

STATE CONCENTRATES TO CONVICT 7 MILL WORKERS

The Mill Bosses' 'Strategic Retreat' Calls for Workers' Advance

The latest move in the campaign to crush the mill workers and destroy their organizers was decided in the recent conference between the mill owners and Governor Gardner, also a millionaire mill owner, in the capitol at Raleigh.

The dismissal of the cases against three women and six men and the reduction of the charge against the other seven to "second degree murder" is a strategic move of the mill capitalists, and its purpose is, of course, intended to make easier their object—vengeance against the leaders of the mill workers and the smugling up of the union organization movement in the newly industrialized South.

It is a retreat—but a retreat in order to advance more effectively against the mill workers and the seven defendants selected for vengeance.

It is a retreat made in order to get a more savage punishment of the workers than could well be obtained otherwise.

The strategy of the retreat is in its purpose to isolate the leaders, especially the Communists, from the masses of the workers, the mill barons knowing that this is the first and main condition for the defeat of the workers. One of the main purposes of the strategic retreat of the mill owners is to enable the framing up of the next jury. By reducing the charge to "second degree" the prosecutors are able under the law to deprive the defendants of two-thirds of their peremptory challenges—the one little hope that they had in the last case to escape being tried by a jury entirely under the influence of the mill barons.

The dismissal of nine defendants and the increased drive for the conviction of the other seven is a question of major policy of the mill owners who own and control the courts, the prosecutors and the whole state government, and who can do exactly as they please with this machinery. Such questions of major policy in the matter of crushing all union organization out of North Carolina and the South are never left to subordinate bodies, such as a local court, but are decided at "the top." There is no doubt whatever that Governor Gardner's conference with his fellow millionaire mill owners issued the instruction for the move that was made in the court room Monday at Charlotte, that the Washington government was not without knowledge of the decision that was to be made and was in full accord with it. The Northern financial interests directly involved, which are among the famous "business elements" so close to Hoover, did not fail to coordinate policy on this question with the general policy that Hoover directs throughout the country for the capitalist "rationalization" of industry.

Governor Gardner's simultaneous public attack on the Communist Party was of course as much a part of the strategy as was the move in court.

Why was the retreat of the mill barons necessary?

The retreat was compelled by the mass pressure of the working class. For instance, no one would imagine that the mill owners' prosecutors would have failed to go ahead and burn the sixteen workers to death on the electric chair if there had been no agitation and pressure among the working class outside of the court-room. The retreat was compelled by a series of partial victories of the workers. The mass demand caused the change of venue (which was made in order to soften the mass anger with a gesture of "fairness"). The same wide-spread agitation and pressure of the workers compelled the release on bail of the three women (another gesture of "chivalry" intended to quiet the masses of workers). The various rulings in the court such as the order for a restatement of charges and the elimination of the monstrous "conspiracy" aspect would never have been made if there had been no attention from the working class to the case. The first jury would have been entirely (instead of partly) framed up against the defendants if the eyes of the working class had not been fixed upon its selection; it would have been a hand-picked "prosecutor's jury" if the poisoning of the community by the capitalist press had not been counteracted by the courageous campaign of the defense among the masses of workers.

The object of the prosecution remains essentially the same after the latest move as before.

Do they prefer to give the workers a sentence?

They have already put through and executed one death sentence—that of Ella May Wiggins. She is in her grave where the mill owners wanted her. They could be well satisfied to kill seven more by the slower process of rotting their lives out of them in fifteen or twenty year terms in prison.

As for the workers of North Carolina mills and of the whole United States and the whole world (for the workers in all countries are now beginning to give attention)—the thing to do now is to defeat the latest strategic move of the blood-thirsty mill bosses!

The agitation must be widened! More tens and hundreds of thousands and millions of workers must be aroused throughout America and the World!

Let the mill owners and the capitalist class know that the workers will accept no beastly bosses' "charity" in the form of a dead Ella May and seven more dying slowly in prison! No smashing of the Union and closer fastening of the chain of slavery behind the mask of hypocritical "leniency." No acceptance of the "stretch-out" system and perpetual starvation conditions of ourselves, our wives and children, in the guise of "reducing" the sentences of our organizers to slow death in prison.

Workers! More activity! Bigger mass demonstrations! Organize the hundreds of thousands of unorganized mill workers in your fighting Union—the National Textile Workers Union!

Nothing but pressure of the masses of workers has done anything for your cause so far, and nothing but more mass pressure will help your cause now!

See that the outcome of this monstrous trial shall be decided, not by private conferences of mill bosses at Raleigh, but by the masses of workers outside!

Dismiss the fascist thugs of the mill owners!

Build your Workers Defense Committees in every Southern Textile mill!

Prepare for a mass strike of protest to stop the crime that is about to be consummated in the Gastonia trial! Save your fellow workers!

Soviet Flyers Safe in Sitka After Alaskan Hop

Fears for Safety of U.S.S.R. Plane Dispelled; Entire Population Grooms Fliers

Fog Causes Change of Course; Radio Calls for Bearings Mistaken for SOS

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 30.—The entire population of Sitka, which was the capitol of Alaska during the czarist occupation, turned out to greet Semyon Shestakov and his three companions upon their arrival here from Seward, 600 miles away, in the Soviet-built amphibian monoplane Land of the Soviets yesterday evening, dispelling fears which had been felt for their safety throughout the afternoon. The distance was covered in seven and one-half hours.

Apprehension was caused by radio messages sent out from the plane earlier in the day, the United Press reporting that the Land of the Soviets had been forced down in the Pacific Ocean 70 miles off Yakut, Alaska, because of motor trouble. First Pilot Shestakov, interviewed at Sitka, denied that there had been any trouble with the motors during the flight, and said that the wireless messages, misinterpreted as SOS signals, were merely calls for information. The Soviet craft was forced to change its course to get out of the impenetrable fog through which it had to battle for the greatest part of the trip and the pilots wished to check up on their bearings.

A cheering throng composed of very inhabitants of Sitka met Shestakov, Second Pilot Philip Bolotov, navigator Boris Sterlingov and mechanic Dmitry Fufaev as they climbed out of the monoplane, and a bevy of girls of Russian descent presented them with a huge bouquet. The fliers will remain in the Alaskan city for a day or two in order to refuel and recondition their plane and will then take off for Seattle, the first landing point within the borders of the U. S. mainland.

After changing the sea floats of the craft for landing wheels and replacing broken or outworn parts with the material forwarded here from the U. S. S. R., the fliers will proceed to New York by way of San Francisco and Chicago. According to present plans, several days will be spent in Seattle, half a day in San Francisco, one day in Chicago and four days in New York. In all of these cities, mass receptions have been arranged by Friends of the Soviet Union.

The Land of the Soviets is an all-metal, full cantilever monoplane designed by the Soviet engineer A. N. Tupolev and, with the exception of its twin 600-horsepower motors, built entirely by U. S. S. R. workers. It has a wing spread of 93 feet, and the total weight of the plane, fully loaded, is 17,050 pounds. It is silver colored, with the designation "USSR-300" on both sides of the fuselage and on the upper and lower surfaces of the wings. The head of the fuselage bears on both sides the emblem of the Soviet Union.

1,000 BISCUIT WORKERS STRIKE IN KANSAS CITY

Are Fighting Speedup; Refuse to be Argued Back by Manager

Bosses Use N. Y. Shops

TUUL Issues Call for Solidarity

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 30.—More than 1000 workers in the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company plant here spontaneously went out on strike Friday against new methods of efficiency and speed-up that have recently been introduced in the plant. More than 80 per cent of the strikers are young girls. The workers went out without a leader and unorganized but were unanimous in their denunciation of the speed-up and the new system.

The manager, James McQueeney, tried to talk to the workers on why they should go back to work but the workers answered his proposals with jeers and yells. Then he threatened to open the plant with all new employees. He ended by asking all who were willing to go back to work to raise their hands. Not a hand went up but the girls yelled out as one, "razzberries."

McQueeney in a statement to the press said that the New York plants would ship products here to fill orders which shows the necessity of spreading the strike to other cities.

The local Trade Union Unity League will issue a leaflet to the workers at which the ywill call for the setting up of strike committees and organized picketing of the place.

Shortly after the workers went out McQueeney called the police but the workers were not intimidated in the least.

Is Big Concern.

The Loose-Wiles, second largest biscuit company in the United States, has over 15,000 workers in branch plants, the principal ones being in Kansas City, where the strike was called, and in Long Island, N. Y., "Sunshine Biscuits" are the best known of the 350 varieties made.

Abolition of the speed-up! The five-day week and eight-hour day! Shop committees to control working conditions! Time-and-one-half for overtime! These are some of the demands the workers are asking for.

DISMISS 9 DEFENDANTS; TO RAILROAD OTHERS FOR "SECOND DEGREE MURDER"; REDUCE CHARGE TO HELP PACK THE JURY

Prosecution's Move Is to Abolish Most of Defense's Peremptory Challenges; Men Held for Trial Are Active Organizers

Mill Bosses' Lawyers in Strategic Retreat Before Mass Pressure Plan Heavy Sentences for Beal and Other Unionists

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 30.—Forced by mass pressure and the workers' resentment of its plot to murder 13 active unionists and organizers, the state today, at the opening of the Gastonia trial here, announced dismissal of charges against nine of the defendants held on murder charges, and against the seven held for assault, whose trial was to come later in Gastonia. The mill owners' prosecutors will ask a verdict of second degree murder, which carries a penalty of 30 years in prison, for the remaining seven, charges against whom are to be reduced in this trial from the original first degree charges, carrying a penalty of electrocution.

