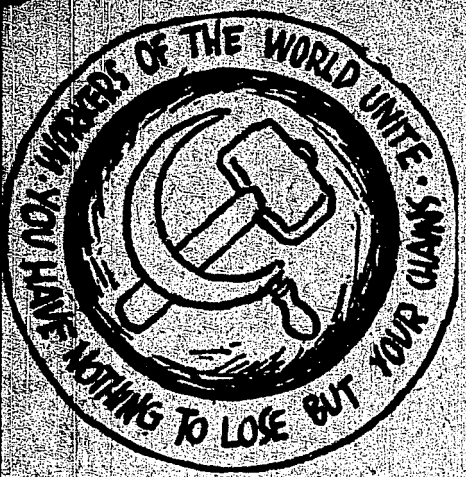




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Greeting of Communist International to the Third National Convention of the Workers Party Arrives

Workers Rallying Against Fascisti Revolt in Mexico

By BERTRAM D. WOLFE,
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MEXICO CITY.—Federal troops are defeating the rebel armies on two fronts, although three more generals have revolted and joined the Fascist counter-revolutionary ranks. Gen. Manuel Garcia Vigil, governor of Oaxaca, by his revolt has placed the state of Oaxaca in the hands of the rebels. Gen. Fernando Segovia, by his defection in Yucatan, caused the socialist governor Felipe Carrillo Puerto to flee.

The most serious loss was that of Gen. Fortunato Maycotte, who was in command of a division of Oregon troops, freshly equipped, and sent out to join in the attack upon Sanchez. This sudden disloyalty of a trusted general whose troops were not yet very far from Mexico City, imperiled the safety of the main body of the federalists who had advanced as far as Oriental and Esperanza on the two railroads running to the Vera Cruz port. Oregon, who was on the western front near Guadalajara, rushed back to the eastern front near Puebla. The minister of war also left the capital and the two of them are now personally directing the operations in the vicinity of Puebla.

The valley of Mexico is extremely exposed, being a level, saucer-like plain entirely surrounded by mountains and lacking in military value of tremendous significance from a standpoint of morale. For that reason the president is taking no chances of further defection on the Vera Cruz, Puebla, Oaxaca front and has declared that Mexico City will not be abandoned under any circumstances.

But from a military standpoint, the western or Guadalajara front is much more important, as an advance of a few hundred miles to Irapuato by General Estrada would mean the cutting of the railroad line to El Paso and a further advance of about 50 miles or a little more to Celaya would cut the line to Laredo, thus cutting off communications with the United States and with the whole north of the republic. At present, the entire north, much the largest portion of the republic, is in the hands of the government.

Thus the president and the loyal forces are under the necessity of fighting on two fronts at once, one for moral reasons, the other for military. On the Guadalajara or "railroad" front, they are slowly forcing Estrada back. Some of Estrada's own forces are going over to Oregon.

Meanwhile, the labor elements are not idle. General Calles, with many labor leaders, has left for the north of the republic to form workers' regiments. Other labor leaders have gone to San Luis Potosi for similar purposes. The Communist local of Mexico City in its entirety, less two men, have accepted recruiting commissions from Governor Tejeda of Vera Cruz, the state in which they have most influence. Although this state is in the center of the rebel forces, Tejeda and his band of agitators will enter at some northern point and arouse the peasantry who have benefited so greatly there from land distribution. In Puebla, General Gasca, laborite, has recruited 2,000 armed workers and in Mexico City there is a workers' regiment that drills daily.

World War Vet Backs Mooney.
MINNEAPOLIS.—Visions of California as a land of barbarity and the acquisition will be removed if Governor Richardson releases Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings. The World War veterans have so informed the governor thru Jack Bradon, the organization's national president. Bradon recalls the conviction of Mooney and Billings on perjured and later repudiated testimony after the San Francisco preparedness parade explosion. He urges Richardson to follow President Coolidge's example who recently freed the 81 remaining federal political prisoners.

It is natural that if the laws are made and enforced by capitalists they will be against the interests of the worker.

Another Blow at Hughes' Frame-Up

In startling contrast to the faked and forged letter of instructions, alleged by Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes to have been sent by Gregory Zinoviev, chairman of the Communist International, to the Workers Party of America, we publish this week the greeting of the Communist International to the Third National Convention of the Workers Party.

This official greeting still further exposes the joint frame-up of the state department and the department of justice at Washington, in that it shows that the official correspondence of the Communist International to the American Workers Party is signed by Vaia P. Kolarov, general secretary of the Executive Committee of the Comintern, and not by its chairman, Zinoviev.

Against the silly and puerile fabrications of the Hughes' offering, the bona fide greeting of the Communist International, appraising the accomplishments of the Workers Party during the past year, and offering its advice for the future, stands as a mighty monument of practical political work for the whole working class. This historic document, that will occupy a prominent place in the annals of America's workers, is in full as follows:

Greetings From the Executive Committee, Communist International, to the Workers Party of America.

Moscow, Soviet Russia, Dec. 7, 1923.

To the Workers Party of America.

DEAR COMRADES:—The convention of the Workers Party of America is taking place at a time when world reaction is preparing another blow against the international proletariat. Gathered like ravens over the bodies of the working class of Germany, the imperialist powers of France, England and America are making their plans to divide the spoils in Germany and reduce the working class to the position of coolies. The capitalists of Germany have established their military dictatorship and are ready to co-operate with the foreign imperialists, provided they are guaranteed part of the booty.

In several states of Europe Fascism holds the workers in its grip. Italy, Spain and Bulgaria are in the throes of the wildest reaction. The white terror rules in Finland, Roumania and Hungary.

In Soviet Russia alone, the rule of the workers and peasants is unshaken despite the many attempts that have been made to destroy it. The Soviet power is consolidating itself more and more and today stands invincible to the plots and intrigues of the reactionary capitalist governments and counter-revolutionary emigres.

He Sent the Real Thing



V. P. KOLAROV,
Secretary, Communist International.

American imperialism, with its surplus of war gains wrung from the working class, is utilizing the broken-down condition of Europe to make fresh conquests. In Europe, it is directing its forces once more against Soviet Russia, in the hope of undermining the Soviet power. The path to this new attempt is over the bodies of the enslaved German workers, who are to be bought with food furnished to the murderous Seeckt military dictatorship.

America Embroiled in Imperialist Adventures.

In Asia, American imperialism is penetrating further into the heart of China, where it is securing a stranglehold on its resources and industries. The earthquake in Japan, which has seriously weakened Japanese imperialism, is opening up the door for American encroachments, which must surely lead to war.

New, fearful wars menace the whole world as a result of the machinations of American imperialism. It is the duty of the American workers to watch well the acts of their capitalists. They must prevent any interference with the struggle of the German workers to obtain their freedom. They must fight against attempts to embroil the American workers in new wars for the sake of capitalist profits. It will be the duty, particularly of the Communists, to mobilize the workers of the United States against the coming wars.

To perform this and the many other tasks confronting the party, the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party has rightfully conceived as the most important step the establishment of an *English Communist Daily* in the United States. This Daily must become the medium for reaching the widest masses of the workers and mobilizing them for militant action in protection of their rights and in securing final control of power. The struggles in the United States are among the bloodiest in the world. The power of the capitalist press is tremendous. The workers have no real expression throughout the country and hence are exposed to misrepresentation and distortion of fact, which is one of the methods that the capitalist class of America employs in order to crush the labor movement. The Communist Daily must become the organ not of the revolutionists alone, but of the WHOLE WORKING CLASS. Hence the whole strength of the party must be mobilized for the establishment of the Daily, which should be the forerunner of more revolutionary dailies in other parts of the country.

CONSOLIDATED PARTY ON SHOP BASIS

To accomplish this task and to put the Daily on a sound basis, the membership must be drawn into close relationship with one another. The language federations constituting the party are a necessity and yet are a hindrance to uniform action of the membership. The language federations are essential for propaganda among the foreign-born workers and must be retained for that purpose. Within the party, however, there should be created international branches comprising all the membership, regardless of language. Thus members of all nationalities and Negro workers will be grouped in uniform branches and work together on the problems confronting the party. This will produce greater mobility and lead to the inner harmony that is fundamental to all Communist action. In an industrial country

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LETTER SENT ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Washington Hears About Bona Fide Moscow Greetings

The letter of greetings of the Executive Committee of the Communist International to the Third National Convention of the Workers Party is being sent to every member of the United States senate and house of representatives at Washington.

In this way it is hoped to give the members of congress some real information on the relations between the Communist International and its American section. The letter accompanying the greetings of the international was as follows:

To the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate of the United States.

Dear Sirs:—In view of the publicity given by the Department of State to an alleged letter from Gregory Zinoviev, Chairman of the Communist International, to the Workers Party of America, which is denounced by both Zinoviev and the Workers Party of America as a forgery, we are sending you a copy of a letter from the Executive Committee of the Communist International to the National Convention of the Workers Party of America, which will be held in Chicago Dec. 30, 31 and January 1.

The letter enclosed which will be publicly read to the Workers Party Convention, contains a true presentation of the policies of the Communists, as contrasted to the ridiculous suggestions about "shooting practice" and "sappers" contained in the forged documents.

Very truly yours,
C. E. RUTHENBERG,
Executive Secretary,
Workers Party.

Subscriptions for "The Daily" Begin to Pile up Big

As the date of publication of "The Daily Worker" approaches, the class conscious American workers who appreciate the importance of having a Communist daily paper are straining every effort to roll up a great subscription list. Thousands of Workers Party members are making a house to house canvass, visiting labor unions and soliciting subscriptions in the shops.

Mortiz Loeb, Business Manager of "The Daily Worker," declares that the volume of "subs" coming thru the mails has now reached over one hundred a day and that each succeeding mail brings a greater number than the preceding one. So far only subscriptions from individual readers of "The Worker" who are not members of the Workers Party, have come in this way.

The Workers Party branches have not yet begun to make returns. They are urged to send in all subscriptions at once as the management wishes to have the names of all those who have subscribed placed on the mailing list by January 13, so that the subscribers will not miss the first historic number.

Do not take a chance on getting your copy on the newsstand or by mere accident. The surest way to get your "Daily Worker" is to subscribe and do it now.

Hundreds of greetings are coming in to "The Daily Worker" office. And they are not mere empty expressions of "good luck" to the workers' daily. Each greeting is accompanied by a sum of money, anything from a one dollar bill up.

The greetings come from individuals, branches and locals. The Chicago City Central Committee sent in \$25 as a token of its interest in "The Daily Worker."

January 13 will mark a red letter day in the history of the American working class. On that day they take a momentous step in the old struggle against their class enemies. (Continued on Page 2)

Greetings Across the World



Hughes and Lodge Had Better Get Rid of Their Whiskers

WASHINGTON.—Hughes' reply to Russia's offer of negotiations looks to Senator Norris (Rep. Neb.) like a propaganda move to prepare the country for another "orgy of deportations and red raids." Worst of all, the terrible raiders will get Charlie Hughes himself, "if he don't watch out." Why? Because, says Norris, the department of justice dicks usually begin their "red" raids by rounding up and arresting all men they can find wearing whiskers. But Norris sees a way out.

"I do hope the department of justice will notify the state department and the senate. Wouldn't it be a national calamity if Mr. Hughes and our distinguished leader, the senator from Massachusetts, Mr. Lodge, were to be picked up by the agents in the vicinity of one of the raids; and shackled and handcuffed and deported to Russia?"

Chicago Plans Demonstration.
The Chicago Demonstration to greet "The Daily Worker" will be held at the Ashland Auditorium, W. Van Buren St. and Ashland Blvd., Sunday night, Jan. 13, with speakers including William Z. Foster, C. E. Ruthenberg, J. Louis Engdahl, Jack Carney and others.

The Liebknecht-Luxemburg memorial meeting in New York will be held Friday evening, Jan. 18th, at the Central Opera House, 67th St. and 3d Ave. A fine concert and tableau of the life of Liebknecht have been arranged. Admission is 25c. Tickets can be secured at the office of the Young Workers League, 208 E. 12th.

Detective Detected

By TIC TOCK!

Slumbering peacefully among the cobwebs of a certain book store was the makings of a hundred per cent Communist plot. Of all the places in the world who would ever look for such a thing in a radical book store. But surely to goodness there it was. And it might have been there holding communion with itself and the spiders until the year after the revolution, but for the vigilant and watchful eye of that terror of evil doers, Albert Spolsky, chief of the Chicago branch of the Department of Justice's radical squad.

