

'NONPARTISAN' LEAGUE REACTION OPPOSES MILLER

Help Private Banks by Futile Measures

(Special to The Daily Worker)
BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 23.—The suggestion made in the league legislative caucus by A. C. Miller, Communist member of the state legislature, that the Bank of North Dakota be made a depository for all public funds and authorized and empowered to establish branch banks and perform a general banking business in the state, has started a new discussion among league representatives.

Afraid of Private Interests.
Ever since the Bank of North Dakota was started the private banking interests have been on the alert, taking care that this state bank did not injure their business. For a time they were scared stiff that the so-called "non-partisan" leaguers might go "too far" with their experiments in state ownership and sound the death knell to private banking in the state. However, nothing serious happened to the private banks when the league was in full control of the state government for the simple reason that it did not go "too far" with such experiments. Since that time the league has become still more conservative and even reactionary there is, therefore, still less likelihood now that an attempt will be made to go "too far" in the way of eliminating the private banks.

The Communist Position.
State Senator Ralph Ingerson, leaguer, chairman of the house banking committee thinks he has a bank bill that will "solve" several of the problems connected with the Bank of North Dakota and he opposes the proposal made by Miller. Ingerson says his measure is "practical" and "diplomatic" and tells us that any banking bill that is introduced in the legislature ought not to bear the name of a Communist because then "it will not get very far."

When informed of Ingerson's statement Miller said that he was going through with his plans of introducing his bank measure until a better one showed up. "I'll support any other bank bill that is clearly in favor of the interests of the farmers and the workers, but I am against camouflage and diplomatic tricks that merely fool the masses," Miller said. "We must be frank with the farmers and the workers," he added.

See "The Beauty and the Bolshevik" at Ashland Auditorium Feb. 5.

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WORKERS SOLIDARITY IS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO THE PERSECUTIONS OF REVOLUTIONISTS EVERYWHERE

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NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—After having murdered the best leaders of the Estonian workers in cold blood and after having arrested more than 1,000 Communists in connection with the revolt that took place after the conviction of some 130 more, the capitalist government of Estonia began a campaign of suppression of the entire labor movement. All workers' organizations were raided; trade unions known for their militancy were dissolved. The Communists were hounded from one place to another.

Lithuania did not allow Estonia to get ahead of her. Almost simultaneously with the campaign in Estonia, the Lithuanian government started a campaign of terror against the revolutionary movement. Men and women were murdered—two girls were shot down in the streets.

In both Estonia and Lithuania the capitalist governments were able to carry out their dastardly plans because they had the support of the social democrats. More than that: the social democrats acted as the denouncers to the police of the Communist workers. Then they justified their cowardly, treacherous acts by stating that they were compelled to support the capitalists against the Communists, because "the safety of the capitalist regime in Estonia was threatened."

Not to be outdone by such little states as Lithuania and Estonia, Roumania and Bulgaria started their own campaigns of terror. In one night, Communist homes and headquarters were raided in Roumania and 400 Communists arrested. Realizing that the Bulgarian workers and peasants have not forgotten the slaughter of their brothers and sisters in the uprisings of June and September of 1923, and that the conditions within the country have steadily become worse, the capitalist governments have again started to attack the revolutionary labor movement.

Poland has handed over revolutionary members of the sejm (parliament) to the mercy of the capitalist court. Immunity as members of parliament counts for nothing. The representatives of the workers have no rights in Poland. The result was that a member of the Polish sejm, who had not been a part of the Communist faction, declared his solidarity with it and was sent to prison.

Why does the campaign take place at this time? Conditions in Europe are becoming worse, and the capitalists know of no other means of breaking the rising revolt of the workers and poor peasants. Why is Mussolini tottering in Italy? The economic conditions do not permit the workers and peasants to live. Why is Horthy's hold in Hungary weakening? Because the capitalists are trying to beat down the workers.

Why have the capitalists of the United States started a similar campaign against the workers? Why were two miners in Pennsylvania shot down in cold blood—and nothing done to punish the murderers? Why are the wages of the anthracite miners and of the textile workers being ground down? Why are the Communists being brought before the capitalist courts in Michigan? Why are Communist editors being arrested and prosecuted in New York? Why do the capitalists of this country declare that the workers must accept lower wages if they are to get work at all?

