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Another Merger

THERE is nothing surprising about the report that the so-called Railroad "Brotherhoods" are thinking of merging with the American Federation of Labor.

Indeed, there is no good reason for the two bodies remaining separate. Politically considered, their policies are identical—they are both completely reactionary in every official policy. Which is to say that they are anti-working class and pro-capitalist class.

Since upon this basis each body is a profitable business in boom times for the bureaucracy in charge, and doubtless has suffered a fall in income since the economic crisis began, the "assets" in stocks held by one or both having depreciated as in other businesses, why, indeed, should they not try merging as other businesses do?

More than one union's treasury has been "invested" in stocks by the bureaucrats who thought to turn an honest penny thus, behind the backs of the membership, for their private profit. So a merger is as logical in such cases as in other businesses where such things need covering up.

It would, however, be wholly mistaken to regard this merger as a sign of "progress." The bureaucrats who control both bodies from the top are mostly adherents of fascism in politics, whether they be republicans or democrats or "socialists."

Therefore, the announcement that the merger will create a "solid labor front" must be taken as entirely misleading. If it had been said that the merger would better centralize the work of betraying the interests of the workers to the employing class, if it were said that the merger would aid in the far-advanced process of making company unions out of the labor unions—then we could not our head in approval.

But the "solid front" that may be created by the fascist bureaucrats of the A. F. of L. and the "Brotherhoods" (O, what Brothers!), is to be, if anything, a "front" against the working class.

It will be opposed to strikes against wage cuts. It will fight against unemployment insurance. It will "cooperate" with the employers to increase production by way of speeding up the workers. It will even take the initiative in persecuting and blacklisting militant workers for the greater glory of the bosses. It will represent a "consolidation of the rear" when capitalism makes war against the Soviet Union. But it will never, never lead the workers to struggle against capitalism.

Workers who are members of the A. F. of L. or Railroad Brotherhoods should recognize these facts. And in spite of the strangling of rank and file expression by the bureaucrats, organize a movement to drive these fascist bureaucrats out of the labor movement, and to unite all workers against capitalism under the banner of the Trade Union Unity League!

Prepare for More Bank Failures

WHILE the capitalist daily press (and also the socialist press) is assuring the workers and the lower middle-class masses that "the banking situation for the country as a whole is in a generally sound condition," the capitalists themselves know better. This propaganda for the masses is, in fact, a screen to cover their own feverish activities to reap great profits themselves from the growing tide of bank failures.

The role of the Federal Reserve Bank in this process is illuminating. In the "Journal of Commerce" (New York) of Dec. 20, a director of a Reserve Bank in one of the western districts is quoted as declaring:

"The Reserve Bank of this district is constantly in the habit of making loans to member banks on collateral and often continues this practice until the bank fails, when it appears that most of the good assets are in the hands of the Reserve Bank, the management having continued the same processes which forced the bank to borrow in the first place, until everything realizable has been disposed of, and at time of failure the depositors are left in an empty shell."

The above-described process of looting the banks where small depositors have left their savings "for safety," carried on by the Federal Reserve as the main agent of finance capital, has been carried to its conclusion in the case of 1,100 banks which closed their doors in 1930.

Systematic looting of the savings of the masses is thus seen to be an integral part of the banking system of the United States. The bank robbers who are dangerous to the people are not those small-scale bandits, such as those who robbed the Seward bank in New York Saturday of \$30,000, but rather the official heads of our banking system who are "legally" robbing the masses of billions of dollars, for which hardly a one of them even spends a day in jail.

"Death to bank-robbers" is the slogan of the big bank robbers directed against the little "non-union" bank robbers. The masses of workers and small depositors should turn this slogan against the dangerous big robbers who sit in the rich offices in the banks and especially in the Federal Reserve. They are the real looters of the savings of the people. They are the real criminals, who daily are condemning new hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children to starvation.

ANTI-XMAS CIRCUS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Young Pioneers Put Up Novel Affair

NEW YORK.—An anti-Christmas circus has been arranged by the Young Pioneers starting at 2 p. m.



Christmas Day, at the Central Opera House, 7th Street and Third Ave. The circus will open by a freak parade and all sorts of wild animal acts, featuring Hoover and the Pope. Another big feature will be the "Christmas Tree" decorated in its true colors by Young Pioneers. There will be special features for the workers' children. A snake-dance of more than 700 Pioneers will take place. Due to pressure on the part of the police department on the owners of Irving Plaza the Pioneers were refused the use of that hall, despite their written contract. The Pioneers have now secured the Central Opera

Suicides Increase with Crisis in City of "Brotherly Love"

NEW YORK.—At the national office of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, 799 Broadway, it was said that a telegram had been sent to its affiliated groups in Missouri instructing them to get busy in mobilizing mass sentiment against the latest activities of the bosses lynching mobs and to organize, with the International Labor Defense, legal defense for Gunn.

Guide to N. J. Labor Rackets

Ted Brande, A. F. of L. labor czar in New Jersey got himself \$25,000 a year from the iron bosses and pulled strike after strike to collect his overdue boodle bills.

His style of settling disputes with workers who protest his sell-outs is to visit them with a baker's dozen of cops and dicks.

Unbelievable secrets! The true story of the New Jersey labor racket by the same Allen Johnson who ripped up Tammany Hall. Series starts Saturday. (60,000 circulation drive news page 3.)

House. This will enable the Pioneers to seat about 1000 workers more. So if you haven't secured a ticket yet, you better get it before it's too late as all the Irving Plaza tickets are sold and the new ones are going like hot-cakes, too. So—Central Opera House, 67th St. and 3rd Street, at 2 p. m., Christmas Day. Admission is only 25c, for adults and kids 3 for 7c.

\$50,000,000 PHILADELPHIA BANK CRASHES

MISSOURI MOB GATHERING TO LYNCH NEGRO

Charged on Flimsiest Evidence With Murder

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 22.—A mob which yesterday morning made an unsuccessful attempt to take Raymond Gunn, a Negro trapper, from the Buchanan county jail here, was reported reorganizing today for another attack on the jail.

At the same time Gunn, charged on the flimsiest evidence with attacking and killing a white school teacher, was reported to have been spirited away from St. Joseph, where originally he was brought for safe-keeping. As it is the custom of the southern bosses and their state agents to use the removal of Negro prisoners as a prelude to "officers surprised by mob", the friends of Gunn are anxiously watching developments.

Not far from St. Joseph, in the Farmington county jail, three other Negro workers are living in daily fear of visitation by a lynching mob. They are the three framed-up victims of the St. Genevieve troubles of a few months ago when the entire Negro population of St. Genevieve were driven from their homes.

Although their defense has been undertaken by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, that reformist organization refuses to furnish bail "for people of that sort" (workers) and have left them in the jail with the menace of lynching daily hanging over their heads. The N. A. A. C. P. did the same thing in the case of Herbert Cameron, 16-year old youth held in Marion, Ind., jail on a trumped-up charge of rape, and murder.

RYKOV REMOVED FROM POLITBURO

Central Committee to Meet in Moscow

(Cable by Inprecorr)

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.—A joint plenary session of the Central Committee and the Central Control Commission of the Communist Party, Soviet Union, was held beginning the 17th of December and lasting until the 21st. Economic plans for 1931 were discussed and reports were heard on the vegetable and meat supply, on workers and peasants inspection, co-operative activities and the new Soviet elections.

The session relieved Rykov of his duties as member of the Political Bureau. Molotov was relieved of his duties as secretary and member of the Organization Bureau in consequence of his appointment as Chairman of the Council of Peoples' Commissars in Rykov's place. Andreyev was relieved of his duties as substitute member of the Political Bureau in consequence of his appointment as chairman of the Central Control Commission. Ordjonikidze was elected as member of the Political Bureau.

35,000 Depositors Involved; No Reports Given Out on U.S. Bank

NO FACTS GIVEN ON BANK CONDITION

Few Having Backers Get "Loans" At 5 Per Cent

Broderick Hides Truth Organize 15,000 to Demand Deposits

NEW YORK.—A few depositors of the Bank of the United States who were able to get endorsers or had a few assets left to mortgage, were given "loans" of 50 per cent of their deposits, on which they are forced to pay 5 per cent interest. Only 5,000 out of the 400,000 depositors were given this "privilege" on Monday.

Meanwhile, Broderick, the Tammany bank superintendent has become tighter than a clam. He has refused to give out any information about the conditions of the Bank of the U.S. The fact is, Broderick and his Tammany associates know the condition of the bank but do not want the 400,000 depositors to know the truth. There has been too much inside robbery that has to be covered up.

Rumors published in the capitalist papers state that Broderick is trying to get rid of some of the "frozen" assets and is attempting to get back some of the millions given out as "loans" to good friends of the bank directors.

Organization of the depositors is still going on. The following resolution, which was passed by 3,000 small depositors of the bank at a meeting held on Dec. 19 at Hunts Point Palace has now been endorsed by more than 15,000 of the bank's depositors:

We, the workers depositors of the U. S. Bank resolve that we shall carry (CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE)

Worker-Depositors Being Organized to Demand Funds

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Another huge bank has crashed. The Bankers Trust Company of this city, with 19 branches and \$45,036,592 in deposits, closed its doors today. Over 35,000, mostly worker depositors, are unable to draw out their money and face the same situation that the 400,000 depositors of the Bank of the United States in New York are met with.

Long lines of depositors have formed at the doors of every one of the 19 branches, but the police are chasing them away. The workers are enraged over the loss of their savings.

The city treasurer of Philadelphia knew of the rotten condition of the bank and on Saturday withdrew all the funds of the city, \$265,000. The Pennsylvania Secretary of Finance declared that the condition of the bank was O. K. as far back as last September.

The Communist Party is calling on all worker-depositors to organize committees to demand the return of their deposits in full.

This brings the total bank failures for the year up to the largest number in the history of the United States. Since the first of the year over 1,100 banks have crashed, with a total amount of over \$565,000,000 involved. This is nearly three times as much as was involved in 1926.

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Sixty-Five Billions Spent for Wars

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The U. S. government has spent close to 65 billion dollars for "national defense" from 1791 to 1928. This year 83 cents out of every dollar it spends goes to preparation for more robber wars.

