

CONGRESS OPENS WAY FOR HOOVER CONSCRIPT ACTS

Allow No Amendments
on Tariff; Vote Soon;
Opposition Smashed

War Bills to Come Next

No Support for Motion
to Probe Mergers

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Congress is speeding up its legislation to get recess during the month of June, and leave everything open for the rushing through of President Hoover's inspired legislation for complete conscription of man power and centralization of industries during the coming imperialist war.

By a vote of 234 to 138, overriding the protest of Garner and other dissidents, who need their opposition on record because of the temper of the voters at home, the house of representatives today by a vote of 234 to 138 ruled that no amendments to the tariff bill other than those of the ways and means committee would be allowed, and the final vote on the bill would be taken May 28 at 3 p. m.

Another hopeless deadlock over the debarment clause of the farm relief bill was reached today by the committees of the house and senate when they held their fourth meeting on the plan which is strongly opposed by President Hoover and the house.

It is well known here that the deadlock is very welcome to most of the congressmen, who otherwise would have to take immediate responsibility before their farmer voters for perpetrating farm legislation which, with or without debarment, can only be a swindle on the dirt farmers, and of assistance only to landlords, commission merchants and exporters of grain.

House Don't Want It.
The house committee stands 4 to 1 against taking the debarment plan back to the house for a vote, while the senate committee stands 3 to 2 on agreeing to recede from the debarment plan, provided house conferees agree to take it back to the house, where it faces certain defeat.

This peculiar situation arose in the secret meetings because house conferees want to avoid a direct vote.
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Show Race Solidarity at New Harlem Labor Center Dance Tonight

White and Negro workers thruout the city will show their solidarity tonight at the social and dance which will officially open the new Harlem Labor Center at 235 W. 129th St.

The event will be the first of a regular Saturday night series of dances at the new center. The Harlem Labor Center has secured a piano, and will have a professional orchestra on hand every Saturday night. The up-to-date kitchen on the premises will be used to prepare refreshments.

Every effort will be made to make the new headquarters a real workers center by having as many working class organizations meet there as possible. At present, the following organizations have agreed to use it: the National Office and Harlem branch of the American Negro Labor Congress, the Negro Workers Relief Committee, the Harlem Unit of the Communist Youth League, Units A and 3 of Section Four, District Two, Communist Party, the Crusader News Service, the Negro Champion and the Harlem Tenants League.

War Dep't. Cement Firm Combine in War Preparation Contest

Commercial airports will have the same military importance in the United States as forts did in the 19th century, in the event of war, F. Trubee Davison, assistant secretary of war for aeronautics, told the Lehigh Airports competition officials.

The competition is sponsored by the Lehigh Portland Cement Company which posted \$10,000 in prizes for architects, engineers and city planners.

Where Mussolini Prepares for Coming Imperialist War

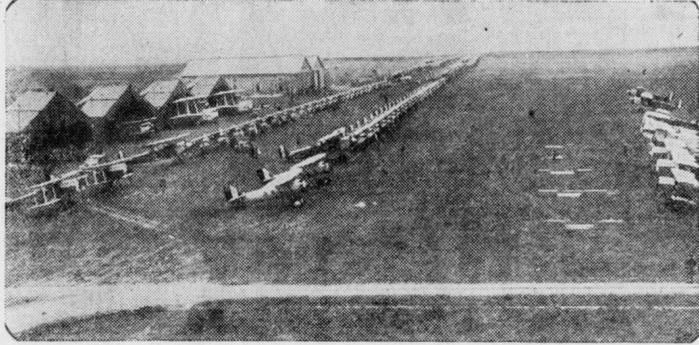


Photo shows the Undine flying field in Italy, scene of recent air maneuvers of the Italian fascist air forces, in preparation for the coming imperialist war.

WORKERS DEMONSTRATE TODAY IN UNION SQUARE AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY AND MASS ARRESTS!

"Struggle Continues,"
Rote Fahne Blazes as
It Resumes Publication

(Wireless By "Inprecorr")
BERLIN, May 24.—The "Rote Fahne," official organ of the Communist Party of Germany, appeared today after three weeks' prohibition with the leading article on the front page entitled, "Struggle Continues."

The article declared that the effort of Zorgebel, social-democratic police president of Berlin, to gag the workers by prohibiting the "Rote Fahne," was unsuccessful because the workers immediately published the illegal substitute organ "Rote Sturmflagge" (Red Storm Flag). Despite Zorgebel and the social democrats the workers are rallying more and more to the Communists.

"The Rote Fahne will continue the struggle as the mouthpiece of the revolutionary proletariat until capitalism and social democracy will be finally defeated," the Rote Fahne declares.

The article concluded with an appeal to recruit new readers.

SCORES BONEHEAD SCHOOL BOARDS.

ORANGE, N. J., May 24.—Thomas A. Edison's loudly announced intention to "obtain the brightest boy in the United States" is a dud, in the opinion of Harold S. Laity, psychologist and member of the faculty of Carteret Academy.

Laity, in a statement today, said he believed the school boards of the various states were incompetent to select the 49 boys under their jurisdiction most likely to have true creative ability.

Party Functionaries Support Comintern Address Fully

Additional statements received from district organizers of the Communist Party, members of the Central Committee, Language Bureau secretaries and editors of Party publications accepting and endorsing the Address of the Communist International to the Communist Party of the United States follow:

RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE SECTION BUREAU OF SECTION ONE, NEW YORK CITY.

The Section Bureau of Section One, District 2, New York City, Communist Party of America, unreservedly endorses and accepts the Comintern Address, and all decisions which may flow from it, printed in the Daily Worker of May 20th, 1929.

The Section Bureau, while accepting the line contained in this Address, calls particular attention to the parts in the letter which severely criticise both the former majority and minority groups and demands from the Party the immediate cessation of all factional activities.

The Bureau interprets this to mean that the basis is laid for the Party to function as a unified Party, with a unified leadership, made up of the best and most proletarian comrades in our Party.

The Section Bureau accepts all decisions of our Central Committee on the Comintern Address. We pledge our utmost support to the Central Committee to uphold and carry out the Comintern line contained in the Address.

The Section Bureau urges all comrades of Section One to take action on the Address, to accept it wholeheartedly, to endorse the unanimous Central Committee decisions, to endorse the decisions of the Section Bureau and help it carry them out. And we are confident that the whole membership of our Party will accept wholeheartedly the Comintern Address and its decisions.

The Bureau warns the comrades against interpreting this Address, either as a whole or any part of it, in a factional manner.

The Section Bureau calls upon all comrades to get to work. With a unified Party, under the guidance of the Comintern and our Central Committee, we will march forward to new victories for our Party and the labor movement as a whole, and will build a strong mass
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BAKERS HIT A.F.L. STRIKEBREAKING

Food Workers to Join
Demonstration Today

The Trade Union Educational League group in Local 500 of the Bakers Union yesterday announced they have passed a strong resolution of condemnation of the reactionary officials of the American Federation of Labor for their strike-breaking activities in the cafeteria workers' strike and demanded a stop be put to the policy of the terrorism and expulsions of progressive members who support the food strike. The meeting was held at the Workers Club, 154 Watkins St., Wednesday.

These workers, and others, including the striking cafeteria workers, are making preparations to participate tomorrow in the demonstration against police brutality and injunctions, and against the raiding of the Workers Center last Saturday, with its accompanying beating and arrest of workers' children and arrest of Benjamin Lifshitz, organizer of District 2 of the Communist Party.

Cable From Moscow Union.
The following cable was today received from the headquarters of the Catering Workers' Union in Moscow:

"Amalgamated Food Workers, 799 Broadway, New York City.

"On behalf of 320,000 organized catering workers of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, please
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Thousands of New York workers who have felt the heavy night stick of the Tammany Hall police will gather in Union Square today at 1:30 to protest the brutality in strikes of Walker and Whalen's "cossacks," the police assault on the Workers Center last Saturday, when they clubbed and jailed the workers children, and the granting of injunctions as strike breaking weapons in the cafeteria, needle trades and other strikes.

Today District 2 of the Communist Party issued a statement thoroughly exposing Commissioner of Police Whalen for his weasel-like declaration to the press, following a visit from a committee of lawyers, in which Whalen blandly denied that the police wantonly beat up workers, though the day by day evidence reeks with their bloody assaults on pickets in the present food strike. Whalen was trying by this slippery tactic to head off the mass demonstration today.

Lifshitz Still Jailed.
And Benjamin Lifshitz, acting district organizer of District 2 of the Communist Party, arrested in the attack on the Workers Center, still lies in jail, deprived by artificial legal technicalities, put up by Tammany, of his right to be released on bonds during appeal of the case.

Particularly the workers of the militant unions, whose members have faced the police terror in many hard fought strikes, the food, needle trades, shoe and other unions and such workers organizations as the International Labor Defense, Trade Union Educational League, Anti-Imperialist League, and others, will protest the assault last Saturday when police of Whalen's newly uniformed gunmen broke ranks and destroyed a sign on the Workers Center. The sign read: "Down With Walker's Police Brutality." The meeting will denounce the beating up of the workers' children, the Young Pioneers, which followed when the Pioneers demonstrated against the tearing down of the sign, and against the arrest of Lifshitz because he refused to take down the sign.

Communist Statement.
In the statement issued today by the Communist Party of the USA, Commissioner Grover Whalen's hypocritical excuse regarding his present campaign of police terror against workers is openly exposed.

The New York District Communist Party statement is in part as follows:
"In the face of the fact that thousands of workers are being arrested
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Conference of Muste Fake "Progressives" Begins Here Today

A group of "progressive trade unionists" consisting for the most part of white-collared jobholders in right wing organizations, will meet at a two-day conference beginning this morning at the Labor Temple, 14th St. and Second Ave.

Held under the auspices of "Labor Age," the conference is part of the activities of the Muste group, a fake "liberal" outfit which, hiding behind militant slogans, is attempting to respectabilize the reactionary A. F. of L. labor movement.

Speakers at the conferences will include Norman Thomas, Louis Budenz, editor of "Labor Age," and A. J. Muste, dean of Brookwood College.

GASTONIA BOSS PLAN TO BRIBE STRIKERS FAILS

Traitor Who Promised
to Lead 20 Back Is
Laughing Stock

More Evicted Need Aid

Senators in New Move
Avoid Hearing Facts

(Special to the Daily Worker)
GASTONIA, N. C., May 24.—The Manville-Jencks Co. drive to break the strike in the Lory Mill by drawing back some of the leading strikers has proven a flat failure. The mill had promised a select group of strikers their old jobs back, better houses and a slight increase in pay. The strikers' answer to the mill bribes was that if the Manville-Jencks Co. was willing to increase wages, or had any other terms to offer, it should be referred to the strike committee of the National Textile Workers Union.

A traitor to the workers, who had promised to deliver the 20 most influential strikers to the mill, has been refused a job by the Manville-Jencks Co. following the complete collapse of his plan. He is now a laughing stock among the workers, who are more determined than ever to continue on strike. Many of them state that if the mill is willing to increase the wages of some of the workers in an attempt to break the strike, it can raise the wages of all the workers.

More Evictions.
The eviction campaign has again started. Vicious tactics are being used against the strikers being evicted. During the absence of J. C. Dorsey his door was broken in and his furniture removed. He has no knowledge where it was taken. The Workers International Relief tent colony is near completion. The floors are being laid and the strikers are expected to move in shortly. One of the streets has been named "Union St." and the other "Workers International Relief St."

Proof of Solidarity.
The construction of the tent colony has deeply impressed the textile workers in the other mills in this region who see that the working class solidarity expressed
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FINE PATERSON DEMONSTRATORS

Clubbed for Protesting
Race Discrimination

PATERSON, N. J., May 24.—Seventeen workers, including women and children, were today fined \$1 each at the local police station on a charge of "blocking the sidewalk" in connection with a demonstration outside the Rivoli Theatre, Main St., last night, protesting against discrimination practiced against Negro workers by the theatre management.

The original management's charge of "disorderly conduct" was dismissed—presumably in order to make conviction on the more specific charge easier.

Was Part of "Negro Week."
Led by members of the Communist Party, the Communist Youth League and the Young Pioneers as part of the "Negro Week" campaign launched by the three organizations, over 50 pickets had paraded the theatre at 8 o'clock last night carrying signs protesting against race and class discrimination and calling for solidarity between black and white workers.