The state by this act recognizes the class nature of its case and the lack of any but prejudiced evidence, and apparently has given up hope of killing the defendants, but is determined and is moving strategically to secure a conviction of these the mill bosses regard as the principal union leaders that will eliminate them from the class struggle for years, or forever.

LINKED WITH CONFERENCE.

It is easily seen here that the change of tactics on the part of the prosecution is in line with Governor Gardner's recent conference with the heads of the cotton mill owners' associations, after which, in spite of much secrecy, it was admitted that plans for a more systematic, and legalistic warfare against unionism and against Communism were to be waged.

It is a strategic retreat, a policy not made in the court room, but adopted by the heads of the mill owners' state (Gardner is also a big mill owner) and is accompanied by a newspaper barrage about the kindness of the Southern mill companies, and a statement in today's papers by Gardner, that everything is all right in North Carolina, whatever minor difficulties exist can be solved by "cooperation of workers and employers and the state" and in any event Communism and unionism must be stamped out, etc.

Only 28 Challenges.

The reduction of charges and dismissal of part of the defendants reduces the number of peremptory challenges of the defense from 100 to 28. It was only the large number of peremptory challenges that enabled the Defense to obtain a jury of workers and farmers in the previous attempt at conviction in Charlotte, which ended in a mistrial. It will now be very difficult to eliminate prejudiced business men from the jury.

An attempt was made by Judge Barnhill, trying the case this time, as he did the previous Charlotte trial, and the proceedings which ended in a ruling for a change of venue in Gastonia before that, to eliminate all Charlotte workers from the special venire of 100 which will be called and from which jurors will be selected. The judge proposed to eliminate citizens of Charlotte township from the venire. The reason for this is the number of workers in Charlotte who are sympathetic with the defendants. Since the National Textile Workers Union and the International Labor Defense have carried on so much agitation and organizational work there, the state wants to keep them off the jury. Outside of Charlotte there are few industrial towns in Mecklenburg county.

Sheriff to Pick Venire.

The alternative offered by Barnhill was to have the sheriff go out and pick up a venire at his discretion, of course only of the middle class citizens prejudiced against the unionists on trial. The Defense objected vigorously, and after a sharp argument, the judge backed down on this point, as it was so flagrantly unfair and contradictory to his previous pretense of impartiality.

Not Really Free.

All the cases dismissed are "with leave," which means that the prosecution has the right to re-open the case against them at any time. Those held for trial are active organizers, whom the mill bosses' prosecution sees thus to isolate from the masses of workers.

The workers held for trial in this case are now: Fred Erwin Beal, Louis McLaughlin, William McLaughlin, George Carter, Joseph Harrison, K. Y. Hendricks, and Clarence Miller.

The workers held on murder charges whose cases are now dismissed are: K. O. Byers, C. H. Hanner, Amy Schechter, Robert Allen, Russell Knight, Vera Bush, N. F. Gibbons, Sophie Melvin and Delmar Hampton.

Dismiss 7 Assault Cases.

Solicitor Carpenter of Gastonia, nominally in charge of the prosecution, announced the state would dismiss seven other charges against the Adairville raid June 7, and held for trial in Gastonia, October 1. These are: Ernest Martin, Walter Lloyd, Clarence Townsend, B. J. (Continued on Page Three)

1,400 STEEL CAR WORKERS STRIKE

Form Industrial Union at Hamilton, Ont.

HAMILTON, Ont. (By Mail).—Over 1,400 workers of the National Steel Car Corporation have tied up the leading plant of this "most industrialized city in the dominion."

They joined a strike declared by 350 men in the erection department when the company attempted to enforce a 50 per cent wage cut early this month. Led by the Trade Union Educational League, they presented counter-demands, which were immediately refused.

Ukrainian, Scotch, Polish, English and Lithuanian, the workers are expressing their united determination for victory by mass picketing at the plant. Over 800 joined the National Steel Car Workers' Industrial Union, organized in the heat of the struggle.

The alliance of police and employers against the strikers was joined at the start by alleged "labor" councillors, Sam Lawrence and Middleton. Lawrence openly fought the relief appeal from the floor of the Hamilton Independent Labor Party.

Six men are held on the customary charges of "intimidation and assault." They are being defended by the Canadian Labor Defense League.

Urging their fellow-workers to support the fight, the strikers ask for money to be rushed to the Hamilton Strike Relief Fund, J. MacDonald, secretary, Communist Party of Canada, 163 1/2 Church St., Toronto, 2, Ont.

Build Up the United Front of the Working Class From the Bottom Up—at the Enterprises!

ORGANIZE FOOD WORKERS LEAGUE

Chicago Militants Will Affiliate with TUUL

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 30.—Nearly 100 restaurant and cafeteria workers of Chicago gathered to hear the report of the food workers who were delegates to the Trade Union Unity League convention in Cleveland, Alma Polkoff and Wayne Adamson. Following the reports, the meeting decided to organize a Food Workers' Industrial League, affiliated to the T.U.U.L. An executive committee, representative of all branches of the industry was set up, with A. Polkoff as secretary.

Plans were made for a special meeting with the stockyard workers tomorrow and for a mass meeting of Chinese food workers later. Workers in the Thinshell Candy Co. factory are also to have a meeting, preparatory to joining the league.

The league is issuing a special leaflet calling on workers inside the American Federation of Labor to fight against the expulsion policy and for unity of all food workers as a basis for building a national industrial union based on principles of the class struggle.

Long Sentence for Two Polish Young Workers

WARSAW (By Mail).—In Lowics two young workers arrested a year ago in their trade union meeting hall while writing posters with the slogans "Down with war," "Long live the Soviet Union" and the like have now been sentenced to four and three years' penal servitude for this offense.

UTW CONFERENCE PLAYS TO BOSSES

Has No Textile Toilers Vars on Militants

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 30.—Dewey Martin, member of the National Textile Workers Union, returned to Charlotte today from Rock Hill, where he was thrown out by United Textile Workers misleaders and the police, from the fake U.T.W. conference yesterday.

He reports:

"It wasn't a conference of the textile workers at all. Most of the textile workers that were there were local Rock Hill people who don't belong to either the N.T.W.U. or the U.T.W. It was a conference of officials and organizers of the U.T.W. and A.F.L. with liberals, teachers, preachers, public officials and representatives of the bosses. Altogether there were only about eight present.

Good for Bosses.

"It certainly was a flat failure so far as textile workers are concerned although maybe it was a success for the bosses. I saw six A.F.L. bureaucrats, three delegates from Georgia, one from Maryland, and six from Tennessee. Only eight delegates came from Greenville where the U.T.W. had been organizing for six months. There were none from Ware Shoals, where the U.T.W. led a strike which ended in a sell-out two months ago. As soon as they saw me, they sent the police to throw me out. Later they did the same thing with Sam Phifer and Howard."

Appeals to Conscience.

Francis Gorman, vice president of the U.T.W., is reported making a heroic effort to camouflage the real purpose of the conference with militant phrases. Some of them though strike a curious note, for instance, Gorman's statement that U.T.W. officials have not succeeded in their (Continued on Page Two)

SCORE BARKOSKI TRIAL AT MASS MEETING TODAY

More Details of Brutal Murder of Miner

BULLETIN.

The Barkoski jury was discharged today as "without moral stamina" by Judge Gray in a vain attempt to save himself and the prosecution from a country-wide condemnation. While there is widespread talk of the jury being "fixed," cooperation between Mellon's company and the courts is very usual.

(Special to the Daily Worker.)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 30.—So brazen was the acquittal of the Pittsburgh Coal Co.'s three coal and iron police of the murder of the miner, John Barkoski, and so great was the outcry following the verdict, that the jury was today discharged from any further duty in criminal court as an "incompetent panel" after the three Mellon thugs had been freed of the murder charge.

Pat Devine, district organizer of the Communist Party, will expose the mockery of the case and discuss its class significance at an open air mass meeting tomorrow night at the corner of Boggs and Buhl, in the north side of Pittsburgh.

Brutal Murder.

The men who, eye-witnesses testified, had kicked the already helpless Barkoski "all around the room" had beaten him over the hands and arms and over the back of the neck with a blackjack; had clubbed him with an iron fire poker until the poker was so badly bent that they had to stop and straighten it out before they could continue; had viciously twisted his already fractured nose until the bone burst through the skin; had kicked him so hard in the eye that at the inquest one eye was nearly out; had broken two of his ribs and caused the splintered ends to penetrate the chest cavity (Continued on Page Three)

ROCKINGHAM, N C MILL WORKERS CALL FOR UNION

Slave 15 and 16 Hours a Day

(By a Worker Correspondent)

ROCKINGHAM, N. C. (By Mail)—Just a letter to let you know what is going on in the mills here. In the Steel Cotton Mill some of the help, such as seeder hands, are worked from three o'clock in the morning till 6.30 p. m. and don't even stop for noon. And the workers don't get but \$16 a week for all that work, with rent to pay out of that.