How this information came to The Worker nobody knows except those who know and they refuse to divulge the secret. Suffice it to say that Charles Evans Hughes, secretary of state for J. P. Morgan's principality can now rest in peace. The great plot has been nipped in the bud.

This is how it happened. But first let us tell you why it happened. Charles Evan Hughes published a letter giving the gruesome details of a plot to raise the Red Flag over the White House. The country took the story with a hee haw that got under Mr. Hughes' hide. Well, as you can plainly see the next thing to do was to go out and get the evidence.

Word was slipped to Spolsky to bring in the plot dead or alive and ship it C. O. D. to Washington. Nothing daunted, that gentleman walked out on a cold and rainy morning with his famous muffer around his neck and disguised as a human being, he walked into a well-known book store and purchased a copy of the Theses of the Fourth Congress of the Communist International.

Watch out for the plot.

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Full Report of the Party Convention in Our Next Issue

Owing to the fact that New Year's Day follows almost immediately upon Sunday, this issue of "The Worker" went to press on Saturday, Dec. 29, on the eve of the opening of the Third National Convention of the Workers Party, in Chicago.

Next week's issue will contain a complete report of the party's convention with a thorough analysis of its achievements.

It is expected that the next issue of "The Worker" will be the last, the weekly being then merged into "The Daily Worker."

The sessions of the National Convention were planned to be held at the Imperial Hall, 2409 N. Halsted St., Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1.

AMALGAMATED G. E. R. MEETS.
The fourth quarterly meeting of the General Executive Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America was held in the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, during the closing days of the year.

At the time of going to press only routine matters had been discussed, but our next issue will carry a full report of the conference.

Foodworkers Start Monthly.
The Culinary Times, a monthly published by the Amalgamated Food Workers, Chicago Hotel and Restaurant Branch, 214 N. State St., makes its bow with the December issue. Its policy is described by Editor C. H. Keller as bringing to the cooks, pastry cooks, waiters, waitresses and other workers in the hotels and restaurants real working class news of this industry; also to educate, agitate and organize for better conditions.

GOMPERS and the COMMUNISTS
AT THE
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AUSPICES LOCAL GREATER NEW YORK WORKERS PARTY

Women, Children Will Demonstrate for Lower Rents

The Second Conference held under the auspices of the Women's Conference League to consider the question of high rents and poor housing conditions in New York City, was attended by 80 delegates representing over 30 labor organizations, including local unions, Workmen's Circle branches, Workers Party branches, fraternal organizations, women's organizations, mothers' leagues, speaking for more than 60,000 working people.

The conference was greeted by Margaret Undus, of the Workers Party, on behalf of the Lithuanian Progressive Women's Alliance, which sent ten delegates.

It was decided to hold a demonstration of working women and their children in the near future to protest against the high rents in New York City. It is hoped that the police will spare the women and children, and will not show their brutality to them as they did during the demonstrations when Mitchell was mayor of New York City.

The chairman of the conference, Sonia Diamond, stated that mass meetings were held throughout the city, but that rents were still soaring, and nothing was done to lower them.

The aims of the conference are: (1) To unite the working men and working women to fight the high rents; (2) a united working women's national organization to take up the every day class struggle side by side with the class conscious workers.

A central committee was elected, composed of one representative from each of the units represented at the conference. Katherine Gittlow was elected secretary of the central committee. Workers Party members are taking an active and prominent part in this mass united front movement of the working class population, showing thereby that the Workers Party does not hold aloof from the everyday struggle of the workers.

That the rent crisis is steadily growing worse is shown by the fact that the State Housing Commission appointed by Governor Smith to investigate the housing situation in New York City has handed in a report which gives a very gloomy picture. The report tells of exorbitant and constantly rising rents, low wages, houses out of repair, bad sanitary conditions, dark rooms, insufficient heating, over-crowding and a shortage of apartments.

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Greetings from Communist International to Third Convention of Workers Party

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like the United States, the shops and mills are the centers of activity. It is obvious, therefore, that the shop must be the basis of all party work. Even though the factories are infected with spies placed there by the capitalists, thus rendering work difficult, the basic unit of the party must be the **SHOP NUCLEUS**. This will enable us to gather the workers on the job, where they feel most keenly the capitalist and the force of the government.

The excellent work that has been done by the Communists in the Left Wing of the labor movement of the United States demonstrates that if all the comrades were members of trade unions, the work would increase many fold. We must repeat the decision of the last session of the Enlarged Executive Committee, to the effect that it is the duty of all Communists to join the trade unions and be active in their work. The convention of the Workers Party must take steps to get the comrades into the unions. This is one of its main tasks and one not to be neglected.

The propaganda that the Workers Party has conducted during the past year has been most effective. As a result, the ideas of Communism and the Communist movement are the center of discussion both among the workers and the capitalists. Despite the savage attempts of the American bourgeoisie to instill fear into the minds of American workers at the suggestion of Communism, and to point to the achievements of American democracy as the highest that mankind can aspire to, the actions of the American capitalist class and the capitalist government in the past two years have opened the eyes of the workers. The strikes of 1922 taught them the true meaning of capitalist democracy; it also taught them that the Communists are feared and persecuted by the capitalist class merely because they are the most powerful spokesmen of the working class and the most valiant fighters in its interests.

The vast sentiment for Communism that the Workers Party has aroused must be organized. Your Central Executive Committee acted right in inaugurating a campaign for membership. This campaign must be a matter of discipline. Each member of the party must be pledged to secure one or more new members for the party. The Workers Party must increase its membership several times before it will become the factor in the proletarian movement of the United States that the Communists are destined to become.

FEDERATED FARMER-LABOR PARTY AND UNITED FRONT

The Workers Party has applied Communist tactics correctly in seeking a United Front of all forces to fight the capitalist system in the United States. It has sought a United Front not only on the economic, but particularly on the political field. That Gompers and the reactionary trade union officialdom oppose it because of their antiquated, treacherous policy of "rewarding the friends and punishing the enemies of labor" in the capitalist parties; that the Socialists, having renounced every revolutionary idea and lined up with the reactionary forces of the country, also oppose it; and that a few so-called "progressive" trade union leaders of the Middle West have betrayed the workers and gone over to Gompers, that they denounce the ideas they once stood for and therefore also oppose the United Front—is creating the best basis for the United Front policy. This treachery has been and will remain one of the chief reasons why the workers of America still are the prey of the capitalist parties of America. This treachery, however, will show the workers so much the more clearly the necessity of the United Front. It will also demonstrate to them that the Communists, who are the only militant exponents of the United Front, are not only their best friends, but the only ones in the United States who understand the political needs of the working class.

The organization of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party was an achievement of primary importance. The coming together of the militant farmers and workers for the attainment of political power against the control of the capitalist parties, revealed an awakening consciousness and a rising spirit no longer to tolerate political domination by the bourgeoisie. In the Federated Farmer-Labor Party are organized only a small portion of the militant workers and farmers. *The United Front of all proletarian and farmer's parties and organizations for the fight against capitalism, is the demand of the hour.* The Communists must spare no effort to bring this about.

This is all the more necessary in view of the presidential elections of 1924. The labor parties and farmer-labor parties that have been formed in 29 states must be consolidated into a United Front; they must put up the joint proletarian candidates. They must fight as a united body against the reaction that is bound to set in after the elections. They must be prepared to support this United Front with their economic power. The chess in the working-class movement must be ended. This is the task of the Communists, a task they are performing with great effect.

There is one problem to which the American Communists have not applied themselves with sufficient energy, viz., that of American imperialism. The huge profits from the war and the exploitation of foreign markets have enabled the American bourgeoisie to penetrate deeper into the Latin-American countries. The recent declaration of Secretary of State Hughes to the effect that the interpretation of the Monroe doctrine must be left exclusively to the discretion of America, is already bearing fruit. The recognition of Mexico is merely a trick to give American capitalists greater control over the resources of Mexico and, in case of "trouble," afford the American government an excuse for intervention "in protection of American property and interests." The conflict in Cuba, which will also probably end with an intervention, the continued military occupation of Haiti and Santo Domingo, the muzzling of Nicaragua, Panama and Colombia, the loans to the numerous South American states, the increasing economic exploitation of these countries, and the rising revolt in the Philippines, indicate that American imperialism intends to conquer the western hemisphere and force the colonies under complete control.

IMPERIALIST WARS FACE AMERICA

This is a problem of vital importance to the American working class. Fearful imperialist wars face the country. The bourgeoisie is making ready. The government is perfecting its military machinery; General Pershing is demanding a larger army. *The Communists must sound the alarm and prepare the workers for resistance to these bloody schemes.* The Communists must point out that the illegal organizations of the capitalist class, and especially the Ku Klux Klan and American Legion, are a product of the foresight of the capitalists and are openly sponsored by the government of the United States. *The capitalists are prepared to crush any attempt to interfere with their plans.*

These, comrades, are the vital problems that confront the party. To propagate them and organize the workers for action will demand the concentrated strength of the whole party membership.

We greet the third convention of the Workers Party and have confidence that the party will line up the workers of America with the revolutionary workers of the world in the struggle against capitalism and for the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government.

With Communist greetings,
(Signed) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL,
V. P. Kolarov, General Secretary.

Subscribe for "Daily"

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A Communist daily in the English language will appear for the first time on American soil. This is enough to give the American capitalists an uneasy feeling and corresponding hope to the workers. Not alone do the communists sense the significance of the establishment of a revolutionary workers' daily but the great masses of the workers and exploited farmers who have been lied to and lied about, instinctively feel that the "Daily Worker" is their companion, that will support them in their daily struggles as well as lead them along the right road to ultimate victory.

The Workers Party therefore urges all workers to put their shoulders to the wheel during the short period between now and January 18, and help "The Daily Worker" to start out on its task of emancipation with thousands of readers.

MOSCOW.—New paper money notes are being issued, on which the inscription has for the first time been made in the principal languages of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, namely: in Russian, Small-Russian or Ukrainian, White-Russian, Armenian, Georgian and Turko-Tartarian.

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French Workers for Unity.

Organized labor in France has just scored a tremendous victory. At what was perhaps the most successful gathering of militant trade unionists held in France, the Confederation General du Travail Unitaire voted down all attempts made by certain anarcho-syndicalist elements to split the fighting labor federation of the French workers.

After being in session for six days the congress, representing such powerful unions as the organizations of the miners, the railway workers, the textile workers, the building trades, the metal trades, and food workers, voted down a proposal to split away from the International of Red Labor Unions.

The Communist workers were the most active in the move to maintain the unity of the militant elements of the powerful French labor movement. The vote on continued affiliation with the International of Red Labor Unions was 1,114 for and 220 against, mustered by the opponents of unity of action. It is interesting to note that close to 600 unions were represented in this big majority vote.

The Party Caucus

To replace electrocution the state of Nevada has introduced a method to kill by gas.

This should be much cheaper. All they need do is to call in an old party candidate for office to make a campaign speech.

We are positive this is a sure way to kill. We once heard a part of Coolidge's speech over the radio.

Hey! What About Coolidge?

Secretary Weeks says Americans spend 3 times as much for luxuries, amusements and mild vices as for military preparations.

Acting on Secretary Weeks' suggestion something should be done. The Supreme Court is one luxury we certainly could do without. And Congress, after all, is a tiresome amusement. And mild vices?—well—we could, if necessary, dispense with Secretary Weeks.

—Brick Layer.

Working daily—for the DAILY?

There are at least these two classes in America: The Capitalist class that works—and the Working class they work.

They Respect the Law and Order—From Their Bootlegger.

Upon the arrest of a ring of Washington, D. C., bootleggers, Assistant District Attorney Presmont announced they had also secured a long customer list—including even cabinet members—which they would publish. A few days later this list disappeared suddenly, preventing any action on this matter.

The District Attorney should have no trouble acquiring another list of the same names. All he need do is to jot them down when the roll is called in Congress.

Send in your contribution to THE PARTY CAUCUS and your subscription to THE DAILY.

Them Are Wise Words, Ekka!

A man's brain attains its maximum weight at the age of twenty.

—And its maximum of wisdom—when he joins THE WORKERS PARTY.

—Ekka Nomics.

