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TROOPS TO LINE RIO STREETS AS HOOVER ARRIVES

Workingclass, Hostile, Will Be Clubbed Out of Sight

Wall St. Drummer Tired

Fleeing Soon to House Boat in Florida

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 20.—Extraordinary measures are to be taken here on the arrival of Herbert Hoover, president-elect of the United States, to preserve him from the hostile demonstrations of the working population. Hoover will see the workers only from a distance, with plenty of troops in between, and none of them will be able to get near the agent of American imperialism if the Brazilian government can help it.

The Brazilian cruisers Bahia and Rio Grande do Sul will meet the Utah off the Isle of Grande and escort the battleship to Rio.

Ten policemen will be stationed at every street crossing that Mr. Hoover is likely to pass and troops will line the streets and avenues from the docks to Guanabara Palace, where Mr. Hoover will stay.

Workers Hate Hoover.

The Hoover party have had enough of Latin America. The trip, undertaken to counteract the efforts of British imperialism, long entrenched there, and to stiffen the governments already owned by Wall Street, such as the Leguia regime in Peru, is admittedly only moderately successful in the key countries like Argentina, Chile and probably Brazil. In every country Hoover has been received like a visiting salesman in a small town by the local rulers, but was absolutely despised and denounced by the workers and peasants of those countries.

Hoover will proceed directly from Rio to Florida, where a houseboat will be placed at his disposal by Jeremiah Milbank, the eastern treasurer of the Hoover campaign. It is believed Mr. Hoover will remain on the boat much of the time until about March 1, when he will leave the Florida coast for Washington to be inaugurated.

SHIFRIN DEFENSE PLANS BIG MEET

Bazaar to Begin at the Workers Center Today

A conference has been called by the Shifrin Defense Committee for this Sunday at 1 p. m., at Irving Plaza Hall, Irving Place and 15th St. The call for the conference has been sent out to various local unions, shop committees, fraternal organizations, etc.

The purpose of the conference is to give a full report of the past work and activities of the Shifrin Defense Committee, during the whole time of its existence, and also to prepare plans for future work. It will recommend that due to the importance of the Shifrin case, the I. L. D. take over full charge of the defense. At the conference it will be pointed out the reasons why Korn, the czar of the Butchers' Union, recently resigned from his post.

Leaders to Speak. The conference will be addressed by the following leaders in the left Continued on Page Two

Heavy Snowstorm Up State Does Damage

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 20.—An eight-inch snowfall today seriously impaired telephone and telegraph communications in western New York. A blinding snowstorm hampered traffic in Buffalo considerably. The trend of temperature here will be downward, and increased snow is predicted, according to the weather bureau.

Daily Worker Agents Will Meet Tomorrow

An important meeting of all Daily Worker agents of New York will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. at the Workers Center, 20-28 Union Square. All unit, sub-section and section Daily Worker agents must come without fail.

Units not having any agents must be represented by the unit organizer.

In Path of British



King Amanullah, of Afghanistan, whose tribesmen are being incited by the British to overthrow him. Afghanistan lies between the Soviet Republic of Uzbekistan and India. If the British could control Afghanistan, they would have a convenient "back door" from which to attack the Soviet Union. That is why their agents are busy in Afghanistan today.

GIVE RESULTS OF CLOAK ELECTIONS

Furriers Still Voting Today, at Union

While the convention elections in the Furriers' Union are still going on, today being the last day, the locals of the Cloak and Dressmakers' Union yesterday made public the lists of elected candidates. The delegates elected by the workers in both industries are to meet at national conventions of both unions, held at the same time, and which are to unite to form an amalgamated union of needle trades workers.

The conventions will open on Dec. 29 in the Irving Plaza Hall, 15th St. and Irving Place and after meeting separately, will go into joint session then to consummate the amalgamation.

The elections of delegates in the Cloak and Dressmakers' Union were held all day Wednesday, but because of the late hour at which the vote count was completed the names of those chosen could not be obtained.

The names of those elected according to the locals they represent, were issued by the Joint Board yesterday:

Local 2—J. Boruchowitz, J. H. Cohen, B. Kaplan, I. Steinzor, A. Block, A. Wise, D. Krawitz, I. Guterson, Louis Kleinman, I. Brauner, L. Horowitz, S. Zeldin, I. Deutsch, J. Levine, M. Rodgers, B. Rosenthal, S. Solomon, M. Cinamon, S. Shally, A. Golub.

Local 9—Louis Hyman, Abe Zirlin, William Greenberg, Rose Kaplan, Mania Perlman, J. Achtenberg, Anna Leibowitz, H. Nudelman, Ben Kenigsberg, Gabriel Rabinbach, W. Brisky, A. Hartman, I. Werner, Anna Schneisweis, S. Ravidowitz.

Cutters' Welfare League—Max Bernstein, Harry Berlin, Irving Horowitz, Martin Feldman, Myer Zakheim, Falk Cooper, Jack Goldstein, William Zweibon, Harry Reichel, Harry Lehrman, S. Upko, M. Lepko.

Local 22—Charles Zimmerman, Julius Portnoy, Rose Wortis, M. Krawetz, I. Weisberg, Lena Goodman, A. Lupin, Fannie Golos, Emma Yankoff, Lena Klein, Sonia Chaikun, Louis Rosenthal, Clara Fox, Sarah Dorner, William Himmelfarb, Rubin Berger, Anna Litvakoff, Rose Altshuler, Virginia Allen, Pauline Gelman.

Local 35—E. Kudrinketzky, S. Bisoff, L. Davidoff, H. Kessler, H. Koretz, L. Weiss, J. Goretzky, Ph. Goodman, M. Tuchman, S. Goldstein, J. Levenson, M. Friedman, M. Fleit, S. Schreier, H. Zaroff.

Local 3—A. Krawitz, H. David, A. Friar. Local 41—M. E. Taft, J. Stone, L. Rubin, M. Schechter, B. Fillin. The furriers' polling place, in the Joint Board headquarters, 22 E. 22nd St., will be open for the elections from 12 noon till 8 p. m.

Soviet Union Has Younger Litvinoff Arrested for Fraud

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Acting on the direct request of the government of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, the police today arrested Maximovitch Litvinoff for forging money drafts on the Soviet Trade Delegation in Berlin. Litvinoff is a younger brother of the assistant People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs. Stringent punishment will be meted out to the embezzler by the Soviet authorities.

MAIL GRAFTERS ACQUITTED. GAINESVILLE, Georgia, Dec. 20 (UP).—Four officials of the defunct Adair Realty and Trust Co. of Atlanta, were acquitted by a jury of eleven men last night on charges of using the mails to defraud.

CRUISERS AND KELLOGG PACTS BOTH DELAYED

Row Among Senators Over Precedence Ruins Previous Bargain

Both for Imperialism

Insult Man, West, Gets Committee Approval

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senators King and Norris, filibustering two hours against the 15-cruiser bill in the Senate this afternoon because they are in favor of first considering the other of American imperialism's two principal bills, the Kellogg pacts, succeeded in getting both bills postponed until after the Christmas recesses, when the question of which shall be considered first will arise once more.

King and Norris have thus succeeded in breaking the cloak-room agreement which all other groups in the Senate made yesterday, that the cruisers should be voted on at once, and the Kellogg war treaties should come up immediately after the recess.

The agreement to postpone both bills was apparently made only as a last resort to prevent the filibuster from continuing until Saturday adjournment time and thus tying up all business of the senate.

It was proposed by Chairman Borah of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who pledged he would make a motion as soon as the Senate met January 3 to proceed with the consideration of the treaty in open executive session. He indicated he hoped by this motion to get the treaty passed before the naval bill.

Final senate action on the nomination of Roy O. West as secretary of interior will be delayed until after the holiday recess, Chairman Nye of the Public Lands Committee announced today.

Yesterday the committee had voted seven to three to disregard a letter from Senator Norris flatly accusing West of being an Insult (Continued on Page Five)

12 FIREMEN HURT FIGHTING BLAZE

Five-Story Building on Fifth Ave. Razed

More than twelve firemen attached to five fire stations throughout Manhattan were injured early yesterday morning while fighting one of the fiercest blazes of recent years that broke out in the five-story building at 139 Fifth Ave. shortly after 6 a. m.

The building, wedged in between two taller buildings, was completely enveloped in flames a few minutes after the fire was discovered, and the sole job of the fire-fighters was to keep the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings.

More than twelve firemen were badly cut by flying glass and overcome by smoke. Several of them were taken to the New York Hospital for treatment. The roof of the burning building collapsed with a crash that was heard for blocks around, and only the rumbling of the walls before the crash saved the firemen who had penetrated the building from a horrible death under the heavy timbers and bricks.

Sparks from the five-story building caused fires in both the adjoining buildings, but these were put out without much difficulty. Damage was estimated at between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000.

U. S. Imperialist Gone; So Is Tacna-Arica Fund

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (UP).—Six thousand five hundred dollars of the funds deposited by the governments of Chile and Peru to defray expenses of the special Tacna-Arica boundary commission have disappeared from the commission's treasury in New York.

A. A. Grote, acting disbursing officer of the commission and secretary to the United States delegation, is reported missing also.

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BRITISH-INCITED AFGHAN TRIBES FAIL IN ATTACK

Soviet Press Declares Imperialists Want a Base Against USSR

Report Revolt Dying

British Had Plan for Intervention

MOSCOW, Dec. 20 (UP).—The rebel attack on Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, has failed and the city is quiet, the foreign office was informed tonight by Leonid Stark, Soviet ambassador to Kabul. The attack was made from the direction of Jalalabad, and federal soldiers repulsed the insurgent tribesmen, the advice said. King Amanullah is safe in the capital.

MOSCOW, Dec. 20 (UP).—Afghan insurgents, coming from the direction of Jalalabad, failed in an attack on Kabul at 11 p. m. yesterday, Leonid Stark, Soviet ambassador to Afghanistan, informed the foreign office by wireless today.

The radio station at Tashkent, Asiatic Russia, reported that the circuit to Kabul was reopened at 8 a. m. today after a break of three days in the communications with the Afghan capital.

British Instigation.

RIGA, Dec. 20.—According to advices received here from Moscow the Soviet press explains the uprising of the tribes near the Afghan-India border as being instigated by the British imperialists to force Amanullah to come around to British plans.

The desire of the British imperialists, according to the reported press articles, was to overthrow the government of Amanullah, stimulating unrest among the Indian tribesmen. By overthrowing the present government in Afghanistan the British hoped to open the back door to the Soviet Union, and thus have a war base for an eventual war of aggression.

The nullahs (priests) were convenient tools for the British agents, who, through them, incited the border tribes to revolt, giving them ammunition and money.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Afghanistan legation here reported that the insurrection was now under control. (Continued on Page Five)

PICK DELEGATES FOR CONFERENCE

Paterson Silk Workers Prepare for Parley

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 20.—Workers in the silk shops of Paterson are now holding shop meetings and choosing their delegates for the preliminary organizational conference called by the local organization of the National Textile Workers Union.

The elections to the conference, which will be held this Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in Oakley Hall, 211 Market St., are being made according to the instructions issued by the union to its membership in the official call for the conference.

This conference is a forerunner of the city-wide convention the union is planning, the date of which will be decided at the conference.

An agenda, which shows a comprehensive grasp of the needs of the silk workers, and which promises the inauguration of a real drive to organize all crafts in the trade, has already been drawn up. It is announced. (Continued on Page Three)

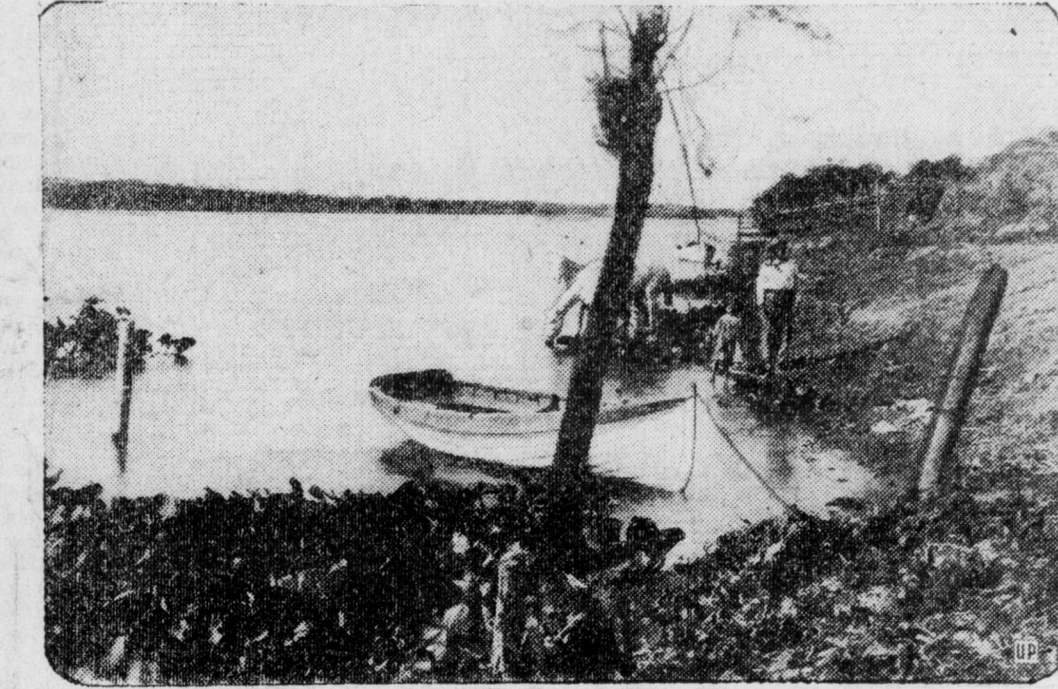
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS FOR PARTY DISCUSSION

The Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party has arranged the following membership meetings in connection with the Party Discussion. These meetings have originally been scheduled earlier but due to the Party Plenum the final dates are the following:

Thursday, December, 27th—New York City; Superior, Wis.; Seattle, Wash. Friday, December 28th—Boston, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Chicago, St. Paul. Saturday, December 29th—Pittsburgh, Detroit, New Haven, San Francisco. Sunday, December 30th—Cleveland, Kansas City, Los Angeles.