Please have the National Textile Workers Union send us a speaker and let us get this thing going.

We people at Rockingham are waiting for the National Textile Workers Union to come to Rockingham. They work people at the Steel Cotton Mill 15 and 16 hours a day in the card room. There are 10-12 mills here. We want a union. From the textile workers of Rockingham.

SELL OUT TUNNEL WORKERS' STRIKE

The striking tunnel workers were sold out yesterday when Tammany politicians and Tammany labor officials forced through a vote at the meeting held at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St., that is a complete betrayal of the strikers. Instead of their original wage demands, the American Federation of Labor betrayers forced a settlement which calls for \$1.50 a day increase (Continued on Page Two)

Interest in Chicago Workers School Great; Hold Dance on Oct. 5

CHICAGO (By Mail).—Many organizations are showing intense interest in, and are coming to the support of the Workers School, which is about to be opened by the Chicago district.

This year's school promises to be the biggest and most productive of any that the Party has arranged so far. The plans provide for a one month full time training course, twenty-five students, selected from the three states, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana, and representing a number of important industries, such as steel, mining, electrical, etc., will attend this school. They will be quartered at homes provided by volunteers and will be fed at the Russian Cooperative Restaurant. Other courses are being arranged for the evening sessions.

Numerous organizations have already contributed enough funds to insure the successful conduct of the training school. Section Five of the Communist Party of District 8 is arranging a concert and dance for the benefit of the school at 2021 W. Division St. on Saturday, October 5.

Boy Scouts Prepare War, Is Eisman's Charge in Speech

Court Record Reveals Militancy of Pioneer Now in 'Home' ILD in Drive for Release

The courageous manner in which Harry Eisman, 15-year-old Pioneer, exposed the militarist role of the Boy Scouts, has just been fully revealed with the receipt by the New York District of the International Labor Defense of the stenographic record of court proceedings during Eisman's trial before Magistrate George O'Keefe in Children's Court, August 2.

Eisman is now in the Jewish Guardians' Home in Hawthorne, Pa., to which he was remanded by Magistrate O'Keefe until Jan. 29, 1930, because he took an active part in the protest demonstration against the Boy Scouts Jamboree, July 20. The sentence involved the threat that if Eisman "doesn't behave," he will be further remanded until he drops his militant ideas. The New York District of the I.L.D., which (Continued on Page Two)

Labor Must Act! Combat New Mill Boss Tricks, I.L.D. Urges

Statement of the International Labor Defense Warns of Danger, Calls for Action

The southern textile mill owners, the murderers of Ella May, the kidnapers and floggers of Wells, Tessenar, Saylor and Lell, have changed their tactics in the Charlotte court, where they had put 16 of the leading strikers and organizers on trial for their lives, planning to burn them to death in the electric chair. Nine of the prisoners have been released and the charges dismissed, after they had been held in jail for nearly four months and faced trial three times. But the seven remaining are now to be tried for murder in the second degree, which means life imprisonment.

American labor will not, must not be duped by this latest maneuver of the textile profiteers of North Carolina, which must be linked up with the fraudulent statement issued by Governor O. Max Gardner, himself a mill owner, in which he declares himself to be in (Continued on Page Three)

MacDONALD HERE AS FOE OF BRITISH AND U.S. WORKERS

Meaning of Visit to Hoover Explained

Pointing out that the candidates of the republican, democrat and socialist parties, LaGuardia, Jimmy Walker and Norman Thomas, will grovel at the feet of British imperialism's spokesman, Ramsay MacDonald, on his arrival in this country this week, J. Louis Engdahl, Communist candidate for president of the Borough of Manhattan, called on New York labor, speaking at a campaign meeting Sunday, to demonstrate against and expose MacDonald before the whole American working class as one of labor's worst enemies.

"Only the Communist Party and its candidates, speaking for broad sections of the toiling masses in this country, declare their solidarity with British labor against the MacDonald government in Great Britain, against the Hoover government in the United States, that seek to knit closer their strength for a new onslaught against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, for greater oppression at home.

"Wall Street imperialism, with all its lackeys from Hoover in the White House at Washington, to Norman Thomas, the socialist mayoral candidate in New York City, give their greeting to MacDonald, who smashed the recent strike of the British textile workers, forcing them to accept a reduction in wages, that butchers the striking textile workers of India when they protest against the murderous conditions of employment inflicted upon them; that puts on a Zionist mask in Palestine and proceeds to slaughter Arab and Jewish workers and peasants alike."

"We give our greetings instead to the Soviet flyers now on American soil," said Engdahl, "pledging them to battle on toward victory with increasing revolutionary zeal."

Engdahl emphasized that these become vital issues in the present municipal campaign, along with the trial of the 16 Gastonia textile strikers and organizers, pointing out that it is the Midland Marine Bank, the billion dollar New York financial giant, that has bought up control in 20 strategic banks in the southern textile area, seeking to control the industrial situation there as it does in many northern industrial areas.

"Here we see powerful financial combinations in action that are alike the enemies of the workers North and South, and that should force unity in struggle of northern and southern labor."

The meeting took place at the outdoor Hungarian festival of the Elops, at the Bohemian Park in Astoria, Long Island.

SELL OUT TUNNEL WORKERS' STRIKE

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...about \$35,000 a week in wages. The drillers, instead of receiving \$11 daily, which they demanded, will obtain at the most \$9.50; the helpers will get \$7.00 instead of \$9 and the laborers (muckers) will receive \$6.70 daily instead of the \$9 originally demanded. All the demands were for the prevailing rate of wages.

The Trade Union Unity League, 26-28 Union Square, last night denounced the sellout and called upon the workers to continue the struggle. It urged the workers to attend the T. U. U. L. conference to be held tomorrow night at 7 p. m. at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St.

THE WORKING WOMAN

Low Wages of Women Lowers Standard of Living for Workers

Comrade Moirwa, director of the Women's Department of Executive Committee of the Communist International, reported on the conditions of women workers and the tasks of the Communists in reaching the women at the Tenth Plenum of the C.I. held in Moscow in July.

She pointed out that "women workers have increased in all industries. This increase is to be recorded not only in the performance of work which is by tradition done by women, such as in the textile and clothing industries (in these branches there is in fact even a lessening of women workers) but also in such industries as the chemical, machine building and even mining.

"The growth in the employment of women, it should be observed, is accompanied by no increase in the general run of workers and in some cases even by a decline. The earnings of women, regardless of their skill, are almost everywhere about 50 per cent of the earnings of the men. Is this not a lowering of the general standard of living of the working class?"

Not only this, but women's wages are, besides, going down, Comrade Moirwa said. "The figures for 1928 clearly and definitely show that wages of working women are being cut."

WORKERS SCHOOL BOY SCOUTS OPENS TONIGHT

Tonight at the Workers Center the opening assembly of all students will take place on the fifth floor in the large auditorium of the Workers School.

The purpose of the assembly is to acquaint the students with the organization of the school, the teaching methods used and the matter of text books. Also the teachers of the various departments of the school will be outlined exactly what is expected from the student during the course of the term in the way of preparation outside of courses, etc.

It was also announced at the school office yesterday that due to a number of reasons it has been found necessary to postpone the actual beginning of classes to October 7th. This leaves the possibility open for registration for the entire week of Sept. 30th to October 5th. All students wishing to register can still do so during this week.

The program for tonight's assembly is as follows: The task of the Workers School, by Sam Darcy. Teaching methods and the organization of school, by A. Markoff. The English and language courses by V. I. Jerome, and a program of Negro spiritual songs to be sung by Charles Burroughs with accompaniment by Helen Black.

All units and sections must during this week settle for their share of the units and section scholarship.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 30.—

Rock Island passenger train No. 224, carrying passengers east from Omaha and Denver, was derailed to the west of Clay Center, Kansas, Rock Island dispatchers here were notified. Nine passengers were taken to hospitals.

COMMUNISTS RECRUIT NEGROES

CHICAGO, Ill. (By Mail).—A number of Negro workers joined the Communist Party following a successful mass protest meeting for the Gastonia strikers.

Build Up the United Front of the Working Class.

