

Minneola Trial May End Soon; Defense Witnesses Heard

(Continued from Page One) She produced records from her Manhattan office to prove that Lerner had come to her office on the afternoon of April 19, suffering from concussion of the brain, and remained there for several hours. She was not the official doctor for the union. Yesterday, after the district attorney had finished cross examination of the witness, Peter Bartkin, manager of Manhattan Lyceum, the judge undertook to question his memory in connection with testimony.

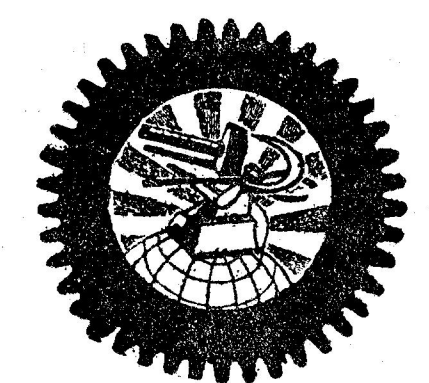
Bartkin had stated that he clearly remembered the shop chairman meeting at Manhattan Lyceum on April 19th because the furriers had overstayed their time, had prevented the incoming meeting from getting the hall and the renters had to this day refused to pay for it.

Good Answer. "Where were you on the 19th of May, 1926?" Judge Smith asked rather sarcastically. The implication was that Bartkin had too good a memory; but Bartkin replied that if he could refer to his hall records, as he had done in connection with the April date, he would recollect clearly. Bartkin was one of 12 witnesses called by the defense yesterday; and 5 of the defendants were also called to testify—Jack Schneider, Martin Rosenberg, George Weiss, Phillip Otto Lenhardt, and Joseph Katz.

Other Witnesses. The witnesses, in addition to Peter Bartkin, were Israel Horn, a member of the committee of ten who was present at the April 19th shop chairman meeting; M. Herskowitz, another member of this committee who has been a union member for 23 years; Mrs. M. Leibowitz, Max Lang, Hayim Bassen and Paul Skolnick also members of the committee; Samuel Zuckerman, labor reporter for The Day during the fur strike; Max Mencher, nephew of Samuel Mencher and a reporter for the New York Times; Charles H. Green, labor reporter of Women's Wear; Mrs. Phillip Lenhardt; her friend Karla Gadusek, who is a fur worker; and Mrs. Anna Chaluka, Mrs. Lenhardt's sister-in-law.

Objects To Judge's Action. Attorney Frank P. Walsh several times entered objections to the judge's questioning of witnesses and defendants, because the questions seemed

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Chinese Kuomintang Orders Section in U. S. To Expose Gen. Chiang

(Special To The Daily Worker) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 21.—According to reliable sources the central committee of the Kuomintang of America has received a cable from the central committee at Hankow instructing an immediate propaganda attack against Chiang Kai Shek for his treachery to the Nationalist movement.

The central committee here is holding the cable as a secret from the membership of the American Kuomintang who are impatiently waiting an opportunity to show their displeasure at the treason of Chiang Kai Shek. There is much questioning among the rank and file regarding the motives actuating the California central committee's lack of action.

Jack Schneider, the first of the fur workers to be called to the witness stand yesterday, showed that never until he reached the court room for the trial had he known that he was charged with being at Rockville Center during the alleged raid. Denying all of the charges of Basoff, and the unsigned alleged confession which Detective Greeve was said to have gotten from him, Schneider told of his movements on Monday, April 19th, and stated that he had been a guard on the stairway all afternoon during the shop chairman's meeting. This was corroborated by several of the defense witnesses.

Not Arrested Then. An interesting fact revealed both by Schneider, and later by Phillip Lenhardt, was that on the day of their arrest March 15, 1927 they passed Basoff and the Nassau county detectives twice in the fur market about noon, but in spite of the fact that the detectives were supposedly looking for them they were not arrested. It was not until about 7:30 that night, after the detectives had visited the Greek union and the scab International, that Schneider and Lenhardt were taken into custody at the Joint Board headquarters.

Greeve Wanted Graft. When they reached Minneola on the night of that arrest—Schneider was searched, so he testified, and when Detective Greeve found his union book, he said, "Say, Basoff, this man is a member of the International."

