that he could only testify that Ruthenberg attended the convention and was at the opening a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party and that he was re-elected at the close of the convention. So far as any part which Ruthenberg took in the Convention proceedings, Morrow was evidently unable to give any information.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Fifty Comrades are urged to volunteer to aid in the sale of literature at May Day meetings. Report for work Tuesday, 11 a. m., at 208 E. 12th St.

A Call for the Celebration of First of May

ISSUED BY THE MAY DAY UNITED FRONT CONFERENCE, NEW YORK CITY

WORKERS! COMRADES!

The First of May is the annual holiday of the working class the world over. On that day the working class demonstrates its solidarity, power and readiness to bring the struggle against capitalism to a final conclusion. Together with the workers of the world, the workers of New York City will celebrate the International Proletarian Holiday under the banner of proletarian solidarity and proletarian struggle. They will leave the shops and factories, throw off their every-day cares and worries, and with devotion and enthusiasm demonstrate their uncompromising antagonism to the Capitalistic order of society. This May Day celebration is to be a demonstration of united proletarian power. The May Day

United Front Conference, under whose banner and leadership the working men and working women of New York City will demonstrate their power, has done all it could to have all labor organizations of the city participate in the May Day celebrations of this year. Our conference has invited every labor organization of the city, regardless of their political affiliations and sympathies. We have also invited the May Day conference, called by the United Hebrew Trades, a body known to the workers of this city for its hostility and opposition to every true proletarian action. We have done this in order to make this celebration the affair of the entire working class of the city. For the sake of those workers, who are still following the lead of the United Hebrew Trades, we have put

aside the dignity of our own organization and have twice extended our invitation to the United Hebrew Trades. They have refused, their excuse being that the May Day United Front Conference is made up of scab unions and splitters of the labor movement. And under the cloak of this flimsy and hypocritical excuse, they have attempted to frustrate our desire for a United Proletarian Front on the First of May. Instead of joining their forces with ours, they have seen fit to break the proletarian ranks; instead of participating in a Proletarian May Day Celebration against Capitalism and Capitalistic rule, they are preparing a demonstration against the Soviet Government of Russia and against all the militant and struggling elements in the Labor Movement of the world. They are

transforming the Red Proletarian Holiday into a demonstration of black reaction.

And yet the celebration of the First of May will be participated in by the entire working-class of the City, despite the dark conspiracies of the reactionary Labor leaders. Even those workers, who have not yet understood the true nature of their present leaders, will on the First of May realize their kinship with the great proletarian family, and together with us leave their shops, don their best clothes, and with enthusiasm and devotion demonstrate the power of the working class and its readiness to destroy the rule of Capitalism. Down tools! Join in the May Day Celebrations arranged by the May Day United Front Conference! Demonstrate your will to strength-

en your economic organizations thru the amalgamation of your craft unions into powerful industrial unions!

Demand and fight in your organizations for the formation of an independent political party of the working class—a Labor Party!

Demand the release of the political and class war prisoners, and demonstrate your readiness to fight the armed Capitalist counter-revolution—the Fascist!

Mobilize your forces for the final struggle to establish a working-class Government.

Hail the Proletarian Solidarity!

Hail the May-Day United Front Conference!

Burns Shown Spy Herder for Kaiser

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tracts at \$140 a month, but were obliged, in order to get the money, to sign a long contract form in which was a peculiar "previous experience" clause, which specified that the applicant had previously carried supplies to the British warships outside New York harbor.

Thru a man calling himself "Captain Wilson," Burns' staff succeeded in hiring "for the British Government" five tug-boat captains, five engineers, five cooks and five tug-boat crews.

One set of Burns' men was to induce these men to load their boats, in the belief they had been hired by British officers, and to set out to sea toward the British fleet. Then another set of Burns' men would "catch" them in the act, and would be able to show sworn statements signed by these men to prove that they had previously done the same thing. It is the most classic example of the "frame-up" as now known to be the practice of the Burns agency. But it was not publicly known at the time that the job was done by Burns.

But to go back to the story as it developed. One day in March, 1915, a tug-boat captain strayed into the Neutrality Bureau and carelessly exhibited what purported to be a contract. Secret Service agents got it out of his possession, made a copy of it and returned it before the captain missed it. In studying this strange "contract," the officials were puzzled to see that it did not require the employer to do anything. Most remarkable of all was the fact that a part of the document was sworn in affidavit form. This part of the contract read:

----- being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a licensed pilot and captain, and while on the boat Peerless, in the month of February, 1915, I delivered supplies to the British cruiser Essex and a converted merchant ship carrying guns and flying the British flag several miles off Sandy Hook. I am willing to make similar deliveries for \$140 a month in advance.

At first the U. S. authorities thought they had uncovered a real British plot to break neutrality laws. Shortly after this a proprietor of steam lighters reported to the neutrality bureau that someone had offered to hire some of his boats to carry provisions to the British war fleet. As a result of this report a United States secret service agent (I think his name was Burke or Rourke) trailed a suspect into the Great Eastern Hotel near the Battery in New York, and there discovered the Burns nest of spies.

There it was discovered that Burns' agents had rented a whole floor of the hotel from which the spy system was operating. The place was conducted by Paul Koenig, secret service agent for the German Government, together with "Pop" Gager, a Burns detective (who impersonated a British colonel while serving the German government and Gaston M. Means, the superintendent of the William J. Burns International Detective Agency. Means was impersonating a wealthy American, supposed to come from a Western state. Another Burns "under-cover man" named Hurst was impersonating a prominent attorney of the West.

Gaston B. Means, superintendent of the Burns agency, becoming suspicious that the "underground" nest in the Great Eastern Hotel had been discovered by Government agents, went to some of the United States authorities and attempted to feel them out with cautious questions. Getting no information out of the officials, Means tried to win their confidence with a fantastic and entirely fictitious story about "a rich Canadian" who wanted to blow up the German ship "Vaterland" in New York harbor. Means said that the only way he could persuade the Canadian not to commit the deed of violence was to prove to the Canadian that his own nation, the British, was violating the United States neutrality laws. So he asked the United States authorities to give him information of British violations of neutrality so that he could persuade the rich Canadian to "lay off" of his plan to blow up the "Vaterland" in New York harbor.

Means refused to tell the authorities the name of the "rich Canadian." Of course the tale was so idiotic that the United States officials rejected it with contempt.

Very soon the United States authorities discovered that their operatives were being shadowed by Burns' operatives. They immediately threw another line of "shadow" men to watch Burns' operatives who were shadowing the first corps of Government men engaged in watching the Burns "underground." So there were four lines of detectives, each watching the other.

Another instalment of these revelations will appear in next week's issue of "The Worker."

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Only Property Holders Picked as Jurors in Ruthenberg Trial

By THOMAS J. O'FLAHERTY
(Special to "The Worker")

ST. JOSEPH, Mich.—The big surprise of the selection of the jury to hear the testimony and return a verdict in the trial of C. E. Ruthenberg, came with the discovery that under the laws of the State of Michigan no citizen can qualify to sit as a juror unless that citizen is a property owner. This resulted in the removal of Roy Aiken, box factory worker, from the jury, the only propertyless worker in the panel called to give a fair and impartial trial to C. E. Ruthenberg, also a propertyless worker. Mr. Aiken owns a house which happens to be in his sister's name, but because his name is not on the assessment roll, he was considered unqualified.

Taken in connection with the peremptory challenge by the state of the only union man on the jury list, our readers can draw their own conclusions, regardless of the fairness of the judge, as to the handicap under which C. E. Ruthenberg suffers in facing twelve men who must necessarily possess property and are presumably in favor of a system of which the private ownership of socially essential property is the cornerstone.

All the claims made by the prosecution, that all are equal under the laws of this country and the state, sound hollow and meaningless in the face of this evidence that a workingman without property is not qualified to sit in judgment of his fellowman regardless of personal character, provided he is not endowed with wealth in the form of property and pays taxes.

Henry E. Gillette, of Benton Harbor, was excused because of defective hearing, and a Mr. Bricken for prejudice. During his examination by Attorney Gore, Mr. Gillette admitted that a certain person who had a conversation with him caused Gillette to ask some questions as to whether Ruthenberg was a citizen or was arrested for opposing the war. In

Nine Farmers, no Women on the Ruthenberg Jury

(Special to "The Worker")

ST. JOSEPH, Mich.—The jury that is hearing the evidence in the trial of C. E. Ruthenberg contains nine farmers. It is as follows:

John Dickey, Galien township; farmer.
Milton Drayley, Bertrand; farmer.
Frank Morelock, Coloma; farmer.
Roy Peters, Channing; farmer.
Louis Rahn, Benton Harbor; shoe merchant.
John Sander, Royaltown; farmer.
Fred Schooley, Three Oaks; farmer.
Thomas H. Smith, St. Joseph township; farmer.
Albert M. Stemm, Oriskany; farmer.
Frank W. Ward, Benton Harbor; oil salesman.
Clyde Geisler, St. Joseph; Standard Oil employee.
Frank Stunker, Lincoln; farmer.

In spite of his efforts to be fair it was clear that he was prejudiced. While this incident was being thrashed out the stool pigeons, male and female, appeared very interested.

It might be remarked here, that Mrs. Morrow wears a dress in the court room which rendered service during the Foster trial. She sits in a strategic position in full view of the jury. Without going into descriptive details it may be said to be more fitting for a ballroom floor than a decorous court room. Several gold teeth, glittering wrist-watch and several rings testify to the wizardry with which a dollar-a-day fink injected luxury into his household economy.

May Day, 1886-1923

By EARL R. BROWDER,
Associate Editor, The Labor Herald

Three decades ago the First of May became the holiday of Labor. It was born at the launching of the great campaign for the 8-hour day, in 1886, which began in America with the first general strike in the history of Labor.

Under the influence of the growing and expanding capitalist system, which in Europe was in its prime and in America was preparing for the great strides forward which placed American capitalism in the lead of the capitalist world during the great war, the labor movement all over the world finally put off its swaddling clothes at that time and entered the field of struggle as a definitely independent social factor on a world-wide scale.

What had before been but the aspiration of idealists, or the prediction of social scientists, became the actual fact. May Day ushered in the consciously international movement of Labor towards taking possession of the world.

The great 8-hour movement was Labor's first large-scale offensive against capitalism. It began in America with the heroic struggle carried on by the Knights of Labor and the American Federation, under the leadership of the early militants. The bitterness with which this fight was waged is shown in the Haymarket tragedy, which was made the pretext for the hanging of five labor leaders in Chicago. From America the fight for the 8-hour day quickly spread to Europe. There the First of May was adopted, and made the occasion of great demonstrations. May Day became the holiday for Labor all over the world.

The world has witnessed tremendous changes since those early days. The American labor movement has dropped from its place in the very forefront of the international movement, symbolized by the American origin of the May Day as Labor's holiday, and is now the most backward. The degradation of its leadership, the Gompers' bureaucracy, is glaringly shown by Gompers taking on the role of capitalist protector, issuing warnings of the "red menace" on May Day, instead of calling the labor movement to battle with capitalism. And the foremost place in the labor movement is now taken by a working class which, 36 years ago, was looked upon as the

The Soviet Government and Religion

Statement of the Official Soviet Representative in Great Britain

In view of the absurd stories at present being circulated concerning the attitude of the Russian Government towards religion, it is as well briefly to state what are its basic principles.

The church is entirely separated from and independent of the State. The churches are open and religious instruction is permitted at home. No religious instruction is permitted in the schools, and, like all other forms of private schools, church schools or classes are not allowed. Religious processions are permitted.

Freedom of anti-religious as well as religious propaganda exists, and this took the form at Christmas demonstrations and pageants by the Young Communists' League, to show the essential identity of all religions, in their opinion, and particularly what they considered to be the con-

nection of most of the essential features of the Christian religion with those of preceding religions. No obscene or offensive language or scenes were permitted, despite the assertions of the press here.

