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POLISH TROOPS ATTACK U. S. S. R. BORDER GUARDS

WORKERS PARTY RALLIES MASSES IN FARE STEAL

Resolution Condemns Tammany Hall

Twelve open air mass meetings at which, according to estimate, over thirty thousand workers attended were held last night under the auspices of the Workers (Communist) Party as the first step in the great drive which is to be directed by the Workers Party against the seven-cent fare steal.

Resolutions condemning the Tammany Hall city government and the Republican controlled state legislature which have cooperated in putting over the threatened fare steal for the traction companies were passed with the greatest acclaim at these meetings. The resolutions called upon the workers and straphangers to organize a labor party as the only means of permanent defense for the interests of the exploited masses.

I. R. T. Serves Order

The Interborough Rapid Transit Company in the meantime made formal application for the seven-cent fare in the form of an order served on the city and Transit Commission. Just what action the city officials will pretend to take has not yet been made public owing to the sham battle now being staged between Mayor ("Traction") Jimmie Walker and Aldermanic President McKee who has criticized the method of conducting the "fight" to save the five cent fare.

Into the already complicated situation was injected another element in the form of an announcement of the expected resignation of John F. Gilchrist, chairman of the State Transit Commission and first hand man of Al Smith. It is not yet clear what relation this move bears to the situation which Tammany Hall has been engineering but it is certain that the resignation of Gilchrist does not come as a mere coincidence at this time.

Many Meetings

The meetings held by the Workers Party at which some of the best speakers addressed huge audiences indicated the determination and indignation of the workers of the city. The largest meeting took place at 110th St. and Fifth Ave. Others were held at 138th St. and 6th Ave., 10th St. and 2nd Ave. Several others were held in Jamaica, Brooklyn and the Bronx. The following resolution was passed:

"WHEREAS, the federal statutory court has handed down a decision which permits the I. R. T. to collect a seven-cent fare from millions of

MARIONETTES AT CENTER TONIGHT

New "Brick" Lists Proving Popular

Tonight the workers of New York will have an opportunity to witness an entertainment of an unusual sort. The Modjact Marionettes, that have become famous during the past few years for their humorous and satirical sketches and impersonations, will do their best to amuse a large crowd of workers and to help the Workers Center at the same time. These little wooden actors will perform at 8 p. m. tonight at the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square under the direction of their creators, the revolutionary artists, Yossel Cutler and Zuni Maud. Tickets are 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children and can be purchased at the Workers Center. All the proceeds will go to the Center.

The Modjact Marionettes will also give performance tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday evenings, the program being changed for each evening. At the Sunday evening performance there will also be an extra attraction in the form of a concert by members of the International Morning Branch of the Workers (Communist) Party. The lists of bricks to help build the Workers Center have proved unusually popular. Hundreds of workers have already secured these attractive new collection lists and a large supply is being sent to all

There's No Graft in This Worker's Pockets



The New York City department of street cleaning is the latest government graft case to be exposed. Pecuniations in this department, which have extended over 10 years, are alleged to exceed \$45,000,000. None of these proceeds found their way into the pockets of the miserably underpaid street cleaners, however. These men, working under the most wretched job conditions, are among the worst paid, even of the low priced city employes.

PULLMAN PORTERS IN DEMAND FOR STRIKE

Overwhelming sentiment in favor of an immediate strike is seen in the vote of the members of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. More than 6,000 workers have already declared in favor of a strike, only 50 opposing the move. These figures were given out last night by A. Philip Randolph, general organizer of the union. Coincident with this announcement came the news that the Pullman company is already hiring a large number of new men to act as strikebreaker. Many of these are untrained men from the south.

LABOR TO AID IN MINE TAG DAYS

Many Workers' Clubs Mobilize Members

In response to the appeal of the National Miners Relief Committee for volunteers for the Mine Relief Tag Days, May 12 and 13, many workers' clubs, fraternal societies and benevolent associations have mobilized their membership for participation in the drive, it was reported yesterday by Fannie Rudd, secretary of the National Miners' Relief Committee.

Workingclass women and shop workers will be mobilized to participate in the Tag Days, it was announced by the Miners' Relief Committee.

Children Will Participate

The Children's Committee for Miners' Relief has called upon the workers' children of New York to participate in tag day collections Saturday and Sunday to raise at least \$2,000 to help the striking miners' children. The Committee has raised the slogan, "Every worker's child out with a collection box." "One half a million striking miners children are without food and clothing, living in barracks and on the streets exposed to cold and rain and all kinds of diseases," a statement of the committee says. "These children are fighting courageously with their fathers and brothers for a decent living wage and for the maintenance of a real workers union."

Collection boxes will be obtained at various stations thruout the city. For additional information, children are asked to communicate with the committee.

More than 1,000 young workers are expected to participate in the tag day for miners relief to be conducted this Saturday and Sunday, Phil Frankfeld, secretary of the Youth Committee for Miners' Relief, announced last night. The Workers School, 108 E. 14th St. has called off its hike this Sunday, he added, to enable its members to join in the collection drive.

A collection of \$62.63 was taken up by the committee at Hunter College while the Williamsburg Youth Club has donated \$125, according to reports reaching the relief office yesterday.

Abolition of the tipping system and recognition of the union are the fundamental demands of the workers. They seek regular wages of \$150 a month on a time basis of 240 working hours a month. They are now receiving \$72.50 a month, on a basis of 11,000 travelled miles every month. According to Randolph, he will petition the United States Railway Mediation Board for an "investigation" before he approves the strike call. Most of the members of the union are believed to be in favor of an immediate strike and declare that further appeals to governmental officials are futile.

Freiheit Gesang-Verein Concert Saturday

The Freiheit Gesang-Verein of New York and Paterson will hold its Fifth Jubilee Concert this Saturday, May 12, at Carnegie Hall. A program of proletarian ballads, including the latest revolutionary songs from Soviet Russia, will feature the concert. Jacob Schaefer and Lazer Weiner will conduct.

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WORKERS PARTY CONVENTION SOON

Communists Will Nominate Presidential Candidates Here

The widest interest is being evinced among all sections of the American working class by the announcement of the national nominating convention of the Workers (Communist) Party to be held in New York City from May 25 to 27. The convention is regarded as an historic event of the first importance in the American labor movement.

For the first time in American history there will be a workers' convention at which every section of the workingclass will be represented. Cotton farmers, miners, textile workers, wheat farmers, shoe and needle

Militant Cloak Delegates to Rebuild Union

WORKERS WILL REPUDIATE RULE OF SIGMAN, CZAR

Hyman, Cloak Leader, Issues Statement

BOSTON, May 8.—The left wing delegation of over 100, representing the great masses of cloak and dress-makers in the industry, yesterday went into session at the Hotel Brewster here, after several more unsuccessful attempts to enter the convention hall of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Police guard, called in by the reactionary Sigman clique, refused to pass anyone not armed with a special pass made out by the right wing in control of the convention.

After declaring that the delegation truly representative of the workers in the trade will begin to rebuild the union shattered by the expulsion policy of the right wing over the heads of the Sigmans and Schlesingers, Louis Hyman, New York Joint Board manager, and the other left wing leaders went into session to map out plans for the immediate steps to be taken in that direction. From their headquarters soon came the following official statement, signed by Louis Hyman:

Mandate from Workers.

"Regardless of whether the present administration, which 18 months ago illegally expelled Locals and Joint Boards representing about 80 percent of the workers in the trade and which since then maintained itself in power thru a regime of terrorism, will seat the left wing delegates or not, we have come here with a mandate from thousands of workers to repudiate the

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LABOR PARTY FOR FOSTER, GITLOW

Penna. Body Votes to Support Mine Strike

(Special to The DAILY WORKER) By ALEX BITTLEMAN

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—Amidst great enthusiasm for prosecuting on the political field the fight for winning the miners strike and other working class struggles, the annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Labor Party adjourned last night. A program of action and several resolutions were adopted calling for militant participation of the Labor Party in the coming elections, for the building up of a strong Labor Party locally and in the state, and endorsing William Z. Foster and Benjamin Gitlow for president and vice-president in the coming national elections. Ben Thomas a member of the machinist union of Philadelphia was elected as state chairman, Emmet P. Cush of Pittsburgh, members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers Union, as state secretary, Isaac Munsey, Negro miner of Avella Pa. as treasurer and eight members of the state executive committee.

Maurer Absent.

James Maurer and the Reading unions controlled by the socialists

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One of Few Survivors in Dredge Tragedy



Lambros Laftakis, above, was a fireman aboard the United States government dredge Navosink, which collided with the freighter Swinburne off Staten Island. Laftakis saved his life by swimming but 18 of his mates were trapped in the dredge and drowned. He is shown in the hospital where he is undergoing treatment.

JAPAN SEIZES CHINESE RAILWAY; WAR LOOMS

PEKING, May 8.—Japan virtually declared war on China today when the Tanaka Government formally announced the seizure of the Tsingtao-Tsinan railway. The seizure is generally regarded as a preliminary step toward the occupation of the entire province of Shantung.

TOKYO, May 8.—More than 15,000 additional Japanese troops will be sent to Tsingtao, Shantung, the Japanese Cabinet today. The Nagoya division, which it is expected will be selected, numbers from 15,000 to 18,000 on war strength.

Japanese troops have already launched an offensive in Tsinan that is generally regarded as the first step in an attempt to occupy the whole of Shantung Province. Measures are being taken to disperse troops along the principal railway lines in the Province.

Another clash between Japanese and Kuomintang troops is reported to have taken place in Tsinan last night.

TEXTILE UNIONS IN FAKE MERGER

Bureaucrats Refuse Real Amalgamation

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 8.—Alarmed at the growing influence and control attained by the Textile Mill Committees among the 30,000 textile operatives who are in the fourth week of a strike that completely silenced about 70,000 looms in 58 mills here, the functionaries of five locals out of seven of the American Federation of Textile Operatives voted to accept the proposal of the United Textile Workers that the two organizations merge.

A statement issued by the Textile Mill Committees, which is enrolling into its membership new hundreds of unorganized strikers daily, denounces this move of the United Textile Workers (Continued on Page Five)

NEW OFFENSIVE IS INSPIRED BY BRITISH TORIES

Soviet Union Protests New Murder Plot

WARSAW, May 8.—The relations between Poland and the Soviet Union which have been strained as the result of recent attempts to assassinate the Soviet Union Minister Bogomulov and the Soviet trade representative Lizarev were further aggravated today when Polish border guards attacked a detachment of U. S. S. R. border police near Dolhino.

The clash followed a protest from the Soviet Union against the protection which the Pilsudski government has afforded to monarchist Russian groups within Poland. The Soviet Union note was handed to Foreign Minister Zaleski on Sunday in connection with the recent white guardist attempt to murder Lizarev.

Altho no details of the clash have been received here except that two number of Soviet Union guards wounded, the fight is believed to have resulted from the attempt of a white Russian raiding party to cross the border. The Polish police, it has been openly charged, have aided Russian monarchist groups in their raids in U. S. S. R. territory.

In addition to demanding the dissolution of white Russian raiding parties which use Polish territory as their base, the Soviet Union's note demands the extradition of Wojciechowski for trial in the Soviet Union on the charge of attempting to assassinate Lizarev. The Soviet note points out that Wojciechowski was mentioned by the Polish government as associated in the murder of Peter Voikoff, Soviet Union minister to Poland last year. The U. S. S. R. note points out that the Polish government not only took no measures against the white guard terrorists, but actually encouraged their organization in every way.

Tory Hand.

The Polish attack on the U. S. S. R. border police and the recent attempt to assassinate Lizarev is generally regarded as a result of Lord Birkenhead's visit to Berlin, where he is reported to have conferred with General Konarzewski, of the Polish General staff. According to the press of the Soviet Union, they are believed to have outlined plans for a military offensive against the Soviet Union.

