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HALT SEATTLE DRIVE ON "REDS" 750,000 Workers and Peasants Starve

WORST FAMINE SINCE "BLACK '47" HITS IRISH COAST FROM DONEGAL TO CORK; CROPS AND FUEL FAIL

(Special to the DAILY WORKER)
DUBLIN, Ireland, Feb. 13.—The most disastrous famine since the great tragedy of '47, has stricken Ireland. From Donegal in the north to Cork in the south on the west coast, 750,000 workers and peasants are threatened with death from starvation.

Cold as well as hunger has the unfortunate people in its clutches. The continual rain destroyed the fuel supply as well as the potato crop. The potatoes rotted in the ground and the peat bogs were so flooded that the turf could not be cut or dried.

In addition to the calamitous visitation of nature, the British trawlers have destroyed the fishing industry on the west coast. Fishing is the principal means of livelihood of the peasant fisherman of the west.

AS WE SEE IT By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

NOT even the flaming green dress of the ex-Communist member of the house of commons, Ellen Wilkinson, created as big a sensation as the speech of David Kirkwood of Glasgow, when he threw some hot shot into the British royal family in criticizing the expenditure of large sums of money on the various tours of the prince of Wales. It is more than likely that Long Island, New York, the Boston Bay and whatever part of Chicago the moneyed aristocracy live, will demand Kirkwood's expulsion from the house for this piece of les majeste.

THE trouble arose when the government moved for a grant of \$65,000 for David's visit to Argentina and an additional \$10,000 to extend his visit to Uruguay, from which country he had also received an invitation. There is oil, or iron or some other thing in Uruguay that kings and princes like to get on good terms with, so they have a decided aversion to getting callouses on their hands from it.

DAVID KIRKWOOD is not a Communist, but as a certain labor leader would say, he "likes to blow his hazzoo off" every once in a while, like Jack Jones, another laborite, who divides his leisure hours between singing the Red Flag and presenting the queen's daughter with roses. However, Kirkwood began to talk and the longer he talked the more he forgot his dignity and his caution. He thought it was a shame that the prince should be brought up as a social waster and be sent around the world to act the role of clown.

SHOUTS and hoots of disapproval from the Tories greeted Kirkwood's remarks. The Clyde was having its inning, even the David is careful not to let the business get beyond the danger point. The Scotch laborite suggested that the prince take a trip around his own country first and he would see things, that would shock an Australian bushman. He would see indications of poverty that he never even dreamt of. But the prince and the capitalists who own the prince, have other uses for him besides the role of social waster.

COMMENTING on the recent statement of the socialist Ethel Snowden, that the royal family endeared itself to the British working class because of its courtesy to MacDonald, Snowden, Henderson and Thomas, Kirkwood did not seem to think that this courtesy was thoroughly appreciated by the ill paid workers. "My class of work is hard for small wages," shouted Kirkwood. "Then what wages do you think the prince of Wales gets from his duchy in Cornwall? He gets over \$150,000 from that alone. I call shame on you who are responsible for the awful conditions under which the class from which I spring live and have their being."

THIS was the kind of language the plutes did not like to hear and they were boiling with rage. Then another labor member, G. Buchanan began to run more salt into the Tory wounds. "I have not any use for royalty at all," he shouted. "I consider them grossly overpaid. People just as good as the prince of Wales are living in poverty by the thousands." Buchanan could have told the house that 750,000 Irish workers and peasants, subjects of the prince's father, are living in a state of actual starvation, yet money is found to send

NEW RUHR REVOLT

(Special to the DAILY WORKER)
BERLIN, Feb. 13.—Ominous with anger the Ruhr miners threaten violent revolt to avenge the murder of the estimated 138 of their fellow workers who, dying in a great mine explosion in the Stein mine at Dortmund Wednesday night, are blazoned by Communists throughout all Germany as victims of the Dawes plan of enslavement of German labor to allied and, chiefly, American banks.

In the Ruhr, spontaneous revolutionary meetings are gathering tens of thousands into threatening masses, menacing one of the greatest in the mining history of Germany, is sweeping the whole working class and forecasts an upheaval led by Communists against the Dawes plan, which miners prove has laid such tribute upon German labor that they are speeded and driven into the most dangerous working conditions at starvation wages.

FREE HOSPITAL CLOSED TO SICK CITY WORKERS

Afflicted Are Turned
Away Untreated

The board of county commissioners has imperilled the lives of Chicago's sick workers, Cook county hospital officials reveal. The city council, and Mayor Dever have without protest allowed the Cook county hospital to drift into a condition that the head of the hospital staff admitted "is dangerously acute." Although the Cook county hospital is directly controlled by the county board of commissioners, it is the only public institution able to accommodate Chicago's sick workers.

IRISH FAMINE RELIEF COMMITTEE ORGANIZED BY WORKERS PARTY ON RECEIPT OF CABLE FROM DUBLIN

The American office of the International Workers' Aid, received the following cablegram from Dublin, Ireland, yesterday morning: "750,000 workers and peasants starving. Following counties stricken: Donegal, Mayo, Galway, Leitrim, Clare, Kerry, Cork and Roscommon. Fishing industry ruined by British trawlers. Potatoes destroyed by flood. International Workers' Aid establishing committee in Donegal. Dublin committee formed. Organize famine relief in United States. Rush assistance." (Signed) Workers' International Aid.

Promptly on receipt of this cable the central executive committee of the Workers Party and the International Workers' Aid met and decided to comply with the appeal from Ireland. The following committee on Irish famine relief was named with power to take immediate steps to organize a nation-wide campaign for the raising of funds for relief: William F. Dunne, James P. Cannon, Joseph Manley, George Maurer and Thomas J. O'Flaherty. Comrade O'Flaherty was appointed secretary.

NEW YORK PARTY NOTES

- Feb. 16-8 p. m. 208 E. 12th St. Meeting of Branch Educational Directors.
- Feb. 16-8 p. m. Bronx Class in Elementary English, 523 E. 173rd St.
- Feb. 17-8 p. m. Bronx Class in A. B. C. of Communism, 1347 Boston Rd.
- Feb. 22-8 p. m. Harlem Open Forum, 64 E. 104th St., Joseph Manley.
- Feb. 28-8 p. m. Bronx Affair, 1347 Boston Road. Dancing, refreshments.

Unite For Struggle Against the Capitalist Class!

To the Delegates Representing Workers and Exploited Farmers at the Convention of the Conference for Progressive Political Action, Chicago, February 21

DEAR Comrades and Brothers: You have been sent to this gathering because those whom you represent are suffering, under the dictatorship of the capitalist class. The workers and farmers who sent you want to find that program and form of organization that will enable them to struggle effectively against capitalist exploitation and oppression. But the convention you are attending will not do that for you. It is built up on a wrong basis—upon a middle-class program, with middle-class ideas, controlled by middle-class leaders, controlled by men who do not represent workers and farmers. You have among you, claiming to be your leaders, speaking in your name, writing your documents, and controlling your conferences, men who belong to another class hostile to you—small bankers, manufacturers, merchants, lawyers, capitalist journalists and politicians. This middle-class element are interested in but two things—(1) How to prevent the workers and farmers from making their own independent class fight; and (2) how to use the workers and farmers to advance the interests of the small bankers, business men, and the middle classes generally. We warn you that such misleaders will surely betray you. They will not join in any kind of struggle in your interests. They are even fearful of forming a middle class "third party," not to speak of a party that would represent and fight for the interests of the toiling masses. An attempt will be made to fool you by throwing the mantle of socialism over the conference (but very carefully, so as not to scare away the bankers.) Do not be fooled by those who call themselves "socialists" in this conference, and who, in the name of socialism, ask you to surrender your interests to middle-class leaders. These are the same kind of socialists, belonging to the same organization, the Second International, who plotted to restore the Kaiser, who shot down and imprisoned thousands of workers, and who are in partnership with J. P. Morgan in the enslavement of the European working class thru the Dawes plan. They are the same kind of "socialists" as those in Russia who took up arms against the first workers' and farmers' government who joined in every Czarist adventure, and who still plot the overthrow of the Soviet government of Russia in the interest of world imperialism. These "socialists" are the servants of the same ruling class which robs and oppresses you, which has forced you to that revolt which brings you to conventions and meetings to seek new means of struggle. They are the agents of the capitalist class within your meetings, seeking to soften your determination and to reconcile you to continued exploitation and to prevent your struggles. But you do not need to rely upon these alien elements, whose interests are bound up in protecting capitalism against your assaults, and who therefore come to you only to betray you. You do not need the pale and futile programs which do not touch your real interests. You do not need their fake programs and organizations which are incapable of putting up any kind of a fight for your interests. No! You already have a party that fights for your interests all of the time, that has a program based

RANK AND FILE SUPPORT OF COMMUNISTS FORCES FAKERS ON COAST TO HASTY RETREAT

(Special to The Daily Worker)
SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 13.—The Seattle Central Labor Council at its last meeting gave ample evidence that it has no desire to inaugurate a policy of strife and disruption of the local labor movement, at least not for the present.