For The Right Wage. In cross examination, District Attorney Edwards began with the line he used on one fur worker after another, "Are you a member of the International Furriers' Union? Are you sure? Is it not true that your union, the Joint Board, has been suspended by the International and the American Federation of Labor?"

Consistently Attack Lefts. The work of discrediting these militant members of the Furriers' Joint Board is a consistent policy of the prosecution, as well as of the reactionary leaders of the International and the A. F. of L.

Always the effort to prove that the defendants are vicious characters, destroyers of property, accustomed to attacking innocent people. Samuel Zuckerman of "The Day," and Charles Green of "Women's Wear" both testified to recollecting the Shop Chairmen meeting on April 19th, and Zuckerman remembered be-

Rockefeller Sermon In Contrast To Way He Treats Strikers

(By Federated Press) NEW YORK, April 21.—Western Maryland R.R. strikers again ask John D. Rockefeller, Jr. to practice what he preaches. The request is made through the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, whose members have been locked out for two years by the W. M. management, because they asked for the same basic wage rate that other roads were paying.

Rockefeller's Sermon. They call attention to a sermon the junior Rockefeller delivered recently from the pulpit of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland on the relations that ought to prevail between capital and labor. The magazine said he was convinced that "employers and employees are partners, not enemies; that their interests are common, not opposed; that in the long run the success of each is dependent upon the success of the other."

Deaf To Appeal. For two years the strikers made appeal after appeal to Rockefeller, then the largest stockholder on the line, says the brotherhood leader. They appealed to the Federal Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Association of American Rabbis, whose report "substantiated every charge made against the management."

Will Phone Colored Pictures Very Soon. Experiments which are still in their early stages have manifested to the officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company that colored pictures can be sent across the continent by telephone and reproduced with the finest color printing.

Supports Women's Party. At the close of the debate, Mrs. Margarite Benson, director of the women's bureau of the National Manufacturers' Association spoke in support of the Women's Party position, saying that working mothers and their children were healthier than those of housewives.

Duluth Workers Protest American Imperialism In China and Elsewhere. DULUTH, Minn., April 21.—More than five hundred workers filled Camels Hall here at a mass meeting to protest against American Imperialism in China, Nicaragua and Mexico.

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Labor Legislation For Women Fought By 'Women's Party'

(By Federated Press.) The National Women's Party continues to take a leading part in the fight against 48-hour legislation and other special law labor reform legislation for women in industry. At a debate staged in New York by the Business and Professional Women's League the National Women's Party point of view was presented by Mrs. Clarence Smith, chairman of the New York branch of the party.

To Remove Handicaps. Advocates of labor laws for women are trying to remove the handicaps under which she is already suffering so that she may fight her economic battles on some basis of equality with man. "Freedom of contract" is an empty phrase to the wage worker.

Workers Getting Wise. The workers in Bayonne are beginning to see thru the smoke-screen of the political fakery in the state of New Jersey. Gradually they are beginning to comb out the corporation and finance candidates in the big industrial cities. The time is coming shortly when the workers will organize their own party of labor and place their own members on their ticket for a labor party.

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Plans are now being made for the Joint Defense Bazaar to be held at the New Star Casino, 107th St. and Lexington Ave., on May 12, 13, 14 and 15th.

NEWS FROM NEW JERSEY (By A Worker Correspondent.) Jobless Increase In Passaic. PASSAIC, N. J., April 21.—Unemployment is on the up-grade in this city and vicinity. An Unemployment Conference called by the initiative of the District Council of the Textile Workers and the Passaic Trades and Labor Council has chosen a committee of 17, which is subdivided into sub-committees to visit their respective municipalities to take up the problem of supplying jobs to the unemployed.

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Running Mate Of Mayor Thompson Runs Open Shop

CHICAGO, April 21 (FP).—Immediately following the election of William Hale Thompson as mayor of Chicago the big Regan Printing house, one of the leading union establishments in the city went open-shop without notice and locked out its 200 union employees. Charles S. Paterson who was elected city treasurer on the Thompson ticket had been a dominating figure in the Regan plant and is believed to hold stock in the reorganized company.

Last Showing of Russian Film. The Russian film "Polykushka," produced in Russia by the director of "Potemkin," will have its last New York showing at the International House, 500 Riverside Drive, on Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

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