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JOBLESS MOVEMENT PREPARES MAY 1 DEMONSTRATION

Masses of India Fight Imperialist "Labor" Government Forces and Native Betrayers

"Law and Order" in Chicago

For the third time in two months, the Chicago police raided the headquarters of the Communist Party, arrested leaders and organizers without warrant, and rushed them away to unknown cells after brutally beating them. This is a sample of the capitalist preparations for May Day. This is the type of "law and order" of the same brand with that of Policeman Whalen in New York, and of the police in 18 cities on March 6th. "Law and order" at the end of a night-stick, or with blackjacks.

It is notorious the world over, that Chicago is an underworld paradise, that the underworld rules the city government. The police director there is himself an old hardened criminal with a long prison record. Murder at retail or wholesale is so common in Chicago that it no longer gets into the headlines, is not news any more. But that does not mean there are no police, not at all. On the contrary, the police are on the job with both feet—partners in the profits of the underworld, and partners in its crime.

Not that Chicago is an exception; it is only the highest developed form of this fascist incorporation of the criminal elements into the very machinery of "justice," which is going on in every large city. It is highly developed in New York, and when Whalen returns to his silks and ribbons at Wanamakers, we may have in his place a New York version of Stege.

The vicious police attack in Chicago followed a secret meeting of 300 leading "business men," who decided that "the Communist Party is not to be considered as enjoying any civil rights." Their decision was immediately translated into action by the police.

Will the Chicago clubbers be able to abolish May Day by these attacks? No more than Whalen can abolish May Day in New York by his war mobilization; no more than all the tyrants of history have been able to build a foundation for their rule by guns and clubs.

May Day expresses the vital needs of the working masses, their demand for unemployment insurance, for the seven-hour day and five-day week, their struggle against the menace of war. All police suppressions merely help to expose the police and government to the workers as agents of capitalist oppression and exploitation, and hasten the day when the workers will throw off entirely their illusions, will organize their strength, will overthrow the capitalist rule, and will take charge of society as a class.

Let the Steges and Whalens rage! Let them further expose capitalist "law and order" to the contempt of the workers!

May Day will show that the revolutionary upsurge of the American working class is becoming more profound!

Chicago will also be heard from on May Day!

Two Strikes--Amoskeag, N.H. Indianapolis, Ind.

Two strikes, directly involving only a thousand workers each as yet, serve to focus our attention on the developing struggles in industry, and to indicate that the response to the slogan of "Down Tools on May Day" will be a powerful one.

One strike is in the Amoskeag mill, New Hampshire—a thousand textile workers have struck in a mill employing eight thousand—said to be the largest textile mill in the world outside of China.

The necessity for applying in this struggle the tactic of the election of a Rank and File Strike Committee for conducting and spreading the strike is obvious. The National Textile Workers' Union is leading the struggle. The few workers who were deluded by the Muste social fascists have repudiated them.

In Indianapolis a thousand metal workers have struck and have announced their desire to join the Metal Workers' Industrial League. Here too, a Rank and File strike committee should be elected and every effort made to develop local leadership.

Both of these struggles have developed among unorganized workers—in localities where there is little if any tradition of struggle. In both localities the unorganized workers have heard of the program of the class struggle unions of the Trade Union Unity League, have become acquainted at least with the program of partial demands of our Party—and to the Communists and the revolutionary unions they turn for leadership.

These strikes are merely forerunners of far wider mass struggles. They are signals showing which way the wind of the class struggle is blowing.

These struggles make great demands upon our Party. They show the urgent necessity of developing new corps of Communist leaders as rapidly as the seriousness of the task permits.

Build the Trade Unions!

Workers cannot fight against unemployment, for better conditions, against the attacks of the bosses, unless they have organizations uniting tens and hundreds of thousands for a joint struggle. Workers must have strong, fighting trade unions. They must join and build the unions affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League.

This task must be kept in the forefront in all activities that are going on. Especially in the preparations for the celebration of May Day, the building of the trade unions must be constantly brought forward. The trade unions must be drawn into the most active participation on May Day, and the mass mobilization must be made a part of the Recruiting Drive for the unions.

In every task facing the workers today, it becomes clearer that the workers' daily newspaper is an absolutely necessary weapon. The Daily Worker is the principal instrument for the mobilization for May Day. It is the most important messenger to carry to the masses the message of the trade unions. It is the most efficient carrier of the Trade Union Recruiting Drive. The Daily Worker must become the tool, used every day, by every active worker, to weld the movement together, to fill it with fighting spirit, to direct it to great unified mass actions.

If the Daily Worker is to perform these tasks, it must be supported. Especially must every class-conscious worker do his part in the big campaign to give the Daily Worker 30,000 new readers in the next two months.

Have you done your part in this task? Is your union taking part in the campaign? Has your Party unit an active committee on the job. Make the answer to every one of these questions "Yes."

REJECT GANDHI PROGRAM; CALL GENERAL STRIKE

M'Donald Police Fire Into Masses of Workers Put Up Barricades Uprising Spreads to Many Cities

BULLETIN.
BOMBAY, India, April 16.—Speaking to a group of women today from Ahmadabad and Bombay, who came to visit him, M'Donald repeated his betrayal of the Indian masses by urging them not to follow non-violent means, which would be complete submission to British imperialism.

According to a cable from London to a New York capitalist newspaper "quiet measures are being taken here to move troops in the event of serious bloodshed." This indicates that the "labor" government is preparing to drown the Indian uprisings in a sea of blood.

As the revolutionary working class of the world prepares for monster demonstrations and strikes against capitalism on May First, capitalist newspapers report sharp clashes of Hindu workers and peasants, as well as some petty-bourgeois students against British imperialism in Calcutta, the great seaport of Karachi, Poona, and other places in India.

Defying Gandhi's instructions that they carry on their demand for independence non-violently, all last night Hindu workers fought the armed police of the British "Labor" government. The Nationalist leaders called the demonstration as a non-violent protest against the arrest of Nehru, president of the All-India Nationalist Congress, but the masses did not permit themselves to be bound by the narrow limits of the Gandhianists in the Nationalist movement.

Clashes in Bombay. Clashes occurred throughout the city of Bombay. At first the police were unable to cope with the onslaught of the workers. Reinforcements were called and several volleys were fired into the crowd of demonstrators.

A general strike has been called in Calcutta. All business is closed down. Armored tanks are patrolling the streets, and sporadic fighting is going on in different sections.

D. A. R. Calls for More War Arms and for An Attack on Communists

WASHINGTON, April 16.—An attack against the Communists and their organization of the American working class for struggle against capitalism, and the demand that all armaments be increased immediately for war, were the two features that signalized the meeting of the Daughters of the American "Revolution" yesterday.

Hoover's rapid war preparations were too slow for these rabid war mongers, and they passed a resolution for a tremendous increase in armament, sensing war to be closer than Hoover will admit. Various vicious attacks against the Communist Party marked the discussions.

MWL CONVENES APR. 26

200 Delegates Already for New Union

As the national convention date of the Marine Workers League draws near, the National Office reports all its locals—East, Pacific and Gulf, coasts—that more than 200 delegates have already been elected and are making preparations to be in New York, at 140 Broad St. (the national headquarters of the Marine Workers League), where this convention will be held April 26. These delegates will represent ships and docks and locals of the

Organize for May 1 in Mine Fields



Women's Auxiliary and Young Pioneers at the Zeigler convention of the National Miners Union. This convention, besides plans for organization and strike in the coal fields this Fall, enthusiastically supported the motion for mass political strike and demonstration May 1.

150,000 British Wool Strikers; 1,000 Weavers Out in U. S.

Communists Lead Struggle in Yorkshire; National Textile Union Here

(Wireless by Imprecorr.)
LONDON, England, April 16.—There are probably a hundred thousand Yorkshire wool workers striking under the leadership of the Revolutionary Committee of Action. A total of 150,000 are on strike in this industry. The Bradford committee of action, under Communist leadership, controls the district.

International Wireless News

REICHSTAG VOTES TO BUILD CRUISER.
(Wireless by Imprecorr.)
BERLIN, April 16.—The Reichstag decided to vote the first installment for the construction of Cruiser B, of the Ersatz Preussen series. The installment amounts to 2,900,000 marks. The Reichstag approved of the measure. Reichswehr Minister Groener revealed that the Muller government secretly agreed to build the second cruiser with surplus funds from the Reichswehr budget.

VOTE TO LEAVE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.
(Wireless by Imprecorr.)
VIENNA, April 16.—The Socialist Workers Opposition decided to leave the Social-Democratic Party and join the Communist Party. "Revolutionary Social Democrat," organ of the opposition, declares the workers have lost the illusion of improving the Socialist Party from the inside. Mass meetings are being held to explain the situation.

JAILED FOR ANTI-MILITARIST WORK.
(Wireless by Imprecorr.)
PARIS, April 16.—Renee Manguet was sentenced to four months imprisonment for distributing anti-militarist leaflets to soldiers. Joseph Chauvet was arrested near the Reims Aerodrome for possessing anti-militarist leaflets.