Although it did refuse to rescind its action of previous week favoring the expulsion of Communist delegates by a vote of 90 to 35, nevertheless the strong determined stand taken by several of the largest unions such as the bakers, machinists and others, who in unmistakable terms in their resolution showed the council that its action is one of disruption and strife and demanding that it rescind it and attend to its business, brought the council back to its senses.

President Apologizes for Action
The president of the council Jepsen at the close of the vote taken on the resolutions of the bakers and machinists apologized for his unfairness and discrimination against the Communists and militant delegates during the previous week and stated he did so in fear of a filibuster.

"Let Matter Drop"—Say Council Officers.
He also stated he was sorry the matter was broadcasted and said the matter was now settled. Doyle, secretary-business agent of the council also stated the matter was settled. Similar statements were made by conservative opponents who apparently realized the serious danger the red baiting might lead to.

Bakers Support Paul Mohr.
At the very beginning of last night's meeting, President Borstal of bakers stated in clear unmistakable terms that left no doubt in the minds of the council that the resolution adopted by his local was unanimous and that they are determined that should the Communist delegate Paul Mohr, who for more than thirty years dedicated himself to the building up of his local union, and the local labor movement, be expelled, they would send him back repeatedly.

Joe Havel, Communist delegate, stated the council's action is one of disruption and pointed out the great sacrifice made by Communists in every fight for the interests of the labor movement. He told the business agents frankly that they feared the Communists because of their opposition to the bosses plan. He urged (Continued on page 3)

Iowa Bank Fails.
IOWA CITY, Iowa, Feb. 13.—The Commercial State bank of Iowa City, with deposits of more than \$2,000,000 closed its doors here today. State Bank Examiner J. A. Heing has taken charge of the bank.

When you buy, get an "Ad" for the DAILY WORKER.

N. Y. DISTRICT OF YOUNG WORKERS' LEAGUE STARTS CAMPAIGN AGAINST RELIGIOUS TRAINING IN SCHOOLS

(Special to The Daily Worker)
NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 13.—Sanctioned by the superintendent of schools, the religious training is first to be tried in Public School No. 46, Manhattan, where training will be given in catholicism, protestantism, Judaism, according to the professed faith of the child.

It can easily be seen that all the religious fakers are united in poisoning the minds of the children, and they don't care under what name it is done. There are at present seven bills in seven different state legislatures calling for religious training. This menace must be met by the resistance of all working class parents.

The Young Workers League is calling conferences of the different organizations of parents, and thru the junior sections will carry on a campaign to fight all form of religious training. The Young Workers League calls upon all the working class parents to PROTEST against the introduction of religious training in the public schools, and to send their children to the junior section of the Young Workers League, the organization of working class children that will carry on the fight against the new poison that the capitalists are trying to pour out to dope the minds of the children of the working class. (Continued on page 4.)

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COMMUNISTS WILL NOT BULWARK CAPITALIST RULE

Refuse to Pledge Not to Fight for Labor

(Special to The Daily Worker)
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 13.—The Minneapolis Trades and Labor Assembly took its first action in ousting all Communists from seats as delegates at its regular meeting night. On motion of Delegate Hines of the Typographical Union, a former member of the socialist party, the assembly asked special A. F. of L. Representative Smith to obligate every delegate in accordance with the new by-laws adopted at the last meeting.

Smith took the floor and stated that the executive council of the A. F. of L. had made a decision that the Workers (Communist) Party was a dual and revolutionary organization and no members of such organization can be delegates in the new assembly. He further reiterated his former statements that all Communists better get out and stay out.

Skoglund Leads Party Defense.

When the credentials of Comrade Carl Skoglund were read as a delegate from Carman's Union No. 239, a question was asked as to whether he was a member of the Workers Party. Comrade Skoglund took the floor and stated that he was a member of the Workers (Communist) Party, that the Workers Party was the only political party fighting for the class interests of the workers, and finally that he would refuse to take the obligation of the assembly so long as it contained a provision pledging support to the present strikebreaking capitalist government.

He proceeded to read a statement setting forth his position as a Communist. This statement was listened to attentively by the overwhelming number of delegates and many gave expression to the thought that the right wing was going too far in their attack. When the reading of the statement was almost completed, Delegate Spellman raised a point of order, charging that the speaker was spreading Communist propaganda. The objection was sustained by Chairman Anderson, Comrade Skoglund being ruled off the floor and asked to leave the hall.

The Left Wing Walks Out.

Immediately following this, Smith called on all delegates to take the obligation. J. O. Johnson, L. A. Roseland, Walter Frank, Robert Peterson, George Thornton and William Mauser, together with several delegates who are not yet members of the Workers, stated that they would not take the obligation, that they would continue their efforts to build, strengthen and unify the trade union movement by working in their locals, and then left the hall.

The left wing forces announce that they are going to launch an immediate campaign to carry their message to the rank and file workers of Minneapolis. An extensive program of constructive activity has been mapped out, which provides for the holding of two large mass meetings.

The first is to be held at the Jupiter Hall, 2514 Lincoln St., N. E., on Friday, February 27, at 8 p. m., and the second to be held at Camden Auditorium, 1616 Forty-first Ave. N., on Tuesday, March 3, at 8 p. m.

The statement submitted to the assembly by Comrades Skoglund and Frank on the reason why the Communists would not take the counter-revolutionary obligation, will be published in the next issue of the DAILY WORKER.

Greeks and Turks Mobilize Armies On Thracian Border

VIENNA, Austria, Feb. 13.—The Greek government is rushing negotiations with the Pachtist fascist dictatorship of Jugo-Slavia for a treaty of friendship, at the same time that they are massing troops on the Thracian frontier to be ready to attack the Turks.

Turkey is reported to have evacuated Adrianople. The Greeks are heavily fortifying their borders with reserves. The Turks are also mobilizing their forces.

STANDARD OIL BOOSTS PRICE 10 TO 30 CENTS PER BARREL IN ONE DAY

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 13.—The Jos. Seep company, purchasing agents for the Standard Oil company, here, today announced increases of 25 cents a barrel in Cabell, Somerset medium and Somerset light and 10 cents a barrel in Ragland oils.

The new prices are Cabell, \$2.20; Somerset medium, \$2.30; Somerset light, \$2.45, and Ragland, \$1.30 a barrel.

Later in the day the agency announced Corning grade oil would be advanced thirty cents to \$2.25 a barrel. There will be no addition increase announced today, the agency stated.

Prices in other grades were unchanged.

CLAIM SCAB COAL FROM KENTUCKY SHUTS BLOOMINGTON RAIL SHOPS

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Feb. 13.—One hundred eighty employees of the Chicago & Alton Railway shops were out of work here today, suspended, officials said, because of the slump in coal traffic due to inroads of cheaper non-union fuel from Kentucky and West Virginia. A retrenchment program was then in effect in other departments, it was also said.

LOW WAGES FORCE FAMILIES TO STINT SELVES ON MILK WITH THE CHILDREN AS WORST SUFFERERS

By LELAND OLDS
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

How low wages force workers' families to stint themselves on milk is shown in a survey of milk consumption in Philadelphia by the United States department of agriculture.

The department found that members of families with very limited income consumed an average of only .51 of a pint a day.

Families in which the husband made fairly good wages consumed .60 of a pint a day. Families of salaried and professional men with good incomes averaged .73 of a pint a day per person.

Wealthy families in the best residential sections purchased .81 of a pint a day for each member.