"About the only difference between the tyrants who lived in the past and those traveling under the aegis of Bolshevism is one of method—and the method is bad."—Chicago Daily News.

Though we don't agree—we listen with respect. For after all who has had more experience in bad methods—aye, even rotten methods—than The Chicago Daily News?

But we find something we can agree on. The Chicago Daily News testily remarks: "In the year 1924 Congress can—and should—go to work."

"Them are truly noble words!" We agree. They should by all means go to work. On the ice wagon, moving pianos, tending bar—and give a chance to representatives who truly voice the wants of their constituents.

BUT—Can you have a Happy New Year without The Daily Worker?

Hell—No!

There are people who believe there is no hell. Those birds never came home late from a meeting and had their wife greet them.

—Office Beane.

A local paper headlines an editorial on prohibition: "Does Congress Want Real Prohibition?"

Well—Congress is probably willing to submit the question to the Supreme Court. For its decisions and other things—Congress has always gone to the bar.

"People differ on Henry Ford's fitness to be President of the United States, but all must admit that he is a man of parts."—Little Rock, (Arkansas) Gazette.

Yes, we must admit he is a man of parts—because we have often said he was "half-cracked."

Working daily—for THE DAILY?

Maybe the religious debate that is given so much newspaper space may not settle the question of the infallibility of the Bible.

But—

It will keep the workers from thinking about settling the question of the infallibility of Capital.

There are two kinds: The Radical Press they want to suppress—and the Yellow Press they press on you.

—Anastasia.

Which reminds us—thinking of THE DAILY.

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party.

—AGITATOR.

Wallace Again Saves the Packers

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace is again shedding crocodile tears over the refusal of the Big Packers to allow the government to look into their books.

No farmer or worker need take Wallace's protests seriously. The secretary of agriculture has proved a tower of strength to the Beef Trust in his official position. He has given them courage to disregard even the emasculated Packing Act. Addressing the annual convention of the Institute of American Meat Packers in Atlantic City, last September, Mr. Wallace actually encouraged the packers to do what they are doing now.

According to the official organ of the packing industry, the National Provisioner, in its issue of Sept. 23d, Secretary Wallace said in discussing the differences between the packers and the government: "The other matter upon which we have not yet come to a complete agreement is the matter of putting auditors into your plant with the view of informing ourselves as to your accounting and other various details of your business. Now, let me say that I appreciate fully the position you take with regard to that, and I am sympathetic with it. I realize the strength of the argument you make against it. On the other hand," said Mr. Wallace with careful qualifications, "it might happen that the courts would perhaps hold that that was necessary."

"Now, if we can agree on that, when the final conference is held, if you gentlemen feel that your rights are invaded, if you then feel that we are exercising authority which is not given under the law, and want to contest that, I want you to feel perfectly free to do that, because I do not want you to do a thing that you believe to be an unwarranted intrusion on your business."

All Mr. Wallace omitted saying was Forget the law. What is the law between friends anyhow? Had the secretary of agriculture spoken such plain words yesterday the farmers might have spared him the task of shedding crocodile tears today.

Deathly Silence for Mussolini

(Special Correspondence to "The Worker")

TURIN, ITALY.—The visit of Benito Mussolini to the great Fiat automobile plant was like a funeral. The duce (chief) came to Turin to participate in the celebration of the first anniversary of the so-called "March on Rome" when the little King Emmanuel invited the former red Benito to take charge of affairs of state.

Benito at that time was already prepared to become servant of the king, no longer red, no longer dangerous, no longer Blanquist, no more revolutionary Socialist, no longer for the Mazzinian republican ideals, but really a servant of the king and of the bureaucratic oligarchy and autocracy of finance and landlordism. "Our" Benito was purged of all his past revolutionary ardor, was no longer the audacious leader of the Italian workers, was no longer the apologist for the Paris Commune, the exalter of the martyrdom of the Czar's victims, the aggressive anti-clerical, the man who for fifteen years led the workers of Italy in their struggle against the Pope, against religion, against all the institutions that keep the workers oppressed and ignorant. Benito was no longer the man who wrote the history of John Huss, the revolutionary monk of Prague, burned at the stake alive by the order of the Pope and the Catholic emperor of Austria. Benito was no more the working class captain who led the workers of Italy in their demonstration against the execution of Francisco Ferrer, the teacher of the Spanish workers, murdered by order of the so-called "good" Pope Pius X and His Catholic Majesty, Alfonso XIII. No, Benito this time was not the Enfant Terrible of 1911, when he was the guide of the workers in their general strike protesting against the infamous Italian war. Then, the little king was not so cordial toward "our" Benito, because his opposition to that war cost him one year in the penitentiary. Yes, much water has passed since then under the bridges of the "Rabbin" and the little king has forgotten the many sins of "our" Benito, even that committed in 1911, when the Anarchist D'Alba attempted to kill the king, and Benito praised D'Alba for that action. Now? The throne is safe, and Emmanuel has forgotten about the past.

But the workers of Italy have not forgotten! They remember the Rabagas (cheap politicians) who betrayed them. They remember and are still loyal to the class struggle preached to them formerly by Mussolini. Yes, those workers, bleeding from their wounded body, like Christ on the cross, cannot forget the Judas, the deserter, the brigand who led the black shirt mob, the Pharisees of this capitalist epoch to crucify the proletarian soldiers.

Yes, those men and women who work and suffer, whose kin are in jail or have been assassinated, who have lost their halls, their newspapers, printing plants, co-operatives, clubs, theatres and all the fruits of half a century of toil and sacrifice, cannot forget the Judas who led the vandals in their orgies of destruction and assassination.

So, in their sorrow, in their silence of martyrdom they remember the brother Cain.

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The spectres of thousands of workers murdered by the Fascist flames and the smoke of the buildings destroyed by the black hordes, were passing in front of those bandits. Those spectres were speaking their last words, the words spoken when they fell on the squares, on the roads, in their houses, battling for the freedom of the working class. And like the notes of sorrowful music the words were heard by all those thousands of workers: "Courage, brothers, he is the Judas, march on, the hour will come, our sacrifice was not in vain!"

"Oh, glorious workers of Turin, with the solemnity of your silence you have shown the determination of the Italian working class!"

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1924 Chicago Dates

- Jan. 2, 8 P. M. Wm. F. Dunne, on "Why I was Expelled from Portland Convention" also Karl Browder and Robert Minor. Studio Players in one-act play MOONSHOWN by John Reed. Freehall Stadium Society, North Side Turner Hall, 535 N. Clark St.
 - Jan. 18, 8 P. M. (Sun.) Celebration Welcome to Daily Worker at Ashland Auditorium.
 - Jan. 20, 8 P. M. (Sun.) Karl Liebknecht Day. Young Workers League and Workers Party at Presidential Hall, North Ave. and Halsted St.
 - Feb. 16, 8 P. M. (Sat.) 2nd Annual Red Rev. at Daily Worker and Labor Defense Council at Ashland Auditorium.
 - May 1st, United Front May Day Celebration at Ashland Auditorium.
 - May 30th, T. U. E. L. Picnic (Decoration Day) at W. W. L. and Workers Party.
 - July 4th, Third Annual Picnic Workers Party Local Chicago at Stickney Grove.
 - August 17, Third Annual Press Picnic—Evelyn Park.
 - Sept. 1, Labor Day, T. U. E. L. Picnic.
 - Sept. 7, International Youth Day, jointly by T. U. E. L. and Workers Party.
 - Nov. 7, Seventh Anniversary Soviet Russia.
- All Party Branches and friendly organizations are kindly requested not to arrange any other entertainments or meetings on these dates.

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White Terror in Germany

"The Worker" has just been notified of the suppression of the International Press Correspondence at Berlin, Germany, in a statement received as follows:

To Subscribers to the International Press Correspondence.

The Military Commandant, General von Seeckt, has, on November 23, 1923, prohibited through Germany the Communist Party of Germany, the Communist Youth of Germany and the Communist International. In this prohibition the International Press Correspondence was included. We are, therefore, obliged provisionally to suspend publication of the International Press Correspondence until such time as it is again possible for us to issue it as hitherto.—International Press Correspondence.

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War on Appeal of Ruthenberg in Michigan Trials

The official labor-baiters of Mr. Daugherty's "Department of Justice," stinging from past defeats have again turned their attention to Michigan and are now out to smash the appeal of C. E. Ruthenberg which is about to be heard. The appeal was scheduled to come up in the Michigan Supreme Court during the January term. It was postponed, but announcement is now made that it will be on the docket of the Appellate session.

Ruthenberg is today the central figure in the so-called "Michigan cases." The success or failure of his appeal will be of vital significance to the 32 other defendants indicted with him following the raid on the Communist Party convention in Berrien County, August 22, 1922. If the appeal is successful, it is extremely unlikely that the other cases will be brought to trial at all.

Appreciation of this fact has led the defense to concentrate on the period just ahead. The Labor Defense Council, composed of non-partisan labor elements, which is backing the accused Communists has sent out the slogan of: "Get Behind the Ruthenberg Appeal." Every effort will be made to fight the Ruthenberg appeal successfully. Workers are being asked by the council to contribute.

The first draft of a brief and argument for the defense has already been prepared. It is understood that the principal point put forward will be that nothing happened in the state of Michigan which would warrant conviction under the state anti-criminal syndicalism law. An ordinary political convention was held there and that was all.

Attorneys for the defense declare that if their appeal is lost in Michigan they will take the case to the United States Supreme Court. Expenses in connection with the Ruthenberg appeal have already begun to mount up, the Labor Defense Council announces. Funds are needed for legal fees, as well as for such items as printing of briefs, printing of the court records, etc., all of which must be taken care of before the appeal can be heard. Workers are beginning to "get behind the Ruthenberg appeal."

Coming Events in Boston.

- Sunday Jan. 6, 3 P. M. Mass Meeting, Palm Memorial Hall, 9 Appleton St. William Dunne will speak on "Why I was Expelled from the Portland Convention." Admission Free.
- Five Thursdays, Jan. 10-17-24-31 and Feb. 7-14-21-28, 8 P. M. Lectures Course by W. W. L. at Palm Memorial Hall, 9 Appleton St. Boston. Admission 25 cents each evening. Full Course Ticket \$1.00.
- Friday Jan. 18, 8 P. M. Grand Rally, given by T. U. E. L., State Hall Room, Mass Ave. Admission 75 cents.
- Friday Feb. 1, 7:30 P. M. Grand Dance, given by Local Boston Workers Party, Dudley St. Opera House, 113-119 Dudley St. Roxbury Mass. Admission 40 cents incl. war tax.

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United States Takes Dangerous Imperialist Plunge in an Effort to Rescue Capitalism in Europe

The press is reporting with glee that the "Allies," meaning the bankers and manufacturers who control the governments of England, France and Italy, are at least agreed on terms enabling the United States to step in and save capitalism from destruction. The American government has at last consented to have its experts join in a "study" of German reparations and finances.

Of course our government is primarily animated by humanitarian reasons in joining the commission to "study" how much and how quickly the German working masses can be made to pay to the French, English and other capitalists while at the same time continuing to pay heavy tribute to their own Prussian landlords and German capitalists.

The fact that the European capitalists owe our own exploiters billions of dollars is only a secondary reason. But the Reparation Commission has already announced its invitation to General Charles G. Dawes, Chicago banker and expert in profanity, and Owen D. Young.

This is a most dangerous imperialist plunge for the United States. American participation in this "study" is only the prelude to more entanglements which must, sooner rather than later, draw an army of hundreds of thousands of workers into Europe to fight the battles of our employing class having investments there.

In the whole situation involving our running to the aid of the panic-stricken capitalists of Europe, we have the voice of Coolidge but the hand of Morgan. Coolidge talks of humanity while Morgan manipulates the deals. General Dawes is none other than the notorious "Hell-and-Maria" open-shopper and eat-em-alive swashbuckler who told the Chicago Chamber of Commerce a few months ago that "the politicians these days are afraid of the labor unions, many of which are headed by criminals. We need men who are not afraid of mobs—who are ready to fight." Owen D. Young is another typical representative of American Big Business. He is a director of the International Chamber of Commerce, of the United States Chamber of Commerce, of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Bankers Trust Co. and chairman of the Radio Corporation of America, which was recently attacked by the Federal Trade Commission with exercising an illegal monopoly of wireless transmission circuits thru the world.