Volunteers wanted for I. L. D.—National Office, 80 E. 11th St., Room 430. Very important.

SOCIALIST AIDS U. S. BANK HEAD

Thomas' Letter Whitewashes Kressel in Bank Deals

"Broderick is Honest" Thomas Worried About "Banking Practice"

NEW YORK.—The capitalist press, finding it difficult to hide the real situation of the robbery of 400,000 depositors of the Bank of the United States, welcomes a letter written by Norman Thomas, socialist, to the state banking department, in which Thomas rushes to the support of Broderick, state banking superintendent.

The most outrageous part of Thomas' letter is the section in which he comes to the rescue of Isidor J. Kressel, attorney for the bank and one of its directors. "Word has reached me," writes Thomas, "that interested parties are preparing to use the connection of Isidor J. Kressel as counsel and director of the bank 'to knife' the investigation Mr. Kressel is conducting into the magistrates' courts."

The very reason that Kressel is so "busy" digging up minor scandals is to detract attention from his activities in the bank where 400,000 depositors were robbed of nearly \$200,000,000. Thomas comes to the rescue of Kressel, urging he be whitewashed in his part in the bank failure so that he can continue the work of putting up a smoke screen around the city magistrates' courts so the workers will have more faith in capitalist justice.

Thomas makes no demand that the small depositors be given their money back immediately. He is more concerned about "sound banking practice."

FIENDS CASTRATE NEGRO WORKER

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 22.—One of the most atrocious crimes against a Negro worker occurred here last night when Timothy Rouse, 24, employed as orderly at the Municipal Hospital on Davis Island, and summarily thrown into jail earlier in the day on a charge of flirting with a white woman nurse, was as summarily released, without hearing or trial, to a mob of white business men who picked him up in an automobile and carried him to the outskirts of the city where he was anaesthetized by a doctor in the mob and castrated.

One of the mob then called an ambulance and advised the driver to pick up a patient at this point. Rouse was taken to a Jim Crow hospital for treatment. No investigation is proposed to find out the members of the mob, or the reason for his release to the mob by the jail authorities. The bosses and their state agents will give the usual verdict that he suffered a cruel and inhuman operation "at the hands of parties unknown."

MASS PRESSURE FORCES McGRADY TO PROPOSE FAKE INSURANCE PLAN

May Indicate Recognition by AFL Chiefs of Complete Failure to Make Jobless Believe "Dole" Is "Degrading"; No Relief in It

Jobless AFL Rank and File in Revolt; Half of Seattle Conference From AFL Locals

Nat'l Campaign Committee Reports Increased Organization and Intensified Signature Drive; Terror in Chicago, Everett

NEW YORK.—The American Federation of Labor bureaucrats (at least some of them), faced with mass revolt from below on the question of unemployment insurance, have had to make a drastic change in their position. Instead of stubbornly denouncing insurance as a "dole" and "unworthy of American workers," they now seek to place themselves at the head of the mass demand for unemployment insurance, and try to lead the campaign into channels harmless to capitalism and useless to the jobless.

Edward P. McGrady, general organizer for the A. F. L. and "legislative representative" for it in Washington, is quoted in the capitalist press yesterday as announcing a plan which he says, "you can call insurance if you want to," by which the government and the employers contribute to an "unemployment fund" to be used for relief of the jobless.

Such details as are made public indicate that the jobless will have a long time to wait for any insurance from this A. F. L. proposition. To go first to the A. F. L. executive council meeting in the millionaire paradise at Miami, Florida, where such meetings are always held these days. Then, if it is adopted, it will be presented to Congress through some "progressive" republican, and while it slumbers in committee, the A. F. L. will shout to the working and unemployed millions: "Stop all this agitation for the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill, we are getting your insurance for you!"

RANKS FIRM AS SHIRT STRIKE ENTERS 2D WEEK

Strike Committee to Speak in N Y Wed.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 22.—The second week of the strike at the Lesnow Bros. Shirt Factory finds the strikers ranks firm. Mass picketing was continued today in spite of police attacks and attempt to terrorize the girl strikers.

A large police cordon was thrown for blocks around the factory this morning in an attempt to prevent the girls from picketing the factory or entering the strike headquarters. The strike headquarters is a block from the factory. Another girl was arrested this morning.

Following the boeing of police on Friday by large crowds of workers and sympathizers, the police changed their tactics somewhat this morning, using the cordon to cut off the strikers from their picketing and headquarters.

As a result of the vicious clubbing and kicking of girls in Friday's police orgy of brutality, the working-class population is thoroughly aroused. Several Italian organizations are circulating petitions protesting against police brutality and demanding the withdrawal of the police thugs from the neighborhood.

The strike committee has called a huge mass meeting of the striking girls and sympathizers for Tuesday night, Dec. 23, at the Fraternal Hall, 19 Elm St. The trial of the girls arrested Friday is scheduled for Wednesday. A committee of girl strikers has been elected to speak at the New York needle trades mass meeting Wednesday evening.

It is expected that the strike will be extended within a few days to include other shops, as it has become known that the D. & I. Shirt Co. is also planning to cut wages. The strike at the Lesnow Bros. Shirt factory is against a 15 per cent wage cut. The strike is under the leadership of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union.

The local council of Working Women is running a relief kitchen with sandwiches and hot coffee for the picketers.

Jobless Shoe Worker Is a Suicide; Others Meet Today to Fight

NEW YORK.—One more unemployed shoe worker, driven desperate by his starving wife and children and evicted from his home committed suicide. He is H. Shaner, of 379 Miller Ave., Bronx.

The Independent Shoe Workers' Union points out to the many jobless shoe workers that suicide is no solution; when you die the boss laughs, he has plenty of others. What is needed is an organized fight to force granting of unemployment relief and insurance.

All jobless shoe workers are urged by the union to come today, at 1 p. m. to an organization meeting at 14 West 21st St.

New York Tag Day Saves Daily Worker On Monday, Crisis Is Acute

ALL FUNDS MUST BE TURNED IN PROMPTLY

Only the fact that some of the comrades who participated in the Daily Worker Tag Day, held in New York on Saturday and Sunday, turned in their collection boxes promptly averted the non-appearance of yesterday's paper. In order that the tag day may prove really effective, it is necessary that every comrade turn in his collections immediately. This is true of every affair, every drive made for the Daily Worker \$30,000 Emergency Fund Campaign. Daily Worker drives help the Daily Worker only AFTER the money has been turned over to the paper, to help defray the expense of printing and distributing.

The Daily Worker can participate in the class struggle by appearing every day. It must reach the working class regularly.

The effect that this workers' paper has in every phase of the class struggle is well shown by the Bank of United States crash. While capitalist papers assured the workers whose funds were deposited in this bank that things were "fundamentally sound," the Daily Worker has steadily exposed the legalized theft of the small sums upon which many workers depend for their entire existence. While capitalist papers assure these

workers that they are being treated fairly by being allowed to "borrow" 50 per cent of their money—at 5 per cent interest, the Daily Worker has shown the true nature of this "loan" which is designed to still further entangle workers' earnings—and those of their friends—with the bankers.

The Communist Party, through the Daily Worker, has organized thousands of swindled worker-depositors, not to accept "charity" from bankers, but to fight for justice.

The working class needs the Daily Worker every day. Only working class support can insure its appearance. Comrades, organize to support the Daily Worker. SEND IN THE FUNDS THAT YOU COLLECT IMMEDIATELY.

A comrade from Worcester, Mass., who has collected \$40 from among his working class friends shows the way.

Use the Red Shock Troop coupon on page 3. Send funds immediately to the Daily Worker, 50 East 11th St., New York.

Full Text of the Verdict Against Counter-Revolutionary Wreckers

Today the Daily Worker begins publication on last page of the full text of the Verdict of the Supreme Court of the Soviet Union in the recent trial in Moscow of the counter-revolutionary "Industrial Party", rendered by the Court on December 7th, which has just arrived.

This is the official summing-up of the revelations of the trial, which revealed the detailed international conspiracy, led by the French General Staff and participated in by capitalists of England and the United States, in preparation for war against the Soviet Union in 1931.

Every worker must read carefully this document, the most important in mobilizing the struggle against war and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

FEDERAL JUDGE UPHOLDS DEPORTATION OF GUIDO SERIO TO ITALY

DEPORTATION OF GUIDO SERIO TO FASCIST ITALY AND CERTAIN DEATH UPHELD BY JUDGE BONDY

In Hypocritical Decision, Federal Judge Withdraws Challenge to US Labor Dept. to "Use Some Common Sense in This Case"

Denies Serio Right to Depart Voluntarily—Upholds US-Mussolini Plot to Hand Him Over to the Fascists

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Guido Serio, militant working class leader and active anti-fascist, was ordered deported to Italy where he faces certain death, by Federal Judge Wm. Bondy in a decision rendered this morning in which he denies he has any jurisdiction in the case and that Serio was given a fair trial by the boss Department of Labor and that this worker "was a member of the Communist Party, an organization which advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States by force or violence."

The International Labor Defense, the organization fighting for the release of Serio and demanding the right of asylum for political refugees, pointed out that this "decision of the hypocritical boss class judge who has told the Department of Labor to 'use some common sense in this case' and permit Serio voluntary departure is a direct decision from a federal court that membership in the Communist Party is illegal."

The I. L. D. statement refers to Judge Bondy's order two months ago to the district attorney to communicate with the Department of Labor in Washington and permit Serio to leave the United States voluntarily and go to whichever country he wishes—Serio was to go to the Soviet Union—in order to avoid a certain death in Italy at the hands of Mussolini for his anti-fascist activities in Italy and in the United States.

Judge Bondy indicated at that time that if the immigration officials refused to take action, then he would. But when the Department of Labor, working hand in hand with the Italian embassy, denied this militant worker the right to leave the United States voluntarily, Judge Bondy, who obviously received his orders, renegeed himself and is now sending this working class leader to his death.

Judge Bondy in his decision points out that charges against Serio were that he advocates the overthrow of the government by force but nowhere in his decision does this federal judge take into consideration Serio's reply to these charges. The judge admits that the "Department of Labor on many occasions has issued warrants of deportation giving the aliens the privilege of departing voluntarily to the country of their choice" but does not state why in this case the Washington authorities are refusing Serio this right.