PROVE SHIFRIN DEFENDED SELF
Frame-Up on Militant Torn to Pieces

Today saw two more "Hebrew Butcher Union" gangsters, Slatnikovitz and Paisner, on the stand in the trial of William Shifrin for murder, because he defended himself against them. Under defense attorney Medallion's cross-examination they made liars of each other and themselves. Slatnikovitz asserted that he saw Shifrin take the prepared knife out of his sleeve but became all excited and embarrassed when confronted with his previous testimony in the magistrate's court where he had testified that Shifrin took the knife from his hip.

Two other witnesses for the prosecution, Mrs. Brass, a storekeeper on Beck Street, where the fight took place, and officer Owens definitely established that the car was not stopped on the corner of Beck St. and Prospect Ave., where the Oxman shop is that the thugs now declare they went "picketing," but that the car drove all the way up to St. John's Ave. where they pounced upon Shifrin. It was also brought out in their testimony that all six thugs at once crowded upon Shifrin. Thus the witnesses for the prosecution themselves show already clearly that Shifrin acted in pure self-defense. Tomorrow the defense witnesses will give final proof of this.

The defense of the case by the New York District of the International Labor Defense requires large funds and it is urgently requested to rush all amounts to their office at 799 Broadway.

TWO WORKERS KILLED IN FACTORY.
NORTHFORD, Conn., April 16.—Two workers were killed in a fire-works factory here today as the result of an explosion.

POWERS, CARR FACE ELECTRIC CHAIR IN SOUTH

Jobless Delegation Dragged to Court Again Today Demand Their Release Fight Boss' Terror Against Workers

Openly declaring that M. H. Powers and J. C. Carr, members of the Communist Party, have "the electric chair looming in the background," the Atlanta Georgian, capitalist sheet in Atlanta, announces the fact that they are being rushed to trial for their attempts to organize Negro and white workers in a united struggle against vicious exploitation by the Southern bosses. The trial is set for Monday, April 21.

Power and Carr were arrested over a month ago for distributing leaflets and organizing meetings. They were charged with violation of laws of civil war times and for "inciting an insurrection" and circulating insurrectionary papers.

Expose Bosses' Motives.
A statement issued by the International Labor Defense, which is defending Powers and Carr declares: "The International Labor Defense has noted the crude maneuvers of the court in Atlanta in the shifting of their charges from that of 'disorderly conduct' to 'unlawful assembly' to 'throwing of tear gas bombs' and thence to those finally lodged against them. The International Labor Defense in seeking to liberate Powers and Carr will completely expose the motives behind the actions of the police of Atlanta in preventing the meeting, and of the capitalist forces who would railroad these two working class leaders to the electric chair."

Unemployed Delegation Faces Other Charge.
Not content with having railroaded Foster, Minor, Amter, Raymond and Lesten to jail for leading the "Work or Wages" struggle on March 6, the Tammany boss courts are arranging further persecutions against them at the 57th St. Court, on the charge of "felonious assault" against one of Whalen's cossacks, Talbot.

The delegation of the unemployed are being held in Tombs prison, (Continued on Page Three)

PROTEST TUES. I.L.D. MEET SUN.

Avalanche of Court Cases Come Today

Prominent speakers will address the mass protest meeting in Central Opera House, 63rd St. and Third Ave., Tuesday, April 22, to which delegations of all working class organizations are being sent and in which the workers of New York will participate in masses to demand the release of the elected committee of the 110,000 March 6 demonstrators. The meeting is held under the auspices of the Communist Party, the Trade Union Unity League, and Councils of the Unemployed, and the International Labor Defense which is defending the delegation of the unemployed, Foster, Minor, Amter, Raymond and Lesten.

Conference Answers Eisman Call.
Sunday morning, April 20, at Irving Plaza, is the International Labor Defense conference, gathering delegates from shops, fraternal organizations, women's councils, and trade unions to give the workers' answer to the increased persecutions (Continued on Page Two)

Admit Right of Armed Revolution, But Not Against Capitalism

American imperialism "was shaken to its foundations yesterday" when Henry H. Curran, president of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, told the senate lobby investigating committee that the people of the United States have as much right to make an armed revolution today—against the Eighteenth Amendment!—as they did way back in 1776. The "wets," he said, had a perfect right to use armed force to back up their views.

There is no doubt that the honorable Mr. Curran will not be arrested and tried for criminal syndicalism and sedition. This is reserved only for the working class fighters who call upon the workers to fight against the entire system of capitalist exploitation and wage-slavery.

DROP CHESWICK CASES

Arrested in 1927 for Sacco Protest

PITTSBURGH, April 16.—An important victory was scored by the International Labor Defense in Western Pennsylvania when the district attorney for the Pittsburgh district entered a motion to nolle prosequere (discharge) the well-known Cheswick cases, which had been dragging through the courts since 1922.

On August 22, 1927, when 3,000 miners and their families were holding a protest meeting against the

NATIONAL BUREAU MEETS, PROCLAMATION ISSUED; CHICAGO STARTS FIGHT

"Work or Wages" Important Slogan in Political Strike and Mass Mobilization

Committees of Action in Shops; Workers to March Under Banners of Organizations

The National Bureau of 13 elected from the National Executive Council of the Unemployed Movement, will meet Friday, at 3 p. m., at 2 West 15th St.

The principal issues to be discussed are plans for definite nationwide organization campaign, the mass demonstrations on May 1, the July 4-5, national unemployment convention to be held in Chicago, and the financing of the convention and organization campaign.

FLOUNDER OVER 3-POWER 'TREATY'

Leaves Widest Room for Big Arms Race

LONDON, April 16.—Even the three-power "treaty" with its roomy loopholes for the widest armament race, is meeting with difficulty of formulation. First the Japanese delegation accepted the wording of the draft "treaty," then they discarded it, and the latest report is that a treaty so unsatisfactory to each of the big navy nations has been drawn up that the imperialist handiwork will be able to sign it by Thursday.

The chief feature of the treaty is the so-called "moving platform," which permits any of the signers to increase its naval force to any extent if it in the least desires to do so.

The main difficulty in the three-power treaty is that the imperialist representatives find it hard to hide the complete failure of the London Five-Power conference and the tremendous increase in armaments, in no way limited by any treaty, that has resulted.

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Silesia Jobless in Clashes With Police

BERLIN, April 16.—Several thousand unemployed workers clashed with the police at Ratibor, Silesia today. One cop was injured.

Today in the Daily Worker

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TOMORROW.

Seventh Party Convention—Foster; Significance of March 6 Lozovsky; Capitalism Promotes Judge Parker—Engdahl.

New York Food Workers of All Trades in Convention Sunday to Organize Union

MANHATTAN LYCEUM MEETING TAKES UP BATTLE OF 1,500,000

Only 3 Percent Organized at Present; A. F. L. and Amalgamated Bureaucracies Sell Them

Conditions Unbearable; Demand 40-Hr. Week, No Speed Up, More Pay; T.U.U.L. Issues Call

New York food workers, organized and unorganized—bakers, hotel, restaurant and cafeteria workers; candy, biscuit and all food factory workers; grocery, fruit and dairy workers; market workers and food truck drivers, meat packing and slaughter house workers—are called upon this week to send delegates to the shop convention on Sunday in Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St., for the building of a food workers industrial union. The call is issued by the Food Workers Section, Trade Union Unity League, with headquarters at 16 West 21st St.

"Working conditions in the food industry are miserable," the call states—"long hours, as many as 14 a day; a killing speed-up system, and tens of thousands thrown out into the streets to starve—because too much food has been produced." How the bosses are trying to save their profits is pointed out in the sharper attacks being made on the standard of living.

Million and Half.

Of the one-half million food workers in New York less than three per cent are organized, due to the sell-out boss-co-operation policies of the A. F. of L. and the A. F. W. officials, it is explained. "These fake 'labor' organizations do nothing to organize the unorganized. They have allowed conditions in their shops to become even worse than in non-union shops. The A. F. of L. unions have become fascist company unions of the bosses, using terror and gangsterism and denying even membership meetings. The A. F. W., which pretends to be progressive, is driving fast on the same

Hoover's Idea of "Independence" for Haiti

U.S. Orders Haiti President To Make Roy His Successor

Borno's Postponement of Election Seen as Defiance; Marines May Act to Install New Executive

Headline in the New York World, April 15.

The World slipped up a bit in showing the stern hand of Wall Street in Haiti. However, the fact is that Borno did not need to be "ordered." He is a quite willing tool of the National City Bank of New York, and its protector, the American government.

PENCIL WORKERS GET 10 P. C. SLASH

Call on Workers to Fight Against Cut

The long-expected 10 per cent wage cut at Eagle Pencil Co. was announced last Saturday by members of the office management orally to each department. The workers replied by sitting around their machines Monday, but refusing to work. All departments participated in the spontaneous strike.