WORKERS CALENDAR

- ILLINOIS**
Chicago Youth Conference for Gastonia.
A conference of youth organizations for the defense of the Gastonia strikers facing the electric chair will be held on Sunday, October 6 at 10 a. m. at the headquarters of the I.U. of L., 25 E. Wells St. This conference is being held under the auspices of the Provisional Youth Committee for the Gastonia Defense. All youth organizations are requested to send three delegates to this conference.
- Chicago Dance to Greet National School Students.
A dance to greet the five workers returning from the National School of the C. I. will be held by the Young Communist League in Chicago on Saturday, October 5, 8 p. m. at the Workers Center, 2021 W. Division St.
- Chicago Red Festival.
Red festival and dance given by various clubs on Saturday evening, October 5, 8 p. m. at the Slovak Workers Club, 2147 W. Chicago Ave. Refreshments and dancing. Free admission. Free will contributions.
- Chicago Workers School Affair.
Chicago Workers School benefit concert and dance Saturday, October 5, 8 p. m. at the Workers Center, 2021 W. Division St. Good musical program.
- OHIO**
Ship Nucleus Affair for Gastonia.
In order to draw the workers more effectively into the Gastonia drive an affair is being held at the District Headquarters on Saturday, October 5, at 8 p. m. at the Workers School, 1347 W. Chicago Ave. Refreshments and dancing. Free admission. Free will contributions.
- MARYLAND**
Baltimore Interracial Dance.
The Young Communist League will hold an interracial dance on Thursday, October 3, at the Elk's Home, 1525 Madison Ave. Dance music will be supplied by Harold Stepan's orchestra of this city. The dance, which was originally scheduled for Friday, Sept. 27 was postponed so as not to conflict with a protest mass meeting at which Sophie Melvin, one of the sixteen Gastonia strikers and organizers, whom the mill bosses are trying to railroad to the electric chair, will speak.
- PENNSYLVANIA**
Phila. Y. C. L. Dance.
The third annual dance of the Y. C. L., West Philadelphia Unit, will be held at the Progressive Library, 4925 Girard Avenue on Saturday evening, October 12. Admission 25c.
- Phila. Italian Labor Sports Club.
The Philadelphia Italian Labor Sports Club will hold a dance Saturday, October 5 at the Italian Progressive Institute, 1287 Traylor St. Profits for equipment of basketball team.

SHEARER RECORD WILL BE EXPOSED IN SENATE TODAY

Gave Orders to Naval Arms "Experts"

When William B. Shearer appears today before the Senate Naval Sub-Committee investigating his activities as agent of big shipbuilding and munitions corporations at the Geneva Arms Conference in 1927, he will be confronted with inquiries concerning his life before he became a "naval expert."

Played Leading Role
Thus far it has been definitely established that Shearer played a most important role at the Geneva conference where Great Britain, Japan and the United States discussed "limitation of naval arms," and where the conference broke up because no agreement could be reached between the United States and Britain on the question of cruiser size and range of guns.

Shearer played the role of chief adviser to the so-called naval experts of the United States Government, the retinue of admirals, commanders, naval lieutenants, etc. At the same time Shearer was director of all publicity and completely dominated the capitalist reporters and editors so that their papers published precisely what the shipbuilders and munition makers wanted them to publish.

Kellogg Directly Involved.
Secretary of State Kellogg and the entire Coolidge-Mellon cabinet, including Hoover, who was then Secretary of Commerce, were undoubtedly aware of the activities of Shearer.

But the shipbuilding companies and other concerns employing Shearer directly did not pay him what he considered adequate for his services. So Shearer sued certain concerns for some \$225,000 alleged to be due him. He thus threatened to expose the whole double-faced role of the United States agents of imperialism at Geneva.

At the same time another imperialist power was preparing to launch a blast against the United States war-mongers by exposing the activities of Shearer. Under such conditions and faced with a double threat of exposure the American imperialist war conspirators, through their chief of the Executive Committee of the capitalist class Hoover, assailed Shearer as one of the most depraved scoundrels in history. The shipbuilders and the heads of the steel and munition combines, Charles M. Schwab, Eugene E. Grace and others, were pictured as innocent victims of the malevolent Shearer.

Turn Batteries Loose.
The game is to try to raise such a roar over Shearer that everyone will forget the fact that Shearer was only the agent of the war-mongers, who was entrusted with the job of directing their policy at Geneva.

Emigration No Aid to Jobless British

WINNIPEG, Sept. 30.—Hundreds of British workers lured to Canada to escape unemployment at home are demanding to be sent back home rather than work 17 hours a day for farmers at wages impossible to exist on. Cases: One worked nine weeks for \$12, another four weeks for \$2. Often they are not paid anything, and authorities instead of protecting them, run them out of town.

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there they will train to fight against the working class, just as they did in Colorado two years ago when the miners went on strike, and that's the reason we are opposed to the Boy Scouts of America."
The New York I.L.D. has started a campaign to force the release of Eisman. Immediate funds are needed to appeal the case. Workers are urged to send contributions to International Labor Defense, 799 Broadway, Room 422.

Sports of All Sorts

The Labor Sports Union, a workers organization fostering athletic activities freed from the capitalist professionalism, is working for the freedom of the 23 Gastonia prisoners.

The following is a letter Clarence Miller, a member of the Labor Sports Union and one of the sixteen Gastonia strikers who will go on trial next Monday for their lives, has written to the secretary of the Labor Sports Union:

"I want to acknowledge through you a number of greetings that I received from several of your locals as well as from your National Convention. The activities that the L. S. U. is carrying on in our behalf is a sign that your organization has an important place in the labor movement.

Company Sports.
"At this time when the bosses in the South are increasing their attack against us, when they are out to crush our union, there is no question that they will resort to company sports as one of the means for winning the workers away from their own union. Already we see in Elizabethton, Tenn., where the American Federation of Labor has sold out the workers, and where the workers once again are beginning to show signs of resistance the bosses are introducing a company union and are resorting to company sports.

"Only on last Labor Day did they hold a celebration in which sport activity took a dominant position. In an editorial, in one of the papers, it was suggested that the American Legion organize sports for the youth so as to rescue them from the clutches of the 'Reds.'

L. S. U. Progressing.
"The fact that in the South the young workers are so badly underpaid that they cannot afford to buy any sporting equipment, the fact that the National Textile Workers Union, the Youth Section of which is affiliated to the L.S.U. is making such wonderful progress in reaching the workers here, both old and young, makes it very important for the L.S.U. to increase its activities in the South. We are sure the L. S. U. will within a short time have a good section in the South.

T. U. U. L. MEET ARABIAN WORKER HELD TONIGHT ASSAILS EMPIRE

DETROIT, Mich. (By Mail).—"Solidarity Forever!" re-echoed through Danceland Auditorium Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St., yesterday when John Khalaf, a young Arabian worker, pledged himself and his fellow-workers to an unceasing struggle against world imperialism.

Foster will take up in great detail the achievements of the historic conference, reciting the decisions of the labor gathering which was attended by 690 delegates. Henry Sazer, chairman of the New York delegation to the Cleveland conference will report on the applications of the conference decisions to the labor movement of New York and New Jersey.

Otto Hall will take up the question of organizing the Negro workers.

BAZAAR WILL AID PRESS, SIXTEEN

With the murder trial of the sixteen Gastonia strikers and organizers coming up again today in Charlotte, N. C., the need for strengthening the Daily Worker and Morning Freiheit, the only American newspapers in English and Jewish, respectively, fighting for the freedom of these militants, becomes more pressing than ever.

The two leading working class papers, which serve as rallying centers for the mass defense of the mill boss victims, are going through a financial crisis at this critical time; the success of the Red Press Bazaar, the opening day of which is only 72 hours off, will assure them of the means to carry on.

Everything from a thimble to a suite of furniture and from a can opener to a suit of clothes will be on sale at Madison Square Garden Oct. 3 to 6, inclusive. All the articles and clothing are being made by hand by the members of the various workers organizations which have pledged themselves to take part in the affair, and will be sold at one-third less than their actual value.

There will be entertainment in plenty, including two first rate orchestras, and food that will put home cooking in the shade. Several surprise features are being held in reserve.

At least 100,000 workers must be brought down to the bazaar. Help the Daily and Freiheit to help the Gastonia defendants.

N. Y. I.L.D. IN NEW CAMPAIGN FOR MORE MEMBERS

8,000 by January 1. Is Quota

Eight thousand new members is the quota assigned to the New York District of the International Labor Defense in the big nation-wide drive of the I. L. D. for 50,000 new members by Jan. 1. The New York District is the largest in the country and includes Greater New York and vicinity and all of New Jersey north of Trenton.

The New York District already is launching its drive and is planning to call conferences, arrange meetings, both indoor and outdoor, and to carry the campaign with particular energy into the shops. Special efforts will be made to enlist Negro workers and Harlem, as well as other Negro sections in the New York District, will be the center of intensive activity. At present the New York District of the I. L. D. has 55,000 members. As a result of the present drive, it is hoped that by Jan. 1 this number will be 13,000.

In addition to individual members, efforts will be made to secure new collective affiliations of working class organizations.

The pivot of the drive in the New York District will be the Gastonia case. Starting on the eve of the opening of the trial of 16 members and organizers of the National Textile Workers Union, the campaign to save these victims of the mill bosses' conspiracy will be combined with the campaign to build organizationally the International Labor Defense, which is defending the Gastonia strikers.

Those wishing to join the I.L.D. should write to its National Headquarters, 80 E. 11th St., N. Y. C., enclosing twenty-five cents initiation fee.

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Former Ally of Amanullah, Nadir Khan, Leads Anti-British Army

Sachio Sacho, Anti-Soviet British Tool, Faces Strong Revolutionary Force

PESHAWAR, India, Sept. 30.—A new battle is raging in the Lohar Valley in Afghanistan today. Nadir Khan advanced with 5,000 picked troops in a surprise march toward Kabul, the Afghan capital. Nadir Khan, selecting 5,000 from an army of 25,000 and well equipped with Lewis guns, hoses to better a way to Kabul, a distance of only miles, and overthrow the present monarch, Sacho Sacho, known as the "water boy," who deposed King Amanullah and occupied the throne in Kabul early this year.

must now admit that although Amanullah was forced into exile and resigned hope of return, Nadir Khan seems to have rallied strong forces for an independent fight against the tool of England.

