

We Must Not Slacken Fight Against Alabama Lynchers!

THE Nigger boys will get the same kind of treatment here that they got at Scottsboro," says a county official at Decatur, scene of the new Scottsboro trial.

As the date for the new trial nears, all the forces of lynch-law are drawn into the task of preparing a new lynching. Prosecuting attorneys, attorney-generals, judges and sheriffs and police, businessmen and newspaper writers—all are being assigned their part in the job of murdering these Negro lads.

The state has refused a change of venue to Birmingham. This legal move, alone, reveals its sinister intention. For there is a growing mass movement of the workers in Birmingham. Negro and white workers have in recent months struggled side by side for bread and work.

But in the small town of Decatur, 50 miles from Scottsboro and only 30 miles from Huntsville, home of the two white girls, there has been, as yet, no struggle of industrial workers, Negro and white, against their exploiters.

The right of a private interview with their attorneys, a legal right granted automatically in most cases, has been denied the Scottsboro boys for two years, under every lying and hypocritical excuse.

The possibility of a lynching outside the courtroom grows daily. Unless the defense and the masses behind the defense can call a halt, the boys will be housed in an old jail, admittedly unsafe, from which jail-breaks are so frequent as to be no longer news.

The local press continues to whip up lynch sentiment against the boys. This press has not changed, but has grown fiercer in its demand for blood, since the Jackson County Sentinel announced that a Negro juror in Jackson County would be a curiosity—and some curiosities are embalmed, you know.

Thus, by every means at their command—denial of ordinary legal rights, the whipping up of lynch spirit—the Alabama rulers prepare the path over which they hope to lead nine innocent young boys to a horrible death.

What then can save the Scottsboro boys? Time and again the boys have been snatched from the electric chair by the roar of protest from the masses in every corner of the globe.

Demand of Governor Miller, of the Decatur judges, of Attorney-General Knight, that the boys be removed for trial to Birmingham, where Negro and white workers by the thousands are fighting for bread and work and for the rights of Negroes.

Negro workers! White workers! Lift up your voices! Protest! Shout into the ears of the Alabama lynchers: "MURDERERS! The Scottsboro boys shall not die!" Only a mighty outpouring of mass protest can smash this carefully-planned lynching, can swing open the prison doors and set the Scottsboro boys free.

It is upon the basis of a let-down in the mass protest in the past few weeks that the Alabama lynchers have been able to win their legal points. No more victories to the lynchers! Workers and farmers: NEGLECT IS MURDER!

Seamen Win Their Wages in Spite of Bank Holiday

TWO big shipping companies decided not to pay wages to their seamen. Roosevelt's banking holiday was the excuse. These shipping companies reckoned without their host. The seamen struck, demanding full payment of their wages, and won their demands.

The first to strike was the crew of the British steamship Beigenland of the Red Star Line. When the crew of this steamship returned from the Caribbean cruise they were told that they could not be paid because of the bank holiday.

Under the leadership of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, they struck and won their demand for immediate payment of their wages. In addition to the demand for immediate payment of wages they also demanded better food and that two men listed as deserters for leaving the ship without permission be reinstated without a fine.

In both cases we have a splendid example of how militancy and organization of the workers can stop the forced hunger drive of the Roosevelt administration in Washington.

The action of the seamen in the New York Port must be extended to all branches of industry in the struggle against the offensive of the present hunger administration in Washington.

Stop Shipment of Munitions

SHIPLOADS of war materials are leaving United States ports regularly for Japan to use in its war of imperialist plunder against the Chinese people. For instance, the New York Evening Post of March 16, says:

"War in the Far East is having its effect on the automobile industry of the United States. Japan needs steel for the making of munitions of war and is buying large quantities of Japanese scrap metal shipments from Los Angeles since the beginning of the invasion of China is estimated at about 2,000 per cent. And as part of the export one wrecking firm expects to send more than 50,000 outworn automobiles to Japan this year."

As these shipments are being made to help Japan wage war against China, to arm it for war against the Soviet Union.

It is an old practice of the war-mongers—sell war material to the enemy against whom war conspiracies are being carried out. It was Karl Liebknecht in the German Reichstag in 1913 who exposed the fact that German munition manufacturers, and the Krupps, were selling arms and munitions to France, while at the same time bribing certain French newspapers to publish provocative attacks against Germany, and in turn having their own hirelings in the Reichstag denounce these provocations.

There is nothing too vile for imperialist war mongers. And those of the United States have not only thoroughly learned all the infamous practices developed through the years, but they have invented new deceptive practices; the students have become teachers.

THE war raging in the Far East, the struggle for the Pacific, the outbreak of war in South America, where United States imperialism is aggressively challenging its imperialist rival, England; the tremendous sharpening of imperialist antagonisms in every country; the launching of new provocations against the Soviet Union—all this emphasizes the warning of the Communist International to the toiling masses of the world to immediately take decisive action against the war-mongers.

The cargoes of war material that sail from dozens of ports of the United States are clearly a challenge to the working class to take definite action to stop them. Indignation against the shipment of arms, munitions and other war material from other countries is quite correctly being voiced here in the United States. But this can be no substitute for action here.

It is essential that there be developed united front action on the part of the seamen and longshoremen in United States ports to stop by strike action the shipment of war materials. Rank and file action committees to combat imperialist war conspiracies should be set up everywhere. Workers in munition plants, in scrap yards, in nitrate plants, in arms plants, must be alert to find out the destination of these products, to expose the facts connected with their manufacture and shipment. In every one of these industries, and on the water-front there should be organized corps of worker correspondents that will inform the DAILY WORKER and the rest of the revolutionary press of these war moves of the enemy class so that the press can fulfill its role as agitator, propagandist and organizer and immediately aim decisive blows against the imperialist war-mongers.

"Must Give Again and Again!"

Sending \$10, J. Kollar, of Cleveland, writes: "I donated \$1 before, but when I see that the 'Daily' is in danger, I must help again and again."

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DEMAND A HALT TO THE FASCIST ATTACK OF HITLER-HINDENBURG MURDER REGIME!

Pittsburgh Increases Quota Nearly 50 P. C.

THE Pittsburgh District has gone over the top in the financial drive and has raised its quota from \$350 to \$500. This is its reply to the appeal of the Central Committee of the Communist Party for quick aid to the Daily Worker.

"We expect to be able to raise the quota for our district to \$500 instead of the \$350 that you originally set for us. As it looks now, we will accomplish it."

Readers, think what this means. The Pittsburgh District has been among the worst hit by the crisis of any in the country. In the two chief industries, coal and steel, tens of thousands of workers are totally unemployed and most of the rest are working only a couple of days a week at starvation wages.

HOW do they do it? Here's how:

"Dear Comrades: Enclosed please find list and money order to the total of \$2.55 from the workers and sympathizers in the Turtle Creek Valley (Pittsburgh District). As one worker puts it: 'If the Daily Worker fails, it will be the fault of the workers of the Turtle Creek Valley.' You shall hear more from the Turtle Creek Valley in funds to save the Daily Worker."

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This is the spirit that has kept the Daily Worker alive for over nine years. This is the spirit which, if repeated a hundred, a thousand times throughout the country, will raise the full \$35,000 needed to keep the "Daily" alive now.

