

## GASTONIA MILL THUGS IN ANOTHER MURDEROUS RAID

### Unanimous 'No!' Is Reply to Resolutions of Gitlow at Cleveland Convention

Rejected Resolution Disguises Basic Issues of Right to Organize for Self-Defense in Struggle  
Gitlow Labor Party Theory Based on Wrong Policy of United Front from Above

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 8.—All resolutions presented to the Trade Union Unity Convention were unanimously adopted with the exceptions of the resolution on the labor party presented by Benjamin Gitlow, and on the Gastonia trial which was introduced by Frank Vratovic. These two were practically the only representatives at the Convention of the Jay Lovestone crew. The utter bankruptcy of the Cannon group was evidenced by complete silence from that quarter. Both received only the two votes cast by those who proposed them. Two resolutions on the same subject, introduced by the resolutions' committee, were adopted, however.

"The National Convention of the T. U. E. L., the rejected resolution said, 'takes note of the splendid spirit of struggle shown by the textile workers in Gastonia. The Southern capitalists are now trying to burn the lives of these workers just because they have been fighting for the most vital, the most fundamental interests of all workers in the whole country,' the rejected resolution, declared, completely disguising the elementary issues of the right of workers to self-defense in struggles growing out of union campaigns.

"This convention condemns the capitalist frame-up of these textile workers as an attempt to drown in blood the growing resistance of the workers to exploitation and oppression by the bosses and their strike-breaking government," it continues.

"We pledge ourselves to do everything in our power to save the lives of these workers and free them from the clutches of the capitalist jailors. This is our duty to our class. We will defend these heroic workers to the finish. This convention hails the heroism of the Gastonia workers in resisting the textile barons' onslaught on the tent colony, trade union and relief headquarters and calls upon the workers of the whole

### CHINA WAR LORD INVADES U.S.S.R.

Chang's Troops Cross Border in 3 Raids

MOSEOW, U.S.S.R., Sept. 8.—The Tass news agency reports that troops of the Chang Hsueh-liang militarist government of Manchuria invaded Soviet Union territory in several places yesterday, especially in the Pogranichnaya, Harovsk and Blagovestchensk regions. They also unexpectedly opened fire on Soviet territory with rifles and artillery at Poltavskaya.

Workers and peasants, in their resolutions passed at village and factory meetings demand the punishment of the perpetrators of similar outrages last week, and of the Manchurian government which has been executing and torturing hundreds of jailed Soviet workers formerly employed on the Chinese Eastern Railway.

The Soviet Union workers realize fully that the Chinese war lords are not acting alone, but are the agents of imperialist powers.

### Postoffice Clerks to Fight for 44-hr Week Denounce Speeding Up

The National Federation of Post Office Clerks whose national convention ended Saturday at the Hotel Commodore went on record in favor of the 44-hour week and denounced the speeding up forced on the clerks by the government officials.

By a majority vote the delegates made the fight for the 44-hour week "the paramount issue" of the organization for the next two years. However, instead of formulating a militant policy to reduce the working hours, the convention passed a resolution praising Congressman LaGuardia, republican candidate for mayor of New York City.

Among other resolutions was one demanding a flat increase of \$600 a year in salaries of post office clerks and a 20 per cent bonus for "best work"

### WAVE OF TERROR SWEEPS MEXICO; TO DEPORT MANY

2 Already Handed Back to Machado Prisons; More Will Follow  
Police Hunt Victims

U. S. Anti-Imperialist League Protests

Another wave of terrorism is sweeping across the cities and farm-lands of Mexico, carrying with it mass deportations to fascist Cuba, suppression of the press, and intensified brutality.

A telegram received today states: "Second wave of terror initiated. Two political refugees deported violently. Police ordered by government hunting political refugees for collective deportation to Cuba, under Machado fascism. Printing shop suppressed, seized, confiscated. All republic in terror."

The waves of suppression began with the increased friendliness between the Mexican government and Wall Street. The masses that supported the government against the reactionary church-feudal forces in the recent revolution are already betrayed.

The Calles-Gil government, backing before increased pressure from Wall Street, is instituting this terror to drown in blood the forward sweep of the revolutionary working-class.

The Cuban fascist, Machado, under the thumb of American imperialism, is working hand in glove with Mexico.

Three members of the Mexican International Labor Defense have been killed in recent months, victims of the brutal reaction of the bourgeoisie. In addition the masses have not forgotten Julio Mella, the leader of the Cuban party who was shot in the back in Mexico City more than six months ago, by agents of Machado.

The telegram was received at the national office of the International

### 150 LOST WHEN FINN SHIP SINKS

25 Danish Sailors Drown in Baltic

HELINGFORS, Finland, Sept. 8.—At least 150 persons perished when the Finnish steamer Kuru sank in a heavy storm yesterday. Some 200 passengers—many of them children bound home to spend the week end—were on board when the disaster occurred. The inadequate equipment of the ship prevented most of them from getting to the top decks when the fore part of the ship suddenly dipped.

FREE CITY OF DANZIG, Sept. 8.—All 25 hands are believed to have drowned when the Danish coal steamer Dan sunk in the Baltic today.

Belief was expressed that the ship had struck a floating mine, left undiscovered since the close of the last world war. No trace of the steamer was found by search expeditions.

OHIO TYPOS GAIN CINCINNATI (By Mail)—News-paper printers gained an increase of \$2 a week in wages.

ic University of Washington, is credited with the final touch in cheating carmen who put up a courageous, militant fight for decent wages and better conditions.

### Foulest Textile Boss Slander Says ILD Wants Convictions

Stream of Lying Propaganda Reaches High Mark in Charlotte Observer Editorial

By LISTON M. OAK.  
Of all the malicious lies printed against the defendants and their union and the International Labor Defense the most vile is contained in the Charlotte Observer of Sept. 4th. This editorial makes the baseless charge that the I. L. D. "would be sorely disappointed if all the defendants should be acquitted—because such an end of the Gastonia case would leave them without a martyr," and more on the same

### Torture 2 Gastonia Defendants to Wring Statements from Them

Carter and McLaughlin Slugged in Gastonia City Hall; Beaten All the Way to Shelby

"We Heard Scuffling, Banging, McLaughlin Pleading, Aw, Quit!," Say Schechter, Bush

By SENDER GARLIN.  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.—"I'm ready to die for the union!" This was the declaration made by George Carter, one of the 16 workers now on trial for their lives in the Mecklenburg County Courthouse, according to the testimony today of Sheriff Allen of Cleveland County, N. C. To the mill owners this is proof of consummate villainy. It was to Allen's jail in Shelby (home of Clyde Hoey) that Carter and Louis McLaughlin, another of the defendants, were spirited away following the raid on the union headquarters on the night of June 7.

That they were hustled off—hands manacled—to the jail in the adjoining county in order to force a "confession" from them was brought out in the cross-examination of the sheriff when prosecution attorneys

attempted to place in evidence statements alleged to have been made by both Carter and McLaughlin.

Called to testify by the defense, McLaughlin, a slight, black-haired twenty-three year old youth, popular with his fellow-defendants, related on the witness stand how he was nearly beaten to death by Gastonia police. During this testimony the jury was sent away from the courtroom.

"They beat me in a room in the City Hall in Gastonia, with their fists and blackjacks, and they kept on shouting: 'Did you shoot Aderholt? Who gave you the guns?'"

Hear Cries.  
Vera Bush and Sophie Melvin, two of the women defendants, testified that from an adjoining room

I. L. G. W. BETRAYS HEMSTITCHERS  
Ends "Strike"; Will Form Fake Board

The "strike" of embroidery workers, pleaters, hemstitchers and tuckers, conducted by the seab International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union has ended.

According to the agreement of the company union and the employers an impartial chairman similar to that in the cloak trade will be appointed who will see to it that the workers wages are reduced, their hours lengthened and their work speeded up.

It was also announced that the seab union and the manufacturers

CLEANERS, DYERS, MEETING TONIGHT  
Will Organize Shop Committees

An organization meeting of cleaners and dyers will be held tonight at the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square, under the auspices of the Trade Union Educational League. The meeting will take up the question of organizing the workers of the trade into shop committees which will include workers in all branches of the industry—drivers, spotters, pressers, dyers, washers, benzine cleaners, tumbler men, steamers, checkers, shippers, office workers, etc.

To Unite Committees.  
"As the first step towards uniting the ranks of the workers for a struggle against the bosses," says a statement issued yesterday by the T. U. E. L., "we will unite all shop committees into one shop delegate conference which will mobilize the workers for a struggle against the bosses and their agents on the following demands: for the 8 hour, 5 day week; for a minimum living wage; equal pay for equal work for men, women, Negro and young workers; for the elimination of chemicals injurious to our health; no discharge; no lay-off; sharing of work; for sanitary conditions; for sick and unemployment insurance paid by the bosses and managed by the workers; two weeks vacation with pay for all workers."

### Office Workers Dance This Saturday Night

This Saturday Night

The Office Workers' Union will express its solidarity with the 16 Gastonia textile strikers on trial in Charlotte, N. C., by donating 10 per cent of the proceeds of the Fall Roof Garden Dance to be held on the top of the Heckscher Foundation, 104th St. and 5th Ave., Saturday at 8 p. m.

This dance is part of the organization campaign carried on by the union throughout the summer. John C. Smith's Negro Jazz Orchestra will furnish the music. Refreshments will be served.

### SOCIALISTS FAIL TO ATTACK TWO C. P. DAILIES

Workers Rush to Guard "Daily" and Jewish Morning Freiheit

Chicago Office Raided

Police Aid Zionists in Cleveland

When they saw the strong Workers Guard in front of the Daily Worker, 28 Union Square and the Morning Freiheit, 30 Union Square, a small group of socialists and Zionists who intended to attack the offices of the two newspapers quickly melted away last night.