The Central Executive Committee desires that the widest sections of the Party shall participate in these General Membership meetings and calls upon every Party member to attend. The place of the meeting in each city will be announced in the next few days.

Wall St. Oil Interests Want This Paraguayan River



A scene on the Paraguay River thru which the Standard Oil Company in Bolivia wants an outlet to the Atlantic for its oil. So the Yankee imperialists have pulled the strings and their Bolivian puppet, are fighting the Paraguayans. The peasant in the picture is only one of many who will bear the real brunt of the war between American and British imperialists.

POLICE GUARD BALBO, FASCIST

Mussolini's Gangster Is Very Much Afraid

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 20.—Guarded by five Chicago detectives, on the request of the Italian consul at Chicago, Italo Balbo, minister of the Italian air service and leader of the fascist gangsters, passed thru Kansas City today en route for an unannounced destination in southern California.

Both Balbo and the Italian consuls in the various cities refuse to state the reason for these unusual precautions, but it is generally known that Balbo fears anti-fascist demonstrations aroused by his emulthood to workers in Italy. Balbo is noted for his assassination of revolutionary workers and his fascist terror.

When he arrived in Kansas City, four additional policemen stood guard over his car and no one was admitted to enter the train. Balbo did not leave his coach. The Italian consul at Kansas City requested that authorities here and at points in Kansas take measures to "protect Balbo and others in the party."

When Balbo first arrived in New York he disembarked in a special tug and made a dash for the Pennsylvania terminal to avoid a possible anti-fascist demonstration. The following day a large mass meeting was held in New York under the auspices of the Anti-Fascist Alliance protesting the presence of the fascist gangster and terrorist on American soil.

Balbo is here as Mussolini's representative to the International Aeronautical Conference recently held in Washington. The Soviet Union was not invited to this conference.

British Air Merger Progresses as Part of the War Plans

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Imperial Airways, leading British airplane combine, announced tonight a merger with Cobham, Blackburn Air Lines, Ltd., for operation of African air services.

This combine is a part of the series of mergers now taking place throughout the British empire, with the aim of creating world-wide units to be used in case of war by the British government. Similar mergers have been the consolidation of British cable and communications under a government commission, the chemical trust under Lord Melchett and the recently completed iron and steel trust, specially created to combat American competitors in Latin America.

The opening of the 8,000-mile air route from London to Cape Town will shortly be started, it is announced.

Reparations Committee to Meet Soon; Germany Seen in Anti-USSR Bloc

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Foreign Minister Briand received Norman Armour, Charge d'Affairs of the United States Embassy this afternoon, ostensibly to notify the state department to be ready to choose two delegates to the committee of experts on reparations.

A formal invitation will be extended through the British ambassador at Washington immediately after a communique on the subject is issued by the Quai D'Orsay tomorrow or Saturday.

It is believed that recent conversations between Chamberlain, Stresemann and Briand in Lugano cleared the way for granting the German government certain concessions in the matter of reparations and the evacuation of the Rhineland in return for adherence to the anti-Soviet bloc.

17 HURT WHEN GAS EXPLODES

London Workers Shot Out of Manhole

LONDON, Dec. 20 (UP).—An explosion in the heart of the West End district today injured 17 persons, including seven who were gassed, and did great damage with in half a mile of where it occurred. A bursting gas main is believed to have caused the explosion.

Eight men were taken to a hospital. One was seriously burned when he was blown from a manhole in which he was working. His clothing was aflame.

Windows were shattered, a taxicab overturned and the sidewalks and streets were caved in by the force of the explosion.

Shortly before noon large quantities of gas were escaping in the district. Several persons outside the police lines were overcome.

Commission and "Sub" Boss Disagree on Best Way to Pack in Crowds

The gong system has failed to speed up traffic in the subways, according to Col. William C. Lancaster, chief engineer of the Traffic Commission, because the companies do not hire enough trained platform men.

The whole idea of the gong system is that crowds can be trained to leave and enter subway cars faster than they do now, a matter which the jammed, trampled and otherwise harassed Interborough passengers seem to dissent from. Col. Lancaster's idea is that if you have a big enough force you can pack them in, while the Interborough managers insist that if those on the present payroll are sufficiently afraid of losing their jobs they will be able to poke the passengers through the doors without adding to operating expenses.

Neither of them propose better and faster equipment or more trains to reduce the crowds on the platforms.

USSR Institute to Protect Oil Workers

MOSCOW (By Mail).—The Council of the People's Commissars has decided to organize in Baku the All-Union State Scientific-Investigation Institute to study dangerous and harmful sides of the labor in the oil industry.

NEW FAKE PAN-AMERICAN MOVE

U. S.-Latin Delegates in Solemn Farce

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—It is now being solemnly debated here as to whether the "conciliation and arbitration" conference of the Monroe Doctrine Pan-American Union shall give the "settlement" of the armed clash between Bolivia and Paraguay into the hands of Kellogg alone, or refer it to a committee to be "mixed" with Kellogg and some Latin American representatives included.

Actually, it will make not the slightest difference, as every committee named by the conference is weighted heavily with representatives of countries which are servile colonies of U. S. imperialism. Nevertheless the farce of "discussion" goes on, with the trained Latin American delegates "proposing" that Kellogg act alone, and Kellogg modestly "feeling" that he should share the "honor" with some Latins. The amusing scene is even staged of Charley Hughes "opposing" the inspired "insistence" of the Latin American delegates" that Kellogg be the sole arbiter of the dispute.

Hughes is quoted as having "urged that a united Pan-American front be maintained in all matters affecting the western hemisphere."

While this marionette show proceeds, cables have been sent to both Bolivia and Paraguay, the sense of

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OFFICIALS HELP IMPOSE PAY CUT

Hose Union Offers to Speed Up Workers

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 20.—With monotonous regularity hosiery workers learn that employers in various hosiery centers are convincing the officialdom of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers that a wage reduction would be a "fine thing for the industry."

This news carried with increasing frequency as the officialdom take on more and more of the role of efficiency experts for the mill owners, was brought nearer home to the silk hose workers of this and two neighboring towns when made public that the employers of Northampton, Springfield and Holyoke were negotiating with the union officialdom for a wage revision."

Neither Oliver M. Bradley, treasurer. (Continued on Page Four)

Publicity Stowaway on Zeppelin Fights Over Fat Pickings

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 20 (UP).—Charging she mismanaged his affairs and secretly entered into a contract, the terms of which are excessive and exorbitant, Clarence Terhune, 19-year-old Graf Zeppelin stowaway, has petitioned in probate court here to have his sister, Mrs. Edna Hall, removed as his guardian.

James A. Waechter, Terhune's attorney, asked that a substitute guardian be appointed. He said Terhune left a theatre engagement paying him \$2,750 a week to return here and straighten his affairs.

WORKERS PARTY SPEAKERS WILL ATTACK NEW WAR

Workers to Gather to Protest Bolivia-Paraguay Fight

Clash of Imperialists

Scheme to Drag Labor Into World Carnage

World war! The real danger that soon millions of workers in America and England, yes, and other nations, will be flung at each other on gas-drenched, explosive-torn fields in North and South America or Europe! This is the danger against which the workers of New York are asked to protest, in a great mass meeting, tonight, at 8 p. m., at the Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave., under the auspices of the Workers (Communist) Party of America.

This meeting follows closely after two other meetings. Speaking before the "National Defense League" a few nights ago jingo Admiral Plunkett demanded that the naval race against Great Britain go on without restriction. In the name of American imperialism, Plunkett demanded naval bases galore, more cruisers, "many times fifteen new cruisers," for the death grapple between American and British imperialism. Other speakers on the same platform condemned Communism and the Communist movement, which they realize is the most serious threat to their bloody program.

War Makes Profits. Another meeting, soberer in color, held the night before last, was that of the military organization of the metal manufacturers of America. They heard General Bullard recount with gusto all the profits sure to pour into the treasuries of the steel trust and munitions manufacturers from the preparations for the next war.

The Workers Party mass meeting comes as congress juggles two imperialistic laws—the appropriations bill for more cruisers, a part of the naval race with Great Britain, and the Kellogg war pacts, miscalled peace pacts—an attempt by American imperialism to replace the British-dominated League of Nations with one controlled by the United States.

The meeting is held as an army of Bolivians faces an army of Paraguayans in a disputed region of South America. American bankers, oil companies and mining companies dominate Bolivia, and order the war, while England and the League of Nations seek to build up opposition to the United States in South America to prevent the huge land steal which the Bolivian henchmen of Wall Street are trying to manage. At any moment this South American war of the champions of U. S. imperialism with the Paraguayans may result in drawing the principals in the struggle—United States and England.

Recognizing that the Bolivia-Paraguay war bears much the same relation to the next world war that the Balkan situation did to the last, the Workers Party calls a mass meeting of workers who own no oil wells in South America, who have no munitions to sell to the U. S. navy, but who may soon be ordered to die for these interests, to stage a gigantic protest against the war—against the first battle of such a war, however well hidden as a Bolivia-Paraguay conflict.

Good speakers will be on hand to analyze the situation, to explain in detail the causes—and the most probable results in world-wide carnage—of the Bolivia-Paraguay struggle. Among these speakers will be two members of the Secretariat of the Workers Party, Jay Lovestone and William Z. Foster; the New York district organizer of the Party, William W. Weinstein; the editor of the Daily Worker, Robert Minor, and the director of Negro work in the Workers Party, Otto Huiswood.

Membership Meet of Party Next Thursday

A membership meeting of the Workers (Communist) Party, District 2, to take up the Convention discussion, will be held Thursday evening, Dec. 27, at the New Star Casino, 105 E. 107th St., between Lexington and Park Aves.

The speakers will be Jay Lovestone, for the Central Executive Committee, and Alexander Bitelman, for the Minority of the Central Executive Committee. The doors will open at 7:30 p. m. Admission will be by membership card only.

# Tammany 'Forward' Socialist Co. Union Official Exposed in Police Letter

## NOTE DISCLOSES POLICE ALLIANCE WITH SCAB UNION

### Police Promise Sealed in Workers' Blood

A document of decided interest to workers everywhere is reprinted herewith. It is a letter sent by the Commissioner of Police Warren to the manager of the socialist company union in the cloak and dress industry, Julius Hochman.

"You'll Never Regret It." The letter, which was sent to the scab union officials on April 17, thanks that official for his "good wishes" and very significantly tells him: "upon my retirement you will not regret having congratulated me. The congratulations of Hochman were sent at the time Warren was appointed to his post."

Lending spice to this expose, the Saturday, Dec. 15 issue of yellow Jewish "Forward," commenting editorially on the resignation of the police head Warren, points out that Warren's appointment was marked by an "awakening of the underworld." The editorial then charges that the only reason for Warren's appointment was because he was a Tammany man. "Tammany had said that Warren was all right!" the socialist "Forward" indignantly says, after charging that the reason for his resignation was that Tammany Hall wanted to cover up the scandalous disclosures being made thru the Rothstein murder case.

Also the Forward Gang.

Right here the question arises, was it only Tammany Hall that said that Warren was all right?

No! It is seen that the creation of the "Forward"—the scab union of Schlesinger-Hochman and Co.—also officially said that Warren was all right! And "good wishes" were sent to boot!

What business relations did the scab union leader Mr. Hochman have with the Tammany police commissioner? What were the transactions of Mr. Hochman, who is a member of the socialist party and a member of the Forward Association, with the chief of the Tammany police, to earn so "satisfactory" a reply as this: "you will not regret having congratulated me?"

It Speaks for Itself.

The letter is self explanatory when the recent history of the needle trades workers struggles are re-examined. Warren did "conduct the office of the Commissioner of Police" to the satisfaction of the Hochman-Schlesinger-Forward scab union. The police did remain faithful to his side of the bargain with the scab agents, and did mightily well in helping the company union in its fight with the rank and file cloak and dressmakers.

The police terror against the cloak and dressmakers during the time of this letter is well remembered. Plenty of blood of garment workers and furriers was spilt in the strikes a few months after the date of the letter. The underworld thugs paid for by the Forward, though openly admitting to police that they were paid by the scab union, were freed by obliging judges, and with the alliance of bosses, socialists and Tammany police the mighty unions of the needle trades workers were wrecked.

Workers have long ago recognized the coalition of forces they are fighting. The police, the bosses, the Forward, Tammany Hall and the scab company union of the Schlesingers and Hochmans and McGradys.

It is well known that Schlesinger endorses the candidacy of the Tammany man Untermyer and the candidacy of Col. Lehman, banker who "lent" the scab union \$50,000. This exposure merely piles further proof of the oneness of the socialists with the enemies of the workers.

## New York Workers to Protest Against the Fascist Terror Jan. 3

A mass meeting in protest against the fascist intrigues of Mussolini in the United States will be held by the Anti-Fascist Alliance of North America and the International Labor Defense at 8 p. m., Jan. 3, at the Irving Plaza Hall, 15th St. and Irving Place.

The speakers at the meeting will be William W. Weinstein, New York district organizer of the Workers (Communist) Party; Thomas De Fazio, vice-secretary of the Anti-Fascist Alliance; Norman Tallentire, assistant secretary of the I. L. D.; Carlo Tresca, of the Alliance, and Valli Montana, of the Italian Communist paper, "Il Lavoratore."

The immediate purpose of the meeting is to protest against the presence and intrigues here of Italo Balbo, Mussolini's agent, who has the Washington air conference, who has not only superintended, but directly participated in the murder of Italian workers, in the persecution of the labor movement in Italy, and in the exiling or jailing of tens of thousands of revolutionary workers and peasants.

The original Isadora Duncan Dance of Moscow will perform in a special program of Revolutionary Dance at the Fifth Anniversary of the Daily Worker. Tickets are on sale at the Daily Worker office.

## Letter Promising Aid to Socialist Scab Union Official

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF NEW YORK

April 14, 1927.