Which district will be the first to follow the example of Pittsburgh? In Saturday's paper we told you how the money contributed so far has been spent and why the full \$35,000 is needed to keep the "Daily" going. Quick action is essential. Ask every worker or sympathizer you come in contact with today for a contribution. Get together a group of friends for a house party for the "Daily." Speed every cent to the Daily Worker, 50 E. 13th St., New York City.

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Try to Lynch White Reporter for Negro Press at Scottsboro Hearing

Charged With "Helping Niggers"; Decatur Gangsters Claim Credit for Murdering Negroes; Prepare Lynchings at Trial

NEW YORK.—The story of how a white reporter for a number of Southern Negro newspapers narrowly escaped lynching in Scottsboro two weeks ago when the change of venue for the nine framed-up Negro youths was being argued there, was told yesterday to the International Labor Defense here.

The newspaperman, who has just come up to New York from the South, in relating his experience, gave further confirmation of the lynch atmosphere which is now carefully being prepared for the Scottsboro boys.

Sounding the alarm, William L. Patterson, national secretary of the I. L. D., in a wire sent Saturday to working class organizations all over the country and to every district of the I. L. D., declared in substance:

"Immediate mass action must raise millions to save the Scottsboro boys. Let up in mass action is responsible for the present situation in which the nine innocent Negro boys are faced with an infinitely greater danger of lynching. Neglect is murder."

The wire also called on all organizations and individuals to wire Gov. B. M. Miller of Alabama, demanding a change of venue for the Scottsboro case from the lynch-town of Decatur, in Northern rural Alabama, to Birmingham, where a Negro and white would make it more difficult for the authorities to make lynch-preparations.

Describing how he narrowly avoided death at the hands of a lynch mob in Scottsboro, the reporter for the Negro press said:

"I asked the way to the jail, when I came in," he told an I. L. D. representative. "I was immediately surrounded by a mob of armed men, who took me to the sheriff's office, demanding that I be lynched. There was no indication that the sheriff didn't expect real opposition. The sheriff, however, wanted to be careful. The Scottsboro trial was still to come with its greater lynch possibilities. They kept me in the sheriff's office until eight o'clock in the morning, with the gang baiting and heckling me.

"The charge against me, though I was not arrested, was, as nearly as I could figure out from the talk, that I had come to help them 'niggers' some way. They couldn't quite figure me out, so they kept me in the office until eight in the morning, and then put me out of town, the gang accompanying me on the road. I had walked down the road a long way, leaving the Scottsboro people behind before I felt sure I wasn't going to be strung up or shot that day."

The lynch-plans, the I. L. D. has charged, are directly connected with the condition of the jail in Decatur, which is such that, as a deputy described it to the New York Times reporter: "You could get out of there with a spoon." The same applies to getting in, the I. L. D. pointed out, and this was one of the factors which influenced Knight and Hawkins to select Decatur for the scene of the trial.

In further preparation for the lynching, Sheriff A. W. Davis of Morgan county, in which Decatur is located, has announced he will ask for militia to be sent there, and Mayor James A. Nelson said he will mobilize the American Legion.

Decatur, I. L. D. investigators have revealed, is the headquarters for criminal gangs which operate throughout the state. The leader of one of these gangs is quoted as having said of the Scottsboro case that "if he had been on that train, there wouldn't have been any arrests, and there wouldn't have been any of the 'niggers' alive."

Gang Murders Suppressed Immediately following the lynching of the nine boys in 1931, an unknown number of Negroes were murdered on freight trains in northern Alabama. The number has been conservatively estimated at twenty.

The Decatur gangsters are revealed by the investigation as claiming credit for these murders. In a further statement today, the I. L. D. repeated its warning and its charges, growing out of investigation of lynch preparations for the Scottsboro boys and their defenders in Northern Alabama, that "vigilance committees" have been set up, cen-

tering in Huntsville, which is half-way between Scottsboro and Decatur, for the organization of a lynching party in case the boys are acquitted. These "vigilance committees," called originally in an open letter in the Huntsville Times soon after the announcement of the U. S. Supreme Court decision, have spread their murderous tentacles all over northern Alabama, and are now tightening their organizations in final preparations for the trial which is to open on March 27.

(See additional Scottsboro News on Page 3).

SOUTH SLAVS SCORE HITLER

CHICAGO, Ill., March 19.—The National Committee of the South Slav Workers Clubs has wired an energetic protest against the Hitler Terror, to the German embassy in Washington. The resolution demands release of Thaelmann and all arrested German Communists.

NEW YORK.—New York veterans will protest against the cuts in veterans' benefits and will demand from the city immediate cash relief at a mass demonstration and parade Friday, March 24. The vets will rally at 10 a. m. in Union Square and march to the Board of Estimate.

An open hearing on the veterans' demands and mass trial of Commissioner of Welfare Taylor will be held Wednesday night at 8 p. m. at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East 4th St. Commissioner Taylor has been asked to be present to defend himself. This meeting, as well as the demonstration Friday, is being organized by the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League.

Veterans' administration officials throughout the country are busy making preparations for the drastic cuts-in-benefits that will start as

THAELMANN TORTURED DAY AND NIGHT; IN NAZI PRISON; INTERNATIONAL RED AID REPORTS HE "LOOKS LIKE A CORPSE"

Also Torture Torgler and Pieck, Communist Deputies, in Attempt To Get "Confession"; Police Give Ultimatum Prisoners Will Be Shot Unless They Say Reds Burned Reichstag

NEW YORK.—The Communist Party New York District, urges all workers, the Socialist Party, the American Federation of Labor, and all other organizations of workers, to join in an anti-fascist demonstration before the German Consulate this Saturday, March 25, at 10:30 a. m. Workers and mass organizations will assemble at South and Whitehall Streets and then march on the Consulate.

VIENNA, March 19.—The Vienna Socialist "Arbeiter Zeitung" published a statement yesterday from the International Red Aid with a call to the workers throughout the world to organize powerful protest actions to save the life of Thaelmann and other victims of Nazi terror. The statement reads as follows:

"From the first day that Thaelmann, Chairman of the German Communist Party, was arrested, he was subjected to the worst tortures. The Hitlerites have tortured him throughout the day and night. At the present time Comrade Thaelmann looks like a living corpse and is in danger of death.

TAKE THE LEAD AGAINST HITLER! T.U.U.L. Calls To All For United Struggle

NEW YORK.—The Trade Union Unity League, central organization of workers in militant unions and opposition groups in other unions, yesterday issued a call to fight for the release of Thaelmann, Torgler and all other Anti-Fascist fighters and to protest the bloody Hitler terror in Germany. The call, signed by William Z. Foster, General Secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, states:

"Call meetings of the revolutionary unions and leagues to discuss the question of the fight against terror in Germany. The role of the Socialist leaders who voted for Hindenburg and paved the way for Hitler must be exposed.

"We must save Thaelmann, Torgler and the other German working-class leaders, and the tens of thousands of workers imprisoned in Hitler's jails, from the claws of this vicious capitalist bird of prey.

"The American working class must organize powerful mass demonstrations against the terror in Germany—in every city, and before the embassy and consulates of the bloody German government. In these demonstrations the revolutionary trade unions and leagues and oppositions and all their members and sympathizers must take the fullest part.