They were part of those who attended a mass meeting held at Cooper Union, arranged by the United Hebrew Trades.

Towards the end of the meeting it was announced from the platform that a demonstration in favor of Zionism and British imperialism would be held in front of the two Communist newspapers, all those present being urged to participate.

However, only a few professional right wing gangsters appeared and when they saw that the workers were ready to resist them slunk into the adjoining streets.

Ready To Defend.  
When news of the possible attack on the two working class newspapers reached the working class sections of the city, hundreds of workers hurried to Union Square, from the Bronx, Brownsville and other places to help defend them.

At the meeting a communication was read from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in which he stated that he fully supports the Zionists in their imperialist policies.

Blames Communists.  
A. I. Shiplooff, manager of the Pocketbook Makers' Union, who presided at the meeting, devoted a large portion of his speech to denouncing the Communist Party. He said that the Communist Party has incited the Arabs against the Jews in Palestine and is responsible for the fighting there for the last two weeks.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—With the American Legion as their ally, the Zionist-fascists and socialists of Chicago attacked the Chicago offices of the Freiheit, Jewish Communist daily, at 3 a. m. Saturday morning, wrecking it. The attackers brutally assaulted several workers.

The connection of the American Legion with the Zionist fascist was seen in the fact that the Legion had inserted two large advertisements in the Chicago edition of the socialist Forward, hinting at an attack.

As part of the Zionist-fascist-socialist campaign against the Communist Party for its stand against the British imperialists and their lackeys, the Zionists, against whom the oppressed Arabs are in revolt, a campaign of intimidation is being waged. Besides intimidating news dealers into refusing to handle the

Party Press Conference  
A conference of all editors of Communist Party newspapers and secretaries of language bureaus will be held tomorrow at 8 p. m. at the National Office, 43 East 125th St., to take up the Gastonia trial.

CANADA WIREMEN GAIN  
MONTREAL (By Mail)—Electrical workers here have gained the 44-hour week and wage increases. Rates will gradually be increased to \$1 an hour.

The Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union which is leading the strike, issued a statement today denouncing the attack on the workers. It points out that the gangsters were hired by supporters of Max Zaritsky, head of the company union, and adds that in the future the militant workers will defend themselves.

### Vaccarelli Is Exposed as Paul Kelly, Noted Gangster

Is Buddy of Edward F. McGrady; Former Owner of Brothels; Racketeer, Aid of Brindell

Paul A. Vaccarelli, president of the Loyal Labor Legion, who on Labor Day presented Edward F. McGrady a medal for being "the most outstanding labor leader of 1929" was revealed yesterday as Paul Kelly, notorious gangster and racketeer of a decade ago, who then vied with the well-known gunman, Monk Eastman.

Vaccarelli or Kelly, at one time, it was learned, was the owner of the largest number of brothels in

### TRY TO LYNCH UNIONISTS WHILE BOSSES' LAWYERS ATTEMPT LEGAL MURDER

Oehler, Dewey Martin and Others Set on by 200 Armed Thugs, Beat, Cut, Meeting Smashed

Prosecution Witnesses in Gastonia Case Tangle Themselves in Own Net of Proven Falsehoods

STATE'S WITNESS ORGANIZERS GO SEES THRU WALL ON TO NEW MEET

Defense Brings Out the Masked Mob Raid  
By SENDER GARLIN.  
CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 8.—The star witnesses of the mill bosses' prosecution failed to shine even dimly in the trial of 16 Gastonia defendants in the Superior Court here yesterday.

In its third day of evidence the state continued its feverish efforts to prove that the workers formed a conspiracy to attack the police, but it merely succeeded in exposing further its collection of bought-up witnesses.

At the same time, the defense counsel, by cross-examination, revealed in open court the brutal reign of terror unleashed upon the mill workers during the Gastonia strike, the destruction of the first union headquarters and relief store, and the need felt by the strikers to protect at all costs their new headquarters, which they had built with their own hands.

Can't Agree on Words.  
Herbert C. Jackson, the first witness, who came to the union headquarters after Beal and the other strikers were attacked with rocks and rotten eggs by Loray mill "bossmen" and thugs of the "Committee of 100," testified that he heard Beal say in a speech to the strikers: "Go to the mill, go into the mill, and if anybody bothers you, shoot and shoot to kill." This is approximately the sixth variation of this statement as testified to by state witnesses, and reveals the contradictory and perjured character of the testimony of the prosecution witnesses.

Under cross-examination, Jackson admitted he had done electrical work for the Manville-Jenckes company at the Loray mill prior to becoming a deputy sheriff. Jackson was placed in a state of considerable confusion when defense counsel asked if he reported Beal's statement to the chief of police. In reply he stated that he "did not have time" to do so, and was then confronted with his testimony be-

Organizers Beat Up.  
Hugo Oehler, Southern Organizer of the N. T. W. U., Dewey Martin, Mike Harris, James Robinson, Si Gerson and Walter Passmore were all injured by a mob of 200 led by superintendants, overseers, thugs and hangers-on of the Loray mills when they were stopped near the union meeting place in South Gastonia. They were on their way to speak at a meeting of Pinckney mill workers. The union car broke down. They took a taxi. Within a short distance of the meeting place, the mob of mill owners' men stopped the taxi at the point of a gun.

"Get the hell out of here, you sons-of-bitches, before we lynch you," Tom Carver and Will Goff, leaders of the Committee of 100 shouted.

Oehler demanded to know, "Who are you?" and was told, "It don't matter" (Continued on Page Two)

### 200 Dead, Thousands Starving, Result of Philippine Typhoon

MANILA, P. I., Sept. 8.—Two hundred are dead in Southern Luzon today, with thousands homeless and starving, as a result of a typhoon yesterday. The Filipino peasants are kept so poor under the American regime of high taxes and low prices for produce that there are no stores of food to fall back upon in the stricken area.

The only relief measure undertaken so far by the U. S. imperialist governors is to send the destroyer Edsall to the east coast, and to survey the damaged territory with army planes.

### Evictions in Marion Fought

Charge Guardsmen Are Highway Robbers

MARION, N. C., Sept. 8.—Preparatory to the wholesale eviction of strikers from company houses scheduled for tomorrow which the rank and file committee of militants announce they will fight, national guardsmen are paroling the highways and searching all visitors to the strike zone.

While this is generally understood as a move to keep away National Textile Workers Union organizers who have already exposed the sell-out policies of the United Textile Workers and discredited Alfred Hoffman, Muste man and

### Four Staten Island Bus Strikers Jailed

Police out in full force to protect scabs and the arrest of four strikers were the highlights in the Staten Island bus strike yesterday. The four strikers arrested on charges of stoning a bus driven by a strikebreaker were Jack Perrine, N. Piantilla, Andrew Vandedetti and Joseph Tamotti.

Build Up the United Front of the Working Class.

T.U.U.L. REPLIES "NO" TO GITLOW RESOLUTIONS

Rights Disguise Basic Gastonia Issues

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country to learn from this historic struggle and serve notice on the capitalist class that it will not be terrorized in its struggle for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a workers republic.

The line contradictory. The fundamental struggle against rationalization is not developed, and the resolution was deemed completely contradictory to the line of the Gastonia defense, to the line of the Trade Union Unity League, and not in line with the telegram sent to the Gastonia defendants earlier in the session.

When the resolution was presented on the floor, a tremendous "No" shook the hall.

The telegram sent to the textile workers facing the Charlotte court was accepted as the line of the resolution adopted.

"Delegates from all industries and all parts of the U. S. meeting in Cleveland in the 4th Convention of the T. U. E. L. send you the pledge of their unwavering support against the attempt of the textile mill owners and their government to take the lives of 13 of you and send 10 more to prison for long terms," the endorsed document declared.

"The struggle in the southern textile industry," it continues, "is part of the international crisis in the textile industry which is part of the crisis of world capitalism which leads straight to another imperialist war. The raid on the N. T. W. U. headquarters on June 7, the mass arrests, the attempt to railroad 13 militant workers to the electric chair, are all part of the war preparations of Wall Street imperialism.

"We pledge ourselves to uphold the right of workers to self-defense, the right to organize, to strike, to picket, and to protect our lives, families and union headquarters for which you are fighting. These are fundamental working class issues we will never surrender. Any wavering on these lines we condemn as cowardly opportunism," the resolution pointed out.

"The growing mass pressure, already compelled the change of venue to Charlotte. Mass pressure likewise compels the state to make a pretense of impartiality in the hope of covering up the frame-up features of the trial and of hiding the naked class issues. Only an increase of mass pressure can defeat the murder plot of the mill owners and their agents. For this," it declares in conclusion, "we pledge ourselves to fight. We pledge our fullest support to the I. L. D. and the joint campaign of the I. L. D. and the W. W. I. R."

The resolution on the Labor Party presented by Gitlow differed in no way from the old, discarded theory of the united front from on top. This the convention opposed, and the resolution adopted stressed the necessity for a united front from below "for the furtherance of working class demands for the seven-hour-day, social insurance, etc., and for the ending of capitalist exploitation.

"Whereas the class struggle must be carried on in every field and by every means," the resolution begins, "and whereas the pressure of intensified exploitation by the barons of trustified capitalism linked up ever more closely with the capitalist state gives rise to a growing radicalization of the masses, and

"Whereas, under these conditions every industrial fight is transformed in a political struggle. "Be it resolved that by this inaugural convention of the T.U.U.L. that its program and activities (organization of the unorganized, of Negro proletarians, etc.) must help lay the basis for a broad mass party, a Labor Party which unlike the British Labor Party, will not be a tool of imperialism and will bring together all workers on a basis of united front action, organized from below, against the democratic, republican parties and their henchmen, the Thomases and Musters (so-called socialist party, progressives, etc.) for the furtherance of working class demands for the seven hour day, for social insurance, etc., and for the ending of capitalist exploitation.