Mr. Julius Hochman, Manager,  
Joint Board Cloak and Dressmakers Unions,  
130 East 25th Street, N.Y.C.

Dear Mr. Hochman:

Thanks for your good wishes.

I shall endeavor so to conduct the office of Commissioner of Police that upon my retirement you will not regret having congratulated me.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph A. Warren

## W. I. R. WILL FEED NEEDY WORKERS

### Issues Call for Funds to Push Relief

Food packages for the children of the destitute coal miners and textile workers are on their way to Pennsylvania and Massachusetts where they will be distributed by the Workers International Relief, Fred G. Biedenkapp, executive secretary of that organization, announced last night.

The National Miners' Union and the National Textile Workers' Union are cooperating with the W. I. R. in the distribution of the packages. The union in the respective districts will determine which families are in most need and see that they obtain the food. The central distribution points are Pittsburgh, Pa., and New Bedford, Mass. From these two cities, the leaders of the union and the secretary of the local W. I. R. will send the packages to the homes in their vicinity.

In Pennsylvania, the food will be given to the children in the coal towns throughout the state. In Massachusetts they will be divided between children in New Bedford and Fall River. In both Pennsylvania and Massachusetts industrial centers, widespread poverty is found, as a result of the sell-out of the workers this year by the officialdom of the American Federation of Labor.

"While the food packages," Biedenkapp pointed out, "will be greatly appreciated by the workers' children, it is only a drop in the bucket. As a result of their militant strike activity thousands of the workers are blacklisted and unable to obtain work. Unless they are provided for, they will starve during the winter months. It is the duty of all progressive thinking workers to prevent this."

"The Workers International Relief will provide food for these workers, but to do so it must have the active assistance of all sections of the working class. Contributions from working men and women throughout the United States should be sent to us at once and we will do the rest. All checks and money orders should be mailed to the Workers International Relief, 1 Union Square, New York City."

## Chief Open Shoppers in Committee Against the Albany Printers

Leading enemies of organized labor and retainers of industrial interests comprise the new open shop committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' Assn., now carrying on a war against the printers recently locked out of four Albany, N. Y. newspapers. Charles A. Webb, of the Asheville Citizen, in the low wage, anti-union Piedmont district of the Carolinas, heads the committee.

Other members are Harry Chandler, Los Angeles Times; H. H. Conland, Hartford, Conn. Courant; E. H. Harris, Richmond, Ind. Palladium; L. K. Nicholson, New Orleans. Times-Picayune; J. S. Parks, Ft. Smith, Ark. Southwest American and Times-Record; Robert L. Smith, Charleston, W. Va. Gazette; Rowe Stewart, Philadelphia Record, and J. L. Sturtevant, Wausau, Wis. Record-Herald.

The socialist party endorses the rubber League of Nations, the fake Kellogg peace pact and creates the illusion that war can be abolished under capitalism. Down with these traitors to the working class!

## Benjamin Will Lecture at Lower Bronx Open Forum on Sunday Eve

"Is the American Working Class Backward?" This is the subject on which D. Benjamin, assistant director of the Workers School, will speak at the Lower Bronx Open Forum, 715 E. 138th St., this Sunday at 8:30 p. m.

Benjamin will analyze the historical forces in this country which have influenced the development of the working class movement. Admission to the Forum is free. Everyone is invited.

## SOVIET UNION TO GET MACHINERY

Ten cranking units valued at \$2,000,000, the first ever purchased in this country for the Soviet oil industry, have been ordered by the Amtorg Trading Corporation of New York, according to an announcement made yesterday by Saul G. Bron, chairman of the board of directors of the Amtorg.

"The cranking units will be installed at Batum and Tuapse on the Black Sea, the terminals of the two new \$30,000,000 pipe lines, and at Yaroslavl on the Volga River," stated Bron. "Several additional cranking units and pipe stills will be purchased in this country in the near future. The order for ten units was placed on long term credit basis with the Graver Corporation of East Chicago, Indiana. In the past two years the Amtorg has purchased equipment for the Soviet oil fields to a total value of \$8,000,000."

Professor Sakhanov and Mr. Fradkin, engineers of the Groznet Oil Trust, have just arrived in the United States, to represent their organization in connection with the purchases of the units.

## Progressive Center to Be Reopened Tomorrow by New Management

The alterations of the International Progressive at 101 W. 28th St. have been completed, and the building re-opened under new management with an excellent American and Oriental kitchen, cafeteria, restaurant and recreation rooms. Tomorrow will witness the formal opening, with music and dancing continuing from 6 p. m. until 1 a. m.

The Center will be open every day of the week from 10 a. m. to 12 p. m., with music and dancing every Saturday night.

## Receiver Proposes New Big Merger of the Meat Packers

CHICAGO, Dec. 20. (UP).—Frank R. Wharton was appointed by Federal Judge Hames H. Wilkerson today to be receiver for the Allied Packers, Inc. The company has meat packing plants in Buffalo, New York, Wheeling, W. Va., Topeka, Kansas, Richmond, Va., Macon, Ga., and Chicago.

Wharton told the judge the liabilities of the company amounted to more than \$20,000,000 and that its assets were \$20,000,000 even. He said a merger with the Hy-Grade Food Products Co., of New York had been proposed and would save the stockholders from losses.

## SHIFRIN DEFENSE PLANS BIG MEET

### Bazaar to Begin at the Workers Center Today

Working labor movement: Benjamin Gitlow, of the Workers (Communist) Party; Alfred Wagenknecht, national secretary of the International Labor Defense; Louis Hyman of the Cloakmakers' Union; Irving Potash of the Furriers' Union; S. Milgrom, secretary of the Jewish section of the International Labor Defense; and Sam Liptzin, secretary of the Shifrin Defense Committee. Hundreds of delegates are expected to attend this important conference, representing various labor organizations of New York City and vicinity.

In order to raise funds for the defense, the Shifrin Defense Committee, in conjunction with the Jewish section of the International Labor Defense, is arranging a miniature bazaar at the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square, that will last for five days, beginning today and ending next Tuesday, Christmas night. Eats, drinks and dancing are being prepared by the committee in charge. All workers are urged to attend this important affair, and that way help to save William Shifrin from capitalist justice.

## Defense Organized Sept. 12

The Shifrin Defense Committee was organized Sept. 12, for the purpose of mobilizing the class-conscious workers of this city to defend William Shifrin who dared to defend his life when attacked with knives by a group of right wing gangsters.

William Shifrin is now out on \$15,000 bail, charged with second-degree murder and facing a life sentence if the frame-up instigated against him succeeds.

—L. I. D.

## Who are the Poets that will read at Red Poets' Night?

Here are a few: Michael Gold, Joseph Freeman, Robert Wolf, James Rorty, Henry Reich, Jr., Langston Hughes, famous Negro Poet, A. B. Magil, Herman Spector, William Weinberg, Adolf Wolff, Martin Ruskak, Edwin Rolfe, David Gordon, Lola Ridge, Arturo Giovannitti, Moïshe Nadir, H. Leivick, H. T. Tsiang, and many others.

Which means that the best revolutionary poets of various nationalities will appear December 28 and read from their own work.

## PAN-AMERICAN HYPOCRISY IN NEW MANEUVER

### Headquarters Moved Back to Geneva

(Continued from Page One) which is to get "the exact scope" of the proposed settlement and to decide "who should be selected" on a mediation board.

Of the general commissions of the conference, the one on arbitration in general is, through its reporter, the Colombian delegate, working out a permanent arbitration scheme which will appear harmless, but will guarantee the United States control of all disputes.

Exception to a New Exception. In the Havana conference, which gave birth to the present one, arbitration was not made compulsory on matters touching "national sovereignty, independence and honor." Now it is proposed to put in an additional clause called an "exception," but which leaves Latin American countries at extreme legal disadvantages should their courts decide against Yankee land and industrial concessionaries.

## League Back in Geneva

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Aristide Briand, president of the League of Nations Council, today ordered the League Secretariat to return to Geneva from Paris, where it had been moved suddenly upon the sharpening of the Bolivia-Paraguay dispute.

The "Echo de Paris" states that "The United States won a point when, through the medium of Brazil, the differences between Bolivia and Paraguay were brought before the Pan-American Conference." Although everything was supposedly "settled" yesterday, Briand continued conversations with representatives of Latin American nations all day yesterday, summoning to him and Sir Eric Drummond not only those from Venezuela, Cuba and Chile, but also the ambassadors of Spain and Japan, and the ambassadors of the League of Nations.

It is stated that no answer has been received to the League's communication to Washington of all its actions, but "this is not interpreted here as showing any unwillingness on the part of the United States not to profit by what the League has done."

## Paraguay Stops Mobilizing

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20.—Reports from Paraguay state that mobilization, ordered earlier in the week, has been stopped and an order to demobilize given. In both Paraguay and Bolivia, however, contributions and volunteers for war service still continue from what is reported as popular fervor.

## U. S. Tries to Prove Unger Owns Dope Cache Hates to Probe Deeper

Investigation into the \$4,000,000 worth of narcotics taken from the French steamer Rochambeau revealed yesterday that Joseph A. Unger was not the mysterious "Klein" to which the narcotics were shipped. "Klein" is some respectable New Yorker who has the best of connections with the police here.

This was established in the court room, where Unger went on trial for narcotics law violation which came about through seizure of \$2,000,000 in opium and morphine at the Grand Central Terminal two weeks ago.

Lenin's paper, "Iskra" (The Spark) was the starting point for the formation of an organized revolutionary party in Russia. The Daily Worker will be the rallying point for a mass Party in the United States.

## Tammany Protector



Grover Whalen was sworn recently in as chief of police to replace Warren who had made too many "mistakes" for Tammany's comfort. Whalen will now do his best to cover up the corruption and fraud of Tammany—and if he does not, someone else will take his place.

## Gold, Freeman, Others to Read at 3rd Annual Int'l Red Poets' Night

Michael Gold, editor of the "New Masses," will be one of the poets who will participate in the third annual International Red Poets' Night, to be held Friday evening, Dec. 28, at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St.

Gold, who made a great hit at the last two Red Poets' Nights with his two long poems, "Story of a Strange Funeral" and "A Great Deed Was Needed," will read a number of his poems never before read in public.

Other poets who will read at this unusual affair will be Joseph Freeman, formerly an editor of the "New Masses" and the "Liberator," Robert Wolf, James Rorty, Langston Hughes, A. B. Magil, Henry Reich, Jr., Edwin Rolfe, Adolf Wolff, Herman Spector, Lola Ridge, Arturo Giovannitti, Martin Ruskak, David Gordon, Moïshe Nadir, H. Leivick, Aron Kurtz, H. T. Tsiang, J. Sigizorki and others.

Red Poets' Night will also include a Dance Bacchanal after the readings. And it'll be some dance! Snappy jazz music will be furnished by John C. Smith's Negro Syncopators. Tickets for the affair are on sale at the Daily Worker, 26 Union Square.

## Package Party in the Lower Bronx Tomorrow

Branch 1, Section 5, of the Workers (Communist) Party, in the Lower Bronx, will hold a package party at 715 E. 138th St. tomorrow night. A good program has been prepared and all workers in the Lower Bronx are invited to attend.

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## Wipe That Smile Off His Face!



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Look him over; "Efficiency" Hoover, efficient for Big Biz, the guy who so efficiently helped to crush the Hungarian Revolution, the revolution in Bavaria, and tried, but failed, to do the same for the Russian Revolution; the guy who helped swindle farmers and enslave Negroes in the Mississippi flood, who now is battleshipping thru Latin-America, telling the world that Wall Street rules.

Home-run Hoover, batting 1000 in the World Imperialists League.

Look him over; the smile that wins. Millions of workers and peasants hate that smile!

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# Gil Working Hand in Hand with Morgan Man, Plans Capitulation to Bankers

## WILL MORTGAGE MEXICO TO PAY WALL ST. DEBTS

### Reason for 'Good-Will' Clearly Seen

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—With the retention of Luis Montes de Oca in the Portes Gil cabinet, and from recent statements of the president, it is now clear that the next two years will see the Mexican government and Dwight Morrow, United States ambassador and former partner in J. P. Morgan and Company, working hand in hand to mortgage Mexico to repay the loans of Wall Street bankers.

Leading editorials in the Mexican press point out that, by the time Hoover takes office as president of the United States, financial questions will be settled. "Excelsior," aping the spirit of the Gil regime, after declaring that Oca and Morrow are well adapted to cooperate on the question, concludes: "Under such conditions Mexicans may well look forward to a new and happy era of financial relations with her big northern sister."

It is very plain here, and the government newspapers take no pains to hide it, that Morrow and Oca have already come to an agreement to use the taxes on petroleum and to mortgage the railroads among other public utilities to pay the debts to the Yankee bankers. Recent statements of Portes Gil indicate that he is in full accordance with the plan.

In this way the American oil investors in Mexico have their taxes returned to them with interest, in addition to having their fingers in the Mexican government by the mortgaging of the railroads and revenues.

Oca, discussing the situation, assigns the "success" of negotiations with the Yankee bankers to the action of Gil in relinquishing his extraordinary powers in the matter of finance and leaving it in the hands of those "best able to take care of it," meaning, of course, Oca working in cooperation with Morrow, the agent of United States financial interests.

With the cooperation between the Wall Street bankers and the Mexican government kept clearly in mind, it is not hard to understand the official pronouncements on both sides of the border regarding the development of "good-will" and "understanding" between the two governments.

## Kellogg Will Send Men to Committee Managing Looting of Germany

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—It was reported today that Sir Esme Howard, British ambassador in Washington, will invite the United States tomorrow to appoint two members to the reparations expert committee. Sir Esme will present the invitation on behalf of the five reparations powers and Germany.

It was understood that Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg will forthwith announce the United States acceptance.