NEW YORK.—Louis Marshall Lodge, 404 Independent Order of Odd Fellows, passed a resolution demanding that the U. S. government protest the Hitler terror against the German workers.

PARTY MEMBERS, ATTENTION!

All members of the Communist Party, District 2, are to come to an important membership meeting tonight at the New Star Casino, 107th Street and Park Avenue, at 7 p. m., SHARP.

The situation in Germany and the United Front tactics will be on the agenda of the meeting.

Admission by membership book only!

2,000 PROTEST AT CONSULATE

Philadelphia Workers Assail Hitler Terror

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 19.—Yesterday afternoon a protest demonstration was held before the German Consulate, 1420 Walnut Street. The police were taken by surprise.

Two thousand workers filled the streets surrounding the Consulate. The workers carried many banners with slogans demanding the release of Thaelmann and all arrested workers and intellectuals.

The police attacked the demonstration. In spite of the police attack, a number of speeches were made which lasted about 15 minutes. Three workers were arrested.

Torgler and Pieck will be shot. "This was the situation on the 11th of March."

ROOSEVELT IN WAR AND DEBT MANEUVERS TO WIN SUPREMACY

PARIS, March 19.—Gas warfare between armies and against the civilian populations is here to stay, Prof. Jacques Parrot told a group of high French Army officers at Nancy today. Prof. Parrot is a member of the special poison gas commission of the League of Nations. He stated that the League is urging the imperialist powers to prepare for chemical warfare, and cited the following declaration from a resolution adopted by the League's poison gas commission:

"Technically, no means for the prevention of chemical warfare exists. Therefore the risks of chemical warfare will not disappear until the risks of war itself disappear."

A move to utilize the developing war situation in Europe for the purpose of forcing the debtor countries to accept Wall Street's program for concessions on the uncollectable war debts, was initiated by Roosevelt on Saturday.

The President held a series of secret conferences with Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and Norman H. Davis. These were followed by conferences separately with the French and German Ambassadors. The usual imperialist pretext of "promoting peace" was offered to explain the conferences, which are shrouded in the greatest secrecy.

Norman H. Davis, representative-at-large of the Hoover Administration, is to continue to represent Wall Street at the "disarmament" conferences and at the approaching "world economic conference." He will continue to maneuver among the rivals for U. S. supremacy and concessions on the war debts. He will offer a counter-plan to the latest British "arms reduction" proposals.

Meanwhile, the "Journal des Debats" significantly comments on the British proposals: "Under the pretext of saving the conference and putting an end to Europe's troubles, MacDonald is taking the road which leads to the most perilous crisis."

The concessions offered to Italian imperialism by the British plan and MacDonald's conference in Rome yesterday with Mussolini have especially strained Anglo-French relations. The French also fight the British proposal for the re-arming of Germany.

Protests are continuing to pour in at the White House and in Congress from veterans throughout the country denouncing this rubber bill that is designed to kick over 400,000 disabled vets completely off the payment list and to drastically reduce the benefits to more than 1,000,000 other ex-servicemen and their dependents. Among the rank and file of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars there is especial bitterness over the open betrayal of their leaders.

The chorus of praise issuing from the throats of the misleaders of the Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars continues to grow. Among the

Rally Vets for United Front Struggle Against Cuts, for Bonus Now As Bigger Slashes Loom

Roosevelt Plans \$600,000,000 Reduction; Elect Action Committees, Force Him to Retreat!

soon as President Roosevelt signs his Wall Street-dictated economy bill, passed by the House and Senate. Plans are already under way to curtail the facilities of the 48 veterans' hospitals, with the possibility that some of these will be shut down entirely. On March 1 there were 46,387 veterans under care in these hospitals.

At the same time it is beginning to be openly stated in government circles that the cuts for veterans and government employees that Roosevelt will put through will total not \$500,000,000, but \$600,000,000. Since the bill sets no limit as to the extent of the cuts, but gives Roosevelt dictatorial powers in the matter, it is clear that the president will try to

otest warblers for the bankers' program are Maurice Stember, adjutant of the New York Department of the Legion, Hugh Galloway, commander of the Willard Star Straight Post, James H. Donaldson, commander of the John Purroy Mitchell Post, John Dwight Sullivan, New York county commander of the Legion, and Dr. Leonard J. Harmon, county commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League and the Veterans' National Liaison Committee appeals to the rank and file of the American Legion, V. F. W., Disabled American Veterans, etc., as well as to ex-servicemen not affiliated with any group to elect committees of action in a broad united front fight against the cuts and for payment of the bonus now. Get in touch with the Liaison Committee, Box 1212, Washington, D. C., or with the W. E. S. L., 729 Broadway, New York City.

AGAINST FORCED LABOR CAMPS; FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Only United Force of Working Class Will Smash Roosevelt-Wall St. Plot

Forced Labor Prison Army Camps Plotted by Bosses As Way to Cut Wages and Prepare for War

By I. AMTER
No unemployment insurance—no unemployment "reserves" in the future—no relief, but PRISON camps, into which the workers will be herded. This is the Roosevelt program for relief.

According to report, the War Department is organizing the camps. Two to five thousand men will be recruited from the streets, the men who are getting or not getting relief today. They will be compelled to work at the camps for their BOARD and LODGING, and

Protest at Boat Against Japanese War Monger

In protest against the butchery of the Chinese masses by Japanese imperialists and the greatly increased threat of the oncoming new world war, the American Committee for the Struggle Against War calls upon all workers, workers' organizations and peace organizations to demonstrate Thursday, March 23, at 9 a. m. at Pier 59, North River (West 18th Street). The Japanese imperialist agent, Yosuke Matsouka disembarks from the Leviathan on his way back to Japan.

The Japanese imperialist agent, Yosuke Matsouka, who was the chief delegate to the League of Nations for Japan, and who has placed large orders for munitions in France, will arrive in New York next Thursday.

"FREE TOM MOONEY" WILL BE A CENTRAL DEMAND ON MAY FIRST

NEW YORK.—The Provisional Arrangements Committee which is in charge of the preparations for the huge United Labor May Day Conference which will prepare the May Day demonstration announced yesterday that one of the central slogans to be raised in the May Day struggle, apart from the slogan of Unemployment and Social Insurance, will be the demand for the liberation of Tom

Mooney Runners to Serve Six Months

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—Charges of "disturbing a public meeting" which resulted in the conviction of six Tom Mooney runners who demonstrated at the recent Olympics, were upheld by the Appellate Court. The court, however, reversed the conviction for "disturbing the peace," reducing the original sentence from nine to six months.

All of the six youths, two young men and two girls, were defended by the International Labor Defense. They are Meyer Ballin, Jess Shapiro, Edward Palmer, Ben Boots, Esther Dell and Ann Davis.

WORKERS' CHILDREN'S PENNIES TAKEN FOR ROOSEVELT POOL

NEW YORK.—The bosses' gutter street, the "Daily News," is conducting a campaign collecting the pennies of workers' children, the latter already stepped in the misery Roosevelt and his bankers thrust upon them, to buy the "holiday on workers' salaries" President a swimming pool.

Every day the "News" pictures and stories of how badly Roosevelt needs a pool, but says nothing of the workers' gold the President and his bankers are swimming in.