"And Whereas, such an organization on the basis of a united front from below represents a stage to be passing of the workers for the sharper and sharper class struggle under the guidance of a revolutionary proletarian party. This convention instructs the National Executive Committee to formulate the conditions under which a campaign for a broad mass Party of Labor can be launched, taking into account both local and national conditions, in such a way that no reformist weakening of our struggle can result therefrom, nor any reformist elements sneak into its ranks." This resolution was adopted with an enthusiastic burst of applause.

Rote Fahne of Austria Suppressed 12 Times

(Wireless by Impeccor.)

VIENNA, Austria, Sept. 8.—The Rote Fahne publishes an article today showing that since February it received 25 summonses and was suppressed twelve times.

PARTY LIFE

Methods of the Lovestone Opposition.

Lovestone, in his struggle against the Central Committee, is continuing the old tactics of factional warfare, forgetting that at the present time it is not a struggle between two groups in the Party, but between the Communist International and our Party on the one hand, against the renegade Lovestone and his group.

From San Antonio, a group of comrades writes us the following: "We want to inform you what took place at our unit meeting last night, Aug. 28.

"The Lovestone group came to the meeting well organized; they brought with them such elements as Sam Lifshitz (brother of Solomon Lifshitz), who hasn't been to a Party meeting since January, who never participates in anything except when it comes to raise his hand.

"The first thing that the Lovestonites did was to take up the suspension of our two comrades, Lizzie Shaffer and J. Leveen, and taking away the right of these two comrades of participating at the meeting.

"They admitted of wanting to carry through such a resolution against the Comintern, and they said that they will do it."

The "political" arguments of Lovestone against the Party leadership and the Communist International are the same used by Cannon and the "Forwards" to discredit our Party leadership, which is the aim of Lovestone. His supporters do not hesitate to resort to the lowest kind of arguments against some of our Party leaders. The comrades from San Antonio write:

"They accused several of our Central Executive Committee comrades with such as Comrade Olgin is a 'job holder,' and they also said that the Communist press are nothing but a 'joke' and a 'failure'; they also continue to spread Lovestone propaganda among our comrades.

"After all these facts we know that there is no place for such elements in our Communist Party, therefore for unity in the Party and unity in our unit."

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500 Boston Workers At International Youth Day Meeting

BOSTON, Sept. 8.—International Youth Day was celebrated by the young workers of Boston in a demonstration held at Appleton and Tremont Streets, Friday, September 6 at 8 p. m. Despite the terrorism of the police which had shown itself in the arrest of two Young Communist League members and one Party member for the distribution of the International Youth Day leaflet, popularizing the open-air meeting; the meeting was attended by over 500 young and adult workers who expressed their solidarity with the Gastonia prisoners and strikers and pledged themselves for the defense of the Soviet Union and the fight against preparations for the coming war.

Speakers were: A. B. Daniels, District Organizer of the Young Communist League; Nell Amter, Alice Halpern, and Michael Dunn for the Young Communist League and Jackson Wales for the Communist Party.

There is an intensification of the white terror in Mexico at this moment. A new drive is on against the Communist Party, the printing plant of the Machete, official organ of the Communist Party of Mexico has been confiscated. There is a threat of deportation against all foreign born workers active in the revolutionary labor movement of Mexico.

The drive against the Communist Party is one of the terms of surrender to American imperialism, the elimination of all anti-imperialist forces in Mexico. To permit this drive means to weaken the resistance of the working masses, to leave them without leaders in their struggle for better working conditions and for independence from Yankee imperialism. Whatever support we can give them means a powerful force against Yankee imperialism.

What does the deportation drive mean? It means death for many of the ablest leaders in the revolutionary movement in Mexico, Venezuela and other countries.

Julio Mella, the world-known Cuban revolutionary, was murdered a year ago in Mexico by tools of the Cuban government. Guadalupe Rodriguez, of Durango, Mexico, was murdered by the Mexican government only a few months ago.

Not only in Mexico is the terror raging. In Venezuela many workers are up in arms fighting against Gomez. In Yucatan, on the chicla plantations, Indian workers rebelled against the inhuman conditions only to have the Mexican government send troops against them.

Shall we permit Cuban workers be deported to Cuba, where they face death from the rifle or from sharks? Have we forgotten the arms of Cuban workers, found in the bellies of sharks? Shall we permit these attacks to go on without raising our voices?

Cuba, Mexico, and the other Latin American countries are colonies and semi-colonies of American imperialism. The American government which has whipped the Mexican government into line, is the one really responsible for the present terror.

Despite all persecutions the working masses of Latin-America are struggling, are fighting back. Strengthen their arms. Give them all possible support.

Down with American imperialism and its tool the Mexican bourgeoisie! Stop the deportation drive in Mexico!

Demand the cessation of the white terror in Mexico!

Give aid to the deported workers!—International Labor Defense.

J. Louis Engdahl, Secretary.

All American Anti-Imperialist League, U. S. Section, Scott Nearing, Chairman; William Simons, Secretary.

Social Democrat Yields to Fascist Demands on Austrian Constitution

(Wireless by Impeccor.)

VIENNA, Sept. 8.—The social democrat Renner, former prime minister of Austria, gave an interview today declaring social democracy was not opposed to reforming the constitution with an aim to uniformity with the German constitution.

The interview means that the socialists are preparing to submit to fascist demands for constitutional reform.

WRECK FREIHEIT CHICAGO OFFICE

Yellow Socialists Aid Jingoists, Fascisti

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Freiheit and other Communist papers, the landlord of the building in which the Chicago office of the Freiheit is located has been prevailed on to order the Freiheit to move.

Attack Cleveland Meeting. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 8.—Police yesterday broke up an open air mass meeting of Cleveland workers, who were demonstrating against British imperialist-Zionist attacks on the Arabian masses, who are in rebellion against their oppressors. Five workers were arrested.

Fifteen hundred workers attended the meeting. The local Zionist-fascisti attempted to disrupt the meeting, Jewish bourgeois women being especially active, but the solidarity of the workers at the demonstration frustrated their attempts.

The Zionist-fascisti and yellow socialists then resorted to opening a meeting on the other side of the street, at 147th St. and Kinsman Ave. One of the Zionist speakers at this meeting was a certain Robins, notorious as an open shopper. Other Zionist speakers were socialists.

Police Aid Zionists. The police started their attempts to break the workers' meeting by telling I. Amter, the chairman of the Anti-Zionist meeting that the meeting must end at 10 p. m.

As J. Louis Engdahl, of the International Labor Defense, was speaking, the police tried to stop the meeting by kicking out the box which Engdahl was using as a platform. The workers then raised Engdahl on their shoulders.

The police were nonplussed, and then, with clubs drawn, began the brutal assault on the workers. The police clubbed men and women alike, severely injuring many. The workers resisted this brutal attack by the police, and the latter made a second assault.

Sing Rebel Songs. The workers finally marched down the street singing revolutionary songs.

The five arrested are Sadie Van Veen, Betty Gannett, Andrews, Kingston and Bohus.

A large group of Young Communists and sympathizers marched to the police station to which the arrested workers were taken and picketed the station.

The meeting demonstrated the united front of police, Zionist fascisti, and reactionary labor misleaders. The splendid response of those who sympathize with the Communist stand against the British imperialists and their flunkies, the Zionists, and the resistance of the workers to the police showed that the Cleveland workers will wage a determined fight against the Zionist fascisti.

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

"COMMITTEE 100" TRIES TO LYNCH

New Raid Reflects What Happened June 7 (Continued from Page One)

matter a god damn; get the hell out or we'll kill you, you bastards." Dewey Martin told the driver to get on going: "Drive right on to the speaking grounds."

Seize Martin. Leaders of the mob jumped on the running board of the car and yelled: "We know you, god damn you! Go get off that car." They opened the door and—bbbed Martin. He was hit twice with blackjacks in the face and was pulled half way out of the auto.

Oehler and the others held Martin, realizing that if he was taken out of the car he would be murdered. The mob of hired thugs and bosses then broke every window and the windshield of the car with blackjacks and stones. Oehler was hit over the head with pop-bottles from two sides. His hands and face were badly cut and bruised. Mike Harris and Si Gerson were blackjacked. The others were also hit with sticks and stones thrown into the car.

Follow With Shotguns. The union organizers succeeded in pulling Martin back into the car and slammed the door. Realizing that they were outnumbered twenty to one by the armed thugs and would be slaughtered if they did not move quickly, they ordered the taxi driver to start the car. The driver, also hit in the attack, drove off with sluggers hanging on the outside, still hitting through the broken windows with bottles and blackjacks. These finally dropped off and got into their car, which followed the union organizers closely with shot guns pointed at the organizers.

Police Laugh. Gerson and Oehler state they saw men in the mob brandishing guns and pistols in the air and shouting threats. Policemen stood around laughing.

When a truck-load of union members from Gastonia arrived a few minutes later they were driven off by the armed mob, who held guns leveled at the workers. Frank H. Kirkland, organizer for the Workers International Relief and International Labor Defense, who was beaten there last week, was also driven off and threatened yesterday.

Union to Hold Meetings. Hugo Oehler said last night: "The attack this afternoon signifies a mobilization of the mill owners, led by the Manville-Jenckes Company for offensive against the N. T. W. Alarmed by the rapidity with which the union is growing, and realizing that we are organizing for a general struggle for better conditions to be initiated by the Charlotte conference, the mill owners are determined to stop at nothing to smash the militant union. There is great danger of a repetition of the murder-attack of June 7, when Gastonia police and the Committee of 100 cooperated in the attempt at another Ludlow massacre.