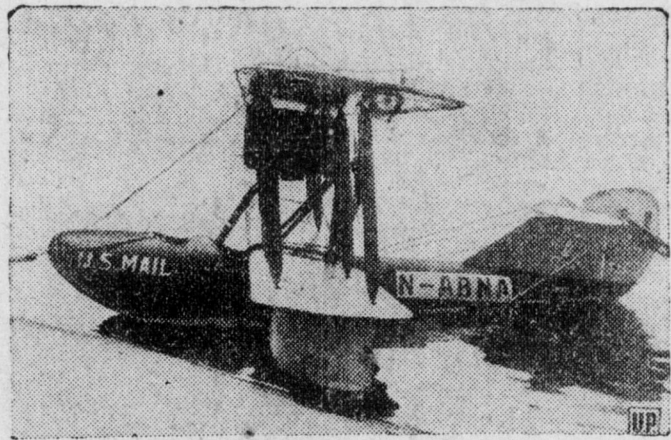
The experts committee will meet early in 1929 to undertake a revision of the Dawes reparations plan. Germany is not able to pay and the allies are quarreling over distribution of the loot.

## Conference Told One Radium Paint Exposure May Disable Employee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Injuries to workers who are dealing with radium-active substances were discussed today at a conference of health workers and physicians.

Dr. H. S. Martin, who performed autopsies of New Jersey factory workers who died recently after using radium paint said a single exposure might produce serious results. In the luminous dial factory where these workers were employed, the bosses instructed them to wet their radium brushes on their lips, thus insuring that they would receive many exposures and be sure to die of radium necrosis.

## Holds World's Mileage Record



The Boeing flying boat, which holds the world's record for air mileage. It was built in Seattle in 1919 and was first used for experimental and pleasure flights. It was then transferred to all mail service between Seattle and Victoria, B. C., and has been in continuous service for nine years—flying more than 415,000 miles. When the next imperialist war breaks, this flying boat may break new records—for different purposes.

## U. S. HONORS MURDERER

### The Dope on Balbo, Fascist Gangster

## PICK DELEGATES FOR CONFERENCE

### Paterson Silk Workers Prepare for Parley

(Continued from Page One)

tains, 1, election of chairman and secretary of conference; 2, report of local organizer; 3, shop reports of delegates to the conference; 4, proposed campaign for big shops, dyers and other unorganized workers by a representative of the N. T. W. U.; 5, resolutions; 6, organizational steps for the city convention.

The letter of instructions to the membership, sent out by the union, declares:

"Fellow-worker:

"In order to take immediate organizational steps to build a powerful National Textile Workers Union in Paterson, an organization conference is being called for Sunday, Dec. 23, at 10 a. m., at the Oakley Hall, 211 Market St.

"Delegates from the shops are to be chosen on the following basis—one for every ten workers or fraction thereof from each shop; that is, if there are ten workers or less in a shop, the shop gets one delegate. Shops with from eleven to twenty workers get two delegates, etc.

"Organize shop meetings during this week to elect your delegates. In some shops it will be impossible, for various reasons, to hold these meetings, in which case see to it that either yourself or some other member of the N. T. W. U. in the shops come as the delegate. Of course, if your shop is entitled to more than one delegate see to it that the required number of delegates attend.

"Fellow-worker, you will realize the importance of this organizational conference when you remember that all the organizational work is being carried on by a temporary committee and by volunteer workers. This conference will take the first steps toward the organization of the city convention, where local officials will be regularly elected and begin functioning as the chosen representatives of the membership."

posure might produce serious results. In the luminous dial factory where these workers were employed, the bosses instructed them to wet their radium brushes on their lips, thus insuring that they would receive many exposures and be sure to die of radium necrosis.

By legal technicalities the company cheated a score of workers now awaiting certain death out of all but \$5,000 apiece of their compensation.

## BELGRADE GOV'T FACES CRISIS ON CROAT AUTONOMY

### Cabinet Is Ready to Resign

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The Yugoslav cabinet has threatened to resign due to the impossibility of continuing the present regime under non-cooperation and attacks from the Croatian and Dalmatian autonomists, according to advices received here today.

Premier Koroshetz conferred twice today with King Alexander of Yugoslavia, intimating that a change either in the government or in tactics was to take place. Such conferences usually take place as a preliminary to the resignation of a cabinet and the formation of a new regime.

Ever since the murder of Paul and Stefan Raditch in the Belgrade parliament by henchmen of the Belgrade hegemony, the Croatian Peasant Party, in coalition with the democratic party has refused to send their deputies to the parliament. Since then the leaders of these respective parties have counseled a passive resistance policy, but the oppression of the Yugoslav government has been so great that spontaneous demonstrations have occurred throughout Croatia and Dalmatia.

The granting of special rights to Italian manufacturers in Dalmatia along the Adriatic has led to protest demonstration from the workers and the demand that the provinces be given autonomy.

At present the autonomists have set up a separate semi-government body in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, and have refused to recognize laws passed by the Belgrade parliament.

The terror against revolutionary workers and peasants in Yugoslavia is going on with increased fury.

## Alaskan Communities Severely Stricken by Epidemic of Influenza

NOME, Alaska, Dec. 20.—Remote Alaskan communities have been severely hit by an influenza epidemic, according to reports received here for the past few days. In the village of Hoodah, in southeastern Alaska alone there are 424 influenza cases in a population of 450.

Great difficulty is being encountered by all expeditions trying to cross the country to bring aid to the victims of the disease. The intense cold and heavy snowstorms are delaying all relief workers. One ship, the Unalga, has reported that it is attempting to reach the stricken areas with medical aid and supplies in time to stem the further spread of the disease.

CENSOR MOVIES IN CHINA. CANTON, China, (By Mail).—The Canton Commissioner of Education has had a board of censorship appointed to censor movies in "the interests of public morals."

10 DIE IN POLISH STORM. WARSAW, Dec. 20 (UP).—Ten persons were reported dead in a cold wave sweeping north and east Poland. Railroad communications were interrupted.

## A New Center for Gamblers' Gambols



New York Produce Exchange, 2 Broadway, which opened yesterday with a rush of speculators grabbing right and left what they can make profits on. Workers' toil is passed around here on scraps of paper. Prices soar as speculators make more profits and the workers have to pay out of their low wages. This market, where workers' lives are for sale, will work five hours every day except Saturday.

## GARY NEGROES IN ANTI-WAR MEET

### Hall, Trumbull Speak at Spirited Rally

GARY, Ind., (By Mail).—Unexpected response was shown by Negro workers at an anti-imperialist mass meeting held here last Monday. The meeting was held at the Gary Workers Hall under the joint auspices of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League and the American Negro Labor Congress.

After the speeches, when the floor was thrown open for discussion, several Negro workers took the floor and expressed their opinions. In every case they were enthusiastic about the work being done by the organizations represented. They want to hear other speakers in the future, and several of them gave their names and addresses to the chairman of the meeting and expressed a desire to attend the Workers School.

The speakers were Otto Hall, field organizer of the American Negro Labor Congress, who has just returned from a three-year stay in the Soviet Union, and Walter M. Trumbull, ex-soldier-prisoner who was arrested and sentenced to 26 years at hard labor by the army courts in Hawaii. Hall gave an explanation of the tour now being made by Hoover and showed that there is a real danger of war.

Trumbull pointed out the ever-growing menace of imperialism and its effect upon the countries that it controls. Both speakers emphasized that only the united action of the workers could stop the attacks of American capitalism against the U. S. workers and the oppressed peoples of Latin America.

RICE PRICE RISES. SHANGHAI, (By Mail).—The price of rice has risen to a new high level in Kwangtung province. A further steady rise in price is expected.

Out with the trade union bureaucrats, mistletoes of labor.

## 100 WORKERS IN LATVIA JAILS ON HUNGER STRIKE

### All Demand Complete Amnesty

RIGA, Dec. 20.—One hundred workers, held prisoners in various Latvian jails have been on hunger strike until they are granted complete amnesty.

Most of the workers in jail were arrested during the combined Sacco-Vanzetti memorial demonstrations and protest against the Latvian government's suppression of the labor unions and the arrest of many trade union leaders, among them numerous Communists. Mass arrests were begun on August 22 last in connection with the banning of revolutionary unions and have continued since then.

Many of the 100 prisoners have not even been granted a trial and have been thrown into jail to await their trial, which is delayed from day to day.

Latvian workers are now engaged in an energetic campaign for the release of political prisoners.

## New Submarine Rescue Tests Come One Year After Death of Forty

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 20.—The new submarine S-4, which was sunk a year ago today with the loss of 40 lives, due to the criminal negligence of the navy, was raised.

## W.I.R. to Send Xmas Packages to Jobless Miners of Illinois

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Christmas in the mining camps will be a ray brighter due to the efforts of the Workers International Relief. Every needy miners' family will receive a package. There are many such families in southern Illinois, where the fathers have been blacklisted and expelled from the union due to their activities during the strike, and many of the family breadwinners have been jobless for sixteen months.

Christmas cheer to them can only come thru the cooperation and support from other workers who contribute to the Christmas campaign conducted by the W. I. R. The money is used to purchase food and other necessities of life and sending it to needy workers, and victims of the class struggle.

Contributions to the work of the W. I. R. should be made to W. I. R., 23 South Lincoln St., Chicago. Every dollar means more power to the victimized workers, and food and clothing to the family.

after having been stripped of its engines and heavy paraphernalia, within 50 hours by new safety devices. The salvage ship Falcon, which arrived here today with three pontoons in tow, did the trick yesterday at Block Island. It was only a year too late.

The purpose of the experiment was to test the rapidity with which the new lifting devices could hook the chains of the pontoons into the steel hooks of the submarine.

The S-4 will go to Key West, Fla., later to try other safety devices. One of these is the private diving submarine, Defender, invented by Simon Lake, inventor of the modern submersible.

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# Increased Speed-Up at Ford Automobile Plants Cripples Workers Who Slave at the Belt

## CHUNKS OF A BIG MACHINE HURLED INTO WORKERS

### Repair Man Blinded, Wife Penniless

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DETROIT, (By Mail).—The tremendous speed-up at the Ford Motor Co. plants is taking a huge toll of serious injuries among the slaves of the belt. Many lives have been panned. In the Ford River Rouge plant the large 18 inch emery wheels on grinding machines in Department 1513 seriously wounded 6 workers in a single month. These emery wheels are too big for the tremendous speed of 1100 to 1200 revolutions per minute at which they are run. When the end-haft gets slightly worn the vibration causes a crack in the wheel, and then pieces break off, which are hurled with tremendous speed and force.

On Oct. 12 a worker on one of these machines was hit by a large chunk of one of these machines, and is still in a hospital, probably crippled for life. Three more of these accidents occurred soon after, but still no removal of the cause of the accidents.

### Tears Hole In Stomach.

On Nov. 13, a Ford slave had his stomach torn open, and was nearly killed. Finally, after all these accidents, the wheel broke again, and one of the pieces flew to another machine and broke thru a metal guard an eighth of an inch thick. This was the last straw, and the men in this department refused to go on and threatened to quit work. After this demonstration of resistance by the workers the company was forced to replace the wheel with others of smaller size.

### Blinded, Wife Penniless.

Ellis Wann, machine repair man, is now lying in the Ford Hospital, in danger of losing his left eye after an accident which occurred at the Ford River Rouge pressed steel department on Nov. 15. He was repairing the automatic on an electric spot welder when a piece flew in his eye. He went to the hospital to have the eye treated. Infection set in. Although he has slaved for Ford for the last 6 years his wife was in such straightened circumstances that the boys in his department took up a collection for her.

## No Jail Terms Given to Border Patrolmen for Accepting Bribes

DEROIT, Dec. 20 (UP).—Twenty former customs border patrolmen were indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges of accepting bribes from rum runners.

Fourteen of those indicted are free on bonds and six others have been unable to furnish bail. All were discharged from government service after the indictments.

### FIND WORKER'S BODY.

SUPERIOR, Wis., (By Mail).—The unidentified body of a workman was found near Port Wayne, on the shore of Lake Superior.

## AM I A TROUBLEMAKER? ASKS MILITANT WORKER

(By a Worker Correspondent)

I am refused everywhere. In one big shop the boss, who can hardly stand on his feet, is trying to tease me. "What are you, a suit case maker or a trouble maker? I'll give you a job provided you promise to become a good boy."

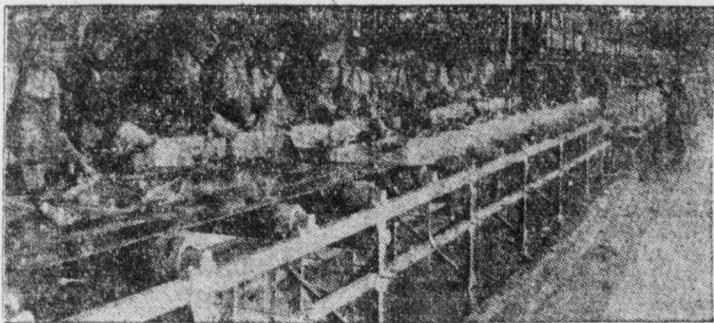
"Nothing doing!" mixed in another boss, "I know these guys. First they promise everything and after they prove to be Bolsheviks again. We haven't got a job for you! Go to your union for a job," he added after a pause.

That's the scheme of the bosses, the system of blacklisting active workers. I am trying my luck in a small job where I had worked years ago. The boss meets me with a great welcome. "Well, so you are back again. Remember when I told you not to quit the job. You would have gotten used to the shop by this time. Well, take off your hat and eat and get to work."

The shop is about the same as it was when I left it three and a half years ago. A dark, narrow building with the ceiling hanging low on your head. Some window glasses are broken, giving a free access to the blowing wind and snow. The mice in the shop have more liberty than the workers. It's always cold in the shop. One has to wear a sweater and warm clothes while working. The idea of the boss is, the colder it is, the faster we'll work to warm up.