LABOR UNION MEETINGS

OFFICE WORKERS
C. Hathaway will speak at the mass mobilization meeting, "Intimate and convincing campaign of the Office Workers Union, 8 p. m., March 22 at Stuyvesant Casino, 9th St. and Second Ave.

LABOR UNITY AGENTS
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Roosevelt's Police Attack Jobless



This was the beginning of the police attack on the jobless who planned to ask for an increase in unemployment relief in Washington. The unemployed were shoved at first, then began an attack typical of the capital police, with women and babies like the ones in the picture clubbed along with the men.

THE COLLAPSE OF AMERICAN FINANCE

Two Pamphlets That Clear Up Many Questions

The banking "holiday" and the nation-wide collapse of the present financial structure on top of the three-year-old crisis raises many persistent questions which the workers want answered. Answers to many such questions will be found in two pamphlets by Anna Rochester, who has made a special study of the economic situation in this country. Her Wall Street (60 cents), International Pamphlets No. 30) shows precisely in whose hands the banking system is, how the finances of the country are completely controlled by J. P. Morgan, Rockefeller, Mellon, Ford and a handful of others.

She shows that the control of industry and trade is also concentrated in the hands of the financial magnates. She describes how Wall Street control operates and how it runs the government. This will be very helpful in understanding the new legislation being proposed by President Roosevelt and the present developments.

In Profits and Wages (10 cents, International Pamphlets No. 16), Anna Rochester shows how the rich continue to get richer during the crisis, how wealth becomes more concentrated at the expense of the "small fry," how dividends are maintained and even increase—while wages are cut, unemployment increases and the conditions of the masses grow daily worse and worse.

Both these pamphlets are extremely well suited for mass distribution at this moment, with all layers of the middle class and some sections of the workers caught directly in the bank closures, and indirect wage-cuts through inflation and high prices already beginning.

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Milwaukee Socialist Leaders' Words on Marx Fall Flat in Face of Deeds

Mayor Hoan Cites Spain As Country Where "Revolution" Was Accomplished Without A "Drop of Blood Being Shed"

By E. C.
MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Milwaukee Socialists celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the death of Karl Marx on the night of March 14 at a meeting at which Max Raskin (city attorney) presided and Mayor Hoan spoke.

One of Raskin's "brilliant" introductory remarks was, "... It will not be long before capitalism will BEGIN to decay and fall.

The first applause of the evening was evoked when Andrew Biemiller, who followed him, the educational director of the Socialist Party, stated: "One-sixth of the earth's surface has abolished capitalism." This was the first indication of the spirit of the rank and file and socialist workers at the meeting and what they were waiting to hear.

All was dull while Heinrich Bartel, editor of the deceased Socialist weekly, Vorwarts, spoke—limiting himself to such wisecracks as "The socialist child (Marxism) grew up with red hair," and making great efforts to display his erudition by using Marxian terms and dishing out wildly the names of Robert Owen, Feuerbach and others.

A Surprise Tableau.
Then a very interesting thing happened. The Nature Friends (an international workers' nature organization), who have participated in many Communist Party programs, gave a group of labor tableaux, each tableau explained by their speaker.

They showed the rise to power of the proletariat and the destruction of the bourgeoisie and in the last tableau their speaker ended with the words: "You shall only overthrow the bourgeoisie by revolution—NOT BY THE BALLOT BOX!"

The curtain went down and there was a moment of silence—it was an unexpected blow—then suddenly the workers burst out in thunderous applause—that was what they wanted, not the soppy words that had been dished out to them by previous speakers.

Hoan Worried.
This demonstration made Hoan very nervous (the writer and Hoan were both backstage), and he began pacing up and down, apologetically saying: "Its very cold here." He was the next speaker.

A few verbatim quotations from Hoan's miserable speech speak for themselves: "The Communist Manifesto was called so because the word 'Socialist' was in ill repute then—but today the proper name is the 'Socialist Manifesto.'"

After naively attacking the universities because they do not teach Marxism, he stated: "Young students here who wish to become really educated should join the Socialist Party and learn Marxism, which will enable them to confound with superior knowledge all their university friends." Sounds like an ad—... "they laughed when I sat down to play..." etc.

Again he harped on "intelligence"—"If you use your intelligence, up here in your noodle, not one drop of blood will be shed in the overthrow of capitalism!" Then he proceeded by inuendo to point out how the Nature Friends had learned how to use their muscles, etc., but apparently not their intelligence, and so were not responsible for their speaker's explanation of their tableaux.

Then came the amazingly stupid statement: "Why, look at Spain! They had a great revolution and not one drop of blood was shed!" (His authority for this is undoubtedly the reign of terror and murders of countless workers in Spain.)

Did Hoan call for action or organization on the part of the workers? Not a word but, "Now is the time to get down to serious thinking!" This is Hoan's and the S. P.'s way out of the crisis, "serious thinking!" with a militant exclamation mark. "Are you going to join the only movement

that offers the way out—the Socialist Party?" he asked. Apparently nobody was, so he weakly concluded with slapping himself heartily on the back. "They admit throughout the country that the working people, who govern the city of Milwaukee, have done a little better job than the governments of any other American cities."

And most workers in Milwaukee will agree that the Socialist city hall seat warmers have done a better job: Relief rations for a family of five for two weeks—\$2.25; forced labor, with 30 to 90-day sentences for refusal to work on county "relief" jobs; Socialist police-clubbing at relief stations, Haymarket and Red Arrow Park demonstrations; unanimous Socialist support of Hearst's "Buy American" campaign.

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Calif. Legion Acts to Rouse War Hysteria

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MINERSVILLE, PA. UNEMPLOYED STRIKE AGAINST COUNTY FORCED LABOR SYSTEM

Jobless in Anthracite Region Picket; Plan March on Neighboring Towns to Widen Strike; Follows Shenandoah Victory

MINERSVILLE, Pa., March 19.—A strike of the unemployed workers of Minersville against the forced labor system began here yesterday, with the Unemployed Council leading the struggle.

Picketing was conducted all day before all places of the borough where unemployed were sent to work for relief, and the majority of the unemployed on these jobs joined the strike. The plan for the strike was first initiated by the Shenandoah Unemployed relief administration to stop this practice. Other towns of Schuylkill county in the anthracite region followed, and now this movement is assuming a mass character.

EXPEL 5 FROM AMALGAMATED

Action Marks Brazen Betrayal Of Workers

NEW YORK.—Five members of the Amalgamated Clothing Worker of America were expelled by the Executive Board of that organization as a result of one of the most brazen cases of betrayal yet put over by the corrupt officialdom.

These workers were employed by Bernhard & Schrag. They are now jobless because of the action of the Amalgamated officials in the interests of the bosses.

The Executive Board of the Union officials, the shop of the contractor, where the work was being done, was stopped. A meeting was called and the workers were told that they could not return to work unless they paid the sum of 13 1/2 cents which the contractor had not received from the firm of Bernhard and Schrag, for additional work upon the coats.

Already Had Big Cut
Already working under a 25 per cent reduction, some of the workers refused to accept this new levy and went to the Union demanding that the organization sanction a strike.

Refused by the officials, they went back to the shop and pulled out the rest of the workers on a voluntary strike. But all this road work was disrupted by the officials who cooperated with Mr. Laura, manager of the shop and the contractor.