There are two reasons for this united campaign against the workers of all countries. First, the economic conditions are making the workers revolt. Second, the capitalists had hoped the Soviet Russia would disintegrate—because of economic conditions. They see that Soviet Russia cannot be beaten. They see that the British trade union delegation has only good words in praise of the conditions that they found upon their recent visit to Soviet Russia.

Soviet Russia is a menace to the capitalist world. The Communist parties are a menace to capitalist power. Hence everything smacking of revolution must be smashed. Revolutionists must be put behind prison bars; their families must be persecuted; their children must be starved. Then perhaps the revolutionists will become more "moderate." The revolutionists know no fear—and the fight goes on.

But revolutionists must be supported and helped. It is the duty of the American workers to do their very utmost to assist them. The International Workers' Aid and the Labor Defense Council have that mission. The financial situation is very bad—and the calls made upon these two organizations are very great. Hence the two organizations arranged a joint bazaar, which will take place at the Lyceum, 86th St. and 3rd Ave., New York City, from Feb. 11 to 14. The response that the bazaar is meeting with demonstrates that the workers of New York City are moving forward. The bazaar will be a huge success. Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Germany, Bland, Hungary, India, Java—the same persecutions. Workers solidarity is the only alternative.

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USE NEGROES IN NEXT WAR, SAYS LONDON "EXPERT"

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LONDON, England, Jan. 23.—Military "experts" meeting here to plan how to fight the next war are studying the book of J. B. S. Haldane, called "The Defense in Chemical Warfare," in which Haldane declares that the next war will be fought largely by Negro troops directed by white officers.

The "experts" are recalling the number of French and English colonial troops slaughtered in the last war, and give much credence to Haldane's prediction. Haldane declares that "colored troops can stand poison gas better than white."

It is expected that perhaps the colonial peoples who are to be led to slaughter by the imperialistic nations which exploit their labor at home will make vigorous protest against Haldane's book.

Ignorant of Influenza in Japan.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Japanese embassy here announced today it was without information regarding a large loss of life in Japan due to influenza. It was said that the influenza had been prevalent in some parts of Japan and a number of deaths have resulted.

Refuse to Post Debt Speech.
PARIS, Jan. 23.—The chamber of deputies, by a vote of 290 to 224, rejected today a motion to post on bulletin boards copies of Deputy Marin's speech on the Franco-American debt.

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Mellon Interests Reaching Out for More Easy Millions

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ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 23.—The Andrew Mellon interests are making a bold bid for a huge part of about a billion dollars worth of water power in the St. Lawrence river. The New York water power commission, composed of five republicans, has the disposal of this power and the St. Lawrence Transmission company, wants half a billion dollars worth of it.

According to its published statement in Moody's Manual, this company is controlled by the \$100,000,000 Aluminum company of America, from which Andrew W. Mellon resigned to become secretary of the treasury. His brother, Richard B. Mellon, is still a director and the company's vice-president; G. R. Gibbons is also vice-president of the St. Lawrence Transmission company.

The Aluminum company already has the use of about \$50,000,000 worth of St. Lawrence power on which no rental has been paid to New York state since the plant began to operate in 1918. It was authorized then as a war measure, provided the assent of the state could be obtained. In consideration of the war emergency New York state waived its rights. Since the war it has unsuccessfully tried to fix a rental, which the St. Lawrence River Power company, (said to be controlled by the Aluminum company of America), could be induced to pay

DISGRACE TO BELONG TO TEXAS KLAN, SAYS GOVERNOR'S HUSBAND

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AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 23.—The Klux Klan is dead politically in Texas, James Ferguson, once impeached as governor of Texas, and now transacting much of the business for which his wife, newly elected governor, is responsible, said today. "The politicians are leaving the Klan like rats leaving a sinking ship," Ferguson said. "It's a disgrace now to belong to the Klan in Texas."

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Washington Discusses a Treaty

The senate foreign relations committee of which Senator William E. Borah of Idaho is chairman met to discuss the treaty signed between the government of Japan and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

An official report of the proceedings was not made public but it was unofficially hinted, after the meeting, that more than one member of the committee used strong language in discussing the policy of Secretary of State Hughes in his conduct of the state department, with reference to the United States attitude towards Russia.

It was intimated that this policy of hate and hostility was mainly responsible for the comparatively strong position which the treaty with Russia gives Japan in the Pacific. Without a sufficient supply of oil to provide fuel for the Japanese navy, it was admitted by U. S. naval officers that the Mikado's navy would never dare risk a contest with the naval forces of the United States.