The Official Soviet Representative desires to emphasize that these were demonstrations undertaken by private organizations, not Government, in virtue of the full freedom of opinion existing in such matters.

American Legion Seeks "Big Biz" Support

CHICAGO.—The American Legion is appealing for support of business men of the country on the ground that it is the only effective fighting organization against the radicals, according to Commander Owsley of the legion, speaking to a large meeting of the combined business men's organizations of Chicago. After declaring that radicals of all kind should be deported, the national chief of the legion modestly continued:

"The only organized move made so far against them, as far as I can find, is the American Legion, and it is up to the business men to get behind our ex-service men and keep them welded into an army fighting to protect our ideals in peace as they fought for them in time of war."

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16,000 Quit, Organize at McKeesport

(Special to "The Worker")

McKEESPORT, PA.—An unexpected upheaval in the tin-plate mills has produced a startling situation in the labor movement here. Sixteen thousand employees of the McKeesport tin-plate mill walked out on a strike demanding 20 per cent increase in wages. They really did not know what they wanted to do.

Some of them formed a committee and started for Warren, Ohio, where the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers was in Convention. As a result the organization dispatched Organizer McGinley to McKeesport to organize the men. Meetings were held for several days in the Workers Party, Finnish Hall at Glassport until the police of that town notified the owners of the building that they would not be permitted to hold any more union meetings. Upon the advice of those conducting the organization campaign the strikers have all returned to their jobs to carry on organization work openly within the mill. The company seems to be frustrated by these tactics.

Temporarily meetings have been stopped because of the action of the police. But undoubtedly ways will be found to hold further meetings and continue the organization. The police of McKeesport are extremely hostile to the organization campaign, because the Mayor of McKeesport, Lyle, is directly connected with the tin-plate company. He is an intemperate opponent of union labor and was at the time of the steel strike. The Amalgamated is committed to an organization campaign around McKeesport and will receive the support of all those interested in organizing the industry.

Union Head Nails Lie of Plute Press

(Special to "The Worker")

BELLAIRE, OHIO.—The capitalist daily press of Wheeling, W. Va., and Bellaire, Ohio, has been resorting to malicious lies in an effort to disrupt the defense arranged for John Buksa, a miner who was arrested in Wheeling on March 9, for distributing the program of the Workers Party and charged with treason and also the "distribution of seditious literature."

A defense committee was organized for Buksa and funds collected for legal defense. Soon after the drive for defense started the daily papers of this vicinity began their attacks and among other things published the report that Robert Farmer, vice president of Sub-District No. 5, United Mine Workers, had repudiated the defense committee. Since Buksa is a member of Yorkville, Ohio, local of the U. M. W. of A., this report was deeply resented in the sub-district and resolutions condemning Farmer for his statements as reported in the press were adopted and sent to him. In a letter to one of the locals adopting resolutions of condemnation of his alleged statements, Farmer categorically denied ever having made such charges, and asserted that he would assist the defense.

The whole affair is merely a contemptible trick of the plute press to help the employers railroad a valiant worker for the cause of the working class to jail without a chance for competent legal defense, but the trick has been exposed and the miners are solidly behind the defense in this case.

Workers of Brooklyn to be Told Treason of Call and Forward

The facts in the slander of Soviet Russia by the New York Call and the Forward, in alliance with the capitalist press, will be laid before the workers of Brooklyn, at a mass meeting to be held this Friday night, April 27, 8 p. m., at the New Plaza Hall, 127 Havemeyer St., corner Grand. Among the speakers will be J. Louis Engdahl, in English; Alexander Charnoff, in Russian; Alexander Bittelman, in Jewish; and A. Bimbo, in Lithuanian. Margaret Undjus will act as chairman.

Priests Shrieking Demand for an Allied Inquisition Against Russian Soviet Republic

By H. M. WICKS

CARDINAL Mercier, of Belgium, has written to "Columbia," official magazine of the Knights of Columbus, declaring that the League of Nations should start an international crusade against the Russian Soviets "to wipe out barbarism and safeguard civilization."

In a tirade reeking with lies, Mercier implores the League of Nations to throttle the Bolshevik government. To support his demand, he asserts that altho the World War mowed down 10,000,000 of human lives, the Bolshevik government has sacrificed from 20,000,000 to 30,000,000. Not even the Bolshevik-baiting London Times has had the effrontery to publish any such absurd figures as this.

Being a man of God, Cardinal Mercier would not presume to recommend the exact method of defeating Bolshevism: "It is not for me to suggest the means whereby the Red bands shall be disarmed and the legion of honor recruited which shall undertake the magnificent task of pacifying Russia."

Since Mercier is a subject of His Majesty, Albert, king of the Belgians, and a loyal patriot, he might request the advice of that bloody monarch, Belgium for a long time has been engaged in the business of establishing our "age-old civilization" among the slaves of the Congo. There the natives admire the civilization of the Belgians so much that they sometimes die of fear when a detachment of soldiers under the Belgian flag approaches.

Mercier also defended his brand of civilization when he became a prominent figure in the World War because of his crusade in the interest of the Allied cause. The civilization so gloriously defended by the Belgian king and his cardinal at that time was the imperialism of Britain and France. And it was Mercier of the Roman Catholic church, along with the Social-Patriot, Vandervelde, who assisted in making possible the slaughter of the people of Belgium at the behest of King Albert, the hiring of Britain. When the real history of the World War has been written, Albert, King of the Belgians, and the whole crew of those who supported him will be pilloried among the most loathsome criminals in all the history of the world. Albert, assisted by such creatures as Mercier and Vandervelde, deliberately sent thousands upon thousands of Belgian workers into the slaughter house, not in defense of Belgium, but in defense of the imperialistic aims of Britain and France. This is the glorious civilization of Cardinal Mercier. The 12,000,000 dead in the imperialist slaughter is so colossal that the apologists of imperialism responsible for these mountains of dead spew forth their vile lies against those revolutionists in Russia who have decreed war to the bitter end against the so-called civilization that breeds such unprecedented butchery of human beings.

Why This Outburst?

The reason for this latest outburst of fury from the lips of Mercier was the justified execution of another hiring of Allied Imperialism, Monsignor Constantine Butchkevitch, who was contributing his bit to civilization by aiding the reactionary Polish government in its frantic efforts to destroy the Workers' Government of Russia and establish the undisputed reign of the White Terror, wherein millions of workers would fall before the firing squads of the Allied nations.

The execution of this degenerate priest is used as a pretext for the launching of an international drive against Soviet Russia. The tom-toms of religious fanaticism are worked overtime in an effort to mobilize all the forces of bigotry and ignorance into an international crusade against Russia. The fact that Butchkevitch was a priest was only incidental. He was not executed because he was a priest, but because he was caught red-handed in a conspiracy engineered from Poland for the purpose of drowning the revolution of the workers.

A Funny Story—But a Sad One

Luck is very much against the Jewish Daily Forward. If the spectacle of a tremendously rich and conscienceless sheet peddling sensational counter-revolutionary lies in the name of "Socialism" were not so sad, what has happened would be funny.

Now, the correspondent of the New York Herald, McCullagh, had to leave Russia because the Government refused to renew his permit. So he went to Warsaw to write Russian news. In his correspondence, of course, he said nothing about having HAD to leave Russia, claiming instead that he left of his own free will to write uncensored stories. However that may be, suffice it that the HERALD soon began to run a series of articles as viciously anti-Russian as if this were 1918 and the public still amenable to concoctions of the nationalized women variety.

There was jubilation in certain "Socialist" editorial sanctums. For instance, in the New York Call which printed the first instalment on its front page by special arrangement with the Herald. Overnight, however, this worthy sheet saw that it had gone "too far." The articles were discontinued and an apology for using the first part was printed. But the Forward hates Russia so intensely that it would not follow the Call's example. It continued to print the

FINDS RUSSIA MUCH BETTER OFF

"Russia is better off economically than any other nation in Europe." This view was expressed recently by Dr. B. Bogen, of the Joint Distribution Relief Committee, returning from an extended visit into Soviet Russia. He arrived on the majestic "Russia" is rapidly coming into its own. The universities at Moscow have no less than 40,000 students. Russia of ten months ago. Disease, which was once rampant, is now practically erased."

Foster Tells of Lost Job in Florida

On one occasion, when he was twenty years old, William Z. Foster was working as assistant superintendent of a fertilization plant in Jacksonville, Fla. He had gone South riding the brake beams. Having worked in fertilizer plants in the North, and picked up some technical knowledge of the business, he made good with his employers, and was offered the job as superintendent. But it went against his grain, he says, to see the negro workers driven as they were, and he resigned. His employers urged him to remain, and he did so, hesitating for several weeks. Finally, however, he told them he couldn't stay because he didn't like the way they treated their men. "Then," he added, with a grin, "I didn't have any more trouble about quitting."

A rousing welcome has been arranged for William Z. Foster, to be held on Friday evening, May 4th at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th St. Those who want to hear the full details of the Foster trial by Foster himself, and who want to have an opportunity to hear Foster at his first appearance in New York since the trial will have an opportunity to do so.

Foster To Speak in Boston

Knowing the influence of William Z. Foster among working men, the Boston Labor Defense Council has arranged a meeting for him on May 13, Sunday night at 8 P. M. in Scenic Auditorium, Warren and Berkeley Streets, Boston, Mass.

This will follow up the meeting last Sunday at which Caleb Harrison, co-defendant in the Michigan case, discussed the relationship between the case and the general condition of the working class in this country and abroad. It was an audience of American workers that listened to an account of governmental and detective persecution of the working class last summer.

The reason why Foster was singled out is apparent; for on that same day he will speak in Boston, at the first national convention held under the auspices of the International Amalgamated Committee of the Shoe and Leather Industry.

The Labor Defense Council is confident that the Foster meeting will rally to the Michigan defendants a large part of the workers of Boston.

A Blood Relationship

U. S. Ambassador Child held a place of honor at the Fascist celebration of the 2,676th anniversary of the founding of Rome. The United States government never misses an opportunity to link itself up with the Mussolini dictatorship. They must recognize something akin to a blood relationship. Incidentally Mussolini has established April 21st as Italy's Labor Day, copying the United States' attack on International May Day that resulted in legalizing the first Monday in September as Labor Day in this country.

Boost Labor Defense Council

WORCESTER, Mass.—The Central Labor Union here has endorsed the Labor Defense Council and given credentials to its representative, J. P. McCarthy.

LIBERTARIAN EDUCATION AND THE VALUE OF LIFE

By HARRY KELLY

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Tour of Eastern States Enthuses Organizer of the Trade Union Educational League

By JOSEPH MANLEY
Organizer of the Trade Union Educational League.

The rapid growth of the Trade Union Educational League and the solid which its ideas, tactics and program, have taken upon the Trade Union Movement in particular, and the Labor Movement in general, is nothing short of phenomenal. This has been impressed upon me in a thousand and one different ways, during the course of an organizing trip I am making all thru the Eastern District, the first since I have been appointed General Organizer by the Executive Board of the League.

In my former capacity of General

Organizer for the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, I have participated in organization drives several of which were of national significance. Such as the Packinghouse Workers, the Steel Workers, the non-union Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, the latter campaign furnished the Lockwood Committee of New York, with the sensational data which showed the U. S. Steel and the Bethlehem Steel Corporations to be a controlling factor in the modern building industry. All these campaigns developed in me a wealth of optimism as to the organization of the unorganized. I had always felt, however, that the organizing of the militants

would be a much slower and tedious job. This notion and feeling has gone by the boards as a result of my present experience.

The wonderful growth of the Trade Union Educational League in the Eastern District I can attest to, from first hand experience in the large cities and towns of New England. It is nothing short of startling, even to one who is more or less "hard boiled" as to his faith in correct organization principles. The rapidity with which trade union militants of varying shades of political faith, are all grasping the Trade Union Educational League program and flocking to its standard is simply beyond belief.