"This vicious attack of the Manville-Jenckes hirelings is the beginning of a new attempt to terrorize the workers. The members of the N. T. W. will continue to protect themselves. We will hold meetings in South Gastonia. The mill owners cannot hire enough thugs to stop the workers from organizing. The progress of the union will not be stopped by the terrorists by the fascist methods of the bosses."

Workers Defense Corps. After treatment by a doctor, the organizers went to McAdenville in order not to disappoint the workers who had gathered there.

Despite his injuries, Oehler spoke to the largest meeting yet held there, and 700 workers cheered him when he declared that the work of organizing for a struggle against the stretch-out will go on despite the terrorism of the bosses. The committee of 100 had threatened to break up this meeting also, but the workers were organized into a defense corps, and there was no trouble.

Successful meetings were also held last night at Kings Mountain with 300 present and at Bessemer City where there were 125 workers.

VILEST SLANDER SAYS ILD WANTS ALL CONVICTED

Charlotte Observer Stoops Lowest Yet (Continued from Page One)

and organizers and their union, and against the organization that is defending them against the vengeance of the mill owners, has continued without interruption since the calling of the strike at the Loray mill on April 2. It has increased in maliciousness since the chief of police of Gastonia lost his life in the service of the Manville-Jenckes Co. in an attack upon the headquarters of the National Textile Workers Union, with the announced intention of carrying out of the oft repeated threat, of "cleaning out that bunch of Reds."

Result of Lies. This campaign of vilification has borne fruit as proven by the examination of over four hundred veniremen in the selection of a jury during the past week. Almost all middle class and capitalist class elements admitted under examination their prejudice against the defendants, the result of reading the Charlotte capitalist papers. The majority of the unskilled workers and the poor farmers that said they believed the defendants innocent. Another proof of the class character of this trial.

Absurd Yarn. This latest lie is so patently absurd and false that it is hardly necessary to answer it. The workers who support the I. L. D. and the defense of the sixteen members of the N. T. W. U., know that the organ of the Duke Power interests is their enemy just as the Loray strikers know that the Manville-Jenckes Company is their class enemy. The Observer is a capitalist paper and will not print the truth about any organization that is based upon the class struggle, with a militant program against the bosses and their agents. The New York Times is another such organ of capitalism that has printed this despicable lie, repeated in various Southern papers, the Forwards and the Volkzeitung.

It is only necessary to point out that the I. L. D., which has been the shield of the workers in many a bitter struggle, fighting constantly against legal persecution of workers, has conducted a national campaign to rally the working class to the support of the defense in the Gastonia case. The I. L. D. has raised thousands of dollars with which to finance a very expensive legal fight for the freedom of the defendants. The I. L. D. has engaged nine attorneys, the best legal talent available, including not only such distinguished and able attorneys as Dr. John Randolph Neal of Tennessee and Arthur Garfield Hays of New York, but the most prominent members of the local bar. If the I. L. D. had the remotest idea of making martyrs of the defendants, it would have been the easiest matter in the world. It would only have been necessary to have allowed the Manville-Jenckes Company to carry out their original plot to railroad the case thru the Gaston County Court, before a jury inflamed with prejudice and a mill owning judge, Hoyle Sink, without providing them with such a battery of able lawyers.

Why the Defense. How do the editors of these reactionary sheets reconcile their contemptible libel with the facts? Why does the I. L. D. spend an estimated amount of \$50,000 for the legal defense of the class war prisoners? Why do we insist thruout the United States that the defendants must be returned to the ranks of the militant labor movement to organize and lead the exploited workers in a struggle for better conditions? Why have we repeated over and over again that "the working class has enough martyrs"? Unconditional freedom for every one of the defendants? Why are we fighting day and night to prevent "another Sacco-Vanzetti case"? Your logic is queer, Mr. Capitalist Editor. You are a loyal lackey of the master class, but facts adequately disprove your lies. No one familiar with the work of the I. L. D., not even the reporters on these papers, believe for one moment in the malicious accusation you have made. Your purpose is not so much to damage the reputation of the I. L. D.,—this you cannot do—but to help the mill owners to send the defendants to the electric chair. You will fail. The defendants must go free.

What is it specifically that the capitalist papers object to in the I. L. D. propaganda? In the attacks upon it they do not mention anything specific. This is because they object to the class character of this propaganda. The I. L. D. does not try nor expect to win over business men and bosses to support of this organization, as do the American Federation of Labor organizations. The I. L. D. is a working class organization and appeals to workers, and its function is to protect workers in their struggles with legal aid and mass support.

Class Issues. The capitalist papers are annoyed that the I. L. D. continually points out the class nature of the trial. The prosecution and other agents of the bosses assert, although they know it is not true, that this is "an ordinary murder trial." They would like the workers to believe this nonsense. Everything about the trial, its origin, the habeas corpus hearings, the bill of particulars as well

May Lead Slaughter



Lord Reading, head butcher for British imperialism in India for many years, who may be dragged out to lead the slaughter of Arab and Jewish workers in Palestine.

as the bill of indictment, the examination of the veniremen, amply prove that the issues involved are class issues,—the right of labor to organize, strike, picket, and defend themselves. The capitalist class is desperately trying to hide this fact,—and are enraged that they cannot do it. The reason for their fury is that the I. L. D. has proven the correctness of its policy in this case, and its statement that the issues are the rights of workers, especially the right of self-defense against vicious attacks of the hirelings of the mill owners, has been proven to the hilt over and over again. The capitalist strikers are enraged not because the I. L. D. shares their desire to elect, but because they are so enraged by the defense of the mill owners and the defendants, the shield of victimized workers.

In recent years, the I. L. D. has defended many cases involving issues similar to those at stake in the Gastonia case. The I. L. D. has defended workers in the following cases: The Shifrin case, in which one strike leader was indicted for murder when he defended himself against the attacks of five thugs hired to "get" him; the Greco-Carillo case, in which the two defendants sent a letter to the I. L. D. stating that "if it had not been for the I. L. D. we would undoubtedly have been electrocuted"; the campaign, still going on, to free Tom Mooney and Billings from San Quentin penitentiary in California where they have been for the past 13 years, sentenced to life imprisonment on framed-up evidence; the Woodlawn Seditious cases, in which 22 steel workers were arrested in Pennsylvania; the Minoela case, where 9 furriers were charged with criminal assault; the Passaic and New Bedford cases, where 850 strikers were arrested, and thousands of dollars spent by the I. L. D. to free them; the Cheswick cases, where the I. L. D. defended 5 workers charged with violation of the Seditious law; the Center case, now being appealed, in which Center was charged with libel for carrying a placard denouncing Judge Thayer as a murderer for sentencing Sacco and Vanzetti to electrocution; the cases of Miterich and many other miners who resisted the terrorism of the thugs and strikebreakers hired by the coal companies,—these and hundreds of other cases of workers suffering from the brutality and terrorism of the capitalist class, prove the value to the working class of the I. L. D. as a shield from "capitalist justice."

Workers Must Aid. Again the International Labor Defense calls upon the working class of America to rally to the support of the defense of the sixteen militant leaders of the Southern textile workers. Return them to the ranks of the National Textile Workers Union to lead the coming struggle against the stretch out and starvation wages that will be initiated by the Southern Textile Workers Conference on October 12th and 13th at Charlotte, the scene of the trial.

Defend the right of workers to organize, strike and picket. Uphold the right of strikers to defend their lives, their union, and their families against the murderous attacks of the bosses and their hirelings.

Unconditional freedom for every defendant in the Gastonia case! The working class has enough martyrs. Save the union organizers and strikers from the vengeance of the mill owners!

GASTONIA CASE STATE'S WITNESS SEES THRU WALL

Defense Brings Out the Masked Mob Raid (Continued from Page One)

Additional evidence, that there was absolutely no "trouble" at the union headquarters, the excuse given for the subsequent raid on the tent colony, was found in the admission by Jackson that he told his chief: "There is no trouble at the union headquarters, and there is no use going there."

W. P. Upton, a Gastonia deputy sheriff, was the next witness. He told of arresting Clarence Miller on the night of the June 7 attack on the tent colony, and quoted him as saying that he ordered Aderholt and the other officers off the lot when they appeared.

The deputy testified that after arresting Miller he searched him and found a number of cartridges in his pocket. This is flatly denied by Miller, who declares that following his arrest he asked why he was being held, and was told there was no charge lodged against him. Four days elapsed before a formal charge was made against him, and not until the grand jury met was he added to the list of those charged with murder.

Masked Mob Raid. At this point defense counsel asked the deputy whether he knew that the first headquarters of the strikers and the Workers International Relief station were destroyed by a masked mob at 2 a. m. April 18, at which time the food for the strikers and their families was thrown into the street. The national guard was stationed only three blocks away, it was brought out by the questioning. The defense is expected to show later in the trial that the police and the national guard worked hand in hand with the mill thugs of the "Committee of 100" in its destruction of the strikers' headquarters and the relief station.

Hoey's Wild Charge. Pricked by the description of the attack on these headquarters, Clyde Hoey, attorney for the prosecution, leaped to his feet and made the fantastic charge that the strikers destroyed their own headquarters.

"There is not a word of truth in your statement," defense lawyer Adams shouted.

One of the frailest witnesses yet put on by the state was in the person of Grace Duffy, who testified that she lives across the street from the union headquarters. She said she stood on a side porch of her home and from there heard the shots on the union lot.

Attorney Jimison, for the defense, brought out the fact that there is a house between this porch and the union lot and he commented sarcastically upon her ability to "see around the curve."

Changes Testimony. This remarkable person, who admitted under cross-examination that she works in the main office of the Loray mill, and got a job there June 7, testified that she heard "a lot of shots, about 150." She said that the shots came from the rear, but later, on the stand, changed her mind and said they came from the side and rear. Prior to her testimony, the highest number of shots estimated was 15.