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Roosevelt Farm Bill Is Attack on Both Land and City Workers

By JAMES ALLEN

THE Roosevelt farm bill which has just been presented to Congress and which its sponsors hope will stifle the farm revolt and "overcome" the crisis, cannot be considered apart from the steps that have already been taken by the Wall Street "brain trust" in Washington for widespread indirect wage-cuts through inflation.

Roosevelt proposes to meet the increasing storm of agrarian revolt by raising the prices of nearly all the basic farm products to the pre-war level. This is to be obtained by reducing acreage and by a tax on the processors, that is, the first and direct wholesale purchaser of farm commodities before they are placed in the hands of the various middlemen and marketing agencies, all of whom today these groups are more or less merged.

Farmer Does Not Get Tax
The tax levied on the processor, according to the bill, is to be equal to the difference between the price paid the farmer for the product and the pre-war price of that product. This tax, contrary to the general impression that has been so skillfully created, is not to be paid back direct to the farmer. On the contrary, it is to be used to force a reduction in farm acreage—to pay a rental to the farmer for the land he takes out of production. In the case of cotton, the government will utilize the opportunity to get rid of the 3,000,000 bales it bought as a "relief measure," by giving an option on it to all farmers who will have reduced their acreage during the coming season by 30 per cent.

The bill says nothing about "control" of retail prices. Even the blind can see that the consumers—the masses in the city—are to bear the whole brunt of this increase in commodity prices in the form of rapidly rising prices for all necessary foods and clothing. It amounts to a tremendous sales tax, placed not upon the middlemen, the railroads, the food trusts, but directly upon the city masses who can now get barely enough to eat and many of whom are starving.

Will the poor farmers benefit from the rise in prices? Not one bit. The food trusts, the market agencies, the railroads will get the full benefit of the rise in prices. The prices of the farmers were not directed against the city workers but to compel the food trusts to pay them higher prices for their farm commodities. The drop in farm prices did not prevent the food trusts from retaining high prices on the first necessities.

The Roosevelt bill provides for more efficiency and organization amongst the rich farmers, the food trusts, etc., in order to help them make more profits and sustain less losses in face of the general drop in commodity prices, and at the same time through this better organizational monopoly on the part of the rich farmers and marketing trusts, to leave the small farmers more at their mercy. By his plan of reducing the acreage, thousands of small farmers will be driven out completely from the land. This will also mean more foreclosures and sheriff's sales which will be conducted now more ruthlessly.

Acreage Reduction Hits Small Farmers
The proposal for the reduction in farm acreage—aside from its retrogressive character and in face of the

mounting starvation throughout the country—is aimed directly at the farm tenants, small and middle farmers. The promised increase in prices for the farmers has strings attached with which it is proposed to let the small self-working farmers hang themselves. Big farmers will lose very little or nothing and even gain by reducing their acreage. For them it will mean simply reducing their working staff the required amount or throwing out so many additional tenants and sharecroppers. For the small and middle farmers it will mean cutting down upon an already small acreage and granting an increase in commodity prices—leaving them where they are today.

The processors are to be taken care of, however, for Roosevelt has seen to it that they shall not suffer. They are to receive loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to help them pay the tax and to tide over the short period until their returns begin piling in from the increase in prices paid by the consumer. Like all other measures proposed by the Roosevelt regime, this one gives direct aid to the food and marketing trusts, to the bankers and to the railroads. It is aimed directly at the toiling masses in the city and on the countryside.

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'Y' USES MACHINE TO WEED OUT JOBSSEKERS

NEW YORK.—A new device which determines whether or not applicants for jobs are "neurotic" is now being used by the Y. M. C. A., 109 W. 44th St., it is announced.

Calculated to weed out "unsatisfactory" applicants, the machine is described as "flexible" and is about two feet square, equipped with a phonograph operated by a crank. The job-seeker is given an electrical wire pencil to touch the perforations on the disk while it is rotating. With the aid of an attached numbering machine which jumps one number every time the applicant touches the dot or perforation on the rotating disk, the examiner is able to single out those likely to get mad at speed-up tactics and arbitrary bosses.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the strikers held Friday night, plans were laid for large picket lines, and a large committee was elected to go to the Poor Board to demand immediate relief for the strikers and their families. At the same time it was decided to organize a march of the Minersville unemployed to neighboring towns in order to make the strike county-wide.

8TH STREET TENANTS FIGHT EVICTION
NEW YORK.—AT 329 East 8th St., militant tenants under the leadership of their house committee and the Downtown Unemployed Council forced the landlord to paint the hall, fix the roofing, install mail boxes, and are now determined to prevent him from evicting several families this morning. They have issued a call to all workers to help fight the evictions.

Full and immediate payment of the war veterans' adjusted compensation certificates; no cut in the disability allowances; no discrimination in hospitalization.

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2.—Strengthen your unemployed organizations. Build block committees. Fight for Unemployment Insurance at the expense of the bosses and the government. Fight against Roosevelt's forced labor camps. For public works, to tear down the slums, to build sanitary houses for workers, and hospitals for the workers. Unemployed workers employed on public works to be paid regular trade union wages. Fight for raise in jobless aid against food price rise.

3.—Veterans—fight Roosevelt's slash in your compensations. Stop eviction of sick veterans from Government hospitals. Fight for immediate payment of the bonus. Organize United Front committees in veterans' organizations for joint struggle against the Roosevelt attacks on the veterans.

4.—Stop the wage-cuts of the Federal Government workers. Stop the compulsory one-month furlough without pay introduced by Hoover.

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BILLIONS OF DEPOSITS TO BE WIPED OUT, STATES WHALEY-EATON SERVICE

Big Business Secret News Letters Declare: "Situation Is Full of Danger and Uncertainties; Inflation May Not Move Trade"

WASHINGTON, March 19.—That the new banking bill gives the government opportunity to print money in unlimited quantities is admitted by the Whaley-Eaton service, in its confidential letter of March 11th to its clients in the business world.

The letter points out that money could be issued to the amount of as much as 20 billions dollars, the full extent of the public debt. While the press tries to minimize the losses that depositors will suffer in the "re-organization" process, the Whaley-Eaton service, speaking confidentially to its clients, says plainly:

AUSTRIAN BANKS FACE COLLAPSE

Cabinet States, Hasn't Any Remedy Yet

VIENNA, March 19.—The most important banks of Austria face collapse today. The Austrian cabinet called an emergency session beginning at 11:30 Saturday morning and at one o'clock this morning they issued a statement saying that deliberations were still going on with no conclusion in sight. It is probable that the banks will not open on Monday.

STUDEBAKER IN RECEIVERSHIP

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 19.—With a reported deficit of \$4,390,000 for the first nine months of 1932, and its quick assets short of covering debts by \$1,350,000, the Studebaker manufacturers of Studebaker, Rockne and Pierce-Arrow automobiles, was placed in receivership by Federal Judge Slick, Saturday.

Socialist Police Chief Terrorizes Workers

By a Metal Worker Correspondent
ANDERSON, Ind.—The new Police Chief, Joseph N. Carney, a Socialist, was recently appointed to fill the place left vacant when former Chief Alvin E. Riggs was sentenced to the Federal Penitentiary for violation of



the liquor law. He is trying to terrorize the workers here. He was a member of the Socialist Party for several years, and his actions clearly show what kind of a workers' leader he is.