In a few moments the demonstrators were viciously attacked by police, who swung their clubs savagely.
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Anti-Fascist Mass Meeting Postponed

For various reasons it was necessary to postpone the anti-fascist mass meeting called for last night. The Anti-Fascist Federation announces that it will hold its mass meeting in the near future, date to be announced.

RUSH THROUGH CANTER CRIMINAL LIBEL TRIAL, RULING OUT ALL SACCO-VANZETTI EVIDENCE; JURY GIVES VERDICT MONDAY

5,000 BUILDING
WORKERS TO GET
TUEL STATEMENT

Program Calls for a
General Strike

Five thousand building
trades workers will today
receive a statement issued by the
Building Trades Section of the
Trade Union Educational
League which exposes the new "arbitration" conspiracy between the
bosses and the building trades
union misleaders.

It develops a program of organization and a course of activity leading to a general strike in the near future.

Warns Workers.
Pointing out that "the workers have always been sold out when arbitration has been resorted to by the union officials," the statement declares that "principles cannot be arbitrated." As evidence of the treachery of the union officials, the statement charges that the building trades "leaders" have submitted the question of the sympathetic strike, the use of non-union made fixtures, etc., to arbitration, following the lockout threat of the bosses.

This sell-out must be resisted by the building trades workers, the statement urges. "Vote against arbitration in your local union! The decision of the Building Trades Council should be rejected!"

Careful Analysis.
After presenting an analysis of the industry, especially as it affects thousands of unorganized workers, and following a complete recital of the repeated betrayals of the union bureaucrats, the statement presents
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NATIVES HIT IN EPIDEMIC.

LONDON, May 24.—Johannesburg dispatches to the London Daily Telegraph today said 14 Europeans out of a total of 73 at Komatipoort, Mozambique frontier, died of malaria and black water fever recently and that practically every inhabitant was stricken. It was reported also that a widespread epidemic was sweeping Zululand.

Needle Union Bares Hypocrisy of Schlesinger on "Stoppage"

Real Strike to Be Workers' Reply; Union Urges
Members to Join Union Sq. Protest Today

BULLETIN.
Rose Wortis of the Needle Workers Union and L. Smith, a dressmaker, were arrested late yesterday while on a picket line before the shop of Westlaw and Jablonsky, 39 W. 35th St. Wortis was held on a charge of "assault." Smith, who was cut in the neck by one of the gorillas of the I. L. G. W., was released after counter-charges were made against the thugs.

A statement exposing the brazen hypocrisy of the recent bombastic fake "appeal" addressed to the cloakmakers by Benjamin Schlesinger, president of the business firm which goes under the name of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, was issued last night by the Joint Board of the Needle Workers Industrial Union.

The "appeal" concerned the threatened fake "stoppage" of the I. L. G. W., being hatched by the company union with the assistance of the bosses in whose obvious interest it is to maintain this servicable organization.

Schlesinger's Weasel Record.
In his "appeal," Schlesinger, with much show of "militancy," urges the workers to "mobilize for a strike to

Lifshitz Held in Jail



Benjamin Lifshitz, acting district organizer of District 2 of the Communist Party was given a 30-day sentence after being arrested for a sign on headquarters exposing Walker and Whalen's police brutality. Tammany officials are putting every obstacle in the way of bonding him out in time to speak at the great mass meeting today in Union Square, New York, where masses of workers will demonstrate against the Tammany police brutality in strikes, the arrest of Lifshitz, and the arrest and beating of Young Pioneers who protested the removal of the sign.

RAYON STRIKERS PICKET GOVERNOR

Defy Reactionary Union
Order to Surrender

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 24.—Girl strikers from the Elizabethton rayon mills will picket the governor's mansion here tomorrow in the interests of their strike.

Although Governor Horton smiled and said he "would not object to orderly and lawful picketing at his residence," Horton's attitude towards the strike can be seen from his consent to the use by the mill owners of several companies of state militia, deputized as sheriffs, but
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KEEP FULLER OFF
WITNESS STAND
BY 'LEGAL' TRICK

Judge Again Aids the
Prosecution; Shows
Vicious Prejudice

I.L.D. Prepares Appeal
Defense Testimony Is
Excluded

(Special to the Daily Worker)
BOSTON, Mass., May 24.—With the trial rushed through and with Judge Robert Raymon using every device to hamstring the defense, the case of Harry J. Canter, Boston printer and active Communist, who is charged with criminally libelling former Governor Alvan T. Fuller, went to the jury in Suffolk Superior Criminal Court at 12:40 p. m. today. At 3 o'clock the jury was still out and the court adjourned until Monday morning when a sealed verdict is expected. The International Labor Defense, which is defending Canter, is being represented by Arthur Garfield Hays and Harry Hoffman.

The trial, which opened yesterday, after many delays, has attracted wide attention and aroused great indignation among thousands of workers in this section. Canter is being charged with criminal libel for having carried a placard: "Fuller—Murderer of Sacco and Vanzetti," in an election campaign denunciation of the Communist Party outside the Boston State House last November 3.

Fuller Shielded.
Aided by every conceivable "legal" device, Fuller succeeded in dodging the efforts of the defense to put him on the stand despite the fact that he had been subpoenaed. According to reports Fuller is resting at his case at Rye Beach, N. H., and is
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BERLIN WORKER GIVEN SENTENCE

Three Others Freed on
Mass Pressure

(Wireless by Inprecorr.)
BERLIN, May 24.—The Berlin-Neukoelln court yesterday acquitted three young workers who were accused of participating in the May Day disturbances.

The evidence showed that the police attacked the public and fired without warning, and also showed that the police beat up the prisoners. The witnesses for the defense prevented the prosecutor from presenting his evidence by standing up and demanding the acquittal of the accused without further proceedings.

In another trial, Vierkorn, a worker, who was accused of stopping a tramway in Neukoelln on May Day, was sentenced to three months imprisonment. The evidence proved that the police had beaten Vierkorn.

MUSICIANS CONCERT SUNDAY.

Many prominent soloists and accomplished musicians will perform at the gala concert, arranged for the benefit of unemployed musicians, to be held tomorrow, at 3 p. m. and at 8:30 p. m., at the Coliseum, E. 177th St., Bronx. The entire profits are to be turned over to the unemployed musicians who compose the orchestra.

CZECHS TO TEACH ENGLISH.
PRAGUE, May 24.—The Czechoslovakian ministry of education soon will order compulsory instruction in English in all secondary and higher schools, it was learned reliably today.

Strengthen the Fight Against Walker's Police Brutality Against Labor!

COME IN THOUSANDS TO PROTEST AGAINST THE MASS ARRESTS AND IMPRISONMENT OF STRIKING CAFETERIA WORKERS, THE JAILING OF BEN LIFSHITZ AND YOUNG PIONEERS AND AGAINST WALKER'S REIGN OF POLICE TERROR!

SPEAKERS: Ben Lifshitz, Robert Minor, Fred Biedenkapp, Louis Engdahl, Harold Williams, George Powers, Henry C. Rosemond, Michael Obermeier, and others.

Saturday, May 25 at 1:30 p. m.
AT UNION SQUARE

PLAN TO BRIBE STRIKERS FAILS

More Evicted Need Aid, Senate Dodges Facts

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through the W. I. R. is not just a phrase, but an actual reality.

Fourteen tents have already been put up. Since more families are being evicted every day, there is an immediate need for still more tents.

Among the families being evicted is the Owens family, consisting of 10 adults and children. Two strikers' families, it has been learned, have been without any water or light for the last two weeks. One of the strikers has planted vegetables on his lot to help feed the strikers.

Four families were evicted yesterday and their furnishings thrown into the road. All of the available houses in the neighborhood have been rented for the evicted families and no more can be obtained.

The mill owners are terrorizing the scabs. They have been told they will lose their jobs if they even speak to any of the strikers. Manville-Jenckes is afraid that the Loray Mill strikebreakers may be persuaded to join the strike. In spite of the mill men's terror campaign, a striker named Mrs. Ackerage had coffee brought to her and her children by the scabs. They are beginning to realize that they are being used as dupes by the mill owners.

Stop Water Supply.

Many of the strikers have had their water supply cut off, due to their inability to pay the water tax. In the four-room house at 1302 W. Franklin Ave. three families live in the four rooms. Of the 11 in the three families, seven are children. Two weeks ago their water was cut off and since then they have been carrying water into the house. The W. I. R. relief committee yesterday decided to pay the bill so the water could be turned on again and the clothes of the three families be washed.

Open Negotiations.

The strike committee, at its meeting yesterday, voted to send a committee of seven to see the heads of the Loray Mill and attempt to negotiate a settlement on the terms of the National Textile Workers Union. It is not known as yet what the attitude of the mill owners will be.

Thirty carloads of cloth, made by the scabs have been returned to the Loray Mill, due to the poor workmanship.

A committee, consisting of Amy Schechter of the W. I. R. station here, a striker named Helms, his wife and young daughter, have started on a trip into the nearby country to interview farmers and get them to join the Workers International Relief and promise to give food for the strikers. The W. I. R. purchased a truck today which will make regular trips into the country to collect food from the sympathetic farmers. Collection cans are being placed by the W. I. R. in filling stations, grocery stores and wherever workers and farmers congregate.

New Bessemer Strike.

In Bessemer City many of those now working in the mill are expected to go on strike soon, spreading the strike to hundreds of more textile workers. Those in the mill are now organizing, in preparation for the new walkout. The W. I. R. of Bessemer City made a trip to Caffeys, S. C., eight miles away. A meeting was held, attended by many textile workers who said that although the mill in Caffeys is running full time they are making only \$9 and 10 a week. Only \$1.45 could be collected in the entire crowd. In one house the committee entered at lunch time to collect they found only a crust of dry bread on the table. These workers all asked to be organized for a fight for better conditions. They are too poor to pay the initiation fee into the union.

Contributions to purchase more tents, food and medicine for the striking workers should be sent to the Workers International Relief, Room 604, 1 Union Square, New York City.

Block Probe Again.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The resolution to investigate labor conditions in the textile industry was blocked again today in the senate manufacturers committee.

Amendments to the resolution offered by Senator Tale, republican, of Maine, and by other opponents of the proposed investigation, forced postponement of a vote until Monday.

The amendments were to expedite the shifting of the whole matter from the senate to the federal trade commission, where it can be indecently buried for good.

Heard No Strikers.

The fake investigation of the starvation in the textile mills did not even get as far as the famous mine investigation last year, which turned out to be merely a chance for the propaganda of employers and their labor lieutenants, the Lewis bureaucracy in the United Mine Workers.

The manufacturers' committee heard employers and the strike-breaking officialdom of the United Textile Workers Union. It did not hear any officials of the National Textile Workers Union, which is leading the Carolina strikers. When a delegation of Gastonia strikers came, with organizers from the N. T. W. U., to Washington, the committee adjourned until after they had to leave town.

Floods Ravage Farmlands, Threaten Farmers in Kansas



Photos show scenes in Kansas when the Verdigris River overflowed, damaging farmlands, destroying farmhouses and forcing many farmers and families to flee.

District Organizers, Members of the Central Committee, Language Bureau Secretaries and Editors of Party Papers Endorse Address of the Comintern.

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Communist Party in this country.—Section Bureau, District 2, New York City.

ACCEPT AND FIGHT FOR COMINTERN LINE.

Our leader, the Communist International, calls upon us to consolidate our forces in order to be more effective in mobilizing the workers under the leadership of the Communist International for the general class struggle against world imperialism.

I unreservedly approve and accept and shall carry out all of the provisions of the "Open Address of the Communist International." We must destroy every remnant of factionalism from our ranks, expose the theory of exceptionalism, combat the right danger, etc. We must struggle against any attempt at resistance to the Open Letter of the Comintern, since such resistance would constitute a move toward the splitting of the Party.

In the name of every Negro member of the Communist Party in District Two, I call upon every member of the Communist Party to accept and fight for the line of the Comintern.—Harold Williams, Secretary, Negro Department, Communist Party of U.S.A., District Two, New York City.

SCANDINAVIAN SECRETARY ENDORSES LETTER.

"I endorse and promise to carry out the decision of the Comintern and promise to mobilize the Scandinavian members of the Party for the Communist International.—Gustav Nelson, Secretary, Scandinavian Bureau.

SPANISH BUREAU WHOLEHEARTEDLY APPROVES.