Although this federal judge admits that Serio was denied counsel while he was being interrogated by government officials and that the International Labor Defense lawyer was not permitted to be there till the final hearing, still according to Judge Bondy "this did not render the proceedings unfair."

The International Labor Defense points out that all the lying evidence against him was introduced at these first hearings and since his English is not very good the Department of Labor took advantage of this fact and misinterpreted various statements of his.

Serio was arrested last May while speaking at an anti-fascist meeting in Erie, Pa. His propaganda work

THE ADVENTURES OF BILL WORKER

—And How!—

By RYAN WALKER



THE BOSSES NEW SPORTS RACKET

L S U Opposes Fakers With Workers Sports

By FRANK HENDERSON

NEW YORK.—Last week saw Grover Whalen, former police chief of New York, in a new role. From a job of slugging unemployed workers on the streets of New York he is now in a new racket, as a fixer of football games to "relieve" unemployment. Whalen's first attempt at this racket took place on Dec. 14, when he organized a football game between the Army and Navy Academy football teams. The proceeds of this game were "supposed" to go to the unemployed. We doubt it! Why? Take a look at this. The New York Times quotes: "... at least \$600,000 would go to the Salvation Army Fund for unemployment. Most of it (note this) would be used to relieve conditions here in the city."

HUMAN, BOSSES USE NEW SWINDLE

Fake Insurance Bill for the States

NEW YORK.—In addition to the A. F. of L. right about face and decision to put forth a fake insurance bill of its own (providing McGrady's proposal is accepted) various capitalist agencies continue to offer their own fake insurance schemes to the jobless.

Yesterday the "American Association for Labor Legislation" announced that it was submitting an insurance bill to 28 state legislatures to provide 13 weeks of part-wage payments during crises. This will not help the workers in the present disaster, of course, but it may soothe them a little. The misleaders who took part in drawing up this bill include Leo Wolman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; his big boss, Sydney Hillman; some university professors, including John R. Commons; Draper of Hills Bros. and Leeds of Leeds & Northrup.

News from Washington states that Wagner is again proposing his bill for relief after the holiday recess of congress. The bill provides practically no insurance, and that little to be administered by the states and federal government, to insure strike-breaking and lower wages.

Worcorrs are the eyes of the workers' press. Join your local Worcorr group and help fight the bosses.

Big Crowd Expected at Gala Soviet Costume Ball on December 27

NEW YORK.—All signs based on the sale of tickets for the Soviet Costume Ball for the relief of the dependents of class war prisoners indicate that the affair will be a great turn-out of workers and their sympathizers. The ball is being run by the district office of the International Labor Defense, Saturday, Dec. 27th, at the Stuyvesant Casino, 9th St. and 2nd Ave.

The ball promises to be one of the most colorful proletarian events of the season and with the opportunity offered for serious working class costumes as well as fun that can be had at the expense of the booboisie all militants and their friends are preparing to go and enjoy themselves as well as help the winter relief campaign.

Admission is 50 cents and the district I. L. D. requests that all members immediately secure tickets at their branches or at 799 Broadway and dispose them amongst their fellow workers in the shops and factories.

URGE ALL TO HELP IN BUILDING FUND

To Put Workers Center in Shape

NEW YORK.—The Central Committee of the Communist Party has secured a building in order to concentrate all the revolutionary activities in one center, but this building was originally not an office building and lots of repairing is needed to bring the place into shape. Our institutions, like the Workers School, the Daily Worker, etc., are greatly hampered in their work due to lack of proper offices. The Central office of the Party has delayed its moving into the new building because of the same reasons. In addition to these difficulties, we are faced daily with heavy taxes and fines under the guise of various violations, placed upon us by the Tammany Hall Administration who are working in order to destroy our institutions.

In order to overcome these difficulties, we must appeal to all working class organizations to help in the 8-Day Drive authorized by the Central Committee to help sustain the building. This drive will open with a banquet January 11th and all units, sections, unions, labor and fraternal organizations are asked to elect two delegates to this banquet to greet the Central Committee on the occasion of moving into the new building. The organizations are also urged to send in donations with their delegates. All out of town organizations should send in their donations before the 11th of January, which donations will be announced at the banquet.

ORGANIZATIONS BACKING LABOR SPORTS GAMES

NEW YORK.—The International Labor Defense, International Workers Order, Workers International Relief, all call on their members and all workers to attend the Labor Sports Union Christmas Soccer games at Dyckman Oval. The games will be the occasion of a rally against capitalist fake relief through football games. The proceeds of these Labor Sports Union games go to the councils of the Workers Center of Jersey City. Sunday, 8 p. m., at Ukrainian Home, 160 Mercer St., Jersey City. 50c, Children 15c.

Organized Tenants Stopped Eviction

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Through the organized activities of the newly organized Tenants League and the Unemployed Council of the T.U.U.L., the Detan Realty Co. was forced to stay the eviction of Mrs. Silber, of 58 Moore St., unemployed mother of 2 children.

According to information received the Detan Realty Co. has spent quite a large sum of money to keep a detachment of police to guard the house during the week.

This victory scored by the Tenants League in actually stopping the eviction of Mrs. Silber is of great significance and shows now more than ever the importance of strengthening the organization in order to keep up the struggle against the landlords attacks upon the unemployed.

A number of other evictions are up this week that the Tenants League is taking care.

TENANTS COMBINE TO FIGHT RENT HOG

Jobless Council Takes Lead in Struggle

NEW YORK.—Many jobless workers, some of them members of A. F. of L. unions, joined the Downtown Council of Unemployed after its two meetings yesterday—one in front of the fake employment agency run by the city on Lafayette St., and the other of those who marched from the agency to 27 E. Fourth St., headquarters of the council.

The Downtown Council is collecting an average of about 400 signatures daily for the lists demanding passage of the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill.

The council is taking the initiative in organizing a tenants' league at 149 and 151 Broome St., where ghastly conditions prevail. This is a big tenement owned by Backrach Realty Co. The company proposes to raise the rents from \$2 to \$8 on all tenants. Most of them are out of work, and those that have part time jobs can get only about \$10 a week. They can not pay the present rates.

A spontaneous tenants' strike broke out here two weeks ago, when the rates were announced, and the landlords are bringing a disposses case against one family to try and frighten the others.

Last year, when a steam heating system was put in, only one radiator for each four rooms, the rent was raised from \$5 to \$10 on each apartment. The toilets are out of order; water seeps through the ceilings in some rooms; plaster is falling in some rooms, and the company refuses to make repairs.

A provisional tenants' league is organized already, a meeting is being held today on the premises to complete organization and elect a committee to present demands to the landlord. The demands include no raise in rents, no evictions and immediate repairs. "Should our demands be not heard, recognized and acted upon," says the league, "we shall refuse to pay rent."

The Downtown Council is planning also demonstrations against the impending eviction of a family with six children, the youngest 3 months old, at 126 Rivington St. This family will be in court Dec. 26. An attempt will be made to organize the tenants here, also.

JOB AGENCIES ARE SWAMPED NO JOBS

After Christmas Many Temporary Jobs End

NEW YORK.—Employment agencies here frankly admit that they are flooded, and that as soon as Christmas is over, the stores which have been hiring as usual, some extra help, will throw them all on the labor market again.

"It is impossible to cope with the situation, either financial or in regard to the physical demands made on the officers who interview the callers," it was declared in the Salvation Army's announcement.

"The Salvation Army found jobs for 1,364 men and women for the week just ending. Anxious as felt as to the situation after Christmas Eve, when all the extra hands taken on for the seasonal rush will be discharged, it is anticipated that some thousands of people will again be thrown on the market."

"The family welfare department has a case load of 4,945, the largest ever carried."

Edward C. Rybicki, head of the city welfare department, boasts that out of New York's 800,000 jobless, his agencies found jobs for 2,285 last week. He is not honest enough to admit that many of them are fake jobs, many are just jobs made by bosses firing an old worker to hire another cheaper, and many are Christmas sales and Santa Claus jobs, which will last only a week longer.

There are 8,000 applicants for civil service examination for "office girl" position during the next year or so, as vacancies develop.

Worcorrs are the eyes of the workers' press. Join your local Worcorr group and help fight the bosses.

General and Bankers Stimson's Relative, and Ryan Sponsor Fish

NEW YORK.—On Jan. 9, as choice a collection of labor haters as ever got together will give auspices to a "mass meeting" in Carnegie Hall where Ham Fish will be the main speaker. The meeting is announced as "anti-Communist" and is said to be the first of a series.

Those back of it include: personal representatives of the catholic Cardinal Hayes and the notorious reactionary Bishop Manning of the Protestant Episcopal Church; chiefs of the Sons and the Daughters of the American Revolution; the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Brigadier General Delafield, representing the Military order of the World War; Major Hardenberg, representing the Reserve Officers Association, Mrs. Owens of the Government Club, Mrs. Loomis, sister-in-law of Secretary of State Stimson, whose pet white guard, Djungaroff of Whalen forgeries fame, she finances; George A. Way, representing the Fifth Ave. Bank of New York and—Joseph P. Ryan, president of the Central Trades and Labor Council of New York.

Worcorrs are the eyes of the workers' press. Join your local Worcorr group and help fight the bosses.

BRONX JOBLESS IN 1st COUNCIL MEET

Priest "Aids" Evicted; Sprinkles Furniture

NEW YORK.—At the first meeting of the newly organized Bronx Council of the Unemployed yesterday, an unemployed worker told how he went with his disposses notice to the priest for help. The priest gave him some holy water to sprinkle over the furniture after it was thrown on the sidewalk.

The council speakers, Green, Williams, Ramsey and Hunt, conducted a meeting at 9 a. m. at the state free (fake) employment agency at 148th St. and Courtland Ave. Many gathered around and signed the demands for passage of the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill.

Many also followed to the indoor meeting at the council's headquarters at 569 Prospect Ave., and 25 joined the council.

The Bronx Council of the Unemployed will meet every morning at this address, and all jobless are invited.

Organize a Worcorr Group in your city or town. Help organize the workers in your shop. Write of the conditions there.