WARNING AGAINST STRIKEBREAKERS

BIRKENHEAD is understood to have promised the Polish general with aid in the form of money and munitions. Will Fight Dual Body to Finish

(Special To The DAILY WORKER)

BELLVILLE, Ohio, May 5. (By Mail).—Twenty-nine local unions of District 6, represented in the Save-The-Union movement, have voted to condemn the strike breaking and dual union activities of Oral Daugherty recently deposed Lewis-Hall official who is now seeking to organize an "independent" mine union in Ohio. It is known that Daugherty is now and has been with the knowledge of Lewis in the pay of the coal operators. The union which he is attempting to organize is therefore known to be a company union. The Lewis machine which was forced to depose Daugherty when it could no longer shield him is believed to be sympathetic to Daugherty's new attempt at strikebreaking. Only the Save-The-Union forces are now fighting this and other attempts by the operators to defeat the miners.

Speed Up

The speed-up is the worst thing about the job. We used to put out a lot of work before, but now the work that was put out by three girls, is done by only one. We have to keep up with the packers, because if we don't give them the boxes to pack they lose time. When it gets to be about two o'clock we are all in and after that we don't know where we are or what we are doing. No wonder there are so many accidents. This is not all. We must stay after quitting time until all the work is out. The last few hours are torture enough, yet we are kept like slaves to finish up.

Daily Worker Agents at Luncheon Friday

The New York DAILY WORKER agents will meet at a luncheon at the Cooperative Consumers Cafeteria, 54 Irving Place, Friday, May 11, at 7 p. m. Speakers will include Jay Lovestone, William W. Weinstein, Robert Minor and Alex Bittelman.

Guard Streetcleaning Official Who Revealed Huge Graft in Department

COMMUNISTS GAIN SUPPORT OF PENN. LABOR PARTY MEET

Foster and Gitlow Are Endorsed for Election

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were conspicuous by their absence from the labor party convention, although Maurer was present in the hotel at the time when the convention was in session. In absenting themselves from the convention Maurer and the socialists of Reading were following in the footsteps of the reactionaries, who have boycotted the labor party and its convention.

The fifty delegates, representing four county labor parties with eight delegates, fifteen miners local unions, with about twenty delegates, the remainder representing miscellaneous trade unions in the different parts of the state were unanimous in condemnation of the former state chairman Kutz, and the old state executive committee for criminal failure to fight the battle of the workers in the political field and for reducing the state labor party to an adjunct to the republican and democratic parties. So bitter was the anger and resentment of the delegates against the former chairman Kutz and the old executive committee that neither he nor any of the old officials with the exception of executive member Bob Normam and former secretary Oylar, dared to show up in the convention hall until the late afternoon recess when Kutz made his appearance in the almost empty convention hall accompanied by four people claiming to be delegates, but presenting no credentials, and declared the convention adjourned leaving the hall immediately afterwards together with the former secretary Oylar and the four fake delegates. This action by Kutz did not in the least disturb the delegates who reconvened on time for the evening and the last session of the convention.

Kutz Absent.

The delegates, as they were coming to the convention hall beginning at about 10 a. m. as instructed by the official convention call issued by the old state executive committee and signed by Kutz and Oylar, seemed rather amused at finding out that Kutz was not there and that he was not expected during this week as reported by the hotel clerk who received a letter from Kutz to that effect only this morning. The explanation offered by some of the delegates for the absence of Kutz was his fear to face the convention, whose state of mind was known to Kutz before hand, for his treachery in endorsing the republican politician Water for state treasurer on the labor party ticket.

The convention was opened officially at noon today by Bob Normam, the sole member of the old executive committee at present at the convention hall. Following the opening of the convention the delegates proceeded to the election of Emmet Cush as temporary chairman and Bob Normam as temporary secretary of the convention, also a credentials committee with delegate Getto, a miner of Bentleyville as chairman of the committee. The arrival later of Charles O. Oylar, former state secretary, a Kutz henchman, and his persistent effort to delay and block the convention were unsuccessful.

Discuss Reports.

The discussion on the activities of the old executive committee and the immediate tasks of the state labor party occupied the major part of the afternoon session. This session closed with the adoption of a resolution repudiating the non working class policy of the Kutz administration and instructing the incoming state executive committee to build a real militant labor party in Pennsylvania, to fight politically the injunction, anti-strike laws and evictions of striking workers, for unemployment relief and insurance, for the abolition of the coal and iron police and the withdrawal of the state police from the mining area, against Wall Street war in Nicaragua, and for the recognition of the Soviet Union.

The endorsement of William Z. Foster and Benjamin Gitlow for president and vice-president in the national elections took place at the last session in the evening, at which were also adopted resolutions calling for support of the miners' strike, for the immediate release of Benito and the other miners, for the protection of the foreign born, etc.

Ben Thomas, chairman of the state committee closed the convention with an impressive speech to the effect that a new working class leadership has come into office in the Pennsylvania state labor party as a result of this convention, a leadership which will strive to make the labor party an effective political instrument in the hands of the workers of Pennsylvania.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 8.—William Z. Foster and Benjamin Gitlow were placed on the ballot in Maryland as Workers (Communist) Party candidates for president and vice-president. Although only 2,500 signatures were necessary, over 3,000 names were on the petition filed with the secretary of state.

INCREASE DAILY WORKER'S ADVERTISING, CALL TO READERS

The readers of The DAILY WORKER are being called on to help increase the amount of advertising appearing in the Daily. It is a well-known fact that every newspaper is sold at a loss and depends on its advertisements to make up this loss and something more.

But unlike the capitalist newspapers, the ads of The DAILY WORKER have never been sufficient to pay the publication expenses. The paper has been compelled constantly to call on its readers to make up the deficit. The workers of this country can save themselves thousands of dollars and place The DAILY WORKER on a

sound financial basis by starting a vigorous campaign for ads. In another part of this paper readers will find a coupon headed "Patronize Our Advertisers." We ask you to do a small thing: fill out the coupon with your own name and address and the address of the place where you buy some article of apparel, fur-

nishings or any other necessities. Fill out several of these coupons with the names of several business places that you patronize. These business places are potential advertisers, potential sources of revenue for The DAILY WORKER. The coupons will enable the business office of the Daily to approach these

potential advertisers. Increased advertising is absolutely essential if The DAILY WORKER is to grow and improve and lift a great financial burden from the shoulders of the workers of this country. Workers, here is an opportunity to help your Daily that will cost you only a two-cent stamp.

TAMMANY TOOLS FEAREXPOSE; NEW DETAILS PROMISED

Graft Reached Millions, Loughheed Charges

Police last night were guarding William H. Loughheed, in fear that those who will be exposed in the sensational street cleaning graft scandal may attempt to take the former Tammany Hall official "for a ride" to prevent him, from implicating scores of active Tammany Hall camp followers.

Exactly what threat have been made against Loughheed has not been made public, but yesterday I. M. Sackin, his council, went to police headquarters and requested that his client be protected. Special detail of uniformed men are now guarding Loughheed's home at 2110 Bolton Ave., the Bronx.

In a signed confession Loughheed charges that the graft amounts to several million dollars annually. The payroll system, as he describes it in his sworn statement has extended to all boroughs and been in operation for years.

He charges that many officials of the department share in the spoils. One of those named by Loughheed holds one of the leading positions in the street cleaning department.

Leading Official Involved.

One of the charges made by Loughheed is that one of the officials of the main street cleaning office employed to check payrolls in Manhattan, the Bronx and Brooklyn is linked with the graft gang.

The following is taken from that part of Loughheed's affidavit in which he describes the alleged "payroll padding" system:

Q. Describe how the payrolls were padded. A. Names and addresses would be obtained mainly from the Italian section of the Bronx from doorbell plates. The names would be put on the payroll, given names and addresses so that it would appear all right, and from 30 to 50, 60, 70 and a little more than 100 fictitious workers on the payrolls of the Cromwell Avenue garage alone.

Q. Was this done only in snow removal work or at all times of the year? A. At all times of the year, only in a lesser amount in the winter time.

Q. Who would obtain the names for you? A. It was suggested that (giving the name of one of his subordinates) would go out and get them.

Loughheed, who frankly admits that he began to "take" in 1915, said that he was at the Cromwell Avenue garage from its opening. He said the "payroll padding" was started right away.

Q. How much did you get each week? A. All the way from \$200 to \$1,800.

CANNON TALK TO EXPOSE FRAME-UP

Discuss Famous Cases May 18

The entire history of the American frame-up system will be thoroughly discussed and analyzed by James P. Cannon, national secretary of the International Labor Defense, at a lecture that he will give on Friday evening, May 18th, at 8 o'clock at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place.

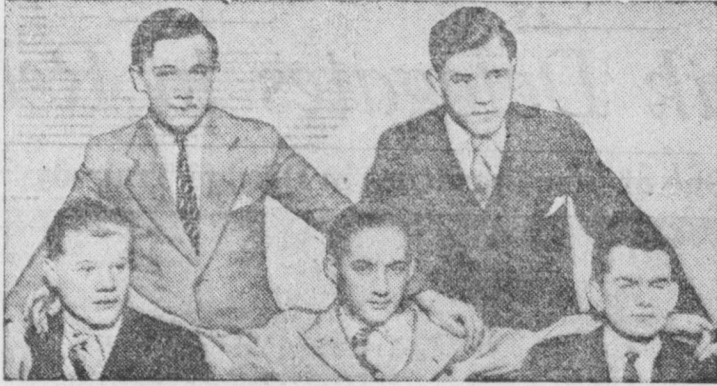
Cannon will show the relationship between the frame-up system and the efforts of the capitalist class to maintain and increase its dominance over the workingclass. The Sacco-Vanzetti case and its implications will be prominently featured in his talk, which will be given under the auspices of the New York Section of the International Labor Defense, 799 Broadway.

Cannon will also discuss the frame-up of Mooney and Billings and tell of the mass movement which the I. L. D. is starting to free these victims of capitalist justice. Having visited Mooney at San Quentin prison in the course of a country-wide tour, Cannon will be able to give an intimate picture of the man who for 12 years has rotted in the dungeons of capitalism for his devotion to the workingclass. All those attending the lecture will receive a three-months' free subscription to the Labor Defender, monthly organ of the International Labor Defense.

U. S. S. R. Delegates to Talk in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—A mass meeting to hear a report of the American Trade Union Delegation to the Soviet Union will be held Thursday at 8 p. m. at Grand Fraternity Hall, 1626 Arch St.

Made Thieves; Now the State Would Kill Them



The five boys above, ranging from 15 to 22 years old, are charged with the murder of a grocer during an attempted holdup. Not strong enough to struggle in other ways against the conditions which capitalism imposes on the poor, scores of youths are driven to gangdom and thieving. Having made thieves of them, capitalism is demanding that these youths die in the electric chair.

BECKERMAN MAN FOR PIECE WORK

Hollander Speaks At Bosses' Dinner

The first step toward the piece-work system in the union membership of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers was taken yesterday when Louis Hollander, manager of the Jewish Costmakers' branch of the union, and right-hand man of A. Beckerman, reactionary boss of the New York Joint Board, came out openly in favor of piece work at a banquet given to the employees of one of the biggest firms in the city, the Charles Douglas-Mack Co.

This is the second time that the administration of the Amalgamated has intimated its intention to put over piece work for the bosses, but the first time in public.

Workers Forced To Attend

The occasion for the banquet was the successful and profitable completion of a year's work by this firm. The Beckerman machine had permitted these bosses to operate on the piece-work system, and they thus have tendered their thanks to the union officials for the profits extracted under the system by giving a banquet to their workers, non-attendance at which meant immediate dismissal from the job.

Now that the negotiations for a new agreement are only several weeks off, the existing one expiring at the end of the month, the Hillman administration is speeding up its plans to begin an immediate offensive against the protest of the masses of the union membership.