The Spanish Bureau of the Party, at a special meeting called for the purpose of discussing the Address of the Comintern, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"That we wholeheartedly approve and accept the Address of the Comintern to the American Party membership. We pledge ourselves to carry out the line and decisions contained in the Address which we believe will eradicate once and for all factionalism in our Party. The position taken by the Central Committee with reference to the Address of the Comintern makes us feel confident that in the very near future the Party will be on the road to become a mass Party.—Spanish Bureau, Communist Party, U. S. A.

BULGARIAN EDITOR SUPPORTS DECISIONS.

I unreservedly endorse the letter of the Comintern and pledge full support of final decision of the Executive Committee of the Communist International. I urge all Bulgarian comrades to accept the decisions of the E.C.C.I.—G. Raduloff, Editor, Bulgarian Party Organ.

Markoff Urges Acceptance.

As representative of the Central Committee of the Italian section of our Party and as a member of the District Executive Committee of District 2, New York, I wish to declare my wholehearted acceptance and endorsement of the Open Letter of the Communist International to the American Communist Party.

The Communist International has spoken in a decisive manner. It is the duty of every Party member of the language sections to carry out the decisions of the Communist International to the fullest degree. The interests of the Party must be above groups and individuals. Only thus can we develop our Party into an effective instrument in the struggle for the principles of the International Communist Movement.—A. Markoff.

Heino Accepts Address.

Answering the request of the secretariat, I, as editor of "Tyonies," a Finnish language daily, fully accept and endorse the address of the Communist International and the decision of the Party. I will do all in my power to win members and readers of the paper for these decisions. The whole staff stands by the decision.—David Heino.

South Slav Secretary Will Carry Out Decision. I accept the Communist International letter and will carry it out unconditionally. The South Slav Bureau will meet Sunday and I will send you its position.—Frank Borich.

Marinoff Accepts Address.

I fully endorse the Comintern letter and the Communist Party Polcom decisions. Our bureau meets May 26, and after the meeting I will wire you the positions.—Marinoff, acting secretary of the Bulgarian Bureau.

From Ukrainian Bureau Secretary I fully endorse the letter of the Communist International and the Political Committee decision. We are calling a bureau meeting but I assure you that the whole bureau will endorse the Communist International letter and the political committee decision. We are loyal to the Comintern and the Central Committee.—D. Rolenko, secretary of the Ukrainian Bureau.

From the Anthracite.

I fully accept the Comintern

FINE PATERSON DEMONSTRATORS

Clubbed for Protesting Race Discrimination

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agely on the pickets, clubbing, bruising and manhandling indiscriminately men, women and children in the vicinity. The 17 were then dragged to the police station, where they were bailed out by the local International Labor Defense.

The demonstration caused a sensation in the neighborhood. Some 600 workers had gathered and read the appeals for solidarity between Negro and white workers enthusiastically before police "dispersed" the crowd.

At the trial the International Labor Defense lawyer's argument that police had blocked the sidewalk, was swept aside. All the arrested were fined the dollar each.

Taking advantage of the sensation aroused by the demonstration, the Communist Party, Communist Youth League and Young Pioneers are repeating the appeal for racial solidarity and urge mass protest against discrimination and police brutality. Speakers representing the Party, League and Pioneers, joined by leaders of the American Negro Labor Congress, will denounce "capitalist police brutality" and "discrimination against Negro workers practiced by the Rivoli Theatre" at a mass meeting at 3 Governor St. at 8 o'clock tonight.

Speakers will include Harold Williams, secretary of the Negro Department of District 2 of the Communist Party; Richard B. Moore, president, Harlem Tenants' League; Williana Burroughs, American Negro Labor Congress; Martin Russak, local secretary-organizer of the National Textile Workers' Union, and James Jackson, chairman.

Chapman Co. Fires 300 On U. S. Lines, States Marine Workers Voice

Three hundred seamen have been discharged from the United States lines turned over to P. W. Chapman Co. as first fruits of their expert "rationalization" policy, states the May issue of the Marine Workers Voice, organ of the militant Marine Workers League, with national headquarters at 28 South St., New York.

On the Leviathan alone a hundred workers were fired when the Chapman Co. got its system to working. "I combine this fact with the saving of food," i. e., the starving of the crew, says the vice-president of the new owners, according to the Marine Workers Voice.

League Grows.

The Marine Workers Progressive League is growing as the resentment of the seamen to this drive against them by the ship owners also grows. The opening of a new seamen's club in Baltimore is announced, making three now in operation on the Atlantic Coast.

The Marine Workers Voice calls editorially for the holding of regional conferences of marine workers to plan intensive organization campaigns. It prints the call for the holding of the Trade Union Unity Convention in Cleveland.

CRUEL AND UNUSUAL

BALLSTON SPA, N. Y., May 24.—In utter violation of that amendment to the constitution which provides that no "cruel and unusual" punishments shall be given, Judge Heffernan today sentenced John Covell to join the Methodist Episcopal Church as punishment for secreting an escaped prisoner.

For a Four Weeks' Holiday for Young Workers!

After every revolution marking a progressive phase in the class struggle, the purely repressive character of the State power stands out in bolder and bolder relief.—Marx.

Proletarian Supports Letter.

"As a proletarian member of the Central Committee, I accept unreservedly the Comintern decision and call upon all Party members to do likewise. Long live our United Communist Party! Long Live the Communist International."—John Schmeis, Detroit.

Gerlach Supports Decisions.

"As a proletarian member of the Central Committee, I wholeheartedly accept the address of the E. C. C. I. to our Party. I pledge myself to carry out the decisions and to fight factionalism. I also urge other Party members to do so."—Tony Gerlach, Detroit, Mich.

Heikinen Supports Unconditionally.

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PLAN TWO HUGE AUTO FACTORIES IN SOVIET UNION

Concession Granted to American

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., May 24.—The provisions of the five-year plan for industrial development in the Soviet Union in regard to the construction of large automobile and truck factories are well on their way to realization with the announcement that concessions for the construction of two large plants have been granted by the Soviet government.

A. J. Brandt, Detroit automotive engineer, is reported to have signed a contract with the government for construction of an automobile factory in Moscow for the mass production of American-model trucks. It was estimated that the factory would cost \$7,000,000.

It was also announced that plans for the construction of the large automobile factory at Nijni-Novgorod, to produce 100,000 cars annually, were also agreed upon, but the concession is not yet definitely assigned.

Details of Giant Plant.

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R. (By Mail). It has now been definitely decided that the automobile factory, with a capacity of 100,000 cars per year, will be built in Nijni-Novgorod. It will take five years to build the factory, which will employ 12,000 workers when in full operation.

According to the plan, the first year's output of the factory will include passenger cars to the value of 42 million rubles, trucks to the value of 98 million rubles and spare parts to the value of 25 million rubles. The factory cost of a car is expected to be 1,400 rubles.

The construction of the factory, together with its equipment and subsidiary plants, will require an outlay of 120 million rubles.

AUTO FIGURES SHOW U. S. LEAD

Speedup in Open Shops Marks Industry

PARIS, May 24.—Nearly five-sixths of the automobiles of the world and about one-half of its total road mileage are in the United States, according to figures published by the International Chamber of Commerce. General Motors and Ford, with their speed-up and open-shop plants, are the largest producers in the world and compete with British and French manufacturers abroad.

There are 20,647,756 automobiles in forty-one countries, traversing about 6,000,000 miles of roadways nearly every day, and 23,251,674 of the automobiles run over 3,000,000 miles of road in the United States, according to the list.

Great Britain is second in number of vehicles, with 1,617,723, and contains nearly 200,000 miles of roads.

France is third, with 1,208,847 machines, far outstripping Canada, with 957,108, and Germany, with 707,969.

Australia is sixth on the list, with 507,704, followed by Argentina. Argentina leads Italy, 268,047 to 233,149.

In the matter of road mileage Soviet Russia stands nearest the United States, with 688,416 kilometers, about 430,260 miles. Canada is third, with 678,400 kilometers, and Australia is fourth, with 576,000 kilometers. Egypt with 5,344 kilometers, has the smallest road area of listed countries.

The Marine Workers Progressive League is growing as the resentment of the seamen to this drive against them by the ship owners also grows. The opening of a new seamen's club in Baltimore is announced, making three now in operation on the Atlantic Coast.

The Marine Workers Voice calls editorially for the holding of regional conferences of marine workers to plan intensive organization campaigns. It prints the call for the holding of the Trade Union Unity Convention in Cleveland.

CRUEL AND UNUSUAL

BALLSTON SPA, N. Y., May 24.—In utter violation of that amendment to the constitution which provides that no "cruel and unusual" punishments shall be given, Judge Heffernan today sentenced John Covell to join the Methodist Episcopal Church as punishment for secreting an escaped prisoner.

For a Four Weeks' Holiday for Young Workers!

After every revolution marking a progressive phase in the class struggle, the purely repressive character of the State power stands out in bolder and bolder relief.—Marx.

Proletarian Supports Letter.

"As a proletarian member of the Central Committee, I accept unreservedly the Comintern decision and call upon all Party members to do likewise. Long live our United Communist Party! Long Live the Communist International."—John Schmeis, Detroit.

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This Can't Hide Mistreatment of Patients



A lot of ceremony so that politicians can grab publicity doesn't hide the fact that the patients at the Willard Parker Hospital, a New York City institution, are abominably treated and receive inedible food. Photo shows Tammany politicians at cornerstone laying of a new wing.

Laundry Workers, Negro and White, Begin Organization

By GRACE LAMB. Under the leadership of the Trade Union Educational League the laundry workers of Harlem and the Bronx, most of whom are Negro women, are building a militant union.

At a meeting held May 22 both eagerness and hope were shown on the faces of these workers as they talked about their new union. They told of long working hours, of speeding up by the bosses, of low wages, of an inadequate number of toilets and of the unsanitary and filthy conditions of these.

Both White and Negro Workers.

The new union is to consist of workers of both sexes and no racial discrimination will be allowed.

Women workers told of working from sixty to seventy hours a week and receiving ten to seventeen dollars a week wages. One worker said that they lived in constant fear of cuts. The bosses, she said, even where they were paid by the pound, would reduce the rates so that a worker working at high speed could not average over \$17 a week for work which should have brought at least \$25 per week. She once was paid at the rate of 4 cents per pound, but was cut to 3½ cents, then to 3 cents and finally to 2½ cents per pound, because the boss thought that she earned too much.

Unsanitary Conditions.

One worker said that the laundry industry had gotten to the place where it was impossible to make a living. She declared that many women workers could earn only \$10 and \$12 a week though working ten hours and over a day, which made it impossible for a woman to make enough to support herself, especially as Harlem rents were extremely high.

Another woman worker said that it was a common thing for women to faint on the job while working for long hours in the steam and heat, besides many workers contract bronchitis and asthma from poor ventilation.

The bosses are accused of using vile language to women in their efforts to force the work forward.

Only "Tools."

In hiring laundry workers the bosses were said to look over those who apply for the strongest and most robust looking and that they work them out without sympathy.

"We are only tools for them to make money with," said one woman. A worker told of a laundry which gave but one-half hour for lunch and recreation and which had but one dirty toilet to accommodate 56 workers.

Still another worker said that

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CONGRESS READY FOR DRAFT ACTS

No Tariff Amendments; War Bills Next

(Continued from Page One)

in the house of the debenture provision of the bill. They contend the senate was without constitutional authority to enact such legislation.

Republican leaders in the senate decided in a conference today to abandon the plan of calling Paul R. Mallon of the United Press Associations before a secret meeting of the rules committee Monday and agreed the session should be open.

Mallon has been subpoenaed in an effort to compel him to divulge the source from which he obtained secret senate roll calls on the nominations of former Secretary of Interior West and United States Customs Judge Lenroot.

Question Board.

The activities of the federal reserve board in alternately smashing and boosting the stock market, by juggling the interest rates, to the great advantage of those who knew what action was to be taken, is the subject of a resolution for an investigation introduced by Senator King. Although many senators who were not tipped off and lost big chances for making easy money have rallied against the board's action, when it comes to voting for such resolutions administration pressure and fear of consequences has hitherto caused all such resolutions to be lost. King's bill can expect no better fate, in the opinion of most senators.

Hoover Wants Mergers.

A similar death awaits the resolution of Senator Walsh, introduced today, for an investigation of mergers of companies having securities of \$20,000,000 or more. Walsh also brings in the federal reserve banks, his resolution asking whether their money has been used to float mergers.