The senate foreign relations committee fears that besides the published clauses of the treaty there is also a secret alliance between Moscow and Japan. As capitalist statesmen can think only in terms of bourgeois diplomacy, it is not surprising that they should suspect some agreement between the two governments in view of the world political situation.

British diplomacy now aims at driving the United States and Japan into hostilities. It has been the historical policy of Britain to dispose of her foremost naval and commercial competitor, Navies, as a rule are built for the protection of trade and trade routes.

The foreign policy of Secretary Hughes is now undergoing a critical examination by the senate committee on foreign relations and his willingness to commit the United States to Britain's anti-Soviet strategy has led to developments which do not look good to many prominent senate leaders.

Teapot Dome Again

The honorable millionaire's club known as the United States senate got its last kick out of the Teapot Dome scandal when by a vote of 40 to 30 it adopted the report by T. J. Walsh, of Montana, condemning A. B. Fall and others, implicated in the leasing of the naval reserve oil lands to Doheney and Sinclair.

This vote means very little except that it marks the falling of the curtain on the great scandal that thrilled two continents last spring, so far as the senate is concerned. The solons have spoken for the record. Doheney and Sinclair have the oil. Fall has the graft. Everything is well on the banks of the Potomac. The road is now clear for another graft orgy.

Vienna socialists have been forced to sell their great bakery founded fifteen years ago and capitalized at 1,000,000,000 Austrian crowns. This gigantic concern once supplied 40 per cent of Vienna's bread. The Austrian socialists are broke financially and politically. The workmen's councils were also dissolved. Exit social-democrats!

The Soviet government was invited to send delegates to the opium conference. Tchitcherin replied in diplomatic language that the conference was no place for a representative from an honest government. The Soviet government was putting down the opium traffic, not merely talking about it.

The German Republic Totters

Dr. Luther, chancellor of the new German cabinet and well known monarchist admitted in his second speech in the reichstag, since his government assumed power that he and his colleagues discussed the question of changing the form of the German government, but decided that it "should remain a constitutional republic."

His speech created a sensation in the reichstag, but Luther was not worrying about that. The republic which was born out of the blood sacrifice of the German workers has proven itself to be an instrument of capitalism just as the monarchy under the kaiser was. Luther knows that the German working class cannot be as willing to fight for the preservation of a sham republic today as they were during the Kapp uprising.

What a commentary on the accomplishments of social-democracy! Those capitalist bootlickers boasted that they saved Germany from the grip of a dictatorship when they crushed the proletarian revolution and blocked the path of those who aimed to establish the rule of the workers thru a Soviet republic. The corpses of the revolutionary leaders of the working class were offered by the social democrats as proof of their abiding faith in capitalist democracy.

The battle going on in Germany today is between two extremes, the monarchist-fascist-junker-industrialist reactionaries against the Communists, who do not make a fetish of democracy. Both sides know it is a fight to the death, between the capitalist system which the former are prepared to fight to preserve, and Communism which the latter will fight to establish.

A vegetarian expresses the opinion that there is little difference between a capitalist who works children long hours in a factory and a Communist who eats meat. It could be said with greater justification that there is little difference between the brain that houses such intellectual offal and a garbage pail.

The Busted Balkan Alliance

After the tory government assumed power in England, the first important move of the foreign office chief, Austin Chamberlain, was to tour Europe in an effort to form an anti-Soviet alliance of all European countries that British diplomacy could rope into such a scheme without endangering any of the imperial interests.

Judging by the propaganda that followed in the wake of Chamberlain's visit, the attempt was crowned with success. Paris, Rome and every capital city in the Balkans broke into print. It looked very dark for the Bolshevik government. But the excitement resulting from the publicity lasted less than a week. Then the fog cleared and the crooks began to talk about the things they were most interested in, that is, their immediate graft.

Chamberlain made a special effort to fix the Balkans against Soviet Russia. He got the Yugo-Slav and the Bulgarian governments into a conference and one of his proposals was the reorganization of the Wrangel army, the remnants of which are still in Bulgaria and Jugo-Slavia. These bandits were used by the Bulgarian government to crush the peasant uprising in 1923.