One worker was picked up in front of the Delco-Remy plant, which is a unit of General Motors Corporation, on the claim that he was a "red agitator." A committee of workers secured his release.

Job Sharks Retreat When Fighting 6th Swings Into Action

Job sharks of the Interstate Employment Agencies beat a speedy retreat in the case of Frank Duzlak when they found that he was backed up by the "Fighting Sixth" Grievance Committee of the unemployed.

Duzlak was sent to a job in Brooklyn, only to find that the Agencies had misrepresented conditions. Reporting to his job at the Broadway Bedford Garage in Brooklyn, Duzlak discovered that the hours were much longer and the wages smaller than stated by the Agencies.

Registering his dissatisfaction, Duzlak was immediately fired. He came back to the Industrial Employment Agencies and asked for the return of a \$10 fee he had paid for the "job" but was refused.

But Duzlak did not let matters rest there. He came to the office of the "Fighting Sixth," 58 West 38th Street, who formed a committee of six to attend to the case. It was not long after the committee arrived at the office of the Agencies that Duzlak received the return fees due him.

Monday, 1 o'clock. The workers who exposed these facts will be at the meeting to tell of their experience in the shops of the Gibson Committee. Plans will also be discussed to broaden the struggle of the unemployed and to see that the jobbers in the dress trade who are continuing to make huge profits, provide relief for the masses of unemployed dressmakers.

All unemployed and partially employed workers are urged to come to this meeting.

WILLIAM AVE. STRIKERS CALL FOR PICKETS

NEW YORK.—The tenants of 444 William Avenue, Brooklyn, expect the landlord of the house to attempt four evictions this morning at 9 a. m. after the house committee and the unemployed Council refused to deal with a representative of the Landlords Protective Association in settling their rent strike for a 15 per cent reduction in rents, no evictions of unemployed families, and recognition of the house committee.

Workers are urged to be on the picket line this morning.

SCOTTSBORO BOYS FACE LYNCH DANGER IN DECATUR, ADMITS THE NEW YORK "TIMES"

NEW YORK.—The New York Times in a dispatch from its special staff correspondent in Alabama admits that "the success of the defense in obtaining a change of venue from Jackson County seems a little like a pyrrhic victory (a victory bringing with it new dangers) in view of the comments made here today by officials and average citizens."

The I.L.D. has charged that the moving of the trial to Decatur was the result of a careful plot between Attorney-General Thomas E. Knight, Jr., of Alabama, and Judge A. E. Hays of Scottsboro, who conducted the original lynch-trial and to whom the case was sent back by the U. S. Supreme Court. The purpose of this plot was to create an illusion of fairness by moving the trial from Scottsboro, while actually increasing the authorities' chances of lynching the boys, legally or extra-legally.

"Residents of Decatur, which is fifty miles south of Pulaski, the birthplace of the original Ku Klux Klan of reconstruction days, assert that the defendants will get a fair trial, but they warn that they will stand no nonsense, either from the defense or its sympathizers, white or black," the Times dispatch said.

"The townsfolk don't care to listen to legal arguments about race equality or the rights of Negroes to serve on juries, the man in the street will tell the visiting stranger."

"Another county official, who refused to permit the use of his name, insisted that the Negroes received fair treatment at their first trial, and asserted they 'would get the same kind of treatment here.'"

BRITISH BANKS CUT INTEREST

Almost Nothing Now; Cannot Invest

LONDON, March 19.—For the first time in the history of British banking, England faces the suspension of interest payments on deposits. There is ample money and deposits—but no place it can be invested profitably. That is, there is little chance of capital investments that will put workers on the job that nothing is being produced with which to pay interest.

Interest has been paid at the low rate of ten shillings on one hundred pounds sterling. That is to say about \$2 on \$400 (one half of one per cent interest). It is now proposed to reduce this to 2

NAZIS ORDER CELEBRATION OF NEW REICHSTAG OPENING

Country Must Join in Fascist Fete, Decree States; Hitler Backer Heads Reichsbank

BERLIN, March 19.—Compulsory celebrations is the latest wrinkle in the National Socialist terror program. Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, appointed by Hindenburg as head of the newly created "Ministry of Popular Enlightenment and Propaganda," has issued an order that the German people celebrate Tuesday, when the new Reichstag convenes, as a national holiday.

The manifesto orders the monarchist black, white and red and the Nazi swastika flag to be displayed everywhere. Bonfires to be lit at night, and torchlight processions held. It even instructs sick and feeble people to listen to the radio broadcast of the ceremonies in connection with the opening of the Reichstag.

All schools and other public institutions will be closed Tuesday. In Prussia, by order of the fascist Education Minister, all school children will be compelled to listen to the broadcast of the speeches of President von Hindenburg and Chancellor Hitler.

The army and navy will hold military parades and religious services. To Rule Without Reichstag The new Reichstag will assemble in the garrison church at Potsdam, a monarchist shrine. Communist deputies will be barred, leaving the National Socialist-Nazi coalition a free hand to send the Reichstag on a long vacation.

The National Socialist terror continues unabated in an effort to stamp out the protests of the working masses. All officials of the transit corporation who are suspected of opposition to the Hitler regime have been ordered dismissed. In addition to the gas rules under which foreign correspondents operate, steps have been taken to bar all foreign newspapers and periodicals that criticize

HOW COMMUNIST LEADERS WERE ARRESTED AND TORTURED BY NAZIS

Comrade Ernst Thaelmann, chairman of the German Communist Party, was arrested in the home of a machinist in Charlottenburg. Comrade Torgler, head of the Communist Reichstag deputies, was taken into custody when he appeared at Berlin police headquarters, accompanied by his attorney, Dr. Rosenfeld, to protest against the charges that the Communist Party had instigated the Reichstag fire.

The Hugenburg-owned Berlin "Tag" reports that in the subsequent widespread raids the police and Nazi troops seized Comrades Memmel, Kasper (chairman of the Communist deputies in the Prussian Diet), Walter Stoeker, Dr. Auslaender (school principal) and many other Communist Reichstag deputies.

Other Communist leaders arrested were Dr. Schminke, Berlin City Councilor and director of all hospitals in Berlin-Neukölln, the attorneys Dr. Apfel, Dr. Litten and Dr. Barbach, Comrade Ludwig Renn, world-famous novelist (author of "War" and "After War"), Deputy Ernst Schneller, managing editor of the "Rote Fahne,"

Savage Tortures by Nazis Told by Capitalist Reporter

Further confirmation of the savage torture of revolutionary workers and Jews under the brutal fascist regime in Germany is contained in a dispatch to the New York Sun by its Berlin correspondent. The correspondent declared that with the opposition press "banned or intimidated," the German People may never learn "how exactly the murder of Potempa, which shook Germany last August, has been initiated by other misled youths to whom responsible Ministers like Captain Hermann Goering (fascist head of the police) allowed full liberty."

The fact that the Potempa murderers, who took an unresisting Communist from his bed and stamped him to death with their heels, have now been pardoned, seems indicative of the official Nazi attitude toward such actions.