Even a trade journal of the employers has declared its assurance that another high union official is definitely known to favor the piece-work system. Beckerman is meant, it is generally believed. This trade journal, in reporting the banquet, recited the history of the firm, saying that the union officialdom of the Amalgamated, especially, gave piece-work to this firm in order to be able to use it as an argument against the speed-up system's opponents. They gave the employer to take absolute liberty in choosing his crew of workers from the market.

Convention Starts Monday

The coming national convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union which promises "good times" for 200 machine followers and their 700 guests and friends, according to the official announcements of "special trains" and "sight-seeing" stopovers, is scheduled to begin in Cincinnati next Monday. The convention will be ended by the time the New York officialdom begins negotiations with the New York employers for a renewal of the agreement. It is for this reason that the Beckerman machine arrogantly makes public statements favoring the vicious speed-up system, workers here declare.

King, Gomez to Speak at Haiti Protest Meet

Senator William H. King of Utah will state his position on the policy of the U. S. government in maintaining marine rule in Haiti. The protest meeting to be held under the joint auspices of the Haitian Patriotic Union and the New York Branch of the All America-Imperialist League, next Sunday, May 13, at New Harlem Casino, 90 West 116th St. Other speakers at the meeting will be William Pickens, of the National Association of Colored People; Robert Minor, editor of the DAILY WORKER; Henry Rosemond, of the Haitian Patriotic Union, and Manuel Gomez, secretary of the All America Anti-Imperialist League.

FOSTER TO TALK ON MINE STRIKE

Workers Party Meeting To Be Held Tomorrow

"In its whole life," said John Brophy, speaking at the historic April 1st Conference, "the miners' union never faced such a crisis as today, and the fault lies with the Lewis policies."

The story of the events leading up to this crisis, the picture of the present situation in the miners' strike, and the consequences of the strike if it should not be won, will be carefully analyzed by William Z. Foster at a membership meeting of Sections 2 and 3 of the Workers (Communist) Party, to be held Thursday at 6 p. m., at Bryant Hall, Sixth Ave. and 42nd St. Members of these sections are required to attend the meeting and bring along their Party membership cards. A special registration will be held at the door and a record made of all those in attendance.

Foster will expose the treacherous policies of Lewis, showing how his tendencies have always been to split the union up into many fragments, and thus weaken its resistance.

Lewis's treachery during the 1922 strike will be dealt with. A large part of his address will be devoted to the present situation in the unorganized fields, where the miners have recently made the phrase "Solidarity of Labor" a burning reality by downing tools to carry on the strike side by side with their organized brothers.

RIGHT WING FUR FINISHERS MEET

Registered Workers Plan One Union

When the details of the meeting of the right wing fur finishers union of the Joint Council, held last Monday night in the headquarters of the right wing union, were learned, it was disclosed that even there the workers are beginning to revolt against the inhuman sweat shop conditions enforced by the fur bosses since the establishment of the dual union by the American Federation of Labor.

Demand Committee of 15

After a bitter discussion held on the floor of the meeting, in which the machine in control of the Joint Council were condemned for their activity in annihilating standards, a motion was passed with only three opposition votes that a committee of 15 be elected to take steps leading to the re-establishment of one union in the industry. The committee, after being elected, was instructed to appear before the Joint Council meeting and demand that they call a mass meeting of all furriers, where the question of one union shall be discussed and acted upon.

The committee was also told to appear before the local meetings of the other 3 in the Joint Council to ask them to elect similar committees to make the same demand from the Joint Council.

The significance of this meeting lies in the fact that the committees from each local comprising about 60 people in all, when elected, are asked to take immediate independent action in the event of a refusal of the Joint Council to call the mass meeting, that is, to call the mass meeting themselves under their own auspices. At this meeting the question of regaining a single strong union, which is capable of combatting the inroads of the employers' offensive.

CLOAK DELEGATES TO REBUILD UNION DESPITE SIGMAN

"Organize Over Heads of Fakers," Is Slogan

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expulsion policies which have been carried thru with the aid of the bosses and take steps to unify and re-build our organization.

"In order to prevent any opposition of its policies on the floor of the convention the international administration has made sure to eliminate every opponent by illegally removing such candidates from the ballot. In view of this it is hardly to be expected that this convention of hand-picked delegates will seat the elected representatives of the workers, nor is it to be expected that it will take any steps to unite the workers in an effort to re-build our organization, which has been shattered during the period of the struggle.

"The workers know that what is necessary at the present time is not merely a change of personnel in the administration, as is advocated by some of the opponents of Sigman who are sponsoring the candidacy of Mr. Schlesinger, the former president, but a fundamental revision in the policies which will go away with expulsions, discriminations and surrender to the bosses, and will unite all the workers regardless of their views and opinions in one common effort to re-build the union and restore union conditions.

Demand United Union.

"The workers have authorized us to come to Boston to fight for a united union, controlled by and in the interests of the workers. In the event that those in control of this convention will continue the present policy of expulsions, persecutions and surrender to the bosses, we are then authorized to take steps to lay the basis for the re-building of our union and for the restoration of union conditions for the workers in our industry, above the heads of the Sigmans and the Schlesingers.

"We desire to state that the fake issues of Communism raised by Sigman is intended to prejudice the progressive delegates in the union, is nothing but a smoke screen to hide the sinister motives of the present administration desiring to maintain itself in control of the union by force and violence. The propaganda that we are coming to create trouble is an old practice of the administration to becloud the real issues. We have come to Boston to transact business in the best interests of our membership in the union."

Yesterday's session of the fake convention controlled by the Sigmanites and the Breslau-Schlesinger clique, was marked by a series of speeches begun by Sigman who delivered the "key-note" speech after the Star Spangled Banner had opened the official sessions. Speeches were also made by sue union-smashers as Matthew Wolf, Max Zaritsky, head of the capmakers' union, who began the mass expulsion policy and other lesser "lights."

Sigman, in his speech, admitted that since he had acquired the presidency of the International, the unionization of the trade has gone continually down, but the blame was attached by him not to the union-smashing tactics of himself and his aides, but to the Communists. This was the only subject discussed by the other speakers.

Meetings Called

The left wing delegation is arranging a series of mass meetings to be held thruout the week for the needle trades workers here. A "proletarian banquet" was held yesterday in honor of the delegates and was arranged by the progressive workers here, in the International Hall in Roxbury. Tonight a ball will be held by the Freiheit sympathizers of Boston, in honor of the delegation. It will take place in the Scenic Auditorium.

1,000 TAXI DRIVERS LOSE WORK CARDS

Police Attack Is Under Orders of Yellow Taxi Company

MORE than 1,000 taxi drivers were stripped of their badges, cards and books in raids made yesterday and Monday by a special corps of police connected with the office of Deputy Police Commissioner Nelson Ruttenberg in charge of the Hack Bureau, it was learned last night.

The drivers by the police action,

To the Glory of the Capitalist System



Unemployed workers being "fed" by a boss charity are shown above. The expressions on the faces of the men tell more eloquently than words can the price these workers have paid that the capitalists might crush them. While the bosses make gestures of relief to distract the workers from the real unemployment issue, the army of the jobless daily recruits new forces thruout the United States.

MARIONETTES AT CENTER TONIGHT

New "Brick" Lists Proving Popular

(Continued from page 1)

Workers Party units in District 2. Each of the lists, which have been designed by Hugo Gellert, contains 20 red bricks, priced at 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1. The entire list totals \$10. On each brick is printed: "Add Another Brick to Workers Center." This has become the new slogan to finish up the drive for \$30,000 to establish the Workers Center. All class-conscious workers and units of the Workers Party are urged to devote all their energies to selling these bricks in order that the drive, which ends May 15, may be a success.

This is also the final week for the competition for the beautiful revolutionary banner, which is now on display in a window of the Workers' Center. The banner will be awarded to the unit or organization which collects the most money in the drive.

The Young Workers Social Culture Club is arranging a package party and dance for next Sunday evening at 8.30 at its clubrooms, 118 Bristol St., near Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn. The proceeds will go to the Workers Center.

LEWIS HENCHMEN IN NEW SCHEME

Plot to Oppose Action of Coal Diggers

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., May 8.—Enraged because rank and file miners of local union 2086, Pike Mine, have defied the Lewis machine and have voted unanimously to support the Save-the-Union movement, International Organizer Lawrence Dwyer and his self-appointed assistant, Thomas Bevans of So. Brownsville, are seeking methods to annul the action of the miners.

Bevans several weeks ago tried to prevent four delegates to the April 1 Save-the-Union Conference at Pittsburgh from reporting to Local 2086 on their return from the conference. The miners, however, voted 100 per cent to hear the report and then voted to accept it and joined the Save-the-Union movement.

WATCHES PLANES IN CHILE.

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 8.—Ernest Johnson, attaché of the British Legation in Argentina, has been sent here by the British government to look after British air interests in Chile.

Chas. Russell Gets Reward for Services

CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL, like his friend John Spargo, has made good.

Spargo has been making up for his the very feeble and dubious services which he once rendered the old socialist party by hawking fascism in the columns of the New York Times and attacking the Soviet Union. Russell has been attacking the Soviet Union and hawking "patriotic biographies."

Yesterday it was announced that he had received the Pulitzer award for the "best American biography teaching patriotic and unselfish services to the American people." Russell was once city editor of the sanctimonious New York World, owned by the founder of the Pulitzer prize.

WEATHER HELPS SANDINO TROOPS

Marines Vainly Pursue Nationalists

PUERTO CABEZAS, Nicaragua, May 8.—The rainy season has developed in Eastern Nicaragua hampering the movements of the United States marines that are vainly trailing the nationalist troops under Gen. Sandino in the Pis Pis River Zone.

Word was received today of a second clash between marines and nationalists on the Waspook River. Nationalists ambushed along the shore opened fire upon an advance guard of marines in a boat. The fire was returned. The advance guard was reinforced and later a United States bombing plane dropped bombs over the district where the nationalists were believed to be barricaded.

Women Hold Mass Meet For Miners Tonight

A mass meeting and concert for miners' relief will be held tonight at 1472 Boston Road under the auspices of the Bronx Section of the Women's Miner's Relief Committee. Miners direct from the struggle in the coal fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois will address the meeting. Other speakers will be Juliet Stuart Poyntz and Ray Ragozin. Featuring the concert will be programs by Irving Schoen, tenor; M. Margolis, soprano and a violin recital by J. Kessler.

A meeting of the Women's Mine Relief Committee will be held on Monday, May 14, at Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, 947-959 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn.

Imperialist Powers Subsidized Donetz Coal Conspiracy, Inquiry Reveals

ACCUSED ADMIT GUILT; PAID BY FOREIGN POWERS

53 Conspirators to Be Tried Soon

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker) MOSCOW, May 8.—That the fifty-three persons recently arrested in connection with the counter-revolutionary conspiracy in the Donetz coal basin were subsidized by foreign powers was revealed today with the publication of a summary of the inquiry before a special commission of the supreme court. All of the fifty-three pleaded guilty and will come up for trial soon.

The inquiry revealed that the counter-revolutionists had been busy for eight years hampering the development of industry in the Donetz. Mine owners, mine engineers and a number of technicians, three of whom were German citizens, were among those involved.

The accused admitted that they had received regular salaries from White Guardists who had formerly owned the mines as well as from official representatives of a number of foreign powers.

The conspiracy to disrupt industry in the Donetz basin resulted in the arrest of a number of counter-revolutionary technicians who were in charge of the plot. Referring to the conspiracy, Joseph Stalin, secretary of the All-Union Communist Party declared that the imperialist powers were substituting economic for military intervention.

This Time French Tories Try Transatlantic Propaganda Flight



The French Government (which is seeking easier war debt terms from Uncle Shylock) will try another "good-will" stunt flight soon. Photo shows Detroyat, French aviator, who is planning flight to New York from Paris is shown after completing a flight from Algiers to Le Bourget Field, Paris.

EGYPT SEIZES 21 AS COMMUNISTS

Threatens Deportation in New Terror

CAIRO, May 8.—The Egyptian authorities have arrested 21 men here alleged to be members of the Egyptian Communist Party, in raids which were prosecuted throughout the city.