Mergers have been applauded by President Hoover in many of his speeches, and are a part of his plan for more and more centralization of the resources of the country as part of the general war preparations, and to increase the already huge profits of the financial and industrial oligarchy.

MISTREAT SOLDIERS.

DARLINGTON, Eng., (By Mail).—Three young infantrymen, 19, 20 and 21 respectively, have each been sentenced to hard labor for breaking a shop window. They said they were sick of the mistreatment in the army, and took this means of trying to be discharged from it.

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CLASS SLOGAN IN BRITISH ELECTION

Communist Expose Role of Labor Party

LONDON, May 24.—Under the slogan of "Class Against Class," the Communist Party of Great Britain is contesting 26 of the 615 seats in the British elections, using the election campaign to expose the hollow sham of parliamentary democracy and rally workers to the Communist Party and the left wing labor movement.

Almost all the leading figures in the Labor Party are being opposed by Communist candidates. Ramsay MacDonald is opposed in his constituency by Harry Pollitt, and Simons, of Indian commission notoriety, is being opposed by an Indian Communist.

Circulars issued by the Communist Party say that they are fundamentally opposed to all other parties in the field, who are all British imperialist parties, and that its fundamental program is the overthrow of capitalism, the erection of a workers' and farmers' dictatorship, and the eventual establishment of a Communist society.

The campaign is being used by the Communist Party to clarify the workers on the treacherous role of the labor party officials and the officialdom of the British Trade Union Congress both in its betrayal of the workers at home and in oppressing them abroad in the name of British imperialism.

This is the final week preceding the elections which take place May 30. Altogether there are 1,700 candidates for seats in the house of commons. According to British procedure the party which commands the greatest number of seats in the commons is called upon to choose a cabinet. The cabinet is considered "overthrown" when it is outvoted on any particular issue.

SHOE STRIKERS HIT NEW RACKET

Expose Actions of the Company Union

Workers meeting at the monthly shop delegates' conference of the Independent Shoe Workers Union exposed the most recent scheme of the manufacturers associated with the Board of Trade to mulct money from their workers for strikebreaking purposes.

Side by side with a drive to organize company unions in most of the shops it was pointed out, is a systematic campaign of exacting tribute from the workers. The most recent example has just been revealed in the Dr. A. Posner Shoe Shop, where workers were forced to buy \$6 tickets for an outing arranged by the bosses to take place in July. For the \$6 the workers are to get a "free" bus ride and a dinner—the total cost is probably \$15.00. The balance goes into the treasury of the company union and is used against the real union of the workers, the Independent Shoe Workers organization.

Fred Biedenapp, general manager of the Independent, declared that the Board of Trade and the Shoe Manufacturers' Association have already spent over \$100,000 to fight the organization drive of the union, according to their own admissions.

Workers employed in the Board of Trade shops are urged to refuse to support the strikebreaking policies which the bosses pursue through the company unions. They are urged to arrange their own outing, and send the proceeds to the shoe strikers who are now fighting against low wages, long hours and for a worker-controlled union for the entire industry.

Sheriff-Strikebreaker Grafts \$19,000 in Cal.

LOS ANGELES (By Mail).—Acting on instructions of the county grand jury, the board of supervisors has made a "formal demand" that Sheriff Charles L. Gillett of Imperial County, who was active in breaking the strike of the melon pickers here last year, return \$19,000 in county funds, for the grafting of which he was indicted.

"Poppies" Is Scheme to Sidestep Real Aid for Crippled Ex-Servicemen



While the Wall Street government continues to ignore thousands of men maimed in the late imperialist world war, and to stick others in fire-trap institutions and ill-treat them there, the fascist American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars aids the government in side-stepping real aid for the crippled veterans by selling "poppies," supposed to be for the veterans' benefits, and thus leading the public into thinking the veterans are taken care of. Photo shows Tammany Mayor Walker lending publicity to the fascists' poppy sales.

Communists Elected as Mayor, to Town Council in Strassburg, Alsace

PARIS, May 24.—The election of Hueber, a Communist, as lord mayor of Strassburg, and the election of Communists and Alsatian autonomists as town councillors, has caused great excitement here.

The bourgeois press demands that the government refuse connection with the "Franco-phobe" town council.

Students of "Floating University" Charge Bad Conditions on Vessel

Charges of unsatisfactory conditions aboard the American "Floating University" now in European waters, have been made by a group of students while in Paris, it was disclosed yesterday. They charge that bad food is served aboard the ship and that the sleeping accommodations are unbearable.

Dr. Edward Alsworth Ross of the University of Wisconsin, director of education on the Floating University, has cabled that the charges are untrue, and that they came "from a few of the youngsters who had never travelled abroad."

All indications, observers say, point to the fact that the poorer of the students, who have never before been abroad and who occupy the poorer quarters aboard the ship, are the ones who, hit most by the bad conditions, have made the charges. The directors at present are doing all in their power to stifle the entire affair.

450 Illinois Students Protest Resignation of Official in March

URBANA, Ill., May 24.—Four hundred fifty students deserted their classes today and joined in a parade protesting resignation of M. L. Flaningam, superintendent of city schools.

Flaningam retired from the city superintendency after seven women teachers of the Urbana high school tried to gain support of the firm bloc and some of the other dissatisfied elements. Most of the requests of the bloc for duties on hides, butter, corn starches and other products were understood to have been granted in the amendments adopted. This assured early passage of the tariff bill through the Senate.

Same Cabinet Remains in Ecuador Elections

A new cabinet of the "liberal" party, as was its predecessor, took power in Ecuador. The only important change is that Gonzalez Zaldumbide, Ecuador's delegate to the Pan-American Congress in Cuba and later ambassador to England, was appointed minister of foreign affairs. The other new ministers are: Interior, Julio E. Moreno; finance, Martinez Merra; education, Dr. Maria Sanchez; war and navy, Carlos Guerrero; public works, Fuentes Robles.

Among all the classes that confront the bourgeoisie today, the proletariat alone is really revolutionary—Marx.

Off on First Leg of French Imperialist Flight



Photo shows the monoplane Green Flash just before it left on the first leg of its proposed flight across the Atlantic to Paris, to boost French imperialism. Piloted by Rene Lefevre, it left Roosevelt Field for Old Orchard, Me., from where it will hop off for Paris.

5,000 BUILDING TRADES WORKERS TO GET T. U. E. L. STATEMENT TODAY

(Continued from Page One) its immediate program for the building trades workers, as follows:

1. The immediate formation of job committees, elected by the workers on the job.
2. General strike to enforce the five-day week and 10 per cent increase in wages immediately.
3. General strike committee to consist of delegates from the job committees.
4. Agreement to cover the entire building trades.
5. Mass violation of all injunctions.
6. Social insurance against disability and old age, and unemployment fund to be donated by the employers and the state, and administered by the union.
7. Safety measures to prevent accidents to be included in all trade union agreements.
8. Trade union safety committees to be elected on each building to consist of one member from each craft. This committee is to supervise the enforcement of safety measures. If employers refuse to submit to prescribed safety measures the job strike shall be resorted to in order to enforce the Trade Union Safety Committee's demand.

Bosses Plan Attack.
The statement charges that the recent action of the Building Trades Employers' Association, in ordering a lockout, indicates that the bosses, in conjunction with the building material supply combine, under the leadership of the banks, are preparing to launch an attack against the building trades workers, with the view of destroying unionism and instituting the open shop.

The T. U. E. L. section warns that if the rank and file of the building trades workers remain passive in the face of this conspiracy it will result in the wiping out of wages and what union conditions that still prevail, which took many years of struggle to attain.

The Hand of the Banks.
Describing the interlocking relationships between the building contractors and banking capital, the statement points out the fact that "the very structures that are being erected, be they office buildings, factory buildings, or dwellings, are directly or indirectly owned or controlled by finance capital."

This means, it is pointed out, that the "Labor Policy" in the building industry is dictated and decided upon by the ruling finance capitalists of the country.

Exposes Lockout Maneuver.
Explaining the recent "granting" of the five-day week and 10 per cent increase in wages as a maneuver, the statement shows that, in the first place the new arrangement was to go into effect four months later, and secondly, the bosses demanded that the workers surrender the basic principle of the sympathetic strike in order that they might attack one union at a time and thereby demoralize and render impotent, and finally destroy, unionism in the building industry.

The T. U. E. L. Section denounces the craven surrender of Broach of the Electrical Workers' Union and

the rest of the building trades officialdom before the attack of the bosses. "It is no accident," it declares, "that the New York Times, organ of big capital, is in full agreement with Broach's statement."

Boom Declining.
The bosses feel that the time is nearing for an effective attack against the building trades workers, the statement says, because "building construction is now on the decline and the so-called boom is coming to an end."

Thousands Jobless.
Thousands of building workers are now walking the streets looking for jobs because of rationalization—the introduction of methods which displace labor.

If the workers are to resist the proposed attacks of the bosses the chief obstacles in their path must be removed: the corrupt labor misleaders. To this end, the rank and file workers are urged to fight for the program of the Building Trades Section of the T. U. E. L.

Reactionary Union Structure.
Pointing out that the structure of the unions is antiquated and on a reactionary basis, the statement declares that the officialdom is even more reactionary. They prevent the amalgamation of the craft unions into one strong union in the entire building industry, it is charged.

Do Not Organize Unorganized.
Nothing has been done to organize the thousands of unorganized building trades workers, in spite of the fact that during the last few years the practice has grown up of doing much of the building work in factories under non-union conditions, and merely assembling the different parts of the building.

The bureaucrats have also done nothing to fight for necessary safety measures to prevent accidents in the industry. One thousand workers are killed, and 20,000 or more injured each year in New York State alone, it is pointed out.

After giving the immediate program to be fought for by the building trades workers, the statement concludes with the general program of the Building Trades Section of the T. U. E. L., as follows:

1. The seven-hour day and five-day week in order to decrease the demoralizing effect of rationalization on the workers.
2. Uniform building trades agreements to expire at the same time, in May, and to be ratified by referendum.
3. For social insurance against disability and old age, and unemployment fund to be donated by employers and state and to be administered by the unions.
4. Mass violations of all injunctions in labor disputes, struggle against the enacting of anti-strike laws.
5. Development of job control through job committees and stewards so as to stop the hire and fire system and put an end to the speed-up methods.
6. Reinstatement of all union members expelled or suspended for their opinions, and restoration of revoked charters.
7. No discrimination against Negroes or other races.
8. Amalgamation of the building trades upon a departmental basis, along the lines laid down by the 1913 convention of the building trades department of the A. F. of L. This would abolish the ruinous jurisdictional disputes as well as centralize the activities and unify the forces of all building trades workers.
9. Support of a political party composed of and in the interest of labor recognizing the class struggle as a political struggle.
10. The construction workers' section of the T. U. E. L. will organize, along industrial lines, shops supplying building material, federal, state and municipal works, engineering construction, alteration and maintenance workers and ship building.
11. The youth T. U. E. L. to have a special Youth Department to take care of youth workers.

PROTEST BRITISH TERROR IN INDIA

U. S. Anti-Imperialists Send Cables

At a meeting of the executive committee of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, U. S. section held last night, it was decided to send a cablegram to the British Trade Union Congress, protesting against the acts of terror and oppression directed by the British government in India against the Indian working class. Another cable will be sent to the All-India Trade Union Congress in Bombay and to the All-India Workers and Peasants Party, Calcutta, expressing the solidarity of the anti-imperialist forces in the U. S. with the liberation movement in India.

This action is in response to a request just received from the International Secretariat of the League Against Imperialism with headquarters in Berlin. The communication from the International League Against Imperialism states that they have received authentic material regarding the recent arrests of thirty-one prominent trade union and political leaders from all parts of India engaged in the emancipation movement there. The offices of all organizations opposed to British imperialism and the houses of hundreds of leaders were searched. The whole campaign of oppression was marked by brutality.

An Anti-Imperialist World Congress will take place in Paris from July 20 to 31st, in which all of the organizations in India engaged in the emancipation movement, will send representatives. Delegates from anti-imperialist organizations of all other countries under the domination of British, American, French and other imperialisms will also participate in this International congress against imperialism. The All-America Anti-Imperialist League plans to send a strong delegation from the United States.