That members of well-to-do families can consume 60 per cent more milk than poor families is important to the health of the community for a majority of the children grow up in families with low incomes. But it is also important to the dairy farmer. A general advance in the spending power of the working class would mean a material increase in the demand for his products. If low income families could afford as much milk as the wealthy, the milk consumed by the average family of five in a year would increase by about 63 gallons. Multiply this figure by several million and you will see what better wages would mean to the dairy farmer.

R. R. STRIKERS BEAT UP SCABS AS BOSSES HIDE

PEKIN, China, Feb. 13.—Railway strikers have tied up the lines connecting Pekin and Shanghai, demanding better treatment from the railway management which they claim robs them continuously with deductions, fines and underpay.

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Educators Meet Here To Discuss How Best To Serve the Bosses

The vocational educational association of the middle west, an organization comprising officials in the public schools of eight states, is holding its convention in the Sherman Hotel.

All the members of the Chicago board of education were present sitting at the speakers' table and Superintendent William McAndrew made a speech. McAndrew was in his element. This is not surprising, knowing how keen he is on vocational training in the public schools. But on this occasion he chose to lay low on that subject. Rather he beamed forth with quotations from Presidents Washington, Adams, Madison, Monroe and Lincoln to make his point that citizenship must be the underlying principle in education. But McAndrew did not make clear just what this organization was driving at as others did.

For instance, Everett S. Lyon, of St. Louis, branded the commercial courses in high schools as utter failures because they did not give pupils the mental equipment to carry them to business success. J. C. Wright, of Washington, said the junior high school was the only remedy for existing ills in the educational system. The ills referred to were very obvious. They were the method of wasting cultural education or working class children. A more efficient method for serving business was the vocational training of the junior highs which starts training them as soon as they are thru with the "three R's."

Finnish Branch Will Hold Masquerade Ball Saturday, February 21

The Finnish branch of W. P. of A., local Chicago, is arranging a masquerade ball for Saturday, Feb. 21, at Imperial Hall, 2409 N. Halsted St. Cash prizes will be given contestants in best costumes depicting Communist principles, and for pretty and comical costumes. A good time is assured to all attending.

I. W. W. ELECTION PUZZLE FINALLY SHOWS RESULTS

But Discussion Is Just Beginning

After two weeks of continuous labor the ballot committee to count the results of the general referendum ballot put out by the I. W. W. after its Sixteenth General Convention which ended last November, has ended its task of counting a total of 1,260 ballots. These are all who voted out of about 30,000 members.

The result was delayed and is still the subject of much discussion which is shunted into the internal and little read General Office Bulletin, conflict developing within the committee and spreading to the general executive board, over the question of counting 16 votes from Ashtabula, Ohio, which would have altered the election of the new general secretary-treasurer.

579 to 587 W/ith 16 Doubtful.

So much in doubt is the election of Arthur Coleman who, with J. I. Turner, stood for the office, that the official organ of the I. W. W. cryptically states that 579 votes "were counted" for Turner and 587 for Coleman.

It appears that the 16 ballots of Ashtabula would have given the office to Turner, and the stubs of these ballots, showing in duplicate detail how each member had voted were sent to the Chicago office, but the ballots themselves were burned by the branch secretary.

To Count "Ballots" Not Votes.

Much bitterness developed over the counting of these votes. The matter was at least temporarily settled by Turner renouncing his claim to be elected by such narrow margin, and the ballot committee deciding that since it was a "ballot" committee and not a "stub" committee it would not count the Ashtabula votes. Neither candidate ran upon any issue of policy or of principle and this accounts for the narrow margin, it being largely a question of personal influence.

The vote to expell the "injunctionites" carried quite overwhelmingly, this being a clear matter of policy. Fred Bowerman was expelled by a vote of 1,110 to 212. James Rowan was expelled by 1,098 votes to 219. The other expelled members are P. D. Ryan, Charles Anderson and Harry Trotter.

There were 78 questions left to referendum, the large majority being inconsequential changes in the constitution. Among the more important were one repealing the clause which limits membership in the I. W. W. to actual wage workers and a similar abolition of job branches. Both were defeated.

Queer Contradiction on "Politics."

Two questions of considerable importance which are being subjected to sharp criticism are those relating to the political activities of members. One amendment carried, prohibits any member from becoming an officer of a political party. But tho they may not be an officer of a political party, the carrying of Question No. 75 permits any member to become an elected official of the capitalist government, even if nominated and supported by a capitalist political party, such as the republican.

It is recalled that in such case there would be a violation of the principle enunciated at the first or 1905 convention which forbids members from accepting salaried jobs to uphold capitalism.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE TRIP TO BERLIN?

Hear of Dawes Plan in Action at Forum

"Hell an' Maria" Dawes may be the next president of the United States, after Silent Cal goes back to Vermont and resumes going to bed at nine o'clock with an oil lamp to guide his footsteps. Then again he may not.

The cussing armchair general may never go down in history as a president of the United States, but his name will be written in the book, because of his connection with the infamous plan that forces the German workers to pay the allied reparations at the expense of long hours and a lower standard of living than they had previously.

Divided on Dawes Plan.

This is where Max Bedacht horns in on the question. All of us heard the Dawes plan talked about more or less. Some are for it; others are against it. The German socialist leaders are for it. The Communists are against it. Some of the German bourgeois are against it; others are for it. Britain accepted it as the lesser of two evils; so did France. But both countries do not feel too happy with it.

What is this Dawes plan? How does it affect the working class of Europe? How does it affect the working class of America? Whose plan is it? These and other questions will be answered tomorrow by Max Bedacht, member of the central executive committee of the Workers Party, who will speak at the open forum, in the Lodge Room of the Ashland Auditorium tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

Student of German Situation.

The title of Comrade Bedacht's subject is "Europe Under the Dawes Plan." Besides being well qualified to explain the theoretical aspects of the Dawes plan from the standpoint of world imperialism, Comrade Bedacht has made a special study of the German situation. He has been in Germany recently and is personally acquainted with many of the most prominent figures in the Communist movement in that country.

Thomas J. O'Flaherty, member of the editorial staff of the DAILY WORKER, will act as chairman.

Hospital Closed to Workers

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of the warden. The same is true of workers afflicted with contagious diseases. The contagious disease ward, already overcrowded, has been closed to Chicago's sick workers.

A frightful condition greets the eye in the Cook county hospital, the only haven for the workers of Chicago who are worn and broken in industry and who receive such low wages they have no money for hospital bills. Beds are in every hallway and corner of the hospital. Nurses are bleary eyed and cross, with nerves taut from overwork. In the tuberculosis section, designed to accommodate at most 170 persons, there are over 300 patients.

"As a result of our overcrowded condition convalescing patients are discharged much earlier than they should be," the warden said. "Many of them return soon."

One session of the annual congress on medical education and public health, to convene here March 9, will be devoted to hospital service.

Nome Diphtheria Epidemic Abated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The Nome diphtheria epidemic has abated, Governor Done of Alaska, reported today to Secretary of the Interior Work.

The governor said no new cases had developed for five days and that there was ample anti-toxin on hand to meet possible emergencies in the future.

Say Students Were Poisoned.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 13.—Ohio state university authorities are convinced that the deaths of two students from strychnine poisoning and the narrow escape of four other students were due to the work of a deliberate criminal, Dr. E. F. McCampbell, dean of the Ohio state university college of medicine, said at noon today.

WHO IS THE C. P. P. A.?

In Whose Behalf Are They Acting? What Is It All About? Can You Answer?

Listen here! The so-called conference for progressive political action (C. P. P. A.) will hold a conference in Chicago, Ill., on Feb. 21. The capitalist press will give them plenty of publicity, but what kind? That you know. But how about telling the workers of the ships, mills, mines, factories and railroads—the truth about this C. P. P. A. outfit that does not and will not do anything for the workers, except to raise false hopes which never will be fulfilled? Why not expose these fakery and class collaborationists?

The National Office of the Workers Party published a leaflet: "THE CONFERENCE FOR PROGRESSIVE POLITICAL ACTION SERVING THE INTERESTS OF THE BOSSES."

Order a supply of these leaflets at once and put them out among workers. The price is \$1.00 per thousand. Order at once, from National Office, Workers Party, 1113 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Rumblings of Soviet Recognition Heard On Eve of Cal's Inaugural

By J. LOUIS ENGDahl

TODAY, the question of American recognition of Soviet Russia continues to furnish the underground rumbling in Washington as preparations proceed for the inauguration on March 4, of "Cal" Coolidge as president for four years more of these United States.