Apparently in return for her services in helping the attempt to convict the unionists on trial, the young woman, Jimison brought out, was last week promoted to be secretary to the first purchasing agent of the Loray mill. Her father is a well-paid carpenter in the plant.

She said that, "during the speaking," she heard someone shout: "Form a picket line; go to the mill and into the mill."

# 19 Young Workers Jailed in Los Angeles Youth Day Demonstration; Police Attack

## TORTURE USED ON PRISONERS FOR STATEMENTS

McLaughlin, Carter, Slugged, Beaten

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They heard the cries of the young mill worker while he was being given the third degree. "We heard doors open and shut, scuffling and banging," Bush testified, "and McLaughlin pleading: 'Aw quit, aw quit, I didn't do it. Leave me alone!'" On the witness stand Sophie Melvin supported Bush's testimony.

McLaughlin described a night of terror following the raid on the I.R. tent colony. After he was punched and slapped with a blackjack in the Gastonia jail, he was dragged into a car and taken by Sheriff Linberger to the Cleveland jail in Shelby.

"They were beating me during the entire ride, and it wasn't until we got half way to Shelby, just past King's Mountain, that they said they were taking me to a river that was going to lynch us, and that they wanted to take us to."

Defense attorneys revealed the fact that both McLaughlin and Carter were again threatened when they arrived in the Shelby jail by a number of officers including the sheriff and Adam Hord, the Gastonia policeman.

Against the objection of the defense counsel that this statement was obtained under duress, Judge Barnhill ruled that it could be admitted as evidence. Sheriff Allen admitted that he didn't tell either Carter or McLaughlin that what they said that night would be used against them.

Statement McLaughlin is alleged to have made is as follows: "The officers were shooting at us so McGinnis fired first and then I fired. I didn't know who they were and didn't shoot at any particular person. Carter was on guard and told the police to halt twice and they threw him down." Carter's statement, according to Sheriff Allen, was that "he was on guard and Gilbert came up and took hold of him. He was thrown down and ran back to the tent to get another gun. Carter said that the captain of the guard told him to shoot anyone trespassing on the union lot."

It is clear that although this statement was obtained after the defendants had been beaten almost into insensibility, it is not in the least damaging to the defendants' line of self-defense, and taken together with the testimony of Roach, Gilbert and other star witnesses for the prosecution, it does not identify any of the defendants as the individuals who fired the fatal shot, nor does it implicate them in any conspiracy.

T. A. Gilbert, the tall, hatchet-faced "flier who accompanied Aderholt on the night of June 7, is on the stand. "Did you not say just before you started for the union headquarters," Attorney Jimison demands, "there is only one way to get rid of them, and that is to go down and kill the sons of bitches, and we might as well do that now?"

Lawyers uncover Gilbert's criminal record which, for color, exceeds that possessed by Roach and Adam Hord, the other star witnesses of the prosecution:

Gilbert is now under indictment for "assault with a deadly weapon," arising out of a drunken attack with guns upon the owner of the barbecue joint near the Catawba River bridge a few hours preceding the attack on the strikers' colony; he was fired from the police force at Maiden, N. C., a few years ago after he had choked his boss, the chief, in 1922 a jury in Catawba County found him guilty of being drunk and disorderly and fined him \$125.05.

Loray Detective.  
The star witness, it is brought out in the cross-examination, was for some time on the private police force of the Loray mill, and thus had acquired a peculiar sympathy for the interests of the Manville-Jencks Company. Three days before the shooting, it was revealed, Gilbert and some of the mill boss thugs tried to kill "Red" Hendryx, one of the active strikers and now among the defendants. He was saved only by the arrival of a group of workers passing by.

Gilbert is leaning on a slick blond walking stick, the handle of which is formed by a carved wrist. The witness is questioned by Attorney Jimison for the defense:

Q.—By the way, Mr. Gilbert, where did you get that pretty walking stick you have there?

A.—Oh, a fellow gave it to me a while back.

Q.—Don't you know, Mr. Gilbert, that that walking stick belongs to Edith Saunders Miller, the wife of Florence Miller, and that you took it from her on the picket line? (A sprained ankle compelled her to use the stick for several weeks.)

Adam Hord, a big, hulking brute, is a fortunate witness. Hord has all the requisite qualifications for maintaining law'n order. Under cross-examination by defense lawyers, he

## Communist Activities

East N. Y. Unit.  
Section 8 will meet 8:30 p. m. Tuesday at 349 Bradford St. for discussion on the Palestine events.  
Unit 2F, Section 6.  
A meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 p. m., at 46 Ten Eyck St., Brooklyn.  
Residential Nucleus 1.  
A meeting will be held Monday at 8 p. m. at 127 E. Fourth St.

## Fraternal Organizations

Workers Laboratory Theatre.  
Rehearsals will begin soon on the Gastonia strike play, "White Trash." Meetings are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 28 Union Square, Room 607. A class in play writing and production will begin at the Workers School Sept. 30.  
Soviet Flyers Reception Committee.  
A final conference of all delegates who attended the Aug. 13 conference, as well as other shops, unions and fraternal bodies desirous of participating in the reception, has been called for the F. S. U. for Monday, Sept. 10, at the Labor Temple, 14th St. and Second Ave. The

final report of the ways and means committee will be given and arrangements made for sending a tractor delegation to the Soviet Union. Also the film, "A Visit to Soviet Russia," is to be shown.  
Iron, Bronze Workers Meet.  
A membership meeting of the Architectural Iron, Bronze and Structural Workers' Union will be held at 7 E. 15th St. at 8 p. m. Tuesday, Sept. 10.  
T.U.U.L. Local 22 Meets.  
Local 22 of the T.U.U.L. meets Monday at 8 p. m. at the Workers Center, Room 403.

admitted that he killed a man in South Carolina 23 years ago. He was also indicted for killing a boy in Gastonia about six years ago. "But I came clear in that case," he announces. Natives relate that he was engaged in the criminal act of stealing apples from an orchard that belonged to someone else. Hord, discharging his sacred duty as a policeman, to protect the rights of property, chased the boy and shot him in the back—dead.

Just a detail, naturally but Mr. Hord has also been in scrapes on recent occasions for drunkenness, fighting, disorderly conduct—and, most significant—unlawful arrests. More damaging evidence of a murder conspiracy. With Aderholt and other officers of the law, Hord testified, he was on his way to raid the union headquarters when a car in which they were riding met about 150 strikers who were "shouting and singing."

Enter Minister.  
Rev. Dr. J. W. Whitley, pastor of the Loray Baptist Church, who yesterday appeared as a character witness for Mr. Roach, today appeared in a similar capacity for Tom Gilbert, the other drunken policeman. He is being cross-examined by defense lawyer Jimison:

Q. Does the Loray mill pay your salary?  
A. Oh! No, sir. No indeed!  
Q. You have always taken up a violent stand against the defendants and their associates, haven't you?

A. Well, I am for the interests of the community.  
Q. You preached a sermon in your church condemning these folks, didn't you, and you denounced them in an interview with the Gastonia Gazette, didn't you?  
A. I preached a sermon setting forth the principles of the Communist Party.

Q. Are you a Communist?  
A. No, sir.  
Q. But you're an expert, aren't you?  
A. Well, I had the privilege to have in my possession a copy of the handbook which the Communist Party put out at the last election.

Q. So that makes you an expert, does it? And you preached a sermon against these workers and their strike activity?  
A. Of course that would come into it.  
Mr. J. P. Morrison, druggist, D. G. Greer, city accountant, R. P. Washin, postmaster—all of Gastonia—testified that the cop, Gilbert, had an unblemished character, pure as the biblical driven snow.

"Mr. Morrison, you're prejudiced against the defendants, aren't you?" "Well, I stand for law and order!"  
More Perjury.  
For sheer fantasy the story told by Mrs. Neale of Gastonia could not be best. Called as a witness by the state, she told that she kept a boarding house in the mill town and that her boarders were loyal boss-men in the Loray plant. A short time after June 7th the lady moved her bag and baggage to Port Mills, S. C., but it appears that she was glad to come back and do her duty.

"Did you say to friends in Gastonia," McCall of the defense inquires of the boarding house proprietor, "that it would take money to bring you back to testify?"  
The witness shakes her head, grins, and turns aside.  
Mrs. Neale testified that "Red" Hendryx, whom she had seen only casually on the street once or twice, walked her into her house with a girl striker following the attack on the union headquarters and reported to her, a total stranger, that the union men had just killed Aderholt and Gilbert.

This is typical of the grotesquely perjured testimony of bought-up witnesses upon which the prosecution hopes to railroad Fred Beal and his fellow workers to the electric chair.

Rug Workers Strike; Will Picket Today  
The workers of Hym and Co., 255 Fifth Ave., importers of oriental rugs, went on strike Saturday under the direction of the National Textile Workers' Union. Picketing will start this morning.

The workers demand that the hours be reduced from 48 hours a week to 44 hours, also that there shall be no discrimination against union members.

Cooperators! Patronize  
**SEROY,**  
CHEMIST  
657 Allerton Avenue  
Estabrook 3215 Bronx, N. Y.

Patronize  
**No-Tip Barber Shops**  
26-28 UNION SQUARE  
(1 flight up)  
2700 BRONX P. K EAST  
(corner Allerton Ave.)

## SHOW VACARELLI IS PAUL KELLY, NOTED GANGSTER

Loyal Labor Legion Chief Is Racketeer

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York Laborers Union headed by Vacarelli had to subscribe at \$2 a year. Half of this amount went to Vacarelli. He now also controls an independent hod carriers union and a local of scow trimmers. Altogether these workers only earn 30 to 40 cents an hour they pay the racketeer \$2 a year dues, which he himself pockets. His official title is general organizer of the hod carriers union.