Hitler Government Opens Drive to Reduce Wages

Inland Transport Workers Cut 7 Cents an Hour Slash Made Ready for Municipal Employees

BERLIN, March 19.—The Reich's Transport Ministry has given notice to end the wage tariff of the inland water transport workers in State and municipal employment, with a view to reducing wages by 7 Pfennig (about a penny a par) per hour. As already reported, the Prussian Commissioner has taken similar action with regard to the wage tariffs of the municipal workers in Berlin in order to carry out wage cuts.

BERLIN, March 19.—At the instance of the Commissioner for Prussia, the fascist Goering, notice has been given to end the wage agreement for 12,000 municipal employees in Berlin with a view to putting through wage cuts. The existing agreement contains a clause according to which the municipal employees who were employed prior to the October 1, 1931 cut, the overwhelming majority, enjoy higher wages than those who were employed after this date. This differentiation is now to be abolished, naturally not in favor of the lesser paid workers. Wages are to be levelled down.

A similar situation exists for the officials of the Berlin municipalities and municipal undertakings and it is feared that similar action will be taken to secure the same leveling down.

Nature Friends Join Militant Sports Union In Answer to Hitler

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Roosevelt, Remember the Forgotten Man!

BY BURCK



The European Atmosphere Smells of Powder

Secret Session of MacDonald and Mussolini, Baldwin's Anti-Soviet Provocations, Hitler Terror, Show Capitalist Drive to War

By F. BROWN

Over the snow-covered Chinese Wall and on the burning coil of the Chaco region in Latin-America, the bodies of hundreds of thousands of workers and farmers in uniform are lying—all for the "glory of capitalism."

In Europe, with the advent of Hitler into power, the war atmosphere is tense. The first skirmishes that flow out of the sharpening contradictions are taking place. The Polish Army is mobilized in the Corridor; the Czech-Slovak Army in the Borna-wald and Erzgebirge; the waters of the Rhine again become turbulent; more Jugo-Slav troops at the Italian frontier; feverish war preparations in Italy.

While war is going on, the comedy of the disarmament conference is developing into a farce of low-grade crime type.

MACDONALD SEES MUSSOLINI MacDonald, the ex-Socialist, is rushing to Rome to shake hands and



talk things over with Mussolini, "hoping to form a nucleus of prime ministers of good-will to dissipate the fears and settle the grievances now upsetting Europe." At the same time Mr. Baldwin in the House of Commons, referring to the arrest of the British saboteurs in the Soviet Union, is talking about "unfortunate consequences to Anglo-Soviet relations."

Because some British engineers were beaten with a kind of improved blackjack consisting of a lead ball mounted on a steel spring affixed to a wooden handle.

The correspondent reports acts of the wildest terrorism against Jews, especially those of Polish nationality. "This mistreatment runs from selling 'protection' at the point of a pistol through blackmail, robbery, kidnapping and imprisonment to torture. In some cases helpless Jews were beaten with a kind of improved blackjack consisting of a lead ball mounted on a steel spring affixed to a wooden handle."

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Bourgeois hypocrisy is flourishing in its full splendor. With the hand of Washington it is making a gesture of protest for the safeguarding of its own citizens to show its bourgeois patriotism; with the other hand of Wall Street it is sustaining the butchers of the German toilers for the safeguarding of American millions.

At the Austrian border the refugees from German fascist terror are selected: "Free entry for the respectable bourgeois anti-fascists and rejection of Communists and workers" pursued by terror and death. Full pages of stories in the social-democratic press of Austria, France and other countries on the heroic escapes of a few harmless people, a part of the German bourgeoisie which at this moment disagrees with fascist methods; but silence on the danger to the lives of Comrades Thaelmann, Torgler and hundreds of thousands of workers, lined up to be tortured in the German prisons.

THE ROOSEVELT DIRTY DEAL In America an orgy of patriotism, of hosannas is built up for the Great Savior, who but a short two weeks since his declaration against inflation he is leading on the path to inflation, to the cutting of veterans' compensation, to the increase of prices, cuts in relief, etc., covered by the projects of unemployed camps, of reforestation, sprayed by beer.

Under the flag of democracy, the flag of the stars and stripes, Negroes are lynched, the eight innocent Scottish boys still face death, hundreds of foreign born are deported daily—leaving the country under the hypocritical eyes of the Statue of Liberty, in spite of the "liberal" Madam Berkins.

"FOR THE PEOPLE" An orgy of "democracy" all over the world in different forms, under the slogan "For the People." The sun flag of Japan reached the Chinese Wall for the greater future of the "Japanese people." For the benefit of "the people," for the safety

of China, the Chinese flag is re-treating. The reappearance of the Kaiser's flag, of the flag of "Deutschland ueber alles"—also "for the people." All over the world an outburst of patriotism, of chauvinism—all under the hypocritical "welfare of the people."

The days are approaching when America will appeal for the safety of democracy; Italy for the safety of Roman civilization; Germany for the primacy of Teutonism over all races—each one massing the people behind false doctrines.

The capitalist world, divided into the revisionists of Versailles and its defenders, will cry again on one side for the defense of culture, of civilization; on the other for the safety of democracy. And both will unite under one flag, long hailed by the social democratic leaders, for the defense of "democracy" against proletarian dictatorship—against the "Mongolian barbarism" of the Soviet Union and for the "glory of present civilization."

The European atmosphere smells of powder. The atmosphere is tense. Only the proletariat, in alliance with the farmers, raises the real banner of democracy—democracy for the majority, free from the exploitation, where it is under the flag of fascism of the hypocritical flag of bourgeois democracy. Only the proletariat will stop the hands of the hangmen of the working class, will smash war once for all, transforming the imperialist war into civil war.

Forward for assistance to the struggle of the Japanese and Chinese workers and farmers. Forward in the struggle against the capitalist offensive which again is putting the burden of the deepening crisis on the shoulders of the working class, while babbling about democracy, about the "forgotten man," and preparing for war.

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Many foreigners in U.S.S.R. There are living in the Soviet Union hundreds and thousands of Germans, Americans and citizens of other countries who suffer no persecution. During all the time there have existed relations between the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain hundreds of Englishmen came here, lived and left without once being subject to arrest. Finally the representatives of Metropolitan-Vickers themselves lived here nearly ten years and nothing happened to them.

Such measures as arrests and prosecution by our authorities were adopted only when faced with serious cases and when such action necessitated the safety of and safeguards for state property. It would be exceedingly wrong, declared Litvinov, for such episodes to affect the political and commercial relations of the Soviet Union and England, relations equally profitable to both countries.

Threats Will Not Work In firm tones the Soviet foreign minister told Ovey that no pressure, nor threats can induce the Soviet government to refrain from action in such cases or to relax its enforcement of its laws against British subjects.

If the British government and the embassy are so certain of the innocence of the arrested, the alarm they express at their fate is incomprehensible. At the request of the British ambassador Litvinov informed him that the arrested are accused under clause 58 dealing with wrecking and sabotage to injure Soviet industry and the Soviet state. The investigation is approaching its end and the State Department has therefore decided to transfer the case to the next session of the supreme court where the case will be fully examined.

EMPIRE DOMINANT IN INDIA SCHEME Exclude Three Fourths People From Ballot LONDON, March 19.—The British Government, headed by the social-imperialist, Ramsay MacDonald, engaged in a new gesture of extending "self-government" to India with the publication last week of a White Paper. The plan offered in the White Paper retains in the hands of the British Viceroy full control of India's army, foreign relations and finances.

