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BUSINESS IN N. Y. BANS VET BONUS

State Chamber of Commerce
Comes Out Against the
Bonus Bond Plan

NEW YORK.—In a special emergency report issued on February 5, the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York made a declaration that the proposed bonus payment, which would involve a bond issue of \$3,400,000,000, is a "financial and unwarranted disturbance of financial affairs and prolonging the business depression." The report was issued by Francis H. Sisson, chairman of the committee on finance and currency.

Mr. Sisson's report will ask the chamber of commerce to go on record in opposition to the proposed federal bond issue.

In Washington predictions are made that the veterans cash bonus legislation will be pushed aside during this session of Congress. The eventual shelving of the bill or its replacement by some sort of substitute is expected.

The bitter opposition of business interests to the cash bonus bill is due to the fact, as Secretary of the Treasury Mellon recently expressed it, that the new bond issue will be really equivalent to a "capital levy" upon the present federal bond holders, that is, the bankers.

CORRUPTION IN CITY COURTS

Implicates Ass't District
Attorney, Policemen and
Court Officials

NEW YORK.—A story of corruption in the West Side and Jefferson Market magistrate courts was told on the stand on January 4 by Joseph Wolfman, the unlicensed lawyer and Sing Sing convict, who practiced extensively in both.

In addition to swearing he split a fee of \$1,500 with former assistant district attorney Kurtz, Wolfman accused three detectives and three patrolmen, two assistant court clerks and eighteen bondsmen.

The officers or bondsmen received half the fee for Wolfman collected for bringing the cases to him and the court clerks received \$5 a case for drawing up an "034" form paper, which, Wolfman said, invariably caused the cases to be dismissed by the magistrate. Records were introduced to show that defendants who hired the right lawyer at the suggestion of the clerk, bondsman or arresting policeman usually regained their liberty.

FAKE 'REFORM' GRANTED TO VIRGIN ISLES; YANKEE RULE REMAINS

Islands Now To Be Ruled By Interior Department And Not By Navy—Full Independence Needed!

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Announcement has just been made by President Hoover that the government of the Virgin Islands has passed from the hands of the Navy Department and is now placed under the supervision of the Department of the Interior with Dr. Paul M. Pearson as governor. Thus a so-called "civil government" has been established.

The change to "civil government" does not materially change the status of the Virgin Islands. These islands are still under the iron heel of American imperialism and no loosening up is to be expected. The decline of population, the running of native industry, the destruction of all civil liberties and the oppression of the workers and peasants will still continue under a new form. The Virgin Islanders must not be misled by such fraudulent reforms or by reactionary schemes to make them a "part of the

The Socialist Party and the "Russian Question"

The Second Session of the New York Socialist Convention
"Militants" Put Up Good Fight on Attitude
To The Soviet Union

NEW YORK.—The second session of the city convention of the Socialist Party in New York (held one month after the first session) began with the right wing bureaucrats following their time-honored traditions and steam-roller methods. The chairman, Gerber, suddenly discovered that a number of delegates had not been constitutionally required two years in the party and therefore could not act as delegates. A motion to suspend the rules was ruled out of order (obviously so as to prevent a discussion of the matter, and not to expose the methods of right wing). A number of delegates were unseated. In the handling of this question the right-wing, which appeared to be very well organized, used its well-oiled steam-roller and flattened out the "Militants", who appeared to be completely unprepared for such a fight and very badly organized. Of course, it goes without saying that the delegates who were unseated "happened" to be "Militants"—also in the established tradition. As an expression of protest a number of delegates and friends left the convention over this question, but that did not bother the right wing. This incident should indicate to the "Militants" that they have a hard and bitter struggle ahead of them, and if they wish to avoid being crushed by the Hitler machine, they must be well-organized. Above all, they must in the sharpest possible manner differentiate themselves from the right wing and its anti-working class policies, and adopt a clear-cut proletarian program, avoiding all traps of capitulation thru "compromise". As for the right wing this incident indicates that since 1919 they have forgotten nothing and learned nothing.

The Russian Question

Only the Russian question was discussed. In this discussion the "Militants" were defeated in the vote but in the discussion they came out victorious. They were able to expose the entire policy of the right wing for what it is—namely the July Fourth editorialism of Lee to the mutilating of O'Neal and the fake "Marxism" of Hillquit. And this they accomplished in spite of the fact that many of the "Militants" are still very uncertain of their position and still unclear as to what it is all about. The discussion brought out also the weakness in the leadership of the "Militants" which manifested greater uncertainty and greater vacillation than the rank and file "Militant" delegates.