POLICE ARREST IRON STRIKERS

Demonstrations at Big Shops

Picket demonstrations at large iron shops and interference of the police against the strikers, yesterday marked the completion of the first week of the general walkout of the iron and bronze workers in Greater New York, under the leadership of the Architectural Iron and Bronze Workers Union. Over 3,800 men are now out.

The largest demonstrations by the strikers were held before the plants of the John Williams Co., on West 27th St., Manhattan, and Gainer and Rosenbloom, Stagg St., Brooklyn. Police again came to the aid of the bosses at the latter shop, repeating their action of two days ago in arresting two of the pickets at this shop. The pickets were later discharged because the case against them was so weak.

An attempt at intimidation of the strikers was made yesterday by the Grand Iron Works, located at 525 Tiffany St., Brooklyn. The firm sent a letter to the union and to the police, hinting at an attempt at a frame-up, the letter stating that "We are informed that you took our workers forcibly to your meeting rooms, and that you threatened harm," etc. The strikers of this plant stated that this was a lie, that they had willingly come out.

A mass meeting of the strikers will be held at Webster Hall at 2 p. m. today. Two large mass meetings were held Thursday at Bohemian Hall, Astoria, and at Laurel Garden, on 116th St.

CLOTH MADE FILM.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 24.—By treating ordinary cloth with a solution of salts, acids, glucose and oils, the Hochstetter Laboratories here have produced a moving picture film material that is non-inflammable, and can be washed and ironed.

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Fascists in Latvia Now Renew Terror; Arrest Communist Workers

RIGA, Latvia. (By Mail).—The bourgeois newspapers again report the arrest of the members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Latvia. On the 2nd of May the police raided a house owned by a Mrs. Radsin. She herself and everyone present were arrested. Six of the arrested persons are supposed to be members of the C. C. of the Communist Party. Others are said to be foreigners who have come to Latvia in order to "instigate disturbances." The newspapers also report that a secret printing shop was also discovered. One or two German papers even reported that "the leaders of the recent Communist disturbances in Berlin have now been arrested in Riga."

SCORE MACHADO TERROR AT MEET

Negro, West India Anti-Imperialists Meet

The deportation of members of the executive committee of the Cuban Communist Party by President Machado, and the oppressive measures taken against the leaders of the liberation movement, were unanimously denounced by all speakers at a meeting held last night at the New Harlem Casino, 100 W. 116th St., of representatives of West Indian and American Negro groups. This conference was called by the National Office of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, U. S. section, as a preliminary to an eastern conference of all anti-imperialist elements to be held June 15 in Irving Plaza, New York City.

A full report of these deportations has leaked out, in spite of the rigid censorship of the fascist Machado regime, which tells of the raid on the living quarters of the Communists and their deportation without trial. "This is a part of a campaign of terrorism against all Anti-Imperialist forces in Cuba and all labor leaders there," declared Louis Gibarti, international representative of the League Against Imperialism. Similar oppressive measures are being taken in every country under the domination of United States imperialism, where the masses are growing increasingly rebellious against the tyranny and exploitation of the agents of Wall Street and Washington.

With the inauguration of Machado for another six-year dictatorship, the persecution of all opponents of imperialism fighting for the independence of Cuba will be intensified.

Richard B. Moore, representative of the American Negro Labor Congress and president of the Harlem Tenants League, spoke of the American Negroes, the victims within the United States of the same persecution, oppression and exploitation that the colonial masses suffer in the Caribbean countries under the political and economic domination of United States imperialists. Moore called for a united front against the common enemy.

Mill Bosses Convene to Plan Unified Action Against Worker Revolt

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 24.—A so-called "textile forum" will be inaugurated in Boston, Sept. 19, it was announced at the annual cotton manufacturers' convention, which opened here today. The "forum" will be organized on a strictly caste basis, the meetings being for the owners and their various sorts of slave drivers, divided into six groups, as follows: overseers of carding, overseers of spinning, overseers of weaving, slashing and dressing; master mechanics, overseers of cloth room, dyeing and bleaching, agents, managers and superintendents.

The strike wave, and united action in the matter of wage cuts and speed-up will occupy a great deal of the attention of the present manufacturers' convention and of the "open forum."

WORKERS' TRIAL STARTS IN ITALY

12-Yr.-Old Boy Among Those Tortured

ROME (By Mail).—A new great trial is about to commence in Rome before the fascist special tribunal against a considerable number of revolutionary workers from the Slovenian town of Goetz. The case is one of the usual "conspiracies" invented by the fascists in order to crush the working class.

The preliminary proceedings have been going on since August, 1928, and have been accompanied by the usual tortures and brutalities. The history of the case is as follows: In the night from the 21 to the 22 August, 1928, the fascist spy, Vittorio Kogen, was murdered in Goetz. Kogen was a worker who sold himself to the fascists for money. He denounced revolutionary workers to the fascists and a number of them died as a result of the tortures inflicted upon them by the fascists.

Still others received long terms of imprisonment or were sent to the dreaded deportation islands. A worker, named Luigi Bregant, determined to put Kogen's activities to an end and fired a shot at him which was fatal. Bregant himself was shot dead by the police. With this the matter was actually at an end, but not for the fascists who utilized the occasion to establish a reign of terror in the working class quarters of Goetz. Many workers were arrested and maltreated in prison.

One of the arrested workers, Theodor Ussay, was tortured with particular brutality. A 12-year-old boy was so terribly maltreated that his mother went mad. The "evidence" now to be offered against these workers was collected by means of these tortures.

SEES BANKING CRISIS
ATLANTIC CITY, May 24.—John W. Pole, U. S. Comptroller of the Currency, told the Maryland Bankers Association yesterday that a grave crisis threatens U. S. banks. He said the trust banks were getting the money away from the national banks and advocated changes in the national banking charter, to make national banking still more profitable than state.

The purpose of the resolution is to expel all Communists and others opposing the reactionary misleaders of the local state. A similar resolution was also presented at Local 752 of the Barbers' Union.

Misleaders Aim to Expel Communists from Barber Union

Reactionary misleaders of the Barbers Union have forced thru a resolution in the Bronx Local 560, providing that no member of the union shall have the right to belong to any progressive organization. The penalty for this will be expulsion from the union.

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Soviet Music for Working Masses Attains High Standard

NEVER before in any epoch have there been so many good concerts, operatic performances and other musical events in Moscow. One of the principal causes of this musical renaissance is the large body of music-lovers working in the schools, opened for the first time to the workers. Next comes the great attention paid by the government to questions of music for the masses. Interesting music is on the increase all over the Soviet Union, but naturally Moscow, as the most populated town in the U. S. S. R., contains the greatest number of highly qualified musicians and has the richest musical life, although Leningrad endeavors to keep up with it, and, as far as opera is concerned, actually gives more and better performances than Moscow.

In addition to these orthodox ensembles, there are various quaint and original groups in Moscow, such as Republican Artist Lubimov's Quartet (the Domra is a primitive Tartar string instrument), Pavlov's Domra Sextet, Alexeyev's ensemble of Russian national instruments, the Ethnographic String Quartet, chiefly playing on wooden instruments, for variety of timber, and possessing an original folk song repertoire.

Musical Talent on Increase
Of late years many young soloists have made their appearance, not unworthy of European platforms, as was shown by the pianists' competition in Warsaw, where the young Moscow pianists Oborin and Ginsburg carried off the palm. Igumnov, Neigaus, Oborin, Sofronitsky, Ginsburg, Brushkov, Fineberg, Kaminsky and others give regular concerts. The young pianist Edelman shows promise of developing into a world pianist. Moscow is rich in violinists, the best of whom is the young Fishman who twice emerged the victor in violinist competitions got up by the Per-Symphans. Joseph Sigetti, in his yearly concerts is always received with enormous enthusiasm by the Moscow public.

Folk Music Encouraged.
Much attention is devoted to native talent among the races composing the Soviet Union. Performers of folk-song and native works, such as Vilom's Ukrainian string quartet and the "Dumka" Ukrainian choir, one of the best choirs in the U. S. S. R., Bandurist ensembles and kobzari frequently visit Moscow from the various republics, while there are even permanent groups propagating the art of their nationalities, such as the "O. D. Kameneva ensemble of Eastern songs and dancing," the Armenian House of Culture ensemble, the Jewish vocal quartet, the Ukrainian studio, a White Russian choir and others in Moscow.

There is, unfortunately, not much that is new for solo singers, notwithstanding the fact that many contemporary composers for some reason having passed over concert singers in their works. There is, however, of late a tendency to use Soviet themes for songs and Polianovskaya-Geitman has devoted two children's concerts to pioneer songs.

Friends of Music Plan 20 Symphony Concerts in Mecca Temple
The Friends of Music announce that next season's twenty concerts of the society will be given in Mecca Auditorium, which seats about 3,500.

This change to a larger auditorium, which will more than double society's audiences, is an important step in the Friends of Music new program.

Arthur Bondanzky, who will be the conductor, has prepared for next season a program containing nine full-length works of Bach, Haydn, Handel, Brahms and others, as well as shorter choral and instrumental compositions. Taking part in these works will be many leading soloists from the Metropolitan Opera and concert stages, with the Friends of Music chorus augmented to 140 voices.

The twenty concerts of the Friends of Music are divided into two series, one of ten Sunday afternoons, the second of five Sunday afternoons, four Tuesday evenings and one Monday evening. The season opens Sunday, Oct. 27 and closes Sunday, March 30.

INDICT JUDGE FOR GRAFT
SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—A police judge, seven policemen and fifty other persons were indicted for prohibition graft by the grand jury here today. The judge is Edward J. Silver of Alameda. Evidence was obtained against him by dictaphones in a blind pig.

Chamber Music Popular.
The current season was begun with Chaikovsky, one of the most popular composers among audiences in the U. S. S. R. All concert organizations prepared for the thirtieth anniversary of Chaikovsky's death with the utmost care and notable performances of the great composer's work were given. One of the most brilliant of these was the "Manfred Symphony," conducted by People's Artist Suk and performed by the Sophil Orchestra. Many chamber performances of Chaikovsky's works were also given. Moscow is also particularly rich in chamber music. Hindemith and Dresen quartets, despite their European reputation, showed them to be below the level of our own ensembles. The best string quartet in the U. S. S. R. is undoubtedly the Glazunov quartet, which systematically tours the whole Soviet Union, carrying the best chamber music to provincial workers' clubs. Next to them comes the Stradivarius quartet and the Moscow State Conservatorium quartet.

Moscow has many string trios—three under the auspices of Hypolite-Ivanov, the "Moscow Trio" and three attached to Stanislavsky's studio. Their concerts, which are regularly attended, especially in working class districts, cover an enormous repertoire, ranging from Bach to modern Soviet and foreign composers.

Old and New Russia Clash



Two of the principals, Yastrebitzky, who plays the old Kulak and Mme. Puzhnaya, in the role of the heroine, in the Sovkino film "The Village of Sin," the first picture directed by a woman, now in its second big week at the Little Carnegie Playhouse.

Revolutionary Anthology Is Excellent Work, Despite Faults

AN ANTHOLOGY OF REVOLUTIONARY POETRY, Edited by Marcus Graham, with an introduction by Ralph Cheyney and Lucia Trent. The Active Press, 26 Union Square, New York, \$3.00.

Reviewed by EDWIN ROLFE.
Although marred by a false approach and a totally misleading conception of the meaning and significance of the term "revolutionary" on the part of its editor, this anthology nevertheless remains the best and most comprehensive of its kind ever published. Not only poets writing in the English language are included in its pages, but also those who have written in Armenian, French, Chinese, German, Greek, Hungarian, Indian, Italian, Japanese, Yiddish, Norwegian, Rumanian, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, and even Sanskrit. Taken as a whole it is a gigantic and most welcome achievement, worthy of the many years of labor expended on it. Travelling over almost virgin soil (for no other collection of revolutionary poetry of any completeness has ever been attempted in English) its editor has nevertheless brought together scattered threads into a most powerful unit. He has resurrected from the pages of half-buried and forgotten journals gems of revolutionary poetry and verse which might have been, if not lost permanently, delayed for a period of many years. And in doing so he has covered a period of more than two centuries.