Unable to send the workers back to work, the foremen promised to speak to the management and after several hours returned with a "concession" of five per cent. This maneuver was intended to cover up the fact that the bosses had really made a five per cent cut in the already miserable wages.

The girls in the Eagle Pencil Co. work piece-work and even with the most intense speed-up do not earn more than \$18 a week. Most of the girls do not earn that.

Communist workers in the factory issued an appeal to their fellow-workers to fight the wage cut. Urging them to form committees in every department, the appeal called upon the workers to strike in case their demands were refused. An open-air meeting will be held in front of the factory today.

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Avalanche of Court Cases Come Today

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workers children and parents.

"We urge all organizations, who have not already done so to elect delegates to the conference," states the I.L.D. "All Pioneers are urged to come to the office of District I.L.D. to distribute leaflets for this conference."

McNeil on Trial.

Also in special sessions, Randolph McNeil, young marine workers arrested at the City Hall demonstration the week before March 6, will be tried for felonious assault. He was beaten nearly to death by policemen, and on coming out of the hospital, is put on trial for beating them.

In Bronx special sessions, Abe Ross, Lillian Fand, Jules Perlay and Roy Leventhal are tried today for pasting up posters on a building.

Morgan, Seeing Times Not So Good, Takes Over N. Y. 3.70 Loan

The banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co. reached out yesterday and raked in a neat plum in the shape of the entire issue of \$31,550,000 serial four per cent gold bonds of the state of New York. Morgan paid \$102,077 for each \$100 worth of bonds, reducing the interest thereby to 3.79. The fact that Morgan is willing to sink that much money in such low interest bearing bonds indicates poor prospects for business boom in the near future, economists point out.

4 Tiny Bolts Holding Up Movie Projector Booth, Snap; 1 Killed

Mrs. Etta Middleton, a Negro needle worker, was killed and at least 35 other workers, most of them Negroes, were injured when the Renaissance Theatre, Seventh Ave. and 137th St., collapsed. This theatre, thought "good enough for a workers' part of town," had a moving picture projector booth supported by only four bolts, tiny half inch bolts. These snapped simultaneously, dropping the booth and machine into the last four rows of seats on the main floor.

Show New Soviet Film Midnite, Sat. April 19

"The Simple Tailor," the latest Soviet film, will be shown at a midnight performance Saturday, April 19, at the Second Ave. Playhouse, 2nd Ave. and 8th St., for the benefit of the National Textile Workers' Union, New York District. There will also be a special feature "Gastonia," showing pictures of the strike in the Loray Mill, led a year ago by the N. T. W. U.

The admission charge of 50 cents will go to the Organization and Strike Fund of the New York District of the National Textile Workers' Union.

according to published statements. The New York Age this week does not carry a single line about the lynching, but does carry an article by James H. Hogan, special representative of the Pullman Company, praising the Pullman Porters and stirring up hate between the West Indian and American Negroes.

A survey of the general opinion among railroad men in Harlem, waiters, cooks, laborers and others shows that all are of the opinion that the train crew lynched Wilkins, as proved by the I.L.D. and evaded by the Randolph clique and the N.A.A.C.P.

Today in History of the Workers

April 17, 1817—Seven Luddites hanged in London for destroying textile machinery which displaced workers from jobs. 1876—General labor congress held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in effort to unite socialists, trade unionists, greenbackers and others. 1912—Massacre of un-armed strikers in Lena goldfields, Siberia. 1917—Slogan "All power to the Soviets" raised by Lenin in speech at Tauride Palace, Petrograd. 1927—Communist headquarters at Canton, China, raided.

150,000 BRITISH WOOL STRIKERS

Left Wing Trade Union Leads Struggle

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wool workers of England, as May 1 approaches, is found here to.

Yesterday, 1,000 weavers in the Coolidge mill of the Amoskeag Co. walked out on strike against wage cuts and intolerable conditions. All these strikers were in one department, and a telegram from the National Textile Workers' Union national office in New York has been received urging upon the Manchester local of the N. T. W. U., which is leading the strike, the necessity of pulling out the other departments, electing a rank and file strike committee, mass picketing, carrying the organization into other mills and building a workers' defense committee.

The strikers demand a minimum wage of \$20 a week, shorter hours, and no speed-up. The speed-up and bad conditions are unbearable.

Workers Photo Group to Meet This Friday

The Labor Defender Workers Photo Group will hold their next meeting at Japanese Art Center, 7 E. 14th St., on Friday, April 18, at 8 p. m.

Groups of workers' photographers are being organized for the May 1 demonstration to cover the event from all angles. All workers having cameras are invited to join the group.

Banquet of Workers School This Friday

Those who fail to secure tickets in advance for the banquet of the Workers' School at Manhattan Lyceum, Friday evening, April 18, may find it impossible to secure a place at the festive board. Tickets are being sold rapidly and those who expect to buy them at the last minute may find all of the places filled.

Communist Activities

Workers School Banquet. To open Working Class Educational Conference Friday, April 18, 7 p. m., Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St. Program: John Reed Club; admission 50c.

Y. C. E. District Dance. Saturday, April 19, New Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Avenue. John C. Smith Band. Admission 50c. Tickets at all League headquarters and 26 Union Square.

Section One. Unit organizers, financial secretaries, agitprop, literature agents, Daily Worker agents, tonight, 6 p. m., 27 East Fourth St.

Section Eight. Agitprop committee and unit agitprop tonight, 7:30 p. m., 165 Thatford Ave.

Food Workers Fraction. Friday, 8 p. m., 13 W. 17th St.

Labor and Fraternal Organizations

Women's Council Concert and Ball. Saturday, April 19, Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East 4th St. John C. Smith Band, 50c in advance, 75c at door.

Workers Laborers' Theatre. Every evening this week, 8 p. m., 13 W. 17th St.

Painters Mass Meeting. Thursday, 8 p. m., 359 E. 81st St.

Brighton Beach May 1 Mass Meet. Friday, 8:30 p. m., 227 Brighton Beach Ave. Prominent speakers.

Comrades Who Can House Delegates. To the Marine Workers League Convention April 26-30 write or telephone immediately to George Mink, 140 Broad St., Whitehall 7475. Give number of how many you can take care of and how many nights.

Volunteers. Wanted for research work. I.L.D. National Office, 799 Broadway, Stuyvesant 4552.

Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra. Saturday, Town Hall, 113 W. 42nd St.

Yorkville Tennis League Dance. Saturday, 8 p. m., 359 E. 81st St., admission 35 cents.

Midnight Performance. "Simple Tailor" Saturday at Second Ave. Playhouse. Benefit National Textile Workers' Union, N. Y. District.

Orthograde Vetcherinka and Concert. Saturday, April 26.

Brownsville A.N.L.C. Anti-Lynch Protest. Friday, 8 p. m., 165 Thatford Ave.

Working Class Educational Conference. Called by T.U.U.L. and Workers School starts sessions at Banquet, Friday, 7 p. m. at Manhattan Lyceum, continue Saturday, 5 p. m. at Workers' School. All workers organizations urged to send delegates.

FILM VERSION of WAGNER'S MEISTERSINGER AT 'ACME'

IN "THE SIMPLE TAILOR"

Hans Sachs, the cobbler, is given proper prominence in the German film now at the Acme. It is a dramatization of the Nuremberg legend, from which the Wagnerian opera, Meistersinger von Nuremberg, was built.

The acting is good, the photography pretty well done, and the spirit of the middle age town apparently well captured. Crooked politics in the election of a mayor are not blinked at, neither is any pity taken on the idiosyncrasies and foibles of the clique of rich burghers who run things, nor their agents in office, like the town clerk.

The town bourgeoisie is shown cringing pathetically to the wandering adventurers of the nobility, and the nobles are shown in clumsy council in a distant castle trying to force one of their own youngsters into a marriage most undesirable to him. Sachs, the cobbler, the "people's choice" for mayor, is much the biggest man of them all, but fails completely to take politics seriously, and throws away his chances lightly. About the only thing he does fight for is the goldsmith's daughter, and he resigns even here quite easily to the romantic "Yunker" who captures her fancy. But then, even Hans is a master cobbler.



Vera Solnceva, noted Russian player, who appears in the new Soviet film, "The Simple Tailor," now at the Second Ave. Theatre.

"The Simple Tailor" was to have started at this theatre Tuesday but due to delay by the censors it was not shown until Wednesday.

The Players from Japan, are the special feature of the stage show at the Roxy. Under the leadership of Tokujiro Tansui, the original company will be presented in its entirety. The play in which they will appear is called "Koi-No-Yozakura," or "Love of the Cherry Blossom."

JAPANESE PLAYERS AT ROXY THEATRE.

Joseph Schildkraut is now showing at the Roxy Theatre in his new film, "Cock O' The Walk," produced under the supervision of James Cruze. The film is adapted from the novel by Arturo S. Mom, called "Happiness Insurance."