On the whole, however, the "Militants" indicated that they are going

in the direction of an uncompromising struggle in the interests of the working class, in the direction of revolutionary international Socialism. Therefore the wide chasm that already exists between them and the right wing is growing wider, and not narrower. The position they took on the Russian question was a sharp expression of this. They came out for the proletarian dictatorship, pointing out that it was a dictatorship for the workers, whereas other dictatorships are dictatorships of the capitalists, against the workers. The argument over dictatorship soon developed into an argument over proletarian dictatorship in general, and a number of "Militant" delegates defended the necessity of a dictatorship of the proletariat as a transition measure to Socialism. The "Militants" were categorical in their position for the industrialization of Russia; they declared that Russia is building Socialism; that the conditions of the great masses of workers and peasants are improving. They condemned the Russian Social-democrats as out-and-out counter-revolutionists. Under pain of being characterized as "lunch-counter militants" by O'Neal, they did a good job in exposing the abysmal ignorance of the right wing.

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WORLD ZION MEET IS POSTPONED

Negotiations On To Heal
Zionist-British Rift

LONDON.—The secret session of the actions committee of the World Zionist Organization has decided to postpone the date of World Zionist Congress until June 15. This decision was arrived at after a long period of negotiations with the representatives of the British government, which started in November.

The main object of the negotiations was to heal the breach between Zionism and British imperialism, the relations between whom were seriously strained by the recent Passfield White Paper. Dr. Chaim Weizmann was the champion of reconciliation and apparently his efforts have proved rather successful. The postponement of the World Congress is intended to enable the Weizmann pro-British force to make adequate preparations. On the pretext of opposition to the postponement of the congress but really because of their opposition to the course of the negotiations, two representatives of the Orthodox-Zionist Mizrahi party, Rabbi Berlin of New York and Dr. Barth of Berlin have withdrawn from the executive of the World Zionist Organization.

BIG SELL-OUT IN DANVILLE STRIKE

Leaders Make "Agreement"
While Bosses Begin
Discrimination

DANVILLE, Va.—Protest and indignation is mounting very high among the 3,000 members of the United Textile Workers Union here at the brazen sell-out of their leaders in the recent strike.

The four month strike of the Danville textile workers was bitterly fought out and showed splendid fighting power. The leaders were compromising and only the pressure of the masses of workers kept them moving forward.

Finally, after seventeen weeks, the union leaders, headed by Francis J. Gorman, announced that they had reached an agreement with the bosses according to which the workers would be reinstated without discrimination of any sort and the union "recognized". On the basis of this report the workers reluctantly consented to the agreement, altho with great misgiving and discontent.

The next day, however, the mill owners announced that no such agreement had been reached.

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FRENCH LOANS TO PUPPET STATES

Three Billion Francs To
Go To Poland, Yugo-
slavia, Rumania

PREPARE FOR WAR

PARIS.—French banks are about to issue three foreign credits aggregating three billion francs (about \$125,000,000). The first of these—a billion franc loan to Rumania will probably be concluded within the next few days.

The second loan—also of a billion francs—will be granted to Poland, while the third for substantially the same amount is about to be arranged with Yugoslavia.

It should be noted that the three countries to whom these loans are extended are precisely the military and political tools of French imperialism on the continent especially in the interventionist adventures against the Soviet Union. These loans are intended not only to strengthen the hold of the French foreign office and general staff upon Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia but also to provide these latter countries with finances for the strengthening of their military forces in the face of the inevitably coming new world war.

LONDON.—Leading British bankers express themselves as "disappointed" that the loans to Rumania, Yugoslavia and Poland were made thru French agencies. The struggle between French and British capital for hegemony on the continent is growing very intense.

Senate and Hoover Agree to Deny Aid to Masses

Democrats and Insurgent Republicans "Compromise" on \$20,000,000 For "Farm Rehabilitation"—But Nothing For Starving In Drought Areas Or In Cities—Extra Congress Session Improbable