The collection is sullied, however, by its editor's entire approach, which is definitely not that of a class-conscious working class revolutionist, but that of a petit bourgeois romantic who is irritated personally by the capitalist system without genuinely understanding the opposing forces in class conflict. This is evident not only in the character of many of the poems included, but in the preface and introduction. The volume is dedicated to that "most misunderstood and misrepresented, most distorted and mislabeled of all ideals laid bare before humanity—the ideal that signalizes man's complete liberation from every form of economic, political, physical and spiritual bondage—Anarchism." Ponder the phraseology and content of this dedication and you can immediately penetrate the mind and motivation of the editor of "An Anthology of Revolutionary Poetry" and consequently the reason for his romantic and all-too-catholic approach to his task. One can immediately understand the inclusion of such poems as "The Hollow Men," by a self-avowed Royalist and Catholic, T. S. Eliot, "Courage," by John Galsworthy, "Commission," by Ezra Pound, and many others of their like. I can imagine Pound, who once lauded Brancusi for attempting "to save the world by pure form," chuckling when confronted with this tribute to his revolutionary zeal.

FIGHT FOR MILLIONS
CHICAGO, May 24.—Mrs. Stanley McCormick, wife of the chief owner of the harvester fortunes of the McCormick Harvester Co., applied yesterday in court for the control of \$35,000,000 belonging to her husband, who has been insane for 20 years. Two brothers of McCormick have possession of the cash now.

Most encouraging of all is the spirit prevailing upmost in the very outcry against the new Frankenstein creation of the present: the machine-monster that is annihilating bit by bit everything that is human within man." p. 11—Preface.

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"Pawns of Destiny" with Chekova at Film Guild Cinema

The Film Guild Cinema will present "Pawns of Destiny" for its first American showing this Saturday. The German studios which made this



film have attempted to reenact a poignant dramatic situation which takes place in Russia just after the great war. The film is particularly notable for the work of Olga Chekova, formerly a member of the Moscow Art Theatre and who has been pronounced by European critics as one of the finest emotional artists of the screen. The photography as well in this film has been compared with the best Russian photography and the director, Carmine Gallone, has long been recognized as one of the foremost European cinema experts.

On the same program the Film Guild Cinema is presenting a short reel, called "Lufthansa; Germany in the Air" which presents with vividness the work of the German air passenger service, is only exceeded in safety and thoroughness by the Soviet air service, the latter of which has just completed six years of its existence without a single accident.

Commencing June 1st, the Film Guild Cinema will present the American premiere of "Nosferatu, the Vampire" inspired by Dracula and directed by F. W. Murnau, who directed "The Last Laugh." "Nosferatu the Vampire" is a psychopathic study.

NEW OIL CO. MERGER
It was announced yesterday on the New York stock market that plans were under way to merge the Transcontinental Oil Co. and the Ohio Oil Co. The latter is one of the Standard Oil group. The two companies already have a working agreement and joint ownership of the Yates oil pool in Texas. The new concern will have assets of \$160,000,000.

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The New Play

"DECISION," by Carl Henkle will open at the Forty-ninth Street Theatre on Monday night. The company will include Margaret Barnstead, Edward Martin and Ruby Blackburn.

Screen Notes

By S. BRODY
Hollywood has travelled the way predicted for it by the Soviet producers in the use of sound and talking films. A great invention has been perverted and misused and has set the motion pictures back fifteen or twenty years with but faint prospects for recovery.

In a joint statement issued some time ago by Eisenstein, Pudovkin and Alexandrov, it was clearly stated that only by using sound contrapuntally, that is independently and as an aid to visual rhythm could any progress be achieved with so important an invention. The film composition or mounting is to be affected only insofar as sound helps its rhythm and intensifies its visual values to sound or talk is a step backward in what has already been achieved by the purely cinematic effect of the film. The Russians warned the movie world that to follow the way of least resistance was dangerous. To merely make realistic sounds and cause actors to talk meant "to photograph and imitate the stage," they said. To develop progressively and as an independent art sound must be applied to a film so that neither its internationalism nor its strictly cinematic value will be lost.

To-day American producers are digging into the trash-heap of long-forgotten plays from which dialogues can be filmed. Hollywood is fast becoming theatrical and stage directors are hungrily sought for.

Meanwhile Professor Shorin of Leningrad has invented a new sound device which can be produced cheaply and in great number. This will permit Soviet directors to experiment with sound and there is no predicting what the Russian cinema will yet contribute in greatness with so valuable an instrument as sound at its disposal.

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Russian Folk Music Is Featured with Sovkino Film at Little Carnegie

The Little Carnegie Playhouse announces a specially arranged music score accompanying the Sovkino film, "The Village of Sin," made up of twenty Russian pre-revolutionary and Soviet folk songs and works adapted from Russia's new school of modern composers, Anzev, Buglai, Maiman, etc. Also, Stravinsky's "Le Petrouchka" as an overture to the film.

American cinema engineers are working at break-neck speed to elaborate and invent new stereoscopic and color schemes. They may succeed in arousing the curiosity of movie-audiences for a time, as the "talkies" have done. But nothing short of a miracle (two guesses as to what the miracle will be!) will ever succeed in restoring an industry neck-deep in sensation, waste and inefficiency.

"WILD HEART OF AFRICA" AT CAMEO THEATRE

The Cameo Theatre is presenting beginning this Saturday, for its world premiere, an unstaged adventure film called "The Wild Heart of Africa."
The production is the photographic result of the Walker-Arbutnot Hunting Expedition which was headed by the two brothers, Cub and Ken Walker, and Dr. Thomas S. Arbutnot, one of the founders and former dean of the Pittsburgh Medical College.

Covering over thirty-five hundred miles, from Cairo to Tanganyika, the motion pictures take in many of the African villages, showing the aboriginal life of these natives and their tribal ceremonies.

"The Knife" starring Violet Haming and Lionel Atwill, is a supplementary attraction on the programme.

ADmits Bible Discredited

Charles Fiske, the Bishop Coadutor of the Episcopal Church in New York, yesterday admitted that his flock did not read the bible any more because modern science had discredited so much of it that they no longer got any peace of mind from thumbing it over. He is looking in vain for some other authority.

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TAMMANY POLICE PARADERS TEAR DOWN SIGN ON WORKERS CENTER; CHILDREN ASSAULTED



The first picture shows the march of Whalen's, Walker's, and the employers' police, May 18. They are the same cops who have often broken the heads and jailed strike pickets in New York in needle trades, shoe workers and food workers and other strikes. They are passing on the west side of Union Square. Across the square can be seen the Workers Center, in which are located the District 2 offices of the Communist Party, the Daily Worker, and various workers' headquarters. A convention of the Young Pioneers



was going on in one room while the police paraded. On front of the building can be seen the big sign, "Down With Walker's Police Brutality." A lieutenant of police and about 20 patrolmen charged across the square on orders from their superiors, and illegally demanded the sign's removal. They arrested Benjamin Lifshitz, acting district organizer of District 2 for refusing to take down the sign. The second picture shows them breaking up the sign and lowering it. A great crowd gathered, some of them shown in the third picture. The Young Pioneers convention came down to the street



to demonstrate against the police vandalism, and were assaulted, beaten up and many of them arrested by the police, who seemed determined to prove at once that the words on the sign about police brutality were correct. The third picture shows a policeman assaulting and arresting Harry Eisman, member of the Pioneer Bureau of District 2. Eisman is being thrown from policeman to policeman, after being snatched out of the crowd. The fourth picture shows the Young Pioneers before the Work-



ers Center, where part of the Workers Book Shop sign shows in the extreme right, singing the closing strains of the International, protesting against the police brutality. A huge mass meeting of protest against the police attack on the Workers Center, the beating up of the Pioneers, and the arrest and sentencing of Lifshitz to the Workhouse is called to meet in Union Square at 1:30 p. m. today. It is called by District 2 of the Communist Party, and endorsed by the Young Pioneers, the International Labor Defense, the Needle Trades Industrial Union, the cafeteria strikers, and various other labor organizations.

HIT COP TERROR AT BIG MEETING

Lifshitz, Obermeier and Engdahl to Speak

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hundreds of pickets in the garment section have been mercilessly beaten up and thrown into jail for exercising their right to picket and organize, Mr. Grove Whalen has the affront to come out with a statement that the police should interpret the recent court of appeals decision in the case of Reed vs. Whiteman, 238, New York, to "permit two pickets wearing placards to walk abreast with two more behind them, in front of the place which they had left on strike." In the face of this declaration we find that in the present cafeteria strike, as soon as a worker appears on the picket line he is hauled immediately into the nearest jail.

Workers Have Injuries.

"Mr. Whalen's claim that the police nightsticks are used only for self defense is convincingly disproven by the injuries and bruises of hundreds of striking cafeteria workers who have done nothing more than exercise their right to picket and in doing so have been brutally clubbed without the slightest provocation by the cocksacks of Mr. Whalen and Mr. Walker.

"The working class of this city must not let up in its efforts to break down this reign of police terror against labor. It must mercilessly fight against this effort to rush the attempts to organize and strike for better conditions. This is the fight not only of the striking cafeteria workers, not only of the strikers who are about to go on strike, but the strike of the working class as a whole for the elementary right to organize and picket. For this reason, the demonstration in Union Square today at 1:30 assumes paramount importance for all workers. For this reason also, all workers should come in masses to protest against police brutality, against the arrest of Ben Lifshitz, Communist organizer, against the arrest of the picketers who demonstrated against police brutality. Come in thousands and voice your protest today in Union Square at 1:30."

Many Speakers.

Reports from the committee arranging the meeting indicate that leading Communists and trade union speakers will be on hand to speak in the latest phases of the cockscap game which is arousing such widespread resentment and indignation among the workers of New York.

Among the speakers will be: Michael Obermeier of the striking cafeteria workers, Fred Biedenka of the Shoe Workers Union, Robert Linor, George Pershing, Ben Gold, Louis Worts, Juliet Poyntz, Otto Fall, Paul Crouch, J. Louis Engdahl, J. Ballam, A. Moreau, Bert Miller, Benjamin, Rebecca Grecht and I. J. Olgin, with Lifshitz also expected to speak.

I.L.D. Charges Trick.

"Ben Lifshitz is being deliberately kept in jail in order to prevent his appearance at the big demonstration today to protest police brutality in Union Square," Rose Baron, secretary of the New York District of the International Labor Defense stated yesterday, and continued:

"Five minutes after he was sentenced last Saturday, Jacques Buienkant, attorney for the I. L. D., filed a petition for the court minutes in order that an appeal may be granted. It generally takes a single day to secure these minutes."

No Minutes.

It is now six days since Lifshitz was sentenced and there are still no minutes. It is usually possible to secure minutes without delay. And if the defendant happens to be a person who stole thousands of dollars through big-scale graft, he is, of course, shown the greatest courtesy. But if the defendant happens to be a militant worker, who is sentenced for activity in behalf of his class, every obstacle is placed in the way of an appeal and he is kept in jail indefinitely.

"The New York District of the International Labor Defense condemns these tactics on the part of the flunkies of Tammany Hall. It calls upon all workers to demonstrate against the Tammany terror today and to protest against the continued imprisonment of Lifshitz."

CYCLONE KILLS WORKER.

YUMA, Ariz., (By Mail).—Ed ones, a carpenter, was killed, and another worker critically injured after the pair were caught in the wreckage of a school house struck by a cyclone at Somerton.

Communist Activities

MANHATTAN

Party Picnic.

Keep June 23, the date of the Party picnic to Pleasant Bay Park, open.

Brooklyn

New Jersey Units Conference.

A conference of New Jersey Communist Party units will be held tomorrow, 1 p. m., at the Workers Center, 26 Union Square. Unit organizers and unit industrial organizers are especially urged to attend. The agenda includes report of organizer, reports of delegates, discussion of reports, election campaign, reorganization, organization of shop nuclei, organization work, colonization problems and others.

BRONX

Lower Bronx Branch 1, Section 6 Social.

A social will be given by the unit in connection with the membership drive at 715 E. 238th St. at 8:30 p. m. Monday, at 1520 Wilkins Ave. A speaker will address the gathering.

BRONX

Branch 4, Section 5.

The Comintern address to the membership will be discussed at 8:30 p. m. Monday, at 1520 Wilkins Ave. Dues payments will be checked and a roll call will be taken.

BRONX

Inter-racial Open Air Meet.

Grace Lamb, Louis A. Baum, Solomon Harper and Dominick Rivera will speak at the inter-racial meet at the corner of 165th St. and Brook Ave. at 9 p. m. today.

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Unit 12 to Meet.