Scabbed on Musicians.  
When the American Federation of Musicians were facing a critical struggle with the large theatrical interests several years ago, he organized a company union in an attempt to break the strike. Like all racketeers and gangsters, he is willing to change his associations from day to day, depending upon the highest bidder for his service, or if it is his own racket, where he can make the most money.

Vacarelli says that he is also in the real estate and insurance business. It is believed that through his associations with the underworld he furnishes many of the gangsters and thugs that are used to beat up members of militant unions in New York, that are fighting the company unionism of the American Federation of Labor of which McGrady and Vacarelli are typical examples.

The Communist Party in the present election campaign is exposing the McGrady, Vacarelli, Walkers, LaGuardia and Norman Thomas—all supporters of the capitalist system of graft, gangsterism and corruption. It has nominated its own working class ticket headed by William W. Weinstein, candidate for mayor.

Evelyn Herbert, who has been on a vacation in Europe, returns tonight to the prima donna role of "The New Moon" at the Imperial Theatre.

"Bird in Hand," John Drinkwater's comedy will move tonight from the Morocco to the Ethel Barrymore Theatre. The play is now in its sixth month.

Arthur Byron has been engaged by William Harris, Jr., for "The Criminal Code," a melodrama by Martin Flavin with which Harris will start his season.

"Porgy" Returns Friday For Short Engagement  
The Theatre Guild will bring "Porgy" back to New York for a limited engagement beginning Friday, September 13, at the Martin Beck Theatre. The production and cast will be identical with the original production.

This will mark the beginning of "Porgy's" third season. It has a record of 51 weeks in New York, 11 weeks in London, eight weeks in Chicago.  
Following the brief engagement here, the production will play return engagements in the East and then head for the Pacific Coast.

ILD Forces Release of Sacco - Vanzetti Speaker in Boston  
BOSTON, Sept. 6.—A strong fight by the International Labor Defense today forced the release of Jackson Wakes, member of the Communist Party, arrested for speaking on the Sacco-Vanzetti murder on Boston Common after speaking permits had been revoked Aug. 25.

In finding Wales not guilty, Judge Charles Carr repeated in municipal court the familiar argument of "allowing out-of-door oratory, often a safety-valve for persons whose opinions we condemn." Carr was obviously perturbed at the renewed publicity the trial gave the Sacco-Vanzetti case.

Section, Trade Union Educational League yesterday issued a statement calling upon the laundry workers to "wake up and fight against such open support of treachery to the workers" and urged to formation of an industrial union of all laundry workers to struggle for better conditions.

At the union meeting, speaker after speaker took the floor and denounced the action of the Joint Board. Some of the executive board members who attended the meeting of the Joint Board said that they consist of a "bunch of drunkards."

For Industrial Union.  
Commenting on the Joint Council's action the Laundry Drivers' Executive board of the local was refused a hearing by the Joint Board on the ground that it was "too warm." When Dave Gordon, an executive board member, protested, a business agent of another local told him that they would not vote for the removal of anyone on charges which they themselves are guilty of.

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Final Meeting for Reception of Soviet Flyers  
All delegates who participated in the Conference will meet  
**TODAY, 8 P. M.**  
at the LABOR TEMPLE  
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DRINKWATER'S "ABRAHAM LINCOLN" TO BE REVIVED SOMETIME IN OCTOBER

WILLIAM HARRIS, JR., announced that he will revive John Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln," bringing it to Broadway sometime in October. Frank McGlynn, who played the title role during the run of the play at the Cort Theatre in 1919-20, will be seen again as Lincoln. In several instances the cast will be the same as before.

Drinkwater's chronicle of Lincoln was first produced in Birmingham, England, at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre. The Drinkwater production played at the Cort for 41 weeks. Later the play was seen on tour, where it was highly successful.

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## RENEW "PARITY" WAR BETWEEN U. S. - BRITAIN

Hired Propagandist's Suit Worries Hoover

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favor themselves, and give them the right to a few more war ships.

Wants His Price.  
The suit of William B. Shearer against the New York Shipbuilding Co., the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co., and others, demanding the rest of \$250,000 which he claims he was promised by the ship building concerns for his propaganda and spy service in favor of a larger U. S. navy has raised a storm and seriously interferes with the U. S. imperialist policy of a pretended reduction.

Senator Borah demands a senatorial investigation, and it seems likely this will be voted through in order to officially whitewash the heads of the government. Shearer was civilian naval expert for the U. S. at Geneva, and boldly states in his complaint that he wants to be paid by the shipbuilding concerns for what he did for them there.

President Hoover's statement last week denouncing Shearer is understood here as a desperate effort to clear the U. S. official policy of the stigma it would incur from the employment of such an agent.

British Use It.  
George Young, British labor party man and one of the speakers at the institute of politics, yesterday eagerly seized upon the Shearer expose to do some propaganda for his own group.

"The activities of Mr. Shearer and the leakages he was able to create at the Geneva conference on naval disarmament were the reasons why the conference broke down," declared Young, while visiting at the house of a former minister to China.

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Pascual Ortiz Rubio, presidential candidate in Mexico, of the so-called National Revolutionary Party, the Calles-Gil outfit which is so "revolutionary" that Wall Street backs it. The only real party of the Mexican workers and peasants, the Communist Party, has been declared illegal at Wall Street's orders.

commenting on the end of the "strike," the New York Joint Board of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union pointed out last night that the embroidery workers, pleaters, hemstitchers and tuckers, can now expect to face the same sweatshop conditions that are the lot of the cloakmakers, as a result of their recent sell-out by the company union.

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## "RED SQUAD" IN BRUTAL ASSAULT ON COAST YOUTH

Uniformed Members of League, March

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 8.—International Youth Day was celebrated by the Los Angeles workers with a rousing open air demonstration at the Plaza. The notorious "Red Squad," together with 150 police reserves attacked the demonstration at its conclusion and brutally beat and arrested 19 workers. The attack occurred when uniformed members of the Communist Youth League, carrying banners, attempted to parade to the City Hall. Bail on the arrested workers was set at \$200 each.

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# The International Situation and Tasks of the Communist International

## Report of Comrade Kuusinen

### AT THE TENTH PLENUM OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COMINTERN

**I SAW IT MYSELF** by HENRI BARBUSSE  
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#### Another Attempt to Lynch Gastonia Leaders

**T**HE hirings of the Manville-Jencks concern in Gastonia have made another attempt to stage a lynching of the organizers of the National Textile Workers Union. The committee of one hundred, composed of mill superintendents, foremen, thugs, gunmen and the general riff-raff serving as leaders of the strike-breaking and scab-herding forces of the textile mill barons, attempted yesterday to lynch organizers of the union who were on their way to address meetings of mill workers.

This is the identical gang that instigated the attack on the tent colony June 7th when the strikers defended themselves against the murderous police attack. The police were sent in to blaze the trail by disarming the strikers in the tent colony so that the "committee of one hundred" could come in and exterminate the unarmed, defenseless workers. Only the resistance of the strikers prevented the consummation of that lynching plot.

The indictments and the trial of the Gastonia defendants was calculated to stop the movement for a general struggle against the stretch-out (speed-up), lengthening of hours, and wage cuts. Instead of terrorizing the members and organizers of the new union, the attack of the bosses, spurred the workers to more determined action, to more intensive work of mobilization for the Charlotte Conference that will be held October 12th and 13th. This conference and the Miners' conference to be held in Charlestown, W. Va., constitute a genuine threat to the southern industrialists. The industrialists of the "new South" are financed by the big bankers, which means Wall Street. Hence the imperialist ruling class of the United States is directly concerned with the suppression of the drive against rationalization of industry in the South.

It was only a fortunate combination of circumstances that enabled the organizers to defeat the attempt to lynch them on Sunday. As the struggle progresses such attacks will grow in fury and intensity. This again brings to the forefront in the most urgent form, the necessity of strong workers defense organizations that will be able to beat off the attacks of the lynchers.

The organizers in the Southern field are fully aware of the necessity of workers' defense forces, as was evidenced by the fact that three meetings were held later in the day yesterday that were free from molestation by the "committee of one hundred" simply because adequate precautions for defense had been taken to meet the murderous bands.

In this fight against the most relentless terrorism the workers of the South who daily face the blood-thirsty mobs must have the support of the class conscious workers of the entire country. The least that we can do is to aid with funds to carry on the fight.

#### Incentive Under Soviets

**A**POLOGISTS for capitalism never tire of boasting of the unexampled opportunities for development of individual talents under the wages system of wealth production. We are constantly regaled with sombre predictions that under socialism all incentive would vanish and everyone would sink to one dead level. Such propagandists for capitalism have the happy faculty of ignoring the millions of talented children of workers whose abilities are blighted because the struggle for the most meagre necessities of life absorbs all their energies.

A crushing refutation of the slanders against Communism was delivered the other day at the Congress of Psychology at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., by Professor I. Spielrein of Moscow University, director of the Soviet State Institute of Psychology. The Moscow savant explained how intelligence tests are being conducted en-masse in the Ukraine and that special provisions are made for talented persons to develop their abilities to the fullest possible extent. Such persons are relieved of the necessity of struggling for a living and are encouraged to devote their full time to developing their individual talents in order that they may be more useful members of society, and help raise the general cultural average of the Soviet Union.

This incident should be kept in mind by revolutionists for use the next time some pompous ignoramus repeats the capitalist lie about destruction of incentive under Soviets.