LABOR AND FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES

Labor Sports Union
Tickets for field day on Christmas, 12 p. m., to be held at Dyckman Oval, Dyckman St. station, 1 block north on Broadway, where the labor sports soccer team will play. Tickets at 10c. L. S. U. 2 W. 15th St. Room 309, I.L.D., 799 Broadway, room 410, I.W.O., 23 Union St., Room 602.

Y. C. L. Dance
on December 21 (Christmas Eve) at 10:30 p. m. at our union headquarters, 150 W. 15th St., Lenox Ave. Admission 40 cents.

8-Day Drive for the New York Workers Center
For the printing press has been authorized by the Central Committee. The drive will open with a banquet on the 11th of January and will continue with a banquet for seven days, where all organizations are urged to send any affairs during this drive.

Special Meeting of the Joe Hill Branch I.L.D.
will be held Monday at 7 p. m. at 11 W. 23rd St.

Unemployed Council
Mass meeting of all Bronx unemployed workers this Monday, 10 a. m., at 569 Prospect Ave., Bronx.

Young Defenders
meet Tuesday at 1409 Boston Road, at 3 p. m., a class in Esperanto. At 5 p. m. an open forum, "The Russian Trial" followed by a musical program. At 8:30 p. m. dancing to the tune of a snappy band.

Women's Council 18
will have a lecture on the "War Damage" by Exam. tonic at 8 p. m. at 1872 43rd St. Boro Park, Bklyn.

Food Workers'
important fraction meeting Wednesday, Dec. 24th, at 35 E. 12th St.

Y. C. L. Unit Meet Changed
Bronx Unit 6, Section 5 now meets Monday instead of Wednesday. Today is the first meeting under this new schedule.

Labor Defender Agents
set today, 7 p. m. at 799 Broadway.

Room 410. Comrades are asked to come on time.

The Red Banquet
to greet the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. on the occasion of the moving into the new Workers Center, will be held at the center 25, 19th St., Sunday, Jan. 11, 8 p. m. All workers' organizations are urged to elect two delegates to this banquet. Speakers will be Foster, Minor, Browder, Bedacht, representatives of the revolutionary press and workers' organizations.

The Manhattan section of the Food Workers Industrial Union will have a meeting Friday, 8 p. m. in 45 West 21st St. All members come.

I. L. D. Ball Volunteers
Comrades are urged to come to Stuyvesant Casino, 2nd Ave. and 9th St. to help tending the bar.

Bronxville Workers School Open Forum
105 Thattford Ave., Bklyn., Sunday, Dec. 25, "Youth in Industry", Al Kaplan. Questions, Discussion.

Concert and Picture "Two Days"
given by the Workers Center of Jersey City, Sunday, 8 p. m., at Ukrainian Home, 160 Mercer St., Jersey City. 50c, Children 15c.

Bakers, Attention!
A special membership meeting today at 3 p. m. at our union headquarters, 16 W. 21st St. Very important. Every member must come. Bring membership books. F.W.I.U. Bakers Section.

Red Spark Athletic Club
(Formerly Freiheit Sport Club)
The Red Spark A. C. has finally, after a long struggle, obtained club rooms at 135 Second Ave., near St. Marks Pl. Members and sympathizers are urged to watch the Daily Worker for further notices.

Meal Workers Industrial League
will meet Friday, 7:30 p. m., at 16 W. 21st St. All are urged to attend this meeting. Coming conference discussed.

FINE CONCERT FOR NEEDLE TRADE MEET

NEW YORK.—An excellent concert is prepared for the opening mass meeting and welcome to the Needle Trades Industrial Union concert at New Star Casino, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve).

The full general executive board will meet one day in New York and then go on to Philadelphia for a three day session.

On the program Wednesday night are the following:
Nicholas Mazurkis, in violin solo.
Spanish Dance by Redfeld, accompanied by Anna Cohen.
Anna Cohen, piano solo, Waltz D Minor by Chopin.
Mazurkis and Anna Cohen will render: Dance Fantastic, by Karl Linsky.
Freda Wesberg, soprano.
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LETTERS FROM THE SHOPS

JOBLESS "AID" IS GOTTEN FROM MEN GIVEN AS "LOAN"

S P Bosses In Rank Robbery

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

OAKLAND, Cal.—In line with all kinds of fake schemes to relieve unemployment, the Southern Pacific Railroad Co., which has been continually laying off workers and putting others on part time work, will do something to "aid" fellow employees. "Fellow" employees who have been laid off, or who have only a few days work a month, as a result of reductions, employees of the Southern Pacific Co. (Sic, do you get that—employees, oh yes, for the speed-up and underpaid employees, the first burden falls) with the co-operation of the company officials, have established a relief loan fund available for emergency use. Under the plan employees may contribute 1 per cent of their wages (may contribute means must, if you want to retain your job as is now) to the fund, which will be administered under the direction and control of committees from each division. (How democratic! But this actually means foremen and 100 per centers for the company.) Then the Southern Pacific Co. "promises" to double the amount subscribed by employees.

Joker "In Relief."

Now for the relief. Who and when will they get it? Listen to this hokum. "The money will be collected over a period of six months, beginning Jan. 1 and loaned (only that) to men laid off after a year or more employment, or who have suffered such reductions on earnings that they are unable to meet their expenses. The loans are to be repaid without interest (how kind) when the circumstances permit."

It is the wise company who will enjoy the benefit of these schemes, while the workers are taxed. The old employees must not fool themselves, for they will be fired before the fund is actually able, according to the bosses, to pay. You have to stay at least a year on the job to be eligible for a loan. Well, I'll wager a nickel of the unemployed that not many will stay that long. As long as they can collect money without a need to loan you some you may be an employee. Oh, this scheme is wonderful when you think it over. New workers will be hired at lower wages, taxed and then fired again. You may also get a chance to be rehired again, but as a new worker at lower wages.

Will the workers control this money, as per plan? Not on your life. It will be controlled by the bosses and what "relief" will be given will be known to the boss and his lackeys.

Class conscious workers must explain to their fellow-workers what these schemes mean. Refuse to loan yourselves with dues. Organize shop committees to fight against lay-offs, speed-up and against wage-cut.

All the employed and unemployed workers must get together under the guidance of the Unemployed Councils and fight for immediate relief for the unemployed at the expense of the state and the bosses.

S. P. workers write more news on shop conditions to Worrcorr, 1013 Franklin St., Oakland, Cal.

SCHWAB'S STOOFS HOUND WORKERS

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

READING, Pa.—The Bethlehem police are on the warpath. The Bethlehem Steel spy system is working overtime to weed out militant workers, such as firing the most militant workers off the job. During the Thanksgiving one worker working in the blast furnace was told by the foreman that he was fired. This worker questioned the foreman as to the reason. The foreman would give him none; he was told to go to the "bib boss." This he did. The super told him that he spoke to his fellow workers about organization and that this is not tolerated in the Bethlehem Steel by the bosses (such as Schwab, Grace, etc.), and furthermore, that there are 200 more like him who are going to get the same dose of medicine.

Recently a Hungarian worker was forced to leave town, because the steel police and dicks were hounding this comrade. The editor of the "Bethlehem Harold," who is a fascist as well as a stool pigeon, set these bumps in uniform (oops) on the

To Fight Eviction of Jobless Brooklyn Worker, Dec. 24th

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The tenants of 544 Dumont Ave. and neighborhood will hold a mass demonstration on Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 3 o'clock sharp, at the building.

This demonstration is to stop the eviction of a worker whom the court ordered to move. This house is owned by a bank corporation. The worker, a laundry driver, is out of work 9 months. He and his family are starving. They haven't got the means to buy bread and milk for the children.

Last Tuesday the case came up in one of the Brooklyn courts and the judge ordered them to move on Dec. 26. We call upon all workers' clubs, women's councils, Party and League members to take part in this demonstration.

OREGON BOSSES ATTACK SOVIET

Try Whip Up War Frenzy on USSR

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

PORTLAND, Ore.—Oregon bosses have opened a vicious attack on the Soviet Union in their official organ, the Oregonian, with an "exclusive" account of an escaped prisoner who tells the "blood price" of lumber costs in the U. S. S. R.

This article, headed "Horror Stalks in Soviet Camps," in the issue of Dec. 16, tells the account of one Alexander G. Lukovitz, who identifies himself as a "former Russian officer" and "professional agriculturist" and "escaped prisoner" from the lumber camps, where over "400,000" prisoners are confined.

This former czarist lackey, of just what rank it is hard to determine from the account, apparently is living off of willing American bosses while giving them material to propagate stories that will inflame American workers who do not know the truth as yet about the S. U. into a "patriotic" hatred of Russian workmen. There is nothing missing in this account but the story of bayoneted women and babies. Substitute Belgian or Russian and railways for lumber and we have the same damnable lies that sent 10,000,000 workers to death that capitalism might live for a new breathing spell and kill millions of other workers in its exploitation. This kind of propaganda is giving the true attitude and intentions of the bosses to the S. U. if workers only think.

The Daily Worker is the only paper that exposes these conditions and workers must support it and the C. P.

Defend the Soviet Union and smash the war plans of the bosses. Demand social insurance paid from the \$1-2 billion dollar war funds as outlined by the C. P., to be administered by workers for workers.

Worker Denominators Organized for Fight

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

Last year when there was a record number of bank failures.

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 22.—The City National Bank of this city, the second largest financial institution in Miami, failed today. More than \$5,000,000 in deposits is involved. There has been a run on this bank for some time, and in order to cover up the fact that it is the economic crisis which is behind the big increase in bank failures, the board of the City National Bank declared that the closing of the bank was due to "malignant rumors concerning the bank's condition" which really closed it up.

Four More Banks Crash.

Four other banks failed Monday. The City Bank and Trust Company of Atlanta was closed up by the state superintendent of banks. In Mississippi two banks failed. They were the Citizens Bank and Trust Company at Yazoo City, and the Bollivar County Bank at Rosedale.

The First Bank and Trust Company at Attica, Indiana, with more than \$100,000 in deposits was closed.

Trail of this fellow-worker. Workers of Bethlehem (Hungarian) do not read this lousy paper. Subscribe to the workmen's paper, the UJ Elore. Join the Trade Union Unity League. Fight against wage-cuts, against speed-up, against layoffs. Fight against the damnable terror of the Bethlehem Steel and their crusty henchmen.