An important meeting of Unit 12 (International Branch) will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 at 27 E. 4th St.

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Unit 3E, 1P.

A hike will be held tomorrow. Meet at 9 a. m. at White Plains Road and 241st St. Take Lexington Ave. subway to end of line.

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Sections 2 and 3.

George Pershing, District Organizer of the Communist Youth League, will speak on the southern textile strike Monday, 8:30 p. m., at 101 W. 27th St.

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EXPECT CENTER VERDICT MONDAY

Judge Again Aids the Prosecution

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therefore technically out of the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts court.

Even had Fuller appeared, Judge Raymond made it impossible for the defense to cross-examine him by ruling that Fuller might submit his own statement, but would not be permitted to answer questions.

Again Exclude Sacco Issue.

Following the policy initiated yesterday, Raymond ordered the jury out of the room and excluded from the evidence all testimony relating to the Sacco-Vanzetti case. Such testimony was given today by Gardner Jackson, of the Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee, and Herbert Ehrmann, who was associated with William G. Thompson in defending the two Italian workers. Thompson testified yesterday, also with the jury out of the room. The defense counsel again took exceptions to these rulings of the judge which will form the basis for an appeal.

Defense counsel moved that the jury be directed to bring in a finding of not guilty, but this also was denied by the court.

Attorney Hays, in his closing arguments for the defense today, once more riddled the efforts of the prosecution to show that the placard indicated that Fuller actually committed the murder with his own hands. The meaning of the placard, Hays said, was that Fuller was morally responsible for the crime.

In his charge to the jury, Judge Raymond again revealed his bias and the defense once more took exceptions.

The International Labor Defense is making all preparations for an appeal to the Supreme Court on the basis of the evidence submitted by Thompson and other defense witnesses. It is rallying all class-conscious workers behind its campaign to smash this vicious attempt to railroad an innocent worker and force the court to recognize evidence which will prove Fuller to have been morally responsible for the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti.

FASCISTS KILL WORKER.

WARSAW, (By Mail).—According to a report from Vilna the police arrested a worker named Florj, alleged to be a member of the Polish Communist Party. On the way to prison Florj was shot dead by the escort, of course, "while attempting to escape."

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CORRECTIONS.

In the article in yesterday's city edition of the Daily Worker, entitled "Cooks Local 719 will send delegates to Cleveland meet," thru a technical error a sentence which should have read "Local 719 . . . three of whose leaders were expelled as delegates of the Joint Board," read instead, "Local 719 has expelled three of its leaders as delegates to the Joint Board." The Daily Worker regrets this error.

A regrettable technical error was made in the story printed yesterday on the Gastonia strike. In a dispatch from Washington, referring to officials of the strikebreaking United Textile Workers' Union, the article was made to read "National Textile Workers' Union."

BAKERS HIT A.F.L. STRIKEBREAKING

Food Workers to Join Demonstration Today

(Continued from Page One)

tender the striking cafeteria workers in New York our revolutionary greetings and admiration of stubborn fight against employers. We wish you every success.

"U. S. S. R. Catering Workers' Union."

"Kekshareva, Chairman, Central Committee."

The cafeteria strikers, in a membership meeting this afternoon after picketing duty, voted unanimously to send a cable thanking the catering workers of the Soviet Union for their expression of international solidarity, and assuring them that the fight will go on in spite of police terrorism and the injunction.

Of nine cafeteria strikers taken from the picket line to Jefferson Market Court today, three were sentenced to two days in jail, one was discharged, and five were held in \$100 bail for trial June 5. The magistrate was Edward Weil, who has sent two strikers to serve six months in the workhouse, 12 to serve a 30-day sentence, and others for other periods.

Of those previously arrested, Sophie Pawlick, 40 years old of 2700 Bronx Park East, the mother of 5 children, was held in \$3,000 bail for trial June 4th. The reason for the high bail, Judge Weil explained, was that this militant striker has been arrested 13 times before during the seven weeks' strike.

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Jugoslavian Workers Club.

An entertainment and dance will be given today at the Workers Center, 26 Union Square. Music by the Yugoslavian Workers Tamburica Orchestra.

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Harlem Inter-racial Club Dance.

A dance will be given Tuesday, May 25, 8:30 p. m., at 145 W. 126th St.

Die Naturefreunde.

The English section will hike to Netherland, along the Catskill aqueduct, today and Sunday. Meet at 242nd St. and Van Cortlandt Park, 9 p. m. Saturday.

Office Workers' Union.

A roof garden dance will be held at Heckscher Foundation, 19th St. and Fifth Ave., Wednesday evening, June 12.

Harlem Progressive Youth Club.

The club will join the Jewish Clubs hike tomorrow. Meet at 1492 Madison Ave., 8:30.

Polish Theatre.

Two one-act plays will be presented by the group at the concert of the United Council of Working Women, 1329 Wilkins Ave., Bronx, 8:30 p. m. today. The plays are "Mr. God Is Not In," a farce by Harbor Allen, and "Love Is a Dream," by Alex Jackinson.

Workers House, Inc.

A spring festival and concert will be given at the Workers Center, 43 Bay 23rd St., 8 p. m. tonight, for the benefit of the I.L.D. Dramatic presentations, songs, and violin and piano recitals will be featured on the entertainment program.

A.N.L.C., "Negro Champion" Remove

The national office of the American Negro Labor Congress and of its official organ, "The Negro Champion," have been moved to the new Harlem Labor Center at 235 W. 125th St., phone Bradhurst 7684.

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A Congress to Prepare for War.

THE special session of congress now in session that was called under the mask of "farm relief" is finally out in the open as a "prepare for war" congress. This exposes the actual reason why it was called together so hurriedly after Hoover was installed in the White House on March 4.

Chief importance attaches to the proposed legislation giving the president special powers to draft industry in time of war. This month has already seen legislation introduced providing for the conscription of man-power.

Such legislation has already been put on their statute books by the great imperialist powers in Europe. In support of these war preparations, the European socialists have played a special role, sometimes even outdoing the militarists themselves.

The drafting of industry in time of war does not mean of course that a single privilege of private ownership will be abolished. Chief and foremost among these privileges is war-time profit-taking. "Drafting industry" merely signifies the intensive development and organization of all industry on a war footing. Much has already been done in this direction. Intensifying and energizing the Wall Street sector of the "war preparedness" race is part of the job of the present congress.

In this connection other matters popping to the surface must be taken into consideration. The provisions to be inserted in the tariff legislation, banning working class literature from these shores, the heated effort to muzzle the capitalist press associations that some times reveal business transacted in the secret sessions of the senate, the work of the National Law Enforcement Commission, appointment of safe conservatives to all available posts, revising immigration laws, all these steps link themselves up closely with the war preparations, just as important in many ways as the building of new battleships, increasing the air fleets or the mustering in of new regiments.

These activities clearly indicate that the capitalist government is fully aware of the imminence of war and strenuously prepares for it. The working class as a whole must be equally awake and alert. It must also prepare, through the creation and the strengthening of the new class struggle trade union center basing itself principally on the organization of the unorganized, through the building of the Communist Party into the mass political party of the working class, through organizing its class resistance to the imperialist program of finance capital. This is an immediate task.

Against the war preparations of the capitalist government the anti-war preparations of the working class.

Strengthen These Two Fronts.

THE American Federation of Labor very definitely develops its strike-breaking role on two class struggle fronts; in the textile strike at Elizabethton, Tennessee, and in the building trades war in New York City.

In the two courageously fought Tennessee textile strikes, the forces of the A. F. of L. acting through MacMahon's United Textile Workers' Union, have acted the role of strike-breakers. Vice-President William F. Kelley now orders the workers back to their jobs, raising the black flag of treason with the declaration that the strike must be called off if the employers will take the strikers back and promise not to discriminate against them. Any boss will accept such a proposition. It is not difficult for an employer to weed out active strikers in time, even if they do get their old jobs back again, which seldom occurs in such a situation. The strikers at Elizabethton understand this thoroughly and denounce the MacMahon organization and the A. F. of L. treachery accordingly.

In New York City the sell-out marches under the old, familiar name of "arbitration." Supreme Court Justice Crain, who issues the most severe sentences against the striking cafeteria workers, announces that the proposed lockout of the building trades is called off, and that he is a member of the "impartial committee" that will meet the representatives of the Building Trades Council and the Building Employers' Association June 20. In the meantime the solidarity of the workers is broken through the calling off of the sympathetic strikes in support of Electrical Workers' Union, Local No. 3, one of the main objectives of the employers, and Judge Crain gets "special congratulation on his abilities as a conciliator" from the New York Times.

The employers surrender nothing. They get the advantage of keeping the workers on the jobs during the active summer building season; gag temporarily any exposure of evil practices in the building industry; and Tammany Hall, which is closely linked up with the A. F. of L. trade union officialdom in New York City, avoids an unwelcome and disconcerting industrial war on the eve of the municipal election campaign.

The treachery of the A. F. of L. at Elizabethton offers a new opportunity for the National Textile Workers' Union to enter this situation, where it has been absent up to the present. It is incumbent upon this left wing industrial union to provide the Tennessee strikers immediately with the class struggle leadership that they have been lacking.

The new betrayal of the A. F. of L. officialdom in the New York building trades should be an urge to increased activity of the Construction Workers' Section of the Trade Union Educational League, the militant program of which has already been reviewed in these columns. These two fronts in the class struggle call for immediate strengthening.

"ANDY" MELLON, who has just put \$300,000,000 more into the pockets of his family, will be present at the first meeting of the Hoover National Law Enforcement Commission, Tuesday, in the White House at Washington. Mellon believes in the law enforcement that will protect his billions. means an increasing attack against the working class.

THE DESERTER

By Fred Ellis



How Soviet Economy Functions

IV. DISTRIBUTION, COMMERCE AND CONSUMPTION

AS the development of the productive forces proceeded and commercial traffic grew, the trusts as well as the commercial bodies, proved to be insufficient.

In fact, both in the domain of raw materials and in the sale of manufactured products, the trusts interfered with each other.

Thus, there arose the necessity to form bodies which would take charge of directing the flow of the commercial activities of the trusts and these were the syndicates.

Their tasks were defined as follows:

"The syndicates are to direct wholesale commerce and control the concentration of raw materials and the sale of manufactured objects, through the medium of the cooperatives and of the State stores."

The syndicates are formed by the trusts of a given industry. Belonging to a syndicate is not obligatory, but there is a general tendency to enter the syndicates.

Their functions are the following: (a) concentration; (b) distribution among the trusts composing it.

Commerce: (a) fixation of the zones of sale for the different trusts; (b) fixation of the selling prices; (c) direct commercial operations.

Credits: Organization of credits to the interested trusts.

There are 19 syndicates encircling the great majority of State trusts.

(In three previous articles appearing in the Daily Worker the development of the economic forms of Soviet industry, the directing role of the Proletarian State in economy, the development of collective property and the actual organization of industry were described. The series goes on to take up the problems of distribution, commerce and consumption.)

Their capital is constituted by the trust funds, whether in actual cash, or by potentialities of their eventual production.

It can be said that the syndicates are "directorates" of which the trusts are members.

The administrative councils are named by the delegates of the trusts and the income of the syndicates goes entirely to the State treasury.

Retail Commerce.

In order to give a comprehensive picture of wholesale and retail commerce it would be necessary for us to spend some time on the retail stores of the syndicates, of the trusts and of the Commissariat of Commerce, and the different committees for commerce "Torg" (commerce) formed by this or that trust. But that would necessitate a study in itself which it is impossible to give here. Above all, however, it is indispensable to explain the political and organizational significance of this powerful network which, more and more, tends to concentrate into its own hands, the distribution of merchandise in retail commerce.

Cooperation in the U. S. S. R.

man diminishes the cost of merchandise, on the other hand, the income realized by commercial operations are always to the profit of all the workers.

The income of industry above the actual cost of production are turned to the development of industry and to the Proletarian State as a whole. The income of the cooperatives is devoted to the development of co-operation and to the Proletarian State as a whole, of which it is but a branch.

You will read further on about the wholesale commercial operations between the different syndicates and the Centrosyous, the central organization of the cooperatives.

Thus, you will see that, more and more, the production of the trusts intended for sale, come to the consumers through the medium of their own cooperatives.

And if you examine the number of cooperators, which according to the plan of Centrosyous for 1928-29 will reach 28,789,000 members, you can imagine the formidable power of this new form of distribution in this new society which is the U. S. S. R.