AMUSEMENTS

Theatre Guild Productions

HOTEL UNIVERSE
By PHILIP HARRY
MARTIN BECK 45th Street
W. of S. V.
Even, 8:40. Mats. Thursdays and Saturday at 2:40.

A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY
By IVAN TURGENEV
GUILD W. 52d. Evs. 8:30
Mts. Th. & Sa. 2:30

"THE APPLE CART"
By Bernard Shaw
ALVIN W. 52d. Evs. 8:30
Mats. Wed. and Saturday at 2:30

A. H. WOODS presents
ALICE BRADY
LOVE, HONOR and BETRAY
A Satirical Comedy
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Evs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. & Sat.

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MUSIC BOX Theat. 45th W. of Bway. Evs. at 8:30
Mts. Thursday and Saturday at 2:30

"TOPAZE"
Comedy Hit from the French with FRANK MORGAN, Phoebe Foster, Clarence Derwent

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War Budget Passed in French Chamber

PARIS, April 16.—The French budget, providing tremendous expenditures for war preparations, was passed yesterday in the Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 405 to 191. The total budget amounts to \$2,000,000,000, about half of which is for expenditures for past and future wars.

Hoover Says Masses Can't Rule, Only Parasites

NEW HAVEN, April 15.—Utter contempt from the working masses and insistence on a strong government controlled by the exploiting bosses, was expressed in an article written by Hoover for the Yale News and published with official sanction in its latest issue.

Referring to the great mass of workers in the United States as "a mob," Hoover writes that the "mob consumes, it hates and it dreams, but it never builds." His conclusion is that the parasites who are endowed with god-given qualities for leadership should rule—for the benefit of Wall Street.

Jails Being Jammed by Suppressive Laws

WASHINGTON, April 16.—At a secret session of the senate judiciary committee today Attorney General Mitchell reported the fact that the federal jails are being packed to the rafters. Federal prisoners have increased by 6,277 in the last nine months, Mitchell reported. The growing suppressive laws of the capitalists are filling the jails.

Egyptians Attack U. S. High Tariff

CAIRO, April 16.—An attack against the high American tariff on the import of Egyptian raw cotton is voiced here by Finance Minister Makram Ebeid, and in an editorial in La Patrie, a Cairo newspaper that voices the views of the government.

La Patrie talks of "coercive measures" against the blow directed against the Egyptian cotton growers by the high American tariff. La Patrie's threat, which is backed by British imperialism concludes with these words:

"From the viewpoint of finance as well as others, Egypt is wholly independent of America and is at liberty, when and how she wishes, to bring pressure to bear by excluding American products."

Reinstate Death Penalty in British Forces

LONDON, April 16.—In order to strengthen the reactionary forces in the army, navy and air forces, the House of Lords today reinstated the death penalty for disobedience and other infractions of military rules.

Thomas Announces New Scheme to Speed Workers

LONDON April 16.—With great approval, J. H. Thomas, minister for "relief" of unemployment in the labor government, announced in the House of Commons today that a company has been organized to work out schemes of rationalization and general speed-up of the workers. The name of the new corporation is the Bankers Industrial Development Co., with a capital of \$30,000,000. Its attempt to speed up industry will sharpen the crisis and the struggle for world markets, while at the same time speed-up the workers and reduce their wages. In this object the Bankers Industrial Development Co. has the full support of the MacDonald government.

Sham Battle in Albany Over Fake Rent Relief Bills Before Governor

ALBANY, N. Y., April 16.—Governor Roosevelt is hearing representatives of the New York City landlords and of the republican backers of Assemblyman Rivers and Perkins, and going through the farce of debating whether he will sign their rent bills, neither of which would make much difference one way or the other.

The Negro tenants of Harlem in many mass meetings during the winter exposed the frailty of these bills completely. The Perkins bill gives the capitalist judge the right, if he wants to extend the lease six months when a rent raise is coming. The Rivers bill provides for payment of rent to the judge instead of the regular collector in certain circumstances.

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BREADLINE IN PHILA. THREE SQUARES LONG SHOWS UP 'PROSPERITY'

Workers Forming Eight Unemployed Councils, Show They Want Work or Wages, Not 'Charity'

Huge Breadline Shows Great Increase of Suffering in City in Past Few Weeks

(By a Worker Correspondent)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Philadelphia witnessed an unusual sight on Friday morning. A breadline three squares in length formed upon hearing that the Everyone Safety League was to distribute food and clothing through the police at the Eighth and Jefferson Streets Police Station. A square is about two blocks long in this city. Breadlines of one square have been the rule in many parts of the city at various missions and soup society "philanthropic" houses throughout the city all winter.

But three squares long! This shows the increase in the destitution of thousands of workers in the past few weeks. Everybody receiving the food or clothing had to pass through the station house, thus showing the close alliance of the police with the bourgeois "charity" organizations. It is not charity that is wanted by the workers of Philadelphia. It is "Work or Wages" which is proved by the growing strength in both numbers and fighting spirit (against evictions, etc.) by the eight Unemployed Councils already organized here. Additional unemployed workers are joining daily.

—PHILADELPHIA WORKER.

Leads Illinois Miners



Roy Groves, of Eldorado, elected secretary-treasurer of the Illinois District of the National Miners Union at the district convention held in Zeigler, April 6.

U. S. Rubber Worker Cuts His Hand Off, Foreman Swears at Him

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DETROIT, Mich.—In Department 49 of the United States Rubber Co. a fellow-worker was operating a rolling machine. During the operation the raw rubber stuck in between the rollers and the frame. Well, the operator tried to cut the rubber loose, but in doing so he slipped and his left hand got in between the rollers. The result was that he lost his hand. At the same instant the rolling machine (safety part) broke and the foreman and the assistant with the superintendent came. Instead of paying attention to the injured worker they belittled: "What the hell did you damn fool break that machine for? Do you know you're holding the production up? Get the hell into the office and wait until I come."

hell's hole that poor man got in, and instead of that lousy lizard and blood-sucker of a foreman sending the man to the first aid he told him to go to the office and WAIT until he comes in and gives him a permit to go to the first aid. So you see, fellow-workers and comrades, what conditions exist. How long will the working class tolerate such conditions? I ask you comrades. My answer to this is: So long will the working class have to tolerate such hell's conditions as it stays unorganized. Not until then can conditions be bettered. Comrades and fellow-workers, for the sake of the working class, organize, and beat those lousy blood-suckers to their game. Defend the working class, but exterminate those blood-suckers, the capitalist class. Organize into the T. U. U. L.

—U. S. RUBBER WORKER.

Federal Prison a Hell for Prisoners

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DETROIT, Mich.—I want to tell the people about the rotten conditions which I saw in Federal Prison, to which I was sentenced through the perjured testimony of federal officers several years ago.

The scheme of the officials is to use the parole system as a final inducement to the prisoner to "cop a plea of guilty," no matter whether he is in fact guilty or not.

At the expiration of one-third of the prisoner's sentence he becomes eligible to a parole. I have never heard of a prisoner who stood trial and who maintained his innocence

of the crime for which he was convicted obtain a parole from a federal prison.

Drive Slaves of Western Pacific Railroad

(By a Worker Correspondent)

STOCKTON, Calif.—I left my job with the Western Pacific because we were fed beans and macaroni, and macaroni and beans—stale. The cook is a Chinese; he is not allowed to make the grub too good—must keep down expenses. Live in railroad cars, which are up to about 40 feet in length, eight men to the car, wooden bunks, four on each side of the car—double-deckers (one above the other); furnish own bedding.

Foremen drive the workers mercilessly. Fellow-workers, organize in the militant Railroad Workers Industrial League, affiliated to the T. U. U. L. Abolish these boss-willed dungeons and miserable wages. Gain conditions fit for the workers.

—RAILROAD SLAVE.

"National Miners Union Here to Stay"—Ill. Miner

(By a Worker Correspondent)

ELDORADO, Ill.—In regard to the National Miners Union, it has come to stay, if Lewis and his machine and the Fishwick-Farrington-Howat machine has not punished you enough, stay with them and the operator-controlled union till you are bound up more injunctions, more check-off, more speed-up, worsening of conditions, with a gang of company gun-men, stool-pigeons, company-sucks, all paid tools of the operators.

Methods, in order to make more profits for the bosses. For instance, Wason number 1 mine had miners that were working sworn in as deputies. Everyone of the committee said he was a deputy.

Trick Jobless Seamen with Fake Jobs

(By a Worker Correspondent)

I am an able-bodied seaman and I have been out of work for four months, looking hard for a job. On April 8 I went over to the International Employment and Shipping Agency employment office, and they sent me out to the S. S. Emiled, Bull Line, saying there was a job there. When I got there and handed him my papers I found out that this was a bum steer. They had been sending a lot of men out to this fake job.

