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PEASANTS TAKE OVER LAND IN SOUTHERN ITALY

More Militants Jailed in Rome

(Special Cable to the Daily Worker). MOSCOW, May 30.—Peasant revolts against the fascist regime have taken place in southern Italy, according to reliable information received here. The peasants of St. Agatha have taken over the estates of large landowners. The arrest of Communists is still widespread, particularly in Rome, where in spite of the rigid censorship, the workers are aware of the trial of the leaders of the Communist Party of Italy. The trial has perhaps been postponed. No foreign journalists have been admitted. The fascist deputy Maggi declared that the Milan bombing had been caused by Gianpaoli. When questioned Maggi declared that he would (Continued on Page Three)

DONETZ PLOTTERS AIDED CZARISTS

Ordered 4,000 Workers Executed

(Special Cable to the Daily Worker). MOSCOW, May 30.—Kladko, former agent of the White Guards in the Donetz district testified that Kolodub, Beresovsky, Kalganov and Eliadze, all of them accused of having participated in the Donetz sabotage plot, had reported revolutionists to the White Guards, who executed them. In reply to a question put to him by the court, Kladko declared that approximately four thousand Donetz workers had been executed. Favina, a working woman, testified that Kolodub had handed a servant, Polya, to the White Guards for execution because she was accused of having stolen a dress. In the evening the engineer Nashivotchnikov pleaded not guilty. The accused admitted that sabotage had been performed but denied that he himself had participated in it. Kalganov and Beresovsky declared that Nashivotchnikov had consciously participated in the sabotage.

SOVIET SINGER AT CENTER CONCERT

To Award Red Banner on Saturday

Tickets are selling fast for the great concert and dance to be held in the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square, on Saturday evening. Workers throughout the city are preparing to make this affair a real proletarian celebration of the acquisition of the Workers Center as the home of the revolutionary movement. The finishing touches are now being put on the musical program which is under the direction of George

"All Workers Center collection lists, whether filled or unfilled, to gether with all contributions must be turned in to the Center, 26-28 Union Square, not later than Saturday evening. All pledges must also be completely paid up by that time. "W. W. WEINSTONE, "Secretary, Workers Center."

Carpenters, Painters Wanted at "Center"

Volunteer carpenters and painters, as well as workers in other trades, who can devote full or part time are asked to report at the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square.

Radium Bosses' Victim



The picture shows Mrs. Albina Larice, one of the victims of the United States Radium Corporation whose case comes before the New Jersey courts on June 8. The Radium Corporation is fighting to escape payment of damages to the women workers, all of whom were poisoned while painting radium dials on watches. All the women will die.

SEEK SETTLEMENT IN RADIUM SUITS

Newark Judge Offer to Act As Mediator

A definite move for buying off the suit of the five doomed women now suing the United States Radium Corporation for a sum of \$1,250,000 was made yesterday by counsels for the defense in an effort to save several hundred thousands of dollars for the corporation. Federal Judge William Clark of Newark announced that he would act as a "disinterested mediator" in an effort to bring about an agreement between attorneys for both sides and "settle the matter" out of court. This latest move toward outside settlement has greater significance than it appears to have on the surface, because Judge Clark was at one time associated with Raymond H. Berry, counsel for the five women, in the same law firm.

MINERS FACING GREAT HARDSHIPS

Evictions Make Need For Relief Acute

(Special to the Daily Worker) PITTSBURGH, May 30.—At nearly half a dozen special district and sub-district mine conferences during the past week, the subject of relief for the striking miners became one of the most important orders of business. In all cases, it was recognized that unless funds being received by the National Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn. Ave., of this city increased immediately, the most serious consequences to the mine strike would surely follow. Many Conferences. Save-the-Union conferences have been held in Indiana, in Ohio, in Illinois, in the anthracite within a week. Another is now in session here. At each of these, mine delegates reported of the fearful suffering and need of the wives and children of the coal diggers. Delegates from the non-union fields of West Virginia reported that thousands of miners would come out on strike if some measure of relief could be assured them. Evictions which are continuing in the cases of hundreds and even thousands are making the necessity for tents literally a problem of life and death. Babies and young children (Continued on Page Five)