It must also be pointed out that the tasks of the cooperatives are not only strictly commercial operations and the modernization of its equipment such as refrigeration, and the like, but that it is equally concerned with social and cultural functions, such as playgrounds, clubs, libraries, educational centers, etc.

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Minor Nationalities in the Soviet Union

THE JEWS AND OTHER MINOR NATIONALITIES UNDER THE SOVIETS, by Avrahm Yarmolinsky. Vanguard Press, 50c.

Reviewed by SI GERSON.

Many American Communists are still in the dark on such a profound question as that of the national minorities and oppressed races in general. While the American Party and its central organ have done much to clarify the revolutionary workers on this question, there still remains much misunderstanding. As a matter of fact, to many workers this problem does not exist—showing the deep influence of the position of American imperialism on these workers.

Therefore a little book like Yarmolinsky's on the minor nationalities of the Soviet Union, their status before and after the Revolution, becomes important to us, not only because of its content but primarily because of the tremendous lessons we can learn from it.

Many Nationalities.

When we think that there are 30 nationalities in the Soviet Union that go to make up about 98 per cent of the population, and when we recall that there are about 149 languages spoken—disregarding for the moment the countless dialects—we can see the tremendousness of the job of building a unified whole out of what appears to be a national crazy-quilt. And yet these various nationalities, both the formerly oppressed and formerly oppressed nationalities, live together in harmony, despite all difficulties of language, culture and economic level.

It is a historical fact that the minor nationalities barely existed under the lash of the czar. Many of them were in fact physically exterminated. No one will deny that pogroms were the regular lot of the Jewish race and slavery for many of the other nationalities. Many of

the minor nationalities did not even have an alphabet under the czars.

Today all that is changed. The minor nationalities have just as much chance to develop culturally and politically as any of the major nationalities. From deep in the rocky Caucasus a new alphabet may come out, a new tribe may develop, a new autonomous region may be formed. Everywhere the yoke is gone. There is full racial, social and political equality for the formerly oppressed races.

The Jews, whose agony under czarism was epic, are now protected by the Soviet government from the cruelties of anti-Semitism. Even in the heat of the civil war the Red Army was a bulwark against anti-Semitism. Says Yarmolinsky (p. 57): "As a rule the appearance of a Soviet detachment meant comparative safety for the Jewish population." And later (p. 100): "The government is no longer the alien, hostile power it used to be."

Full Self-Determination.

That these statements are not accidental is evident by a reading of the mass of neatly condensed material Yarmolinsky has at hand. He points out how the Soviet government has actually subsidized education in the language of the minor nationalities, encouraged the growth of a native language and literature, refused to Russify the minor groups—in short, has followed out the slogan of Comrade Stalin of putting a proletarian substance into the form of the national culture.

Politically, Yarmolinsky admits that the Bolsheviks have pursued the policy of "self-determination" to the point of actual secession. Always our comrades in the U.S.S.R. have followed the policy of giving autonomy within the union to the formerly oppressed groups, even to the point where "... the formation of the republics (Soviet Republics) has in some instances placed the

Russians themselves in the position of a minority group." (p. 158).

Social Reformist Viewpoint.

The book has many negative qualities. The most fundamental fault is that the author, with typical liberal fearfulness, dares not look any farther than the end of his nose. He writes well of what he sees, but does not connect the facts at hand with what has gone before. Yarmolinsky fails utterly to comprehend that the Bolshevik policy on the question of minor nationalities is organically bound up with the Leninist attitude on imperialism, the colonial question, and the question of the relation between the dominant and the weaker nationalities.

Yarmolinsky does not dare to point out (for at heart he is a reformist) that these fundamental changes in status that have come about for the minor nationalities have come about only thru the proletarian revolution. What Lenin said in his "Theses on the National and Colonial Questions" at the 2nd Congress of the Communist International ("... real national freedom and unity can be achieved by the proletariat only thru revolutionary struggle and by the overthrow of the bourgeoisie. ...") Yarmolinsky will not say.

History has proved that the English labor party, being a party of imperialism, could not solve the Irish question—and certainly not the question of the colonial peoples. The question of how to solve the Croatian situation is one which will trip up the capitalist dictatorship of Yugoslavia. These questions, just like all the questions that imperialism poses, will only be solved thru the proletarian revolution—never thru bourgeois "constitutionalism."

Inspiration of Soviet Union.

Nevertheless, we can utilize Yarmolinsky's neat presentation of fact to aid in the mobilization of great

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CATAPULT, PLANE FOR MAIL

Part of the liner Leviathan's mail is expected to arrive in New York 24 hours ahead of the ship on its next westward voyage after being picked up 300 to 500 miles at sea by a huge airplane.

A catapult device is being installed on the Leviathan's deck which is to shoot 25 to 30 bags of mail, one at a time, to lines dangling from the airplane. Simultaneously, according to Lytle S. Adams, inventor of the device, mail from shore will be deposited on the liner.

(We print Comrade Gerson's article unchanged. It is necessary, however, to point out that the solution as presented above gives a very one-sided conception. The "main struggle in defense of the Negro masses still remains the militant fight against white chauvinism and for political and social equality.—Editor.)

It is the ultimate aim of this work ("Capital") to reveal the economic law of motion of modern society.—Marx

CEMENT

By FEODOR GLADKOV

Translated by A. S. Arthur and C. Ashleigh

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Back in his town on the Black Sea, now disorganized, its industrial life disrupted by the ruin of the great cement factory, Gleb Chumalov, Red Army Commander, sets about getting things going again. He visits the Party Committee, urges on the factory committee, argues with the Communist Group, all to set them to repairing the single track over the mountain so as to get wood into the town before the winter sets in.

Engineer Kleist, the builder and chief engineer of the cement factory when it was still under capitalist control, stays hidden away in his room, still served by his solitary servant. In the days of the civil wars he had ordered Gleb shot, and had saved Dasha, Gleb's wife. You are now introduced to him.

CHAPTER V.

The Hidden Emigrant

THE SECRET ROOM.

THE windows in their massive oak frames were never opened, and the dust from the quarries, filtering through the crannies, lay in a velvety pile on the window-sills.

In the morning, when the mountains glowed with a violet light, and the sun's rays slid obliquely between the window-bars and through the panes, rainbow-colored crystals of quarry dust sparkled. The technologist, Engineer Kleist, used to stand long before his window looking at these tiny whirling worlds, dreaming of past geological epochs. A tangible thick silence surrounded him.

And as by happy chance this room was lost at the end of a winding corridor, where dreamy silence reigned at daytime and where night brought black emptiness and ragged shadows, the engineer's study seemed joyfully inaccessible, far away as that quarry in the valley overgrown with wild roses and ivy.

After the factory had been abandoned, and the dark blue gaps left by the stolen doors and windows faced questioningly the volcanic masses of the hills and the quarries' terraced stone steeps with their smashed and rusty ropeway—then life was bound to stop and decompose into two elements: chaos and calm. Why not then be the technologist of a dead factory, when by so doing he was not bound in any way and time passed with steady balance?

The main thing was not to open the oak frames of the window, but to apprehend the profound significance of the spiders' constructions between the double panes. At some unfixed point between past and present, Engineer Kleist had suddenly observed a deep beauty and meaning in the complex architecture of the cobwebs in the airy space between the windows.

HE would stand for long periods at the window, round-shouldered, long-legged, with silvery hair en brosse, gazing at the pearly webs, at the multitude of their luminous planes, intersecting and inclined at various angles, the illimitable radiation of ladders, the interlacing and twining, with their power of prodigious tension.

No one called at his study. Who would want the technician when the factory was silent as a grave and the cement lying in damp sheds had long ago petrified into blocks hard as iron, when the cable-ways were damaged, the cables broken, the trucks derailed and flung down the slope, rusted from rain and lying amidst grass and refuse? No one wanted the engineer when the mechanics wandered idly along the highroad and footpaths, around the empty buildings and through the yard, carrying away wood for fuel, the metal parts of machines in order to make pipe-lighters, and the belting from the transmission gear.

Down below in the semi-basement, in the half-darkness of the uninhabited rooms, could be heard the stamping, thundering and shouting of the Factory Committee. It seemed to Engineer Kleist that this was a tavern, an evil inn, sheltering rioters and brigands. Through the dusty obscurity of his window, he saw workmen running up or down the concrete steps. He noted their faces: mournful and dusted over greily with hunger and suffering and stamped with the lines of implacable obstinacy. These men pursued their own frightful and incomprehensible game and had no care for him.

Everything had turned out right for him through his carelessness and cleverness in setting a simple mathematical problem. From his far-away corner he watched the workers with a sneering and feeble hatred. All these creatures exhausted by hunger and lack of employment in their revolt against this condition had produced the revolution, that great tragedy, that devastation. It was they that had ruined his future and burned up the world like a handful of waste; and they had forgotten the few remnants of the past in this hidden room.

THE steps and terraces of concrete outside his window glowed and shimmered under the glaring sun. It seemed as though they were being brought to white heat and were on the point of breaking into flame. One would think that water was flowing over the heated surfaces and hissing and swelling in bubbles and steam. But these are only the steps of the workers crackling on the loose cement and pebbles on the concrete steps. Down there, they were running about like ants from door to door, in and out of the Factory Committee.

Why was a Factory Committee needed now? There was none previously and yet the factory was known around the world? What business could they have to do, these workmen condemned to idleness amidst the remnants of a once highly organized and immense undertaking? Why so much anxious scurrying if tomorrow is the same as today and if afterwards there will follow merely a series of similar senseless days as alike as the infinite series of reflections in double mirrors?

Every day at one o'clock sharp, Jacob, the office-messenger, arrived carrying a little brass tray. He entered silently, stern, grave and stooping. His grey moustache with its sharp, pointed ends and the bluish bristles on his red scalp seemed transparent as glass. He would put down a glass of tea and two minute tablets of saccharine wrapped in paper and he would step backwards two paces, and stooping low pick from the floor with his finger tips a couple of crumbs which he would carefully place in a wire basket under the table. The walls were white and clean, and in their oak frames the architectural drawing looked as severe as in the old times.

"One o'clock already, Jacob?"
"One exactly, Herman Hermanovitch."
"Very good. You may go. Don't let anyone up to me."
"Very good, sir."
"Dust the windows, Jacob, but don't open them."
"Very good, sir."

ENGINEER KLEIST stood at the window with his back turned to Jacob. His silvery bristly short hair gave him a slight air of being vexed; his neck muscles moved like elastic bands, and his old jacket hung from his shoulders in straight folds sticking out below like a little tail.

Somewhere, far beyond his corridor, faint voices were raised now and then, and one heard the clicking of the Abacus. New people had already been sent here by the Economic Council.

Who were they? What were they doing there? Engineer Kleist did not know, nor did he want to know. He had his study, forgotten by everyone and guarded by Jacob, where only the past existed, traversed by the present but untouched by it. The present was rushing along the highroad with the automobiles and carts and the masses of men and workers who had broken loose and now shouted and swore senselessly—a thing which previously the management had strictly forbidden.

He regarded the round mass of the mountain, striped by the edges of rock strata, clothed with shrubs and juniper bushes. Higher up the slope stood the mansion built of rough stone, standing like a massive block, fiery red from the sun, its towers and arches conferring upon it a sober puritan dignity.

"What's over there now, Jacob? What do you call that?"
"The Workers' Club and the Communist Group Headquarters, Herman Hermanovitch."

"They've brought with them a new unintelligible language. There is something murderous in it like the revolution. Please let no one enter this room, and on no account open the window. You may go."

THE engineer gazed at the house of the director ("Communist Group") admiring its strength and great size. This house had been built by him, Engineer Kleist.

On the left, to the side of the slope, among green patches and stones the iron and concrete smoke-stacks of the factory shot upwards; from the window they seemed higher than the mountains. He could see the cupolas and arcades of the factory buildings behind the ropeway, beneath the chimneys. These, too, had been built by Engineer Kleist. He could not have fled abroad without having destroyed his creation. The masterpieces of his hands stood in his path more immovable than the mountains, more indestructible than time; he had become their prisoner.

This room, with its polished floor, still retained the simplicity and the atmosphere of a workshop. Rough drawings on the wall and on the massive oak desk; the grave dignity of the heavy, carved Gothic furniture. Time had stood still here, and the past had here congealed and become tangible.