Another part of the Chamberlain scheme was that King Boris of Bulgaria should marry Princess Lianna of Roumania. Since then this proposed marriage has been called off. Perhaps the Queen of Roumania is of the opinion that King Boris' head is none too stable.

Bishop Fan Noli, head of the Albanian government was informed by Chamberlain that England would aid him against his adversary Ahmed Bey Nogu if it expelled the Soviet representative from Albania.

Chamberlain's plot was not confined to the Balkans alone; Turkey, Afghanistan and Finland were included. Unfortunately however for the ambitious plan, the robbers could not come to terms and even England was compelled to disavow the actions of the foreign minister after their failure was patent. "A diplomatic denial usually means less than nothing, but in this case it meant that the power of the Soviet government was impregnable.

Abramovich Exposed as Enemy of Soviets

(Continued from page 1) The Russian counter-revolutionists in the United States. "Why? First let us remember that wherever the Russian counter-revolutionists succeeded in establishing a base of operations, they invariably strengthened the reactionary forces of that country against the forces of labor and progress generally.

"I might remark, in passing, that it is generally quite difficult to separate the home affairs of a country from its foreign affairs. This is particularly true with regard to problems of a country of such world importance as Soviet Russia. It is conceivable, of course, for a capitalist government to follow a policy of aggression (diplomatic, economic or military) toward Soviet Russia and at the same time attempt to pursue a 'liberal' policy toward the labor movement at home.

"From this it follows that in the measure in which the Russian counter-revolutionists, now concentrating in the United States, will succeed in swaying the American government to their side, this will produce not only aggression and hostility toward Soviet Russia but also an intensified offensive against American labor and against the progressive social forces in America generally.

"The mission of R. Abramovich, active counter-revolutionist and representative of the Second International, must be analyzed and considered very carefully. What does Abramovich want in the United States? The Program of Abramovich. "You have read the statement of the central executive committee of our party. It tells you in few and plain words what Abramovich wants to achieve. Let me enumerate his ambitions.

"1. He wants to arouse prejudice and sentiment against Soviet Russia in order to strengthen the reactionary opponents of recognition and to prevent a possible commercial and political rapprochement between the United States and Russia.

"2. He wants to mobilize and gain the support of the reactionary bureaucrats in the A. F. of L. against the movement for international unity of the trade unions initiated by the Red International of Labor Union, and he will fight particularly against the recently formed 'Anglo-Russian Unity Committee' of the trade unions of those two countries.

"3. He wants to strengthen the reactionary wing in the American labor movement against its left wing, its militants and Communists.

"4. He wants to assist the American bankers and the American government to convert our labor movement to the support of the Dawes' plan, which means the support of the imperialist, plundering ambitions of American capitalism, and

"5. He wants to collect money for the Russian counter-revolution. Coincidences and Developments. "These are his main tasks. Now, please consider, in connection with the above, the following coincidence of facts.

"Gompers died. This meant the removal from the political scene of one of the bitterest enemies of Soviet Russia and one of the most trusted agents of American imperialism in the labor movement of the United States. The forces of reaction and capitalism in the American Federation of Labor have thereby been considerably weakened.

"Then, what happens? R. Abramovich comes to the United States. He is a 'socialist', a 'labor' man. He is an 'expert' on Russia. He is on friendly terms with the reactionaries in the A. F. of L. He can gain their ear. He will give them the latest dope on Russia and international developments generally. He will bolster them up, solidify them, and in this way Abramovich will be fulfilling one of the duties of the dead Gompers.

"Accidentally Abramovich arrives in the United States just in time. A Flood of Lies Expected. "Another coincidence. Charles E. Hughes is being retired from the office of secretary of state, which means again the removal from a powerful position of an uncompromising opponent of the recognition of Soviet Russia.

"Then, what happens? Abramovich comes to the United States. Altho he has been out of Russia for years, he is supposed to possess valuable knowledge on conditions in Soviet Russia. He will tell stories about the persecution of 'socialists.' He will paint terrible pictures of the 'slavery and oppression' of the working masses in Soviet Russia. He will relate brilliant mythology of how Georgia has been 'crushed' under the iron heel of the Communist dictatorship.

"He will probably enrich our knowledge on the 'persecution and oppression' of the Jews in Soviet Russia. And . . . oh yes, I nearly forgot Comrade Trotsky. Abramovich will also tell us something about Comrade Trotsky. How the latter is being held in strict confinement, under heavy guard, for fear that he might divulge to Abramovich some terrible secrets of the 'oppressive' rule of the Soviet government.