At the meetings of trade union

militants I have so far attended in Providence, Lynn, Boston, Lawrence, Rochester, Buffalo, Scranton and Wilkesbarre, the spirit of optimism was universal. To one who knows the past of the militant movement, its squabbles and pronounced pessimism, this is a revelation. On every hand I found that all agreed that two things were responsible for the present elation. One, is the feeling that now as never before, we have a program that really fits the historical development of the trade union movement in America. Second, William Z. Foster is the man peculiarly fitted to inspire almost universal confidence in his leadership at the head of this program.

In Rochester and Buffalo I spoke

with many progressive trade unionists, former acquaintances, who tho not actual members of the League, accept its program and were most solicitous to know if "Foster approved" this and that, relating to their local problems. The ardent spirits are careful readers of The Labor Herald and follow the League's latest developments closely. In short the program of the League so completely fills the bill, that it will save the trade unions from complete extermination, that every intelligent militant trade unionist is coming to accept its leadership. The speed with which this result has been accomplished, is nothing short of marvelous.

The immediate tasks the Eastern

District has set out to accomplish, is to develop a compact organization; a League of all these militants in every city and town thruout this great industrial section. The purpose of the League will be to coordinate the local activities in the various industrial sections and to link up these local activities on a District and National basis.

For this immediate task large delegations from the cities and towns included in the Eastern District, from Pittsburgh to New York and from Boston to Washington, have notified the Eastern District Office that they will answer the call for

(the District Conference, at New York City, May 6th. Delegations from the many sections, such as Building, Railroad, Food, Textile, Needle, Printing, Leather and Shoe, Etc., will all be present. As a result, a coordinated smoothly-running District organization will be created, the prime object of which will be to save the unions of this section from utter extermination; it will infuse them, thru its militants, with a spirit of solidarity, and thru amalgamation bring the separate squabbling unions together, laying the foundation for the eventual complete organization of the entire working class.

Plans Ready for New York TUEL Meeting

Preparations have been completed for the National Conference of the Needle Trades Section of the Trade Union Educational League to be held in the Labor Temple, 143 E. 4th St., New York City, May 5-6.

Representatives from every union of the needle trades industry will be present and definite plans will be formulated to carry forward the program of amalgamation. The International Ladies' Garment Workers, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the Journeymen Tailors, Custom Tailors, and the foreign language needle trades leagues will be present and participate in the deliberations.

In addition to the pressing question of amalgamation, the report of delegate to the last conference of the Red Trade Union International will be taken up. Also the shop delegates system will occupy a prominent place on the agenda.

William Z. Foster, secretary-treasurer of the Trade Union Educational League, will review the activities of the League in the various industries. Joseph Manley, general organizer of the League for the Eastern District, will cover the situation in the East and a special feature will be the report of Ida Rothstein on her tour in the interest of amalgamation thruout the entire industry in the United States and Canada.

This conference will mark an epoch in the development of militant unionism in this industry, as it will be a bank and file conference for the purpose of formulating definite plans of action in order to accomplish thru the membership that which the officials of the various organizations seem unable to accomplish. It is particularly noteworthy that there will be a strong representation from the International Ladies Garment Workers, as that organization is one of the sore spots in the industry because of the reactionary officialdom that preys upon the membership and strives to keep the workers in the needle trades divided in the interest of the capitalist class.

New York Needle Workers Adopt 50 Russian Children

The United Workers Co-operative Association, formerly the Workers Unity Association, has become foster parent to fifty Russian orphans, to be cared for at a children's home in the U.S.S.R. The adoption of these youngsters was made thru the Friends of Soviet Russia, which is conducting a nationwide campaign for the relief of destitute children in the Workers Republic.

The Association whose name will be given to the new Home is composed of about forty working-class girls, most of them in the needle trades and members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union. This is only the latest in a series of actions by the group in favor of Soviet Russia.

Recently the same organization ran a benefit performance at the Jewish Art Theatre, and the total proceeds, a net sum of \$1272.66 went towards the Orphans' Homes. Practically every one of the members of the Girls' Association is an active worker, so that in their undertakings there is no overhead whatsoever, everything being done by volunteer labor.

Among those who have been most effective in the efforts to help Russia are Lena Goldstein, Anna Minz, Dora Brown, Sarah Shainin, Mary O'witsky and Sarah Goldberg.

INTERVIEW WITH DEBS

"What about the Foster case?" he was asked.

"I think the Foster case is settled. In my judgment it will not be tried again. To be more explicit, I think the whole proceeding was a farce. The law under which he was tried is a negation of the constitution. It is not only criminal but idiotic—enacted by a set of morons with the intention of suppressing free speech.

"The crime in connection with this case is the law itself," said Mr. Debs, referring to the Michigan criminal syndicalism law under which William Z. Foster was tried. "The law is a criminal assault upon the United States constitution," he charged. —The Wisconsin State Journal, Madison, Wis.

The Great Success

By ART YOUNG

Mr. Daugherty says President-Harding will be renominated because of his brilliant record and names the following achievements as samples:

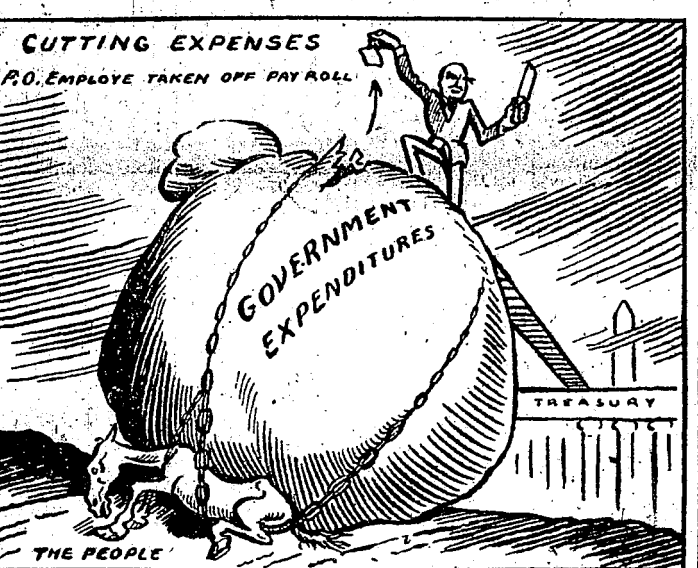
"UNTANGLED"



"The untangling of complicated war problems"



"The application of business principles"



"The reducing of expenditures"

Deportation for "Jim" Larkin

By JACK CARNEY

Charged with being an alien anarchist, "Jim" Larkin was recently arrested and detained on Ellis Island to await deportation. Those who know "Jim" and understand the basis of his beliefs and aspirations know full well that he is not an anarchist. Of course it is asking too much of a government official, to demand of him as to what is an anarchist.

Sam Vaulain, head of the Baldwin Locomotive Co., speaking before a gathering of business men, declared that whenever he had trouble he just threw the agitators into jail. No damn nonsense for Sam. Just clap them into jail, because Sam says so. No orderly procedure on the part of Sam.

On the other hand "Jim" Larkin organized the largest union, in comparison to the population, in the world—the Irish Transport and General Workers Union. He is the founder of the Irish Labor Party. He also organized the Irish Citizens' Army, in order to compel the employers of Ireland to respect "Ira-aid."

No, not Sam! It is "Jim", who is on Ellis Island, charged with being an alien anarchist.

The strange part about the whole affair is that Larkin has been continually demanding a passport and recently appeared before Secretary of Labor, J. J. Davis, asking him what the government intended doing regarding the deportation orders that were being held against him. Secretary Davis, in the presence of the writer, on March 16 stated that he was unaware of any such orders, yet he signed a deportation order against Larkin on March 13, according to the capitalist press.

The whole affair has been well staged with a view to creating the impression that Larkin did not want to return. Behind it is the intrigue and the treacherous conduct of reactionary Irish-American politicians, leagued with the British government. Compelling Larkin to re-

main here and not wanting to bear the consequences of their act they are seeking to transfer the blame on to the shoulders of Big "Jim". They hope to discredit him, so that he will be handicapped on his return home to the scenes of former triumphs.

But keep your eye on Ireland and "Jim" Larkin!

Larkin was deported on the Majestic last Saturday.

Cutters for Amalgamation (Special to "The Worker")

CHICAGO.—After an address by Ida Rothstein, organizer for the Needle Trades Section of the Trade Union Educational League, the Cutters' Union of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, at a well-attended meeting unanimously resolved in favor of the complete "Amalgamation" program of the T. U. E. L. The local union also adopted a resolution of thanks to Comrade Rothstein for her excellent exposition of the program.

It is significant that while the national officialdom of the I. L. G. W. U. is fighting every aspect of the T. U. E. L. program, the rank and file membership is enthusiastically supporting it everywhere.

TEN WORKERS SHOULD READ THIS COPY OF THE WORKER; KEEP IT IN CIRCULATION

Workers Here Protest Near East Tyranny

Because of new developments in the Near East, including the Chester Concession in Angora, Turkey, and the Second Lausanne Peace Conference, considerable interest attaches to the declaration adopted by the Near East United Front Mass Meeting held in New York City under the auspices of the Workers Party.

In addition to the two speakers in English, Captain Paxton Hibben and J. Louis Engdahl, there were addresses as follows: Tatian, in Armenian; Kordovum, in Jugoslav; Manos, in Greek, and Popoff, in Bulgarian. The declaration adopted follows:

Whereas, the internal and external political policy of the governments of the Balkans has been, for the last century, under the influence of the English, French, German, Russian, and Italian imperialism;

Whereas, the aggressive reciprocal attitude of Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Roumania and Jugoslavia, has in its background an economic reason: territorial expansion for the exploitation of natural resources;

Whereas, the antagonism created by the colonial ambitions of the Big Powers, in conjunction with the traitorous policy of the internal ruling classes of the Balkans, brought the masses into war in 1912, which plunged the population into an indescribable misery;

Whereas, this antagonism, coming to a climax in 1914, the Big Powers of Europe forced the Balkan States into a new war which ended with an unspeakable slaughter, misery and hunger for the masses of the Near East;

Whereas, the shameful aggressiveness exercised by the French and British imperialists in the Orient burst into a catastrophic struggle between the Turkish and Greek armies, which left hundreds of thousands of working men homeless, exposed to the most unheard of starvation in the history of the Balkan Peninsula;

Whereas, the conference of Lausanne did not remedy the situation in spite of the peaceful attitude of the Soviet Delegation, new wars being fomented in the secret rooms of the ruling class of the Balkan States;

Be it Resolved, that we workers of the Near East, assembled at this meeting, protest against the new wars planned by the Balkan governments.

We protest against the chauvinist propaganda exercised by the respective governments, which roots hatred in the hearts of the masses; We protest against the White terror of Roumania, Bulgaria, Jugoslavia, Turkey and all other Near East countries. We demand that steps be taken at once for friendly relations between the Balkan States.

The establishment of economic and diplomatic relations with the Russian Soviet Republic of workers and peasants, the only power in the world today fighting for peace.

Start Irish Magazine

CHICAGO.—A group of Irish radicals in this city are about to produce a monthly magazine with the object of bringing Irish workers whose activities are devoted to the national struggle in Ireland in touch with the progressive wing of the labor movement in America.

Among the contributors to the magazine, which will be called The Irish People, are T. J. O'Flaherty, editor, The Voice of Labor; William F. Dunne, editor, Butte Bulletin; Michael T. Berry, organizer, Allied Shoe Workers; Donagh Dwyer of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and formerly associated with James Connolly; Michael J. Scanlan of the Street Carmen.

Keep Away from Lynn, Mass.