The arrests follow the widespread popular discontent with the attitude taken by the present Egyptian government in surrendering without a struggle to the demands of the British government that the Assemblies Bill be halted.

The fate of the 21 arrested men is uncertain but it is generally believed that they will be deported from Egypt. Other arrests are expected hourly.

The authorities claim to have seized a quantity of Communist literature and a press during the raids.

Famine Threatens as Locusts Devour Crop

GUATEMALA CITY, May 8.—Famine threatens the people of Guatemala as the result of the damage done to the corn crop by the plague of locusts, it is stated by the Guatemala Farmers' Association. Measures are being taken to improve large quantities of cereals to meet the shortage.

Many of the Guatemalan farmers have been ruined since in some sections of the country where the locusts swarmed, entire plantings were devoured by them.

CHILEAN PREMIER LEAVES CABINET

The Chilean Premier, Enrique Balmaceda, who was appointed by the dictator Ibanez to give a democratic and historic prestige to his government, has resigned with the declaration that he cannot support the policies of Ibanez. Balmaceda is the son of the former president of Chile, J. M. Balmaceda, who was the founder of the "Liberal Democratic Party" also called the "Balmacedista Party" which held power in Chile longer than any other single party.

Balmaceda's support was of considerable importance as the party represented a centralist democratic party favoring greater power for the president. Thus Ibanez was able to refer to the "theories of the great Balmaceda" and invoke the support of the masses for his dictatorship. Ibanez has now lost the support of the last political party after having broken with the conservatives, liberals, radicals and the "Wage Earners Party," whose representative in his ministry, Dr. Salas, was exiled to Paris and later accused of plotting a "Communist conspiracy" against the Chilean government.

AMALGAMATED IN FAKE AGREEMENT

Shirt Union Heads Try New Betrayal

After a strike of many weeks conducted by the Shirt Makers' Union, affiliated with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, against the Alperin Strauss Company, who ordered a reduction in wages, and established an out-of-town non-union shop, the manager of the "Shirtmakers' Joint Board, George Gooze, announced that he had reached a settlement with the firm.

Gooze emphatically announces that the agreement as signed, requires the firm to disband its non-union out-of-town factory, and return the amount cut from the wages of the workers, but, the statement made by Samuel Manaccus, head of the firm is just as emphatic in its denial of the claims of Manager Gooze.

Claims Denied. Manaccus declares that the 125 employees affected have returned to work with a 15 per cent reduction in week-work pay and a cut in prices for those who work on the piece work system. The boss also denies that the out-of-town non-union shop entered the negotiations in any way.

The officialdom of the shirtmakers' union, are thus following closely the policies pursued by the national Hillman administration of the Amalgamated, namely, of perpetrating sell out after sell out as long as they can show a signed agreement as a result of their efforts.

Important Firm. The settlement with this firm is significant in view of the fact that it is one of the most important members of the United Shirt Manufacturers' Association. The union membership, whose conditions are continually lowered, believe that many other members of the association will now sign contracts on the same terms. The association of the employers as a whole refused to renew the collective agreement which expired Feb. 15. Instead of mobilizing the workers for a sharp struggle against the employers the administration took no aggressive measures to safeguard the union standards. The open shop managed by the newly signed firm is in Hazelton Pa., and the "union" shop is in Brooklyn.

POINCARE SPEECH AROUSES ALSACE

Support Grows for Autonomists

STRASSBOURG, France, May 8.—Widespread discontent with French imperialism has been heightened by the speech of President Poincare at Metz in the course of which he declared that France will never consent to a neutral and autonomous state in Alsace.

In view of the trial of the fourteen autonomists it is believed that Poincare's address will cause increased support for the autonomist movement throughout Alsace and Lorraine.

The refusal of magistrate Mazoyer to give the autonomists another week in which to argue their side of the case is generally interpreted as showing the methods which the French authorities are intending to use in suppressing the autonomist movement.

The attempt of the French prosecution to drag in the story of "German gold" behind the autonomist movement continues in spite of being generally discredited. Dr. Ricklin, the chief defendant has repeatedly denied that he had any communication with the German government or any of its agents.

JOBLESS GROW AS PROFITS RISE

Double the number of wage cuts and fewer advances in Labor Bureau's report on pay shifts during the first four months of 1928. Against 33 cuts in 1927, there were 62 this year, half of them in wage textiles. Cotton mill workers have suffered wage reductions of 9 per cent since last year.

During April, 58 wage increases, mostly in printing, building and transportation trades were reported, against 12 decreases. Jobs are 6 per cent scarcer than last year, despite greater industrial activity as spring advances.

Referring to huge undistributed profits swamping the stock market, in the face of continued unemployment, Labor Bureau remarks:

"In these circumstances, wise policy would seem to dictate either lowering the prices of the articles that are made at such great profit so that the demand for them might be larger, or raising the wages of those engaged in making them, with the same end in view, or both. Certainly an industrial order which long continued to throw off unused profits at the top and unused workers at the bottom would have few impartial defenders."

VICE CONSUL A SUICIDE. SHANGHAI, May 8.—United States vice consul Walter E. Wilson, who had been missing for several days, committed suicide by drowning himself in the Whangpoo River it was revealed today with the finding of the body.

Mass Demonstration

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DENY ARGENTINE PARTY IN FUSION WITH REFORMISTS

Few Renegades Allied With Socialists

The various stories of the "fusion" of the Argentine socialist and the Communist Parties which have appeared in the capitalist press are completely without foundation, it was authoritatively learned yesterday.

It appears that the so-called "Communist Party of the Argentine Region," under the leadership of the city councillor, Penelon, who was recently expelled from the Argentine Communist Party, made overtures to unite with the old socialist party in return for certain concessions. The socialist party which lost heavily in membership thru the secession of the rightists who formed a new "Independent Socialist Party," may welcome some persons who were ejected from the Communist Party. But this fusion has not yet been completed.

The situation of labor parties is consequently as follows:

The extreme right wing Independent Socialist remains under the leadership of de Tomaso; the old mildly left Socialist Party under the leadership of the brothers Dickeman and Repetto with the secessionist followers of Penelon, who formerly constituted the right wing of the Communist Party; and the Communist Party under the leadership of Rodolfo Ghioldi. The Communist Labor Party, which published the Chipisa (Iskra) and which split off from the Party in 1925 in connection with the assassination of Enrique Muller, the leader of the Argentine Young Communist League has very little importance.

Officials in the "Union Business" Ask for Writ To Halt Boss Offensive

Another set of officials in the "union business," this time the administration of the Case, Bag and Portfolio Makers Union are appealing to the capitalist judges to assist them in keeping the union "organized."

Charles Nugent, treasurer of the workers organization filed suit in the Supreme Court recently against the Reliable Suit Case Company, for \$20,000 damages, for conspiracy to break the agreement which is to remain valid till September 1, next. The union also applied to the same judge for an injunction restraining the firm from "continuing their conspiracies to break the agreement."

Instead of organizing the workers to fight the company's attack on union standards, by strikes and other militant trade union tactics, the officialdom regards the union as its own particular business venture, and a profitable one at that, the union members declare, expressing their determination to fight such methods of conducting a trade union organization.

Will Develop New Canada Gold Fields

TORONTO, Ont., May 8.—Seventy-one thousand acres of land near Quebec are to be carefully sifted in an attempt to extract the gold deposits they contain. The fields have been known to have gold for many decades. A company mainly controlled by American financial interests has been formed to exploit the 71,000 acres of land by the latest smelting developments which make its extraction highly profitable.

For Services Rendered



Major Leroy Hodges, economist, and friend of the bloody terrorist regime in Italy, will be honored by the Italian government for services rendered to fascism.

PAPCUN DEFIES STATE TROOPERS

Progressive Forces to Continue Meetings

SCRANTON, Pa., (FP), May 8.—"Who's running this union," asked angry coal diggers.

"We're running it right now," shot back state troopers, as they ordered union members from their own hall after breaking up a meeting of 1,200 members of Local 1487 at Pittston.

1,000 members of Local 1495 at Hightstown were voting on officers. State troopers didn't like the way the vote was going. They assumed charge of the meeting and ordered all miners from the hall.

At other union meetings, state police frisk all miners entering the hall, then post themselves in strategic positions. When speakers say things distasteful to the officers, they are warned and later ejected, if necessary. If the meeting is not run to the troopers' satisfaction, the chief steps to the front and adjourns the session without explanation. Guns reinforce the troopers' determination.

Save-the-Union Committee meetings are also under the police ban. 100 miners gathered to discuss union problems at Dickson City, near Scranton, were ordered to disperse from the hall they had rented. No charges were presented. The miners were simply warned to get out, and not to meet again.

George Papcun, secretary of the anthracite Save-the-Union committee, has defied state and local police, declaring the committee will hold meetings at will.

SEIPEL TO GIVE BELA KUN PAPERS TO IMPERIALISTS

Admits He May Grant Extradition Demand

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker) VIENNA, May 8.—Bela Kun's extradition by the Hungarian government is still possible, an interview with Chancellor Seipel of Austria revealed yesterday. Seipel may turn over documents alleged to have been found in the possession of Bela Kun to "interested governments," he stated.

BERLIN, May 8.—Huge protest meetings are being held throughout Europe to demand the release of Bela Kun, Hungarian Communist leader, according to reports received by the International Red Aid.

Numerous cablegrams have been sent to Chancellor Seipel demanding Bela Kun's release.

Kill Two Macedonians

ATHENS, May 8.—Two Macedonians alleged to have participated in a plot to blow up the Serbian consulate and other buildings were executed here yesterday. It is charged that the men hoped to cause trouble between Greece and Jugo-Slavia in this way. The men were members of a Macedonian separatist organization, the authorities asserted.

Six Are Drowned

UNIONTOWN, Pa., May 8.—Six persons, five of them Negroes, were drowned when a small boat overturned in the Monongahela river between Masontown and Greensboro.

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ELABORATE NEW LAND LAW IN SOVIET UNION

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R. (By mail).—The government of the Soviet Union has elaborated a law on land utilization and organization whose contents are as follows:

TORTURE CHARGES AGAINST POLICE

Miami Officials Used Middle Age Methods

MIAMI, Fla., May 8.—After three months of investigation, the Dade county grand jury yesterday charged the Miami police department with "underworld alliances, summary executions, revival of the tortures of the middle ages and despotism of such a nature as to destroy the freedom of our citizens."

The denunciation of police department policies was contained in the final report of the grand jury which some time ago indicted chief of police H. Leslie Quigg and several members of his force for murder and beatings. Quigg and three of his men were acquitted recently of killing a Negro prisoner.

Specific instances of torture, indignity and tyranny were described in the report. Recital of these instances came from more than 90 per cent of 200 witnesses who appeared before the inquiry.

Common practice in police question of witnesses included forcing them to sit on an electrically wired chair, with an officer standing ready to knock back into position any one who attempted to escape the torture, the report said.

The jury said it had been informed that one Negro prisoner had the soles of his bare feet beaten with a copper-bound ruler for an hour and a half.

Britten Misuses Frank To Attack Disarmament

WASHINGTON, (FP) May 8.—Sen. Fred Britten of Chicago, Republican gang politician and acting chairman of the House naval affairs committee, has lifted from the record of hearings before his committee on the naval construction program a statement only 8 pages in length, attacking the National Council for Prevention of War. This has been printed separately with the heading "Pastors, Politics and Pacifists." These eight pages are being circulated under Britten's frank, although they contain several paragraphs of all-out quotation from a report by the District of Columbia board of education which were never in that report. The D. C. board refused to permit Fredrick J. Libby, secretary of the Council, to speak in the public schools. Johns and Britten now combine to circulate a false report as to the action taken, and to take it from its place in the record of hearings.