HEDJAZ REVOLT ANTI-BRITISH

Battle Opens Attempt to Oust King Saud

JERUSALEM, Sept. 30.—An extension of the Arab fight in Palestine against British imperialism is seen in the 15-hour battle between troops of the British lackey, King Ibn Saud, of Hedjaz, and rebel forces commanded by Faisal El Drowish, on the Nejd-Koweit boundary. The battle, the results of which are not given other than that sixty were slain, is supposedly a beginning of an attempt to overthrow King Saud.

SCORE BARKOSKI TRIAL AT MEET

Pittsburgh Workers Rally Tonight

(Continued from Page One) and punctured the lung; had broken his breast bone so that when his widow gently laid her hand upon his chest it collapsed and she found it had been stuffed with cotton to hold it up; had twisted his ears so viciously that, although unconscious, he cried out; had inflicted 16 wounds upon his head with a heavy, blunt instrument (admittedly the butt of a 38-revolver), and had caused his whole body to be, according to the testimony of the inquest, a mass of fractures, bruises, lacerations and dislocations—these three men, W. J. Lycester, Harold Watts and Frank Slapek, today stand acquitted.

Had John Barkoski, "hunky" miner, in self-defense killed a coal and iron thug, District Attorney Gardner himself would have prosecuted the case. The Pittsburgh Coal Company would not have hired two of the best criminal lawyers in Western Pennsylvania (one of them attorney for the Republican machine in this state) to defend him; District Attorney Gardner would not have excused him from the witness stand just as he was beginning to break down and confess his guilt.

Mellen's Judge. District Attorney Gardner would not have failed to ask the electric chair for him in his address to the jury; Judge Gray would not have, by his charge to the jury, made it virtually impossible for them to bring in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. In fact, John Barkoski would long since have been burned to death in the electric chair, had he killed a Mellon policeman, even in self-defense.

In the course of his charge to the jury Judge Gray admitted the tremendous power of the coal and iron police—telling the jury that, although employed by private corporations in the interests of the corporations, their powers were equal to those of the police in New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, etc.

RESCUE TRAPPED MINERS. BRUSSELS, Sept. 30.—Five miners who were buried Wednesday under a falling roof in Winterslag Colliery in the province of Limbourg were rescued today.

Chinese Militarists Buy Torture Machine Just Like Foreigners

According to the local Chinese press the nationalist government has bought an electric machine for torturing prisoners. In justification they point to the fact that such machines have long been in use in the foreign settlements.

Colonel Yuan, director of the public safety bureau of the Chinese municipality, declares that "persuasive means usually fail to bring forth any confession." In China—as in Japan—it is the primary object of the police to get a confession. These are deemed absolute proof of guilt. Colonel Yuan publicly declared that the purchase was "in emulation of the plan adopted by the police stations of the International Settlement."

"For Female Prisoners." The machine already bought is described as follows: "It has two terminal wires connected with its two poles, the positive and the negative. At the end of each wire is a metal holder. A prisoner is stripped of his clothes and placed naked on a bamboo ladder with his body and limbs all tightly tied to it. His hands are placed in front of his breast and his palms are set to hold the two metal terminals. The current is then turned on, passing through his whole body and causing such unendurable sensations that 'even the strongest and fiercest will directly confess without more ado.'"

For female prisoners a slightly different treatment is used, the machine having a voltage adjustable to the physical conditions of the prisoners.

GASTONIA CASE CENTERS ON 7

Dismiss 9, Cut Charges to Pack the Jury

(Continued from Page One) McDonald, Robert Litoff and J. R. Pittman.

Bail was refused the seven held on second degree charges. This was ostensibly because the lives of the defendants would be in danger if they were allowed out of the jail, and is a recognition of the reign of terror by the mill owners' gangsters, threatening the lives of all union organizers in the South.

Threat to Lynch. The Daily Worker correspondent overheard one of the Lory hirelings remark on the courthouse steps after adjournment of court: "If they don't send them bastards Reds to jail they are going to be killed like Ella May."

The prosecution is trying hard to speed up the trial so that it will be ended before the Charlotte conference, which the mill bosses will try to break up.

Consolidate Charges. The charge against all the defendants held for trial, lying originally also against those dismissed, of "secret assault with intent to kill Gilbert, Roach, and Ferguson, followers of Chief of Police Aderholt in the murder of June 7 raid on the tent colony at Gastonia in which Aderholt lost his life and his police were wounded, are now consolidated with the charge of murdering Aderholt. The judge overruled the defense objection to this consolidation, which will permit the prosecution to introduce a great variety of perjured testimony which otherwise could not be legally used against the defendants.

Leon Josephson, of the counsel for the defense, made the following statement today:

"The reduction of charges against seven of the defendants and the dismissal of nine others is an admission by the prosecution that it has no case. If there was conspiracy arising out of the speeches and carried out by the workers' guard, then all are guilty. Here are nine persons who are held in jail since June 7, yet not a scintilla of evidence was had against them.

"The state moved to consolidate the charges of assault on the other officers and reduced the degree of murder for two reasons. And the first is that the defendants are

CONFLICT GROWS FOR CHINA RULE

Foes of Nanking Show Relative Strength

SHANGHAI, Sept. 29.—Nanking's announcement that 3,000 of Chang Fa-wei's troops were captured and many killed after his army was trapped between Nanking troops and the Feng River in Hunan, fails to impress the "left" Kuomintang who now seek respectability under the name of "the Reorganizationists" in trying to overthrow Chiang Kai-shek. The false nature of Nanking accounts of victories is proverbial.

These Reorganizationists have a headquarters in Shanghai and declare that 24 local Kuomintang organizations throughout China have openly sided with them, in addition to 48 counties in Fukien province. They hotly resent charges that they have any connection with Communists, and while fishing for mass support limit their program to an ousting of Chiang Kai-shek and such bourgeois slogans as "a clean and honest government." The Communists stand for "a workers' and peasants' government."

There are ten points in the Reorganizationist manifesto against Chiang Kai-shek: (1) Official corruption; (2) favoritism in civil service positions; (3) misuse of funds for military; (4) executions and property confiscations; (5) use of demobilization funds to bribe wavering generals and to buy arms; (6) reconstruction funds used for military ends; (7) destruction of judicial system and surrender of national rights by accepting "favoured nation" clause in new treaties; (8) secret section in Shanghai agreement with Japan making Taingtao-Tsinanfu railway Japanese and recognizing the Nishihara loans (Japan was willing to publish this, but Nanking objected); (9) despotism; (10) packing the Third Kuomintang Congress.

The manifesto calls for: (1) government reorganization under leaders in power at the Second Kuomintang Congress; (2) a new and "bona fide" congress; (3) nullification of all actions since the Third Congress; (4) repudiation of secret agreements; (5) cancellation of the \$70,000,000 so-called "disbandment" bond issue.

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'Anti-Red' Writer of Shanghai Is Forger

SHANGHAI, China (By Mail).—Eugene Pick, alias Kojevnikov, etc., etc., confessed stoolpigeon for the imperialist powers, has been sentenced by the Provisional Court to nine months imprisonment for having forged the American consul's name to certain documents. Evidence showed that Pick was an absolute scoundrel.

Not only has the bourgeoisie forged the weapons that bring death to itself; it has also called into existence the men who are to wield these weapons—the modern working class—the proletarians.—Karl Marx (Communist Manifesto).

thereby deprived of a large number of peremptory challenges and their chances of getting a fair jury are accordingly reduced very greatly. Even though a juror admits his hostility against the defendants, yet if he thinks or says he can decide according to the evidence impartially, he qualifies. This we know is psychologically impossible. The chances are that the new jury will be composed of such persons.

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UTW CONFERENCE PLAYS TO BOSSES

Has No Textile Toilers Wars on Militants

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IN THE SHOPS

"Don't Let 16 in Gastonia Die" —U.S.S.R. Mill Workers Say

"We Shall Not Allow Our Gastonia Comrade To Be Beaten Down!"

At the end of the shift, the women workers of the "Red Dawn" Knitting Factory (Moscow) did not hurry home. With stern and anxious faces they gathered together at the meeting to protest against the railroadings of the Gastonia textile workers.

Once again the Sacco and Vanzetti business is being repeated in America—this is heard on every hand among the women workers.

"Now, the electric chair is being got ready for women workers," said a young woman, a member of the Young Communist League, to her elder companions.

"Why are they attacking everywhere, our comrades, the women textile workers?" asked women workers Tukin, the chairwoman of the factory committee, perplexedly.

A reply to this question was made by Comrade Klemenchenko, when he spoke of the reasons for the terroristic measures adopted by the American bourgeoisie. He urged the workers to protest to save the lives of their comrades.