SCAB MINE OWNER ATTACKS PICKETS

Coal Diggers Show They Are Not Pacifists

PETERSBURG, Ind., May 30.—Efforts by William Johnson of Indianapolis, superintendent of the Gibson Coal Company and president of several coal mines in West Virginia to force the dispersal of a mass mine picketing demonstration yesterday led to his injury. Johnson had brought eighteen scabs and thugs from the Vincennes coal fields, planning to force the opening of his mine under the 1917 wage scale of \$5 per day. More than 400 miners from Pike and Gibson counties had gathered at the shaft when Johnson and his scabs charged the pickets. In the disturbance, Johnson is said to have been beaten up although not seriously, it is believed. The Gibson Coal Company recently acquired the mine from the Neal Coal Company and immediately began plans for scab operations.

U.S. READY FOR WAR, COOLIDGE SAYS

Police Charge 500 New Bedford Textile Pickets

LEADERS REFUSE TO STOP MARCH, TWO ARRESTED

Murdoch Now Jailed Four Times

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 30.—Organized police terror to break the solidarity of 28,000 textile strikers, fighting the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturing Association to regain a ten per cent wage slash, was begun in earnest yesterday. For the first time since the strike began more than six weeks ago, a squadron of police charged a picket line of about 500 strikers patrolling the mill gates at the south end, and after several efforts succeeded in breaking it up. Leaders Arrested. Again the leaders of the Textile Mills Committee, which is organizing and leading the picket demonstrations, were arrested. William T. Murdoch, secretary of the T. M. C., A. Adao, Piser and Porter, leading members of the strike committee, were arrested after they refused to obey the order of the police chief in charge to halt the picketing. All the above have been arrested several times already, this being the fourth time for the union leader Murdoch. Strikers Sing. The line of parading and singing strikers formed again and again in spite of the numerous concerted attacks upon them. In court later, heavy bail bonds were demanded for all arrested. Murdoch, already under bail for several charges of "disturbing the peace," etc., was compelled to furnish three times the original amount of securities for his release. The International Labor Defense, which volunteered its resources for legal aid to the strikers (Continued on Page Three)



Children of the striking coal miners of Lansing, Ohio, were recently ordered away from a Save-the-Union meeting by Albert F. Meeks, the school principal. The teacher used obscene language in threatening the children with punishment if they attended the meeting. The children are shown in the picture.

DELEGATES READY TO LAUNCH DRIVE

All Workers To Get Communist Message

Heading for the far west, middle west, south and every section of the country, delegates to the National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party are now on their way home, ready to launch the great presidential campaign of the only working class party on a huge, nation-wide scale. All the delegates, imbued with the enthusiasm that pervaded the two and a half days of the historic convention, are determined to bring the names of William Z. Foster and Ben Gitlow, candidates for president and vice president, respectively, of the Workers Party, and the militant working class platform on which they stand to all sections of the American working class, both organized and unorganized. In addition to the national candidates, the delegates will also wage active campaigns for the state and county tickets of the Workers Party. Communist candidates will seek the workers' support in practically every state. Under the direction of Alexander Trachtenberg, chairman, the Ways and Means Committee is now making plans for the division of the country into election districts. When these plans are finally worked out, all the election machinery of the Workers (Communist) Party will be set in motion.