What sort of monkey business is this? You make me spend carfare to go to a place and there is no job? Then he said: "Maybe it's because you are Russian; they think you are a Bolshevik." I told him I had been in this country 16 years and have worked on all kinds of ships. This was just a means of hiding their fake jobs that don't exist.

—SPEREDON SISCO.

WORLD COURT MOVE OF U. S. IS REFLECTION OF GROWING CONFLICTS

Hoover's Speech to Daughters of American "Revolution" Shows War Moves

Also Lays Plans for Attacks Against the Soviet Union

It is highly significant that, despite the recent defeat of the World Court advocate, Senator Deneen, in the Illinois senatorial primaries, Hoover strongly emphasized his position in favor of joining the World Court yesterday in a speech before the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The World Court, as Hoover frankly admitted in his speech, is a part of the methods of "international action" adopted by the capitalist powers, in the name of "preserving peace," but for the specific purpose of preparing war against the Soviet Union. These methods of "international action," such as the World Court, naval or arms treaties, the arbitration treaties, the Kellogg Pact, etc., of course also reflect the maneuver of the different powers for a better position in the rapidly developing imperialist war.

Why, then, up to the present time have the American imperialists hesitated to join the World Court? The answer has to be sought in America's relative position in politics before the London naval conference. Without destroying the two-power standard in naval strength maintained by Great Britain, the United States were not willing to commit itself to a membership in the World Court, which is still dominated by British influence.

But the American imperialists

are not unaware of the usefulness of the World Court. Particularly after their failure in bringing about an anti-Soviet war on a large scale in connection with the provocations in Manchuria, the American imperialists saw in the World Court a valuable instrument for the anti-Soviet campaign. But without the adherence of the United States the World Court can never serve this purpose very effectively.

Now, emerging out of the London conference "stronger in defense," to use the words of Hoover, the United States is becoming more and more confident of its power. It is now ready to play the game of the World Court, to strengthen it by joining it and to take an active part in preparing for its effective use against the Soviet Union.

In the event of another provocation against the Soviet Union as the Manchurian incident, no class-conscious worker would be surprised to find the World Court rendering a fake "judgment" against the Soviet Union, thus providing a basis upon which the capitalist to mobilize the world of capitalism against the only Workers' Republic will be built. This is what Hoover meant when he said that the World Court will supply the "clear need for some method of mobilization of public opinion against violation."

POWERS, CARR FACE THE CHAIR

Fight Boss' Terror Against Workers

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awaiting the sentence of the Tammany Special Sessions Court which was decided upon weeks ago. They are scheduled to appear for sentence Friday morning, April 18, at the Criminal Court building. They are faced with a maximum sentence of three years each and a fine up to \$500.

Mass Protest in Philadelphia Saturday.

In Philadelphia, on April 18, there will be a mass demonstration at 12 o'clock noon at City Hall Plaza, to protest against the railroadings of the Unemployed Delegation, representing 110,000 New York workers.

Demand Release.

"We, the members of the Ashtabula, Fairport and Conneaut, Ohio, International Labor Defense, pledge our support to the jailed and persecuted March 6 fighters for the unemployed and demand their immediate liberation," reads a resolution passed by these organizations.

Resolutions protesting the jailing of Harry Eisman, the committee of five delegates elected by New York unemployed and the campaign of terrorism against workers all over the country are coming in daily to the International Labor Defense.

Call Workers Conference.

A conference of delegates from shops, fraternal organizations, women's councils and trade unions to organize for the demand of the release of Harry Eisman, jailed Young Pioneer, and the unemployed delegation, will take place Sunday morning, April 20, at Irving Plaza, New York City.

Fight Chicago Boss Terror.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Calling on all workers to defeat the attempts of the bosses through the Thompson corrupt machine to smash militant organizations of the working class and to mobilize for the May Day demonstration, the district committee of the Communist Party declares that "the Chicago city administration, controlled by the capitalist class, is waging fascist terror against revolutionary working class organizations and the Communist Party in particular," thru raids and arrests. This, however, cannot stop the movement of the workers.

Uses Jail Threat as Whip.

CLEVELAND, April 16.—Ordering her to quit the Communist Party or serve a 30-day sentence in jail for defending the right of Negro workers to eat in a restaurant on W. Superior Ave., Police Judge Corlett stormed against Lil Andrews, member of the Young Communist League, who faces a long jail sentence under a Criminal Syndicalist conviction.

Lil Andrews very quickly told the boss judge that she preferred serving her 30-day sentence than to accept his bargaining and desert the ranks of the revolutionary working class.

Frame-up Against a Miner.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 16.—A bald frame-up, one of a series of similar kind, has been perpetrated against Arthur DeBarge, 58-year-old member of the National Miners Union. The charge against DeBarge is rape. On several previous occasions, the bosses instigated this same frame-up against DeBarge and he was dismissed. They are reheating this fake charge in order to force him to quit his militant, working class activities. The International Labor Defense is defending DeBarge whose trial comes up April 21st, in Bloomfield, Ind.

Jobless Demonstrate in Shanghai

SHANGHAI (I.P.S.).—In view of the growing unemployment, the intensifying terror which claimed a number of victims on March 6, and the closing down of five universities as a result of which thousands of students have been flung idle, the ferment is steadily rising. Mass demonstrations of workers and students are taking place almost daily

in Shanghai and propaganda is being made against the Nanjing government, for the coming May 1 demonstrations and for a general strike. On the anniversary of the Paris Commune and the shooting down of students in Peking demonstrations took place whereby collisions occurred with the police and a number of workers were arrested and wounded.

Prominent Scientists Join Atheists

MOSCOW (I.P.S.).—The prominent members of the Academy of Sciences in Moscow, Oldenburg,

Fersmann and Stcherbinski have made application to be admitted as members of the Athletic Association.

200 ELECTED TO MWL CONVENTION

Others to Come; Union Launched April 26

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ration, the other reports indicate that a large number of Negro delegates will be at the convention.

Launch New Union.

This convention will accomplish a great historic event in the marine industry—it will launch a new union, a fighting union, a union controlled by the workers in the interest of the workers: the Marine Workers Industrial Union. The workers in the industry who participated in the three regional conferences held by the Marine Workers League in the Atlantic, West and Gulf Coasts, where a program of action to organize the unorganized was adopted, and the throngs of workers who joined the Marine Workers League in answer to this organization drive have been clamoring for a new union that would stand strong against the attempts of the shipowners and their agents, the A. F. of L. and the I. W. W., to lay the whole burden of the present crisis in the industry upon their shoulders by slashing wages, increasing the speed-up which results in less men to a hold and makes more and more lose their jobs.

This new union will not be content with being merely a national industrial union, taking in all crafts of the marine industry, such as harbor shoremans, deep-sea and race workers, regardless of creed, race or color, but will immediately take steps to send a delegation to the Fifth Congress of Labor Unions, to be held July 15 in Moscow, where plans will be carried out for the launching of an International Federation of Marine Workers under the leadership of the R. I. L. U.

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JOBLESS BUREAU MEETS TO PLAN DEMONSTRATION

May 1 Strike Movement Goes Forward

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right to use the streets. May Day must be a high organizational point in the preparation for the huge mass unemployed convention in Chicago on July 4th and 5th. On to Chicago must be impressed firmly in the minds of the entire working class. Unemployment must be a central issue.

"Due to the splendid and unexpected militancy and strength of the March 6 demonstrations the bosses are preparing more carefully for May Day. They are mobilizing the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and other fascist organizations to crush the workers' movement.

"It is the duty of the unemployed councils everywhere to mix with their ex-servicemen brothers who are also badly hit by unemployment and to bring them to the May Day demonstrations not as fascist thugs of the bosses but as active workers fighting for Work or Wages."

Based on Shops.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 16.—The resolution of the united front conference held here Sunday calling a mass political strike and mass demonstrations May 1 points out that May Day as a date of working class struggle originated in this city in 1886.

"Workers in the shops must set up May Day action committees," says the resolution. "The preparations will only be successful if at the same time we build the Trade Union Unity League, the Communist Party and the Young Communist League."

The resolution calls on every workers' organization to participate in the May Day demonstration as an organized body under its own banner, slogans and demands. It must also organize its own defense corps.

When the May Day Committee elected by the united front conference demanded a permit to parade May 1 from the police department, the commissioner answered, "If you are looking for trouble, we'll have the police, the militia, and if necessary the army."

The workers are determined to strike and demonstrate despite all threats. March 6 was also preceded by raids, many arrests, and threats in Chicago.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 16.—A statement of the Communist Party, Baltimore section, District 3, calls the War Department refusal to allow the workers to gather in Memorial Plaza on May 1 and the threats of jingoistic societies against the workers' May Day demonstrations "part of the general offensive of the capitalist class against the workers."

The statement says: "In spite of all the threats of the war department and the police terror, the Communist Party will go on with its preparations for the first of May. We will prepare here in the city of Baltimore a greater parade and demonstration than on March 6."