Trade Union Educational League Shoe Workers' Section, calls upon all Shoe Workers to ignore the "ads" in the capitalist papers and to keep away from Lynn, where a strike is conducted by the Amalgamated Shoe Workers' Union of America.

May Day--Preparedness Day

By J. LOUIS ENGDAHL

Let American labor determine to make this year's May Day a "Preparedness Day" for future struggles with the bosses. There are advantages to the workers in the present industrial situation that will not exist with the coming May Day, 1924.

This May Day the bosses are hunting for workers. Increases in wages have been granted in the textile, steel, meat, building and other industries. The railroad workers, like labor elsewhere, are making new demands for more pay.

Wages are increasing slightly because industry is approaching top speed and the ships from Europe do not bring in enough surplus labor. Yet these small increases will hardly stand against the increasing cost of living under the new tariff. Living costs now stand 59.2 per cent higher than 1914, the first war year. They are going higher, not lower.

Labor must utilize this favorable industrial drift to the utmost. When workers are employed they turn to the unions, which increase in membership. Now is the time for every labor union to carry on an intensive drive for new members.

The encouraging move toward a Labor Party during these past few months is an echo of the difficult times the industrial workers and the working farmers have recently passed thru. They turned to it as an escape from the industrial storm. During the few months of better times ahead, let no worker or farmer desert this struggle for the Labor Party, that will be needed more than ever before another year has passed.

"Most of the steel plants are approaching capacity," announces Charles M. Schwab, of the Bethlehem Steel Co., which should spur every steel worker to new organization efforts.

J. Ogden Armour, head of Armour & Co., which recently swallowed Morris & Co., looks to the farmers for new loot as he says, "If good crops result from the summer efforts—and good crops are the rule in this country—a continuation of good business seems a certainty", which means "good business" for the bankers, grain speculators and beef barons, if the militant farmers are not united in defense of their own interests.

James J. Davis, the banker-secretary of labor in Harding's cabinet, says that, "The copper industry in April a year ago was practically closed down because of unsold stocks and poor market. Today mines, mills and smelters are busy. Production is fast approaching the best records of the war year."

Copper miners of Northern Mi-

chigan, of Montana, of Arizona, and other sections of the country! Here is a new opportunity to organize!

Secretary Davis says the same bright outlook faces the bosses seeking profits in the textile industry. We repeat that the same opportunities for organization, hold true for the workers in the textile mills.

But there are signs of the coming storm. Armour says that, "stocks of manufactured products are pretty well sold down", and Davis echoes that, "there are empty shelves in the textile industry". The American industrial machine, however, is so big and efficient that it will not take long to load up again in stocks and fill the empty shelves, especially since the United States is facing a diminishing market abroad, and the purchasing power of the masses at home is limited by starvation wages. The present building boom is due to end with the passing of the summer. The fall will see the completion of reconstruction work on the railroads.

France at the throat of Germany, causing industrial stagnation in the Ruhr, not only destroys the European market for the United States, but makes it progressively impossible for Europe to buy from South America, China, Japan and other countries, thus wrecking the purchasing power of these countries in the United States. It is a vicious circle that reaches around this whole bankrupt capitalist world.

Thus the present "good times" constitute only a breathing spell for labor. It is a time for preparedness for future struggles. The bulky pay envelope of today is the herald of the empty pay envelope of tomorrow.

Workers! This May Day (1923) should be a "Preparedness Day", ushering in a preparedness campaign that should be carried on during the entire coming year. During these comparatively sunny days prepare for the darker days ahead.

May Day—Or September Day

By CHARLES KRUMBEIN

Why another Labor Day in May when we have one in September? This question is asked by some trade unionists when they hear of May Day celebrations. The answer to this goes back to early American labor history, into the question of why a Labor Day, and why such a day should be international.

May First was inaugurated by the American Federation of Labor in the '80s, as part of the campaign to years later it was adopted as the International Labor Day at the World Congress of the labor movement, and rapidly spread all over Europe. It is now celebrated by most of the labor organizations of the world.

Here in the United States we have today a Labor Day in September, which was handed to us on a silver platter by the bosses and their Government. There is no doubt that they did this because they saw how May Day was being accepted by Labor the world over. The purpose of this move was, of course, to split the solidarity of Labor, both at home and internationally.

Labor Day should be a day when the solidarity of Labor is celebrated, encouraged, and perfected. It should be a day when we all come together to inspire the movement, and urge it on to new achievements. On the Day of Labor we should take stock of our past struggles, and in the light of experience make plans for further forward movements. Such a Labor Day as this must be international. Just as the strikes of coal miners of one country are defeated when the miners of another produce coal to be imported into the striking country; just as the entire struggle of Labor demands international solidarity, in the same manner the Day of Labor must be international, must be the same for the workers of the entire world.

The September Labor Day in this country is rapidly dying. In nearly every industrial center the great celebration that used to mark this occasion are now practically things of the past. Even in Chicago last year, the Federation could not get the support of enough unions to stage a successful demonstration. The main reason for this is, that the September Day was chosen by the bosses for us. We naturally want our own Labor Day, and that is May Day. Anything given to us by our enemies is worthless. Anything worth while we must get by fighting.

More and more the American labor movement is getting back to the original holiday, May First. Many unions and central bodies are observing May Day. We should all of us do what we can to make it universally celebrated. We must take our own Labor Day, and use it for its rightful purpose, to increase the solidarity and militant spirit of the labor movement.

For Labor to make any gain calls for continuous struggle. May Day mass demonstrations will re-enthuse the workers so that they will go into battle with the solidarity and the determination to win. That will carry the labor movement onward to its goal, the establishment of the Workers' Republic.

Shoe Workers, TUEL, will meet Saturday, April 28, two p. m., at 208 E. 12th St.

Journemen Tailors, TUEL, meet Monday, April 30, 8 p. m., Room 208 E. 12th St.

Auspices: National Defense Committee and the Labor Defense Council

Communists of Mexico in 2nd Congress

By BERTRAM D. WOLFE

(Special to "The Worker")

MEXICO CITY.—"You and your esteemed family are invited to attend a celebration on the occasion of the opening of the Second Annual Convention of the Communist Party of Mexico."

With this quaintly worded invitation full of Spanish formality, the Communist Party of Mexico publicly announced its forthcoming convention.

The convention is being held in the "Casa del Pueblo", or "People's House", a huge low, one-story building, ancient and impressive, here and there the yellow "tezohtle", or baked clay, cracked and red brick showing thru, till 1922 one of the ancient convents of Mexico—the land of 8,568 churches,—and now "The House of the People." But one cannot mistake it for a convent for over its entrance flies a huge, weather-scared red flag.

I enter the unguarded gate, walk thru long corridors where children play and chickens stroll, for the spacious building harbors many families of evicted rent-strikers, and I make my way into a huge, dim hall, the main one of the convent. The score of delegates are quite lost in front of it.

So these are the delegates! Peasants in peasant costumes, except that they have on a pair of shoes. Workers in ragged overalls. One or two with collar and tie and others betraying trade marks of "the intellectual". Their faces are almost entirely Indian, grave and thoughtful, high cheek-boned, dark-skinned. The one who presides is a full-blooded negro.

On the high ceiling of the one-time convent are painted a sacred heart, crosses, a bishop's mitre. The whole front of the stage is a biblical scene depicting Christ in Jerusalem, but the figure of Christ has been covered by an enormous picture of Karl Marx and his disciples peep out between rents in huge Red Flags. And above, in gold letters, is emblazoned the legend, "This house was taken by the people, June 11, 1922, for the Communist Party of Mexico and the Union of Striking Tenants."

An official begins to read the report of the outgoing National Executive.—"To use all efforts to obtain a United Front of the working class in Mexico, eliminating and showing up as traitors to their class all those who opposed themselves to the benefits that the united front will procure for the workers."

"This resolution," declares the committee reporter, "was the principal instruction of the last Congress to the Central Executive." He proceeds to report on the mistakes and successes of the last year. He tells how the committee made mistakes in connection with the movement for a rival Federation of Labor, how as their united front activities grew the Communists met opposition both from the "yellow" leaders of the Mexican Federation, and the "red" anarchist leaders of the General Confederation. He declared that the opposition of the leadership of both factions, combined with tactical mistakes of the Communists in the early history of the General Confederation had been effective in aiding the leaders of both factions of the labor movement to set up a sanitary cordon around their organizations to quarantine them from Communist infection.

"Our response," he declared, "was to go directly to the masses of the workers everywhere, arouse in them the already powerful longing for unity of the workers forces in the face of Fascism and the Capitalist offensives, until it became a burning and unquenchable passion. With this work the party must go on, and a United Front will inevitably result."

(Second Article Next Week.)

Join the Communists

MOSCOW.—The final conference of the Social-Revolutionary Party in Moscow has concluded with a resolution to liquidate the party and to join, if possible, the Communist Party. Bukharin and Radek, who were present at the conference on behalf of the Communist Party, declared that the Party would be ready to accept those who recognized their crimes in the past and were willing to redeem them by devoting themselves to the work of Soviet Russia.

Celebrate the Foster Victory!

Attend the Spring Festival and Dance, Saturday, May 12, WEBSTER HALL, 119 East 11th St.

Plasterers to Investigate Investigators

By SELMAR SCHOCKEN

The trial of officials of the Plasterers' Union, No. 80, before a jury in the New York Supreme Court, the strike of the Stone Cutters for a \$2 wage increase, the granting of general increases to other trades in the Building Industry, the vote of the Painters' and Decorators' Unions on their demands to be submitted to the contractors within a few days, the convention of the United Hatters and the ending of the controversy between them and the United Cloth Hat and Capmakers, together with the Anti-Fascist Movement of the Italian Needle Trades Unions have attracted the attention of the Metropolitan Labor Movement within the past week.

Trial of Plasterers Ends

The prosecution closed its case in the trial against the 36 officials and members of the Plasterers' Executive and Constitution Committees, and Jonah J. Goldstein, counsel for the defense, delivered the opening address to the jury on Monday afternoon.

"We will show," he said, "that not only was there no conspiracy to ruin employers on the part of the 36 defendants, but we intend to prove a conspiracy between Assistant Prosecutor Abraham Freedman and Christian G. Norman, president of the Building Trades Employers' Association, to willfully destroy the union of plasterers, so that they may remove every obstacle for the introduction of the open shop."

The attorney assured the jury, he will prove that Samuel Untermyer, chief prosecutor in the case and formerly Advisory Counsel to the Lockwood Housing Committee, was willing to first fail to indict and later to have the indictment withdrawn, if the Executive Committee of the Plasterers' Union had been willing to consent to a decree which would forever enjoin the organization from enforcing the closed shop.

Investigate the Investigators

"We will not stop by clearing these defendants," he declared, "but intend to investigate our investigators."

There can be no doubt about the fact that the union is on trial, rather than the indicted officials. The prosecution does not accuse them of any wrongdoing, other than executing the policy of the organization as laid down in the Constitution and By-Laws. This applies to firing contractors for using wrong material as well as many other rules which are part and parcel not only of the plasterers' union, but of many other unions in the building industry. There can be no doubt that the outcome of the proceedings will be of greatest importance to every member of the building trades.

Meantime the employers in the building trades saw fit to grant the wage demands of the Bricklayers, Plumbers, Stone Masons, as well as the Plasterers, rather than precipitate a strike on May first. Due to their more democratic way of voting on similar demands, the Painters have not yet submitted their draft for a new agreement to the employers. However, there is no doubt, but that they too will gain a \$10 daily minimum, besides strengthening the Five-Day-Week and inserting their health demands.

Hat Makers Plan Unity

At the convention of the United Hatters the reception accorded to President Zaritzky and Secretary Zuckerman of the United Cloth Hat and Capmakers' Union, as fraternal delegates, for the first time in the long controversy between these Unions, is of general interest not only to the workers in the needle trades but to the labor movement in general.