The rain prevented a development of the discussion. But the resolution adopted by this open meeting of the workers and women workers of the "Red Dawn" factory declares:

"We appeal to all men and women textile workers throughout the world to protest together with us against the attempt to murder the Gastonia textile workers. Of late, the bourgeoisie everywhere have been attacking the textile workers. And today, in Gastonia, enraged at the opposition and resistance of the working class, the most reactionary section of the American bourgeoisie desires to 'give the workers a lesson' and drive it into them that they must not use the strike weapon as a measure of self-defense. They are preparing the electric chair for thirteen of our textile workers.

"Men and women textile workers! Let us resist the insolent bourgeoisie in an organized fashion!"

"Don't allow a bloody repetition of the Sacco and Vanzetti frame-up!"

"Don't allow a bloody repetition of the Sacco-Vanzetti frame-up! Don't allow our Gastonia comrades to be cut down!"

"No Bourgeois Terror Will Disrupt Working Class Unity!"

On this anniversary of the death of Sacco and Vanzetti, murdered by the American hangmen, the workers and employees of the Moscow Knitting Factory No. 11, condemn the shameful and insolent attempt of the American bourgeoisie to make a repetition of their bloody crime by sending the sixteen arrested Gastonia textile workers to the electric chair.

We protest in no uncertain voice against the violence and persecution of the workers of Gastonia who raised the banner of struggle against the exploiters.

We demand that the revolutionary textile workers be immediately released from prison!

We declare that not even the electric chair itself can hold up the mighty advance of the revolutionary labor movement or disrupt working class unity!

Long live trade union unity!

Long live the Communist International—the leader of the proletariat the world over!

Hands Across Sea—USSR R. R. Workers to Gastonia

"Our Answer to the Call of the U. S. Workers"

Dear Comrades of Gastonia:

We have read in our railroad workers' paper "Gudok" (Whistle) about the dirty crime the North Carolina officials and the mill bosses are trying to commit against the sixteen strikers and organizers of Gastonia.

We, the railroad workers of the station "Bagalie" protest vigorously against this attempt to murder sixteen revolutionary fighters. We demand the freedom of these workers who dared to fight against the mill bosses.

This new attempt of the bosses against the workers calls us to close our ranks with the workers of the U.S.A.

With comradely greetings, PERIMIGN, in the name of the assembled workers of Bagalie station.

"We Have Heard Your Call."

Dear Gastonia Comrades:

We, the shop and clerical workers of the Topochova railroad station at our meeting have heard the call of the U. S. workers to rally to the sixteen workers in Gastonia who face imprisonment for long terms or electrocution. We stamped the U.S. government with a black stamp for the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti in 1927. We protest against the desire of the U.S. mill barons and government to repeat the same dirty work in Gastonia.

We demand the immediate release of the Gastonia prisoners.

With proletarian greetings, —Thirteen workers of the Topochova station.

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(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (By Mail).—I have been a reader of your paper for some time and must say that I enjoy reading it. The capitalist press tries to misrepresent the facts about the conditions here and denies that there is any black terrorism going on in the state of North Carolina; but they have utterly failed in the effort, for those of us who have been hunted by the thugs and police know better. Twice have I been locked up without any warrant and turned loose without any trial. Three times have I been threatened and told to leave town but I am still here and expect to stay here.

The black hundreds have extended their terror far beyond the limits of Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties. They roam the streets day and night looking for the organizers and the active union members. I have been accosted by part of this gang of outlaws, in towns fifty miles from Gastonia. Part of our people are uneasy all the time for they are conscious that they have no protection whatever from the law. We who are going through the thick of the battle know just what it means to be forced to face blood-thirsty thugs bent on beating and lynching every union member in the South.

They have said openly and heartily that they are not going to have a union in the South, and they are ready to do anything to stop the union but we have determined that we shall not leave the South.

The workers realize as never before that they must organize and fight together in one concrete body for better conditions. We who have worked in the southern mills for many years, for small wages year after year, sixty hours a week with no vacation fully realize that if we are to have shorter hours and more pay that we have got to put up a battle to secure them. The workers are for us; they are showing their solidarity and faith in the union as never before. Thousands have heard of the union for the first time, thousands have been on the picket line for the first time; it is true that we are imperiled but if you were on the battle front with us you would agree that we doing our best.

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The Standard of Living of the Workers and the 10th Plenum

The standard of living of the working class in capitalist countries was subject to an interesting discussion in the Tenth Plenum of the C. C. P. U. S. A. Even on this question the Plenum took up a decisive struggle against the right tendencies which threaten the Parties with penetration of bourgeois influences.

Comrade Varga proposed to the Plenum not to mention in the thesis the lowering of the standard of living of the workers, but only to state in a general way that "the position of the workers has become worse." Varga maintained that the economic position of the working class in the capitalist world had been only relatively worsened, not absolutely. This opportunist view held by Varga because of the too great confidence on his part in the capitalist statisticians. The delegates of the Plenum who were either workers themselves or else had direct contact with the masses, protested vigorously against this standpoint of Comrade Varga. On the basis of their daily experiences, they could prove the incorrectness of such a view based upon speculations of capitalist apologists.

The Plenum showed that Comrade Varga's mistake was based upon three wrong estimations: when he tried to establish his theory about the standard of living of the working class, he "just" overlooked a very important part of the working class: the unemployed, who at present form an army of not less than at least 12 million workers. Twelve million unemployed workers certainly cannot be counted out when considering the standard of living of the workers! Secondly: he worked with average figures without taking into consideration that the high standard of living and wages of the few workers belonging to the labor aristocracy make the wages of the masses that are very poorly paid appear higher than what they really are. Thirdly: he left out of his considerations the tremendous intensification of labor and the exhaustion of labor power which everywhere is lowering the value of labor power.

Against Comrade Varga's wrong theory the Plenum pointed out that capitalist rationalization is lowering the standard of living of the masses and stated in its resolution on the economic struggle that present day capitalism has already reached a point where the property relations are absolutely in contradiction to the improvement of the standard of living of the working class, even if in some isolated cases a temporary and partial raise in the wages may take place.

Statement on the New Wave of Terror in Latin America

The growing resistance of the oppressed Latin-American masses to the United States imperialist domination of their economic and political life is being expressed in recent months in a wave of economic struggles, strikes, armed uprisings of indigenous Indians, anti-imperialist demonstrations, etc. This resistance is also being expressed in the struggle of the workers and peasants against the ruthless dictatorship controlled by the United States bankers, trusts and magnates.

The anti-imperialist movement throughout the Latin-American countries has, as a result of the widespread discontent and fighting mood of the masses, found a fertile soil, resulting in the organization of many new sections and branches of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, especially in South America.

The bloody dictatorship of the governments in power, obeying the orders of American imperialists, have initiated a new wave of terror with the specific purpose to destroy all vestige of workers' and peasants' organizations, annihilate their leaders, thus paving the way—after crushing all resistance—for new laws to further bind the customs, municipalities and to complete the monopolization of the national wealth of the countries.

The tolling masses of Cuba have lost their best leaders by a series of executions, mysterious disappearance and jailings, under the orders of the tyrant President Machado. Machado has gone as far as to bound Julio Antonio Mella, a leader of the anti-imperialist movement, outside of Cuba, ordering his hirelings to kill him in the most dastardly manner. And now, while the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate is considering a resolution presented by individual capitalists whose private property interests are entangled with the personal property interests of Machado and his relatives, the blood-thirsty government of Cuba is continuing its policy of expulsions, deportations and jailings against the militant workers. La Semana, an opposition paper, is suppressed. Its editor is deported. Mr. Borah, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, has come out with a statement that the difficulties between these individual capitalists and the Cuban government are matters for "adjustment." He has nothing to say of the persecutions of the workers' organizations, nothing of the wholesale assassinations of the militants, nothing of the new wave of terror. Obedient servants of the American imperialist class, the senators and Secretary Stimson keep silent on the true situation in Cuba for which they are responsible.

In Guatemala, the country where the United Fruit Company and the Cuyamel Company reign supreme, a decree has been issued suspending all constitutional rights for six months. The masses of Guatemala, largely composed of Indians and Negroes, are revolting against the fierce exploitation of the big American trusts. The suspension of the constitutional rights which mean actual prohibition of assembly, free press and the right of the workers to organize, is an indication of the reaction set in in order to quench the fighting mood of the oppressed masses.

In Honduras where the same fruit trusts own enormous stretches of land, the agricultural workers began to organize in order to resist the growing poverty, misery and exploitation. The puppet government ordered the closing of the revolutionary press. El Martillo, an anti-imperialist publication which came to the defense of the oppressed, has been suppressed. The offices of the Honduran section of the International Labor Defense (Socorro Rojo) was raided and its organizer jailed. At Tela, the trade union offices were raided and the workers clubbed and tortured at the point of the bayonets. Many expulsions were ordered for immediate execution. The anti-imperialist section was ordered dissolved.

In Colombia, where a new strike of the banana plantation workers broke out, joined by the railroad workers, the Church Government led a massacre of workers. Three hundred militant strikers are killed, hundreds of workers wounded. The jails are filled.

Ecuador has witnessed a series of Indian rebellions against the semi-feudal conditions, against the sale of serfs by the big landowners and against the wholesale expropriation of land by the American oil interests. The dictatorial government of Ecuador conducted massacres of Indians. The leader of the insurgents, Jose Puna Viva, is condemned to sixteen years in jail. The representatives of the Ecuadorian International Labor Defense (Socorro Rojo) are jailed. The anti-imperialist movement is forced to operate illegally.