District Three challenged us with words. We will challenge them with revolutionary deeds. On to a mass Communist Party! Build the Daily Worker!

Comradely yours, JOHN FROMHOLTZ, M. STAMM, J. MAZEK

District Daily Worker Campaign Committee.

Challenge in 'Daily' Drive Is Accepted

Uprising Spreads to Many Cities

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In the drive for 30,000 new readers for the Daily Worker the districts are issuing challenges in revolutionary competition. The first district to issue a challenge is the Philadelphia District, which challenged the Cleveland District. In accepting the challenge, the campaign committee of the Cleveland District writes:

Dear Comrades: District No. Six has accepted the challenge of District No. Three to pass our respective goals. That District No. Six has taken the Daily Worker drive seriously is shown by the immediate preparations made by the Bureau—studying and applying the national campaign program to the District with a detail plan of work—instituting revolutionary competition among the Section Committees and nuclei as well as setting quotas for them. Above all the District Bureau elected a Daily Worker Campaign Committee of three comrades consisting of the District Daily Worker Agent and two capable comrades to put the plan of the Bureau into operation—stimulating the Party as a whole in the campaign so that the Section Committees and nuclei will involve every Party member in the campaign.

Already eight different charts, covering every phase of the campaign have been set up by the campaign committee in the District Daily Worker office and the cities out of Cleveland are advised to do likewise in their headquarters to cover the Section Committees and nuclei challenges. Also the Section Committees are advised to keep on hand a copy of the national campaign program and put one on the wall for comrades to study it. The District Agitprop has already issued a discussion outline on the campaign for the nuclei.

We are going to issue mimeograph carrier cards for carrier routes to facilitate the house to house distribution. We are waiting only too impatiently for posters, sub blanks and other supplies from the national office.

The committee has set April 20, May 11 and May 25 as Red Sundays to intensify the drive for carrier routes, mailing subs and money for sustaining fund.

In Cleveland, May 4 will be held the first conference for support of the Daily Worker and Section Committees are instructed to hold like conferences. In the meantime the May Day United Front Committees will be used to popularize the Daily Worker and the supporting conferences for the Daily Worker.

The District Campaign Committee cannot but feel sure that this campaign will not be superficial, but will involve every member, many sympathetic workers, the Pioneers and Young Communist League members which will culminate in permanently reaching tens of thousands of workers in Ohio and West Virginia.

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REJECT GANDHI PROGRAM; CALL GENERAL STRIKE

Uprising Spreads to Many Cities

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Last night, too, in Poona, workers attacked police headquarters and stoned police in the streets, injuring the superintendent and the Magistrate.

When the police charged the masses, they were met with a shower of stones, wooden staves, and iron bars. The Hindu workers and peasants have definitely shown that in their struggle against British imperialism they will not permit Gandhi to betray them by offering no resistance to the British masters, headed by the "labor" government.

In Bombay street-car wires were cut, several street cars burned, and barricades erected. A firetruck station was stormed, and a fireman killed. This is the first time in forty years that a firehouse had been stormed.

Capitalist Press Hides Facts. It is very evident from the news in the capitalist press that all details are closely censored and the extent of the uprising is covered up deliberately.

10,000 Join Strike. A cable from Calcutta to the Herald Tribune states: "Following the serious rioting here yesterday, several disturbances occurred late last night and early this morning at Bhowanipore—a suburb of the city. . . . Several cars were wrecked. . . . Ten thousand workers in the jute mills of Calcutta have walked out in support of the 'hartal,' or general strike, which began yesterday. . . ."

Railway Men On Strike. The strike of the Railwaymen's Union on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway is still on, despite the efforts of some of the misleaders to send the men back to work. The railway workers have been fighting for higher wages, and have had several clashes with the police. Many strikers have been killed.

"Labor" Bloodhounds. LONDON, April 16.—"Labor" secretary for the state of India, Wedgwood Benn, who directs the armed forces of British imperialism against the Indian masses, on behalf of the British bosses and for the "labor" government, declared in the House of Commons today that India was causing "constant concern to the government." The concern results in the difficulty of the "labor" government in heartily carrying out the wishes of the British imperialists in India and at the same time fooling the English working masses.

Exposes Gandhi. Exposing Gandhi's fake maneuvers, which aid British imperialism, the International Labor Defense has issued a statement on the jailing of the union leaders in India in the Meerut trial. "In spite of the arrest of the leaders," says the statement, "MacDonald has failed to gain control of the Indian labor movement in the interest of British imperialism."

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THE END OF A CONFERENCE

And the Beginning of War

By LEON PLATT.

A RECENT statement of President Hoover and Secretary of State Stimson reads: "Naval rivalry between the United States and Great Britain is definitely at an end." The chief of the Labor Government MacDonald is jubilant over the great success of the three-power "agreement" which is bound to consolidate international "peace." The capitalist press, though seeing the failure of the London conference, hails the three-power agreement as a contribution of permanent world "peace." The workers, however, must ask themselves: How concretely were the results of the London conference? Why was it impossible to get a five-power agreement? Why was it necessary for Hoover and MacDonald to have a treaty at all costs?

The statement that "naval rivalry between the United States and England is definitely at an end" is nonsense. Naval rivalry between America and Great Britain can never be abolished so long as the economic and political antagonisms between these two greatest imperialist powers can not be abolished.

In our every day life, in every corner of the world the imperialist interests of the United States and England conflict with each other. It is necessary to point out only the recently more intensified struggle between the Royal Dutch Shell and the Standard Oil, the struggle between British and American shipping interests, the renewed struggle for the control of the Latin American markets, etc. All these factors combined make not only impossible the abolition of the naval rivalry between the United States and England, but on the contrary it sharpens and intensifies this rivalry. The treaty itself shows the great mistrust and antagonisms between these two imperialist giants.

Why a Three Power Agreement?

The foreign policies of the Labor Government were characterized by the capitalist class as a "success." The role of Snowden at the Hague conference, Henderson's treaty with Egypt, the reorganization of the commercial representatives of the British empire in foreign countries actually won the admiration of British imperialism for the foreign policies of the Labor government. Particularly approved were the policies of MacDonald in Palestine and in India, where workers and peasants are being slaughtered for fighting against the oppression of British imperialism. Another trump card in the hands of the labor government is its pacifist illusions spread among the masses, concerning "peace" and "disarmament."

However, the difference between the imperialist powers was so great that no five-power agreement, no real reduction of armaments was possible of achievement. The London conference, therefore, proved to be a failure. The workers began to learn that disarmament and peace is impossible under capitalism. They also began to see the feverish war preparations and the inevitability of war against the Soviet Union and between the imperialist powers themselves.

To counteract this, to save the prestige of MacDonald and the British Labor Party, to have some issue and achievement to the credit of the Labor Government, on the basis of which it could again appeal for support to the British workers—in short, to save its own face the British Labor Government, with the help of the other imperialists, patched up a three-power agreement.

Campaign Issues.

The same is also true about the Hoover administration. The Congressional and Senatorial elections are approaching. The bursting of the bubble of American prosperity, the serious industrial and agricultural crisis, growing unemployment, greatly impaired the prestige of the Hoover administration and the Republican Party as a whole. In the coming elections the Hoover administration has no issues on which it could come to the American masses. It too wants to use the fake "disarmament" of the London conference as an achievement of the Hoover administration. The three-power agreement was, therefore, in the words of Chairman Britton of the House Naval Committee, an act "to save the faces of the members of the American delegation."

Disarmament a la MacDonald and Hoover.

The Labor Government and the Hoover administration boast of the great savings of the London Conference and the limitations of naval armaments. Upon a close examination of the facts one can easily convince oneself of the tricks and hypocrisy of Hoover and MacDonald. We read, for example, that the United States and Great Britain will scrap a number of battleships. It is of interest to know that the battleships to be scrapped were already scrapped, regardless of any conference, because of their age limit. The same applies to cruisers. The 89,000 tons of cruisers which Stimson was ready to sacrifice at the London Conference are today obsolete. The 179,000 tons of destroyers long ago had been put on the disposal list by the American navy. They were hastily constructed in the last world war to meet the attack of German submarines, and on prior to the conference were put on the obsolescence list. This also applies to 16,000 tons of submarines. Disregarding any conference, the American navy had nearly 300,000 tons of naval craft which was absolutely out of commission and could not be used for any effective warfare. As one of the bourgeois correspondents expressed himself in his report on the London conference:

"The London conference merely recorded

a decision which naval authorities had already reached."

All the tonnage which the United States is going to dispose of would have gone to the scrap heap, conference or no conference, by the mere operation of the age limit.

The battleship proved itself to be a very costly and ineffective weapon. The "reduction" was not disarmament, but an expediency demanded by the preparations for the coming war. The Naval Appropriation Committee of the United States Congress had to admit:

"With the advent of aircraft and sub-sea-craft and the efficiency of each or either, the position of the battleship is questioned. Its supremacy has been challenged. Naval critics whose judgment cannot be blown down by the wind are not slow to say that in event of a war of magnitude, battleships would be anchored in safest harbors pending eventualities."