The modus vivendi agreed to by both unions is practically sealed by this reception. To be sure, the agreement reached is far from what should be expected at this stage. Both unions recognize each other's autonomy as an International Union, the United Hatters to control the men's hat trade and the Capmakers all caps and millinery. The latter organization will probably soon join the American Federation of Labor.

Bring Pressure at Albany

The weeks' events in the labor movement also include a conference

Kept Press Writers Confess Selves Paid Government Spies

Every European press correspondent is a stool pigeon for some capitalist government, just as every local reporter on the great dailies of the nation is a stool pigeon for the police department and government agents in the locality where he works.

The British secret service spy, Francis McCullough, and a correspondent for the New York Herald, is openly referred to in the columns of that publication as a British spy.

More evidence of the ignoble practices of correspondents comes to light with the statement of Mrs. Margaret E. Harrison, well known women correspondent, who was released from a Russian prison a year or more ago, in "The Editor and Publisher" for April 14, wherein she frankly admits that she was a spy for the American military intelligence service during her period of employment as correspondent for American newspapers.

Another woman, with whom Mrs. Harrison had some understanding, a Mrs. Stan Harding, is a spy for the British government.

All three of these stool pigeons, McCullough and Mesdames Harrison and Harding, write column after column of what passes among the yokels who read the capitalist press as unbiased "news." It is this type that furnishes the lies about the trials of priests in Soviet Russia. The stool, McCullough, writes articles to suit the demands of the London and New York publishers who print his stuff. The most absurd and preposterous statements are printed as proven facts.

A. F. of L. officials at the City Hall in Albany, "to put pressure on the legislators" who forgot most of the promises they made to their loyal henchmen when these gentlemen were campaigning for them and organizing "Nonpartisan Committees" and manufacturing "Nonpartisan endorsements." The most important bills, such as a state monopoly for the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Fund, are either buried by one house or the other, or they are awaiting their commitment to the legislative cemetery.

Samuel Gompers also spoke at this gathering of about 300 officials. His chief topic was the repeal of the Mulan-Gage Law and opposition to any letting down of the immigration bars. The Anti-Fascist movement of the Italian workers in America attracted the attention of the Central Trades and Labor Council at its last meeting in Beethoven Hall.

Not that the Council seemed especially anxious to exert itself against the mere danger of Fascist activities in the United States. In marked contrast to an unauthorized action of the Amnesty Committee, which to all intents and purposes had been pronounced dissolved more than a year ago, the Executive Committee reported it would first have to ask Mr. Samuel Gompers, the grand mogul, about the proper way to treat the spread of Fascism. This announcement aroused the ire of Salvatore Ninio, vice president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, and several delegates, among them Delegate Mandell, of the Teachers' Union, who sketched the activities of the Black-shirts in Italy, with the result that the original resolution, introduced by Local 89, I. L. G. W. U., was adopted.

Wicks Debates Wolinski on Workers Party Tactics

An interesting debate, on one of the most important topics in the American labor movement, "Resolved: That the tactics of the Workers Party are detrimental to the interests of the American working class," will be held Thursday, April 26, 8 P. M., at the Astoria Hall, 62 E. 4th St. Osip Wolinski, manager of the Fancy Leather Goods Workers' Union, will take the affirmative. H. M. Wicks, Labor Editor of "The Worker," will take the negative side. The debate is held under the auspices of the Fancy Leather Goods Workers' Union.

Don't Throw This Paper Away—Pass It On to Your Neighbor

Women of Near East Organize

By MARGARET UNDJUS

The working women's movement in the Near East is rapidly developing. There are 22,000 women organized in the Central Women's Section of Soviet Azerbaijan. Of this number 10,000 are Moslem working women. The forces with which the work among women was to be carried on in Azerbaijan were very weak, so the Central Section resolved to make an effort to stir up the Azerbaijan working masses and to thus facilitate the work of the district sections.

With this object in view, the first non-party Azerbaijan Women's Congress was convened Feb. 3, attended by 1,200 women delegates, including 500 from remote settlements and villages of Azerbaijan.

20 Tractors to Russia Is Plan of FSR

(By F. S. R. Press Service)

Twenty tractors will be sent to the workers of Russia by the workers in America, thru the Friends of Soviet Russia. That is the objective of a nationwide drive started here as part of the international movement for the reconstruction of Russia's agriculture. The announcement of the drive gains added force from the fact that it follows close upon pronouncements by men and organizations of all types urging outside help in rebuilding Russian economy.

The groups include the American Relief Administration, the Quakers, Nansen, the Russian authorities.

To pay for the tractors and their transportation requires \$40,000, which has therefore been set as the goal for this drive. Every effort will be made, according to F. S. R. officials, to reach the American workers with the message of Russia's need and the importance of meeting it, not alone to the workers of that country but of all countries.

In connection with the drive the organization has announced a Voting Contest as a result of which one American worker will be given a free round trip to Russia for every \$10,000 collected in this drive. Four Americans will therefore go to Russia as a "living" message of good will.

The contest is described as merely one of the means to make vivid the living truth of a proletarian country in its giant effort to construct a new system, so that America's workers may see the absolute necessity for extending immediate assistance.

The prospects of the trip to Russia, as outlined in the F. S. R. literature, are certainly alluring. There will be fine farewell gatherings in New York and grand receptions in Russia; the matter of visas will be attended to by the organization; an interpreter will be provided; the American messengers will be greeted personally by the Soviet leaders; etc., etc. The competition will doubtless be keen.

The system of voting is so arranged that for every dollar contributed, or collected from someone else, votes will be given, according to the following schedule:

1. Individuals get five votes for every dollar they contribute. They can cast these votes for themselves or for whom they please.
2. Individuals get ten votes for every dollar collected from someone else.
3. Organizations get fifty votes for every dollar sent in. These votes may be cast for anyone, whether a member of the organization or not.

WAYSIDE THOUGHTS

(By F. S. R. Press Service)

A cable dispatch tells of three Soviet officials condemned to death for bribery. There, at last, is one kind of atrocity that is absolutely unthinkable in capitalist countries.

Super-patriots demand the prosecution of Walsh as a pro-Russian, basing their charges on malicious statements in the Jewish Daily Forward. The New York Times quotes the New York Call editorially in support of its attacks on Foster and radical labor. Are capital and labor getting together after all?

A cable to the New York World, April 13, on the impending trial of Tikhon, says: "It is all but admitted by the defense that Tikhon acted against the Government and favored anti-Soviet armies and in his relation with their representatives hoped for their success." What would happen to a priest in America or anywhere else with such an admission against him during war time? Yet it is doubtless a prospective "atrocity" of barbaric Soviet Russia.

Chicago adopts 100 Russian orphans, to be put into a "William Z. Foster Children's Home." We are sure that Chicago will take good care of its Foster-children.

They Have Had Enough

Evidently the Burns-Daugherty outfit realizes they have been beaten in their personally conducted war on the Communist movement. The Washington correspondence of Hearst's Universal Service declares that, "So long as William Z. Foster and other officers of the Workers Party of America do not actually advocate the overthrow of the federal government by force, the department of justice does not intend to proceed against them for alleged violation of the criminal statute of 1910, it was learned officially today." No doubt Burns and Daugherty are getting ready for the worst in the Ruthenberg trial.

Workers and Farmers Must Fight Together

By HAL WARE

Introducing John Farmer (Species of 1923). WHAT IS A FARMER? and WHAT will a FARMER DO? These are pertinent questions every City Worker should be able to answer. You know as well as I do that the milk bottle doesn't grow on the door-step. However, you probably blame John Farmer for its high price instead of meeting him half way at the R. R. station where the "raw" milk comes in. It is also the place where the MIDDLEMAN comes in with his raw deal and soaks both you and the Farmer. The milk is sold by the farmer at a loss and sold to you by the middleman at a stiff profit. He gets us going and coming.

If you think about the farmer at all you probably agree with the average "Wob" who dismisses the farmer with the smugly ignorant "He is a petty bourgeois blankity blank!" When we get a Workers' Government Mr. Farmer will have to come along. The little error in that sentence is the word "when." The point is you won't get anything from your exploiters without the hearty support of this "petty bourgeois blankity blank" farmer. And you won't keep it if you get it; a Workers' Government, or any minor tool, hold on the Capitalist system, without the continued support from the same b... b... farmer. And furthermore, you won't get his support until you know him and his problems and line up with him on the common ground that does exist.

Well then—John Farmer, U. S. A.,

Must Repair War's Victims

By ELMER T. ALLISON

Raymond Peters, a shell shocked victim of Capitalism's Greatest War, dreamed he was fighting enemy Huns in the Argonne Forest and awoke to find he had slashed his throat with a razor. Physicians report recovery doubtful.

This case as to put forth a claim we have long held. The science of war will ever remain imperfect until a way is found to eliminate from the memories of its victims the horrors they have undergone.

In view of two circumstances we suggest to the masters of the world that if they are to keep their grasp on it they should bend all efforts towards the discovery of a sure and scientific method of accomplishing this end.

One such circumstance is that returned soldiers got their bellies full of the late war and want no more "for them." The other is the ever developing possibilities of another

war in which Capitalism will want again those who were spared in the last war. Memories sometimes prove compromising remnants to leave in one's victim's head.

Certainly in the interest of capitalism's continuance science should develop a new race of Robot mentalities, or at least a sort of "stamping mill" process like a delousing station, thru which to pass the brains of war's victims.

Spreading It On Thick

By ALFRED WAGENKNECHT

And so let us present Samuel M. Vauclain, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia. He's a likely chap. He has put it over on Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, yes, and on the other crafts that work in his works, time and again. Vauclain's shop of 25,000 workers is an open shop. It's an open shop because amalgamation has been a closed book to the metal trades.

When President Gompers therefore speaks and says that dire things will happen if we have open shops, why could not President Vauclain come back with a "My God! Have any of you gentlemen ever seen Gompers? Will you tell me what there is to be afraid of?"

Still, why should President Vauclain insult President Gompers? Why should not these several Presidents be bosom friends? Why refer slightly to Gompers' size, beauty and capacity? Is Gompers not close to the heart of the Civic Federation and does not Vauclain chip in to help buy grease for this machine, plus Gompers and all? Why not union and a closed shop upon the basis of an all year round open season for all red baiters?

President Vauclain refreshes one. Get this, friends: "I'd like to see any union labor leader start something among my 25,000 men. Why, when the railway strike was starting, a bunch of labor delegates came around to the plant. In twenty minutes I had every damned one of them in jail. I was told I had no right to put them in jail. I said, 'But they're in jail, aren't they? Now go and get them out.' You've got to act quick when you're facing a crisis."

That's the candy, sure enough! And remember, that is about the way the Bolsheviks do in Russia! When they face a crisis they act quickly and throw the discordant elements into jail. And when the bourgeois world says they have no right to do that, Russia answers—well, they are in, aren't they? Now you try to get them out!

President Vauclain refreshes one more so than Gompers. He speaks right out and tells the workers how it is done, tells them what's necessary to do to dictate. And altho Gompers may be too old to learn new tricks, the workers will some day work the same game on Vauclain that he's hitting off at such a grand pace today.

Then, as a bit of good advice, President Vauclain in his address to business men, adds: "Golf? You spend a day chasing a golf ball and at night all you've got is your golf ball. You had it when you started. But if you get a wheelbarrow and a hoe and spread manure all day, you've got the exercise, and you've done something." To all of which we beg to remark that President Vauclain must not forget that chasing a golf ball is supposed to make the chasers more fit to chase dollars. As for the wheelbarrow and hoe and manure, suggestion—let's whisper in your ear that we suspicion that President Vauclain still has his first wheelbarrowful of manure to spread, otherwise he would know that it's not spread with a hoe.