SAN LEANDRO, CAL. JOBLESS LIVE IN IMPROVISED HUTS

Factories Closing and Jobless Starve

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

OAKLAND, Cal.—San Leandro, adjoining Oakland, is considered a beauty spot where no slums do exist. Here the air is better, the fog less frequent and more sunshine. But here the unemployment is just as bad. The canneries are closed, factories running with reduced forces, others on short time.

Sleep Everywhere.

Many homeless unemployed workers are roaming the town and fields. The bay shore is dotted with such homeless. Some stay on the sand in improvised tents of sacks and rags, others sleep in their old machines. These wanderers do not stay long in one place, but are ever seeking for something to do, necessitating moving to different parts each night.

But there are many others. In the back of the great Caterpillar Tractor factory which is working with greatly reduced forces now, since the contract with the Soviet Union has expired, in the gully, near the railroad tracks, overgrown with trees and shrubs is a colony of the unemployed. This is an established colony for a longer duration. Here some have built little shacks. They are windowless, yet are homes—a shelter from rainy season which is on in California now. Some are built of old tins, others of boards and boxes picked in the dump. Picture shows an attempt to make the place homelike, by flattening the ground around and clearing tin cans and rubbish away. Others have only dug out in the edge of the gully, with a little dried grass for a bed.

This gully is damp. The sunshine does not penetrate the growth. Smell is mousy. Water trickles in the middle, where water rats sully by. One of the men has a fire, where in a rusty pot some potatoes are boiling. On the branch of a tree by tree his washing is drying—a shirt and a pair of socks.

Where from stranger, he was asked? From Dakota. Lost my farm to the bank there. Looking for work in these parts. It seems it is worse here than back in the Dakotas. Food is scarce, he said with a wan smile. When he lifted his face, it was hard to look, one eye was gone—a gaping red running sore. It made me shiver. A man moulding and rotting in this damp gully — he who has created wealth for some one.

Up out of the gully is sunshine. These unemployed must hide like rats away from sunshine. They are not permitted to dot sunshine spots with their presence.

In a clearing just a little way off 6 caterpillar tractors are being tested. A beautiful sight to see those giant machines turning the soil—machines made to help the soil produce food-stuffs, yet workers are starving and rotting.

How long will the workers let the rich have their farms and tools of production? We must get together and fight for our rights under the guidance of the vanguard of the working class the Communist Party, for the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government.

DETROIT PAPERS FOOLING JOBLESS

Suicides Grow Apace In Ford's Town

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

DETROIT, Mich.—The capitalist papers here made a big noise on last Friday about the Fisher Brothers donating their large factory at 23rd St. and W. Fort St. for the jobless to sleep there and to be supervised by the Starvation Army.

These exploiters as well as the rest of them are doing everything to keep the workers from getting unemployment insurance and trying contented without a struggle as the crisis deepens.

Also the Detroit Times of December 14 in a blazing headline says 30,000 at Chevrolet Motor plant stay on the payroll. Some more noise to make the 250,000 jobless or more feel prosperity is just around the corner, which has been preached by all the bosses and their tools for months. It is nothing but the rankest bunk and will continue to do so until all workers organize and fight this rotten capitalist system, which means nothing but starvation and death and suicides by the thousands.

National Jobless Committee Stresses Forming of Councils

NEW YORK—The drive to organize the jobless for relief and insurance, to get signatures for the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill, to organize local united front conferences of workers' organizations, which will formulate the demands of the jobless and fight for local relief, was described at a recent meeting of the National Committee for Unemployment Insurance by its secretary, Alfred Wagenknecht. He said, in part:

"The workers' mass delegation is scheduled to go to Washington, D. C., about the first week in February, to place before Congress the million or more signatures collected and the thousands of endorsements of the bill by national and local workers' organizations. This mass delegation will be constituted by having city campaign committees to secure delegates from the workers on the bread lines, in the sleeping places, etc., as an integral part of our city campaign committees. Upon the basis of winning these workers for our immediate local demands we can activate thousands of them in the signature drive.

Mobilize to Collect Signatures.

Signature lists must be given, not only to workers we know, but to every new worker we can reach. At mass meetings of any kind, signature blanks must be on hand, signatures obtained and all workers asked to take a list and help collect signatures. We must press into all shops and mills with the lists. We must request every workers' organization, whether mutual aid, fraternal, sports, Negro, A. F. of L. to elect signature collection committees which must activate all members in the organization in collections. Whenever a worker signs a list in endorsement of our proposed Unemployment Insurance Bill, we must request him to take a list and collect among other workers.

Only by activating many thousands of workers in this campaign for signatures, strengthened by sustained struggles for immediate local relief, can we hope to create a real mass demand for unemployment insurance. Workers' organizations that are not yet active in this campaign should write for signature lists immediately addressing the National Campaign Committee for Unemployed Insurance, 2 W. 15th St., Room 414, New York, N. Y.

Organize Unemployed Councils.

Industrial and neighborhood unemployed councils have increased in number during the recent period. Generally speaking, the number of unemployed workers organized into councils is much too small, the committee found. The work of organizing councils must proceed more rapidly and especially in the factory towns, mining camps, smaller industrial centers. With a steady and sustained struggle for immediate local relief closely connected with the campaign for signatures for the bill, unemployed councils will be strengthened and many new councils can be built. Fighting against high prices, evictions, for free meals and clothes for school children, etc., strong neighborhood councils can be established. Concrete immediate demands must

Portland, Oregon, Will Form Red Builders News Club Soon; Sundays for 60,000 Campaign

The following extract from the joint report of Comrade L. Mitseff, unit organizer, and Comrade Minnie Levitt, Daily Worker agent in Portland, Ore., shows just what can be done in spite of great odds:

"In Portland we are at a disadvantage. Most of our leading comrades are in jail. This does not mean that we will not do all we can to help the drive.

"The following decisions have been made: First, the district Daily Worker representative has been instructed to make every effort to secure additional places to sell the Daily Worker. In spite of the police terrorization of the newsstands which are carrying the Daily Worker we have four stands. Secondly, every member will be made responsible for two Dailies every day. Thirdly, we decided to have a Daily Worker affair. We have also decided to organize a Red Builders' Club. We are trying to get non-Party workers to sell the Daily Worker.

"The next three consecutive Sundays are to be Red Sundays. Every Party member is to be on the job for house to house canvassing. This is the first time that this has been done in Portland. We made many good contacts and hope to do better next time. Finally, we used the copies of the Daily Worker which the post office had failed to deliver for seven days for distribution so that in spite of their attempts the papers reached the workers."

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BUSINESS MAN WANTS WAR TO KILL JOBLESS

CHICAGO, Ill. (By Mail)—Another indication that the capitalist imperialists of America hate to see so much good cannon fodder going to waste during the crisis, and feel that now is the time to start a war of conquest, is seen in a statement by a columnist named John F. Sinclair in the Chicago Daily News. Sinclair opens his column of Dec. 11 thus:

"Frank E. Kellogg's widely quoted remark that western civilization would not survive another world war may be true, but the world's governments apparently do not take much stock in it, for more money was spent in 1930 for military armaments than in 1914, when the great war began.

"Only last week an influential man told this writer that what is really needed now is a first-class war—to take up the unemployment slack."

"This sounds pretty skeptical and materialistic, but there are many men who believe that a world war would help—not hurt—world business right now."

Begin to organize the workers in your factory. Use the conditions, speed-up, wage-cutting schemes to mobilize the workers for struggle.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

COCOA GROWERS STRIKE IN AFRICA

Native Farmers Boycott British Pool

ACCRA, Dec. 21.—A bitter fight for higher prices for cocoa and against the plans of the imperialists to pay their war debts out of the intensified exploitation of the African natives is being waged by native farmers in the Gold Coast Colony in British West Africa, where 55 per cent of the world's cocoa is produced.

The native farmers have organized a federation and are seeking to compel the British shipping pool to pay 12 cents a pound, compared with its present price of a little more than 4 cents a pound. The farmers are boycotting the shippers' pool, selling only in small quantities and to companies not in the pool, under formal agreement not to resell to the pool.

The strike is in the nature of a movement to demand higher prices in the cocoa industry, similar to the unsuccessful movement of the coffee growers in Brazil, of the American wheat growers, etc., and serves further to expose the world-wide nature of the economic crisis which is shattering the basis of capitalism in the colonies as well as in the imperialist "home" countries.

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Indian Mass Will Fight on in Spite of Betrayals and Fakery

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

The so-called Labor Government of England though admitting the grave situation in India is unwilling and is unable to solve the problem. It is trying its best to fool the masses of India by promises and commissions, and recently through the so-called Round Table Conference, and thus wins favor with its imperialist masters.

Through experience of long dealings the Indian people are fully aware of the treacherous and oppressive nature of British imperialism. In the present Round Table discussion the Labor Party is using the famous formula of imperialism to "divide and rule." Instead of doing any good for India, Mac Donald and Company are attempting to create new differences among the people of India. All the conferences and commissions stress and bring forth the importance of different religions, castes, sects, races and other factions. British imperialism and the socialist agents play one against the other thru their paid officials, and hence excuse themselves of all the trouble putting all the blame on India. The Round Table Conference shows clearly the intention of British imperialism, which is to bind the Indian masses into more stronger chains. The aim of British imperialism is not to cede anything to the Indian people in the authority of governing themselves, but to justify its exploitation, murder and oppression of the peoples of India. The "representatives" of India in no way represent the life and blood of India, but instead they are the native exploiters of India. None of them demand anything in the nature of transferring the political authority to the hands of the masses of India,

BREAKS WINDOWS TO GO TO PRISON

Many Vets In Dire Need of Relief

Worcester League of Oakland, SANTA ROSA, Cal.—Ralph Clifford, 37 years old, unemployed, starving and having no place to sleep, smashed 18 plate glass panes in Santa Rosa postoffice in order that he might break into jail and get meals and a bed. He was arrested and is held in county jail. He says he is happy because he has shelter within jail walls as he was freezing to death with scant clothing that he possessed.

Clifford is an overseas veteran of the World War. When the bosses needed him to fight for their interests, he risked life and limb for them; when he turned grey at the temples they threw him out on the scrap heap.