It is rumored that Mortimer L. Schiff, Bernard M. Baruch, George M. Reynolds and J. Pierpont Morgan are being considered for the third place reserved for America on the Board of Reparations. But whether Mr. Morgan himself will be chosen does not matter. Thru the appointment of Mr. Owen D. Young, the Morgan interests are already amply represented. Two partners of J. P. Morgan & Co. are directors of the General Electric Co. of which Owen D. Young is chairman.

Today the capitalists and their spokesmen cry "save civilization," and are sending banking experts to collect millions of profits. Tomorrow they will cry "make the world safe for democracy" and send over millions of workers and farmers to bleed and die defending the investments of the powerful manufacturing and banking interests.

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Big Majority in Congress Speaks for Rich

An examination of the personnel of the present Congress divulges the fact that the overwhelming majority of the Senate and House are members of the wealthy class—the capitalist class.

In the house there are 252 lawyers. These are men who have, prior to their entry into Congress, gained their livelihood thru association with and service to the property owning class of the country. They are on the whole far removed from the mass of workers and farmers socially and economically—consequently politically.

Then we have one contractor, twenty business men, one livestock man, eight newspaper men, ten real estate dealers, one printer, one trucking agent, eight manufacturers, one builder, seven bankers, five insurance men, five merchants, three lumbermen—or an additional seventy-one who are either dependent on or part of the employing class outright.

Besides, there is the so-called middle class group totalling 26 and

consisting of 4 educators, 4 physicians, 4 public officials, 8 soldiers, 2 teachers, 2 professors, 2 engineers, 2 public utility men, 1 chemist, 1 welfare worker. Most of these are thru years of association and training actually part of the owning class of the country.

There are about 73 unclassified. Only twelve call themselves farmers. Of course, these are in the main well-to-do farmers who could afford to get into successful politics. There is only one congressman who is at all connected with the organized labor movement. He calls himself a labor leader.

In the senate the class divisions are as sharp. There are 67 lawyers, 7 newspaper men, 4 professional business men, 4 livestock men, 3 engaged in mining, 2 bankers, 1 insurance man and 1 oil well driller who thru training or occupation are all properly to be counted with the employing class.

One teacher, 1 author, 1 chemist, 1 professor, 1 statesman and 3 physicians might be labeled members of

the middle class. Three are unclassified.

Six senators would have the world believe that they are "farmers." Perhaps they are of the latter kind that is now advocating banker-farmer co-operation and voting for Cummins as chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee.

Thus in the house of representatives the employing class has at least 323 out of 435 congressmen who are either directly or indirectly associated with or serving the ruling elite. In the senate the big interests are even more powerful having at least 19 out of the 96 members on their side either thru economic or social control.

Under these circumstances, with practically no representation of the farmers or workers in the senate house, there is nothing that the city and country masses can expect from the Sixty-Eighth Congress. Except for two senators and two congressmen all of the above were elected on the Democratic and Republican tickets.

Russian Trial in Chicago Decides Prostitution's Guilt

By M. A. SKROMNY.

Prostitution and not the prostitute is guilty of a crime against society. This was the verdict after a detailed trial in Chicago arranged under the present Russian court procedure as an educational feature by the Society for Technical Aid to Soviet Russia. The case was so interesting that the public which crowded the hall waited till almost 2 in the morning to hear the verdict of the jury.

The alleged case was that of Jenny, a prostitute who had been arrested before the Bolsheviks came into power. The charge against her was not reporting to the medical inspection and willfully infecting the patrons of the house where she was an inmate with venereal disease.

The trial is supposed to come up under the soviet regime. The jury is selected from the public. Jenny admitted the charges and explains her act as a desire to avenge the crime committed against her by society. She had been sold at the age of 10, and has been violated, abused, beaten, and cursed ever since.

Many witnesses, the keeper of the old "house" of prostitution, a police officer, other prostitutes, a strong-arm man, two physicians, come before the court. They paint a horrible picture of the old life in the house of ill fame. Most of them agree with the soviet government which is attempting to abolish prostitution. The former keeper (the houses have been closed) refuses to answer some questions, so does the former policeman.

The physicians on the witness stand delineate prostitution, the causes including poverty, and methods to combat it. According to one of the doctors, the abolition of capitalism would let 50 per cent of the prostitutes return to normal life at once.

The prosecutor closes his case with an appeal to the jury to convict the wretched girl who in her fury had willfully, as she admitted, infected both old and young men who came to her. As a result of being infected, one of her victims had committed suicide.

Counsel for the defense, according to Russian law, made the final appeal to the jury. It was a passionate appeal to defend the victim of capitalism, the outraged womanhood which was sacrificed on the altar of greed.

He painted the horrors and torture under which Jenny lived ever since she was sold when still a child. She had lived the slave of every drunken officer, business man, or so-called intellectual who cared to pay two rubles (\$1) for her. And after she had been infected by one of them, wasn't she justified in avenging herself on the others? The yellow passport of the czarist government had kept her a slave forever in the terrible house. Now, under the soviet government, if acquitted, she will have a chance to be cured, to work and become a useful member of the workers' state.

The defendant herself, according to Russian law, spoke the last words. She briefly promised to become a useful member of the working class if given a chance.

The case was turned over to the jury. All during the session of the court the public, which had paid 25 cents admission, was so interested in the case that it forgot this was not a real trial and waited long to hear the verdict.

Finally the jury declared the defendant not guilty but prostitution is guilty, and the soviet government is commended for keeping up the fight against this disease of capitalism. Prostitution, said the jury, is the guilty factor.

Russia's Schools

The following is taken from the current number of the Illinois Teacher, official organ of the teachers of that state. It indicates a growing interest in and friendliness for the workers of Russia in their effort to build up a social order where the welfare of all will be the main concern of society.—Ed.

It is difficult to learn the truth about Russia. So much of the news reported as coming from there is inconsistent, conflicting, and with the earmarks of propaganda that it makes us doubtful of all or any of it. However, the Quakers of our own country have a good reputation for truth and veracity, and they have been showing a marked interest in the reconstruction of Russia. Mr. Walter Abell is Publicity Secretary of the American Friends' Service Committee, Philadelphia. He reports an address of the All-Russian Central Executive Committee of Workers' and Peasants' Deputies to Soviet authorities, public organizations and all workers of the republic, which has been posted in all central places throughout the length and breadth of Russia, which we quote as giving the attitude of the new Russia toward education. The address was as follows:

The Tenth Congress of Soviets has decided that the maximum of strength and means should be applied to the work of public education.

A great problem stands now before us: by a supreme effort of all our powers we must strengthen and develop the education of our people.

School work in our republic is falling off. School workers are hungering, the number of schools is decreasing, the quality of the education is falling.

It is time to put an end to all this. Retreat on the educational front must be interrupted, so said the Tenth Congress of Soviets.

The All-Russian Central Executive Committee, the Soviet government, the soviet authorities, to all professional, co-operative and social organizations, to use all their power, their experience and knowledge and the maximum of their material means to save the schools from their destruction and downfall, and to create a solid basis for their future growth and flourishing.

The school must occupy in our budget a place adequate to its importance. A particularly high percentage of the budget assigned for the needs of the schools should be an object of pride for all provincial central executive committees.

All land departments should help schools by assigning them glowing land and by other means.

All communist units must report work connected with schools as primary and urgent. Economic organizations of the republic should consider the questions of repairing, heating and equipment of schools as questions of paramount importance, and should extend to them all privileges.

The school worker himself must participate in the work of culture organizations of our republic. Only an educated school worker can educate a sound young generation.

To you, all workers, the All-Russian Central Executive Committee appeals. Remember that the struggle against ignorance and illiteracy is at the same time a struggle for an economic regeneration of our republic, a struggle for the strengthening of the political power of the workers and peasants.

The school must cease to remain in slavery. It must become the beloved child of all soviet authorities and organizations of the working masses.

A soviet republic must be above all a literate republic.

Forward with closed ranks against our dark enemy—illiteracy and ignorance. Let us by heroic efforts reverse the offensive along all the educational front.

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German Communist Party Outlawed by the White Terror

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER
(Staff Correspondent, Federated Press and "The Worker")

BERLIN.—The Communist Party of Germany has been outlawed. The outlawry of the Communist Party, which has 16 members in reichstag, is a real thing. Here are the provisions of the decree: All organizations and institutions of the Communist Party of Germany, of the Communist youth and of the Third International are declared dissolved and forbidden. All property belonging to these institutions is declared seized.

likewise all objects that in any way may be considered as furthering the aims of these organizations, whether these objects belong to the organizations or not. No flags or other insignia of any of these organizations may be carried by anybody. Anybody who joins these forbidden organizations, or thru the payment of money, communication of news, renting of halls, printing or distribution of publications or in any other manner aids or abets these organizations, is subject to punishment.

The decree is issued by Gen. Hans von Seeckt, dictator of Germany, by the grace of President Ebert and chief of staff of the army.

No sooner had the order been issued, than thruout Germany the military began to seize the party headquarters, property, membership lists, correspondence, and other paraphernalia. Telephone wires were severed; communication stopped. The precision with which a concerted move was made everywhere indicates that careful preparations had been made before the issuance of the decrees. The military has made a thoro job of it, leaving nothing to the imagination.

Von Seeckt's decree was issued during the closing hours of the Stresemann cabinet. The Communist deputies at once demanded the rescinding of the decrees, and were joined in their demand by the solid block of the Socialists. But the non-working class parties, with but few notable exceptions, voted solidly to sustain the general. The dictatorship is thus a fact.

The Communists in the reichstag were defiant. "We can laugh at this decree," declared Deputy Froelich, "for it is the last act of terror of a collapsing order. An order that must support itself by a military dictatorship is a dying order."

Refuse "Fifth Year" Advertisement.
CANTON, O.—Vigorous condemnation of the Canton Daily News for its refusal to accept a paid advertisement of "The Fifth Year," the Russian film, has been voiced by a mass meeting of citizens here.

A committee of workers representing the Friends of Soviet Russia visited the office of the News and explained that the Friends of Soviet Russia were trying to give to American workers a true picture of conditions in Russia. The committee also informed the editor of the News that the proceeds from the showing of "The Fifth Year" would be used to support schools, orphan homes and other educational and philanthropic institutions in Russia.

The editor refused to publish the advertisement explaining that another string of papers owned by ex-Governor Cox had refused to accept the advertisement and this was evidently a part of the policy of his chief.

New Demands on Coolidge.
The removal of conditions imposed upon the political prisoners released by President Harding last June is urged upon President Coolidge by the American Civil Liberties Union.

F.S.R. Opens Drive to Feed Hungry German Children

The Friends of Soviet Russia have entered a nation-wide campaign for raising of funds for German children. Tag days, house to house canvasses, bazaars, benefit movies and other affairs will be held all over the country. The proceeds will go for the feeding of the German workers and their families.

In Russia the famine of 1919 affected all persons indiscriminately. There the famine affects the population according to classes. Statistics gathered by Americans in Germany and printed in the Chicago "Tribune" show that there are four classes in Germany:

Class 1 constitutes the agricultural and allied professions and represents 36.3 per cent of the entire population. It will consume 15.1 per cent of the entire food supply for the next year.

Class 2 constitutes the urban population—industrialists, traders and high executives. It represents 11.1 per cent of the population and will get 14.5 per cent of the food supply.

Class 3 constitutes the skilled workmen and small shopkeepers, representing 20.3 per cent of the population and will get 20.7 per cent of the food supply.

Class 4 constitutes the unskilled workers, war-injured, dependents, professionals and artists and the vast mass of unemployed men and women. They represent 32.3 per cent and will receive only 1.4 per cent of the food supply.

It is in the interest of Class 4 that the Friends of Soviet Russia, who are also Friends of Workers' Germany, have started their nation-wide campaign for the raising of funds.

On behalf of this class, we, the Friends of Soviet Russia, in the name of International Solidarity appeal to all who helped the Russian workers' government in its time of need. The German workers also helped the Russians generously. Let us now lose no time in answering the call for help of the German workers!

Send your contributions to Friends of Soviet Russia, national office, 82 So. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Keep Up the Fight.
The necessity for clearing up issues growing out of war time prosecutions for the expression of opinion is stressed in a statement issued by the executive committee of the American Civil Liberties Union following the announcement of the commutation of the sentences of 81 political prisoners by President Coolidge. The dismissal of cases still pending in the courts under war time laws, and the cancellation of conditions attached to previous commutations are cited.