As a last thought—if what he is referring to is the kind of stuff he spread in his address to the business men, then we say, go to it, all of you. Fertilize the fields from coast to coast. And we'll have a surprising harvest!

Bloor Speaks Spite of Raid at Kansas City

(Special to "The Worker")

KANSAS CITY.—The second attempt of Ella Reeves Bloor to speak at a Labor Defense Council meeting was successful April 15, despite the presence of many police. The meeting was in protest against the raid on the previous meeting, April 11, at which four members of the audience were arrested. An injunction suit is pending to restrain police from interfering with such meetings.

The men arrested on April 11, who were fined \$200 each in police court have filed an appeal which is to be heard by Judge Henry Julian. Meanwhile suit is being instituted against the police for false arrest.

A secret organization, as announced in "The Worker" last week, has been formed of members of the local American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Kiwanis club to combat radical and pacifist activities, according to the Kansas City press. Capt. Chas. Edward, ex-chief of police, is said to be the commander of this secret society, which consists mainly of former department of justice and ex-service men. The names of members are known only to Edward.

The organization claims to be working in conjunction with the federal department of justice.

New Borah Warning!

Senator Borah is anxious that the government's attempts to halt profiteering in sugar should succeed. "Otherwise," he says, "it would be exceedingly bad for the republican party." Borah should know that the republican party is in business to cover up profiteering, and it is fulfilling its mission nobly. Allege progressives, like Borah, also serve as camouflage for the profiteers by retaining "republicans." But the workers are getting wise and turning to class Labor Party. For confirmation of this fact turn to the reports of the Labor Party referendum of the Trade Union Educational League.

Bronx Educational Lectures

Sunday, April 29, 8 p. m., at Workers Hall, 1347 Boston Road (near 169th St.) Max Bedacht will speak on "Communism and Organized Labor"—This is one of a series of three lectures on "What is Communism?" conducted by the English Branch of the Workers Party.

WHICH? WORLD WAR? RECONSTRUCTION?

CANNONS or TRACTORS

The Friends of Soviet Russia must send Twenty Tractors to the World's First Workers' Republic. For this purpose \$40,000 are needed!

VOTING CONTEST

For every Thousand Dollars collected toward the purchase of the twenty tractors, one person will go as a living message from the workers of America to the workers of Russia. They will be received in Berlin by our delegate and vice will be provided for entrance to Russia.

RULES

- 5 VOTES—to individuals for every dollar contributed. These votes may be cast in favor of oneself or anyone else.
- 10 VOTES—to individuals for every dollar collected from others on list.
- 50 VOTES—to organizations for every dollar contributed. These votes may be cast in favor of the person making the collection or anyone the organization wishes to name. Organization lists must bear the signature of the Secretary.

ONE DOLLAR

from each of forty thousand workers will buy the tractors and help avoid another famine in Russia; another unemployment crisis in America; another war in the world.

A Round Trip to Russia Free

will be given the highest number of votes in the contest. (In case of tie, each will get a Round Trip to Russia.)

JOIN THE ONE DOLLAR ARMY
Friends of Soviet Russia, 201 West 13th St., N. Y. City
Enclosed please find \$..... to help buy twenty tractors for Russia.
Name
Address
City
Trade or Profession
Record my votes in favor of
Shall we send you collection blanks?
Contest ends June 30th. All blanks must be in by June 20th.

FRIENDS OF SOVIET RUSSIA

201 West 13th Street New York, N. Y.

Cannon May Day Speaker at Chicago

(Special to "The Worker")
CHICAGO—James P. Cannon, chairman of the Workers Party, who is on a tour to the Pacific Coast, will be the May Day speaker here.
The mass meeting to be held at the Ashland Auditorium, Van Buren St. and Ashland Boulevard, Tuesday night, May 1st, will also be addressed by Tom Tippet, of the United Mine Workers, Martin Abern of the Young Workers League, S. Lipshitz, Left Poole Zion, with Sam T. Hammersmark, as chairman.
It is being held under the auspices of a United Front Committee, representing various unions and workers' political organizations.

CANNON MEETINGS

Martins Ferry, O.: Sat., Apr. 28, 8 P. M. Hungarian Hall.
Nashua, N. H.: Sun., Apr. 29, 2 P. M. Mrs. Dornier's Hall.
Chicago, Ill.: May 1st, Hall announced later.
Baltimore, O.: Thurs., May 3, 8 P. M. Hall announced later.
Toledo, O.: Fri., May 4, 8 P. M. Hall announced later.
Toledo, O.: Sat., May 5, 8 P. M. Hall announced later.
Detroit, Mich.: Sunday, May 6, 8 P. M. House of Masses, 201 Grand Ave.
Detroit, Mich.: Monday, May 7, 8 P. M. House of Masses, 201 Grand Ave.
Racine, Wis.: Sat., May 12, 8 P. M. Union Hall, 428 Wisconsin Ave.

Celebration at Revere, Mass.
Revere, Mass., will hold a May Day Celebration Monday, April 30, 8 p. m., at the Labor Lyceum, in order not to conflict with the May 1st demonstration in Boston. Organizations participating will be Revere Branch, Workers Party, Workmen's Circle No. 704, Independent Workmen's Circle No. 29, Labor Lyceum Association and the Revere Mothers' League.

Brown Speaks in Cleveland
Bishop William Montgomery Brown, author of "Communism and Christianity," will be the principal English speaker at the Czechoslovak May Day Celebration to be held Sunday, April 29, 2 o'clock, 3147 W. 25th St., near Clark Ave., at the Finnish Labor Hall.

Engdahl Speaks in Newark
Louis Engdahl will be the English speaker at the May Day Celebration to be held in Newark Labor Lyceum, 704 S. 14th St., Newark, N. J., Tuesday, 8 P. M., May 1st, under the auspices of the Newark United Front May Day Committee. Also speakers in other languages. Singing societies in Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Hungarian, German, Scotch, and the Jewish Mandolin Club.

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Anna Gluzman, Soviet Judge

By ROSE PASTOR STOKES

While in Moscow, I met Anna Gluzman, and talked with her. In this morning's New York Times, top-of-front page, boxed, appeared the following news item:

BOBBED-HAIR GIRL JUDGE IN MOSCOW CALMLY SENTENCES SEVEN ROBBERS TO DEATH

MOSCOW, April 22.—(Associated Press.)—A bobbed-hair young woman in her early twenties sat presiding judge at a trial in the Moscow District Court yesterday and in a calm voice sentenced seven men to death for robbery with violence.

She was the Citizeness Anna Gluzman, formerly of Kharkov, who several months ago so attracted the attention of the Commissariat of Justice by her shrewd decisions in the Ukrainian courts that she was invited to Moscow, and became a member of the Presidium of the Moscow District Court.

The defendants were a gang of eight highway robbers led by one

Sergius Mironoff, all young, who, with the aid of several chauffeurs employed by the Moscow Soviet, carried out armed robberies in clothing factories last March.

Mironoff's younger brother, under eighteen years of age, was left with ten years' imprisonment.

The bold, careless admission of guilt by the men was equalled only by the unperturbed demeanor of the presiding judge. She was brown-eyed, plainly dressed, not pretty, but keen, and the lawyers who practiced in her court asserted that her judgment was the equal of or better than that of most men.

Anna Gluzman is a woman of the people, and has been a part of the revolutionary movement ever since she was "old enough to know anything." In Kharkov she was made judge in her community because she was regarded as a true daughter of the proletariat who had uncommonly good judgment.

In the village where she lived, three men were discovered dead by bloodhounds were set upon the trail

On July 18, 1922, she presided at what she called a "Hunger trial" in Kharkov. The People's Commissariat had made a decision that every ten families shall feed one hungry person. "People dropped dead on the streets from starvation, but the bourgeoisie were well fed, she said. Many who were very comfortable and having a good time, refused to feed the hungry, and do their share. Fifty-three men were arrested as a result.

Chief among them was Dvorkin, a well-to-do manufacturer. The girl judge fined him fifty million rubles, basing the fine upon his income.

Dvorkin replied, he would refuse to pay as a matter of principle. "Whereupon she increased the fine two hundred fold which brought the sum up to ten millions." His property was to be confiscated and he immediately deported to the famine region unless the fine was then and there paid. He paid the fine.

Several of the other defendants were fined 300 poods of bread instead of the 3 poods they refused to pay, and they paid. The trial lasted a week and attracted much notice. The Pravda spoke of her as the "talented judge of the First District." Seated on each side of her were the People's representatives—six workers from the Kharkov Locomotive Factory.

She told of the trial of a merchant who had bought stolen gold and jewels that was church property. Since all church riches were being taken to save the starving in the famine stricken districts, his property was confiscated and the man sentenced to six years imprisonment. She admitted it was a harsh sentence, but added, that it was justified.

"When the people are starving for lack of food that church riches will buy, and the state had decided to make this use of the treasure, any man who received it as stolen goods, is committing a high crime against the people."

I asked, what she thought of the message. She smiled a smile which softened the Spartan look on her strong face. Whether they really felt "Redeemed," or merely had a fine, ironic sense of humor, she had not discovered.

Anna Gluzman, 22, Unmarried, People's Judge in Soviet Russia

in the Kharkov penitentiary. About a year later she received from them a photograph of themselves, on the back of which they had written: To Anna Moisaivna, from the bandits Blondovsky and Finko, the grateful redeemed ones.

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Coal Miner Militants in "Come-Back"

(Special to "The Worker")

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—District Five, United Mine Workers' Union, has redeemed itself at last. It will be remembered that on March 18th the Alex Howat meeting was broken up in Charleroi by the police of that town at the instigation of the Lewis administration machine. The Progressives got to work planning their "come back." Howat returned to his home and arranged his business for an extended tour. In the meantime the Progressives travelled through the district arranging meetings. April 14th, Howat addressed his first meeting on the new tour in District Five, at Wyano, Pa. Sunday, the 15th, he was at Russellton, where the crowd was overwhelmingly with him. Tuesday night he spoke at Hays, close to historic Homestead. Wednesday night he went over close to the border of the West Virginia Panhandle, to Avella. Here he received a great ovation. Thursday night he spoke at Burgettstown and Friday in McDonald. At all these meetings the miners were urged to come to Charleroi, Sunday, April 22d, for a great demonstration against the break-up of former meetings, and to prove that the workers in the Pittsburgh district did not approve of the tactics used by the corrupt machine.

Organize Defense Committee

Realizing the character of the people with whom they were dealing, the progressives sent appeals to all militant locals in the district to furnish volunteers to do guard duty at the meeting. On the morning of the meeting they rented a hall and 250 volunteers gathered. And went thru drills to prepare themselves for the efficient handling of the crowd. The contingent was under the direction of Marshall Michael Bradich, a husky young ex-soldier miner, from Yukon, who ran for Vice-President on the Progressive State last December. The contingent formed in line, four abreast, and, led by a miners' band, paraded thru the streets of Charleroi, unmolested, to the ball grounds where over 5,000 miners had gathered.

It was a picturesque crowd. Trucks, automobiles and busses, loaded with miners, old and young, full of pep and enthusiasm, on every hand. Some of them had come as much as 75 miles and stood for five hours listening to the speeches and cheering all the sentiments of which they approved.

The day was one of vindication for Howat. Breathing a spirit of defiance in every sentence to the traitors in the Labor Movement and the autocrats of political and industrial America, his speech could be summed up in one sentence: "If the government wants us to respect their laws, they must make laws that respect us." Every progressive phase of the labor movement to-day was endorsed by Howat in his vigorous style.

Other Miners Address Meeting

An old war horse of the progressive movement, William Guiler, of Charleroi, was chairman. It was a happy day for Guiler. For years he has been attacked by the machine with slander and abuse. He has lived, however, to see the principles he has advocated vindicated. John Snyder and Joe Chiccolini of the Coke Region General Relief Committee, well known to all miners in the Coke Region and in District Five, repeated the story of the betrayal of the Fayette County miners by the machine. Julius Bucho of Chicago gave a very stirring address in Slavish which was greatly appreciated by the Slavish miners.