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The White Paper proposes a very limited suffrage, confined mainly to the Indian bourgeoisie and landlords who, with the princes, constitute the main social bulwark of British domination in India. Only 27 per cent of the adult population is to be accorded the right to vote for the provincial Legislatures and less than 5 per cent for the lower house of the Federal Legislature. Finally the whole plan is made contingent on the approval of the majority of the Indian princes.

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SOVIET GOVERNMENT FLATLY REJECTS BRITAIN'S PLEA TO FREE SABOTAGERS

MacDonald's Ambassador Made Insolent Demand for Immunity for British Subjects in Vickers Firm Charged With Wrecking

By N. BUCHWALD

MOSCOW, March 19.—The Soviet press is publishing a report from the international news agency, "Tass" stating that on March 16th the British ambassador, Sir Edmund Ovey, visited Litvinov, commissar of foreign affairs and brought to his knowledge the declaration of the acting prime minister of England, Stanley Baldwin, in the British house of commons in connection with the arrest of some representatives of the Metropolitan-Vickers firm.

After listening to Ovey's recital of the details of the Baldwin declaration, Litvinov replied that the practical meaning of the British claims is reduced to the proposal to exempt from Soviet jurisdiction all British subjects, guaranteeing them immunity from the consequences of any crime or delinquency, and that in the event any Englishman is accused of crime the investigation should be stopped immediately, despite proofs and even depositions of the arrested as soon as his government expresses its conviction of his innocence.

Cannot Accept Such Demands Litvinov pointed out that it is sufficient to formulate these British proposals to make it plain that to any government of an independent country they are unacceptable and cannot be discussed. In the event of the existence of proofs of crime being committed by anybody, the authorities charged with enforcing observance of laws and the safety of the country are obliged to take measures toward preventing crime and to verify by investigation such data and proof. This is the only way to establish guilt or innocence of the arrested and also to establish by trial the motive for the crime. Such is the inevitable procedure in all countries.

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Britain Would Protect Criminals recital of the details of the Baldwin declaration, Litvinov

CHINESE TROOPS SURPRISE JAPAN FORCE BY COUNTER OFFENSIVE

Invaders Had Relied on Chiang Government to Paralyze All Resistance

In defiance of the non-resistance policy of the Kuomintang Nanking Government, Chinese volunteers and regulars launched a sharp counter-offensive against the Japanese invaders in Jehol Province yesterday. The Japanese command, depending upon the Nanking Government to end Chinese resistance, was entirely caught off guard when Chinese forces appeared suddenly in the Huerling and Fanchajow areas and launched their surprise attack. The Japanese positions were badly battered before reinforcements could be rushed up. Chinese forces were also active near Lingyuan and Chienpin.

The Nanking Minister of War, Ho Ying-ching, conferred with the Japanese Charge d'Affaires at Peiping yesterday. The conference was followed with the announcement that "future amicable conversations" would be arranged looking toward an understanding "regarding maintenance of peaceful conditions in North China." This new move by Nanking to betray the national revolutionary struggle against the robber imperialists has evoked a storm of protest throughout China. The toiling masses are sharpening the anti-Japanese trade boycott with increasing reprisals against Chinese merchants carrying Japanese goods.

Foreign observers in North China report growing indications of a Japanese move to invade the Jehol and Peiping area, one of the largest U. S. spheres of investments in China. Three Japanese divisions are held in readiness aboard transports, it is reported. The threat of Japanese action in this area has resulted in a terrific sharpening of the antagonisms between Japan and the Wall Street Government during the past few weeks with an increase in the tempo of the frantic war preparations of the two bandit imperialist powers.

General South American war becomes more imminent as both the U. S. and British imperialists frantically strive to line up the South American governments in their opposing camps. The governments of Argentina and Chile are showing a marked tendency to enter the war on the side of Paraguay.

The growing drive for war reflects the deepening crisis and the desperate hunt by the national bourgeoisie of South America and the imperialist powers for a capitalist "way out" of the crisis.

The foreign trade of Chile, for instance, has dropped 86 per cent since 1929, and is now at its lowest level since the World War. The nitrates and copper markets have collapsed under the hammer blows of the crisis, thus depriving Chile of its foreign markets.

Throughout South America, the toiling masses are on the march in the life and death struggle against starvation. In Argentina, where over 100,000 impoverished farmers are on strike, the farmers are planning a protest march on Buenos Aires to demand relief. 25,000 farmers are expected to join in the march. Numerous strike actions are reported from Uruguay, Chile and other countries. The Ecuador Government, alleging plans for an uprising in that country, arrested hundreds of Communist workers yesterday. In Chile, a tremendous struggle is raging against the bloody rule of the Wall Street dictator Machada. In Brazil, a new revolt against the dictator Vargas is brewing, according to reports from the State of Rio Grande do Sul.

Montevideo Anti-War Congress Delegates Jailed in Argentine BUENOS AIRES, March 19.—Thirty-one Argentine delegates to the Anti-War Congress, which concluded in Montevideo, were arrested and imprisoned when they returned to Buenos Aires Friday.

The prisoners, including several young women, were charged with Communist activities. These arrests are a continuation of police attacks made upon delegates to the Anti-War Congress, where, nevertheless, some 600 delegates from various countries met to plan an effective struggle against wars now raging in Latin America.

This extensive police interference further proved that the Congress was not a mere pacifist gathering, but a militant body determined to unite the workers of Latin America in common struggle against imperialist war maneuvers and for the defeat of both, the native and foreign oppressors.

League Endorses Columbia War on Peru; Battle Starts States Under Wall Street Influence Sponsored Action; Peruvian Bolts League Session GENEVA, March 19.—The League of Nation's Council adopted a report yesterday condemning Peru and upholding Colombia in the undeclared war in the Leticia region. The League's action, taken on the pretext of seeking "peace," had the desired effect of giving new impetus to the military activities of the Colombian bourgeoisie who, already several days ago, correctly interpreted a previous report by the League as sanctioning an armed attack on Peru.

Such sanction also had been given by the United States Government in a sharp note against Peru. Adoption of the report represents a victory for Wall Street imperialism, chief instigator of the wars in South America, over its British rivals in the fierce struggle for control of South American markets and resources.

The report was sponsored by a group of small powers under U. S. influence, including Mexico, Panama and Guatemala. The U. S. Department of State has expressed itself as highly pleased over the results. Francisco Calderon, Peruvian delegate to the League, booted the meeting on the adoption of the report, paralleling the Japanese action of walking out on the League after a similar victory for Wall Street diplomacy and high pressure bargaining on the war debts several weeks ago. The League has issued an invitation to the governments of the U. S. and Brazil to help enforce its decree against Peru.

Adoption of the report was followed immediately by the first serious fighting in the Leticia district since February 14, with the Colombian command launching a fierce attack on a Peruvian outpost at Ticunas and bombing several Peruvian towns. In a counter-attack by the Peruvians, the Colombian gunboat "Cordoba" was damaged by Peruvian airplanes. Thus, thanks to the "peace" efforts of the League of Nations, directed in this instance by U. S. imperialism from behind the stage, the war has been resumed in full blast.

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