Canadian Jingoism

OTTAWA, Ont., May 8.—An appeal to prevent people from other countries from settling in Canada was made by Albert Chamberlain, president of the British Welcome and Welfare League, in appearing before the house committee considering immigration problems.

DEFENSE BODY TO PROTEST FASCISM

Call Wilkes-Barre Meet Against Polish

WILKES-BARRE, May 8.—Two Russian branches of the International Labor Defense of the anthracite, one in Wilkes-Barre and the other in Plymouth, are calling a conference of fraternal and sympathetic organizations to protest against the terror of Poland and Pilsudski, and against the murders of the Belorussian Gromods for May 20, 2 p. m. at the Rusenck Hill, 805 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre.

After the conference, at 4 p. m. in the same hall, there will be a mass meeting, where there will be speakers in Russian, Ukrainian and English.

All organizations are asked to respond to the call and to send two delegates to protest against the murder of these workers by the fascist government of Poland.

The committee responsible for the conference is secretary, A. Rosskey; chairman, A. Kozakoff; treasurer, T. Sharek.

Ruling Hits Teachers

TRENTON, N. J., May 8.—Graduates of state normal schools must teach at least two years in New Jersey before they may teach anywhere else. If they do not they must reimburse the state \$200 a year for two years. This ruling was made by the state board of education here yesterday.

The board granted several individual increases in salary at this meeting.
SELECT INCINERATOR SITE. A three-year dispute over the selection of a site for a garbage incinerator in the eastern part of the Bronx was terminated when the Board of Estimate chose the site at Watson Ave and Bronx Ave.

PITTSSTON MAYOR GILLESPIE REPLACES TOWN POLICE WITH PENNSYLVANIA STATE GUNMEN

(By a Worker Correspondent.)
 PITTSSTON, Pa. (By Mail).—That Mayor Gillespie of Pittston is a direct servant of the coal operators, contractors and the reactionary union leaders' gang, is revealed by the fact that he instructed the city chief of police McHale not to send the police to protect the miners from the gunmen.

The miners are always in the majority at their union meetings but the contractors are always there with their guns and other concealed weapons and beat the miners up.

When the city's police force is on duty the gunmen are by no means less sure of themselves. But the contractors, coal operators and Cappellini have finally influenced the mayor to withdraw the police force from the service and replace it with the state constabulary. Why?

For the simple reason that the city policeman is most likely a miner or an ex-miner, or some of his relatives, or neighbors may be miners. He may expect some day to have to go back to the mines himself and dares not cold-bloodedly allow the contractors' gunmen to murder his friends and relatives and steal their bread.

On the other hand, the state constabulary are the worst type of gunmen themselves. They come from hell knows where and they are ready on the command of Governor Fisher, the coal-owner, to shoot any union men at any place and any time. Hence Mayor Gillespie wants the constabulary to be sure to give protection to the contractors' gunmen.

Citizens of Pittston, mark that, for you will need it in time of marking ballots.

—ARD.

"They Jailed Us But Can Never Break Our Spirit;" Woman Correspondent

HEROIC MINERS' WIVES TRAPPED FOR FOUR DAYS

Babies, Mothers, Sleep on Iron Cell Floor

By a Woman Worker Correspondent
 LANSING, Ohio, (By Mail).—Will you please give me a small space in your paper. I am one of the 51 miners' wives arrested on Saturday, April 21 when we were tricked into the jail here.

We women took no part whatever in "rioting" tho the capitalist press classified us like we were murderers or wild cats. We only went to the jail to protest when some of our men were taken from the hall where we were told by the sheriff, Clyde C. Hardesty, that we could organize a woman's auxiliary.

Innocence Their Guilt.

These men arrested the second time are the same ones who were arrested before and are out on bond. These men did not take part in anything during the time we had our meeting. They were arrested simply because they were in the hall.

Among these men we had a secret serviceman who reported every word that was said and everything that was to be done. This was not known at that time, but our eyes are now fixed on that suspicious man who is employed to spy and lie on us.

Because we did not know the laws of the state we were tricked into the jail and locked up for 72 hours.

In the Wheeling Sunday newspaper there appeared articles which said 51 women and five nursing babies were locked up. There were no babies in the jail at that time until the prosecuting attorney read the papers. Later we were asked if we wanted our babies. They did not dare give us the papers until they had done something about the babies.

The little ones were brought to the jail after a special trip by the prosecuting attorney and let out the same time with their mothers. They had to sleep in one blanket with their mothers in the jail. Some of the floors were made of sheet iron. Four of the cots were without mattresses. There were five cells, with 29 women and five babies in one compartment (not apartment, beg pardon). Twenty women and two school girls were on the other side.

We were all married women, wives of striking miners, who were tricked with the prisoners into the jail.

72 Hours of Jail.

After the 72 hours were up we were taken to the courtroom where we pleaded not guilty and were put under \$200 peace bonds. Two of the women, Mother Guyan, a gray-haired lady, and Mary Barto, whose husband was one of the six men taken from the hall during the wholesale arrests Saturday, were let out on \$500 bond.

I am going to give you a description of our county jail. There are five cells, each about six by nine. They are like cages. There is a corridor, about 60 feet long with cement floors and there is sheet iron on the floors of the cells.

Foulness.

When we came in Saturday, there were four buckets of garbage standing in back of the jail in the toilet room. And such filth, no sanitation whatever! We asked to have these buckets removed and were told that we would not be here very long. Remember that that was Saturday and that we were there until Tuesday afternoon!

Our company at night was bedbugs and cockroaches, something we don't have at home. We even had iron bars on the windows, and the door was locked every time the jailer left as after he brought our meals. Some poor chance we had of escaping when even the steps are guarded, so why ask us up!

We women had never been in jail until we were tricked in by the secret serviceman, who even preached violence, but was not taken to jail when the other men were arrested. Some well reception they gave us while marching us to the jail. The guards were armed to the teeth and even had iron helmets and steel jackets.

The Proletarian Woman.

Well, they tricked us into the jail, but they did not break our spirit yet and never will for this is a struggle for existence and life. Under this capitalist system we cannot expect anything better, only the abolishment of wage slavery.

I am a poor wage slave's wife. Print this at the end of my letter. But do not print my name for I have many Lewis women living around me.

—VICTRIX.

Periscope "Grappler" Passes Tests



A combination underwater light and periscope, invented by W. C. Weis, has been used successfully in the recovery of drowned bodies in 30 out of 32 attempts. The picture shows Weis, at the right, demonstrating his invention. By applying the eye to the handle of the periscope, which is hollow, the searcher can see a section of the bottom brilliantly lighted.

McGarry, Brennan Show Selves as Lewis Tools

By ANTHRACITE MINER.

The forces led by McGarry, Brennan and Harris are exposing themselves every day in District 1, how they are betraying and selling out the membership while they claim that they are fighting against Cappellini and his administration. The Save-the-Union Committee has got hold of a document in which, under the pretense of attacking Cappellini, the McGarry, Brennan and Harris forces tries to discredit the Save-the-Union Committee and are trying to get Sam Bonita to repudiate the Save-the-Union Committee.

While in the first part of the document they come out openly against Cappellini, they do not say anything against Lewis. In the last part of the document they try to get Sam Bonita to repudiate the Save-the-Union Committee. This document was written up by one of the Brennan forces for Sam Bonita to sign. Everything has been done by McGarry, Brennan and Harris to keep Sam Bonita in jail. It is a well-known fact that Sam Bonita could be out on bail and could be fighting the machine and would be the logical fellow whom the miners of Pittston would look up to, yet the Brennan forces have used every means to keep Sam Bonita in jail, to bring all kinds of pressure, all kinds of maneuvers in forcing Sam Bonita not to appeal for a new trial or to appeal his case to a higher court. Not only that, they are trying to stop any action on the part of the rank and file in District 1 to free Sam Bonita, as the letter indicates by doing it cleverly under the pretense of fighting Cappellini.

Brennan's Record.

The membership of District 1 must realize what Brennan was when he was in power before. The same contract system which Brennan now comes out against, Brennan was for in 1920, 1921 and 1922. In spite of the fact that Brennan says that he is not seeking office, and has no political aspirations, yet it is a well-known fact that the only one that he will put into office will be somebody that will do his bidding. It is also a well-known fact that every newspaper which is controlled by the coal operators is at the present time openly supporting Brennan, McGarry, and Harris. Another thing which is

peculiar is the fact that McGarry, Brennan and Harris should be so anxious to see Sam Bonita stay in the penitentiary, tho this can be easily explained. If Sam Bonita comes out of jail, Frank McGarry will have to move out of the picture. Every miner knows that Brennan has never come out openly for the support of Sam Bonita. Every miner knows that Brennan, McGarry and Harris would have forced the miners of 1703 to go back to work under the decision of the conciliation board if they could. All miners must also understand the pushing to the forefront of Nick Buffonti, James Kearny, who after Alex Campbell's death hid himself away and would not come out in the open but slunk away when the miners of 1703 wanted them to do something in the carrying on of the fight after Campbell's death.

Call for Repudiation of Traitors.

The Save-the-Union Committee calls upon the miners of District 1 and of Pittston particularly to repudiate and fight against the betrayers who only want jobs like Frank McGarry, Brennan, Harris, James Kearny and Nick Buffonti. Nick Buffonti has exposed himself even as recently as April 27th, when the grievance committee stopped the mine and called the men out on strike when the company refused to recognize James Lamarca, the docking boss and Frank McGarry, the checkweighman, when he went before Superintendent Milton and when Superintendent Milton wanted to know who of the grievance committee stopped the miners. Nick Buffonti in his slinking manner said it was not he and that he had nothing to do with it. How can the miners of Pittston follow such leaders? How can the miners of District 1 support Frank McGarry who supports such men for leaders as James Kearny, Nick Buffonti, Wm. J. Brennan and others of this treacherous crew who do not have the guts to come out and say what they think but try in the underhand way to sell out the rank and file?

Accuses Negro

ATLANTA, Ga., May 8.—A Negro, Julius Moore, was arrested here charged with stealing 22 yards of regalia cloth from the Ku Klux Klan

ILLINOIS MINE WORKERS CALL FOR CONFERENCE

Fishwick Terrorism Fails to Halt Them

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (By Mail).—The Illinois coal operators are now working completely hand-in-hand with the district union officials, to destroy the union in a manner departing from their once announced policy. Prior to April first, the operators' association announced that it would close down all the mines, brazenly adding that a month or two of complete starvation would soon make the coal miners see the need of taking a wage cut.

The Peabody Coal Company is starting to operate two mines in Kincaide. The Old Ben Coal Company, the Bell and Zoller Company, as well as other smaller companies, are operating mines thru the state, under terms of separate temporary agreements. Conditions established by the union in the past, have been entirely wiped out by these kind of agreements. The men are compelled to clean out their own dead-work, lay their own tracks, and put their own props without pay. The operators now find this the most convenient way of wiping out the union. While once upon a time, the union officials themselves would have fought against any separate agreements, they now find this policy of the operators in complete harmony with their own methods of treason to the union.

Wherever the rank and file miners undertook to fight actively against separate agreements, by picketing the mines thus signed up, they soon found themselves opposed by the combined forces of the coal operators, the county sheriffs, the bankrupt officials, and members of the K. K. K. At several instances the picket lines were thus broken up, both in Springfield, in Staunton, and in West Frankfort. At the latter city several arrests were made. Four members of the union were arrested, and the picket line including James McCullum, one young miner, Morris Tomash, was arrested distributing handbills for the Save-the-Union meeting. When Wm. Matheson and Gerry Allard came to find out about this arrest, they were pinched also, but subsequently released as no charge could be framed up against them.