In the place of the obsolete craft which the United States Government was ready to "sacrifice" in the interests of disarmament and peace, the United States will uphold this peace by a stronger and better perfected navy.

The United States will now build 135,000 tons of destroyers costing \$378,000,000; 160,000 tons of cruisers of 10,000 tons displacement each, \$288,000,000; 70,000 tons of light cruisers, \$126,000,000; 30,000 tons of submarines, \$105,000,000; and 9,000 tons of aircraft, \$131,000,000, making a total of \$1,028,000,000 to be spent by the American navy within the next five years, as a result of the London conference.

Feverish War Preparations.

It is here interesting also to remark the fact that in the feverish war preparations on the part of American imperialism, the United States will have to build 25,000 tons of cruisers above the 15-cruiser program recently adopted by Congress.

A proportional increase in tonnage and in expenditure will also take place in Japan and in England. Another important fact is that this naval program is not yet the limit. The three-power treaty contains what is known as a "moving platform." This gives England the right to revise its naval program based on the increased naval program of France or any other European power. Great Britain traditionally maintained for herself the right of the two-power standard, namely, the navy of England to be equal to the combined navies of France and Italy.

We know, as was clearly shown at the London Conference, that France will increase its naval program. In turn this will call for an increase—in addition to the present gigantic naval program—as stated in the three power treaty of 35,000 tons of cruisers and 50,000 tons of destroyers. Naturally, for the United States to maintain "parity" with England will mean building equal additional tons of cruisers and destroyers.

This in cold figures will be the result of the London three-power agreement which the capitalist class does not want to disclose and speak about to the workers.

As far as Great Britain is concerned, we know that precisely under the Labor Government, a gigantic war program is being carried out covered by pacifist illusions and promises of "peace."

Frank H. Simmons, correspondent of the New York Evening Post (Republican), pointed out that:

"For Europe what has happened is that a conference called in the name of peace and reduction has produced chaos without reduction and a socialist government has proved, if not more royalist than the king, at least as little ready to champion real disarmament as the die-hards themselves."

Prelude To War.

The London Conference is a prelude of the inevitable imperialist war. It must glaringly expose the contradictions between the imperialist powers. It definitely shows how in a period of peace the expenditures for navies of the various imperialist powers is greater even than in the days of war. That the London Conference did not bring any peace is definitely being recognized by the capitalist press which admitted that:

"The London Conference is going to result in the adjustment of the fleets of the great sea powers, in accordance with the necessities of the next war."

These are the cold facts about the London conference and its results, which every worker must remember and from them draw the proper conclusions.

Comments of Our Readers

A worker after reading of the railroading of the Unemployed Delegation by the Tammany boss courts sends us a letter, addressed to Robert Minor, saying:

"I have the honor to express to you my congratulations, and am proud that there is one more man in this hot house of iniquity with sufficient manhood to prefer death or imprisonment than to sit in silence and take insults from those murderous snakes."

Victory, Dyer, a worker, writes us: "On March 6th, I was myself knocked down, beaten about the head until my skull was nearly fractured, and kicked in the eye by Whalen's thugs. Later, to add insult to injury, I was found guilty of 'disorderly conduct' by a Tammany court." Dyer informs us of the interesting fact that "Gangster and Racketeer Stories" which published an article entitled "The Police Can Do No Wrong" exposing police attacks on workers in an attempt to hide their gangster and underworld connections, was suppressed.

"Workers are fortunate," writes Dyer, "in having one daily which is not easily intimidated. Only by reading the Daily Worker can a true knowledge of what is going on in the world be gained."

From a Rebel Guardsman. "Having been in two armies of capitalist countries," writes a soldier to the Daily Worker, "then as a seaman, and then in the I.W.W., I now find myself rapidly swinging toward the Communist Party. I have attended meetings, demonstrations, distributed thousands of leaflets. Lately I joined the Marine Workers League. And now I am transferring to the Painters Industrial Union. The militancy of the Communist Party of late is so great and encouraging . . . Yours for the coming revolution of the proletariat."

"An ex-capitalist's soldier—now still an American soldier, but in the Red Army."

"LEGGO--!"

By Fred Ellis



THE PRE-CONVENTION DISCUSSION

Report on the Theses, Delivered to Plenum of Central Committee by Comrade Browder, April 3rd, 1930.

V. STRUGGLE AGAINST WAR DANGER.

Our leading, fundamental Communist slogans in the struggle against imperialist war are: "Defend the Soviet Union," "Transform imperialist war into Civil War," and "Defeat of Our Own Bourgeoisie." These are the elementary slogans in the struggle against war. We have seen at different times a tendency to give these slogans a not exactly correct form—seen in the changing of the slogan: "Transformation of the imperialist war into civil war," into "Answer the imperialist war by civil war," or "Answer the imperialist war by proletarian revolution." This is wrong, and we must emphasize the fact that the struggle against war is not an answer that we give by some one act; it is a process of the development of the class struggle, in the course of which we transform the imperialist war into the civil war. It is a whole course of struggle beginning now. It is not the "answer" of "revolution"; it is the development of the class struggle, which in the course of development transforms imperialist war into civil war.

Then we must fight against the idea that these slogans represent different stages of development of struggle against war. They don't. They are slogans which go together. We don't begin with the slogan of defeating our own government and then develop this slogan into the slogan of transforming imperialist war into civil war. The slogan of defeating our own government goes hand in hand with the slogan of transformation of the imperialist war into civil war.

VI. FASCISM AND THE A. F. OF L.

We will say a few words about fascist development in the United States. In the first draft of the thesis that we sent out we have continued the mistake we have been making for sometime, in classing the A. F. of L. and Muste group together under the description of "social fascist." It is quite clear, and we ourselves have recognized it in all our propaganda, that the A. F. of L. is plainly fascist. It camouflages itself not at all under the phrases of social fascism. We must make the distinction between the openly fascist A. F. of L. and the social fascist Muste Group. In our propaganda work of the future we must develop this difference more at length.

In the past we have somewhat neglected to analyze the role played in fascist development by prohibition in the United States. This of course is not a specific class factor or social factor in the development of fascism. It is one of the forms and instruments seized upon by the bourgeoisie in the mobilization of their fascist forces. That has already been mentioned in the thesis. I don't want to enlarge upon or emphasize it too much, and especially I hope that we will not have further development of some tendencies which we have seen, for example, in the Dakota district, which put out a big leaflet on prohibition under the name of the Communist Party in which the leading slogan is "Abolish the Volstead Act" (laughter). I don't think that our struggle against fascism is going to be promoted by the Communist Party trying to take the leadership of the prohibition repeal movement.

VII. LESSONS OF MARCH 6TH.

The point which has marked the entrance of our Party and the working class into the new period signaled by the economic crisis, was March 6th. The Political Bureau has published a detailed analysis and appreciation of the March 6th events. We must understand the full deep political significance of March 6th for our Party. March 6th was the turning point in the development of our Party into a

mass Communist Party. It was the sign and evidence that we have made this turn, that our Party has seized upon the strategic link in the development of the class struggle in the United States, the link which connects us with the whole development of events. We have connected ourselves up with the masses of the United States. We have put ourselves at the head of the mass development. We have given leadership to it. We have given organization to it. The political significance of this event cannot be over-estimated. While we are emphasizing this, at the same moment we must emphasize the organizational weaknesses of the Party in making this turn. Politically we have made the turn, organizationally we have not made it yet, or at least we have just made the first steps organizationally. The first step organizationally in this turn to mass work was the Party recruiting drive which is directly connected up with our success on March 6th. Of course, the recruiting drive and the whole course of development would have been impossible except for the struggle which has been carried through by the C. I. to get our Party off the factional path, to eliminate the theories of American exceptionalism and the whole opportunist line of our Party under the Lovestone leadership. The correction of the political line of the Party was the first condition. The second condition was the practical turn to mass activities, expressed by the recruiting drive, and third, the beginning of mass activity, just the beginnings, instead of the sectarian path pursued in the past. Finally the March 6th demonstrations put the seal on this turn. But March 6th also demonstrated our organizational shortcomings, the lagging behind of our Party organizationally behind the political developments, our own political development as a Party, and especially behind the political developments of the class struggle as a whole. This great gap between our political influence and organizational strength is the main problem facing us—a problem which must be solved.

VIII. BUILD THE RED UNIONS—OUR MAIN TASK.

The new situation creates new tasks and duties for the Party. Not only for the Party but especially for our trade unions. The development of the revolutionary trade unions becomes the central point now in overcoming the gap between our political influence and our organizational strength. It is impossible to overemphasize the importance of setting to work with concentrated attention upon the trade unions, to overcoming all the many complicated problems in the trade unions, as the question which is going to decide the future development of our Party.