Dist. 2 Organizers Speak

Powers Hapgood and Joe Foster, two well-known organizers of Dist. Two, where the International Organization has been carrying on a campaign of persecution because of the advocacy of nationalization by District President John Brophy, were present and gave a surprise to the miners of Dist. Five by addressing the meeting. Hapgood gave a little picture of what it means to try to carry on a strike in the face of opposition by the International. He told how the notorious Fontecchio who professed in Illinois to be a progressive, would resort to all sorts of methods to fight the district organization. Foster made a splendid impression as an upstanding progressive in the Labor Movement.

Tommy Robertson Ejected

When Fred Merrick, of the Coke Region, General Relief Committee, was ejected from a miners' relief meeting in Smithton and assaulted, Tommy Robertson, an organizer of District Five, was the directing genius of that disgraceful affair. This last meeting in Charleroi demonstrated the fact that the machine with all of their things cannot override the will of the majority of the miners in this district when they make up their mind. The machine was well represented with Van Bittner, Fagan, Feeney and others and a whole crew of booze-hounds. Howat had not been speaking long when Robertson in a loud tone addressed an insulting remark to him. "The organized and disciplined group that ejected him found no trouble at all pushing him

IT IS THEIR MOVE By H. M. WICKS

THE communication addressed by the Communist International to the executive committee and members of the Proletarian Party removes the very last objection from that source against unity of all avowed Communist elements in the United States. The Communist International, the leader of the world revolutionary forces, has placed the stamp of approval upon the program and tactics of the Workers Party, and has invited all sincere Communists in the Proletarian Party to join the Workers Party and accept its program and tactics.

The elements in the Proletarian Party, while Communist in thought, have certainly not proved themselves Communist in action. A perusal of late numbers of their official organ, "The Proletarian," exposes their complete sterility as far as the vital problems confronting the working class of the United States is concerned. On the question of the organization of a Labor Party, the most pressing need of the working class today, the Proletarian Party remains dumb. While a couple of their leaders oppose it, they are afraid to state their position to their own membership through the columns of their publication. Their attitude toward the Trade Union Educational League, which has brought the amalgamation question before every organized worker in America, is positively ignoble. Their trend is definitely toward sectarianism. They have not participated in any of the struggles of the working class in this country as a party. They have abjured participation in any of the major campaigns conducted by the Workers Party, as the recognized Communist Party in this country.

In spite of the fact that the Proletarian Party is quite small in numbers it still contains within its ranks a number of very efficient Communists who could effectively work in a Party that takes a realistic attitude toward the problems of the working class. To avoid complete stagnation it is their imperative duty to the cause and to the movement as a whole to bring all their membership into the ranks of the Workers Party.

This action on their part should have been taken as soon as the last convention of the Workers Party adjourned after having adopted the clearest program that has ever been written in America; a program that no Marxist on earth can criticize. But the excuse then was that the Communist International had never recognized the existence of their Party, which was proof that the C. I. was not particularly interested in their isolation. Now that the Communist International has officially invited them to prove their Communism by entering the ranks of the Workers Party, this last excuse is removed.

The next move is up to them!

Facing the Inevitable

MR. FRANK MORRISON, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, speaking before the Hatters convention the other day, asserted that the American Federation of Labor was in favor of amalgamation, but that since it was a "democratic organization" it had no power to impose its will upon any of its affiliated organizations and would never for a moment insist that kindred unions in an industry "must amalgamate."

So emphatic has become the demand for amalgamation that the Gompers machine is setting its sails to catch the breeze of popular favor. The policy of the machine in this case is to remain inactive as long as possible. In spite of its pretenses it is well known that the last thing on earth desired by the Gompers machine is the amalgamation movement. In fact, that machine is now trying to kill amalgamation by professing to be in favor of it in order to stop the terrific agitation that has swept the country the past two years and is gaining militant adherents every day. The A. F. of L. machine has never been bothered with any principles; it takes no definite stand on anything, unless it is compelled to act. In the case of amalgamation its attitude has been a sinister, underhanded resistance to the will of the rank and file. But today the movement has reached such proportions that the Gompers machine must now face the inevitability of its triumph.

While Morrison does not fight amalgamation as such, he never misses an opportunity to take a contemptible rap at William Z. Foster and the Trade Union Educational League, the real vanguard of the entire amalgamation movement on the North American continent.

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Chester Says He Will Fight

Rear Admiral Colby M. Chester, United States Navy, retired, informs the world, thru a speech before members of the Federated American Chambers of Commerce of the Near East, that he and his associates will "fight all comers" for the Chester Oil Concession granted by the Turkish Angora government in the Near East.

Chester has had the smell of Near East oil in his nostrils ever since he sailed into the Harbor of Smyrna, as captain of the U. S. S. Kentucky, in 1900. He knows, as a good militarist, that generals and admirals, especially those who have retired, never do the fighting. He knew that when President Roosevelt and Elihu Root backed him in his oil venture years ago.

Chester knows, when he says he will fight, that he means that he expects the workers of the United States to fight for him and his oil profiteering friends of the Ottoman-American Developing Co., U. S. financed. Chester has already picked the workers of the nation whom he wishes America's toilers to make war upon when he asks for United States recognition of the Turkish government because "it has done such magnificent work in the last year, driving out three foreign foes, including Great Britain."

Chester, the oil capitalist, would have America's workers fight Great Britain, in addition to the lesser aspirants for property rights over the Near East oil fields. He objects even to the League of Nations butting in to settle the British mandate over the Mosul Oil fields under Arab rule.

Over every Chester oil well in the Near East there will float the stars and stripes. Under the camouflage of missionaries killed and Christianity threatened, the war drums will begin to beat on this side of the Atlantic when the occasion requires. England joined in the war on Germany to prevent German capitalists ruling the railroad from Berlin to Bagdad, and on to the Persian gulf, tapping the rich resources of Western Asia. That war is over but American capitalists, taking the place of German profiteers, are grabbing off everything that can be coined into a dollar, all the while in the face of rising British hostility. Thus are the seeds of new wars sown, wars that no Chester and his kind will fight, but wars they will force America's working-class youth to fight, unless the workers of the United States, join with the workers of Russia, Turkey and other countries for the smashing of all capitalism's bloody rivalries.

Cossack Rule Still Lives

There will be at least two years more of Cossack Rule in West Virginia. The fight for the abolition of this "Military Regime" has been blocked by the state legislature postponing action for that length of time.

Thus for two more years these booted and spurred terrorists in uniform will ride thru the state knouting workers into submission to the open shop.

The reason for the temporary defeat of this fight on "The State Police" is seen in the fact that at the head of West Virginia's state administration is Governor E. F. Morgan, a political tool of the non-union mine owners. With a scab governor and state legislature, the political war on the "Cossacks" was doomed from the start.

Governor Morgan is, of course, proud of his victory, won for the coal barons. He takes the occasion to denounce the Civil Liberties Union. He charges this organization, that has sought to establish some semblance of civil liberty in this state, with "promoting industrial strife."

To which Prof. Harry F. Ward, chairman of the Union, has replied: "It is just as much our business to go into West Virginia in behalf of free speech as it is for the United State Steel Corporation and the Pennsylvania Railroad, who dominate industry in West Virginia, to invade it with their program, against free speech."

The coal, steel and railroad barons run West Virginia today to suit themselves. They have their State Cossacks. They own the old parties. They carry the governor and the state legislature around in their vest pockets. As a result they are on top.

There is at least one thing that the workers of West Virginia can do now. That is to get behind the Labor Party referendum of the Trade Union Educational League. Workers of West Virginia! Take up the question of class political action: Form local Labor Parties in all your cities, steel towns and mining camps. Call a state Labor Party Conference, just as the workers elsewhere are doing. Get into the fight to win the state government of West Virginia, from the top down, and then there will be a chance of wiping out Cossack Rule at the next session of the state legislature.

May Day Message from Russia

Just as if some capitalist parliament were in session, discussing important problems, so the American capitalist press has been following the All-Russian Communist Party Congress at Moscow during the past week.

Where this same press has spread the false report that party divisions had forced the postponement of the congress until the summer, now it must confess it lied and publish facts showing the unity of the Russian Communist Party, not only the directing force of the Soviet Republic, but the inspiration of the World Social Revolution.

The decisions of the congress are testimony to the stability and strength of Soviet Rule. There is to be no wavering in adherence to the dictatorship of the proletariat, that may continue ten years more until all bourgeois influence has been liquidated. The monopoly on foreign trade is to continue. The workers and peasants are to have complete control over the disposition of the products of their factories and fields in foreign lands. Wherever principle is involved, the Communist Party is to have direction of the economic reconstruction of the country. The export of grain to establish credits abroad has been approved. These are the decisions of a triumphant revolution.

With the passing of the famine and its after-effects, Soviet Russia will proceed to regain the European bread market, now in the hands of the United States. It is not expected that this will be difficult. America demands gold in payment, something Europe has very little of. Russia seeks machinery and other manufactures in return for her grain, thus providing the market that Western Europe is seeking. This assures the victory of Russia's reconstruction program.

These Russian Communist decisions constitute an enthusiastic International May Day Message for May 1, 1923. This is a message of inspiration and a call to action to oppressed workers throughout the entire world. Let all who labor learn its full significance.

Electing the Right Kind

Resting for a few moments in his Don Quixote attacks on the Standard Oil Octopus, Robert Marion La Follette, U. S. Senator from Wisconsin, assails the robbery of the Sugar Barons. La Follette promised us \$1 gasoline. Now he predicts 20 cents sugar. And he asks us, "How do you like the Invisible Government?" of big business.

We say we do not like this rule of the plunderers. We urge the workers to organize against it and fight it industrially, thru their trade unions. We call upon labor to unite everywhere in a class Labor Party to war upon it politically.

La Follette says, "If you don't like it, elect a different kind of President and Senators who will give us a real Representative Government," and he expects to get this thru his capitalist party, the Republican party, at a time when the "invisible government" is planning to run Harding for re-election on an "open-shop" program for this same party.

So-called liberalism in American politics never showed itself more blind than in the utterances of La Follette, coupled with similar declarations by Borah and other alleged "progressives." It is a hopelessly bankrupt "liberalism" that is caught between the brutal tyranny of an arrogant capitalist class, ruling thru both the Republican and Democratic parties, but facing for the first time the crystallizing aspirations of the workers taking up the powerful weapon to be found in a class Labor Party.

William Jennings Bryan has suspended his magazine "The Commoner," which no doubt ends his efforts to capture the Democratic Party. We can see the same fate awaiting "La Follette's Magazine," as the Wisconsin senator blindly runs around in the wake of Wall Street's political bosses.

We agree with La Follette that the voters should elect the right kind of a president and senators. But the "right kind" from the standpoint of human progress, are not to be found in the Republican and Democratic parties. They will come from the class conscious masses of industrial toilers and working farmers.

Amalgamation for Banks Only

Financial ventures on the part of labor in New York City are creating new problems. Craft minded officials, rejoicings in divisions among the workers, continue organizing separate banks.

The locomotive engineers, with their biggest bank in Cleveland, have established connections in New York City with the Schwab-Dupont Empire Trust Co. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union is really first in the field with the Amalgamated Bank. The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union is coming along with the International Labor Bank, while the Federation Bank is in process of organization by the Central Trades and Labor Council.

Morris Sigman, president of the I. L. G. W. U., successor of Benjamin Schlesinger, foe of amalgamation in the needle trades, now comes along with an amalgamation scheme for these various labor banks. Evidently it is felt that amalgamation is a good thing for the banks. It is discovered that there are really no craft divisions between the various kinds of U. S. currency, that money is the same whether handled by a men's clothing worker, a ladies' garment worker, a locomotive engineer, or any other kind of toiler.