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William F. Dunne opens his east tour on "Why I Was Expelled from the Portland Convention?" in Chicago, Wednesday night, Jan. 2, at North Side Turner Hall, 820 N. Clark St. He will tell the workers of the large industrial centers of the East his story of the memorable American Federation of Labor convention at Portland, Oregon—memorable because Dunne was a part of it.

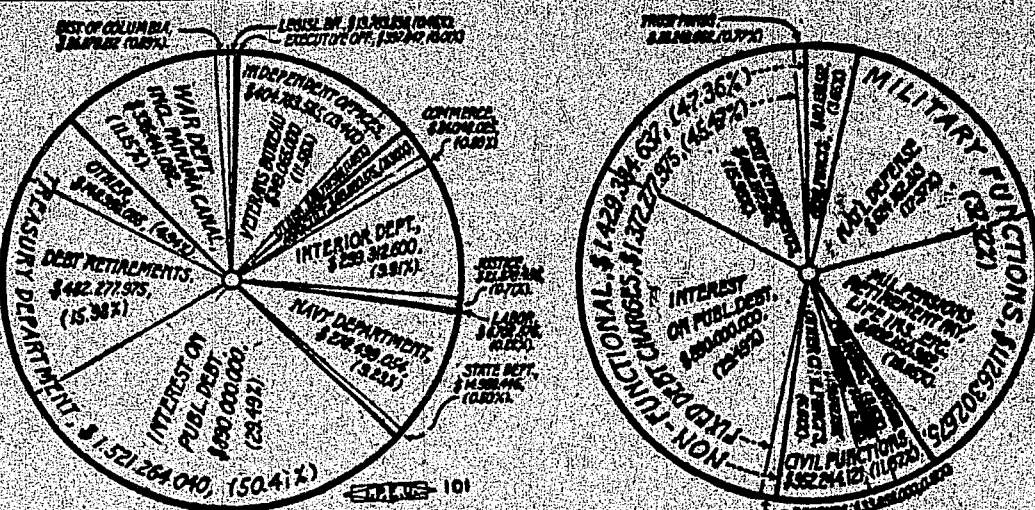
Other speakers at the Dunne meeting will be Robert Minor, famous labor cartoonist and editor of the Liberator, and Earl R. Browder, member of the national executive committee of the Trade Union Educational League. Entertainment will be provided by the "Freiheit" Singing Society and by the well-known "Studio Players," who will present John Reed's graphic one-act play, "Moondown." "Moondown" was produced in New York several years ago by the Washington Square Players, with considerable success.

Even the capitalist newspapers admitted that the defiant words which Bill Dunne flung into the faces of Gompers and his reactionary lieutenants at Portland constituted one of the most remarkable speeches ever heard at a convention of the American Federation of Labor. Dunne is a great speaker. Big, burly and aggressive, he hews straight to the line. Dunne was the lone Communist in the Portland convention last summer to which he was accredited by the Silver Bow Trades and Labor Council of Butte, Montana. Because of the resolute and courageous way in which he stood out against the machinations of the Gompers clique of "fat boys"—\$10,000.00 a year labor leaders, they became panic-stricken and expelled him from the convention; although no one questioned that he was a duly elected delegate.

For many years "Bill" Dunne has been an active fighter in the forefront of the trade union movement. An editor of the nationally known Butte Bulletin, he has succeeded in winning the united support of the workers throughout the northwest, particularly in the state of Montana where he has taken a leading part in the big strikes against the powerful Anaconda Copper interests.

Dunne is a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party, under whose auspices these meetings are to be held.

War Gets 83 Cents of Your Dollar



By LELAND OLDS
Eighty-three cents out of every dollar paid to the federal government during the year 1924-1925 is already earmarked for the support of wars past, present and to come. That leaves a scant 17 cents for the running of the country, the making of laws, their execution, provision for public health, education, public works, labor and the promotion of industry and commerce. Five-sixths for war and one-sixth for peace. Evidently the chief business of the federal government is war.

This sounds like hot stuff, but it comes from the budget message of President Coolidge proposing \$3,018,162,078 as the cost of government in 1925, and just to hammer the lesson home he thrusts it under your eye in the attached charts which show how small a slice of your dollar goes for anything which will benefit you as a peaceful citizen.

Briefly Coolidge says \$2,500,000,000 for war and only \$500,000,000 for making the country a decent place to

live in during the intermission between wars. Are you satisfied?

Budget allowances on account of war are all figured in the hundreds of millions of dollars, \$524,152,312 for the army and navy, \$602,150,382 for military pensions and retirement pay, \$890,000,000 for the annual interest on the war debt and \$482,277,975 for the annual cost of retiring that debt.

Budget allowances on account of the country's peace time development cut a modest figure by comparison, reckoned in the tens of millions only, \$10,678,280 for education, \$16,189,324 for science and research, \$26,189,031 for the promotion of matters affecting labor, \$13,152,062 for the promotion and regulation of commerce and industry and so on.

This means that where education gets about one-third of a cent of your tax dollar the army and navy gets 17 1/2 cents, or 50 times as much. It means that where education, public health, science and research combined gets less than 1 1/4 cents out of your dollar war gets 83 cents, or 60 times as much.

Coolidge was able to present this budget with such conviction as to cause the New York Times to remark editorially: "He has a single topic to deal with and does it in a masterly fashion. Whatever the result it cannot be denied that he has come forward as a capable and fearless commander." Whereupon all loyal taxpayers are supposed to toss up their hats and cheer.

But if national budgets were ever passed on by the people you, as a taxpayer, might be struck with the fact that the cost of government could be reduced by a couple of billion dollars if the government of the world were taken out of the hands of the great financiers who profit by war. The workers of this country and of other lands desire nothing more than peace in which to produce the good things of life for themselves and their families. Yet they continue to pay for capitalist wars not only directly with their bodies in battle, but also to all eternity in their hard-earned dollars which are demanded to meet such war-swollen budgets.

Our Literature Department

NICHOLAS DOZENBERG, Director.

This column is dedicated to the purpose of discussing ways and means and experience how to promote and effect successful sales of literature, announcements for new literature, etc. Contributions are solicited from our D. O. A. Organizers, Speakers or anybody interested in this vital problem.

HOW TO GET BACK AT THE BOSS.

By G. M.
We need say nothing as to how the boss "gets at" you, but the following quotation from the "Manufacturers' News," Nov. 17, throws light on how the bosses deliberately set out to dope the workers with false propaganda, which they kid themselves into believing can be "plain statements of facts" answering the "wrong and erroneous conclusions" of the radicals:

"Employees in manufacturing plants read. They also reason out things for themselves. Unfortunately a good many of them read the wrong things and therefore reach erroneous conclusions. That is why some employees are attracted by radical propositions."

"More factory managers should undertake to inform employees concerning the elements of industrial economics. It would be an excellent idea if the Factory Bulletin Board would have posted on it some convincing arguments with relation to economic laws, such as the following: Socialism vs. Individualism; Restricted Output Injures the Public Including the Wage Earner; Labor's Share of Increased Production; The Beneficiaries of Wealth; The Cause of High Rents; The Measure of a Real Wage Is What a Man is Able to Buy With It, etc."

"Many articles on these subjects are to be found in the Manufacturers' News, and in nearly every newspaper. They can be boiled down and explained by some intelligent (?) Ed. member of the plant organization. They should not be too 'peachey.' They should be plain statements of fact, not merely propaganda." (Such as the capitalist newspapers are full of, etc.)

Will you let the bosses beat you to it? If not, your duty as a class conscious worker is to "explain to" and "inform" all workers of the plain statements of fact by giving and selling them the leaflets, pamphlets, books, papers and magazines issued by the Workers Party.

Branches, organize your members for the systematic distribution of our literature and send in your orders. Comrades, do your duty, see that every worker gets a chance to read what the capitalists call "the wrong things."

A Friend in Time of Need.

The other night I went down town and picked out a street corner well traveled by the unemployed. I had on my best: \$60 tailored overcoat, \$75 suit, \$7 hat, \$15 pair of shoes. To look at me you would think I owned a bank. Every now and then a man, poorly and sometimes well dressed, would stop, foot around, and then come up. But always with the same story. Some were new at the game. At the end of their story I said: "My friend, did you say you were hungry? Don't you know this is the land of plenty? Why should a man, willing to work, go hungry or be in need of a place where to sleep?" This they could not answer. Then I would say: "Did you not fight for your country?" and they said: "Yes!" Well, then: "What did you do with your part of it?" "Or is this owned by some one else?" Then I said: "Oh, brother, you need more food for your head than your stomach. Here is a nickel and a copy of 'The Worker.' Stimulate your brains a little with a cup of coffee and read what 'The Worker' has to offer."—Your comrade, Rob K., Kansas City, Mo.

Peasant Carnival in New York.

The Worker and Peasant Costume Carnival on Friday, Jan. 11, at Webster Hall, New York City, will go down on record of social history as one of the most impressive, colorful and interesting affairs.

A Fruit Kermis will be one of the most outstanding features. Ex-political prisoners and those whose trials are pending will act as "cops," among them Ben Gitlow, Cosgrove, Palvio. As judge, Harry Winitzky. In a word, fun galore.

Tickets in advance are 50c; at door \$1.00. Those wishing to secure costumes should get in touch with the secretary, Room 484, 80 E. 11th Street. Telephone, Stuyvesant 6616. Tickets may be obtained at "Freiheit," 47 Christie Street; Jimmy Higgins Book Store, 127 University Place; Trade Union Educational League, 207 E. 12th St.; Novy Mir Book Store, 59 E. 7th St.

Feed the Turkey if You Want a Good Thanksgiving Dinner

By ROSE KARSNER

American business men and bankers are very philanthropic! In the name of the starving German people they are collecting and donating large sums of money. While they are conducting this humane work they are also negotiating with German industrialists. They are promising large loans.

What does it really mean? Simple enough. To grind the maximum amount of work out of the German workers, they must first be fed. To make the American investment worth while, German industrialists must promise big profits. To make big profits under the present bankrupt state of affairs, the industrialists must abolish the eight-hour day and increase it to ten and twelve hours.

So it comes down to giving the German workers with one hand and taking back ten times as much with the other hand. Or, feeding the turkey before leading it to slaughter.

There are other German relief drives being conducted under other guises. Such as helping the German trade unions. But those also are only a pretext. The real object is to pit one class of workers against another. To feed one kind of trade unionist and to help kill another kind—so-called "red." To help the present German government in carrying out its policy.

I quote from the Chicago Tribune, under the date line of Berlin, Nov. 27: "Turning Berlin into an armed camp today, the police snuffed out an attempt of the Communists to hold HUNGER DEMONSTRATIONS."

"Grim tanks with businesslike muzzles of machine guns protruding from the ports snorted defiance. Meanwhile, President Ebert, Socialist harness maker turned over the rule of Germany to the Nationalistic parties, who are expected to control a majority in the Reichstag."

"As far as foreign policy is concerned, it will follow closely the lines of the Stresemann government. Regarding internal policies it will be more severe towards the Communists and Socialists. IT WILL DEMAND LONGER HOURS OF WORK AND IT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESTORE THE SUPREMACY OF THE INDUSTRIALISTS and enable them to reopen their factories in unoccupied Germany."

There is only one way of helping the German workers and their families. And that is to help ALL GERMAN WORKERS, regardless of their political faith.

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Chicago District Reports on Pre- Convention Meets

Endorsement of the Thesis on Labor Party Policy submitted by the Central Executive Committee, with an amendment introduced by the Executive Committee of District No. 8, to the effect that the August thesis was superseded by the November thesis, which stands alone as the Labor Party policy of the party, marked the high spot of both the Chicago city convention and the District No. 8 convention.

This result was not arrived at until after a lengthy discussion, which at times became very heated, particularly at the city convention. This, however, is only one additional proof of the intense interest shown by all our members in laying down a correct policy for our party on this important question.

The November thesis of the Central Executive Committee was adopted unanimously. The amendment carried by a substantial majority at the city convention and was made nearly unanimous by the time it reached the district convention.