It is a known fact here as well as throughout the state, that about 50 per cent of the war vets' families are in actual need today, because the unemployment percentage of the vets is larger due to the age of 33 or over. Many vets everywhere are signing their names for the Social Insurance Bill proposed by the Communist Party. All vets should organize and fight for work or wages. It is high time to learn to fight for yourselves and not for the bosses. —A. A.

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but instead they pledge to remain in the British Empire.

The masses of India know full well the value of these imperialist moves and declarations, and do not waste their time in speculating for the outcome of these conferences. The masses of India are going ahead in their struggle for freedom, under the leadership of the revolutionary workers. The masses of India are fully aware of the fact that their fate will be determined not on the tables and chairs but on the battle fields, like that of Russia. —TARA SINGH.

Mass Pressure Forces McGrady To Propose Fake Insurance Bill

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

The howling down of any suggestion of insurance at the convention silenced the New York gang for a time, but mass pressure, and the spectacle of whole A. F. L. locals, especially in the carpenters' union, endorsing the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill convinced Ryan and his clique that they had to go back to the original scheme, and two weeks ago they again proposed it, with some modification, and sent a committee to lobby for it at Albany.

Hunger Marches Prepared in California, Cleveland, Chicago

The National Campaign Committee reports increased activity in all quarters in organizing the signature drive for the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill which proposes to take the national government's billions appropriated for the next war, to tax the incomes of millionaires, and to use the \$5,000,000,000 fund thus created to pay through workers' and unemployed workers' committees at least \$25 a week to each of the jobless.

More conferences of delegates from all workers' organizations are being held to formulate local demands and arrange for demonstrations and hunger marches to force granting of local relief by the city governments.

A series of mass meetings in all industrial cities, the most important to be addressed by William Z. Foster, general secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, is being rapidly prepared. These meetings will elect the delegates to go in February to Washington and present to congress the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill, together with the great roll of signatures demanding its passage.

Arrest Collector.

The communication from Seattle tells of the arrest and confiscation of signature lists in Everett. The police in that big sawmill town and lumber port hate to see the jobless organizing.

A report from San Francisco encloses 3,000 signatures collected and tells of 42 delegates from workers' organizations, including two locals of the A. F. of L. at the united front conference held there on the 15th. The conference planned a hunger march on the state capitol to take place about the time the new governor is inaugurated.

Cleveland Hunger March.

The Cleveland Campaign Committee for Unemployment Insurance voted at its Dec. 15 meeting to organize a hunger march on the city hall on Jan. 5. The jobless and workers will concentrate at three points in working-class districts and converge on the hall, hold a meeting

there, send in a delegate with the demands and continue the meeting. Great collections of signatures are reported from Akron, Canton and Toledo.

The Cleveland conference to elect delegates to carry the bill to Washington is set for Friday, Jan. 9, at 8 p. m., at 5607 St. Clair Ave. The Foster mass meeting is Jan. 12, at 8 p. m. A demand for 2,000 more signature lists accompanies this news from Cleveland.

Terror Falls in Chicago.

Chicago plans a combination hunger march and demonstration on the city hall on Jan. 12. The Foster meeting is Jan. 9. The united front conference is Jan. 11.

The Trade Union Unity League secretary in Chicago reports: "Our actual steps for this demonstration will have to proceed on different lines than in other places, due to the open reign of terror setting in once more. Mathewson and three others were arrested Monday; Gardos was arrested Tuesday; our South Side headquarters was threatened by the police on Wednesday, who said they would close it down."

Detroit Demonstrations.

In Detroit, yesterday, a demonstration was planned to take place before the Hamtramck municipal "restaurant" for three real meals a day. If the city does not yield, the jobless will get the meals where they can and charge them to the city. There will be a hunger march and demonstration Jan. 2. A tag day is to be held to raise funds.

Wheeling Asks For Lists.

From Wheeling, West Va., a call comes in: "Send signature lists to my address at once and also let me know what our tasks are in all the unemployed work we are to undertake. We will do our share in mobilizing the unemployed for a fight for insurance."

From Cambridge, Ohio, there is another call: "We need more signature lists. We will work hard to get many of these lists filled. There are many unemployed here."

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No Facts Given on the Bank of US

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on a fight to regain our savings which have been robbed from us.

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3. A State loan should be raised at once to be able to pay the worker depositors.

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FOR NEGRO AND WHITE WORKERS' UNITY

By LOUIS KOVEES

RECENT cases of white chauvinism (Finnish affair, New York City, Lithuanian, Chicago, International Workers Order, etc.) have again demonstrated how deep-seated is this cancer in the working class, planted there by the oppressing class. And how little is the effort on the part of most of our comrades to determinedly operate on this cancer.

For example, the case of white chauvinism in the Lithuanian Cooperative restaurant in Chicago, where the members of that cooperative gave way to the anti-Negro campaign consciously prepared by the white bourgeoisie of that territory, proves that there was no serious campaign before against white chauvinism. What happened after? The campaign against white chauvinism started. But it did not go further than the territory where this concrete case happened, except that a few articles were published in our press.

After the Finnish affair, where a gang of white chauvinists were prepared to attack and throw out Negro comrades from the hall, the Finnish Bureau passed a strong resolution against white chauvinism and is prepared to carry on a real campaign not only in New York, but all over the country among the Finnish workers.

Is white chauvinism present only there where it takes open expression like in Chicago and among the Finnish workers in New York? If, let us say to the meeting place of the Scandinavian workers never went a Negro up to now and for this reason there was no "chance" to express openly the antagonism towards the Negroes by throwing them out or attacking them, does this mean that the Scandinavian workers are not infected by the poison of the slaveholding ideology? Does it mean, that the Scandinavian comrades may remain passive in face of such occurrences like the Finnish white chauvinist case, that "it is only a matter of the Finnish comrades"?

Those who think this way are certainly not in a position to lead the struggle against white chauvinism. The elementary pre-requisite to lead the struggle against this most deadly weapon of the enemy class is to understand that occurrences as in the cases of Lithuanian, Finnish and Southern Jewish organizations express the presence of this danger not only in a particular group, but in the whole working class. Consequently a case as the Finnish affair where white chauvinism was expressed in the most brutal form, must be the signal to carry on the struggle uncompromisingly, tearing out branch and root not only among these particular groups, but in the whole working-class, this intent.

Why White Chauvinism?

The theory of "superiority" of the white over the Negroes is the product of slaveholding society. The slaveholders to "justify" their keeping the Negro slaves as working animals needed a theory to show that the Negro race as compared to the whites is a low category in human development. With the formal "abolition" of slavery, this superiority theory did not disappear as slavery did not disappear, but just changed its form into share-cropping, tenancy, peonage, etc. On the basis of such form of production, relations between the white ruling class and the Negro masses in the South, it is natural that the white exploiters still look upon the Negroes as at the time of chattel slavery, as upon work animals. And, both in the South and in the North, especially, the theory of white superiority, serving as a pretext for all forms of discrimination against the Negroes, is used by the white bosses to split the working class into antagonistic groups, Negroes and whites, foreign born and native, skilled and unskilled, young and adult, etc. trying to make the workers believe, that all these elements of the working-class have separate interests, conflicting with the interests of the rest of the working-class. This theory of superiority of the whites over the Negroes is a weapon for the national oppression of the Negroes as

well as a weapon to divide the workers, to weaken their ranks and to crush them separately.

White chauvinism in the ranks of the working-class mirrors this "superiority" theory of the white bosses. The white chauvinists willingly or unwillingly, support their class enemies, the bosses, to oppress the Negro nation in the South, instead of fighting for the right of the Negroes of the South for the state unity of the Black Belt and to determine their own form of government and its relation to the United States and other governments. The white chauvinists are supporting the wage cutting and strike breaking policy of the white bosses, instead of working for the unity of the Negroes and white workers in the interests of the whole working class. The white chauvinists willingly or unwillingly, become a supporter of the lynch law, instead of demanding death penalty to the lynchers. Speaking about the cases of white chauvinism among the Lithuanian, Jewish and Finnish workers, the white chauvinist immigrant workers, by supporting the discrimination policy of the ruling class against the immigrant workers, own doom, they upheld the discrimination policy of the ruling class against the immigrant workers. The bosses are naturally the winners.

How to Struggle Against White Chauvinism.

Where the white workers eliminate from their ranks the deadly poison of "race superiority" and are fighting for Negro rights, the Negro masses and the white workers are the winners. One example is the struggle of the white delegates to the National Conference for the Protection of Foreign Born against Jim-Crowism. At the conference all delegates had been convinced that the Negro masses and white workers must struggle together against all forms of discrimination. The result was, that the white delegates lead all demonstrations against Jim-Crowism. The further result was, that the Negro masses in Washington, when the news of the series of demonstrations like prairie fire spread all through the Negro districts, in turn recognized that these white workers are with them against the white bosses and when the delegation left the city, there was a spontaneous demonstration of Negroes hailing the white delegates.