The biggest event of March 4 will not be the Coolidge inaugural but rather the retirement of Charles Evans Hughes as secretary of state. Not until Hughes has been put into the discard will the drive toward recognition and trade relations with the Workers' Republic take on real life.

Thus the propaganda sent out from Washington becomes daily of increasing importance. Especially so when it comes from the typewriter of Norman Hapgood, formerly editor of several magazines, then American minister to Denmark, but now a hack writer for the Hearst publications, with Washington as his stamping grounds.

Hapgood may be said to have the ear of the Coolidge administration, writing what is really going on behind the scenes, rather than taking his information from the stereotyped declarations that are often handed to the press. For instance Hapgood confesses that, "In spite of what has been given out, the approaching retirement of Secretary Hughes DOES MEAN a change in our policy toward Russia."

It is well for readers of the DAILY WORKER to keep this in mind as repeated statements will no doubt come from Washington during the next few weeks claiming the Coolidge administration has no intention of bending before Soviet rule.

But Hapgood's dope is interesting from another viewpoint. It helps grease the skids by which American capitalism may slide gracefully into Russian recognition. At least that seems to be his intention.

Both Stalin and Zinoviev are already being denounced by Hapgood for preparing the pitfalls that might make recognition impossible. Similar propaganda was spread in England, France, Japan, and practically all the other 23 capitalist nations, that have recognized Soviet rule, before this recognition became a fact.

Stalin is charged with being a "narrow-minded bigot." For a Communist this charge, coming from a capitalist writer, is a compliment. Translated into the language of the working class it means that the secretary of the Russian Communist Party, the guiding power in Soviet Russia, is unwavering in his loyalty to Communist principles.

It is charged that Zinoviev "more than anyone else spoils Russia's attempt to get outside economic help." This only means that world capitalism feels more than ever the growing sting of the Communist International, of which Zinoviev is the head. It is an admission from this capitalist propagandist that Soviet Russia stands loyal to the world revolution; something that sends a chill spasm of fear down the backbone of the whole American capitalist system.

Hapgood speaks rightly when he admits that the Coolidge administration, "after March 4th will be seeking not for excuses to hang back but rather for opportunities for recognition and trade."

The Russian Communists will make no compromise. The surrender will come from Washington and Wall street. Soviet Russia can get on its feet economically in time without foreign aid. The Workers' Republic welcomes such outside aid as it can accept, without injury to Soviet rule, to hurry the job.

But trade and diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia cannot help capitalism wipe out the conflicts within itself that hurries it toward its day of doom.

Recognition victories for Soviet Russia help spell the final triumph of the world social revolution.

COLLINS PARTED FROM DIGGERS BY SOLID ROCK

Tests Show Shaft Will Not Hit Cavern

CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 13.—Solid limestone separates Floyd Collins, entombed for over two weeks in a crevice of Sand Cave, from the outside world, long hours of digging and drilling disclosed. The core drill, sunk from the bottom of the shaft, which has reached a depth of fifty-four feet, but down thru four feet of muck and then struck solid limestone. The diggers must sink the shaft thru solid rock to reach the level at which Floyd Collins is entombed.

Find State Insane Hospital Overcrowded

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 13.—A legislative committee today investigated housing conditions in the Dunning State hospital for the insane, which is said by assemblymen to be in an extremely overcrowded condition. The committee declares that buildings destroyed by fire a year ago have not been replaced.

A recent session of the state legislature passed a resolution authorizing the appointment of this investigating committee to survey housing conditions at the institution. A member of the legislative committee said that the investigation is preliminary to a move in the generally assembly for an additional appropriation to relieve the overcrowded conditions by constructing more buildings.

Defective Equipment Supplied Troops

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—Eddie Rickenbacker, aircraft expert, sharply criticized the planes and equipment furnished the American fliers during the war, declaring they were antiquated and defective.

"I never saw an American plane at the front," said Rickenbacker, who testified before the house aircraft investigating committee.

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Many Workers Prey To Tuberculosis Get No Relief Under Law

(By The Federated Press)

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—No relief is offered buffers at emery wheels whose lacerated lungs make them a ready prey to tuberculosis in the Miller silicosis bill, an amendment to the state compensation law, now before the New York legislature.

The Miller bill makes workers at only a limited number of trades eligible to compensation for silicosis, the disease that afflicts men who inhale sharp edged rock dust particles. Miners, quarrymen, tunnel workers, stone masons, granite cutters, pottery workers and flint knappers are made eligible for compensation, but there the matter ends, with thousands of affected workers unprotected for. No thing is done for glaziers, bevelers machinists, buffers and emery polishers, with other workers at affected trades.

STANDARD OIL AGAIN BOOSTS PRICE OF GAS

An advance of 2 cents a gallon in the price of gasoline was announced today by the Standard Oil company of Indiana, effective in the ten states of the middle western district. Kerosene was advanced 1 cent a gallon at the same time. This makes the price of gasoline 19 cents a gallon from tank wagons and 21 cents at filling stations.

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1924 WAS FAIRLY SUCCESSFUL WITH ITS BANKRUPTCIES

Commercial and Financial Failures Given

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—Commercial failures in 1924 numbered 20,615 concerns and 757 banks, the federal reserve board announced today.

Liabilities involved totalled \$548,224,559, exclusive of banks, whose capital stock and surplus aggregated \$46,642,000. Some of the banks will reopen without loss to creditors or already are reorganized.

Liabilities of commercial failures were slightly above the total for 1923, according to the board, and considerably higher than the level for years prior to 1920. In 1922 there were 23,676 commercial failures with \$636,896,000 liabilities, while 19,625 firms collapsed in 1921 with record liabilities of \$627,402,000.

Figures showed that in 1924, 1.01 per cent of the commercial concerns of the country failed but that only 3.2 per cent of failures were firms whose insolvency involved \$100,000 or over.

In the fourth quarter of 1924 there were 5,389 failures, an increase over the preceding quarter. Total indebtedness, however, was considerably lower than for the other period.

Of the bank failures 79 per cent were not members of the federal reserve system; of member banks 129 were national and 34 state banks or trust companies. The greatest proportional of bank failures occurred in the Chicago, Minneapolis and Kansas City districts.

Cappellini Is Now Charged by Inevitable With Grave Offense

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to appear. It is freely stated that Cappellini would risk his life by appearing before any body of miners in this district at the present time, so bitter is the feeling against him. The renegade radical who was showered with honors and money by the honest workers of District 1, only a short time ago, is now the most hated man in Pennsylvania.

Is Lewis Against Brennan.

William J. Brennan, former district president, who was defeated by Cappellini for that office in the last election is a candidate for his old job. It is reported that Brennan was fired by Lewis for refusing to accept a position in Pittsburgh and for persisting in running against Cappellini. It is a fact that Brennan was notified by Lewis that his connections in an official capacity with the international organization were terminated. When Brennan first announced his candidacy, Lewis let it be known that this action did not meet with his approval, so he arranged a sinecure for him in District 9. Brennan refused to leave, saying that this was a plot to disqualify him as candidate for president of District 1. He is said to have informed Lewis that the only way he could be removed from District 1 would be for the international chief to fire him. This has been done, at least ostensibly.

But the miners are skeptical. Some believe this is a ruse of Brennan's party to line up the anti-Lewis vote, hoping to grab the anti-Cappellini vote anyway. Militants here believe that Lewis is secretly behind Brennan who is much closer to the arch-fake than Cappellini. Should Brennan be elected there is no doubt but another telegram will be received congratulating him on his victory.

Progressives Preparing.

The progressives are preparing to put their own candidates forward as they have no more confidence in Brennan than they have in Cappellini. They know that the only candidates who can be trusted are those who take the position of Trade Union Educational League and the Workers (Communist) Party without reservation. The tremendous vote counted munist candidates. They want honest, constructive and fighting leadership and the Communists alone can provide that.

OPEN SHOP DRIVE FLOODS CHICAGO WITH PRINTERS

Answer Ads, Get Jobs, But Later Fired

The most flourishing open shop business in Chicago is the printing industry. Its secretary, J. M. Vollmer, with headquarters in rooms 1202 to 1207 Mononock building, forms the rallying point for all scab printers brought into the city.