DOCTORED FOOD GIVEN NEGROES

Playwright Sues For \$5,000 Damages

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 30.—Claiming that they were served food deliberately rendered unpalatable, Garland Anderson, Negro playwright, and Louis Fremont Baldwin, a Negro attorney, today joined in a suit asking \$5,000 damages from Charles Compton, proprietor of a local hotel chain. Anderson, former San Francisco bell-boy, whose play, "Appearance" has been running here for more than a month, asserts that employees of one of Compton's restaurants admitted loading the food served him with pepper and salt in order to force him not to patronize the place. Anderson and Baldwin charge violation of the Personal Liberties Act. Their complaint states that in addition to the salt and pepper, they found a foreign substance that tasted like and in their opinion was epsom salts.

TO SHOW RUSSIAN FILM FOR MINERS' RELIEF

Council 1 of the United Council of Workingclass Housewives will present the film, "Polikushka," Saturday, June 2, at the Burk Theatre, Burk and White Plains Ave., Bronx. The proceeds will go for the relief of the striking miners. The play depicts the life of a serf in Russia under the rule of the czars. CLOSE G. O. P. RESULT. CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 30.—Secretary of Commerce Hoover and Senator Guy D. Goff were in a saw-saw race for the republican presidential nomination today as returns were tabulated from yesterday's primary.

THOUSANDS OF WORKERS TO HONOR DEAD LEADER

All attempts by the Veterans of Foreign Wars to stop the huge memorial meeting in honor of the late William D. Haywood to be held at Central Opera House, 67th Street and Third Avenue tomorrow night have thus far proved futile. No matter what obstruction may be thrown up the meeting will be held, according to William W. Weinstein, organizer of District 2, Workers (Communist) Party under whose auspices the meeting has been called. U. S. department of justice agents, who were asked by Commander Jean A. Brunner, of the New York State Department of Foreign War Veterans, to bar the meeting have thus far taken no apparent action. Brunner asked action on the ground that Haywood died a fugitive from a federal court. Federal authorities, in view of the coming fall elections, are believed to be afraid that any action against the meeting would be heralded, even by the least class conscious workers, as a gross attempt to bar free speech. Even in the beginning of his fight (Continued on Page Five)

NEW AUTO TRUSTS BELIEVED PENDING

Chrysler-Dodge Merger Seen As Forerunner

Announcement that the Chrysler Corp. and Dodge Bros., Inc., had formed a huge "automobile combine" with assets between \$450,000,000 and \$500,000,000, is believed to be the forerunner of similar mergers aiming at more effective trustification of the automobile industry. The Chrysler-Dodge trust will rank next to General Motors Co. and the Ford Motor Co. in production and yearly sales. The Packard Co. and the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. are among those mentioned as seeking to absorb smaller competitors. In addition to elimination of competition, the aim of this new trustification wave in the auto industry is more and more speed-up and defense against attempts on the part of the workers to organize.

WORKERS ARE READERS OF BEST BOOKS

Survey Shows Wage-Slaves Outdistance Lawyers and Doctors

Even the so-called intellectual, Compton's survey showed, is being outdistanced by the worker in the amount and quality of his reading. THE kind of books Compton chose as his "standard" of good reading, it was noted, militated against the workers. He chose the so-called classics, some of the more "advanced" of the modern fiction authors and some of the poets. Nevertheless, his survey proved what those who best know the working class movement have always maintained: That the workers, mentally, morally and practically, are the constructive force of society even under the capitalist system. "I took the records," Compton reported, "of approximately 100 readers of William James, 100 readers of Carl Sandburg, and 100 of Homer, Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides in translation. There was not a lawyer on the list of James or Sandburg or the Greek classics. There were a few doctors, a few ministers. But the bulk came from what we consider the uncultured and certainly the humble occupations." A TEST letter sent out to these readers by Compton indicated that they "really understood and appreciated these books," Compton declared. It is believed that if Compton's standard of good reading had been more nearly a general one, to include something of modern social problems, science, history and travel, the results would have been even more favorable to the workers.