In Porto Rico, these islands which are practically owned by no more than a dozen of American corporations, the local authorities, tools of the corporations, are conducting raids against all militant workers' and peasants' organizations. While Mr. Santiago Iglesias, leader of the socialist party of Porto Rico, is inviting American bankers to invest their benevolent capital in "his" country, the workers are being jailed because they resist the unbearable conditions imposed upon them by American magnates and under which they are compelled to suffer.

The iron hand of American imperialism is falling upon the masses of Latin America and their organizations. This new wave of terror which we hold the American imperialist government responsible, must be combated hand in hand by the anti-imperialist forces of the United States together with the oppressed masses of Latin America.

The workers of United States must raise their voice of protest, must mobilize themselves in protest meetings and demonstrations for the support of our oppressed brothers of Latin America. We must give support to all the struggles of the oppressed masses of Latin America.

Down with the terror in Latin America! Down with the bloody dictatorships in Latin America, tools of American imperialism! Down with American imperialism! For the complete independence of the Latin American countries! Long live the solidarity of the workers and peasants of Latin America with the anti-imperialist forces of the United States!

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(United States Section.)

The Right Danger in the Swedish Party

By PETER SMITH.

During and already before the Sixth World Congress of the Communist International, there were clear expressions of Right wing deviations in the Communist Party of Sweden. The Scandinavian Commission of the Sixth Congress pointed out to the Swedish C.P., the need of an energetic fight against Right tendencies and deviations.

But the majority of the Central Committee of the Swedish CP did not take this warning to heart. It continued its previous policy, and when the CI demanded an uncompromising fight against the Right danger, the majority of the Central Committee proposed a resolution at its last Plenum, for a "fight against the deviations from the correct Communist line."

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This merely beclouded the issue of the fight against the Right danger as the main danger, and was a smoke screen behind which the majority of the Central Committee tried to conceal its opportunist mistakes, through a mobilization against the minority, which insisted upon an energetic fight against the Right mistakes.

The questions on which the Right wing tendencies appeared in the Swedish CP were: The fight against the war danger; Swedish imperialism; disarmament; evaluation of the social democratic party; the trade union policy and the fight against the Right danger itself.

The "fight" against the war danger was carried on by the majority of the Swedish Central Committee, in the form of a campaign against the "danger of Sweden being involved in the war of the imperialists against the Soviet Union." The slogan of "Sweden's neutrality" was coined by the Party. This meant nothing less than liquidation of revolutionary activity against the Swedish bourgeoisie, refraining from all serious struggle against the young and bold Swedish imperialism. In fact the majority of the Swedish Central Committee denied the existence of any Swedish imperialism!

Consequently, the CV majority, in accordance with this line, allowed the Party fraction in Parliament to present a motion requesting the disarmament of Sweden in three years. Later, the Central Committee, under pressure of the minority, had to criticize the fraction for this error, which, however, was then characterized as "a serious error" and not as an outright opportunist Right mistake.

On the question of fighting the social democracy, a united front of the worst character was maintained. The election campaign was waged under pacifist slogans here and there. Whole districts of the Party abstained from criticizing the social democrats for a whole year. A policy of blocs with the social democrats was maintained. One of the candidates, a leading member of the Central Committee, Comrade Flyg, spoke of a "majority of workers" in parliament, meaning both the social democrats and Communists! Everywhere the social democratic party was declared to be a party of the working class, and only the followers of the minority protested against such a policy of conciliation and opportunism.

On the trade union field, the Swedish Communists succeeded in organizing a minority movement of some 100,000 workers from among the 450,000 organized workers of Sweden. This movement was under the leadership of a "Unity Committee," and when the social democrats together with the trade union bureaucrats started a campaign of expulsions, not only of Communists, but also of revolutionary social democratic workers, the Communist Party recommended a retreat, and

preferred to yield to the reformists, to dissolve the Unity Committee, rather than to organize the workers in the trade unions and in the shops for strong resistance to this disruption policy of the social democrats. As stated by one Party leader: "We prefer rather to be expelled from the Party than from the trade unions!"

When the Communist International demanded a sharp fight against the Right danger, the Swedish CC majority declared that everything was O.K. in the Swedish Party. It seemed as if no special fight against any Right danger was at all necessary in that Party. But as the evidence shows, the truth was quite to the contrary. The whole Party was permeated with opportunism.

The organ of the CI, the "Communist International," says: "The liquidation of the Communist line, Right errors and deviations, can be shown in many actions of almost every organization of the Party."

Under such conditions, it was no wonder that the minority of the Central Committee started a sharp fight against these deviations. The majority of the CC suppressed all minority documents, but published its own documents in the name of the Secretariat and the Political Committee, without even troubling to bring them before these bodies before publication.

But the Swedish Party question was brought before the Executive Committee of the Communist International, and now the Party has received an open letter criticizing these Right mistakes and demanding that the Right wing policy of the majority of the Central Committee be stopped.

The Right wingers, led by Comrade Kilbom, have answered in the form of an article by Kilbom in their Stockholm paper, "Folkets Dagblad," attacking the Communist International. The minority has answered the attack in another Party paper, and shows that Kilbom's article means that the fight in the Swedish Communist Party is now "for or against the Communist International."

A bourgeois paper in Norway, which is well informed about the doings of the Right wingers in the Swedish Party (through two renegades now working on that paper), informs its readers that the majority of the Central Committee of the Swedish Communist Party is going to call a convention where the question of departing from the Communist International will be taken up.

The situation in the Party is very serious. But the Party will, in spite of all the treacherous actions of the Central Committee majority, go through this crisis and cleanse itself from all opportunist Right wing elements and conciliators. It has experience from earlier fights, when Hoglund and his clique was defeated. After that fight the Party grew quickly from a small sect to a mass Party. And now, under the leadership of the Comintern, it will proceed to new victories. The renegades will soon be isolated or return to their real home—the social democracy, as did Hoglund five years ago.

The International Right Wing will doubtless declare that they have won support from new "forces" in Sweden. Brandler and Lovestone can rejoice over such people who are propagating "disarmament," "neutrality," trade union conciliation, and so on. They are welcome to these "forces." The Communist Party will only be strengthened when it cleanses itself from such elements.

The Swedish Communist Party is an illustration of the real necessity of the fight against the Right danger in the Communist International. If our parties will be able to carry on their fight in the present class struggles and those ahead, then their forces must be solidified on a more Bolshevik basis than that on which, for instance, the Swedish CP has been.

Opportunists, and Renegades Fall by the Wayside

By A. JAKIRA.

"Revolutionary movements involve swift and rapid change. He who today is followed, tomorrow may be without a following. He who today is loved tomorrow may be fought. The history of all revolutions is full of examples of rapid change, the failure of certain persons to keep pace with that change, and the rapidity and remorselessness with which history sweeps them aside."

These words written by none other than Bert Wolfe, when he was still in our Party and in the Comintern, in his pamphlet, "The Trotsky Opposition," are true today, as they were at the time the pamphlet was written and published.

History is full of such examples, and our Party is not an exception. During the ten years of its existence, our Party has gone through many changes, moving from social democracy to Bolshevism. Many of these changes, had to be made rapidly. Some persons, many of the leaders, some of whom have even served jail sentences for their activities in the movement, have failed to keep pace and were swept aside and are by this time completely forgotten. Some of these leaders are openly fighting the Party and the Comintern at the present time, in alliance with the bourgeoisie and its agents in the labor movement.

Each time a change took place, these opportunists, without exception, raised the cry of a "running sore" in the Comintern, of the degeneration of the Comintern and of our Party, claiming that the Comintern did not understand the American conditions and was running the movement here. These individuals find themselves outside the Party and the labor movement, while the Party and the Comintern continue to march forward as the leaders of the working class and are gaining more and more influence among the masses of the workers.

Take, for example, the question of the legal and illegal Party which at one time was the center of a bitter controversy in our Party. After the infamous Palmer Red Raids in 1920, we were driven underground. Not having enough experience and not being strong enough at the time we failed to fight our way back into legal existence. We developed the ideology that it was impossible to function legally. This ideology continued despite the fact that the conditions have changed and that the legal existence of the Party was obviously possible. Some of the comrades, leaders of the Party at that time, like Lindgren, Ketterfeld and others, failed to understand the correctness of the Comintern decision on this question; they were unable to see the changed conditions. They raised the cry of the degeneration of the Comintern, predicted a short life and all sorts of calamities for our Party and clamored that we were turning back from Communism to social democracy. These comrades quit the Party and the labor movement. They fell by the wayside and are forgotten, while the Party has since traveled a long way on the road to Bolshevism.