STRUGGLE SHOWS SHAKING OF TWO-PARTY SYSTEM; MASSES MUST ACT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—An agreement was reached yesterday between President Hoover on the one hand and the Democratic and insurgent Republican Senators on the other, thus ending the deadlock over the "relief" legislation and practical-

ly averting the possibility of an extra session. By the terms of this compromise the Senate will give its insistence on the appropriation of \$25,000,000 for drought and unemployment "relief" and accept an appropriation of \$20,000,000 to be added

to the \$45,000,000 already allotted for loans to farmers in the drought area. The \$20,000,000 is specifically for "farm rehabilitation" and no direct provision is made for food for the famine-stricken farmers. The Democratic Senators pretend that "farm rehabilitation" includes food but since the final decision rests with Secretary of Agriculture Hyde, who believes that feeding mules is "scientific" but that providing food for starving humans is "unscientific" and "un-American", it is clear that this pretense is no more than an empty phrase to cover up their capitulation to the Administration.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Greater than ever looms the issue of human misery in the halls of the Congress of the richest nation in the world. And while the twentieth century's Rome is burning, the American capitalist bosses are fiddling. This is the upshot of the Congressional debate on hunger relief today.

Millions of workers are menaced by starvation in the cities. In twenty-one states the agricultural masses are in terrible plight. But the Hoovers, the Robinsons, and the Borahs have so far only let loose a flood of empty talk, in some cases even a torrent of abuse that is desperately trying the patience of the American masses.

In Tennessee, for instance, women and children are reduced to the rations of rancid grease and some soured meal. Memphis's great white way is black with breadlines every night.

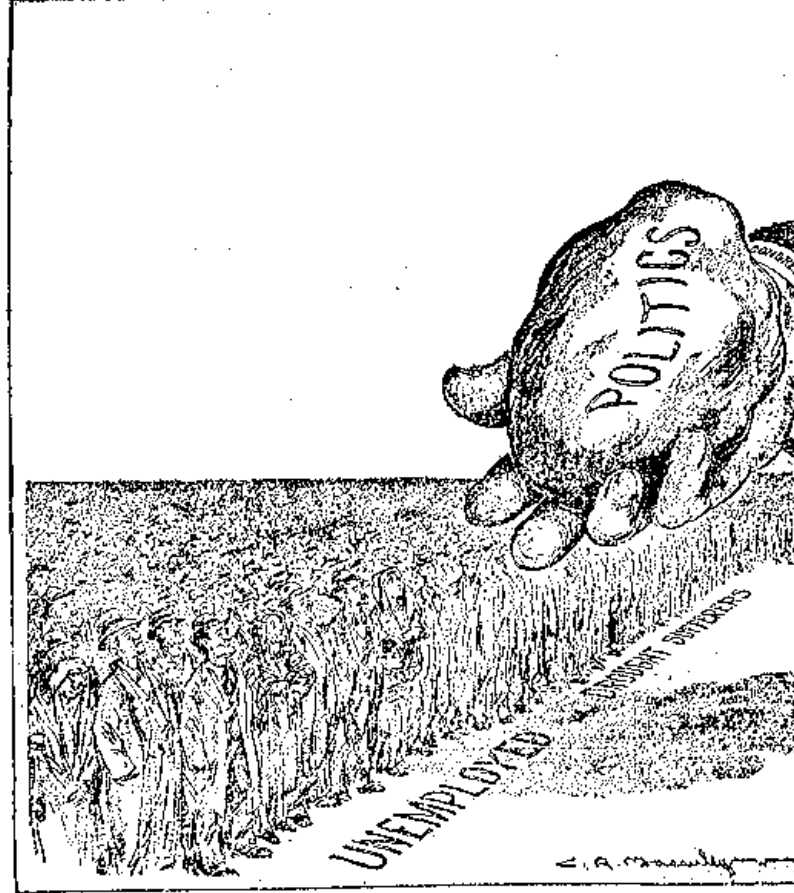
"Every day we wait, 1000 people die of starvation. Somebody is dooming the American people to a premature death. I'd like to know who are the ones playing politics at this time."

In these words Senator Robinson gave a graphic picture and really told what's what. Superficially the debate appears to be over a twenty-five million appropriation. Actually the issues are much more fundamental and of far greater importance. On the money question as well as on the holding of a special session a compromise has already been reached. With all the noise about relief the Federal government has not spent to aid the jobless a fraction of the money it handed out to the millionaires in tax refunds last year. The wealthiest government in the world has so far not spent on actual unemployment and drought relief as much as the cost of a few sky-scrapers in New York City!