At the city convention 81 delegates, representing 50 branches were seated. It lasted until the early morning hours before the delegates to the district convention were finally elected. Our Labor Party policy occupied the major part of the time, but other important matters were discussed, as, for instance, the party reorganization question. In this respect the convention adopted by a substantial majority vote the proposal submitted by the District Executive Committee, which was published in "The Worker" of Dec. 15th, and is to the effect that a commission, including representatives of all language federations be created by the national convention to work out detailed plans.

The secretary's report showed a great progress made by our party in the city during the last year. The convention was unquestionably very representative in character. It elected 23 delegates to the district convention, nearly all of whom were from the state sponsored by the District Executive Committee.

At the district convention the discussion could proceed more calmly, the most burning questions having already been settled as far as the majority of the delegates were concerned. Forty-one delegates were seated, representing, with the exception of a few isolated branches, all our party units within the district. The convention was practically unanimous in character in taking the same stand as the Chicago city convention.

Substantial growth throughout the district was shown by the organizers and wherever differences as to policies on united front tactics had appeared, the course pursued by the District Executive Committee was fully endorsed, with an additional motion declaring that the Central Executive Committee in its instructions upon certain matters guided the District Executive Committee along the lines of correct policy.

A resolution strongly condemning the article which appeared in "The Worker" of Dec. 22nd, under the caption, "How Not to Make the United Front," and signed by Comrade John Peppin, was adopted practically unanimously. A committee of three, consisting of Foster, Aronberg and Swaback, was appointed to draft a statement in reply.

The six delegates elected to the National Party convention were Foster, Cannon, Krumborn, Johnstone, Aronberg and Swaback.

OPEN FORUMS

Robert Minor, Editor of Liberator, well-known cartoonist and orator, will address the Cleveland open forum on "Who Are the Reds?" Sunday, Jan. 6. The forum is held regularly every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at Labor Temple, 2636 Euclid Ave.

Harrison George, who served a term in Leavenworth prison, will address the Milwaukee open forum Sunday, Jan. 6, 8 p.m. Subject: "The I. W. W. of Today." The forum is held every Sunday night at Miller's Hall, 8th and State Sts.

Chicago, Sunday, Jan. 20, 8 p.m. Max Bedacht and Robert Minor, International Liebknecht Day. Prudential Hall, North Halsted St.

Haessler Speaks at Detroit. Carl Haessler, managing editor of the Federated Press, will speak on "Cleaning and Pressing Neatly Done," at the Detroit labor forum, conducted in the House of the Masses, 2101 Gratiot Ave., Sunday afternoon, Jan. 6th.

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Demanding Release of 114 State Prisoners

The release of 114 men serving terms under state laws penalizing expressions of opinion or membership in a radical organization is demanded by telegrams sent to the governors of seven states by a committee of nationally prominent liberals on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union. Pointing out that "no criminal acts were charged against them," the committee urges their release.

The signers of the appeal are Jane Addams of Chicago, Jeannette Rankin of Montana, Father John A. Ryan of Washington, and Norman Hapgood, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Frank P. Walsh and Prof. Harry F. Ward of New York. The seven states affected are California with 97 prisoners, Washington with 5, Idaho with 4, Pennsylvania with 4, Oklahoma with 2, and Kansas and Illinois with 1 each.

DUNNE'S SPEECH AT PORTLAND

William F. Dunne was delegate to the Portland Convention of the American Federation of Labor, representing the Silver Bow Central Labor Council of Butte, Montana.

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Election Results Bring New Political Situation in Great Britain

By J. T. MURPHY.
(Member, British Bureau, Red Trade Union International)

Most people apart from Premier Baldwin and his most ardent supporters were prepared for a stalemate election. But nobody anticipated the complete collapse of the conservatives and the remarkable advance of Labor. When Lloyd George set off on his great tour, Liberalism was going full steam ahead. Within a week it fell flat and the scales turned in favor of the Labor Party. It has returned 201 members and can count on the support of half a dozen independents.

It must not be thought, however, that there has been a great landslide in public opinion. The total votes cast show clearly that a genuine parliamentary representation is the desire of the British people. The Conservatives polled in 1922 5,880,000 votes. In 1923 they polled 5,880,000 votes. The two liberal parties polled in 1922 4,106,000. The United Liberals in 1923 only raised the Liberal vote to 4,251,000. The Labor Party vote last year was 4,102,000. This year it is 4,348,000.

The total votes for Communists last year was 47,160, and we had two members in Parliament. This year we totaled 76,741 votes and yet have lost both seats. The Liberals and Tories openly combined to defeat the Communists. It was this campaign which nullified the efforts of certain liberal and labor leaders for a liberal-labor pact. The capitalist press persistently advocated "choosing the lesser

evil" and in numerous constituencies the liberal or Tory was a "dummy" candidate giving the appearance of a three-cornered contest until the votes made it clear that there was never any intention of any other than a combined effort to defeat labor or Communism. An examination of the following figures will make this perfectly clear.

Motherwell (1923).
Ferguson (Conservative) 9,798
Newbold (Communist) 8,712
Maxwell (Liberal) 4,790

Compare these results with the 1922 figures:
Newbold (Communist) 5,282
Ferguson (Conservative) 7,214
Maxwell (Liberal) 5,359
Colville (National Liberal) 3,988

There we see the united Liberals polling less than the independent Liberals in 1922 and an Orange Conservative increasing his vote. Again, examine Greenock:

Greenock (1923).
Collins (Liberal) 16,387
Geddes (Communist) 10,835

Greenock (1922).
Collins (Liberal) 10,520
Geddes (Communist) 9,776
Denholm (Conservative) 8,004

Other results where Communists have participated read as follows:

DUNDEE 1922 1923
Brynmawr (Prohibitionist) 25,782 22,878
Morrison (Labour) 25,945 20,292
Prest (Lib.) 25,901
Wallace (Cons.) 10,353
Gallacher (Communist) 10,830 8,505
Macdonald (Nat. Lib.) 22,244
Churchill (Nat. Lib.) 22,128
Pilkington (Ind. Lib.) 8,481

NORTH BATTERSEA
Hobbs (Lib.) 12,527 9,890

This election campaign was the biggest the Communist Party has conducted and the endorsement of Communists by the Labor Party executive is a clear acknowledgment of the growing strength of our influence in the labor ranks. In addition to the Communists actually in the campaign as labor candidates, the party was invited by a dozen local labor organizations to put forward other candidates. But the party had gone to the limit of its resources and had to hold off. Electioneering is an expensive job. Each candidate has to find \$750 before going to the poll and the sum is forfeited if he does not poll one-eighth of the total votes cast.

The new situation is the most interesting in the political history of

this country. It is only a stalemate from the standpoint of traditional parliamentary politics. Actually it marks the end of an old period and the beginning of a new wherein class politics are bound to dominate the whole situation. The defeat of the Tory Party has simply demoralized its ranks. Baldwin pledged himself to resign if he did not secure a working majority. He has now changed his mind and waits to be pushed. Chamberlain and Lord Birkenhead were united on the tariff campaign. Now Chamberlain cries "resign at once" and Birkenhead shouts "hold on." Yet the fates are against them. The Labor Party holds the key to the new situation.

It seems fairly clear that in spite of all the manoeuvres to avoid a labor government, they cannot escape it. From the standpoint of class interests there ought to be an official coalition of Tories and Liberalism. But the demoralization in the ranks of both parties makes the proposition unworkable at present. The last coalition is so fresh in the minds of both parties and so utterly discredited that any attempt to put it into operation again at this juncture would seal the fate of both parties. The Labor Party has the chance to go ahead and is doing so. True labor cannot put into operation its full program, but there are a number of important measures with which they can proceed at once, and dare the Liberal Party to oppose. For example, the recognition of Soviet Russia, the granting of credits, the unemployed relief schemes, assistance to build-

ing schemes. Nor dare the House of Lords interfere too much or their fate is assured by an appeal to the country. What finer issue could they give the Labor Party than "The Lords versus Relief of Unemployment?"

It may be that the Tories and the Liberals may attempt to avoid a labor government by taking up themselves one or other issue upon which they know the Labor Party has a popular backing. But it is difficult to conceive how they, with the present discord in their own ranks, can successfully hold the Labor Party from power. They have blundered so badly already that the labor leaders would have to lose all political sense to miss the opportunity which lies waiting them. There appears no sign of that at the moment of writing. The immediate challenge of the Labor Party to the government to produce its measures for the unemployed shows that they have got the measure of their opponents and are heading for office.

The repercussion of the election on international politics is also of tremendous importance. MacDonald will immediately go the limit for an international conference to include all governments including Soviet Russia, Germany and the United States to deal with the European situation. The Liberals dare not oppose such a proposal but would sympathetically support it.

It is clear that the election is a defeat for the imperialists. In a previous article I laid stress upon the relations of the British imperial conference to the general election. The decisions of the conference have re-

ceived a shattering blow. Already the "Daily News" announces the abandonment of the Singapore scheme and the cancelling of the tour of Lord Cavan to the colonies. Bruce of Australia, was very despondent when the election result was announced and stated "we must look for a new way out." Massey, of New Zealand, is surprised and annoyed and declares that "sooner or later Great Britain will be driven to tariff reform." Whilst the "Cape Times," of South Africa, says, "The direct consequences of the election to the colonies means that they will have to look for other reciprocity arrangements, most probably with America."

These statements do not read very healthily for empire development but they go to show the deep roots of the situation which compelled Baldwin to face a general election.

The more we examine the situation the more interesting it appears. Class politics dominate. The Conservative Party can only rally on class lines and harness the dread of socialism. The Liberal Party, in spite of its rehabilitation in the election stands uncertain of the future. If the Labor Party goes forward, and there is no reason to think it will not do so, it will gain at the expense of liberalism. Its political leaders are liberal in outlook, rising to power on the growing class movement, and offering numerous openings to careerists, of which the Liberals have plenty. Whilst a glance at the conservative vote, which has shifted only a few thousand in a period of years, shows that it combines the most stub-

born of the class conscious elements of the ruling class with the most ignorant of the population. Nor can the Labor Party escape the changing process. It moves forward on the growing consciousness of the working masses. Already its ranks are divided and a definite left-wing of working class elements under the leadership of Wheatley, Maxton and Johnson challenges the domination of the middle class leadership of MacDonald. These are the nearest to the Communist Party and sooner or later will have to face their Halle conference. Now is not the moment when left and right seem sharply divided, but the stage is set and time and life will do the rest.

It would appear that we are on the eve of the period of "Wilsonism" foreshadowed by Comrade Leon Trotsky at the Fourth Congress of the Communist International, when Social-Democracy gets its final innings. In Britain the tendencies are clear. In France, Poincare cannot escape the shock of the defeat of Baldwin and the ascent of British labor to the seat of government. The left bloc in France will gather strength from this election. Whilst it may be that German Social-Democracy will breathe again as the door is opened to the possibilities of trade revival thru the Russian market and the easing of the reparations claims.

The British election of 1923 is truly historic. By the turning of a few thousand votes in the wheels of parliamentary democracy the doors are opened to new scenes in the vast perspective of the world revolution.

Liberty in Russia

By WILLIAM F. KRUSE.

Under the heading, "A Cry for Help," appears Gomper's latest attack on the workers' and peasants' government of Soviet Russia. After the steady stream of favorable reports on conditions in Russia, from radical and conservative alike, it is easy to understand that he should need help to keep his slender campaign even limping along.

So in this hour of need he joins with Abe Cahan, his understudy in the Jewish labor world, and the Social Democratic Party of Russia, in charging the present Soviet government with "murder and massacre" of its political enemies. This is pie for Sammy and Abe. Especially for Sammy! He is strong for amnesty. Not, however, for his political opponents in this country—he sneers at them as "so-called" political prisoners at the very time when a strike-breaking President releases them. His heart bleeds for "60,000 working people, largely Socialists, whom he pictures as "dying a slow death in frightful Soviet prisons."

The world does move. Here is Gomper appealing to "every man and woman who has faith in democracy"—on behalf of Socialists. These "Socialists" are in Russia, however, not in the American Federation of Labor. Every revolutionary government in the world's history has done so and in 1918 "democratic America" did the same with infinitely less provocation.