CLOAK WORKERS TO REBUILD UNION

Conference Saturday to Launch Drive

BOSTON, Mass., May 30.—Not only in New York, but in the out-of-town locals of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, some of the right wing elements are finally arriving at the conclusion that the union smashed by the Sigman war on the membership cannot be rebuilt without the aid of the left wing forces. This was demonstrated at a joint meeting of all the executive boards of the Boston locals held Tuesday. Sigman's follower in the Boston union, vice-president Amdur, reported to the joint meeting that an "organization campaign" will be started. In the discussion that followed even some of the right wing members of the executive boards declared that without the participation of the progressive union members no organization work could be done. They went so far as to openly announce that without the election to leadership in the union of the progressives, no real union work could be accomplished, adding that a number of functionaries necessary to fill places on the executive boards could not be obtained unless the progressives participated. After this discussion the Sigman vice-president declared that if progressives were elected as functionaries the entire locals would be expelled, as was done in New York and Chicago. Business agent Posen, last week sent in his resignation to the Boston union administration. His resignation was turned over to the board of directors. Similar revolts against the union-breaking administration of the I. L. G. W. U. are developing nationally. In New York, the Tolerance Group, (Continued on Page Two)

TO SOFT PEDAL HOOVER FUND

Appoint Republican 'Probe' Committee

WASHINGTON, May 30.—Efforts to soft-pedal the slush fund of Herbert Hoover are seen in the unprecedented action of the house in naming a campaign expenditures' committee when a senate committee is already on the job. The committee is dominated by republicans known to be decidedly favorable to Hoover. Hoover's slush fund has been mounting steadily and is now well past \$300,000, a higher total than has thus far been admitted by any of the candidates. STRUCK BY GUARD, DIES. PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 30.—Harry McCarthy, 43, died at the Mayview home yesterday from septicemia which developed from a fractured jaw received when a guard of the home struck him.

RECORD MILITARY BUDGETS INSURE NEW AGGRESSIONS

Gettysburg Peace Talk Cloaks Threats

GETTYSBURG, Pa., May 30.—In an address, remarkable for its frank and undisguised espousal of the role of dominant imperialism now played by the United States among the capitalist world powers, President Calvin Coolidge, speaking here at the famous battle ground of the Civil War, yesterday served notice on these world powers that the United States hereafter would use every means at its command to enforce its world supremacy. "Our Investments." "The world-wide interest of the United States," he warned, "makes us view with peculiar disfavor any danger of war among other nations. Our investments and trade relations are such that it is almost impossible to conceive any conflict anywhere on earth which would not affect us injuriously." That the barely disguised threat of the United States to enforce its dominion was no mere verbal warning was emphasized by the Wall Street spokesman in the following words: "Our country is making outlays in excess of those ever before made in time of peace for the purpose of national defense." "Our naval force necessary for the protection of commerce," Coolidge declared, "needs to be strengthened in cruisers and other auxiliary craft. Such construction is already under way and plans are maturing for the necessary increases. Our air force is being steadily improved and enlarged." "Peace and Stability." Under a thin camouflage of seeking to "promote general peace and tranquility" (Continued on Page Two)

RED CROSS FIRM LAYS OFF MEN

Johnson Fires All Who Ask for Raise

(Special to the Daily Worker) NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. (By Mail). — A large number of the yard workers have been fired and the rest are waiting for the same. A majority of the carpenters have been laid off and now they can take a long vacation for themselves. A majority of the painters have been laid off and now they can watch for their pay envelope. A number of the machinists were laid off some time ago, and another bunch will be laid off soon. The workers in the gauze department have not had any work for weeks. The workers in the bandage department are handled like footballs. They are kicked around from one floor to the other. The work they get is so bad that they hardly make two dollars per day. And when any of the women workers in these departments dare to kick, the foreman is ready with his answer, "If you don't like it you can go home. There are plenty of workers who are ready to take your job for even less wages." The workers in the warehouse slave like mules for 45 cents per hour, and when they ask for an increase, they are fired out of the factory. The men workers in the glass department have all been fired and women have been hired to take their (Continued on Page Three)

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