#### Army Prisoners From Leavenworth to Build War Barracks at "Jay"

Transferred from the repressive discipline of the military jail at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., 125 army prisoners were immediately ordered on work gangs to complete the new barracks on Governor's Island yesterday. The new barracks will form part of New York's "defense" for the next war. With the Fort Jay roll now totaling about 500, the jailed men face the effects of worse overcrowding and the diseases which accompany it. The Kansas soldiers were transferred in accordance with the new policy of forcing Federal prisoners to undergo the hardships of military jails. The Leavenworth penitentiary—whose prisoners include John Porter, soldier who deserted to organize in the New Bedford textile strike—is one of the first to be used under the scheme.

The Sinking of the Standard of Living of the Working Class. The question of compensation for increased intensity by raising wages is connected with the following question. It is said in our Draft Theses that capital rationalization is lowering the standard of living of the working class. Comrade Varga, who in his pamphlet published for the Sixth World Congress ("Economy in the Period of Capitalist Decline After Stabilization") has given due prominence to the intensification of labor in the capitalist rationalization and has also drawn a line between this and increased productivity, has objected to our assertion that our assertion re the lowering of the standard of living of the working class through capitalist rationalization. Well, I think that in this very place we might as well declare that capitalist rationalization brings with it an absolute worsening of the position of the working class (interjection: hear, hear!). But I also think that what is said in our draft resolution is also correct. One can speak of the absolute worsening of the position of the working class even when real wages are rising, namely, in the sense as Marx says in the first part of "Capital," that "in proportion as capital accumulates, the lot of the laborer, be his payment high or low, must grow worse." (Page 708.) This was Marx's view. But one can also defend the assertion of our draft, provided one understands correctly the formulation. Comrade Varga's proposal in regard to this point is, however, quite unacceptable. He would like to replace our formulation by the following words: capitalist rationalization "reduces their share (the share of the workers, K.) in their own product." Yes, the capitalist rationalization certainly does this, capitalist development has always done this. Not this, but something more is the question here.

Firstly: the standard of living of the working class certainly includes also the standard of living of the unemployed. Comrade Varga himself laid stress, and rightly so, on the enormous significance of mass unemployment in the United States and in several other countries. Can he have forgotten now this important fact? Secondly: I would like to ask Comrade Varga a question: if the wage is lower than the value of the labor power, would this mean a lower standard of living for the workers or not? I think the answer is yes. It is in this sense that we have understood the matter and have written about it. This reduction of wages below the value of labor power, is no doubt the rule under capitalist rationalization. Comrade Varga identifies standard of living entirely with "real wage" in the narrow sense of the word, and there is an end of it. Let us assume that what he asserts is true: that the "real wage" of the workers is raised and not lowered through capitalist rationalization. There is no certainty about this, but even if it were so, is this a proof that in reality the wage does not sink below the value of the labor power? (Interjection: Considerably below!) According to Marx, the wage rise means an actual reduction of the wage below the value of the labor power, "if the increased wear and tear of labor power, inseparable from a lengthened working day, be not compensated by higher wages." Moreover, one must not overlook that, according to the normal average duration, or from the normal duration of life among the laborers, and from corresponding normal transformation of organized bodily matter into motion." ("Capital," vol. 1, p. 577-578.)

Well, this is taken into consideration in our resolution. But it is taken into consideration in the capitalist practice? It is not. Monopolist capital enforces not only monopolist prices for goods but also monopolist prices for labor (only in the opposite direction), it enforces the reduction of the price of labor power below its value. Appreciation of surplus profit in this latter manner takes place especially through capitalist rationalization, through the enormous intensification of labor.

Comrade Varga declares that in America the "real wage" shows a tendency to rise, but he does not investigate how big or how small the rise is, although such an investigation would have made him realize that the standard of living of the workers is not rising in reality. In his above-mentioned pamphlet he gives, moreover, the following strange explanation:

"The expenditure of labor power enforced by the conveyor system is only possible if there be proper feeding and a relatively short working day, otherwise the worker collapses in the place of employment itself. Just as cattle are better fed when they work very hard, capitalism is compelled to give the human automaton who is working with unprecedented intensity, more food and more rest than before." This sounds very plausible, especially as Comrade Varga refers in a footnote to Marx (!). Nevertheless it is untrue, or it is at the utmost a half truth. True is the statement that cattle are as a rule better fed when they have to work very hard. But the workers' misfortune lies precisely in the fact that under capitalism they are not in as lucky a position as cattle, their food is not increased proportionately with the intensity of their labor. As to the quotation from Marx, it can hardly be said to confirm Varga's assertion concerning the necessity of a wage rise, because there isn't a single word about wages in the quotation. Moreover, this quotation is the only place in Marx's works (as far as I know) which in my opinion, requires now, in the light of the capitalist rationalization, I will not say revision, but a certain amount of compensation (although I am not quite certain if a Red professor would not be able to ferret out some sentence in Marx's works as a proof that Marx had even taken the effect of the conveyor system into consideration).

#### The Intensification of Labor and the Growth of Mass Unemployment.

This is what Marx says: "Nevertheless the reader will clearly see, that where we have labor, not carried on by fits and starts, but repeated day

after day with unvarying uniformity, a point must inevitably be reached, where extension of the working day and intensity of the labor mutually exclude one another, in such a way that lengthening of the working day becomes compatible only with a lower degree of intensity, and, a higher degree of intensity, only with a shortening of the working day." ("Capital," vol. 1, p. 447.)

Substantially, this is still correct. The point where intensification of labor and extension of the working class collide or mutually exclude one another, can still be reached, except that through capitalist rationalization this point has been pushed much further and deeper. The conveyor system determines the degree of the intensity of labor; once fixed, the tempo of labor no longer depends on the smaller or greater individual capacity of the laborer. Either he can keep pace or he cannot. If he can, he must work exactly at the fixed tempo; if he cannot, away he goes, he is no longer a laborer for the given enterprise, he is a labor corpse which is replaced by another laborer. This is the meaning of capitalist rationalization: the Juggernaut of capitalism is capable of crushing the generation of laborers much more rapidly than before.

This Marxist analysis of new phenomena corresponds entirely with the general tendencies of capitalism shown by Marx. "The self-destructive intensity of labor" which he has described, has become to a great extent the order of the day through capitalist "rationalization." Comrade Varga himself quotes in his pamphlet the following very characteristic remark of Professor Daring:

"The performance will remain at this point (when fatigue sets in) the same as before—the laborer is not all conscious of the state of fatigue" (this is a gross exaggeration, K.) "neither can it be objectively proved, as the performance has remained the same. . . . The gradual increase of the hardness of the work is not felt by the laborer himself because it is such a very gradual process. . . . Some slight ailment can, however, suddenly reveal the state of the laborer, or he himself will begin to see as time goes on 'that he can no longer get along'. . . . This impossibility to recognize the creeping process of exhaustion is one of the saddest facts which baffles any scientific limitation(?) of admissible labor intensity."

Well, if even the scientists of capitalism experience difficulties in limiting "admissible labor intensity," the capitalists themselves have certainly no occasion to limit the intensity of labor. Formerly, it was to a certain extent in the interest of the employer himself not to allow the intensity of labor to go beyond a certain point in relation to the length of the working day. Now "rationalization" gives him more liberty to work the laborers to death. The very heart-blood of the laborer is sucked out for the sake of profit.

Hence also the enormous mass unemployment. It is just as Marx has said:

"The condemnation of the working class to enforced idleness through the overtime of the other section and vice versa, becomes to the individual capitalist a means for enriching himself." (Free translation, Tr)

And in this connection Marx adds in regard to Great Britain:

"If labor in general were to be limited tomorrow to a rational proportion, and if it were graduated for the various sections of the working class according to age and sex, the available work-population would not suffice for the continuance of the national production at its present rate." (Free translation, Tr.)

One can see in what sense Marx understands real rationalization. But rationalization in this sense is to be found only in the Soviet Union where it is possible through the dictatorship of the proletariat.

All this is extremely important to us in our practical work. It shows that our struggle for higher wages and especially for the shortening of the working day has gained in importance since the introduction of capitalist rationalization. One can see how obsolete is our former slogan of the 8-hour day. One can also see the importance of explaining correctly and concretely to the mass of the workers the enormous worsening of the position of the working class as a result of capitalist rationalization, of bringing it clearly home to them.

It is to the credit of Comrade Varga that he has laid the necessary stress not only on the importance but also on the new character of the present mass unemployment in the United States, Great Britain and Germany. Certainly, it has already become a general law of capitalist accumulation that, the greater the progress of the concentration and centralization of capital, the greater the growth of the industrial reserve army. But one cannot explain by this alone the present volume of mass unemployment. I cannot agree with Comrade Varga's attempt to construct a general law or a general tendency out of the absolute diminution of the number of laborers. But insofar as he establishes a causal connection between the enormous growth and the chronic character of mass unemployment in the capitalist world in the last 5 years and capitalist rationalization, as well as the relative tightness of the export markets of the respective capitalist countries, he is certainly right. The unemployed reserve army for the contemporary American, British and German capitalism must certainly be big, but that it should be as big as is actually the case, exceeds already the limits of what is in the interest of the profits of the capitalism of the respective countries. Unemployment as a means of bringing down the wages of the employed, is alluring to the capitalists who are out for profits, but beyond this, enormous numbers of unemployed who do not create surplus value for years, is not at all as it should be. These laborers are after all "their" laborers, laborers of capitalism, but they no longer create surplus value, and this is not as it should be. This is a serious sign of the crisis of capitalism.

(To be Continued)

## Building a Communist Party

By I. AMTER.

To many Party comrades who witness the present situation, with a new opposition to the Party, with the Trotskyites out only a short time, with croppings-up of disgruntled, non-Communist elements in the Party from time to time—the period of 1919 to 1929 may appear as one leading to disintegration rather than to consolidation of Communist forces. They may presume that instead of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. making progress, it actually is going backward.