The Socialist-Democratic manifesto charges that "a wave of brutality has swamped us, not for plotting any revolt, but merely because of our PEACEFUL WORK OF POLITICAL ENLIGHTENMENT, BECAUSE OF OUR ENDEAVORS TO RALLY TOGETHER THE PROLETARIAN, LABORING MASSES." Gomper is glad to use these capital letters. He is strong for "peaceful work of political enlightenment. . . endeavors to rally together the proletarian, laboring masses." Especially when Foster organized the Trade Union Educational League, and central labor bodies call for a labor party.

As a matter of course the Soviet government stamped out "work of political enlightenment" when the means of this "peaceful" activity consisted of secreted machine guns, attempts on the lives of the peoples' commissars, traffic with and acceptance of gold from foreign enemies then invading Russian soil—"peaceful" means such as were revealed in the Socialist-Revolutionist trial. And as a matter of course the Soviet government will smash "endeavors to rally the masses" when the purpose of the rallying is the overthrow of the present proletarian state and substitute either a Czarist order or the state either a "democratic" mummy which from March to November, 1917, tied the Russian people to the cannon wheels of Allied imperialism.

At the present time there is no political oppression in Russia. None is needed. "No nation on earth could wage a successful war of invasion against her—thanks to the Red Army within and the revolutionary labor elements without. And no force conceivable among the discredited, disintegrating Czarist and "democratic" elements either in Russia or in foreign capitals can hope to dislodge the present government from within—thanks to the whole-hearted support won by Bolshevik policies in practice among both city workers and peas-

In the British Parliament!

The latest London advices regarding the results of the British general elections show the standing of the parties:

Conservatives	262
Labour Party	201
Liberals	152
Total	615

When the British parliament was dissolved, the parties in the house of commons stood as follows:

Conservatives	346
Labour	144
Liberals	67
Lloyd Georgeites	50
Other parties	8
Total	615

The record growth in parliamentary representation of the British Labor Party since the beginning of the century follows:

1900	2
1906	29
1910, Jan.	40
1910, Dec.	42
1918	57
1922	57
1922	144
1923	201

The Young Workers League and the Labor Party

By NAT KAPLAN.

Within the last year the Workers Party has travelled a straight road—a road which led from isolation to the masses. Today the Workers Party is a recognized force in the labor movement of this country.

The Young Workers League, under the leadership of the Party, has traversed the same road—from an isolated sect to an organization engaged in mass activity. Let us glance back at the main battle of the Young Workers League against political isolation.

In May, 1922, a certain portion of the Young Workers League membership, under the leadership of Seligman and Elston, were chanting the clarion call of isolation from the political struggle of the Workers Party. We must remain both organizationally and politically independent was the plea of these comrades. The strong argument of this faction was that this "Declaration of Independence" was only a temporary measure and would be instrumental in "maintaining the integrity" of the Young Workers League. The leaders of this faction pointed with horror at the existence of two Communist Parties, the Workers Party, the United Toilers, and the devil only knows how many caucuses—and then declared themselves to be the martyrs who would lead the "politically immature" Young Workers League members out of the wilderness of the party differences and into the limelight of independent political action.

Why the Faction Failed.

The reason for the failure of this faction lies mainly in the fact that the "politically immature" Y. W. L. members were in reality those who played a big part in the internal struggles that resulted in the existence of the different parties and therefore were in a position to pick out for political guidance the party which was best suited to their own definite political concepts. In the launching of the Workers Party the league saw the first definite move made for reaching the masses of the workers in this country. It therefore allied itself with that movement.

In May, 1923, at the second convention of the league, we reiterated our staunch support of the political policies of the Workers Party—policies that had been definitely applied during the course of the year to campaigns on the class struggle arena which were of immediate concern to the working class of this country. Since the convention the "reiteration of support" has been turned into action at various occasions.

Y. W. L. Fights for Labor Party.

The league recognized that the outstanding struggle of the party was its Labor Party Campaign. At the July 3d conference, called by the Farmer-Labor Party, the Young Workers League was represented as an organization on a par with the various workers' and farmers' groups and political parties represented in that conference. Since that time the Y. W. L. units by virtue of their political subordination to the party have participated to a degree in the various local moves for the Labor Party and the gaining of organizational affiliations to the Federated Farmer-Labor Party.

On a national scale the league has recently gone on record to call upon the membership of the league to support the Workers Party and Trade Union Educational League units in the campaign for a Farmer-Labor Party. Besides this the National Executive Committee has gone on record urging all Y. W. L. units to carry on a campaign among the young workers' and students' organizations for the Federated Farmer-Labor Party. This decision must now be transformed into action.

Y. W. L. Affiliates to Federated.

The biggest move of the Y. W. L. in support of the Labor Party policy of the party has been its decision to directly affiliate the Y. W. L. to the Federated Farmer-Labor Party. By this decision the league has allied itself with the crystallization of the class farmer-labor forces in this country. It has made itself part of the organization that has participated and been the guiding hand in every move for a mass Farmer-Labor Party since the July 3d conference. The league under the leadership of the party has indeed traveled the road that leads from isolation to the masses.

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the working class government of Soviet Russia made full and adequate use of the Terror against all who would weaken or destroy it at a time when it had to fight for its life against the enemy without and the traitor within.

The manifesto closes with an appeal for protest against the "extermination of the world's counter-revolutionary forces with such manifestoes as in Russia, fast exterminating themselves. On the one hand such false charges rob them of their last shreds of mass support; on the other, whatever decent elements are left in their organizations come to see, thru such tactics, the error of their ways and go over to the support of the workers' regime.

Meanwhile Gomper, and Cahan take comfort in this manifesto. It should give them small joy to be told that their own is not the only kind of "labor" dictatorship that exists in the world. In Russia we have the first example of a dictatorship for labor and by labor—among Sam's newspaper boys we see a very pocket edition of the dictatorship against labor that drowned out in blood the efforts of the German, Hungarian, Finnish and Italian workers for self-government. The American workers will have something to say about the form they prefer, and once the facts are before them we need have no fear that they will react any differently from the Russian workers for the Soviet government and against its reactionary traducers.

Ask Your Secretary!

"To Keep Foster and Ruthenberg Out of Jail" is the printed caption which will appear on coin boxes placed in offices and meeting halls of all organizations affiliated to the Labor Defense Council. The council has sent out a large number of labels on which the caption is printed, and the organizations affiliated are expected to paste them on coin boxes, which they themselves can secure. Every month or so the boxes can be emptied and the money sent into the national office of the Labor Defense Council. The Foster-Ruthenberg defense has no slush fund behind it; it must depend upon the pennies, dimes and dollars of the workers. See that there is an L. D. C. coin box in your meeting hall!

Stool Pigeons Get Money.

SACRAMENTO.—The second trial for criminal syndicalism of Driscoll, Stewart and Wukusich is proceeding in the usual manner, with Cotts and Townsend as chief witnesses against the men. Both were forced to admit that they had received fees of \$200 and \$250, respectively, for their testimony. "Zero" Townsend admitted he was out of a job and depended on criminal syndicalism trials for living.

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Greetings From the International

Every member of the Workers Party will read with pride the greetings from the Executive Committee of the Communist International to the Third National Convention of the Workers Party.

It is the custom of the International to be sparing with its praise. It strikes hard with its criticism. And annual conventions of the national sections of the Comintern are the times when the Executive Committee of the Communist International seeks to point out mistakes that have been made and to raise the danger signal against wrong tendencies, in order that a strong, unified Communist world-movement may result.

The greetings to the Workers Party, published in full elsewhere, is exceptional in the history of the Communist International. It is a document approving in glowing terms of the struggles waged by the Workers Party during the past year. No criticism is offered of policies adopted and tactics pursued. It is doubtful if any other section of the Comintern can boast of a similar endorsement of any year's endeavor.

The establishment of "The Daily Worker" is hailed as the party's most important step, the efforts at party re-organization approved, the work done by Communists in the left wing of the labor movement rated as excellent, greater efforts demanded in the membership campaign, while it is declared that the Workers Party has "applied Communist tactics correctly in seeking a United Front of all forces to fight the capitalist system in the United States."

The International declares that the treachery of Gompers, the treason of the Socialists and the betrayal of the United Front by a few "progressive" leaders, creates the best basis for the United Front policy.

The Communist International looks upon the organization of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party as "an achievement of primary importance." It is pointed out that the ending of the chaos in the working class movement is the task of the Communists.

Greater energy is urged in sounding the alarm against the bloody schemes of American imperialism. This is recognized as one of the greatest tasks of American Communism.

With the definite endorsement of its policies by the Communist International, the Workers Party will press forward, in the words of the Comintern, "to propagate them and organize the workers for action." This is the next step in the forward march of American Communism, and it will demand the concentrated strength of the whole membership of the Workers Party.

Wall Street Journal Whistles

"That the people will use politicians and parties like Ramsay MacDonald and the Laborites to rebuke its governors at general elections is the ordinary method of British politics. But that the British electorate will turn over all property, public and private, for a group of children to destroy in play is a possibility not worth discussion."—WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Sounds suspiciously, like the small boy who whistled when going thru the graveyard—to keep his courage up. Wall Street is right in sizing up the role of labor reform parties as vehicles of popular protest rather than as machinery of fundamental economic and political change. But back of this labor protest is a grim revolutionary force slowly crystallizing itself into the British Communist movement. At present, while the masses are getting their primary grade lessons in working-class politics, this

Communist movement is still small. But as ever-increasing numbers of workers are disillusioned in the rainbow-chase of reformism, they drop back, not to the old reactionary parties, but to the young, virile, revolutionary Communist Party.

Wall Street is unfortunately probably right again when it says the "electorate" will not turn over property. That part of the "electorate," the great majority, which has no property, will decide to take over all "property" thru the private ownership, of which it is now robbed of the products of its labor. That part of the "electorate," an infinitesimal minority, which owns practically all this "property," may decline to turn it over, no matter how large or small the parliamentary majority. In such cases both parties usually wage a second campaign, in which conclusive and unanswerable arguments are used on both sides. And the workers win.

The Threat of Unemployment

All government findings tend to point to a steady and rapid increase in our army of unemployed. If the present rate of increase is maintained for a few months, early 1924 will bring misery and suffering to millions.

What unemployment really means to the workers is often lost in the shuffle of government statistics and investigations. But the findings of a study of unemployment and child welfare made by Emma Octavia Lundberg, for the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor, tells a woeful tale of the unspeakable distress that unemployment brings to the workers.

Says the report: "The investigation made by the bureau shows that unemployment not only carries with it immediate deprivation and hardship but leaves a burden of debt and discouragement for the years to come. . . . Besides, the deprivation of material needs, there is suffering that perhaps can be understood only by those who have themselves been the victims of the dread uncertainty and fear that besets a workingman's family when the father is 'laid off.' The most important feature of unemployment is its effect on the family morale—the father idle about the house, unsettled, disheartened; the mother going out to work if she can secure it, and using up every bit of her strength in the double task of providing for the family's maintenance and caring for the household and the children; the children suffering from the depression and uncertainty of what the future may mean, which is even more to be dreaded than the discomforts of the immediate present."

Congress is preparing to dump \$500,000,000 into the "pork barrel." In one day, Dec. 5, 118 bills were introduced in the House alone. Not a single one of these bills dealt with the problems of unemployment. About sixty of them were bills to dispense with the hundreds of millions of "pork."

Yet it is only a matter of a few months when unemployment in all its brutality will menace millions of workers. The miners, the clothing workers, the workers in the copper industry are already feeling the pinch. We need but keep the above picture of destitution in mind for a short while. Many of us will soon live it.

Living Cost Swinging Upward

A perusal of the latest figures on the cost of living issued by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics will dispel whatever illusions one might have about the direction in which the price of food stuffs is traveling.

From Oct. 15 to Nov. 15, 1923, there was an increase in the cost of living in 22 out of 28 cities investigated. The rise was as high as 3 per cent during the month in certain localities.

For the year ending Nov. 15, 1923, the bureau found an increase in the cost of living in all of the 28 cities. In the city of Chicago the price of food stuffs rose 8 per cent during the year. In the big industrial centers the workers are paying 50 to 60 per cent more for their food than they paid before the war. Rent and other items have risen even more rapidly.

At the same time, the farmers are up against it and getting more deeply into the slough of depression. Wage cuts are again becoming the order of the day. Only a few days ago the big shoe manufacturers forced their workers in Lynn, Massachusetts, to accept a wage cut of 15 per cent.