THE REAL ISSUES

For this the Republicans, regular and irregular, and the Democrats are equally responsible. In fact Borah's compromise proposal for a fifteen million appropriation only adds insult to injury for the masses. What are the real issues involved? Hoover is making a desperate last stand fight for keeping untouched the great and costly American capitalist illusion of (Continued on page 2)

ASKING FOR BREAD, RECEIVING STONE



NEW DRIVE AGAINST U.S.S.R. OPENS; EMBARGO PROPOSED IN HOUSE

First Gun of Fish Committee—"Manufacturers Record" Calls for Barring of Trade

The anti-Soviet forces have opened a new drive against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. Congressman Fish fired the first gun in the new attack. A bill has been introduced in the

House of Representatives demanding a full embargo on all products from the Soviet Union. The manganese and lumber interests are on their toes looking for a chance to leap at the workers' republic. The Treasury Department so far says it is against a full embargo, but authoritative observers say that Mellon will yield even more to the capitalist agents and monarchist forces before long.

The latest issue of the powerful Manufacturers Record comes forward with this blast against the Soviet Union. "Every foot of lumber and every ton of other raw materials we import from the Soviet Union reduces employment to that extent in the United States and contribute to Russia's attempt to disorganize American business and overthrow our government and our institutions, the avowed purpose of the Communists." Of course, this sworn enemy of organized labor doesn't say a word about the number of jobs the Soviet purchases of \$150,000,000 have created in this country.

One of the most violent enemies of the Soviet Union in the House of Representatives is Congressman William Williamson of South Dakota. He is chairman of the House Committee on Expenditures. Williamson is a feverish peddler of the convict-labor story and such other fantastic, shoddy accusations against the Soviet Union. He has just introduced a bill providing for an embargo against Soviet grain, manganese and several other articles and "any manufactured or processed articles of merchandise" in which any of them may constitute a substantial ingredient. In the Senate, Tasker L. Oddie has gone much further with a proposal for a blanket embargo.

It is interesting to note that this onslaught on the Soviet Union is timed with the attack on the American Workers' wages and standards. Also, it is a fact that those making the fiercest tirades against Soviet Russia in the United States are the very ones fighting bitterly for the open shop and scab wages and conditions.

\$2,000 Mark Reached—Aid Still URGENT!

Our readers know that we have set a minimum of \$3000, needed to give the REVOLUTIONARY AGE a good enough start to insure our going forward. We have already collected more than \$2000! This is fine work, especially in the face of

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Collected at meeting	25.00	Maime Wachter	2.00	Sarah Goudarsky, Phila.	3.00	Jessica Siegel, List No. 12	8.25
Max B.	2.50	H. J. Boyer	10.00	J. Walsbuhl, Phila.	2.00	Total	\$352.35
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J. Zedlin	5.00	res. Unit, New York	1.00	M. Levy, Phila.	1.00	Total	\$2,027.45
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Theresa Fox	2.00	A. Gus, Phila.	2.00				

ingclass needs Communist inspiration and leadership. Today, there is a growing feeling and conviction in the growing ranks of the workers that the REVOLUTIONARY AGE is the most effective Communist paper.

When the United States government began its attack on the Communist and labor press, it picked the REVOLUTIONARY AGE as its first target. This government attack has hurt us, has made it much harder for us. The Post Office Department has not only denied us second class mailing rights but it is going out of its way to hamper and hinder every issue of the REVOLUTIONARY AGE going thru the mails at all.

Frankly, the government persecution has made our financial difficulties much worse. At best the REVOLUTIONARY AGE exists from hand to mouth, from issue to issue.

We are appealing to workers. We know what workers are up against nowadays. So we are not asking much. We are simply placing our entire situation before you. We know you understand. That's why we are counting on you. OUR FUNDS ARE EXHAUSTED. YOUR PAPER IS FIGHTING FOR ITS LIFE. It is fighting to be on the job for the working class, for your class. That this we could say no more.

NOW, RUSH FUNDS. And RUSH THEM QUICKLY. Printers won't wait any longer. Do you want us to continue? Do you want the REVOLUTIONARY AGE to get bigger and better? Of course, you do. Let's get your answer today. Not tomorrow. Better early than too late.

Over the top! Let's reach the \$3000 goal. We have no time to lose. We dare not lose.

GOVERNMENT HITS AT FOREIGN-BORN

Immigration Officials Made Raids
On Aliens for Deportation

Sweeping down on the Seamen's Church Institute, in New York, immigration officials assisted by the city police arrested over a hundred alien seamen and held them for deportation as being present in the United States "illegally."

This was only one of a whole series of raids against foreign-born workers in this country conducted under special instructions of Secretary of "Labor" Doak in Washington.

ATTENTION!

New York members of the CP-Majority Group!
The continuation of the Membership Meeting on the subject: The International Opposition Conference Friday Eve., Feb. 13, will take place on at 63 Madison Avenue. Admission by membership card in good standing.