A great many are being brought in to flood the city with surplus printers in order that a large unemployed margin be always available to fight the union shops.

Vollmer advertises widely for printers to come to his place in Chicago and get work. They come and they get work. But the trick develops that they are given work only for a little while, then turned out of the job which is given to a new arrival who answered the same ad that the first one did, and so on—until the city is crowded with printers out of work. Vollmer does not stop at this point, however, but keeps on bringing in printers to add to the jobless of Chicago.

Another trick of the open shoppers is to control apprentices first by compelling them to work as apprentices for six years, and secondly, by holding out \$2 every week from their pay. If the apprentice quits his job or the trade before the six years are up, he loses the whole accumulated sum held out of his wages. This often amounts to hundreds of dollars.

Davenport Comrade Warns Party Members Against H. E. Keas

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Feb. 13.—Comrade W. G. Daniels writes the DAILY WORKER that H. E. Keas, formerly of Cleveland, O., unloaded a worthless check on him to the amount of \$125.50, when Keas passed thru Davenport, Iowa, in December.

Keas came to Davenport about Dec. 16, declares Comrade Daniels, and induced him to indorse a check for \$125.50 signed by H. F. Peters, drawn on the First National Bank of Billings, Montana, to the order of R. V. Olson. It was already indorsed by "Olson." Keas left the city and the check turned out to be worthless.

"Keas returned the Saturday after Christmas and said he would go to Minneapolis and straighten out the protested checks," Daniels said. "About ten days later I got a letter from him from Chicago, saying to forward any mail for Keas, Henry or Olson to 429 W. 50th St., New York. The banks could not trace him at this address."

Car Track Repairer Killed by Auto; Six Are Injured

A speeding automobile, piloted by an allegedly moonshine crazed driver, early today crashed into a group of street car track repairers, killing one and injuring six others, one seriously. The driver, who gave the name of James Hickey, was arrested only after he had battled a squad of detectives who caught him as he was leaving his machine wrecked by its wild dash. Milovan Zernok, the worker killed, was found fatally injured, jammed into an eight-inch crevice between the car rail and the pavement, he died enroute to a hospital. The other injured are expected to recover.

DAILY WORKER too Good to Miss. To the DAILY WORKER: I want to congratulate you all for the wonderful labor paper the DAILY WORKER has become. I, myself, would not be without it, as it is too good to miss. It is the sort of fighting paper workers need and should read. All my copies I hand out to a lot of people here and they relish them like a good meal. Fraternally, Leonard Auberger, East Liverpool, Ohio.

MUCH INTEREST IN ELECTION OF BUSINESS AGENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL LADIES' GARMENT WORKERS' UNION

(Special to The Daily Worker) NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 13.—The election of business agents in the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union is now going on and much interest is shown by all the members of the organization.

The National Committee of the Needle Trades Section of the Trade Union Educational League has issued a statement urging the workers to take an active and intelligent part in these elections and to vote down the standard officials that have held back the development of the union which we print in part:

Fellow Workers: Unfortunately, the present system of organization in our union leaves the entire fate of the workers rest in the hands of the business agents. It is the business agent who conducts the shop meetings, they attend to the complaints in the shops, and in many instances are the deciding factor in settling prices.

The past year activities of our office staff are still fresh in your mind. The business agents were mainly concerned with personal ambitions and with playing politics in the interest of the machine at the expense of the great mass of workers in our industry.

It was with the assistance of the present office staff that many of our active union members have been suspended and our union demoralized. The office staff of the past year not only failed to defend the interests of the workers in their daily struggles, but have, in many instances, been an obstacle in the way of a real struggle of the part of the workers to maintain our union standards.

Dressmakers—in the present elections you must again show your devotion to the union by participating in mass in the coming elections.

You must vote down those candidates who have by their record of their past activities shown themselves unfit to defend your interests, and act as your representatives.

If our union is to meet the problems facing us today we must infuse new life into our office staff, and it is high time for us to defeat those who have come to regard the union as their private property.

There are two candidates for manager and twenty-three candidates for business agents.

- Do not vote for I. Horowitz as manager. Do not vote for the following list of candidates for business agent: Abram Bernstein, Harry Miller, S. Ballinson, Harry Weisglass, Abram Elnick, S. Goldstein, H. Greenberg, S. Tauber.

Vote for all the other candidates on the ballot. Dressmakers—come to the polls. Remember, that the politicians of the election committee have intentionally chosen Thursday, Feb. 12—Lincoln's birthday—for election day, with the hope that the workers who are not in the shops on that day, will come to the polls to cast their votes.

Make use of this holiday in the interest of our union—come to vote against the above listed candidates and elect such who will truly serve your interests.

National Committee of the Needle Trades Section of the Trade Union Educational League.

No Duty on Products For Miners. MOSCOW, Feb. 13.—The inter-department committee, formed to investigate the conditions of the Russian far eastern gold mining industry, has found that the chief obstacle to its development are the high prices of foodstuffs and articles of broad consumption in the mining areas. The committee, therefore, recommends the import free of duty of products, which are not produced in the U. S. S. R., for the foreign Chinese and Korean workers and the sale free of excise in the mining districts of tea, sugar, tobacco and manufactures. Next Sunday Night and Every Sunday Night, the Open Forum.

RANK AND FILE HALTS SEATTLE LABOR REACTION

Council Delegates to Aid of Communists

(Continued from page 1) the rescinding of the council's action.

Ex-Socialist Like Russian Counter-Revolutionists

Bailey, business agent of pattern makers and ex-socialist was one of the two opposing delegates to whom the welfare of organized labor is of no concern for he as usual worked himself into hysterics against the Communists.

The other reactionary delegate, David Levine, a petty shopkeeper of cheap brass jewelry-ware and other trinkets of the notorious pawnshop type, holding up the DAILY WORKER containing the story about the Seattle situation, shouted, "You see, you see, if you don't agree with the Communists, they call you labor fakers!"

Shop-Keeper Worries Over Worker's Dictatorship

Grinning faces and some smiles of others were the replies. He went on abusing the Communists and shouted, "Thousands are imprisoned in Russia! They're yellow socialists," yelled one delegate.

The delegate from the laundry trades urged the council to rescind its action, since delegates were representing in the council their locals and not themselves.

Expelling Communists Not Easy Delegate Gorlick from the garment workers cited the New York example when one Communist was expelled, thirty-two Communist delegates were elected at the next election in his stead. The solution of Communism is abolishing capitalism, he said.

The delegate from the metal polishers characterized the action of the council a shameful one. A woman delegate from the printing trades stated she had no objection to Communists or Communism but wanted the ideas kept out of the council. Delegate Belanger, steamfitters, said he had already spoken against the Communists and urged not to rescind resolution.

Communists Defended

Hansen, delegate from painters, said he has been in the labor movement for many years, also in the council and never seen any disruption carried on by Communists nor any danger of such, but on the contrary they are good militant workers.

Delegate Price of the machinists stated that he had as much right to be a Communist as others who are ku klux klan, republicans, democrats, etc. Replying to Levine he said those imprisoned in Russia are yellow socialists who are counter revolutionary and caught conspiring against Soviet government.

Pearl, delegate from barbers, stated that "We are not against Communist and Communism," said there was intolerance on both sides and urged harmony for the sake of the council.

"Is This Disruption?"

Delegate Belsky of the leather workers said that the leather workers had no union until a year ago when a Communist arrived and organized the thriving local he now represents. Then because of this, the Communist lost his job. He wanted to know if this is disruption.

Havel, the last speaker, characterized the statements of Levine as those of a shop keeper and closed by urging the rescinding of the council's action.

Yes, And Will Keep You Going!

When the meeting adjourned one delegate of the opposing side good naturedly remarked "The Communists got us going," the Communists are on the alert and determined to carry out the fight should any attempt be made to expell any Communist delegates and they have a large backing in the trade union movement.

New "Investigations" Of Capitalism's Sins By Capitalism Begun

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—After a vacation, the senate today was in the throes of a new epidemic of investigation.

The senatorial curiosity that delved into governmental activities a year ago has been directed toward pretending to take the lid off "big business," such as electricity, tobacco, gasoline, bread and the railroads. But little more than wordy exposures can be expected.