Naturally one might be prone to ask under the circumstances a rather pertinent question. The farmers are getting worse off. The workers are face to face with increasing unemployment and wage cuts. But the cost of living is swinging upward steadily and swiftly. Who is getting the benefit of the increasing profits?

Perhaps the oil magnates, the bankers, the railway kings, and the coal magnates would volunteer to enlighten us!

Hughes Recognizes the Capitalist Dictatorships

There are seven dictatorships in Europe. The United States recognizes all but one. The military anti-labor dictatorships of Italy, Germany, Spain, Hungary, Bulgaria and Greece are graciously welcomed by Secretary Hughes, while the workers' dictatorship of Russia is turned down. The workers know the reason.



From an Oklahoma Farmer

I think of the past; of Spartacus who dared to lead a slaves' revolt against imperial Rome; of the six thousand crosses, bearing aloft as many heads, set up on the Apian Way as the terrible warning to all slaves who dared to strike for freedom in the future.

I think of another Spartacus and "his friend, Otto Ruhle," who "alone among 110 Socialist deputies in the Reichstag disregarded the party discipline, destroyed the harmonious union with the centrists and chauvinists, and fought everybody"; of his brutal murder by a government largely in the hands of these "110 Socialist deputies"; of the 20 or 30 thousand of his loyal followers who with their noble leader could see "the golden dawning" of a better day and had the courage to fight for it and the devotion to die for it. I think of the Hungarian comrad tortured and murdered by the most inhuman and barbarous methods that the minds of devils in human form could conjure up. I think of Francisco Ferrer, who fearlessly opposed the Roman hierarchy in Spain and for that offense had his life snuffed out. His last words, as reported by "The Truth Seeker," still ring in my ears: "Aim, seeker, lads. Long live the Public School." I think of "The Brotherhood Grave" and its five hundred proletarian occupants in the shadow of the Kremlin; of the ragged, red soldiers who died for me and for world liberty; and as I think of these things my eyes fill with tears and I wish that I might multiply the enclosed \$10.00 by one thousand or one hundred thousand. . . .

Changing the trend of my thought but not losing sight of the principle involved, I think of the mortgaged proletarian farmer: of the narrow, selfish, suspicious life that he lives; of the ignorance, squalor and lack of modern refinement and conveniences

employ modern scientific processes. But he is a philistine by nature and shall have to be eliminated in the same manner that the individual shoemaker was.

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Ford--The End of an Illusion

By John Pepper

Our political life revolves, rich and full of change as a kaleidoscope.

Yesterday Henry Ford was very seriously taken as a candidate for the presidency. Candidate of great masses of farmers, small business men and workers.

That was yesterday. And today Henry Ford has made a declaration denying his own candidacy and endorsing President Coolidge as the best candidate.

Of course it is not unusual for the world's richest manufacturer to endorse for the presidency the candidate of the big bankers and trusts. Such a fact does not require any elaborate explanation. But what is unusual and calls for explanation is, how was it possible that the richest manufacturer of the world could have become a serious candidate of struggling farmers, handicapped small business men and even of exploited workers?

The Man of Contradictions.

Ford's role is the most paradoxical fact of American political life. Here we see the greatest contradiction, seemingly impossible of solution.

The greatest manufacturer of the world—and his name is on the lips of thousands and thousands of workers.

The greatest single exploiter in the United States—but the platform of his followers said: "Government in the hands of a privileged class has become an agency for exploitation instead of a security for life, liberty and property. The land of the free and the home of the brave is fast declining into a land of exploiters and exploited."

One of the richest men in the world—yet he thunders against Wall Street, and his name is a standard around which poor people rally.

Ford declared that he would not be a good president in normal times, but would be good in a crisis or in case of war when he would not be bound by the constitution, when a dictatorship would be necessary—yet the followers of Ford are calling for a struggle "to save democracy to the United States."

Paradoxes and contradictions. But the paradoxes can be solved and the contradictions explained if we dig deeper, if we analyze not only party platforms and mass illusions, but the class relationships.

Those who would simplify capitalist society in such a way as to resolve it into only two classes, exploiter and exploited, will never understand the role of Henry Ford. We could not understand in the least the political life of the United States or of any other country if we tried to reduce Marxism to the wisdom which would have it that on one side stands the working class and on the other simply the compact, reactionary mass of the bourgeoisie. If this simplification were Marxism, politics would be the art easiest in the world to learn, and the A B C of Marxian Communism would be identical with the A B C of the primary school.

Manufacturers Versus Banks and Trusts.

True, Ford is one of the richest men of the world. But his riches are qualified by the fact that he is a manufacturer. Ford is a manufacturer of finished products, and we must understand that this is something different from bank capital and railroad corporations and basic industries. Ford is one of the richest men of the world. But Ford is a manufacturer of automobiles. And that makes him different from Rockefeller, head of the oil trust; Morgan, leader of bank capital; Gary, the chief of the steel trust. Ford became big as an individual manufacturer, and not as the head of a trust. As the manifesto of his followers says about him: "Whatever virtues the competitive system has, this man has exemplified." Ford as a manufacturer of finished products has to buy steel and coal, must use railroads, must borrow working capital. His interests are against the interests of the steel trust, coal trust, railroad corporations and against the money trust of Wall Street. He is against the trusts because trusts mean monopoly, and therefore high prices of steel and

coal, high freight rates and high interest on money. This explains Ford's periodic thunderings against trusts and Wall Street. Ford wants to produce fertilizer. For this reason he wants to buy Muscle Shoals. But against this plan he finds the power of the fertilizer trust, and behind the fertilizer trust, the whole state power, the government and Congress. This explains Ford's crusades for cheap fertilizers and his accusation against the fertilizer trust and against the patron of the trust, the government.

The contradictions between finishing and basic industry, the contradictions between manufacturers and bank capital, the contradictions between individual manufacturers and trusts exist, not only in the United States, but in every highly developed capitalist country. The whole present political development in Great Britain and Germany would be meaningless if we were not to take into consideration these internal conflicts within the capitalist class. Without these contradictions, the conflict between Baldwin and Lloyd George in Great Britain, or the fight between Stinnes and Stresemann in Germany could not be understood.

Ford, the Saviour of the Poor.

True, Ford possesses hundreds of millions, and exploits tens of thousands of workers. But his economic interests force him into the fight against Wall Street, and against the trusts of steel, coal and transportation. This links Ford with all those strata whose interests are opposed to those of the trusts and Wall Street. This condition makes a bridge between Ford and small business men, farmers and class unconscious but boss-hating workers. Small business men hate the trusts which ruin them. Farmers hate the banks which choke them with mortgages, hate trusts which raise the prices of all industrial products, and they hate railroad corporations which, by high freight rates, skim off for themselves the cream of their crops. Ford "fights" against the trusts and Wall Street. That is why small business

men, farmers and class unconscious workers saw in him their leader and saviour.

It sounds almost incredible! The richest man of the world and the saviour of the poor! But we must understand that the very reason that he could play the saviour of the poor was the fact that he is the richest man of the world. Ford, for the illusion-stricken masses, is like Prince Charming of the fairy tale. It is true he is the richest man of the world, but he was a poor mechanic. He is not a trust; but on the contrary, he became big in the fight against Wall Street. He is the personified victory of the "competitive system." Ford's career lives as an ideal in the hearts of the small business man, the poor mechanics, and even thousands and thousands of workers.

Ford and the Third Party.

Ford is no politician. He belongs to none of the political parties. But this fact also, does not act against him, but for him. The discontent breaking forth from the depths of small business men, intelligentsia and farmers has found three mass ex-

November Dues Payments Reach Record Mark

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Tabulation of the dues payments to the National Office of the Workers Party for the month of November show a total larger than at any time in the history of the party organization.

The dues figures for the month of November show an increase of over 1,500 as against the previous two months.

These figures are an indication of the success of the campaign for new members which the party has been conducting during the past two or three months.

The La Follette movement, which has a western center, the Hearst movement with an eastern center and the Ku Klux Klan movement with a southern center. Considered from a class standpoint, the La Follette, Hearst and Ku Klux Klan movements are various expressions of the same classes, farmers, small business men and intelligentsia. Politically they are, of course, very different from one another. The La Follette movement gives the dominant role to the farmers. Small business men determine the complexion of the Hearst movement. In the Ku Klux Klan, the most backward farmers, and especially the intelligentsia, dominate. The La Follette movement is one of farms, villages and small towns. The Hearst movement is mostly a political expression of big cities. The Ku Klux Klan represents the intelligentsia in the South; in Ohio and Illinois it represents the prejudices of the native-born workers; in upstate New York, the backward farmers. The La Follette movement wants an alliance with the exploited farmers and workers. The ideology of the Hearst movement is best represented in Brisbane's petty-bourgeois, pink Socialist editorials. The Ku Klux Klan wants to exterminate immigrant workers, destroy trade unions, crush international Jewry and international bankers. La Follette, Hearst and the Ku Klux Klan are produced by the same classes, but they are colored variously by the various strata of those classes which dominate in each movement, and by varying regional and historical traditions.

La Follette's overall provincialism, Hearst's evening suit Socialism, and the Ku Klux Klan tar and feather Americanism—only one man was able to unite in his person these three movements—Henry Ford. Henry Ford was the only possible candidate for president who could unite in himself all these elements on a national scale. He was the only one who, over the heads of the regional leaders, over the heads of La Follette, Hearst and the Ku Klux Klan could unite

the masses of these three movements against the old capitalist parties. He is with the Ku Klux Klan in Jew-baiting, but the small business man pardons him this because of his crusades against Wall Street. He is against trade unions; but the class conscious workers overlook this because he pays high wages. He is for a strong army; but the pacifist farmers forgive him because he is for cheap fertilizer and cheap coal and steel.

Emperor Ford.

And the last paradox. The farmers' ideal is democracy. They hate the dictatorship of the big interests and centralized government, and at the same time their ideal is Henry Ford who declares that he is not a good president for normal times, but only for a period of dictatorship, when the constitution does not count. It is unquestionable that farmers are a democratic class; but history shows that the political form of farmer democracy is very often the rule of a dictator. The economic and social role of the farmers explains this tendency. The farmers live dispersed, millions and millions of small units, and they can venture the fight against the overwhelming power of the centralized trusts, cities and banks only in the form of a centralized dictatorship. Napoleon I was made emperor by the French farmers, against the bourgeoisie of the cities. As Marx once expressed it: The strongest Napoleonic idea was the solid peasant plot of land. A dictatorship of the farmers was the fundamental of the Caesarism of Napoleon III. From farmers originated the movement which sought to make Roosevelt life-long president. If Ford's day-dreams of dictatorship would be realized, it would be a farmer dictatorship against centralized trusts, banks and big cities—and workers.

All these factors together explain how it came about that Henry Ford, the rich man and exploiter, became the idol of the poor and exploited.

Ford was the greatest and most formidable possibility for a Third

Party on a national scale, and at the same time the greatest menace against a class movement of class conscious workers and exploited farmers. This shows the chaos, a great confusion of American politics. It is the most serious symptom of the economic and political instability of our country, that the jest of Henry Ford's dictatorship became a possibility. It shows the most serious, the most serious of the seemingly proud and sound American capitalism, that the dissatisfaction and revolt of the masses could turn Henry Ford. Henry Ford was a narcotizing dope for the bankers' masses. What a world-history jest! Henry Ford as dictator of 110,000,000 people! A man with ignorance of a poor mechanic with all the autocratic tendencies of a big exploiter. A man who believes that he stands above all class contradictions because he is prepossessed with all the class prejudices of the narrow-minded petty bourgeoisie, the man of the coolest business calculation and uncalculated outbursts of rage, bordering on insanity. A man who in the whole United States amassed wealth most quickly and the greatest scale; and yet, thru superficial crusades against trusts has misled millions of poor and exploited.

Thru his immense private property Henry Ford is tied up with the general interests of capitalism. As a manufacturer he is against the profits of banks and basic industries. In Coolidge administration, the government of trusts and banks has simply bought out Henry Ford. Coolidge promised him Muscle Shoals. For the capitalist, has betrayed the masses who foolishly trusted him. Millions of farmers, small business men have become the poorer by illusion.

We Communists must utilize this opportunity to make clear to workers and exploited farmers a great lesson of Ford's betrayal. It is not a strong personality, but a strong