If we do not meet and solve the problems involved in building up and strengthening our revolutionary unions, it will be impossible for the Party to develop along the road to a mass Party. It is not enough to have a correct general political line. This political line must be transformed into correct organizational procedure—correct approach to the masses and consolidation of our influence into mass organizational forms. Of these forms the trade unions occupy the central place.

THE RISING REVOLT IN CUBA

Some Tasks for U. S. Workers

By J. W. FORD.

CUBA today—April 15—is the center of a new rising tide of revolt in the Caribbean and the West Indies. The crisis in capitalism expresses itself as sharply in colonial and semi-colonial possessions as in the homeland of imperialism. U. S. imperialism in an attempt to extend her markets is ruthlessly suppressing the movements of the colonial peoples. The colonial struggles are a main part of the proletarian revolution. The numerous revolts that have taken place in Haiti, Santo Domingo and other Caribbean countries are mutual struggles with the American working class in its battles against American imperialism at home. In the decline of capitalism the bitterest battles are taking place on both fronts.

Part of Struggle For Independence.

The struggle of the Cuban proletariat against unemployment, mass dismissals, starvation and wage cuts is a stepping stone in the struggle for independence from the ferocious rule of American imperialism over it and a direct blow at the very heart of imperialism. This struggle is carried on bitterly against American imperialism, its local governmental puppets, the Machado government and its labor agents, the Pan-American Federation of Labor—the tool of the fascist American Federation of Labor. What is the basis of rising revolts and struggle in Cuba?

In spite of the cloak of the Machado government which rules for the American imperialists, Cuba is a colony of American imperialism in the fullest sense of the word. The sugar barons of the U.S.A. control the country, determine the wages of the workers, determine what they shall eat, where they shall get it and how little they may have.

Out of a population of 3½ millions over 900,000 are workers and including their families these compose the majority of the population. The wages of the workers were \$4.50 per day in 1919, in 1928 they were 80 cents per day, in 1929 they were 60 cents and today wages are at an average of 40 cents per day. The workers live in the greatest misery, they are undernourished and disease is rampant.

The people are not allowed to produce the most elementary products of food, such as eggs, fruits and a number of other necessities that could be produced in Cuba, all these things are imported from America. Cuba was one of the wealthiest markets in the West Indies for American exports. But during the last 5 years exports from the USA to Cuba have dropped off by \$70,000,000, so that the workers are unable to buy the necessities of life, the sugar crisis having produced mass unemployment amongst them.

Slave Labor.

The American capitalists have not only imported their goods into Cuba but they have carried their stock in cheap labor, slave labor imported from Haiti, Jamaica and other West Indian countries. Seeking to further reduce the cost of sugar production these barons resorted to the introduction of Negroes from Haiti and Jamaica. The influx of Haitians and Jamaica Negroes has increased considerably since the inception of this slave traffic in 1912. In 1921 there were 709 Jamaicans and 235 Haitians in Cuba; the number rose to 27,088 Jamaicans and 35,971 Haitians in 1929, imported by American capitalists' agents. They imported illiterate Negroes who did not understand the language of the country and

kept them ignorant, thus setting a wedge between the Cuban workers and the Negro workers imported from Haiti and Jamaica.

It is in the light of this general situation and the rule of the American imperialists in Cuba that the American working class must see the basis for the great struggles that have already taken place against American imperialist agents and the future imminent struggles that are immediately ahead. These struggles take on great political significance for the American working class.

Already a number of strikes have taken place against wage cuts and unemployment. In January of this year clashes occurred with the police, several police being killed. The greatest terror is carried out against the workers and their leaders. A number of leaders have been arrested and exiled, and murdered. Only a few months ago Junco, a native Negro labor leader, barely escaped from the country with his life. At present leaders of the trade unions are imprisoned.

Battle of March 20th.

On March 20th over 200,000 workers went on strike against unemployment and the suppression of the labor unions in the face of the threats and terror of the government. The mood of the workers for struggle was very high, and the situation was very tense. During the strike 5 working class leaders were arrested, following the strike 40 workers were arrested.

As a consequence the workers have become greatly agitated and in spite of the reign of terror are disposed to greater struggle.

A strike has been set for April 15; over 300,000 workers are estimated to be going on strike. So high is the mood of the workers for struggle that armed struggle is expected. Even the American State Department is doubtful about the loyalty of the Cuban army. Thus the sending of U. S. marines and gunboats to Cuba is imminent.

Tasks of U. S. Workers.

In this situation the tasks of the U. S. working class to support the struggles of their brother workers in the Caribbean is clear. Under the leadership of the revolutionary trade union center of America, the Trade Union Unity League, the American workers will be mobilized for the most tangible support to the Cuban workers, we shall mobilize great masses of American workers in this country in nation-wide protest against the sending of battleships and gunboats by the American imperialists to Cuba and in support of the Cuban struggle against American imperialism. We will establish and set up means for international solidarity aid. These demonstrations must be greater than the demonstrations on December 14 held throughout the country against the massacre of the Haitian workers by the U. S. marines.

At the same time the Cuban workers must themselves strengthen their trade unions, extend their influence into the great masses of the workers, through shop committees, factory committees and make their revolutionary trade unions representative of the great mass of workers. The building also of workers' defense corps is of the greatest importance. The Cuban workers at the same time must extend their struggle and establish connection with the great revolts in other countries of the West Indies and Latin America, Haiti, Santo Domingo, etc. In this way establishing a broad united front in the struggle against imperialism.

How Corporations Make Hay

By SOLON DE LEON.

HOW American corporations thru intense exploitation of the workers made hay while the boom sun shone last year is further revealed by recent financial reports. Steel, oil, motors, and chemicals, all important war industries, were especially prosperous up to the time of the crash.

Table with 3 columns: Corporation Profits, 1929 and 1928. Lists companies like U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Republic Steel, Standard Oil, etc., with profit figures for 1929 and 1928.

United States Steel raked in the largest income it ever reported in peace time, "earning" \$21.19 on each of its 8,132,000 shares of common stock, as against \$12.50 in 1928. Bethlehem Steel sent its "earnings" (read "unpaid earnings of its workers") up more than 100 per cent over the previous year, reaching a neat \$15.50 per share for what the Italians call "sweet doing nothing."

The Standard Oil companies, as usual, did nicely, thank you. The California unit "earned" \$3.70 a share, while the Indiana company, the sturdiest of the family, raised the ante to \$5.37. Though Vacuum Oil showed a drop of over \$2,000,000 in net profit, its stockholders were none the poorer. By putting into practice the principle of "stabilized earnings" (for capitalists only) they were given nearly \$21,000,000 in dividends instead of the previous year's \$19,000,000.

United Gas Improvement Co., which has subsidiaries in at least eight states, and operates the municipal gas works of Philadelphia on a private lease, is now negotiating to absorb the monster Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, controlling practically all the power, trolley, and bus service of that com-

monwealth." Mid-West Utilities, presided over by one of the Insullent Insulls, nearly doubled its "net," but American Superpower increased its winnings no less than ten-fold!

General Motors Juggles Figures.

In spite of an increase in sales of nearly \$1,000,000 a week, General Motors was able to arrange its bookkeeping so as to show a loss in net income for the year. International Harvester did the largest volume of business in any twelve months in its history, due largely to an increase in its foreign trade, some of which went to Soviet Russia. "Earnings" on its common stock went up from \$5.58 to \$6.65 a share.

General Electric kept on a-climbing, adding nearly 20 per cent to its net profits and boosting its "earnings" from \$7.15 to \$8.97 a share. Eastman Kodak Co. "outstripped all previous earnings"—no wonder old George can afford to give away 50,000 cameras for advertising to twelve-year-olds next summer!

Radio Corp. Swallows a Lot.

The 1929 income of Radio Corporation of America cannot be compared with the 1928 figure, because last year this ethereal young giant swallowed the very material Victor Talking Machine Co. cranks, discs, and all. The merged organization, however, reports \$182,137,000 gross business, compared with \$152,933,000 for the two companies in the year before the consolidation.

Union Carbide reaped for the do-nothing holders of its common paper \$4.19 a share, while Allied Chemical and Dye after a "sharp increase" last year records "earnings" equal to \$11.12 a share.

American Tobacco was another corporation which turned a "record year," increasing its total profits by 20 per cent and rolling "earnings" on each share of stock up to \$13.17.

Sports in Soviet Union

MOSCOW (IPS).—Workers, representatives of sports organizations and Red Army men enthusiastically welcomed the participants in the ski-run (the longest in the world) from Khabarovsk (on the Chinese frontier, about 200 miles from the Pacific Ocean) to Moscow. The total run of 9,400 kilometers was completed in a little over two months. Over 4,000 persons took part in the run, including many members of the Soviet Far Eastern Army. In the meeting in Moscow Comrade Kuibichev, the chief of the Red Army Administration, declared that the run had demonstrated the fraternal solidarity of the sports movement with the Red Army.

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