As a first indication of our progress, we have but to look at the struggles which the Party is leading, struggles in which Party members are participating, struggles that the Party is taking part in, and the splendid anti-war movement that the Party is leading. We have but to look at the movement which the Party is creating in that part of the country which was unknown to the Party a short time ago—the South.

Ten years ago, the moving spirit of the Party was a revolt against the treachery of the socialist party—the socialist party which betrayed the American workers, despite the fact that the convention at St. Louis adopted a resolution against war; which followed the line of the Second International in its treachery against the working class; which repudiated the Russian Revolution;

which became patriotic during the war. Still in the ranks of the left wing, which formed to take control of the socialist Party, there was sharp factionalism. The formation of two Communist Parties—the Communist Party and the Communist Labor Party, with a petty dispute between them—but a dispute which was magnified into a major difference—the difference between "mass action" and "action of the masses!" This showed the childishness of the Communist movement—a movement that endeavored to be "absolutely pure" theoretically, but forgot the more important matter of unity on the fundamental matter of principle. After a sharp factional struggle, the parties were united, to be split once more—this continuing till 1922, when at last unity was effected. Unity has remained—with attempts to break this unity occurring from time to time. Groupings formed in the Party, built partly on principle, partly on tradition, partly on accidental associations. These groupings remained intact, with few defections, till the decision of the Comintern. Now everything is in flux; groups have disappeared, new leadership is being created out of the struggle.

Looking back on the ten years, any comrade who would aver that the Party has not gone forward, is either not alive to the struggles in which the Party is involved, and to the situation as it has developed, or which the Party is taking advantage; or does not understand what the development and growth of a Party means. There is not a continual steady growth upward. There are ups and downs with the level always rising. The treason of leaders of the Party is not always a loss; in the case of the American Party it has been a gain. The Party learns from this treason; it corrects its mistakes; it makes the necessary organizational changes and continues the march forward. The Party is able to do so, owing to the existence of the Communist International. A Lovestone, Gitlow, Wolfe—like a Cannon before them—expected praise from the Communist International for their betrayal of Communist principle. The Communist International does not operate on such a basis. The Comintern has its principles, and those who do not conform to these principles, need not recall the days when they were following the line of the Comintern. When they depart from the decisions of the Comintern, and defy and challenge the Comintern, then the Communist International turns its glaring search-lights and destructive guns upon them—lights that disclose them to the working class in their garb of traitors—guns that demolish them in the eyes of the working class. Today the socialist Party and the

**L**ENUTZA pressed her case desperately. With threatening voice, she talked of creating a public scandal; then, she tried imploring, and knelt and wept before the monster. The incredible happened. After long hesitation, yielding to some reason or other (not pity, in any case), the high official changed front. He blurted out, "You shall see him, devil take you! and talk with him for three minutes."

Holding the paper which opened locks and bolts for a few moments, she walked down a long black passage where the walls shed an icy wind. In this endless passage, the gaoler stopped, the key ground in the lock, the heavy dungeon door slid back, disclosing iron bars. Through these bars, at last her eyes could see. His clothes were torn, his beard had grown. He was crouching on his wooden bed, and the first thing that Lenutza noticed was that the faint light let into the cell from the dark passage by the opening door had dazzled him like the sun.

The prisoner's face wore a wild look. Clearly, this was no longer a normal man; six years of torture in darkness had shattered his mind. On an impulse, Lenutza held out her hand to him through the bars, but she was drawn violently back by the gaoler. For some moments she stood there, unable to speak or cry.

At last however, she spoke: "Comrade Boujor, I have come to greet you in the name of our friends."

THE LION.

"Did you know Todor?" He put his hand down on the papers we had been reading together. We were in a cafe.

"Yes. He was a man." "What was he like?" "He was a man. . . . I was a comitadji with Todor Panitza at one time; but he was a Vovevode. It was this way. We had been sent—a full tcheta—into the Drama district, by the Pirine Congress. This was in 1904. Drama—you might guess it—was the dirtiest district in Macedonia: Turkish oppression, Greek propaganda, big landowners all for the Greeks and traitors at that, and a network of spies everywhere. All this on top of the poverty-stricken peasants' shoulders. To cheer us up, the chaps said, "When you're back, we'll come to meet you, but you won't come back any more!"

"We had two years of it, my boy. Not bad for a band of comitadjis, eh? And all because the Vovevode was a proper man. He began by spreading a nice little panic among the tyrants and traitors and spies—gave them a nasty knock or two. The Kamburovs, for instance; he wasn't exactly soft with them (though even in that black family there were some innocent ones whom he spared). When it came to Yanchugiu, they told him, "Go ahead, polish him off." But he preferred talking with him, quiet like—explained as how he hadn't taken on a job killing Turks and Greeks and Bulgarians; oh no! What he was after was to unite them against the Turkish oppression, being the friend of the long-suffering Macedonians. So Yanchugiu was won over to the side of the poor peasants; Oromuglu too, Bulgurev too. Big nuts they were, all three of them, in Macedonia.

"He didn't go about killing right and left, old Todor. A lion, that's what he was, not a cannibal. Domic Aga, for instance, the high and mighty bey of Karliakova, he would not put him to death, for all the snivellings of the good old shepherds, 'Kill him,' they begged. And the reason he gave for sparing this worthless bit o' nothing was, 'He can improve himself in other ways than that.'"

"I remember the day when, out in the fields, we fell right on top of a bunch of Turkish reapers from Bozdag. You should have seen their faces when they say so stout lads popping up. Well, we gave them back their revolvers, even though they were Turkish reapers, and their bread, even though we were blasted with them. Well, next day, some Turkish gendarmes happened to fall in with these same Turkish reapers, and took their revolvers from them, and their bread, and what's more, left the marks of the butt-ends of their rifles all over them. Result: The reapers came in to swell our ranks, and got fiercer even than us on the good work."

"The ideas Todor used to hatch up in his head! You or I would never have dreamed of them. So it was he said to the peasants, 'Don't let the beys and the big landowners or the profiteers make money out of you! Hide the best of your harvest! This they did. And so the crops could be bought by the peasants for a low price instead of being taken away by the rich plunderers; this trick actually ruined them and forced them to sell their lands to the peasants. "In fact, if you want the right word for it, he was educating them. When he nabbed anyone and had them up against a corner, he used to talk to them: 'You, he'd say, 'you don't know any better; you're just a fool. We'll let you live. But you, you're book learned, yet you plunder and profiteer: you're going to get it hot.' "And so at last, folks said, 'So that's what they are, eh, these comitadjis, these so-called robbers?'"

"Yes, we said, 'that's what we are.'"

TODOR Panitza was the life and soul of the independent movement in Macedonia. This is well known, but can't too often be repeated. He was the god that inspired it. In the Serres province, and all over the place, they called him the incarnation of their national freedom. But as everyone—you, for instance—knows, the Macedonian Revolutionary Committee, led by Alexander, Panitza and Protogerov, split up into several groups; the Autonomists with Protogerov at their head became the agents of the Bulgarian imperialist government. "That's how it came about that Tchoulev was assassinated at Milan, Raiko Daskalov at Prague, and Alexander himself was murdered by Protogerov. So then, the Autonomists went about saying, 'We simply must kill Panitza.'"

"Easy enough to say, no doubt. But how kill him, heavens above, how?"

"True, his daring deeds outnumbered the hairs on his head, and his story was an extraordinary one. But he knew how to look after himself, and now, living at Vienna, he kept his eyes open pretty wide. "A man like him, ready for everything that came, doubly quick through long practice, all nerves and muscle, in perfect trim, you couldn't go for him straight—it was madness to think of it. And play tricks with him! Why, you could no more do that than you could play tricks with a lion, a stronger animal than you and, before that, more cunning."

"Well, among the shady crowd that hang round the Bulgarian legations and ministries, feeding on secret funds which come from the taxpayers' pockets, there was a piece called Mencia Karnicju. She was the daughter of a bankrupt money lender. This Karnicju woman was full of disease, and fuller still of ugliness; lean, pale, shrunk face; one of our chaps sized her up pretty neatly: 'Just like a big white monkey,' he said."

"Pots of money she got, and detailed instructions from the Viennese Legation; to be more precise from one Antonov, whose name we must prick up here, for conscience' sake. "She got into Panitza's family circle, worked her way in on pity, which was the cleverest line to take with the mighty and invincible Vovevode."

"ONE day, she bought tickets for the theatre and said, 'I've been given tickets.'"

"They all went: Panitza, his wife, a henchman that never left his side, and the she-assassin."

"She had taken a box at the Burg-theatre. "While they were doing Peer Gynt—you know, a musical play with a storm in it—the time came when the stage and the house were darkened. Gloom all of a sudden, with thunder and lightning flashes. "You can guess how they were sitting in the box. Panitza here; his faithful companion beside him. The woman, behind. She took the revolver out of her handbag. But for the storm scene she couldn't have done it. With her two first shots, she broke both arms of the henchman, fired again at Panitza, rose, escaped."

"While Panitza lay dying, the henchman kicked open the box-door, which had slammed to, with one mighty kick, and dashed after the Karnicju woman, both arms swinging useless. They caught her somewhere near the exits."

"You saw her yourself in court; a ghastly picture of disease and degradation; the hand of secret agents and detectives round her, as she lay on the stretcher, nurses bustling about, playing their farce; full of venom and hypocrisy, acting the double part of the dying liberator who cannot stand—crammed with gold as she was by the diplomatic flunkies of Tsankov, and soul far rottener than body."

When my companion had said his say, he showed me a paragraph in one of our big newspapers: "Marcia Karnicju, sentenced to eight years' imprisonment at Vienna, has been released on account of ill-health. She had an enthusiastic reception in Bulgaria, and attended a great many meetings, where she was hailed as the Charlotte Corday of Bulgaria."

This is the way history is made and remade; this, too, the way it is written. (Tomorrow: Ferdinand)