With the general terrorism of the union reactionary officials, combined with the state and county authorities, goes the policy of expulsion of progressive miners. Several attempts have already been made to expel all those who went as delegates to the Pittsburgh April first conference. The president and secretary of the local union of Orient were expelled together with the delegates officially sent by the union. Not content with this, the sub-district machine went to work, stole the local charter and seal, and appointed new officers, who, however, do not dare to call a meeting of the membership, knowing the overwhelming majority is with the Save-the-Union movement. Attempts are being made to expel one whole

TERROR REIGNS BUT CAN'T HALT MASS PICKETING

Save-the-Union Action Spreads Like Wildfire

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

LANSING, Ohio, (By Mail).—The constitution of the United States in general and that section of it in particular, which gives its citizens freedom of speech and assemblage received another interpretation when local and state police broke up a peaceful meeting at Maynard, Ohio, and arrested three of the speakers. The arrests took place at the Polish hall where 300 men and women gathered to be addressed by Save-the-Union speakers.

The authorities who "have the welfare of the people in mind" herded some 51 women and children in the St. Clairsville jail, originally meant to quarter about 35.

Lansing, Ohio, is a living refutation to the lies of "prosperity" in America, of freedom, of justice. Due to the wholesale arrests some families have been left with no mother. The children run around town crying for their parents and asking when they will come back. Kind neighbors try to look after them, but still many go days without food.

This situation is not a wild flight of the imagination, but solid, concrete facts that can be proved by a visit to Lansing.

Authorities ruled by the iron hand of the coal operators have been given the right to arrest all members and sympathizers of the Save-the-Union forces. This breaks up families and leads to starvation. Terrorism reigns. Threats of violence by company thugs and beatings by the police happen daily.

But regardless of this injustice, the spirit of the miners is not broken. They comfort each other and say that we will win the strike. We will cleanse the union of its filth. The Save-the-Union movement is spreading like wildfire. Non-union fields are responding. West Virginia reports 100 per cent shut down at Elm Grove. At Triadelphia and vicinity 600 are out. Mass picketing is being conducted at all mines.

—WARE.

Local union in Wilsonville, with a membership of 1,000 who also sent delegates to the Pittsburgh conference.

The Illinois district Save-the-Union Committee realizes that the Fishwick machine will neither call a special district convention to consider the emergency in which the union finds itself in order to take steps to remedy it, nor take any steps to change the destructive separatist agreement policy, or help win the Pennsylvania-Ohio strike. The district Save-the-Union Committee, at its last meeting held at Belleville, Illinois, Monday, April 30th, decided to issue a call for a special district convention to meet at Belleville, Illinois Saturday, May 19th, 10 a. m.

The call is signed by 100 leading progressive Illinois rank and file members.

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Beethoven Symphony Orchestra to Give Thirty-Six Concerts

—DRAMA—

LOLA RAINE.



WITH the announcement sent out yesterday by the Beethoven Symphony Orchestra that the group will give no less than thirty-six concerts here next season, it seems that New York will have an opportunity to hear another major orchestra outside of the Philharmonic—the only major orchestra left after the disbanding of the New York Symphony. The Beethoven Orchestra gave but seven concerts here the past season.

The Beethoven Symphony Orchestra, according to the announcement, will open on Oct. 23 a series of twelve concerts to be given at fortnightly intervals on Thursday evenings at Carnegie Hall. It will also play there six Friday afternoons and five Saturday afternoons as well as at the Brooklyn Academy five Sundays and at the Metropolitan Opera House eight Sunday afternoons.

To the thirty-six concerts thus scheduled in the metropolitan district it is proposed to add some fifty nearby, for which bookings are now being made in nearby cities and suburban towns. Instead of long rail journeys it is planned that the out-of-town concerts shall be mainly offered to communities within the commuting area of New York.

Arthur Honegger, the distinguished Swiss composer, whose music has been heard in several of the most notable performances of orchestras of New York, Boston and Philadelphia in the past year, has accepted an invitation to come over as guest conductor of the Beethoven Orchestra at the height of the season next January. He will direct two concerts on Jan. 10 and 11, the programs to include his new concerto.

Aside from other guest artists who have yet to accept the proposals of the Beethoven group, the orchestra itself is to be enlarged from its present personnel of eight-five to a total of 102 players. Some of these, it is said, are to come from the former New York Symphony ranks, while a few also will be Philharmonic men whose places have been taken by symphony veterans.

Georges Zaslavsky will continue as conductor of the Beethoven Orchestra, as he has been since his original introduction here in 1926 at a special concert in which the Philharmonic played for his local debut.

In the latest edition of the "Greenwich Village Follies," now in its second month at the Winter Garden.

"Dracula" Celebrates 250th Performance

Horace Liveright's production of "Dracula," the international famous vampire play, played its 250th performance last night at the Fulton Theatre, where it has been the past nine months. With this performance "Dracula," combining its four solid years in England and its nine months in America, passes its two thousandth performance.

"Dracula" in its four years in England netted 1,700 performances and the 250 performances played by the Liveright company in America, brings the grand total to 2,000 performances for this play based by Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston on the Bram Stoker novel, which novel, by the way, has sold 50,000 copies yearly for 30 years. "Dracula" will open in Los Angeles July 1.

The principals who will play in the Australian production of "Good News" left yesterday for San Francisco and will sail for the Antipodes next week. The show is scheduled to open in Sydney sometime in June.

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WORKERS PARTY RALLIES MASSES IN FARE STEAL

Resolution Condemns Tammany Hall

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workers who are compelled to ride on the lines affected, and

"Whereas, this decision will mean that from \$40,000,000 to \$60,000,000 additional will be robbed from the workers of this city, amounting in most cases to an additional tax of approximately \$30 a year and in the case of thousands of workers, heads of households, to \$100 a year, during a period of great unemployment, and

"Whereas, reports show that the Interborough Rapid Transit Company has netted millions of dollars profit each year through the exploitation of workers and passengers and the manipulation of watered stock,

"Whereas in spite of the exorbitant profit, the Interborough Rapid Transit Company has consistently followed a policy of exploitation of the traction workers, paying the lowest possible wages, and maintaining a most inhuman speed-up system, the company union scheme and intolerable working conditions and crushing with the utmost brutality, by the use of thugs, spies and imported scabs, any attempt at organization on the part of these workers, and

"Whereas the Tammany Hall administration of the city and the Republican controlled state legislature have worked in collusion with the Interborough Rapid Transit Company "to be resolved by this mass meeting held under the auspices of the Workers (Communist) Party, District No. 2, that we condemn most emphatically, as an act of high handed robbery against the workers of the City of New York, the attempt to collect a seven cent fare and we demand of the city and state administration, including the mayor the board of aldermen, the governor of the state and the state legislature that steps be taken to maintain the five cent fare, in protection of the millions of workers for whom this additional burden would be an outstanding hardship. Be it further resolved that we go on record concerning the Walker administration and the manner in which it has handled the seven cent fare issue and for collusion with the traction barons to put over the seven cent fare.

"Be it further resolved that we go on record in favor of a Labor party which shall fight for the maintenance of a five cent fare and for the organization of the traction workers."

Farmer's Family of 7 Is Burned to Death

EL DORADO, Kans., May 8.—Seven persons were burned to death in their farm home north of here last week. The origin of the fire is still a mystery. Mr. and Mrs. William Oberst and five of their six children were the victims.

County authorities think that the farm may have been robbed, the family slain and the house fired by the burglars. It is believed that Oberst had a large amount of money in the house at the time of the fire.

ALLEGED SPY ON PAROLE. LA PAZ, Bolivia, May 8.—Enrique Frings, who is being held as a spy, has been granted provisional liberty here.

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1. All requests for dates and affairs will have to be registered on this calendar in the district office, giving all the information requested.

2. No affair or meeting is authorized by the district unless a written authorization is received in the form of a duplicate blank of the calendar bearing the signature of the district organizer.

3. Merely putting the date in the calendar does not mean that you receive the right to hold an affair on such a date.

4. The district takes this measure of authorizing the date as well as the character of the affair in order to reduce duplication and to systematize and improve the quality of our activities.

William Weinstein, Dist. Org.

2B 1F. Subsection 2B, Unit 1F, will hold an educational meet today at 6 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St. The subject discussed will be "The Latest Developments in the Socialist Party."

Spanish Fraction Meeting. A special meeting of the Spanish Fraction will be held today at 8:30 p. m., at 143 E. 103rd St. No member of the Fraction should be absent as a very important report will be given at this meeting.

3E FIB Meet. Unit FIB, Subsection 3E, will meet today at 6:15 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

Subsection 3C Wednesday. A meeting of the enlarged executive of subsection 3C will be held today at 6:30 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St. All unit organizers and executive members of the subsection must be present.

Unit 2D-2C. A Green will lecture on the 7-Cent Fare Steal today at 8:30 p. m. at a meeting of Unit 5D1-2C, formerly 2F, at 126 E. 16th St.

IB IF Meets. A meeting of Unit IB 1F will be held this evening at 6:30 at 60 St. Marks Place.

Branch 6, Section 5. The nominating convention and the coming election campaign will be the subjects of discussion at the meeting of Branch 6, Section 5, today in the Auditorium, 27th Bronx Park East.

Unit 1F, Subsection 2A. Unit 1F, Subsection 2A will hold an open educational meeting Friday, May 11, at 6:30 p. m. at 108 E. 14th St., Room 44. Lawrence Ross will lead a discussion on "The Election Campaign."

FDI Section 5. A discussion on "The Election Campaign of the Workers Party" will be held at a meeting of FDI Section 5, Monday evening, May 14. Members must turn out for the Miners Tag Days Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13. A roll will be taken.

2B 6F. Unit 2B 6F, formerly 2D 2F will hold its regular meeting today at 6 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St. Elections for functionaries will be held.

Greek Section Meets. The Greek Section will meet at 101 W. 27th St. tonight at 8 o'clock.

Workers Party Hike. The Workers Party hike will be held on Sunday, June 24th, to Pleasant Bay Park.

Unit B Section 4. A meeting of Unit B, Section 4, will be held tonight at 350 E. 81st St., at 8 sharp.

Unit F-4 will meet Friday at 101 W. 27th St.

Sections 2 and 3. All members of sections 2 and 3 are required to attend a special membership meeting to be held tomorrow at 6 p. m. The meeting will be at Bryant Hall, Sixth Avenue, near 42nd St. Comrade William Z. Foster will make

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an analytical report on the miners' strike. All members must have with them their Party membership books. A special registration will be taken at the door. No collection will be taken!

Branch 1, Section 8. A meeting of International Branch 1, Section 8, will be held today at 8:30 p. m. at 1639 Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn.

2 UNIONS IN FAKE TEXTILE MERGER

Refuse Mill Committees' Proposal for Unity

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ers and the Textile Council as a fake amalgamation scheme, since they refused to consider the proposal of the mill committees that steps be taken for a real amalgamation by uniting all the unions in the textile industry.

Both the U. T. W. and the A. F. T. O. have on their exaggerated membership lists but a small number of the total amount of workers engaged in the textile manufacturing industry the mill committees declare. They conclude with the statement that no mere merger of two so-called unions which combined because of the U. T. W.'s desire for per capital payments, temporarily waived because of the strike, can result in a real union when the administration refused to consider unity with the other unions, and also refused to take up the problem of organizing the hundreds of thousands of unorganized workers in New England alone.

The proposals made by the mill committees, which were rejected, are that an immediate conference be called of all unions in the textile industry, which should include representatives from all textile mills, organized and unorganized, so that a concerted drive could be begun for the organization of the approximately 1,000,000 workers in the mills.

The New Bedford Textile Council's seven locals have a combined membership of about 7,000 workers, according to their own claims. Only five of these voted for the merger. Of the remaining two, one voted to defer action and the other refused to join outright.

In addition to the textile mills belonging to the Cotton Manufacturers' Association shut down by the strike there is also a silk mill that was closed down when it attempted to put over a wage cut ranging from 10 to 25 per cent. The officials of the Textile Council recently held a conference to settle this strike individually. When they brought the terms of the employer to a meeting of the workers, the workers voted unanimously to remain out on strike till the mill owner agrees to restore the previous standard of wages.