On my second day in the shop the boss approached me with a big good morning. I knew that it means something. "Say, Jack, you want a good time?" he asked. "Sure, Mr. Mindell," I replied. "Listen, Jack, you see my eyes are still in. My wife and me were in the shop yesterday. We see the play 'Sissy Daughters'. I am telling you, I cried so much, my wife almost fainted. Such a drama of real life. Here are two benefit tickets, the proceeds are for the Hebrew School. Take your sweetheart and go to see the show." To refuse meant to anger the boss, to accept meant to spend \$3.50. So I went on a compromise telling him that my sweetheart is sick, and after a short argument bought one ticket. I hardly got rid of him and an aged Jew comes in the shop. He claims he comes direct from Palestine to collect money for a Hebrew School in Jerusalem. The Irish cutter gives him a quarter. I looked through the window and I saw another old Jew ready to get in, as soon as the first one got out. I got sore, and demanded a credential which the old Jew could not produce. I threatened to telephone to the organization he claims to represent to find out more information. Hearing that, the holy representative picked up his books and disappeared. The Irish cutter is sore for giving the faker a quarter. The boss is a little offended for my bothering the holy rabbi.

## Where Slaves Pile Up Dollars for Ford



Scene in the radiation department at the Ford plant at Highland Park. In his mad race to pile up more millions of dollars, Ford forces the workers to slave under a terrific speed-up system, regardless of the consequences to the workers from accidents, as described by a Ford Worker Correspondent on this page.

## Employment Agencies Are Helping to Lower Wages

(By a Worker Correspondent)

I am an office worker, that is head bookkeeper and accountant and have had practical experience in this line for about eight years. I found employment in this line for men and women deplorable for the last years, in this city, which is supposed to be a great industrial center. The newspapers do not have any business positions advertised, at least very few are to be found in the Help Wanted columns.

We have here in Cleveland a chain of Employment Agencies, who have devoted themselves to getting all the jobs from the industrial and small businesses, and in return demand \$50 for \$100 per month jobs and 60 to 70 per cent and more for jobs paying over \$100 per month. They always talk by the month instead by the week. In other words they want from us poor underpaid workers the first, second and third week's wages and the fourth week's wages are left for us, and in most cases these jobs don't last very long, the applicant is either let out or laid off for some purpose.

The only jobs that are advertised for in our city papers, are in most cases for certain skilled trades, or certain types of machine work that not everybody can do.

Furthermore, it is no wonder that these employment agencies captured the whole trade of employment. They have their hirelings or women clerks call all the firms in the telephone book from A to Z. They have cornered the position market and not only sell jobs to the workers but keep their wages down. These agencies, as I have found out, are playing into the hands of the bosses and are selecting from the unemployed those who asked cheap wages. These agencies have developed into true enemies of the workers.

The fifty or so employment agencies are getting about \$1,000,000 a year out of unemployment here. Not only do they get the commissions demanded, but also charge each applicant one dollar for registering with them. This certainly is a fine way to clean up. These parasites are waxing rich on our poor underpaid workers. If I find a job that should pay about \$125 per month I figure I am only getting about 50 to 60 cents per hour. That shows that my condition is no better than that of a laborer. Not only are we expected to work overtime gratis, but are subject to be laid off, or dismissed at any time.

I had an argument with one of

these agency officials, some time ago. I told him that a dishwasher makes a hundred dollars a month with eats, and why should office people pay \$50 for such wages. Well he said we have a right to charge such commissions, a contract is a contract, and furthermore, they can sue in court for their commissions. That shows the courts uphold such contracts.

Wages in this city as a rule are not very good. Man and wife have to go working in many cases, and the cost of rent and living is very high.

Because I'm too much of a fighter and refuse to go that far and pay one of these parasites for a job I don't own, I had to take up some other kind of work that I could find.

The first of the year I was hired with the National Acme Co. in a large department store making shock absorbers for the Ford Motor Co. I was given a job on a machine making these parts on a piece rate basis like all other workers. We were told to work twelve hour shifts, two weeks days, and two weeks nights. If a worker shows weakness, he is discharged. Because of working in this hell all year, I finally had to lay off for a while several weeks ago, and due to this, I was discharged. This proves that Ford contracts demand workers to work twelve hours per day, whether it scraps them or not.

## Lone Driver Rushes to Frozen Yukon Town to Relief Pox Epidemic

CORDOVA, Alaska, Dec. 20. (U. P.).—Unfavorable radio conditions have made it impossible to ascertain the progress of a dog team which has been musing through the frozen Yukon to the little town of Holy Cross, stricken by a small pox epidemic.

The team of huskies and their driver left Anvik early Tuesday for the 60-mile drive over snow covered trails and should have reached their destination tonight. But for more than 24 hours static has prevented the hearing of radio signals, which form the only means of rapid communication with isolated affected districts.

Holy Cross is an inland town of 142 persons, situated at the fork of the Yukon and Innoko Rivers, about 150 miles from the coast.

## British Jail Samoa King; Natives Angry

LONDON, Dec. 20. (UP).—King Tamases of Samoa has been arrested and taken aboard the British steamer Tofua to New Zealand to serve a six months term on a charge of obstructing police, an Evening News dispatch from Suva, Fiji Islands, said today.

The king refused to pay \$12 taxes. The western section of the islands is under the administration of New Zealand, but the population of Samoa was deeply indignant that their nominal king and high chief should be treated as a common criminal.

The program at the 5th Anniversary Celebration of the Daily Worker at Manhattan Opera House consists of the Indiana Duncan Dancers of Moscow, U. S. S. R., in a special program of Revolutionary Dances, Symphony Orchestra, Speakers. Tickets \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 now on sale at Daily Worker office. All seats reserved.

## British Imperialism to Build Airports Throughout China

HANKOW, China, (By Mail).—The Wuhan Commercial Aviation Co., under the control of British interests, has been formed here. Air transport routes will be established, and airports built, under British control. British imperialism will thus gain a further foothold in China.

## In the Shadows

By J. C. EDEN.  
The watch-towers are manned heavily. The guards parade against the moon, Listening to the creaking silence, Fingering their triggers.  
Far down in the shadows, invisible, They stir, these masses; Softly, quietly, Their eyes burning the messages.  
The watch-towers are manned heavily By sons of those in the shadows, Some know who hide in the shadows, Some wait to greet them.  
And one night, when the moon hides, The walls will not be so high. The guard will not heed the scaling rustle— And swarming masses will rip the walls asunder.

## IF NOT PLEASANT TO BOSSES, PHILA. PAPERS HIDE IT

### Not a Line About Anti-Imperial Pickets

(By a Worker Correspondent)

PHILADELPHIA, (By Mail).—Every American worker knows only too well how the prostitutes who own, edit and write for the capitalist press lick the boots of their masters, the bosses. There are six daily so-called "newspapers" in Philadelphia, all with large circulations. There cannot be any city in which the venality of the capitalist press is greater. Each day the "Record," "Public Ledger," "Inquirer," etc., show the workers how they are for the bosses only.

A glaring example was furnished Saturday and Sunday. A mass demonstration of over 150 pickets took place at a busy hour of the day in front of the United Fruit Company docks at Delaware Ave. and Arch St. Thousands of workers saw this demonstration, which was in sympathy with the 40,000 striking Colombia banana workers. The thousands of workers were interested in the picketing.

As is customary, the police called for a huge army of reinforcements, and started to halt the demonstration. But the class conscious workers are not so easily "dissuaded" and continued to picket. The police charged the picket lines and arrested 43 pickets. Now, this is not only news, but big news. But did the papers here handle this news?

The reporters were on the job and phoned in the news at once. Not a word appeared in any of the capitalist papers in Philadelphia, except in one local tabloid which is trying to increase its circulation. And even this account was fragmentary. And Sunday's papers? There had been a so-called "trial" of the 43 pickets before Judge Viola Fahnestock, the only woman judge in the city. Judge Fahnestock is a bear when it comes to not only prosecuting but also persecuting any Soviet Union, the first workers' republic, as their homeland. All these comrades were arrested in raids by the "Red" squad in October.

—L. P. RINDAL.

## OFFICIALS HELP IMPOSE PAY CUT

Hose Union Offers to Speed Up Workers

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urer of the McCallum Hosiery Company, nor the union officialdom denied that negotiations for a wage cut were under way.

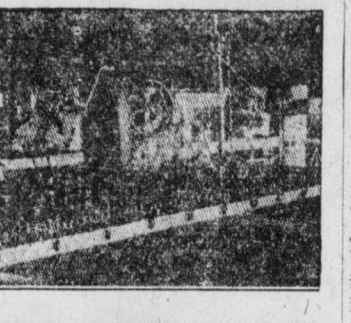
The front of progressivism, which the A. F. F. W. U. was accustomed to assume in the past, has long been openly discarded by the officialdom. Now president Geiges vies with Thomas F. McMahon, president of the parent body, the United Textile Workers Union, in promising the bosses larger profits if they only let them—Geiges and McMahon—attend to the matter.

That this is no idle conjecture can be proven by the speech recently delivered by Geiges at the sessions of the Taylor Society in New York, an organization of "industrial efficiency engineers," or speed-up experts.

Geiges there confessed that the tendency of the manufacturers to move south threatens to weaken the union. He did not, however, propose as a remedy, the organization of the south, but as admitted that "the manufacturers, are being prompted by the union to develop greater efficiency to obtain greater profits in their present locations."

The concrete measures already

## Slavery at the Belt



Above are two views of the belt conveyor system at the Ford plant, bringing parts and material to the slaves of Ford.

## FASCISTS HARRY COAST WORKERS

(By a Worker Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES, (By Mail).—Comrades Grossberg and Deveranos have both been released from jail on bail—reduced from \$5,000 to \$1,500. The immigration authorities are trying to deport the former to fascist Poland and the latter to Greece. Several other deportation cases are before the courts also. With the exception of one worker, an Austrian, all of them claim the Soviet Union, the first workers' republic, as their homeland. All these comrades were arrested in raids by the "Red" squad in October.

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## AUTO CO. LURES JOBLESS TO CUT SCALE OF WAGES

### Situation Is Serious in Nova Scotia

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW GLASGOW, Nova Scotia (By Mail).—When the Trenton Car Works announced that it had procured a large order for cars, unemployed workers began flocking to Pictou County by the thousands from all parts of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Newfoundland. Although only a handful of new men was taken on, three or four thousand workers came looking for the job. Conditions in Nova Scotia are very bad as far as employment is concerned. Thousands of miners have been laid off, and the lumbering industry is going pretty bad. The bosses in Pictou County, especially in the steel plant at Sydney and the Trenton Car Works in this city, are attempting to take advantage of the great number of jobless workers that flocked here following the hoax announcement of the auto company, and are using these men to beat down the already starvation wages of the men who are working. No "prosperity" in sight for Nova Scotia, despite the promises of the politicians.

## LOSOVSKY TALKS AT MOSCOW MEET

(Wireless By "Inprecorr")

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 20.—Losovsky, Secretary of the Red International of Labor Unions, speaking at Tuesday's session of the Congress of the Labor Unions of the Soviet Union, pointed out that the Congress was taking place at the same time as the attempts of capitalism to encircle the Soviet Union, while attacking its own workers.

"The past two years have seen many important events in China, Australia, Austria, Japan, Latin America, France, Poland, Germany and the Balkans," Losovsky, "Events confirm the attitude of the Fourth Congress of the R. I. U., and the Sixth Congress of the Communist International. The anti-reformist struggle must be intensified. The

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## Propose 5 Year Plan for Oil Wells in USSR

(By a Worker Correspondent)

MOSCOW, Dec. 20.—A plan of exploration and research for new oil and gas fields during the next five years has been proposed to the Soviet geological committee.

This work will be concentrated in the center of the Soviet Union and also along the seacoast at points suitable for the export of oil. The Soviet oil trust has started boring operations in the Kerch Peninsula near Batum.

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# Labor Defense Plans Gigantic House-to-House Christmas Fund Collection Campaign

## STATIONS OPENED THROUGHOUT CITY DURING WEEK-END

### Drive to Aid Victims of Court Terror

Thousands of workers will be asked to contribute for the defense of the 662 textile workers who are going on trial in New Bedford during the city-wide house-to-house collections of the New York district of the International Labor Defense, which start tomorrow and will continue Sunday. Funds for the defense of these victims of the mill barons' courts are the chief objective of the Christmas campaign of the I. L. D., of which the house-to-house collections are a part.

Every part of the city will be covered by the volunteer collectors in one of the largest drives of its kind ever arranged by the I. L. D. The New Bedford cases, in addition to the many other cases—nearly 1,100 in all—being defended by the I. L. D., make the Christmas campaign more important this year than ever before. It is expected that a large part of the funds will be raised by the house-to-house collections tomorrow and Sunday.

Workers are also being asked to contribute to the collection drive as a protest against the fake Christmas charity schemes by which the capitalist class seeks to stifle the growing resentment and militancy of the workers.

Workers who want to volunteer for the house-to-house collections are asked to report to one of the following stations: 60 St. Marks Place; 101 W. 27th St. (Progressive Center); 347 E. 72nd St. (Czechoslovak Workers Home); 350 E. 81st St. (Hungarian Workers Home); 143 E. 103rd St.; 1800 Seventh Ave. (Unity Cooperative); 2700 Bronx Park E. (Bronx Workers Cooperative); 1330 Wilkins Ave.; 1373 43rd St., Brooklyn; 154 Watkins St., Brooklyn; and 56 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn.

## CALL TO ASSIST CANTOR DEFENSE

### I. L. D. Backs Picket on Murderer Fuller

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Harry Cantor, member of the Workers (Communist) Party and active on the local International Labor Defense, will come to trial on charges of criminal libel. The International Labor Defense local organization has written the I. L. D. national office, 799 Broadway, New York, requesting that forces be mobilized to give this case wide publicity, on account of its serious nature. The solidarity of labor is needed to defeat this frame-up which grew out of the parade of pickets, Nov. 3, before the Massachusetts state house. "Fuller the Murderer."

The paraders bore signs denouncing Fuller and Judge Thayer for their part in murdering the two workers, when, as has been shown, they knew of their innocence. The signs said: "Fuller, the Murderer of Sacco and Vanzetti"; "Smith, Welsh and Cole Were Silent During the Frame-up"; "Vote Against Capitalist Frame-ups"; "Vote Communist"; and "Fuller, Thayer Knew Sacco, Vanzetti Innocent."