The trend of the new epidemic has been to make some show of giting the present high cost of living and discover who is responsible for the high prices and what can be done to bring back the old-time "normalcy" that once was a political slogan.

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RANK AND FILE FOOD WORKER TELLS HOW COMMUNIST WORK IS CARRIED FORWARD ON THE JOB

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—A rank and file worker takes the floor. He is a food-worker. Every day he toils in one of New York's most fashionable restaurants taking care of the caprices and desires of patrons who come to eat well and be merry.

His face is intelligent, steeled and determined. In a very simple unpolished way he has a very important message for the active party workers who have come together in order to get started on the work of organizing district 2 on the basis of shop nuclei.

He is introduced as the organizer of shop nucleus No. 1 the first shop nucleus organized in New York.

Gets An Attentive Hearing. The comrades listen very attentively to his story. He is giving them a message of great importance. He tells them how the shop nucleus was organized with only four members. They held a meeting, elected a secretary, a financial secretary and an organizer. Then they went to work. The made the shop the field for their activities.

Every day they pasted up clippings from the DAILY WORKER so that the workers in the establishment would daily receive a Communist message. Affairs that interested the workers in the shops they wrote up themselves and pasted up prominently.

When the boss wanted to impose more work upon the workers they rallied the workers together and prevented the bosses' nefarious scheme. At the tables when the workers sat down to eat they discussed Communism and the affairs of the shop. They never lost an opportunity to talk to the workers about their interests and to fight for them.

Show Communist Solution. Every subject raised by the workers during a conversation they turned into a political discussion involving Communism and the party. The workers soon became aware that the Communists were their best friends.

Openly they began to say that the Communists are the only ones the workers can trust. When the nucleus held its next meeting they enrolled two new members into the party. At the coming meeting the membership of the nucleus will be increased by four more. He pointed out how they met together in the shop when necessary. He gave an interesting story of how the shop committee was changed, the reactionaries thrown off and the Communists and those that follow and sympathize with the Communists put in control. He pointed out how this shop gives the Communists an account of the activity of the shop nucleus a strong influence in the union.

The comrades received this report of a rank and file leader of the workers with enthusiasm. They then went down to work to consider the plan presented by B. Gitlow, the shop nucleus organizer. Present at the meeting were the section organizers, branch industrial organizers, Trade Union Educ. League representatives and such active comrades who were willing and able to participate in the important task of reorganizing the district on the basis of shop nuclei.

Work is Systematized. The work in New York is to proceed in a systematic manner. The organization campaign will proceed with one factory area after another, starting of course with the most favorable area. When one area is completely organized into shop nuclei then another area will be tackled. It is hoped, that by energetically engaging the part membership in this work to have the work completed as quickly as possible. The success of this work will put the New York district closely in contact with the workers in the shop and will make the Workers' (Communist) Party district 2 a real Communist district organization fighting in the largest city in the country daily in the struggles of the workers and in their interests.

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GENEVA, Feb. 13.—The international opium conference adjourned here tonight, after adopting the protocol and convention which regulates the importation and exportation and the domestic sale of opium and cocaine, but in no way prohibits the trade in or use of opium.

A phrase was inserted in the agreement before adjournment that "opium smoking is only temporarily permitted."

Belgium Gambles With Its Borrowed Money to Aid France (Special to The Daily Worker) BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb. 13.—The Belgian government is using 25 per cent of the recent \$50,000,000 loan from America, to protect the Belgian franc* in the international money market.

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POSTAL CLERKS BEG CONGRESS FOR PAY RAISE

Express "Faith" in Final Action

The Chicago Post Office Clerks' Union, Local No. 1, has passed a resolution expressing "keen disappointment with the slow progress of the postal salary bill over a period of nine months," and "requesting congress in the name of justice" to pass the bill.

The resolution points out that there are only a few more days left for action by congress, and declares its "faith" in the ultimate passage of a bill giving the poorly paid postal workers a living wage.

WHEREAS, Congress is engaged in the process of passing a salary bill for the relief of the poorly paid postal employees who are devoting their time, energy, and mentality to the facilitation of the efforts of the post office department to render efficient and satisfactory service to the business interests of the country and the general public, and

WHEREAS, The great volume of business served by this department is expedited by the retention of employees of experience and qualification, and

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding the abiding faith and sincere confidence we have in the ultimate action of congress to mete out justice to the 350,000 postal employees whose wives and children are daily asking what has congress done? we are forced to confess our keen disappointment with the slow progress of the bill over a period of more than nine months, with only a few days left for action,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Local No. 1, in regular meeting assembled, February 8, 1925, hereby request you in the name of justice and humanity to aid the passage of the salary increase bill at this session of congress.

CHICAGO POST OFFICE CLERKS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 1, N. F. P. O. C., David W. Johnson, Carl G. H. Tofto, P. S. McHugh, Resolution Committee.

Kansas Gets Cabinet Post. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—William Jardine has been decided upon for the berth of secretary of agriculture, Coolidge officials declared here today.

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We Apologize

The following letter has been sent by the DAILY WORKER to the Chicago Federation of Labor and the Teamsters' Union in reply to criticisms of the Premier taxicab story printed in the Feb. 2 issue of the DAILY WORKER:

"Dear Comrades:
"The story published in the DAILY WORKER of Feb. 2, in which it was stated that the management of the Premier Taxicab company was responsible for a letter to all taxi drivers employed urging them to join the Ku Klux Klan, and the further statement that the union did nothing for the taxi drivers who are members of it, was incorrect in these particulars.

"In pursuance of the policy followed by all Communist papers and Communist parties, we freely admit the mistakes made and on the day following the incorrect story we printed the statement of those who took issue with it.

"We wish to point out, however, that the story of the Ku Klux Klan letter sent to the employees of the Premier company, was furnished us by one of these workers and that it was printed in good faith in line with our policy of waging war on this labor-hating organization wherever it shows its hooded head.

"While we were incorrect in stating that the letter emanated from the management itself, nevertheless we think that it is better to err in overzeal in these matters than to allow some sinister activity of the Klan to escape unnoticed.

"The only reason we in any way regret any inconvenience suffered by the Premier company as a result of the publication of the incorrect story is that it is perhaps the only concern of its kind in Chicago that is unionized to any extent.

"Aside from this it is a collection of capitalists who are engaged in making profit by taking as much of the revenue produced by their workers as the workers will stand for and therefore to be treated by us exactly as we treat all other exploiting enterprises—as enemies of the working class.

"The statement that we regret the most and that demands complete retraction and explanation, is that which states that 'the union' does nothing for its members.

"This statement is entirely wrong and has no place in a Communist paper. It is entirely out of harmony with Communist theory, policy and tactics which regard the unions as the basic organs of the class struggle. It was not written by a responsible member of the staff and the error was overlooked at a time when two of the staff were ill and the careful reading of all copy physically impossible.

"The Communist Party and the Communist press do not fight unions or endeavor to discredit them. On the contrary, the Communists aim to be the most active in organizing and in the work of the unions. We believe that only by building powerful fighting industrial unions thru a policy of amalgamation can a real labor movement be created as a solid foundation for the struggle for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the dictatorship of the working class which will in turn lay the basis for a Communist society.

"In the daily struggles of the workers the Communist Party and press looks upon the unions as the most efficient weapon of the workers.

"We do not fight unions. We do fight the conservative, reactionary and corrupt officials wherever we find them. We fight them because we know that they obstruct the progress of the unions and of the class struggle and therefore delay the victory of the workers.

"Had the DAILY WORKER directed its criticism at the officials and not at the union, we would still have been subject to censure if the facts were incorrect, but we would not have committed a grave political error.

"The DAILY WORKER never consciously prints manufactured news of the labor movement. Those who are opposed to our policies do not like the manner in which we handle the news, but so far as untruths are concerned it is our object to print the truth of all labor controversies even when we get the worst of it.

"Quite aside from any ethical or moral consideration, it is only by establishing a reputation for accuracy and detailed knowledge of all the problems and struggles of the unions, the unorganized workers and the working class as a whole, that the Communist press can gain their confidence and support.