"Menhevik Opposes Labor Unity. "Abramovich will tell us all kinds of stories, but in doing so he will have only one purpose in mind—to continue the noble work of Charles E. Hughes. You see, comrades, it is merely 'coincidence' that Abramovich comes to America at the very moment when Hughes is about to retire from the office of secretary of state. By this I don't mean to imply that Coolidge will appoint Abramovich to the position of secretary of state. No, far be it from me to imply any such thing. What I do mean is this, that Abramovich will be made very good use of by every reactionary and enemy of labor in the United States.

"Then, a third coincidence. The British trade union delegation, headed by Purcell, which recently visited Soviet Russia, was greatly impressed by the strength of the Soviet government, the continual improvement of the economics of Russia and of the general conditions of the working classes, and particularly by the fact that the Russian workers are actually learning to govern and rule in the interests of the masses and against their exploiters. The report of the delegation is extremely favorable to Soviet Russia and to the Russian Communist Party.

"Furthermore, while in Russia the British trade union delegation jointly with the trade unions of Soviet Russia formed what is known as the 'Anglo-Russian Unity Committee' for the purpose of promoting the movement for international unity of the trade unions throughout the world. You will recognize, comrades, that this is an event of first class importance. It signifies the beginning of an alliance between the workers of Russia and England which will have far reaching consequences in the development of the world revolution.

COMRADE LENIN: Hard and unassailable as he was to all those who were our enemies, the bourgeoisie and the social-traitors, he could be and was lovable not only to the working class in general, but to each individual worker and toiler with whom he came in contact. The sons of our class he warmed by the rays of his great love, which was like the southern sun. Lenin was a comrade to each and all of the workers whom he met. Simultaneously he was a teacher, a brother, a leader and a friend.—Zinoviev.

District 9 Campaign Speeds Up

"ALTHO this local of ours is only a small one, less than twenty members, we realize the necessity of the DAILY WORKER, and we will stay in the drive to the end, trying to 'clean up' our quota."

This letter from a Finnish comrade in Orr, Minn., expresses the spirit of District 9. Indirectly, it also explains why so many branches have not yet reported in the policy campaign. Innumerable other small branches are sprinkled thruout the territory of north Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, separated from the general labor movement as well as from each other. How can they be united in an amalgamated campaign to bring the insurance drive to a clean-out victory?

Of the 88 branches in the district, only 32 have a record of achievement. Their total contribution amounts to \$674.00 as compared to a quota of \$5,766. But they are just getting into action! From Newberry, Mich., comes their slogan, "We will continue selling the policies until they are gone."

The Duluth, Minn., Finnish branch has set the pace by remitting \$71.00, closely followed by the St. Paul English branch with \$68.00. The sole Ukrainian branch in this district, after disposing of its first \$50.00 books, sends for another, just as these comrades have conquered the rock and iron and barren earth of this region, we are assured that they will conquer their District 9 quota!

Branches in District 9 That Are Leaders in Drive to Insure The Daily Worker

Table listing branches and their contributions: Czechoslovak, St. Paul, Minn.; English, Duluth, Minn.; English, Hancock, Mich.; English, Rochester, Minn.; English, St. Paul, Minn.; English, Superior, Wis.; Finnish, Ahmeek, Mich.; Finnish, Ashland, Wis.; Finnish, Bovey, Minn.; Finnish, Brainerd, Minn.; Finnish, Ewen, Mich.; Finnish, Chisholm, Minn.; Finnish, Cromwell, Minn.; Finnish, Duluth, Minn.; Finnish, Gilbert, Minn.; Finnish, Hancock, Mich.; Finnish, Ironwood, Mich.; Finnish, North Ironwood, Mich.; Finnish, Marengo, Wis.; Finnish, Newberry, Mich.; Finnish, Orr, Minn.; Finnish, Palidde, Minn.; Finnish, Red Granite, Wis.; Finnish, Superior, Wis.; German, St. Paul, Minn.; Jewish, St. Paul, Minn.; Lettish, Bloomville, Wis.; Russian, Minneapolis, Minn.; Russian, St. Paul, Minn.; South Slavic, Chisholm, Minn.; Ukrainian, Minneapolis, Minn.

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(The conclusion of Bittelman's address will appear in Monday's issue.)