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FUNCTIONARIES TO HOLD MEET FRIDAY

Will Elect Delegates to Convention

A special functionaries' meeting to elect delegates to the national nominating convention to put forward the presidential ticket will be held on Friday, May 18, at 8:00 p. m. at 108 E. 14th St., Room 45.

Prior to this meeting the units will consider securing delegates representative of the various trades and sections of the movement, as well as fraternal delegates from the shops and from organizations in sympathy with the movement.

Following the national nominating convention the District will hold a state nominating convention to put forward the state ticket, at a date which will be fixed by the District Executive Committee at the next meeting of the Executive Council. All functionaries are urged to take note of this meeting and have this matter discussed in his unit and bring recommendations in his unit regarding the delegates to be elected to the national nominating convention.

Special attention is called to the meeting in Mecca Temple to open the national nominating convention which will be held Friday, May 25, at 8 p. m.

"Problems of Working Women" Course Tonight

A special late spring symposium course in "Problems of Working Women" begins at the Workers School, 108 E. 14th St., tonight at 8:30. This course will train women workers, working class housewives and active members of working women's organizations for the important tasks facing working class women today in building up a strong working women's movement in New York City and in the entire country. This course, consisting of six sessions on six successive Wednesday evenings, will be given by William W. Weinstein, Jack Stachel, Juliet Stuart Poyntz, Ray Ragozin and Rose Wortis.

City Marshals Will Go On Trial Friday

On Friday nine city marshals will be tried in City Hall on charges of extortion and intimidation. This trial will be the first of a series to be carried out following investigation of their activities.

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Mine Relief Meet. A mass meeting and concert arranged by the Women's Committee on Miners' Relief, will be held at 1473 Boston Road, this evening at 8 o'clock. All women in the section are urged to come.

Downtown I. L. D. The annual entertainment and dance of the Downtown International Labor Defense Branch will be held on Saturday evening, May 19, at 35 E. Second Street, corner Second Avenue.

Freiheit Gesang Verein. The Fifth Jubilee Concert of the Freiheit Gesang Verein of New York and Paterson will be held Saturday, May 12, at Carnegie Hall.

Miners' Relief Dance. An entertainment and dance for miners' relief will be given on May 26, at 8 p. m. at Rose Gardens, 1347 Boston Road, under the auspices of the Youth Conference for Miners' Relief, 799 Broadway. Admission will be 50 cents.

Workers' School Hike. The next hike of the Workers School will be held Sunday, May 13. The hikers will go to Thirty Ear Ridge. There will be two meeting places, at 108 E. 14th St. at 8 a. m., and at Van Cortlandt Park, 9 a. m. A sports and social program has been arranged.

Flatbush Council Meeting. The Flatbush Council No. 21 Workingclass Housewives, will hold its regular meeting at 1321 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn.

Plumbers' Helpers Hike. The American Association of Plumbers' Helpers will hike to Palisades Interstate Park on Sunday, May 20. Meeting point will be at 135 E. 24th Street.

Housewives' Organizers Meet. A regular meeting of the central body and organizers of the United Council of Workingclass Housewives will be held tomorrow at 8:30 p. m. at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th Street.

Harlem I. L. D. Meeting. The Harlem Section, International Labor Defense will meet today at 8:30 p. m., at 143 E. 103rd St. A new executive committee will be elected.

To Aid Miners. The United Council of Workingclass Women of the United Workers Co-operative will hold a midnight show, June 2, at 11:30 p. m., at Burke's Theatre, White Plains Ave. and Burke Ave., the Bronx. The proceeds will go for miners' relief.

Young Workers Club. The Young Workers Social Culture Club will meet at its new headquarters, 118 Bristol St., Brooklyn, tomorrow at 8:30 p. m. The executive committee will render its report.

Downtown I. L. D. A special meeting of the Downtown International Labor Defense Br. will be held Thursday evening, May 10.

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Marxism-Leninism Course. The next session in Bertram D. Wolfe's course on "Marxism and Leninism" will be held at the Workers School, 108 E. 14th St., tomorrow at 8:30 p. m.

Friends of Nature Meet. The Junior Section of the Friends of Nature will hold its monthly business meeting Friday evening, May 11, at the A. F. W. hall, located at 250 East 83rd St., New York City. The Junior Section will hike Sunday, May 13 to Hartsdale with August Kuhn as leader. The hikers will meet at 242d St., Van Cortlandt Park at 8:00 a. m. Fares will amount to \$2ec.

Convention Report at the U. A. C. Co-op. A report of the Eastern States Co-operative League Convention held at Hartford, Conn., April 22, will be given on Friday, May 11, at 8:30 p. m. at 1890 7th Ave., Un. Ar. Co-op. The delegates to the convention, Almezzof and Sigel, will give their report.

Mobilize for Mine Tag Days! Workers Organizations, Trade Unions, etc., are asked to mobilize their membership for service during the Tag Days for Miners Relief, Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13. Communicate with the National Miners Relief Committee, 799 Broadway, Room 236, for particulars as to stations, supplies, etc. Telephone Stuyvesant 8881.

Increase in Negro Workers' Death Rate

Altho the death rate among white industrial workers decreased during the first quarter of 1928, the death rate among Negro workers has increased. The combined rate is 9.7 deaths per 1,000 workers.

BUDAPEST, May 8.—The case of Baron Hatvany, former member of the Karolyi government, who was recently sentenced to seven years imprisonment and a fine of 500,000 pengos is before the court of appeals here. He is charged with having defamed the honor of Hungary.

Window Cleaners' Protective Union—Local 8 Affiliated with the A. F. of L. 15 E. 3rd St., New York Meets each 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 P. M. at Manhattan Lyceum. Window Cleaners, Join Your Union!

DENY INJUNCTION IN COOKS' CASE

To Continue Picketing of Five Restaurants

An injunction prohibiting the Cooks and Assistants Union, Local 325, Brooklyn, from picketing five cafeterias affiliated with the Cafeteria Association, was denied yesterday morning when the case was heard by Judge Dunne in the supreme court, Brooklyn.

The union started picketing the five restaurants last week. Temporary injunctions were immediately served on the union officers and were in effect until the case was heard yesterday. Picketing will be resumed at once, it was announced last night.

The five restaurants effected by the strike are: The Parkway, 1638 Pitkin Ave., The Present, 1638 Pitkin Ave., The Mayflower, 418 Sutter Ave., The Cameo, Pitkin and Rockaway Aves., and the Pitkin, 1779 Pitkin Ave.

Student Teachers Are Mentally "Strapped"

Union teachers are aroused over discipline suffered by budding teachers at Jamaica Training School. They were mentally cuffed and strapped for appearing in a body before the board of education to advocate the appointment of the logical candidate to be superintendent of their school.

Cop Stabs Woman Patrolman Harry Hansen of the East 67th Street Station has been arrested charged with having stabbed and seriously wounded Mrs. Anna Johnson, of 846 72nd St., Brooklyn on Friday. It is charged that Hansen stabbed the woman with a pocket knife after a quarrel.

Here We Are! MODJACOT MARIONETTES At the WORKERS' CENTER 26-28 UNION SQUARE Wed., Thurs., Sat. and Sun. At 8 P. M. New Program at Each Performance. Tickets: 50c; Children 25c. On sale at 26-28 Union Sq. ALL PROCEEDS TO WORKERS' CENTER!

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Now Mr. Mellon's Preachers!

The mine workers have to beware of strikebreakers from many quarters appearing in disguise as "friends." They have to beware of other strikebreakers in the disguise of "impartial investigators."

There are no friends of the mine workers except those who are willing to throw themselves into the fight to win the strike and to save the Union, helping the mine workers to take their Union into their own hands.

There are no impartial people of any kind in the miners' struggle.

The mine workers have seen a committee of senators parading as "investigators," only to try to break the strike from behind the cloak of "impartial investigation."

And now come some more "impartial investigators." These are incited by the Pittsburgh Council of Churches—that is, an assembly of the most prosperous ministers of fashionable churches absolutely dependent upon the big financial-industrial interests of Pittsburgh, chief of which are the Mellon interests. This Pittsburgh council of preachers under the thumb of the scab Mellon interests got the Federal Council of Churches (the national counterpart of the Pittsburgh council) to undertake a new attempt to demoralize the coal miners.

This national body of Rockefeller's and Mellon's preachers is now spreading its "impartial" report. The reverend gentlemen advise "both" sides to abandon the fight—but of course they know that the scab-herding bosses will not abandon the exploitation of the mine workers—what they really want is to persuade the mine workers to abandon the struggle, while the coal operators continue to force down the mine workers to scab conditions.

The foul birds of Mr. Mellon's scab coal companies give the full approval of the churches to the use of the coal and iron police against the mine workers. The real intent of these preachers is revealed behind the words: "in employing with legal sanction the coal and iron police the coal companies incur a solemn obligation not to divert the processes of orderly government to private ends," and they give their saintly blessing to the cracking of skulls by the state cossacks with the suggestion that it would be all right if only the coal operators make the state pay for the skull cracking.

This strikebreaking venture of Mr. Mellon's preachers will be consigned by the mine workers to the same nether regions to which the impudent and dishonest report of the Mr. Mellon's senators has been consigned.

The mine workers must understand that any group which pretends to be impartial in this struggle is merely lying and is seeking from behind to deliver a death-stab to the mine workers.

This sinister and dishonest report of preachers well fed at the board of the Pittsburgh operators, shows its treacherous character when it advises that hundreds of thousands of mine workers be thrown out of the industry, out of their jobs permanently; but the disciples of Jesus do not undertake to say where there are jobs for these workers in other industries. They only sing the old song of the scab program of squeezing out a large portion of the workers only to speed up the rest of the workers for a more frightful exploitation under still worse conditions. These saintly men sneer at the idea of anything being conceded to the workers, which they contemptuously refer to as "preoccupation with the humanitarian phases of the problem,"—and then they pass on to real business by denouncing the mine workers for what these holy men have the nerve to call "the beating up of the men who have taken the places of those on strike." (They have a word of praise only for John L. Lewis for siding with the strikebreakers.)

But the mine workers know that all who are not with them in this fight are against them. This applies to the senators; it applies to the council of preachers; it applies to those treacherous "leaders" who for a time posed as being "on the fence"; it applies to all who do not line up unequivocally for the struggle to save the Union, to win the strike.

Mine workers! Give your attention to the struggle! Turn your attention to the picket line, to the immediate calling of emergency district conventions, to enlarging your struggle so as to cover the whole national field—make it more than an economic struggle, make it a political struggle as well!

All to the picket line! All busy for the district emergency conventions! And let Mr. Mellon's preachers bray for their oats.

Strikers Need Medical Help

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 7.—Nation-wide sympathy for the brave struggle of the striking miners against one of the most powerful combinations of capital in the United States finds constant expression in offers of personal service which reach the National Miners' Relief Committee from every part of the country.

The latest offer is that made by Dorothy W. Demming, of New York City, who is completing her third year in the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Miss Demming, in a letter to the National Miners' Relief Committee, volunteers her services as physician during her vacation period which extends from June to September. Miss Demming's offer was made in response to the appeal of the committee for money with which to supply medical aid and equipment to the striking miners who are finding themselves helpless against disease because of crowded, unsanitary housing conditions in the barracks and the difficulty of persuading physicians to attend minor ailments.

Following Miss Demming's offer which is under consideration by the committee, Miss Helen Potts, a fellow medical student of Miss Demming, also volunteered to engage in

attending individuals, and assisting in public health service under the supervision of the National Miners' Relief Committee.

Every type of medical attention is difficult for striking miners to obtain. Every type of medical care from bad colds and scraped knuckles to confinement crises and pneumonia go unattended. The vitality of thousands of children, sapped by almost a year of undernourishment and insufficient clothing, is being lowered to a point which makes them ready victims of any disease.

Unsanitary and hastily dug wells scooped from the frozen ground will prove a prolific source of typhoid fever many physicians believe. Unless sanitation is observed, thousands of miners in the vicinity of Pittsburgh may find themselves facing plagues rivaling those of the Dark Ages.