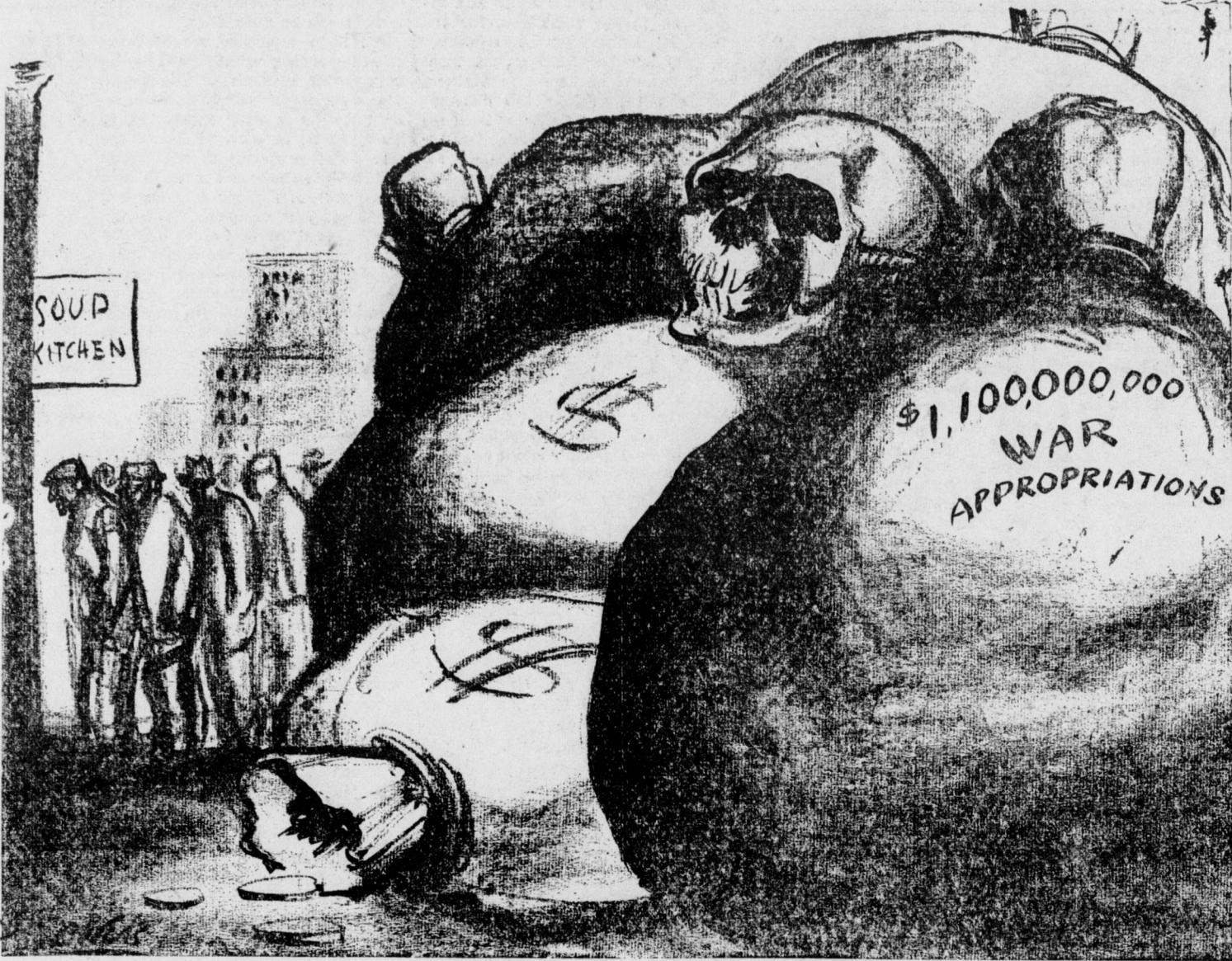
Only through struggle against white chauvinist ideology and against those who persist in their hatred of Negroes, exposing them and throwing them out of organizations of the workers, to the enemy camp, where they belong, only through such measures can we create the unity of the Negro masses and white workers, without which no struggle for unemployment relief or unemployment insurance, no struggle for right of self-determination for Negroes, no struggle against wage cuts, against deportation, etc., can be successful.

The most elementary steps to be taken in this struggle are:

1. To discuss through lectures, at meetings of all mass organizations of workers the "Negro question."
2. Continuous ideological campaign in the revolutionary press against white chauvinism, for the unity of the Negro masses and white workers.
3. To assign in unions and other organizations Negro workers not only for special work among Negroes, but for general leading functions and white workers for work together with Negro workers among the Negro masses.
4. The immigrant workers, listless in most cases, near to the Negro workers, listless and are therefore in a good position to mingle with them. To affairs, etc., organized by those foreign born workers, we must get always Negro workers. We must fraternize with them, agitate them.
5. To win over the organizations of white workers to support the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and its organ, the Liberator.
6. When Negroes are evicted from their homes, not only the masses of Negroes, but the masses in the neighboring territories, mostly populated with foreign born workers, must be mobilized to fight against the eviction of Negroes.

BILLIONS FOR WAR

By BURCK



Red Sparks

By JORGE

"Scientific"—and Dirt Cheap

"Unionism must be brought up to date," runs the sub-head in an I.W.W. leaflet. Why have an old union when you can get a new one? Why indeed?

But suppose, fellow workers, that somebody started a still fresher union? What then? Ah, ha! You never thought of that, did you! But, first of all, does newness or oldness make any difference? Fascism is something comparatively new, recent, modern and up to date. So perhaps that is the reason the I.W.W. is embracing fascist policies. It has to keep "up to date."

Just to show how "up to date" it is, it speaks about the "success of capitalism" and goes on to remark that:

"As monopoly after monopoly is created by the merging of some business interests and the annihilation of others, something in addition to the thought of profits prompts the gigantic centralization of productive forces."

We read further in an attempt to find out just what the capitalists were playing around with productive forces for, if not for profits—but could find nothing definite except the following:

"The improvements mainly comprise the use of more efficient machinery and methods, whereby the output of each worker is greatly increased."

Yes, that's very true, but what, fellow workers, is the aim of all this if it is not "the thought of profits"? Do you not realize that capitalists centralize the ownership of productive forces more than they centralize the actual productive forces?

You appear to think that capitalism is not anarchy in production, but perfect order and "scientific" organization. You appear to think that the capitalists are interested in building a perfectly functioning productive machine rather than getting profits out of that machine—why do you gabble about "something in addition to the thought of profits"?

And where does this lead? When the capitalists declare that the farmers must grow less wheat, the shoe factories make fewer shoes, so as to "balance production with demand," that is to say, to organize industry, you have already approved this reactionary program because none can deny that it is an "improvement" from the capitalist viewpoint.

Indeed, in your leaflet you mention the more efficient "methods" whereby the "output of each worker is greatly increased," with considerable approval and certainly no condemnation, though you ought to know that the "methods" of work (aside from the matter of machinery) are the methods of speeding the workers to death, to take out the greatest possible life force of the worker and translate it into "increased output" and—do you deny it?—increased profits.

So the I.W.W. has no quarrel with the employment over the speed up. Indeed it approves of the speed up as an "improvement" and something "up to date," and tells the workers the boss does not speed them up with "the thought of profits"!

So you call the I.W.W. "up to date" and "scientific"! And to top it all, you wind up the leaflet with the following superb reasoning:

"The initiation fee is two dollars, with a monthly dues of fifty cents being generally charged, and at present a quarterly assessment of one dollar. This completes the cost for a worker to become a member of this scientific, militant working class organization."

What a wonderful bargain counter offer! But it is neither scientific, nor militant, nor working class, any more than any company union is. And even your last reason, the cheapness, is knocked out, because company unions with exactly the same policy usually don't charge so much. But then, of course, they don't often pretend to be anything but company unions.

The Very Idea!

From Northville, Michigan, there arrives a letter with the following query:

"There are some people here that claim Karl Marx came to the U. S. and reorganized the banking system in New York City after the Civil War. I would like to know if this is the truth—L. E."

No dear comrade, it is not the truth. And we would add that among all the slanders we have heard about Marx and Marxism, this is a new one. Because whoever reorganizes the banking system in New York City, he did a pretty job for the bankers and a dirty trick on the small depositors.

However, comrade, there are a few Marxists left around these parts and if they have their way about it, the banking system will surely get reorganized some of these fine days—and the job will be done so that the bankers will never recognize their own banks, providing there are any bankers left in captivity.

Professor Einstein, who has, in the past, made some passes in the air which he interpreted as opposition to imperialism, seems relatively unable to recognize the animal when he meets it in the flesh, so to speak. Hence it was rather amusing to hear that the old duffer with a honey-suckle smile, who pretends to be interested in national liberation, was touted around Havana by President Machado, than whom no greater lackey of Yankee imperialism ever licked a boot.

What a Beautiful World!

Comment is superfluous upon the following Associated Press dispatch from Chicago:

CHICAGO, Dec. 16. (A.P.)—A steam-heated home with twenty-two kennels having upper and lower berths for stray dogs during the cold weather will be provided by the city council of Oak Park.

Poincare Preserves Montaigne

A contributor comes to our rescue in the consideration of the wiles of La belle France in her intervention plot against the Soviet Union. He says:

Dear Comrade Jorge:—In international affairs, always carefully I bear in mind La France. To convince you on her womanly weakness, I please you to read Montaigne. Where he discusses the moral viewpoint of a nation in his essays, he says:

"My nation is weak. The physical strength is less in protecting our rights. Therefore we concentrate our energies in intrigues and deceptions."

Ce pour ca cherche La France—Comradely yours, R. Ch. Stone.

VERDICT

OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE SOVIET UNION IN THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE CASE OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION, "THE INDUSTRIAL PARTY"

Moscow, December 8, 1930.

In the name of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics the Special Investigation of the Supreme Court of the U. S. S. R. composed as follows: President Comrade A. J. Vishinski, and judges comrades W. P. Antonov-Saratovski and V. I. Lvov, the secretaries comrades A. F. Yakovlev, G. I. Ivanenko and P. I. Sharutin in the presence of the State Prosecutor, the Public Prosecutor of the R. S. F. S. R. comrade N. Y. Krienko and the Vice-Public Prosecutor of the R. S. F. S. R. comrade V. I. Friedberg, and the members of the Moscow District Collegium of Advocates, the defending lawyers, comrades I. D. Braude and M. A. Ozepe, which sat in public and in closed sessions in the time from the 25th of November to the 7th of December, 1930, to investigate the case No. 38 of the counter-revolutionary organization known as "The Association of Engineers Organizations" ("Industrial Party") with the following accused:

1. Leonid Konstantinovich Ramzin, 43 years old, a citizen of the Soviet Union, former Professor of the Moscow Academy for Mechanical Engineering and former Director of the Thermal-Technical Institute.
2. Ivan Andreyevich Kalinnikov, 56 years old, a citizen of the Soviet Union, former Vice-Chairman of the productive sector of the State Planning Commission and former Professor of the Military Air Academy and other Academies.
3. Victor Alexeyevich Laritchev, 43 years old, a citizen of the Soviet Union, former Chairman of the Fuel Section and a former member of the Presidium of the State Planning Commission of the Soviet Union.
4. Nikolai Franzevich Tcharnovski, 62 years old, a citizen of the Soviet Union, former Vice-Chairman of the Scientific and Technical Council of the Engineering Industry in the Engineering Department of the Supreme Economic Council of the Soviet Union and former Professor of various Technical Academies.
5. Alexander Alexandrovich Fyedotov, 66 years old, a citizen of the Soviet Union, former Chairman of the Collegium of the Scientific Investigation Institute for the Textile Industry, and former Professor of various Technical Academies.
6. Sergius Viktorovich Kuprianov, 59 years old, a citizen of the Soviet Union, former Technical Director of the Textile Organization of the Supreme Economic Council of the Soviet Union.
7. Vladimir Ivanovich Otchkin, 39 years old, a citizen of the Soviet Union, former Scientific Secretary of the Thermal-Technical Institute, and former Chairman of the Scientific Investigation Department of the Supreme Economic Council of the Soviet Union.