"We call your attention to the fact that in the year since the DAILY WORKER began publication, a year in which Communists have been slandered, vilified and denounced in all the official union press, their policies, tactics and objects lied about, a year in which they have been expelled by the trade union bureaucrats from labor organizations of which they are generally the most active

members, a year in which every form of abuse and persecution has been heaped upon the party and its members, a year in which the prosecution of members of the Workers (Communist) Party has been renewed by the government of Michigan backed by the strikebreaking Coolidge government, and Ruthenberg, the executive secretary of the party, sentenced to three years in prison, with Foster and 30 other comrades slated for trial, the story in question is the only one which our enemies can prove to be incorrect.

"Considering the fact that the DAILY WORKER has the smallest staff of any English language daily in the world, this is a record of which we have a right to be proud.

"As our sole object is to mobilize the whole working class behind the Communist Party and the Communist International for the conquest of the capitalist government and the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government, this should be sufficient proof to any intelligent person that the DAILY WORKER does not wish to print anything that is untrue and would hinder this work.

"With Communist greetings,
"The DAILY WORKER."

Just a Slight Misunderstanding

Brother William Green is not going to stray far from the rutted track beaten by the shoes of the late President Gompers.

Every speech and interview, every article by President Green bears the stamp of the American middle class.

Miami, Florida, the haunt of the Teapot Domers, the refuge of the coupon clippers from the wintry blasts which the workers they exploit must face, was the scene of the latest exposition of "labor's" program given by the heir to the Gompers throne. Surely the organized workers treat their officials well when a city without any industry except the plundering of unwary strangers by real estate sharks, is picked as a meeting place by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

After basking in the Florida sunlight and viewing the beauties of millionaireism as the guest of the Miami advertising club, President Green denounced "imported labor theories" and advanced the doctrine that misunderstanding between labor and capital is the cause of all industrial strife. "Labor and capital," said he, "cannot hate each other if they understand each other."

We Communists measure the intelligence of our class by the degree of militancy with which it fights capitalism, but this is all wrong, according to Green. He advises the workers to love and understand the dear little capitalists who are kicking their ribs with spurred heels.

This, miasmatic formula may sound good in Miami, but the 66,000 left wing votes in Green's own organization—the United Mine Workers—indicates that a considerable portion of the organized workers are tired of having their ribs lacerated and understand capitalism and capitalists to an extent that is going to make it increasingly difficult for Green to put over his gawdsaking brand of trade unionism.

Every day get a "sub" for the DAILY WORKER and a member for the Workers Party.

The Irish Famine

The population of the entire west coast of Ireland, fishermen and farmers, is in the grip of the worst famine in seventy-five years.

Crops and fuel supply have failed and dispatches tell of terrible misery—British fishing enterprise has ruined the Irish industry.

The International Workers' Aid and the Workers (Communist) Party are on the job. In response to a cablegram from the I. W. A. requesting co-operation from the party in relieving the distress of our Irish comrades, a committee has already been formed to enlist the support of the American workers and farmers.

The appeal of the Irish Workers' and Peasants' Famine Relief Committee should meet with a generous response from the American working class of which so large a section is of Irish birth and descent.

The Free State government, that creature of British imperialism, has shown its true character in this emergency. It first tried to conceal the extent of the famine and does not now acknowledge the actual desperation of the starving masses.

Its relief measures have been wholly inadequate. The pitiable conditions of the Irish workers and peasants in the famine district is the answer given by history to the church hierarchy and Free State ministers who proclaimed loudly two years ago that the Russian workers and peasants were famine stricken because they had rejected god along with the czar.

The Free State government and the Irish clergy are providing plenty of prayers for the hungry populace, but the Workers (Communist) Party and the Irish Peasants' and Workers' Famine Relief Committee will provide money to buy food, clothing and fuel.

One hundred and thirty-eight German miners die in the deathtraps of industry while the jelly-bellied coal mine owners sell those who live into double slavery—slavery to them and to the allied imperialists. This is the history of Germany as it is being written today. Tomorrow—

The dome of the capitol is collapsing, say Washington dispatches.

We are not great believers in omens, but could anything be more symbolical of the unstable conditions of capitalism?

TRACTION BILL OF DEVER GIVES CITY NO VOICE

Entrusts \$700,000,000 to Board of 9 Men

The municipal railway ordinance which has been recommended to the city council by the transportation committee, provides for expenditure of \$700,000,000 of the city's money, under complete control of a board of nine men, who would not be accountable to the city council or anyone else.

The certificates for the building of the subways and elevated extensions, and the purchase of the traction lines, are to be issued at an interest of five per cent. Following a consultation between Mayor Dever and Samuel Insull, the transportation committee provided that \$80,000,000 shall be paid Insull for his elevated lines. Insull demands \$90,000,000.

Ordinance Not Made Public

One alderman refused to vote for the ordinance declaring, "We haven't even had an opportunity to read the ordinance. At the last meeting you put thru an amendment of two pages which we did not have before the meeting. At this time I could not vote either for or against the ordinance. You are rushing the ordinance thru in scandalous fashion. We do not know what it means. We have asked Attorney Frank on whom we relied for legal advice this and that and he has been puzzled."

The meeting revealed that altho the transportation committee of the city council authorized the publication of 25,000 copies of the ordinance in pamphlet form, the lawyers have failed to comply with this order and have suppressed publication of the ordinance.

The board of control which according to the ordinance will have charge of the traction lines if the city council and the voters approve the recommendations of the transportation committee, will consist of three members appointed by the mayor, three appointed by the bankers now controlling the lines, and three by these six board members. A board members salary will be ten thousand dollars per year.

When the city has paid the bankers 51 per cent of the debt the three "neutral" members are to be dropped and the city will then have a fourth member to three for the bankers. The bankers thus have a chance to control the traction lines until every dollar of the debt is paid them by the city. This will be for at least forty years. In other words, Dever's ordinance gives the bankers a franchise of forty years.

Communist Charges French Socialist With Wilful Lying

MOSCOW, Feb. 13.—In a letter, addressed to M. Renaudel, and published in the Humanite, the president of the council of people's commissars of Soviet Armenia, M. Ernskanian, makes charges against the French socialist leader, accusing him of deliberately concealing from the French people many facts which came to his knowledge when he visited Georgia some time ago, for the sole reason that such facts disproved his anti-Soviet ideology.

In this letter the author cites numerous cases proving the cruelty of the former menshevist Jordanian government to the Armenian population, the robbing of the Georgian State Bank, etc. On the other hand, M. Ernskanian points out the prosperity enjoyed by Georgia under Soviet rule.

In conclusion the author challenges M. Renaudel to refute the charges preferred against him, warning the latter that new revelations are in store for him.

Italian Liberals in Gesture. MILAN.—The national executive committee of the liberal party was on record today as declaring the policy of the fascist administration in opposition to liberal principles and inviting liberal followers to the defense of their ideals.

FINDS CAPITALISM REWARDS TALENTS WITH HUNGER AND SUICIDE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—Worn out by the struggle to keep alive while he produced his art, Maurice Moch, a painter of unusual talent, committed suicide by turning on the gas in his bare room in a poor section of San Francisco.

With his last strength he wrote a letter, adorned with sketches, stating that life was "all rent and bills" and that he had spent his last cent for oils and canvas. The night before, Moch had fainted on the street from hunger, and an unknown physician had given him food and taken him home.

Faced by the realization that he could not succeed in his chosen work, and unwilling to live without it, Moch wrote: "I have found hell. It is on earth," and died.

Open Forum, Sunday Night, Lodge Room, Ashland Auditorium.

MILITANT MACHINIST IS COMMUNIST ALDERMANIC CANDIDATE IN 22nd WARD

Louis A. Cejka, candidate for alderman endorsed by the Workers Party of Chicago in the 22nd ward, works as a machinist every day and consequently is thoroughly familiar with the needs of the workers.

He is not involved in high politics in Chicago and therefore does not approach the question of municipal government from the point of view of a politician. To Comrade Cejka, the question is very simple, for, as he sees it, nothing is too good for the workers.

Cejka was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1881. He has been a member of Machinists' Local 84 since 1903. For five years he held the office of chairman of his local, was secretary for three years, financial secretary four years. He is now a delegate to the Chicago Federation of Labor from his local, which he has been representing there for the past three years. He has also been a delegate to the district council of the machinists for four years and is a member of the district executive board.

It is no new experience to Cejka to contest for the office of alderman—this is his fifth experience. Not having the backing of a powerful political machine and the money furnished by such a machine, Cejka's merits have not brought him to the point of sitting in the aldermanic council. However, the workers must realize that the only man who can represent them and fight for them is one who, thru his own experiences, knows what they want and offers them a practical program of municipal measures.