No doubt the workers in the needle trades, as they watch amalgamation of their banks, will be asking why they cannot amalgamate their unions, in order to present a solid front to the needle bosses in the industrial struggle.

Members of the I. L. G. W. U. should make it difficult for the Sigman administration to champion a policy of "Amalgamation for Banks Only," while fighting amalgamation for the unions.

Do you agree with us? Then join the Workers Party!

This Week!

By THE ONLOOKER

Coal, Iron and Oil

France has 40,000 soldiers with 88 guns and 30 tanks in the Ruhr, supported by the Rhine army of occupation of 70,000. Thus the French hope to get iron and coal out of this rich industrial section. But according to a report made to the British Labor Party, France is getting "next to nothing." But the British have a military force of 34,000 men, 360 guns and 108 airplanes in the Near East, in an effort to grab off the oil resources in this part of the world. This force is supported by a naval squadron in the Mediterranean of five super-dreadnoughts and two battle cruisers. The fight for coal, iron and oil is getting hotter and hotter. It will get so hot that it will burn up capitalism itself, as these profit rivalries burst forth into the flames of new wars.

Goff Wants To Go To Jail

We are indebted to a West Virginia comrade for sending in a copy of the Sistersville, W. Va., Daily Review in which great space is given to a speech by "Colonel" Guy D. Goff, assistant attorney general of the United States, in which Daugherty's aid declared that, "Any man who owes a higher allegiance to any organization than he does to the government of the United States should be sent to a federal prison or deported to a country which gives him his peculiar liberty." We wonder that Goff doesn't fear talking himself into prison under a workers' government in these United States.

They Get the Laundry List

Every "Red Raid" has its comical features. Thus in the recent attack on the Communists in Washington, D. C., the Burns-Daugherty sleuths descended on the home of Edward J. Ervine, Workers' Party secretary, at midnight, and went away triumphantly with what they announced in the kept press was "a complete list of all Communists in Washington." It turned out to be a list of customers of the laundry for which Ervine worked. We surmise there has been a cleaning of dumbbells in the department of justice as a result of this fiasco.

The "Middle Class" Organizes

The helpless, fast-disappearing "middle class" is going to get organized. An "International Middle Class Conference" will be called for September 18-20, at Berne, Switzerland, and like a true lackey of capitalism, it is going to consider ways and means of fighting Communism. It will be interesting to see what kind of representatives will go to this conference from the United States. Sam Gompers might send William English Walling and John Spargo.

Respect For Royalty Fades

British classes under the rule of working class city councils are not very hospitable to the royalty. Instead of providing the usual reception to the king's family, this time the Duke of York and his bride, Edinburgh laborites urged that the royal pair be asked to sit in a feed to the jobless. Now the Prince of Wales is scheduled for a visit to Leeds, the city council of which has voted no celebration at all. The British labor boycott of the monarchy grows.

Let Us Know in Advance

Scientists are planning to stage a miniature earthquake by setting off tons of explosives in some deserted Pennsylvania coal mine. They hope thus to study earth tremors. They had better announce the explosion in advance or they will be compelled to study the heart tremors of Daugherty, Burns and other "anti-red" patriots who are known to jump every time a dog barks. Safety first!

Wages of seamen are also being increased as an antidote to radicalism. Its a wise worker who accepts the increase but remains loyal to his radicalism just the same.



Labor Straddles the World

Clergymen Declare Tears for Butchkevitch Gross Hypocrisy

The National Labor Alliance for Trade Relations with and Recognition of Soviet Russia has gathered together the statements of several clergymen on the execution of Vicar General Butchkevitch by the Russian Soviet Government. We do not have the space to publish these declarations in full. Extracts are as follows:

By REV. JOHN HOWARD MELISH.

Pastor, Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y.
It is no crime against religion and humanity to punish priests who seek to betray Russia to Poland or to Rome. Now it is certainly not the right or the duty of the government of the United States to protest against the punishment of such political priests, or to make their punishment a reason for the non-recognition of the present government. What would these objectors say if Russia were to refuse to recognize the government of the United States because of the Mooney case in California?

By REV. NORMAN THOMAS.

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I see no reason to doubt that the Russian Government tells the truth when it says that Vicar General Butchkevitch was executed for his treasonable relations with Poland, rather than for his loyalty to his own church. Certainly the fact that he was a priest should have conferred no special immunity on him.

By REV. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES.

Pastor, The Community Church, New York City.
When our government has freed its political prisoners, has stopped its persecution of Communists, has disbanded its secret service and repealed its constitutional provision against treason, it will be time enough to protest against such events as the prosecution of the Roman Priest, Butchkevitch. Under present conditions such protests constitute a brand of hypocrisy which is as disgusting as it is cruel.

By REV. DR. PERCY STICKNEY GRANT.

Pastor, Church of the Ascension, New York City.

The execution of the Vicar General Butchkevitch by the Soviet Government was not an instance of religious persecution but was the wrath of the government against political treason which happened to fall on the head of a high churchman.

The Venerable "Fathers"

By JAY LOVESTONE

Our schools deify the "FATHERS" of the American Government. They set them up as idols to be worshipped. But the noted historian McMaster fearlessly characterizes these "Fathers" in the following: "A very little study of long-forgotten politics will suffice to show that the filibustering and gerrymandering, in stealing Governorships and Legislatures, in using force at the polls, in colonizing and distributing patronage to whom patronage is due, in all the frauds and tricks that go to make up the worst form of practical politics, the men who founded our State and National governments were always our equals, and often our masters."

Hamilton wanted to give the rich and well-born "a distinct, permanent share in the government." He had a prophetic vision of the class struggle that was to develop in the United States. To Hamilton, "all communities divide themselves into the few and the many. The first are the rich and well-born; the other, the mass of the people, are turbulent and changing. They seldom judge or determine right." Governor Morris went as far as even to propose the appointment of men of aristocratic blood for life to the upper House, the Senate, in order to check the lower House. And Madison, often called the Father of the Constitution, believed that the Government ought "to protect the minority of the opulent against the majority." This is the essence of American "democracy" today, a rule of the employing class, by the employing class, and for the employing class—a capitalist dictatorship over the working class.

Bucharin Makes Impressive Speech at 25th Anniversary Celebration of Russian Communist Party

By ISRAEL AMTER

(Our European Staff Correspondent)
The Russian Communist Party has just celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary.

Altho the Party is only a few years old, the Bolsheviks who organized it, trace back their lineage to the Social-Democratic Party, which was founded in 1898. That was the date of the organization of the modern revolutionary movement in Russia. Within the party there soon arose factions—the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks, who based their differences on matters of principles and tactics.

The principles underlying the Bolshevik movement and the factors that imparted impregnable strength to their faction were outlined in masterly, vigorous form, by Comrade Bucharin in a brilliant address at the celebration arranged by the Moscow Trade Unions at the Moscow Trade Union Hall.

"There is one thing that distinguished our Party above all others," he said, "and that was discipline."

First of all, we observed discipline of thought. Some regarded our party as rigid, believing that we were narrow and dogmatic. We had adopted a Marxist standpoint and would not tolerate any deviation from that point of view.

"We had constantly to meet with criticism. There was criticism from the Social-Democratic Party of Germany. It also was a good party. But it had in it such men as Bernstein, who demanded that there be 'freedom' of thought within the party. He got it in the German Party, owing to the growth of a certain influence—and see what we have today in Germany!"

"The Bolsheviks considered it a most serious offense if a person diverged from real Marxism. Yes, they called us dogmatists—but that saved Marxism."

"All the other parties followed the war madness in 1914; our Party adhering to the orthodox point of view and judging all phenomena from that point of view, refused to be carried along by the madness—and thus was saved. Hence the Russian Social-Democratic Party could continue its Marxist way, while all the other parties were shattered."

"As a Marxist Party, the Bolshevik groups always properly evaluated capitalist epochs. Thus, twenty years ago, it discussed the nature and course of capitalist development. It opened a discussion with peasant and with nationalist socialists and in this manner obtained a correct point of view."

"There are some Marxists, who are not masters of Marxism, but of whom Marxism is the master. They are mountebanks. But others, like the Bolsheviks, are capable of adjusting themselves to changing conditions. They are masters of Marxism."

"Lenin, altho personifying the inner compulsion of Marxian thought, yet is capable of using Marxian philosophy as a criterion of action. Judging by the experience of the revolutionary movement, the Bolsheviks suggested the idea of Soviets. The Mensheviks looked at them in astonishment. 'What do you want a new form for?' they asked. 'Social Democracy is all we need, and that is what we stand for.'"

"Lenin has never hesitated to criticize Communists. He has told them openly that simply because they assume a Communist position is no proof whatever of their ability in practice. Only recently he told them that there are plenty of people in the street who know far more than they do. Communists must learn to build up from the very bottom. If they prove to be incapable, bourgeois specialists will have to be put in. If Communists, therefore, do not wish this to happen, they must learn how to become Communists in practice."

"Many comrades hesitate when giving an answer to questions, feeling they may be judged as belonging either to the right or left. That is not the criterion for an answer—it must be a correct answer. Thus, in confronting the problems before us, some of the Comrades felt disappointed since the Party seemed to be getting more and more interested in the peasants. Yes, Comrades, the workers and peasants must be better correlated. Some of the workers thought that as a result of this new tactic, the party was getting out of touch with the proletariat. The question is simply whether the Party shall be guided by the weight it hears, or shall determine the weight it will bear?"

"When the Revolution broke out, it came as a tremendous surprise to us: we could not believe that the workers were capable of such magnificent achievement. Now they are a big mass which, as yet inert and not understanding, must be dragged along."

"Then there was another factor that made us strong: discipline of organization. There were many things that separated us from the Mensheviks, but the important thing was that we demanded that only those who really work in the Party should be members of the Party. The Mensheviks, on the other hand, wanted also those who sympathize with the movement to be in the Party, such as doctors, lawyers, etc."

"A party such as ours must have not only discipline of thought, but also discipline of will. And we may say of our Party that that was not to be found in any other party in the world. Of course, we were laughed at. We were called soldiers, men not capable of free discussion. Well, history has shown who were right: look at the other parties today."

"A revolutionary party must be

able to adapt itself to all conditions. Today it must be in the trenches, tomorrow in the fields, then in airplanes. Only when it is a master of everything can it hope to conquer. First we sent the workers to the front, then we put them to work building railways. Then we sent them into the fields to harvest the crops. The workers, not comprehending our intentions, used to say that the Central Executive Committee were carrying on some indoor sport or were playing chess with them."

"And above it all stood the authority of Lenin. He was the teacher, not with a rod in his hand, but the master in whom the workers and the members of the Party saw a compendium of world experience."

"And now he is ill—very ill. Tomorrow the doctors will announce that he is a little better. We have the greatest specialists here, but we will bring them from any part of the world in order to save him. Still we dare not conceal the fact that his condition is very critical."

"At such a time, when conditions are improving economically and politically, we must face the worst

calamity—with Lenin on his sickbed. In the face of this possible catastrophe, it is our highest duty to be firmly united, to have a unity of purpose. Any group that tries to break our unity must be fought ruthlessly."

"And we must have close contact with the masses, for without that contact the Party will cease to exist as a proletarian party. In the Trade Unions are the masses which the Party leads, and they, in turn, lead the broad masses."

"Long live our unity with the Trade Unions! Long live the unity of the Party! Long live the solidarity of the Russian Party with the parties of the other countries! Unity! Unity! That is our call!"

"With trip-hammer precision, with glistering eyes, standing before the 1,500 workers gathered in the Trade Union Hall, in his blue blouse, Bucharin told them the lessons of the experiences of the Bolsheviks and the Russian Communist Party—lessons that American Communists and the Communists of other countries have yet to learn."