Vaccine, anti-toxins, disinfectants and simple sanitary appliances are immediate needs. Thousands of children's lives may find themselves in real danger unless sanitation precautions in all barrack camps are taken immediately.

All contributions to the medical fund of the National Miners' Relief Committee should be sent at once to 611 Penn. Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

"THE PEOPLE SHALL CHOOSE"



Change the mask as much as you will, but Morgan's government is Morgan's still!

By Vose

1,000 Attend Workers Party Picnic on Coast

OAKLAND, Cal., April 30.—The annual Workers (Communist) Party picnic was held recently at East Shore Park in Richmond, in conjunction with San Francisco, Berkeley, and Richmond units. May Day was celebrated over a week in advance at this picnic, where about 1,000 workers were assembled to take part in the day's festivities. The Finnish comrades from Berkeley were on hand with their usual supplies of good food in the form of hot dogs, delicious sandwiches, and coffee. The more thirsty were able to quench their thirst with soda water, ice cream, and who knows what else. There were plenty of Greeks on hand, and we all know what that means. In fact there was a real international representation on hand, Slavic, Jewish, Greek, Armenian, Caucasian, Italian, Russian, etc., besides the native sons and daughters, and some real American Negroes.

The Young Workers League made itself conspicuous with a Red Letter Post Office, which was very amusing. The Pioneers were busy selling coupons to raise funds for the summer camp.

The speakers of the day were Wm. Schneiderman for the Young Workers League, E. Levin, organizer of District 13, and Oliver Carlson, the young organizer of District 12 of the Workers (Communist) Party, who spoke eloquently of the need for international working class solidarity, and described his visit to Russia in 1921 and his meeting with Lenin, the great leader of the workers.

Rubber Town--Home of 62,000 Slaves

By SCOTT NEARING.

More automobile tires are produced in Akron, Ohio, than in any other city in the world. In fact the rubber factories of Akron use 65 per cent of the world's total output of rubber—463,668,466 pounds in 1927. Most of this rubber goes to the three big plants: Goodyear, Goodrich and Firestone which produce the great majority of the 44,000,000 tires that Akron ships out each year.

The automobile industry was a stroke of unbelievable luck of Akron. Only 16,512 people lived in the city in 1880; 27,601 in 1890, and 42,728 in 1900. The population jumped to 69,067 in 1910 and to 208,435 in 1920. The war years were the period of Akron's greatest prosperity. Population increased 200 per cent in a decade; land values soared; buildings shot up in every direction. The Ohio town of 1880 had become a roaring center of American prosperity by 1920.

For 1927 the Akron Chamber of Commerce made this boast:

Population220,000
Factory workers62,018
Value of manuf. prod.\$603,519,000
Total factory payroll\$105,866,000
School enrollment39,930
No. of permits to build5,748
Value of bldgs. erected\$20,937,461

2nd industrial city in Ohio.
10th industrial city in the U. S.
The rubber center of the world.
Home of Rubber Trust.

The tire industry proved to be a "millionaire maker" during the early years. Demand rose fast. The product was sold before the raw material reached the tire factories. The "big three" rubber companies grew up together. The Firestone business was started in 1900 and reincorporated in 1910. By 1922 it was selling goods valued at \$64 million a year and paying dividends of \$1,293,182. Four years later, in 1926, sales were \$144 million and dividends \$4,039,474. Goodyear has an even better record. Organized in 1898; reorganized in 1927, the company made sales of \$127 million in 1923 and paid dividends of \$2,729,000. For 1926, sales were \$230, million and dividends \$8,-

642,000. Meanwhile the assets of the company had grown from \$156 million in 1923 to \$208 million in 1926.

The ramifications of the rubber trust extend far beyond Akron. Only a part of its business is located there. Firestone holds a 99-year lease on a million acres of former jungle land in Liberia, Africa; 200,000 acres of this land were planted to rubber trees in 1910. The remainder is being cleared and planted. Firestone has plants at Akron; Hudson, Massachusetts, and at Hamilton, Canada. He has preparation mills at Fall River, Mass., and at Singapore. Goodyear has extensive rubber plantation holdings in Sumatra; controls various companies producing cotton and cotton fabrics, including the Devon Mills at New Bedford, Massachusetts; the Goodyear Cotton Mills at Goodyear, Conn.; the Goodyear Clearwater Mills at Cedartown, Georgia; the Goodyear Cotton Company of Canada, and the Goodyear Textile Mills Co. of Los Angeles, California, all engaged in manufacturing tire fabric, and the Southwest Cotton Company located at Phoenix, Arizona, which owns 35,767 acres of land and is engaged in the growing of cotton. Goodyear products

are distributed through a distributing organization with branches in the principal cities of the world.

Goodyear owns 1,300 acres of land in Akron and vicinity; has 66 buildings, three-fifths of them built since 1915. The Akron plant employs about 15,000 people.

Rubber Slaves.
Tire building began as a "skilled" trade. It soon became a machine process with the worker tending the machine. Skilled labor was replaced by semi-skilled and unskilled labor. Foreigners and Negroes shouldered out native white workers who insisted on a higher standard of living. The make-up of Akron's population at the time of the last census (1920) is a striking picture of the forces at work there. White persons born in the United States of native parents made up 60% of the population; white persons born of foreign parents 18%; foreign-born persons 20%; Negroes 2%. There were 121,167 males and 87,263 females in the Akron population—141 men for each 100 women.

Akron rubber workers have been exploited more and more intensively as the years passed. Tire building is one of the industries that has shown

an immense increase in productivity per man in recent years. Since the war employment in the industry has increased 7 per cent while the total output has increased 28 per cent or four times as much as the increase in the number of workers employed.

The 62,018 workers who were exploited in Akron factories during 1927 did not lead an easy life. Much of the work of the building demands great physical exertion; in some of the processes the workers are wet; in other the odors and fumes are bad. Then the factories usually work either two or three shifts per day—the workers going on their shifts by turn. Sometimes, therefore, the worker goes to his work at 4.30 a. m.; sometimes in mid-afternoon; sometimes in the evening.

During the boom years of the Akron rubber industry repeated efforts were made to organize the worker into labor unions. Thus far the efforts have been largely unsuccessful. Among the 62,000 Akron factory workers the total number of card-holding trade unionists is probably under 3,000 and the total number of active trade union workers is probably less than 50.

A. F. L. Not Interested.

American Federation of Labor officials have been slow to help in the organization of the rubber workers. Most of the A. F. of L. members are craft workers and there are no crafts in the rubber industry. The only type of trade union organization that has a chance to succeed in the rubber factories is an industrial union. A. F. of L. officials are not industrial unionists and are taking no steps to organize this type of union. Independent efforts at unionization have lacked financial backing and have failed for want of trained leadership.

Akron bosses have handled the union situation without gloves:

1. They have put together in the same departments workers speaking different languages and who therefore have difficulty in understanding one another.

2. They have organized a very extensive spy system in their plants.

3. They have dismissed workers ruthlessly whenever they were engaging in organizing activity.

During the most recent effort at organization of the rubber workers, in 1927, after a union membership was built up, it was discovered that the man who had been elected secretary of the union was a government agent. He had worked regularly at the tire building trade for years, at the same time keeping his sleuth connection. On a previous occasion, ten employees of detective agencies were discovered holding various key positions in Akron trade unions.

Rubber town is a typical United States get-rich-quick town. Forty years ago it was a village. Today it is one of the most important industrial centers of the United States. The rubber industry has paid immense profits. The rubber trust, from its center at Akron, has reached around the world for raw materials; semi-finished fabrics; markets. The workers meanly housed, intensely exploited, denied even the opportunity to build trade unions, go stolidly through their round of daily toil, dimly conscious that something is wrong and wondering when their turn will come and what it will be.

"Homes" Where Akron Rubber Slaves Spend Their "Leisure" Hours



The rubber industry of Akron, O., is notorious for its vicious open-shop exploitation of the thousands of workers that it employs. Photo above shows a group of wretched hovels on the outskirts of Akron, where the workers and their families live under the most unsanitary conditions.

Is Harry Fishwick the President of the Illinois Miners?

By GERRY ALLARD

The situation in Illinois as one of the outstanding states of the United Mine Workers of America, has reached an acute stage. The organization in this district has entered into the general depression that confronts the entire coal mining population. Under the separate agreement policy large coal operators have signed up, installing new machinery, and using every applicable method to decrease the cost of production. As a result many miners are being laid off with the company having the liberty of choosing its men.

One of the best examples of the situation is New Orient mine at West Frankfort, Ill. Formerly some 1900 men worked there. When the mine reopened under a separate truce the company had a bulletin at the pit head with all the check numbers of miners that they did not want. As a result of this policy between 700 or 800 men were laid off. The company installed mechanical loaders in the rooms that men formerly worked in.

Then they picked the most efficient men to run them.

Illinois was declared to be the district of the miners union with the best conditions. The only think that the coal operators lived up to in the last two years of the Jacksonville Agreement was the scale. All miners agree that wages are a dominant factor in an agreement. Nevertheless, the conditions which a miner must work to earn this amount is also a prime factor. Taking up bottoms, cutting timbers, in fact all dead work was unpaid. Longer hours, speed-ups, part time work, lay offs, working machines with great physical efforts for less money and etc., were part of the Illinois miners' conditions. In fact all these things that were governed by the agreement were neglected by the coal operators and no efforts were made on the part of the union officials to make them respect that agreement. Today the Jacksonville agreement means nothing to the miners. It has been butchered, and altered so much by fake agreements that it means nothing in the sense of working conditions to the miners.

The militancy of the coal miners of Illinois has been very healthy in the life of the miners' union. For years the miners of this state had to work under the leadership of an exposed bootlicker of the coal operators, Frank Farrington. Working in conjunction with Farrington was Harry Fishwick, then vice-president and now president of the Illinois miners.

Farrington time and time again betrayed the Illinois miners. But in spite of his conspiracy the militancy of the miners was always upheld. Harry Fishwick has at no time shown a sign of hostility to the betraying policies of Farrington. He appeared very satisfied with the manner in which Farrington was running the district. According to John L. Lewis, President of the International Union, Fishwick figured in the conspiracy between Farrington and the Lester Strip mine. The conspiracy was at that time to let Lester operate his mine in order to break the strike. Lewis charges "two prominent officers of district 12 with conspiring with Lester to let him operate his strip mine at Herrin." He further

accuses "Farrington and Fishwick with having received a stipulated sum of money in compensation for their dirty work. Frank Farrington was exposed as being on Peabody's payroll. He had to make a forced exit out of the union, but forgot to take his right hand man along with him.

Today in our giant struggle to preserve our living standards we coal miners have Harry Fishwick as president of our union. The policies of Farrington are being carried on loyally. Frank Farrington, officer for the Peabody coal interests, has his right hand man directing the work of the Lewis machine amongst the coal miners of Illinois.

Is it surprising that the miners are in such deplorable condition with such leadership? No. The miners of Illinois were able to obtain for years a fair wage and human conditions in spite of the collaboration between the officialdom and the operators. But today with a sharp crisis confronting the coal mining industry the miners are in a defensive position. It will take a sincere and courageous leader

to obtain alleviation of the present crisis that effects the Illinois miners.

Harry Fishwick and his other pets in District 12 have been condemning right and left the movement of the Save-the-Union Committee, and many of its outstanding leaders. In the "Illinois Miner," which the rank and file are forced to subscribe to, he uses every method to attack the progressives.

In the face of the many timely issues that confronts our union in this district he has never made an effort to call a convention to consider them. The necessity of the miners to convene to consider the many problems that confront them is urgent. The Save-the-Union Committee of District No. 12 has called forth a district convention to be held in Belleville, Ill., to consider the important problems that effect the livings of the miners and to set forth concrete policies that are going to save and rebuild the union in this district and to work nationally for the establishment of a powerful union that will solve and lead the destinies of the American coal miners.