It was for carrying the first of these signs, stating that Fuller was the murderer of Sacco and Vanzetti, that Cantor is being held on the criminal libel charge. He is out on a \$1,000 bail and faces a prison term if convicted.

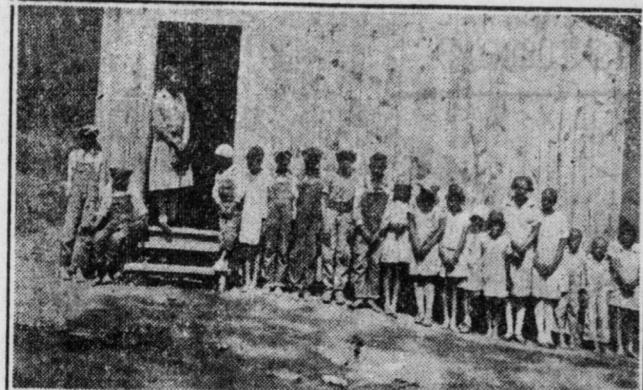
Twenty-two other pickets were arrested and charged with loitering. They were immediately tried and fined \$10 each. Their cases were appealed and will come up before the state supreme court Jan. 21. They will also need defense. The I. L. D. asks all workers who wish to be able to tell the truth about Sacco and Vanzetti without facing arrest for it, to rally behind these cases. Send contributions for defense.

## Criminal Syndicalism Trial of Oehler and 4 Others in Kansas, Soon

KANSAS CITY, Kans., Dec. 20.—The cases of Hugo Oehler, district organizer of the Workers (Communist) Party for this district, and four other Party members are coming on trial soon, announces the local organization of the International Labor Defense, calling for the support of labor, and financial contributions to assist the defense. Contributions should be sent thru the I. L. D. national office, 799 Broadway, New York.

These men are charged with criminal syndicalism because they persisted, in two meetings in Kansas City, both of them broken up by the police, in distributing the regular Workers Party campaign literature in the presidential campaign then under way. There is no other evidence against them, except a garbled report by one police officer who claimed Oehler was "an anarchist."

## A Southern "School" for Negroes



Child victims of white capitalist domination and of the South Carolina School Segregation Policy. Notice the ramshackle pile of boards they call a "school." Standing in the door is a \$40 a month teacher.

## Fraternal Organizations

**Spanish Workers Dance.** The Spanish fraction of the Workers (Communist) Party will hold its first dance this Saturday evening at Harlem Casino, 15th St. and Lenox Ave. Proceeds will go for the organization of Spanish workers and the support of their organ "Vida Obrera." As this will be a real international affair, please, do not arrange any other affair on that date.

**Office Workers.** The Office Workers Union has arranged a dance for Washington's birthday eve, Feb. 21, at Webster Manor. Sympathetic organizations are asked not to arrange any affair for that evening.

**Women Theatre Party.** The New York Working Women's Federation will have a theatre party at the Provincetown Theatre, 132 McDougal St., Saturday evening, Dec. 22, presenting Upton Sinclair's "Sinister Jamboree." All the proceeds will go to the building up of the Women's Federation. Tickets can be obtained at 25-28 Union Square.

**Freiheit Singing Society.** For the first time in New York, the Freiheit Singing Society will present Mendelssohn's oratorio, "Walpurgis Night," with a symphony orchestra conducted by Lazar Weiner. The concert will take place Saturday, Dec. 22, at Carnegie Hall, 57th St. and 5th Ave. Tickets can be gotten at the Freiheit office, 30 Union Sq.

**Brownsville Dance.** The Brownsville Workers Youth Center will hold its first dance Saturday evening, at the Brownsville Labor Lyceum, 219 Sackman St., Brooklyn.

**Women Theatre Party.** A good opportunity for Jewish workers to see the regular week-end play in the Schwartz Art Theatre on 14th and 3rd Aves., on Friday evening, Feb. 8, at reduced prices if tickets are gotten in advance. The full price will be charged on the day of the performance. Tickets in advance may be gotten at the central office of the United Council of Working Women, 100 E. 11th St., Room 333, or phone Stuyvesant 0576.

**Williamsburg I. L. D. Dance.** The Williamsburg branch of the I. L. D. will sponsor a dance and concert on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 56 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn, 8 p. m. The funds collected at the dance will be donated to the class war prisoners. Admission will be 25 cents.

**Mutual Aid League Dance.** The annual Rainbow Ball of the League for Mutual Aid will be held today at the Bethoven Hall, 210 E. 5th St.

**Negro Entertainment Dance.** A Negro entertainment and dance has been arranged by Section 6 of the Workers (Communist) Party, 56 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn, for Saturday, Jan. 12. An interesting program is being prepared.

**Unity Cooperative Ball.** A concert and ball will be given by the Unity Cooperative on Saturday evening in the Laurel Garden, 75 East 114th St. A Russian balalaika orchestra and a noted Russian dancer will be on the program.

**Negro Champion Dance.** The Negro Champion and the American Negro Labor Congress will have a joint dance and entertainment Jan. 22 at Renaissance Casino 134th St. and 7th Ave. Other organizations are asked to observe date.

**Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra.** The second of a series of chamber music concerts will be given by the Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra, Dec. 22 at 8:30 p. m. at 106 E. 14th St. Ensemble quartet and solos.

**Red Poets' Night Dec. 28.** The third annual International Red Poets' Night will be held Friday evening, Dec. 28, at 8 o'clock at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St. Tickets on sale at Daily Worker office, 25 Union Square.

**Labor Temple Poetry Forum.** The Labor Temple Poetry Forum will be held today at 242 Br. I. L. D. will be held today.

**Freiheit Sport Club.** The Freiheit Sport Club has arranged a dance for Sunday, Dec. 30, at its club rooms, 230 E. 5th St. Dancing will start at 8 p. m.

**Scandinavian Workers Club.** The Scandinavian Workers Clubs of Manhattan and Brooklyn are arranging an "Oldtime Christmas Ball" for Dec. 22 and 29 in Vasa Castle Hall, 149th St. and Castle Ave., the Bronx. Music will be furnished by two bands, one playing American and the other Scandinavian music. The profit of the affair will go to the Swedish Communist weekly, Ny Tid.

**Brownsville Concert, Dance.** A concert and dance will be given

**Mussolini Wants More Children for Armies**

ROME, Dec. 20 (U.P.)—Mussolini today instructed prefects to distribute cash prizes amounting to nearly \$150,000 to the heads of large families for Christmas, with the object of holding them up as examples to others.

The prizes run from \$5 to \$25 and nearly 12,000 families will benefit. The prize money was gathered in subscriptions from private individuals and public bodies.

**EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE.** SANTIAGO, Chile Dec. 20 (U.P.)—A strong earthquake shock was felt this morning along the region from Valparaiso to the sea port Concepcion. No casualties were reported.

## CRUISERS AND KELLOGG PACTS BOTH DELAYED

### Insull Man, West, Gets Committee Approval

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These favors included applications of the Cumberland Hydro-Electric Power Company to build a dam eighty feet high at Cumberland Falls, Ky.; of the Kentucky Hydro-Electric Company to build dams on both the Cumberland and Kentucky Rivers; of the Wabash Hydro-Electric Company to build a plant at Wabash, Ind.; the Wisconsin Power and Light Company, to build on the Wolf River in Wisconsin; of Robert G. Gordon, an attorney for the Kentucky Hydro-Electric Company to build on the Cumberland River; and of the Kentucky Utilities Company to undertake four developments on the Kentucky River.

One of the three opposing members was Senator Wagner of New York. Chairman Nye and Senator Walsh of Montana also voted against confirmation.

Those who voted for a favorable report were Senators Oddie, McNary, Glenn, Larrazola, Pittman, Kendrick and Ashurst. Senators Norbeck and Bratton were absent.

The committee seems to have fought shy of the consideration that under the Boulder Creek Dam law just passed, millions of dollars of contracts for power plant, and management and sale of electric power will be in the hands of the secretary of the interior, a very strategic position for Mr. Insull, the big power king, to control.

**Mellon Accused.** Congress is still talking of charges made yesterday by Representative Gardner against Secretary of State Mellon, that he not only misinforms Congress as to the state of the treasury in his official reports because he is interested in the Greek loan, but that he has paid over from the treasury to subsidiaries of the steel trust of which he is part owner \$65,000,000 "tax refunds."

Mellon has issued a general denial saying only that his own figures are right, and that the payments to his companies were legal.

Congress yesterday passed the Hawes-Cooper bill, making it a state matter entirely as to how prison made goods shall be sold. The bill has the support of the A. F. of L. officialdom, which hails it as a great step forward and a reason for being proud of the U. S. government. Just how the bill aids labor, however, is difficult to see. None of the present state governments will put taxes on imported prison made

## Negro Defends Right to Keep Seat in Subway

Because one young Negro, on a crowded I. R. T. Flushing local, did not give up his seat to a woman, six members of the U. S. Navy attacked him and tried to evict every Negro occupant of the train.

Filled with "giggles water," and not conscious of their actions, although they are never fully aware of what they are doing, the navy attempted to instruct the Negro occupants in courtesy, but ended in a hasty retreat before the counter attack of a number of infuriated Negroes who refused to be taught. A Negro has not much to gain by being polite in this country for here it seems that for a Negro to be polite means that he is to be no less than a boot-licker. The inebriated gentlemen from the briny, however, thought that it was up to them to give a lesson in subway etiquette. The best laid plans of mice and men sometimes go astray, etc., said Robert Burns, and the navy seems to be no exception.

Stranded on the Canal Street station, where they had followed one Negro youth who had refused to leave the train without resistance, they boarded another south bound local to continue their self-appointed tasks. However, they hurriedly turned tail and fled, in true sailor like fashion, when a band of Negroes more formidable than themselves, approached them.

Two young Negroes were slightly injured in the melee. The police, as in all similar cases, arrived after everything was all over and after the navy had disappeared.

## POSTPONE HARMAN HEARING.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 20.—Hearing of charges against Dr. Byron M. Harman, superintendent of Essex Mountain Sanitarium, was adjourned today. A telephone girl charged Dr. Harman with making improper advances to her.

## REGISTER YOUR PROTEST AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR VOTE

goods unless, possibly, they compete with that state's prison made goods, or with products of some interest that controls that particular state government.

Any way, by an amendment in the Senate, the bill does not become effective until five years after the president's signature, if he signs it.

**Increase Appropriations.** The Interior Department supply bill appropriating \$288,468,000, or \$1,786,000 more than the House authorized, was passed by the Senate today.

The Senate appropriation committee had made important increases for certain western projects.

## Workers Party Activities

### Lenin Memorial Meeting

A Lenin Memorial Meeting will be held in Madison Square Garden Saturday evening, January 19. All Party and sympathetic organizations please take note.

You are requested not to arrange any conflicting dates. The Lenin Memorial Meeting this year will be a powerful demonstration against the imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union. Executive Committee, New York District.

**Party Unity Attention!** The Spanish Fraction will hold its first ball this Saturday evening at Harlem Casino, 15th St. and Lenox Ave. Proceeds will go for the organization of Spanish speaking workers and for the support of the organ of the Spanish Bureau "Vida Obrera." Please, keep this date open and give this affair your greatest support.

**Italian Red Ball.** A grand annual ball will be given by the New York Italian fraction of the Workers (Communist) Party for the benefit of Il Levatore, the Italian Communist paper, on Saturday, Dec. 22, 8 p. m. at Workers Cooperative Hall, 642 Hudson Ave., West N. Y.

**Bronx Y. W. L. Dance.** The Bronx section of the Young Workers (Communist) League will hold a Section Dance on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 8 p. m. at the East New York Workers Center, 1347 Boston Road. There will be entertainment and an excellent jazz band.

**Section 5 Dance.** Section 5 of the Workers (Communist) Party will celebrate the establishing of the Bronx Workers Center at 1330 Wilkins Ave., on New Years Eve with concert and dance till daybreak. All Bronx workers are invited.

**Newark Y. W. L. Dance.** The Young Workers (Communist) League will hold its sixth annual dance on Jan. 5, at the Ukrainian Labor Hall, 57 Beacon St., Newark. Tickets are 50 cents including a free ride to the Young Worker for three months. All sympathetic organizations are asked not to arrange affairs on the same date and help us make this affair a success.

**Volunteers Needed.** Volunteers are wanted for clerical work in connection with the Party's Negro work. The comrades in charge are head over heels in work, and unless volunteer help is gotten, important matters will be slowed up, if not altogether neglected. Phone Ida Dalles at her National Office: Harlem 1278.

**Upper Bronx Young Pioneers.** The upper Bronx Pioneer Sport Club will have gym practice this Sunday at 1347 Boston Road, 10 a. m.

**East N. Y. Y. W. L. Dance.** The East N. Y. section of the Young Workers (Communist) League will hold its first section dance on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the East New York Workers Center, 1313 Hinesdale St. There will be entertainment and an excellent jazz band. All workers are invited to attend.

**Inter-racial Dance.** Keep open the date of Dec. 29 for the Inter-racial Dance to be given by the Upper Harlem unit of the Young Workers (Communist) League.

**Women's Committee To Meet.** A meeting of the District Women's Committee will be held at the Workers Center, 26-23 Union Square, Saturday, Dec. 22, at 1 o'clock.

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## BRITISH-INCITED AFGHAN TRIBES FAIL IN ATTACK

### British Had Plan for Intervention

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according to reports from Kabul, the capital.

The legation said that the rebellion was due to certain passport laws which affected the Shinwaris and Kahugyanis tribes, denying that the tribes revolted against Amanullah's "westernization" measures.

Kabul was quiet after small posts nearby had been attacked by tribesmen under Batcha Sagan.

British Invasion.

Austen Chamberlain, foreign minister, speaking in the house of commons yesterday, admitted that the British in India had worked out in advance a plan to rescue members of the British legation in Kabul and that now airplanes were flying over the capital in accordance with this scheme.