The Labor Party was another big issue in our Party. In our campaign for the Labor Party we were rapidly moving to the right and proposed an alliance with the so-called Third Party movement—a broad united front ranging from the Communist Party to the "left wing of the republican party," led by LaFollette. Weak as we were, both organizationally and ideologically, we were moving along an extremely dangerous path. The Comintern stopped us in time. The Party made a rapid turn. It separated itself from this dangerous united front, nominated its own candidates and carried on a Communist campaign in the 1924 presidential elections. Some of the comrades, like Fred Merrick, District Organizer of the Pittsburgh District at the time, who at one time spent three years in jail for his strike activities, could not see the importance of the rapid change. He thought that the Party was going on the

rocks, that the Comintern did not understand the American situation and that it was ruining the Communist movement here. He quit the Party and the labor movement. He was swept aside. He was forgotten. The reorganization of the Party on the shop nucleus basis and other important steps taken by the Comintern toward the bolshevization of our Party could not be understood by the social democratic elements in the Party. Some elements, like Lore, Askell and others could not keep pace with the changed conditions. They raised the cry of the degeneration of the Comintern and of our Party, of the ruin of the Communist movement, predicted all sorts of ruinous results for the Party. They soon found themselves outside and fighting the Party together with the rest of the social democrats and the bureaucracy of the A.F. of L. They were swept aside and forgotten.

The Sixth World Congress of the Comintern marked a turn from the second to the third period. Jim Cannon, an unprincipled renegade for some time, could not go along. He turned backward toward Trotskyism at a time when the Trotsky issue was already liquidated in the other Parties, and, like all other renegades, raised the cry of a "running sore" and degeneration of the Comintern and of our Party. Cannon and his group of builders of the Party and champions of Leninism" such as Abern and Shachtman, are out of the Party and out of the labor movement. They are fighting the Communist movement together with Lore and the socialist "Forward." They have been swept aside and are not a matter of colivion.

However, while the Party was quick in dealing with the Cannon renegades, we showed ourselves to be slow in grasping the real significance of the Sixth World Congress decisions. While defending the decisions of the Congress, we were guilty of the theory of exceptionalism. This explains the many contradictions in the various articles written by Lovestone since the Sixth Congress, in which he, on the one hand, quoted the decisions of the Congress verbatim or in a changed form, and at the same time develops the theory of the "Victorian Era." Paper at some of the "group" meetings openly raised the question that we are bound to come into serious conflict with the C. I. because the decisions of the Sixth Congress are difficult to apply in the United States. It is true that he received little encouragement in the "group" and the question was never raised openly in the Party. The Comintern, however, was able to detect this theory and exposed it when it told the Sixth Convention of our Party that the "minority had avowed reservations while the majority had tacit reservations."

With the aid of the Comintern, the Party recognized its errors and proceeded to correct it after the Address of the Comintern was made known. Some persons, however—Lovestone, Gitlow, Wolfe himself and others—failed to keep pace and others—failed to see the changed conditions, failed to keep pace with that change. This time more and stronger leaders were involved, because the issues are much greater, deeper and broader; because this time it involves not a question of an error here and there, but a question of change of the entire line of the Party.

These former leaders of our Party, too, raise the cry of a "running sore" of the Comintern, of the ruin of our Party; they, too, predict all sorts of calamities for our Party. These "saviors" of the decisions of the Sixth World Congress, like the Cannon "Leninists" are fighting the Comintern and its American Section together with the other enemies of the Communist movement. The years outside of our Party and of the labor movement and will soon be forgotten while our Party, under the leadership of the Comintern, will continue to march forward, leading the American working class to a victorious proletarian revolution and to Communism.

I SAW IT MYSELF

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Blood in the Oil Cans

BILLY PEW'S regular boozer. I can't abide the man—because he's Billy Pew to begin with; again, because he's a very common type nowadays, vulgar, worthless, teeming everywhere, infesting life as well as literature.

The type flourishes in both hemispheres, like those diseases now called international, but it is especially to be found in the United States, where it abounds. Billy Pew is the millionaire's pack of all trades (he is rolling in millions himself now), ready for any job and with dozens already to his credit—spy, hired desperado, go-between and abettor of big business men—under the perpetual urge of one strong instinct, a frantic greed for dollars. A hard worker too as keen as he is devoid of principles.

In his time he has been a groom, a cowboy, a vagabond, a saloon keeper, a goal-bird, a company promoter. And so often has he grown rich and gone bankrupt, then rich again, that he really seems to wear two faces; you can never tell whether it's the millionaire or the rogue that you're meeting.

I OFTEN see him sitting in the bright green interior of the little pub jutting over the harbor at the street corner. Here, in the picturesque old-world corner of England, he sits for hours at a stretch for he's an inveterate drunkard into the bargain. Why, you will ask, do I go into this bar to cultivate his society? Not for drink nor to look at him; he has an ugly face and drinking doesn't agree with me. But though far from talkative as a rule, Billy Pew opens up his cups, and men of that kind can sometimes give you peeps into the amazing facts of contemporary life which are as impenetrable to the uninitiated as any safe.

Such facts interest me; I go about collecting them. Well, that day, Billy Pew had imbibed a varied sequence of odd tails—a complete rainbow, in little glasses. He was perched on a high chair, leaning over the bar counter, facing the entrance. His eyes watered a little, bedewing his red pyramid of a face. His raw neck was much more ample than his forehead, crowned with its tiny carp. His boxer's fists (he had figured in the ring in his time) propped that face on either side and the cheek-bones were as angular and prominent as those contrived on canvas by cubist painters.

I HAD a newspaper in my hand and showed him an American cable gram which mentioned a case about some murdered Redskins which was shortly to be heard in court at Tulsa in Oklahoma. I had reason to know that this individual had some hand in the business. So my friend Bill, impelled by the magic working of alcohol, had begun taking me into his confidence, and that, with specimens of his type means giving things away.

When I showed the newspaper to my tough friend his face brightened up. His spacious jaw, which was decked with a mosaic of yellow ivory and golden cubes, widened out into the fleshy zones of his sea "That was a cute bit of work they did there," he said.

"Who did?" "Who? Why, the guys who see all the big jobs through." An his massy fist indicated the ceiling, to signify the lords on high, the mysterious powers that be.

"AND so they have to answer questions at the trial?" I asked. "You bet they don't worry any of the bosses." And he pulled a face indicative of great respect for them and great contempt for me. "Same here," he added, "I don't worry."

And that was how he was led to spin the yarn in this English tavern, showing not the slightest regard for the nigger, the Chinaman and the two sailors who were dug in there, deep in ponderous ecstasy.

"It's a petroleum affair—the Redskins were mixed up with it." "Petroleum?"

"Yep. Oklahoma—bully state it is, square-shaped, plump in the centre of the Union—has gallons of petroleum down under in the same Tulsa district," said Billy Pew, laying a huge paw on the newspaper I had brought.

"And the Redskins?" "Well, you know there are some left; call themselves Redskins but they're only chocolate color. They've been gradually cleared out of the better districts—swept up and tucked away in nice airy parks. Reserves we call them.

THEY began to die out, driven back by American civilization, same as the whales and elephants; till at last you could have said 'Soon they'll all be gone and we'll be rid of 'em.' Yes, this two-footed race went on dwindling so long as they tried to keep up their race traditions, their pride and high-brow airs. Then, they made a start on civilization themselves—took up English and wearing hats and going of mass and making money. Ever since then the race has stopped dying out and is recovering lost ground, though, of course, it's nothing like the grand old times when the Algonquians, Iroquois and Sioux bossed the prairies and were free to scalp any adventure from the Union.

"In Oklahoma, there was a Reserve full of these half-respectable and half-civilized savages. And behind the fences they've got we stocked hunting grounds where they can kick their heels as much as they want and stick any amount of feathers on their heads, like their noble ancestors, and dance in a ring round their deerkin tents and huts and medicine men and fat oily mammals what carry children like bundles on their backs. And, take it from me, there were some lordly looking fellows in the crowd, with a bearing that may a Pale Face might have envied—Pale Face is the name they give the Yankees and Europeans in general, though some of them—me, for instance—were more in the red way," added Bill, making this comment just as looked at his fresh-meat face and made it for myself.

BUT somebody," he went on, "came in to spoil the fun. That somebody was me. I was just coming out after a period of enforced rest, prescribed by the judges of Ohio after a public debate which took up some time and was in all the papers of the day. And now that I was a free man again, I had to take up something new, and chose to become an oil prospector. I had first-rate qualifications for the job; Willy Sharp showed me how before he went West (people said I killed him, but they could never prove it one me).

"My nose took me up the Canadian River, Tulsa way, and there we found traces of petroleum. I say we, because there were several of us, worse luck! and every man jack well armed and very suspicious of his pals and wt yibes in the back of his head.

"The claim was plump inside the Indian Reserve. There was no hope of pretending it wasn't; it was their by right of American law, and down in black and white, word's the pity.

"That was in 1907. Off I went with maps in my pocket and soon I was back, bringing my brother, Tom Pew, which was the custom of him and me falling out. (They said I swindled him, but that's a mere libel and I don't listen to it much, seeing as how the Statute of Limitations applies now). I had one or two Big Dug with me, too.

"They were the sort of guys that do everything with the help of two talismans they keep in their pockets—a fountain-pen and a check-book. They were the men behind the big thing. And tab Billy Pew's word for it, I looked a fool beside those chaps, without police officers and prosecutors and public may think to the contrary.

"They came and saw, and all in one time and our movement felt for their check-books; they got to get square with the Indians who were the ganyes owners of the claim, beyond all doubt