All charged with offenses under Article 58, Paragraphs 3, 4 and 6 of the Penal Code of the R. S. F. S. R.; and:

8. Xenophon Vassilievich Sitnin, 52 years old, a citizen of the Soviet Union, and former Engineer of the All-Russia Textile Syndicate.

Charged with offenses under Article 58, Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Penal Code of the R. S. F. S. R.

Has come to the following conclusions: The final destruction of the armies of the white-guardist Generals, which were organized and led by the imperialist states and which tried to overthrow the Soviet power and restore the power of the landowners and capitalists, by the Red Army in the year 1920 opened up the path to the peaceful economic constructive work of the toilers of the Soviet Union on a socialist basis. In alliance with the decisive masses of the peasantry, the working class of the Soviet Union liquidated with great efforts during the course of the following years the results of the imperialist and the civil wars, overcome numerous difficulties during the reconstruction period which was concluded in these years, and proceeded under new circumstances to a widespread socialist offensive along the whole front.

During the course of the whole reconstruction period, the struggle of the working class for the speediest possible regulation of the economic life of the Soviet Union and for the success of the socialist constructive work, met with violent and unrelenting resistance on the part of those capitalist elements which had remained in our country, and on the part of those sections of the bourgeois intelligentsia which had made common cause with them. These elements worked with all methods: sabotage, direct destruction of state property and even the destruction of whole undertakings, to disorganize, hold up and prevent the victorious advance of the proletariat on the way to the economic reconstruction of the proletarian state and the consolidation of its socialist constructive work.

The successes of this constructive work on the one hand and the energetic struggle of the proletariat against all attempts to prevent this work on the other hand, paralyzed these efforts of the capitalist elements and accelerated the process of differentiation in the ranks of the bourgeois intelligentsia as a result of which anti-Soviet and anti-proletarian feelings became the common property of the leading section of this intelligentsia, which in the past was closely connected with capitalist circles and enjoyed a privileged position under capitalism. The most irreconcilable and venomous organizers of and participants in every form of counter-revolutionary conspiracy directed against the Soviet economic system, for the destruction of Soviet industry, of socialist transport, ind-

ustry and agriculture, and for the preparation of the overthrow of the Soviet power with armed force, came from this environment of the leading section of the specialists who were permeated with a bourgeois-capitalist ideology and were convinced opponents of the November Revolution and the work of socialist construction.

The development from the period of reconstruction into the period of construction, the growing progress of the whole economic system of the Soviet Union and the tremendous successes of the socialist constructive work on the one hand and the increasing crisis in the capitalist countries on the other caused bitter resistance on the part of the capitalist elements and those sections of the technical intelligentsia bound up with them in the Soviet Union and over the whole world. In face of the ever strengthening and increasing economic, political and military power of the Soviet Union, all the forces of the old world formed a united front for a "crusade" against the proletarian state, the Fatherland of the world proletariat and of all toilers, and proceeded to mobilize all the methods of overt and covert attack.

This was the situation in which the counter-revolutionary organization, "The Association of Engineers Organizations" ("Industrial Party") came into being, began its activity and united all those sabotage groups which were at work in the various branches of industry into a uniform organization.

The judicial examination of the case of the so-called Industrial Party revealed the fact that the crystallization of these various groups in the Industrial Party was furthered to a certain extent by the fact that the chief group of its participants consisted of the members of the counter-revolutionary organization known as the "Engineers Central Committee" which was formed in 1925 and which was led by the engineer Paltchinski who was executed in 1930 for sabotage in the gold and platinum industry, the former capitalist and mine-owner Rabinovitch who was sentenced in the Schachty trial and the engineer Fyodorovitch. The "Engineers Central Committee" itself developed out of two counter-revolutionary organizations which existed still earlier in the form of the so-called club of "Mine Managers" and the All-Russia Engineers Association which had as their members the most reactionary and most anti-Soviet elements of the old engineering circles. This section of the old engineers worked chiefly in the mining industry and in the transport industry and consisted for the most part of former owners and shareholders of capitalist undertakings. The "Industrial Party" which consisted of persons out of the narrow stratum of the bourgeois intelligentsia, had no touch of any kind with the broad masses of the people and no support of any kind from these masses, so that it was condemned to maintain a narrow caste spirit.

The accused (Ramzin, Laritchev and the others) were compelled to admit that the Industrial Party was unable to reckon with the sympathy of the masses, even in words, and still further, that it was unable to reckon with the sympathy of the broad masses of the peasantry. The fact that the Industrial Party could reckon on no sympathy or support of any kind from the toiling masses explains why its leaders placed their hopes for the realization of their criminal plans not on internal but external forces.

The Special Investigation recorded the fact that in its efforts to recruit members from amongst the ranks of the engineers, technicians, professors, the lecturers at the various institutions and undertakings, scientific investigation institutions and academies, the Central Committee of the Industrial Party adopted most varied methods beginning with propaganda and the payment of monies as a reward for carrying out the instructions of the Industrial Party, and ending with threats of damaging the careers, the economic situation and the social position of those who hesitated or refused to join the Industrial Party. The activity of the Industrial Party was conducted on a strictly conspirative basis, and the connection between the members was only permitted within the framework of the branch organizations, so that the members of different branch organizations did not know each other. The judicial investigation revealed the fact that the Industrial Party was led by a Central Committee which had developed from the main group of the old Engineers Central Committee, whose chief leaders were Paltchinski, Rabinovitch, Fyedorovitch, Krennikov and Krasovski and later Ramzin, Laritchev, Kalinnikov, Tcharnovski, Fyedotov, Ossaditch, Schein and others, whereby after the arrest of Paltchinski and Krennikov the leading position in the Industrial Party was taken by Ramzin. In the Engineers Central Committee and later in the Central Committee of the Industrial Party, the leadership of the counter-revolutionary work was also divided amongst the members according to the principle of "branches." Accordingly Paltchinski directed the counter-revolutionary work in the mining industry, with Paltchinski; Rabinovitch and Tcharnovski directed the work in the heavy metallurgical industry; Fyedotov in the textile industry; Laritchev in the fuel supply industry and above all in the oil industry; Krasovski in the transport industry; Kalinnikov in the "Economic Group"; and Ramzin, apart from the general control of all the work, in the fuel supply and the power supply industries.

(To be continued)

Socialism Versus Capitalism

By G. T. GRINKO

People's Commissar of Finance, U.S.S.R.

No one can close his eyes to the fact that every year sees an increase in the scope and intensity of the great conflict, the universal historical contest between two economic and, consequently, social systems: the economic system of rising socialism and the declining system of capitalism. That gigantic contest has affected political relationships all over the world in the last decade. The Soviet Union, champion of the socialist economic idea, has come out with a frank and courageous program of "attaining and surpassing, in a comparatively short time, the technical and economic level of the advanced capitalist countries." This implies definite obligations. The whole world is aware that the fighting slogans of Bolshevism are no mere words, that it knows how to concentrate its forces to attain the goals once set. And the goal of "attaining and surpassing" has now become the immediate objective of Soviet economic policy. Its formula has become the battle cry which inspires millions in their everyday struggle and fight. When viewed from this standpoint, as well as from that of strengthening the socialist position within the country, the task of securing the growth of productive forces through social industrialization, at a tempo that shall not slacken, but, on the contrary, shall steadily be accelerated, becomes one of urgent practical importance and of high responsibility. Millions of proletarians in the U.S.S.R. are on watch, lest the pace of industrialization slacken. And anything that may spell menace here meets with powerful public rebuke.

Another consideration of prime importance that must be especially noted in the general program of economic development of the Soviet Union, is that relating to the independence of the country from the great capitalist powers. This idea, which is sacred to every worker and peasant in the Soviet Union, and also to every revolutionary proletarian in the West, and to every oppressed people in the East, is an integral part of the concept of the socialist industrialization of the U.S.S.R. This does not mean that the U.S.S.R. aims to reduce its economic intercourse with the capitalist world. On the contrary, the foreign trade of the Soviet Union

has been expanding every year. The Five-Year Plan provides for its further extension to almost twice the present volume. But the point of essential importance in the Soviet economic program is that it admits of only such economic intercourse with foreign countries and such dealings with the capitalist world as shall not impair, but rather more firmly secure the independence of the country and its capacity for industrial growth, which, of course, includes preparedness for national defense. It is this that engages the rapacious leaders of imperialism, who are anxious to "overthrow the Soviet Government, and then to exploit the natural resources of Russia"; and that restrains the valiant heroes of colonial league. But it cannot be helped. The growing economic independence of the Soviet Union and its increasing preparedness for defense are of decisive importance in the appraisal of all economic projects and plans. And we are willing to agree with Paul Scheffer, who has described the Five-Year Plan in the Berliner Tageblatt for July 12, 1929, as a "colossal defense plan, designed to safeguard and protect the unhampered realization of socialist ideas on Russian territory." But we know (as Mr. Scheffer does too, no doubt) that sufficient ground for such defense is afforded by the ruthlessly aggressive attitude assumed toward the Soviet Union by capitalist powers, which have unfortunately been increasingly successful, through what has been known as Germany's "Western orientation," in winning over that country, which is now just stretching her limbs for a new start on imperialist ventures.

From The Five Year Plan of the Soviet Union, by G. T. Grinko, one of the original collaborators on the Five-Year Plan of Socialist Industrialization, a complete account of the Plan, containing the first two years of its operation and a political estimate of its place in world economy.

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