He stated further that leaders of the rebelling tribesmen assured the British minister on Dec. 14 that they had no hostile intention towards the legation, but, Chamberlain added, "the government of India will, of course, take all possible steps to assure the safety of British nationals."

## Borough Presidents Rule Queen's; House Holders Pay for Graft

A committee composed of Controller Berry and the five borough presidents yesterday turned down flatly the appeal of thousands of residence owners in Queens who wanted rescinded the assessment put on them thru former Borough President Connolly.

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### Italian Women's Meet.

Tonight at 8 p. m., all the Italian women of the Workers (Communist) Party will meet at the office of "Il Lavoratore," 89 E. 10th St., to discuss the means of developing a serious movement among the Italian working women. Every comrade must take along as many sympathizers as possible.

**Downtown Unit 2, Y. W. L.** Due to the fact that the Party membership meeting has been called off, the regular membership meeting of our unit will be held tonight at 7 p. m.

**Inter-racial Dance, Y. W. L.** The Y. W. L. Upper Harlem unit is holding an Inter-racial Dance on Saturday, Dec. 22, at Imperial Auditorium, 160 W. 125th St. John C. Smith's dance orchestra will furnish the music. All organizations are requested not to arrange any affair that will conflict with this one.

**Notice To All Harlem Workers.** There will be a mass meeting Sunday at Lexington Hall, 199 E. 114th St. at 2 p. m. to take up the "New Offensives of American Imperialism," and the Bolivian and Paraguayan war situation. There will be prominent speakers and discussion from the floor.

**Paraguayan War Protest.** The Spanish fraction of the Anti-Imperialist League and the Harlem section of the Party will hold a joint protest meeting against U. S. imperialism's new offensive in Latin America Sunday, at 2 p. m. Prominent speakers will discuss the Bolivian-Paraguayan war situation. The meeting will be at Lexington Hall, 109 E. 116th St.

**Section 5 Out for I. L. D. Tag Day.** All members of Section 5, Bronx, are to be mobilized for Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 22 and 23, for I. L. D. Tag Days. Headquarters, at 1330 Wilkins Ave., will be open Saturday from 12 noon to 10 p. m., and Sunday, 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. Those with out boxes and stamp books can get them there. Br. 1 and 6 have their own headquarters.

**Yorkville Y. W. L.** The Young Workers (Communist) League of Yorkville section will meet tonight at 8 p. m. at Hungarian Workers Home, 352 E. 81st St. All workers are welcome.

**Wanted, Athletic Volunteers.** Volunteers are wanted to take part in the gymnastic drill which will take place at the Lenin memorial meeting in Madison Square Garden Sunday, Jan. 19. Comrades who are qualified to take part in such drill, including the formation of pyramids, should report promptly at 10 a. m. Sunday at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St., and every Sunday thereafter.

**SE Inter Branch.** The International Branch 1 will have a regular meeting on Monday at 9 p. m., at 101 W. 27th St.

**Units 3E 1F.** Unit 3E 1F will have an important meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 6:15 p. m., at 101 W. 27th St.

**Unit 3E 2F.** Unit 3E 2F will hold an important meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 6:15 p. m., at 101 W. 27th St.

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## Fight the War-Mongers

The mass meeting to be held tonight at Central Opera House under the banner of the Workers (Communist) Party is among the first of a series of nation-wide demonstrations against the ominous danger of another world war. Every worker here in the very citadel of imperialism, in the shadow of Wall Street, who is conscious of his class interests, should attend this meeting. It is the working class of the United States that must lead the fight against the ravages of American imperialism.

Not only is it essential to expose the insolent war preparations of the United States ruling class, the most vicious, the most powerful, bloody and arrogant ruling class on earth, but definite steps must be taken to combat these war plans in every way. To indulge in demands for partial or complete disarmament, or to yield to pacifist illusions and whine about "peace on earth" while capitalism exists is objectively to aid the preparations of the war-mongers.

The revolutionary demand, the working class demand, must be disarming of the capitalist class and arming of the proletariat, in order to be in a position to crush completely the rule of the capitalist class. To realize such a demand a whole series of determined revolutionary acts are necessary—the drive to organize the war industries in order to be in a position to cripple them, the penetration of the armed forces of the nation and agitation demanding refusal to fight against the working class at home or engage in imperialist war abroad; demanding that the soldiers and sailors go over to the side of the working class against their capitalist despoilers. In a word, the one effective weapon against the war threat is the revolutionary weapon.

With the war clouds lowering more and more with the hand of Yankee imperialism again revealed as the fomenter of war, this time in the Bolivian-Paraguayan struggle, it is imperative that not a moment be lost in preparing for the greatest anti-imperialist drive ever waged in the history of this country.

All working men and women and youth of Greater New York should come tonight to Central Opera House and demonstrate under the following slogans:

Fight against the danger of a new imperialist world war.

Prevent the dispatch of United States troops, ships or munitions to the Bolivian-Paraguay war center.

Defeat Wall Street's war on Nicaragua. Demand the immediate withdrawal of the marines. Stop the annexation plot. Support the revolutionary army and masses of Nicaragua.

Fight the imperialist jingoism of the trade union bureaucracy—perfect agents of the imperialist butchers!

Down with the treacherous pacifism of the socialist party which serves as the cloak for the bayonets of the master class!

In the coming war we will work to transform the imperialist slaughter into civil war for the liberation of the working class and colonial and oppressed peoples, for the overthrow of imperialism.

Defend the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics against which the imperialists will direct their military forces!

Fight the war danger!

## Hoover, Imperialist Drummer

10. Increasing Imperialist Aggression. But the most outstanding result of the election campaign is to be noted in the fact that the government is redoubling its effort and is increasing fivefold its pace of preparation for war. What else is the meaning of Hoover's "vacation" in Latin America? He is going to visit nine countries. He is going as a "messenger of peace" on the biggest battleship in the American navy. Hoover, a dove of peace, perching on the turrets of the battleship Maryland!

What is the meaning of this "gracious pilgrimage of friendship and good will?" The United States has a total commerce of about two billion dollars annually and an investment of about five billion dollars in Latin America. Hoover will appear as a salesman, a drummer, a booster of the products of American imperialism—ideological as well as material. This policy is very clearly stated by the *Magazine of Wall Street* (Nov. 17, 1928).

"The whole power of the government will be put behind the expansion of foreign trade. As Secretary of Commerce, Hoover has built up the greatest governmental organization for the promotion of foreign trade that any nation has ever had. With presidential initiative in his hands, it may be confidently expected that our foreign traders will find the government more than ever the leader in opening channels for American goods the world over."

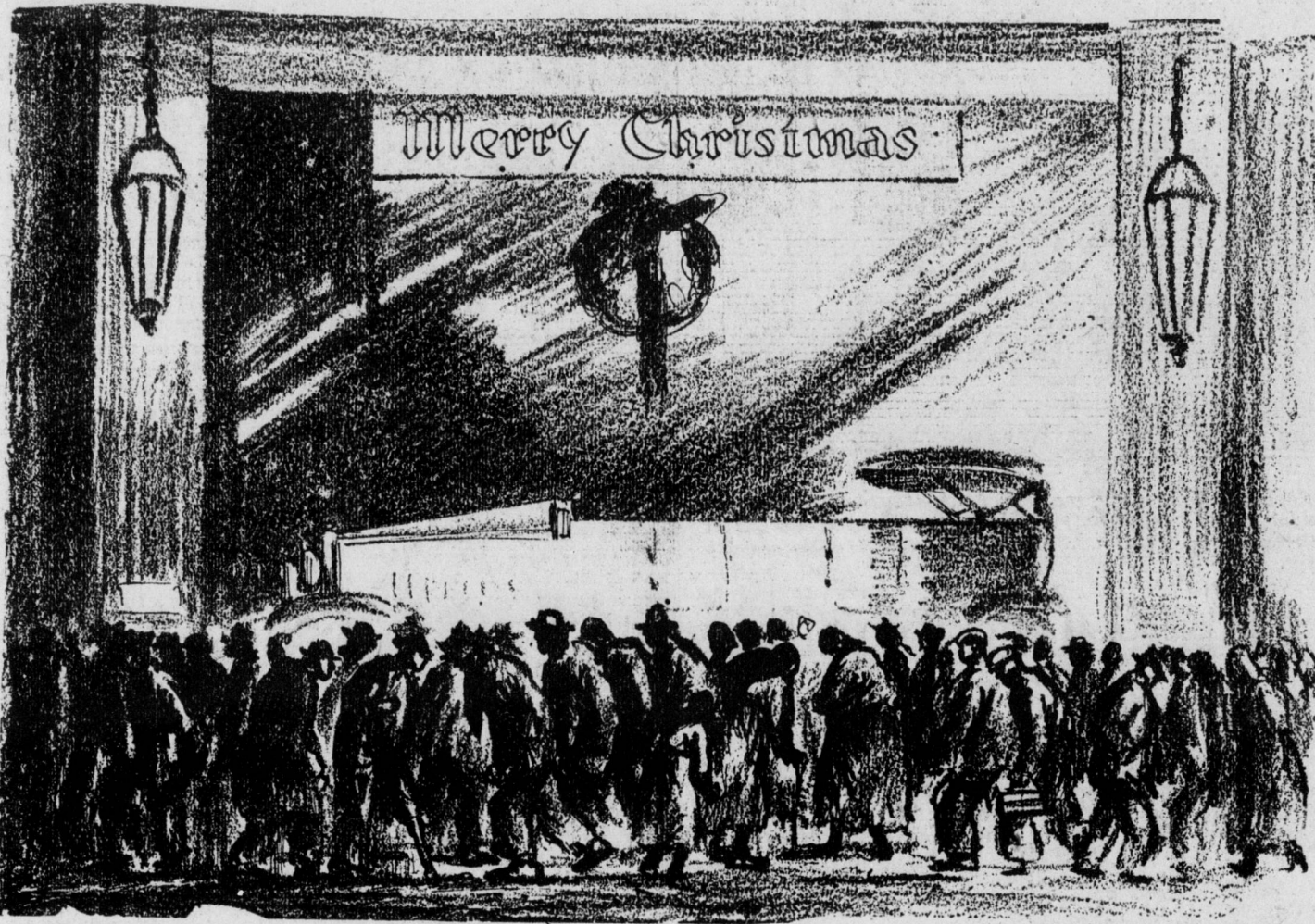
From "The 1928 Elections," by Jay Lovestone in the December issue of "The Communist."

Besides, in 1931, there will be another conference on the limitation of naval armaments in Washington. This is a continuation of the one Harding gave birth to in 1921. At this forthcoming conference there will be the sharpest clash between Great Britain and the United States over naval supremacy, over the mastery of the sea lanes.

If the Kellogg pact is to serve American imperialism as an instrument of imperialist aggression, adherence must be won for it in Latin America, where it has none today. Hoover's task will be to "sell" the Kellogg pact to the Latin-American countries. The League of Nations and British influence will have to be minimized; the Monroe Doctrine and American influence will have to be enhanced through the acceptance of the Kellogg pact. Hoover will engineer the job successfully, in all probability. Lloyd George has already said: "I am alarmed about the situation. The nations are sharpening their knives on the very stones of the Temple of Peace."

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## IN THE WINTER OF "PROSPERITY"



# How Our "Daily" Was Born

By HARRISON GEORGE

It was early in January, 1924. At the printshop up the narrow stairway at 1640 North Halsted St., Chicago, linotype machines were rattling, calls for "copy" resounding in the front office, and the presses began to roar as the first English-language Communist daily paper came off the folding machine to be grabbed by eager hands. On its front page ran the announcement:

"The Daily Worker is born! It comes to fight! It comes to inspire and call the many to struggle! The Daily Worker is the voice of the whole working class!"

Communist Spirit Wins. Ringing words stating an accomplishment. In every great city mass meetings of celebration hailed the new weapon of the American Workers Party. But behind the celebration lay a lot of hard work, sacrifice and Communist enthusiasm, which always wins by hard work and sacrifice.

Two years before a weekly paper, "The Worker," had been established at the merging of "The Toller" and "The Workers' Council." It had fought well, but the Workers Party was getting too big to be satisfied with a weekly, which could not respond fast enough to the needs of the struggles in which the Party was engaged. A four months' average in 1922 showed the Workers Party had 12,394 members; in 1923 the figure had gone up to 15,233.

Put Itself Out of Business. "The Weekly" helped to bring this growth about, of course, but by so doing it made itself incapable of handling further advances. On its staff were Engelbahl, as managing editor; Wicks, labor editor; Robert Minor and Art Young were its cartoonists, and Nick Dozenberg, business manager.

These had a lively time on the "Weekly," trying to give every struggle its deserved attention with only six pages a week. After the "sinking spell," in 1920-21, American capitalism took a shot of federal reserve smelling salts and began again to be "prosperous" along in March, 1922.

Strikes In 1922. Boy! But the capitalists began to feel their oats! Their Railroad Labor Board started to slash wages of the railwaymen. The big railway strike movement broke out, and it, too, was "spotty," since it was confined by the fakers to seven crafts while the other nine went on working. Not that all the men in the scabbing unions liked to break their fellow-workers' strike. A storm of protest arose among them and the Trade Union Educational

about 800,000. Wages are being ruthlessly cut down. Except in Warsaw, where still somewhat lower wages are paid, no workers are paid so badly as those of Rome. The village is becoming more and more proletarianized.

Workers Reorganizing for Defense. Fascism is striving to master the difficulties by the bloodiest terrorist methods. The death penalty has been reintroduced as an instrument of intimidation. But in spite of "prohibitions" and terror, the workers and poor peasantry are beginning to defend themselves.

Signs of activity may be observed among them. This is proved by the resistance offered to pacifism on the part of the Communist Party in 1927-28. And by the fact that the Communists and revolutionary workers have succeeded in defending their class organization, the newly organized Italian Trade Union Federation, against the treachery of the reformist deserters.

These facts cannot be done away with either by the new laws, or by Mussolini's fine phrases on the stability of the fascist regime.