Cejka belonged to the socialist party for 15 years and joined the Communist Party on its formation. His trade union record speaks for itself.

UNITE AGAINST CAPITALIST CLASS

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upon your immediate needs, and which leads to the establishment of YOUR CLASS POWER in government and industry.

That party is the Workers (Communist) Party of America! The Workers Party is the party of the toiling masses of America, having no interest separate and apart from the working class and the toiling farmers. It fights for the unity of the labor movement, for its close alliance with the farmers, and a relentless struggle to advance the interests of all who toil, against the exploitation of capitalism, with the goal always in view of the overthrow of the system of exploitation, and the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government, the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The Workers Party calls upon all workers and farmers who are politically conscious, who realize that they are in the midst of a class struggle, who understand that only by a close union of workers and farmers on the basis of their class interests, for a relentless struggle against capitalism and all its tools—upon all such workers we call to join hands in a united struggle with the Workers Party, not only for our ultimate aims, but for such immediate demands as:

- 1.—Abolition of child labor exploitation, with government maintenance of children by funds procured thru taxation of large incomes.
- 2.—Nationalization of railroads, mines, public utilities, monopolies, and natural resources, to be operated under control of the workers.
- 3.—Securing the farmers in possession of their land; no foreclosures, no evictions; the land belongs to those who till it.
- 4.—Nationalization of terminal and marketing facilities with joint management by farmers and workers.
- 5.—State aid to co-operative distribution and production.
- 6.—Recognition of Soviet Russia.
- 7.—Unity of the trade unions, nationally and internationally; support to the Anglo-Russian Trade Union Unity committee.
- 8.—Defense of class war prisoners and defeat of so-called "criminal syndicalism" laws.
- 9.—Defeat the Dawes plan for enslaving European labor.

Workers and farmer! Unite all the forces of the working class for struggle against the exploiters, against the capitalists and all their agents. Unite with the revolutionary workers of every land, under the leadership of the Communist International, for the battle against all the enemies of the working class. Only thru struggle can victory be won. Unite for the struggle!

Central Executive Committee
Workers (Communist) Party of America.
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman.
C. E. RUTHENBERG, Executive Secretary

Movies for Workers

"The Beauty and the Bolshevik" and "Russia in Overalls" will be shown:
St. Paul, Minn. Feb. 20, 444 Rice St.
St. Louis, Mo. Feb. 22, Unity Hall, Grand and Page.

Binghamton, N. Y. Feb. 27, Hider Theatre, 193 Clinton St.
Feb. 28, Happy Theatre, 38 Clinton St.

East Pittsburgh, Pa. Feb. 28th.
Gary, Ind., Marh 3rd.
Milwaukee, Wis. March 7th, Pabst Theatre.

San Francisco, Calif.
"Polikushka", "Life of Lenin", and "Soldier Ivan's Miracle", will be shown at:

Chicago, Ill. C. S. P. S. Hall, 1126 W. 18th St., Feb. 22, afternoon.
Kenosha, Wis. Sat. Feb. 28th, 4 to 11 P. M.

"Russia and Germany" will be shown at:
Galloway, W. Va. Feb. 28th, Union Theatre.

German Workers and Their Children Get Packages from I. W. A.

News has just arrived of the Christmas distribution of parcels of food and clothing to locked out workers and their families in various parts of Germany.

Fifteen local committees of the German section of the International Workers' Aid distributed 10,000 packages to those who had lost their means of livelihood in the shutdown of large factories. In addition special packages were given to 3,779 children of imprisoned and exiled in the 17 cities.

Police Forbids Workers' Gifts This action will be continued. In January, 500 "disciplinary punished" workers in Berlin, 300 in Stuttgart and 200 in Greitz will receive similar parcels. In several towns the distribution of proletarian Yuletide gifts was forbidden by the police. So much cloth was donated in Essen that the volunteer workers could not get it all made up into clothing by Christmas time.

I. W. A. Grows in Germany

The German workers are on the job helping their less fortunate comrades through their own German section of the I. W. A. There are at present 483 local groups with 33,600 individual members. Fees paid monthly range from 5 to 300 gold marks, depending upon the size of the membership in the shop or factory. Very few groups pay less than 5 or more than 100 marks monthly.

Gas Claims Many Victims.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Five persons were found dead in their rooms today, two in the Bronx and three in Manhattan, all the victims of fuel gas fumes.

WAGE SLASHERS PRAISE ABE FOR LOVE OF PEOPLE

Negroes Segregated in Washington Exercises

The exploiters of labor claimed Abraham Lincoln as their own in speeches thruout the country on the 116th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. In Chicago the Lions' Club, composed of Illinois business men, heard Charles Dawes speak of the "prosperity" of the nation. The Lions' Club last year held a conference at Herrin in co-operation with the Illinois coal operators, where it was demanded that the coal miners accept reduced wages and break up their miners' union.

Hypocrites Applaud. It was these same Lions' Club members who applauded Dawes when he said "America's nation wide prosperity is based on wages for labor that are better than any other country in the world."

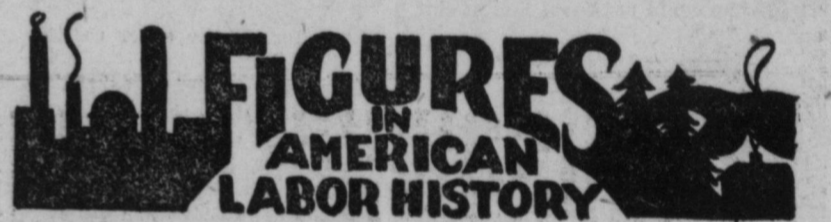
And it was, ironically enough, Charles Dawes, the enslaver of the workers of Germany, who extolled Lincoln as a friend of the workers. Dawes did not mention in his speech the campaign for wage cuts that the employers have instituted under the protection of the Coolidge government.

Negroes Segregated. In Washington, where the Negroes have just waged a bitter but unsuccessful fight against segregation at the capitol's bathing beaches. Negro children were brought into the celebration at the Lincoln memorial, to sing Lincoln's praises for freeing their race. But the white politicians in charge of the exercises segregated even these Negro children singers, making them stand in one group, "beneath the three marble panels on the north wall of the shrine," and a little away from the rest of the crowd.

WOMAN DEPUTY TO TRY LABOR CASES, FRIEND OF BOSSES

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Miss R. T. Swain, deputy attorney general, has been appointed to do all the trial work in the prosecution of labor law violations thruout the state. Miss Swain, who among the first of women deputies, is a member of the Brooklyn chamber of commerce, the Daughters of the Revolution, and other organizations favored by the employers.

Red Revel Masquerade Ball, 37 South February 28.



By THURBER LEWIS No. 3

The Reformers, No. 3—Josiah Warren and William Weitling.

JOSIAH WARREN is known as the father of American anarchism. He joined the Owenite movement and lived in New Harmony during his earlier years. His experiences in the colony and his studies led him finally to reject the so-called socialism of the day. His philosophy became a crude sort of economic exchange that was calculated to change the whole basis of society. In 1827, he began putting his scheme into practice. He opened what he called "time stores," on the formula, "labor for labor."

The business of these stores was designed so that no profit could be made. The time of the store keeper was paid for by the customers in the form of "labor notes." These notes promised to pay the store keeper, on demand, "labor-time," hour for hour, as compensation to the store keeper. Warren founded colonies in Ohio and Long Island in which this principle was to be applied.

He published a book in 1846 expounding his theory that price should be determined by labor cost. His favorite method, however, of spreading propaganda was in what he called "parlor conversations," doublets, the source of our modern "parlor anarchists." The his ideas didn't meet with a very popular response in the labor movement, they added to the swelling number of social formulas for saving mankind that were confusing the minds of what American workers were interested in such things during that period.

William Weitling began his career as a German revolutionist. He was born in Magdeburg, Germany, which was known at that time as a hot-bed of German liberalism. His early life was spent in poverty. In 1837 he went to Paris. There he undertook active revolutionary work. He fitted from one doctrine to another but always managed to be looked upon as a revolutionary of the deepest dye.

He met Marx in Brussels in 1846, and disagreed with Marx's theories because he thought them too conserv-