## Communist Spirit Wins Out for Only English Language Workers' Daily

League, helped by the "Weekly," organized rebellion against the traitorous leadership of the whole sixteen craft unions over the issues of a united fight and amalgamation into one railway union.

The fakers held the fort, however, and the shopmen lost out. But in those days, as in these, rising prosperity for capitalists, their attacks on labor as the open-shop drive took form, and the defeat of the masses in wage struggles, all cannot stop a Communist Party which has correct policies.

The attacks only gave the Party and its paper, "The Weekly," more ammunition against capitalism. Capitalism may be wallowing in ever-increasing wealth, but the workers may at the same time be existing in ever-increasing poverty. The "Weekly" pointed this out to the workers when they were in a receptive mood. The A. F. of L. bureaucracy were launching their class collaboration schemes.

"B. and O. Bill" Johnston had just discovered a new way to fool the machinists, and the fakers every-

where were leading a retreat that was to turn into utter surrender and make imperative the formation of new-trade unions which would fight. "The Weekly" thrived on the increase of reaction, just as did the Party.

Reaction? We Eat It! Right in the middle of the shopmen's strike, the "Ohio gang" of those politicians headed by Harding and Dirty Daugherty, arrested the whole Workers' Party 1922 convention at Bridgeman, Michigan. Did "The Weekly" suspend or did the Workers Party itself roll over and die? Decidedly not! Communist Parties thrive on such attacks when the masses recognize the Party and its paper as the tried and true voice of their aspirations.

So the Party grew in membership and "The Weekly" grew in influence. The Party decided "The Weekly" must become the "Daily," and a drive began to raise \$100,000 to start it.

Busy Baby. Busy days and weeks and months at the old Party headquarters at

1009 North State St., Chicago, began. John J. Ballam was manager of the campaign for the "Daily," the writer was publicity manager, having emerged but a short time before from a little vacation of five years at Leavenworth penitentiary. Did he work? Did the workers respond? Emphatically; we did and they did.

The writer remembers, wistfully, that he was editor, or father, if you like, of "The Baby Daily Worker," a miniature edition of the "Daily" which was to come. Like all babies, its function was to cry out loud and keep everybody awake, plugging for "The Daily." It did its job.

The farmers were in revolt in those years, too, and the "Weekly" did a large share in putting the Workers Party at the lead of the movement which culminated at the Chicago convention on July 3, 1923, which formed the Federated Farmer-Labor Party. But the Workers Party also grew, as it has since grown, in power and wisdom. This struggle added to the need for a "Daily."

On the eve of the birth of the Daily Worker, the Workers Party held its Third Convention. This convention hailed the establishment of the "Daily," as follows: "The Third Convention congratulates the thousands of members and sympathizers who co-operated with the Daily Worker Campaign Committee in the drive to establish the Daily Worker."

"An Important Step." The Workers Party Convention and the Communist International, both reviewing the struggles of the year for the workers and exploited farmers, recognized the "Daily" as a necessity. The greetings of the Communist International to the Third Convention not only said that "the organization of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party was an achievement of primary importance," but in calling attention to this and other struggles pointed out that "the establishment of an English Communist daily was a most important step."

Why Not Communist Sundays? "The Communist daily must become the organ, not of the revolutionists alone, but of the whole working class," was the greeting of the Communist International. To aid in making it so, the Party had carried out a plan that would do well to repeat now, in 1928. It had organized "Communist Sundays" all over the country to go from house to house, soliciting subscriptions, leaving sample copies and rousing interested support among the workers.

Just because the workers liked our "Daily" and because the Communist International and the workers of the Soviet Union hailed its establishment, reaction attacked it before its birth. Ellis Searles was just making his annual "discovery" that there are Communists in America, and took a whack at the "Daily."

Enemies Fail. Old "Whiskers" Charlie Hughes, who was then Secretary of State, was fighting against recognition by the U. S. of the Soviet government. He attacked the Party and the "Daily," using a forged "Zinoviev letter," the first one of a series of such forgeries, one of which was later used to put the skids under the yellow reformist MacDonald of England.

But all enemies could not stop the "Daily" being born. Its first issue was out on January 13, 1924, and it has been fighting for your interests, reader, ever since. But now we ask, what are you doing for the Daily Worker fifth anniversary? Can it expect subscriptions and help from you? It has earned all that it can do for it. Make it grow!

## Misleaders in the American Labor Unions

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

It is estimated that Brindell took \$1,000,000 in graft during the two years before he was exposed. Among the larger items were: Todd, Iron and Roberston, \$32,000; A. Hershkovitz, \$25,000; G. A. Northern Wrecking Co., \$17,120. The highest demand he made was for \$60,000 from the Gotham National Bank Building. He compromised for \$25,000. How he worked is shown by the following testimony to the Lockwood Committee by Hugh F. Robertson, a builder, constructing the Cunard Building and Cunard docks:

"I think it was Brindell that used the term 'strike insurance.' This was insurance against any labor trouble on the job. He said that if we could get strike insurance it would be a good thing to have. I wanted to know what kind of an arrangement we could make. He quoted the sum. He said he wanted \$50,000 for 'strike insurance.' He wanted \$20,000 immediately and the rest of the payment to come along on request to be strung along."

After an appointment with Brindell, says Robertson:

"He took me back to the office in an automobile and I put \$20,000 on the seat of the auto. I charged that \$20,000 to sundry expenses."

On later visits with Brindell, during luncheons at the Hotel Commodore and on automobile rides, \$12,000 more was paid in four payments by Robertson.

To further his grafting schemes, Brindell had a strong organization which he used ruthlessly against the employers and his enemies in the labor movement. He almost completely suppressed democracy in the unions. The Building Trades Council, of which he elected himself president for life, was a mere clique of grafters, taking orders from him. Only three unions, themselves equally corrupt, ventured to oppose his autocratic rule, the bricklayers, painters and house wreckers. Where necessary he did not hesitate to expel A. F. of L. locals and to organize dual bodies against them. Nevertheless the A. F. of L. constantly supported him, as it does countless other grafters and fakers. Brindell, although sharing the plunder with his associates, was greedy and selfish. This contributed much to his downfall. Once, for example, a business agent reported that he had been offered \$12,000 to wink at non-union men employed on the job. Brindell took the matter out of his hands, got \$32,000 and put it all in his own pocket.

Brindell bled his unions. His salary as president of the Dock Builders ran to \$35,000 per year. He was known as the highest priced labor leader in the world. Of the 50 cents paid monthly by each of the 115,000 members of the Building Trades Council, a large portion went into the pockets of the grafters. Thousands of workers paid to union officials as much as \$10.00 per week for working permits, little of which money ever reached the union treasurers. Brindell once proposed to his enemy, Zaranko of the House Wreckers, that the latter's 1,800 men could join the Building Trades Council on the basis of \$50.00 initiation fees and \$10.00 weekly from each of them so long as they remained in the trade. Small wonder that Brindell became rich. He had a big estate in the Adirondacks, the millionaires' playground, where he spent his summers. He had investments in many companies.

Together with P. Stadtmuller and J. Moran, both business agents, Brindell, after being held on \$100,000 bail, was convicted of extortion and sentenced to from 5 to 10 years in the penitentiary. The specific charge was that he had accepted a bribe of \$5,000 from Max Aronson to settle a strike. Although everybody knew he was guilty of robbing the workers, Brindell was given the full support of the reactionary union officialdom. Only after his conviction did Gompers walk: "I knew Brindell when I believed he was thoroughly honest and I regretted very much that he has gone wrong."

In Sing Sing Brindell, because of his wealth and political influence, was granted extraordinary privileges. He had special food and clothes, and while away the time with a radio. Business agents came to see him and he ran the building trades unions from inside the prison. Once he was found outside the walls with his family. This caused a scandal, and with much publicity, he was transferred to Dannemora, where the discipline is severe. But later, without publicity, he was shifted to Great Meadows, where the regime is milder even than in Sing Sing. He was finally paroled, having served three years and nine months.

After his release Brindell tried to "come back" in the labor movement. But he was too badly discredited. His election ticket in his union, the Dock Builders, was defeated 1,500 to 7. Finally he was expelled from the union. He died in the latter half of 1926.

Brindell is gone, but Brindellism goes on in the New York building trades. Tompkins, Halkett, Crowley, and dozens of others carry on the old corruption. It proceeds with less clamor and more finesse than in the days of the master grafter, Brindell, but it goes on destructively, undermining all that is healthy and progressive in the labor movement.

## MUSSOLINI "LEGALIZES" TERROR

By PIETRO (Vienna).

The Italian senate, at its session held on Nov. 16, sanctioned two bills: on the authorized powers of the Great Fascist Council, and on the "Magna Charta of labor."

Charter "Legalizes" Terror.

The fascist newspapers praise the new laws as a "democratization" of the fascist dictatorship, by which the latter is "stripping off its individual character." This is naturally a piece of hypocrisy. The fascist terror regime is long out of the nursery stage of petty-bourgeois "individualism."

The new laws are merely the juridical "incorporation in the constitution" of a state of affairs which has long existed de facto: the cruel rule of force, embodied in thousands of institutions of the bourgeois state and exercised by the Italian big capitalists and large landowners and by their executive organ, the Great Fascist Council, over the working population of Italy. It is a rule of force which tolerates no opposition, not even from the bourgeois camp.

Elected Chamber Abolished.

The law relating to the Great Fascist Council represents an extension of the law already passed on franchise reform. The pivot on which this reform turns is the abolition of the chamber of an elected body. Its members are to be practically appointed by the fascist party organs, for the franchise reform grants the Great Fascist Council the right to select the deputies agreeable to it from the names proposed by the fascist organizations or the elections to the chamber.

Fascist Council Becomes State.

The new law on the powers bestowed on the Great Fascist Council goes even further. It embodies the Great Fascist Council itself in the corporate state, as the "synthesis of the whole of the forces and institutions of the nation." The law determining the composition of the Great Fascist Council, whose members are drawn from all those who are entitled to claim to this

position in virtue of the "importance of their position as leaders of fascism and as exponents of the fascist party, or as leading personalities of cultural life, in great organizations and institutions," that is, the head of the government, the presidents of the senate and chamber, the ministers, the under-secretaries of state, and the like.

The Great Fascist Council is accorded both advisory and deciding powers. Its deciding powers relate to the preparation of the lists of candidates for the chamber election. Its advisory rights relate chiefly to constitutional questions; the law observes on this point however that "the opinion of the Great Fascist Council is equally obligatory in these questions."

Council Dominates Everywhere.

Should a new government be formed, the Great Fascist Council has the right to submit to the king a list of persons from whom the new premier is to be chosen. The competency of the Great Fascist Council extends to every department of the corporative state: to the trade unions, the corporations, the cultural institutions, etc. The education of the youth also falls under its competency. And finally, it is the supreme organ of the fascist party itself, determining its policy and appointing all its functionaries.

The new law on the competency of the Great Fascist Council, combined with the franchise reform, forms a worthy conclusion to that process which began with the "correction" of the results of the first election contested after the fascist seizure of power (when the opposition gained a large number of seats in parliament), and was since continued by the murder of Matteotti, the gradual elimination of all non-fascist deputies from parliament, and finally in November, 1926, by the dissolution and prohibition of all non-fascist parties and of the free trade unions.

Charter "Abolishes" Class War. The "Magna Charta of labor" with which Mussolini blessed the Italian

working class on April 21, 1927, the anniversary of the legendary founding of Rome, and which has now been made law, has frequently been dealt with in the labor press. This charta aims at nothing more nor less than the "abolition of class war," the "reconciliation of the antagonistic interests of employers and employed, and their subordination to the higher interests of national production." Strikes are prohibited. Labor disputes are settled by authoritative labor courts, "by means of which the state intervenes for the purpose of settling the conflicts."

It is obvious that the "labor law" pursues solely one aim and object: the immediate suppression of the slightest movement, the least protest of the workers against exploitation. What the "reconciliation of the antagonistic interests of employers and employed" really means came to light at the last congress of the fascist trade unions, at which the pressure of the masses obliged even a fascist trade union leader to admit:

"It would be a delusion to suppose that the reign of class war has been finally abolished. It is abolished for the workers. From the other side class war is being continued."

Workers Reorganizing for Defense. Fascism is striving to master the difficulties by the bloodiest terrorist methods. The death penalty has been reintroduced as an instrument of intimidation. But in spite of "prohibitions" and terror, the workers and poor peasantry are beginning to defend themselves.

Signs of activity may be observed among them. This is proved by the resistance offered to pacifism on the part of the Communist Party in 1927-28. And by the fact that the Communists and revolutionary workers have succeeded in defending their class organization, the newly organized Italian Trade Union Federation, against the treachery of the reformist deserters.

These facts cannot be done away with either by the new laws, or by Mussolini's fine phrases on the stability of the fascist regime.

## Listening, Waiting

By J. C. EDEN.

He labors in a thousand diverse places,  
This Moses with clear-seeing eyes,  
Waiting to slay Pharaoh's son.

I have seen him building the ships,  
Broad-boned and iron-sinewed, bitter-eyed;  
I have seen him descend into mines,  
The flame on his forehead paler  
Than the flame within.  
He has called to me from the dynamo,  
Laid his hand on my shoulder on the rolling ship,  
And whispered mid the roar of frenzied machines.

The dynasties of Egypt are deep underground, he murmured,  
With pyramids for gravestones,  
Tapering to the sky in eternal silence.

The haughty kings whose curtest words  
Bent the backs of a million slaves  
Are dried bones dogs won't eat.

But the voice of the rebel lives on.  
Not engraved on clay tablets, but written  
In the hearts of laboring men.

The eloquent peasant's words ring in the centuries' ear

He has slipped me the word, this man,  
Knowing I will not forget,  
And he has gone down in the mine,  
Climbed down in the ship,  
Bitter-eyed,  
Waiting,  
Listening,  
Bidding his time.

## Keep Negro Workers as Slaves



A group of ugly, unrepaid houses at Armour fertilizer plant at Nashville, Tenn. Negro workers and their families live here and pay rent to their bosses for the privilege of having the bosses' pigs a few feet away in their back yards.