

Communists In Anti-Defense Day Meetings

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

REPUBLICANS are jubilant over the G. O. P. victory in Maine. The Democrats say it does not mean anything one way or the other. It means nothing to the working class one way or the other which one of the agents of capitalism won the election fight. The workers as usual fell for the victims to the hysteria raised by the rival political confidence men over an issue whose fundamental characteristic they did not touch. The Klan as an organization preaching religious and radical intolerance was denounced by the Democrats and upheld—silently—by the Republicans but the Klan in its strikebreaking role was ignored.

GENERAL CHARLES G. DAWES, starts on another swing thru the Northwest, in an effort to gather in the farmer vote. According to inspired newspaper stories prosperity has come to the farmers with a shock that is almost fatal. Those of them who were beginning to look like Andrew Gump, receding chin, prominent Adam's apple, and the rest of it have undergone a physiognomical transformation, since the political campaign began in earnest. Protruding chin and protruding stomach, beaming eyes, Adam's apple comfortably esconed in layers of hard flesh—these are the signs of prosperity that greet the eyes of G. O. P. news hounds all thru the great Northwest.

UNFORTUNATELY the farmers don't yet know how lucky they are. Banks continue to get busted. Farmers continue to pack their belongings on their wheezing tin lizzies and cough their way to the great industrial centers. The corn harvest is good but chiefly for the elevator trusts. Of course the depression in the farming region may be merely psychological, but it is just as bad. Many people die for no reason in the world except as a result of a too lively imagination. The farmers imagine they are poor and actually feel hungry. They do not see the checks that come in the mails. So, leaving affluence behind them, they join the army of the unemployed. It's tough but it cannot be helped. Even the rough eloquence of the cussing Dawes cannot convince the farmers that they are rich.

YOU will be glad to learn that the Prince of Wales' injured optic is much better. An inconsiderate American pony kicked a bit of common clay into the royal lamp, temporarily

FARRINGTON IN CONFESSION OF HIS FAILURES

Admits Ignorance of How to Fight the Bosses

By KARL REEVE
(Staff Writer, Daily Worker)

PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 11.—If Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois miners, repeats the same speech he made before the convention of the Illinois Federation of Labor every time he goes on the stump for reelection, he will defeat himself as candidate for president of the Illinois miners.

Farrington retailed a history of failure during his regime as president. He told how the coal operators had made terrific on-slaughts.

Farrington Confesses Failure.

"The Interstate Commerce Commission has now wiped out the one and only remaining thing that enabled the Illinois coal operators to sell eight million tons of coal in the northwest," said Farrington, referring to the cheaper freight rates.

"They have struck the Illinois mine workers the most deadly blow that has ever been dealt them," Farrington continued, and then admitted, "I don't know what can be done about it."

Farrington made serious contradictions thruout his speech. Following out the general practice of the convention so far, Farrington began his speech by praising himself, and then patting himself on the back for his modesty.

"The miners of Illinois have retained their war wages," Farrington boasted, "then, after we successfully resisted a wage cut, other organizations began to take courage and the post war wage cuts stopped. The employers were unable to carry them out to the extent that they had hoped."

Paints Dismal Picture.

But almost in the next breath Farrington painted a dismal and hopeless picture of the present plight of the miners, and admitted he was powerless to stem the open shop wage cutting drive. It was hard at times to tell whether Farrington was speaking on behalf of the Illinois miners or the Illinois coal operators.

UNITED TEXTILE WORKERS OPEN CONVENTION IN NEW YORK CITY

(By The Federated Press)

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—One hundred and nine delegates from 11 states and 45 cities were present at the opening of the convention of the United Textile Workers of America at the Great Northern Hotel here.

President Thomas F. McMahon in his report declared that the depression of the last two years had caused two thirds of the union membership to be exempted from per capita payments. He declared, however, that the union was now holding its own and would resist all plans for wage reduction.

Commenting on the lack of buying power in the agricultural districts of America, as one of the causes for the depression on in the industry, Mr. McMahon said that the farmer and the industrial worker must get together. He declared that trade unionists will maintain the right to strike as one of their inalienable weapons.

LLOYD GEORGE OPENS WAR ON RUSSIAN PACT

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LONDON, Sept. 11.—A general election, aimed at the overturn of Premier Ramsay MacDonald's laborite government, was indicated today as a result of the announcement of former Premier David Lloyd-George that the liberal members of the house of commons will oppose the Anglo-Russian treaty.

According to all signs, the laborite government is facing certain defeat upon the Anglo-Russian treaty, for both liberals and Tories have signified their intention of opposing ratification.

A defeat would mean the immediate dissolution of commons and a new election. In this event the election probably would take place before Christmas.

The Laborite ministers are not going to be caught napping. Already they are touring the country making speeches in favor of ratification. Labor is prepared for an election upon Day entails no obligation of any sort. believe that the rank and file of the public is with the government, on the Russian issue.

THREE NABBED FOR CAMPAIGN AGAINST N. B. C.

Twin City Young Reds For Biscuit Co. Slaves

(Special to the Daily Worker.)

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 11.—Three members of the Young Workers League here, Carl Cowl, Leslie R. Hurt, former national publicity director of the World War Veterans, and Morton S. Green were arrested here today by Minneapolis police at the gates of the National Biscuit Company.

The league is carrying on a nation-wide campaign to better the conditions of the biscuit company slaves and the Minneapolis young Communists were taking care of their share of the drive by open air meetings in front of the factory.

Workers Cheer Reds.

When comrade Green began to address the workers they were all pinched by the cops while the workers cheered the young Communists. As they were escorted to the police wagon, company officials demanded that the officers make the arrests and then warned the workers away from the meeting.

The comrades were immediately released and will continue to hold noon meetings in front of the company plant in spite of the city ordinance which abridges the constitution.

Getting The Bees Busy.

PARIS.—The ministry of commerce today began work on a plan to import 5,000 live bees monthly from South America to reduce the high cost of living.

WORKERS PARTY AND Y. W. L. IN UNITED ACTION

To Expose Imperialist Hand Behind "Day"

By MAX SHACHTMAN

The American Communists are the only ones today engaged in militant opposition to the Mobilization Day maneuvers which are to take place today under the official guidance of the War Department of the United States.

The Workers Party of America and the Young Workers League, in a statement denouncing the "day," are calling upon the workers of America to refuse to have anything to do with capitalist mobilization days but to join, instead, in the mobilization of the workers to carry on the struggle against their exploiters.

Backed By Militarists.

For months the militarists of America have been engaged in a feverish activity to push the plan for Mobilization Day. An auxiliary committee, to aid the War Department in the demonstrations, has been formed, composed of such jingo capitalist organizations as the Daughters of the American Revolution, veterans of various imperialist wars, the American Legion, the infamous National Civic Federation, the Military Training Camps Association and similar anti-working class organizations.

As an example of the personnel behind some of the organizations pushing this day for the preparation for the next capitalist profits war, the Military Training Camps Association can be taken as typical. On its national committee can be found such names as Richard T. Crane, chief of the anti-union Crane Co. in Chicago; Frank O. Lowden, of the Pullman Co., in which Morgan is a prominent director; Stanley Field, of the slave-driving Marshall Field Co., the National City Bank, the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank and others; Cyrus McCormick, chairman of the board of directors of the International Harvester Co., and director of the National City Bank; Julius Rosenwald, of Sears, Roebuck

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COMMUNIST MEETINGS BEING HELD ALL OVER COUNTRY ON 'THE DAY'

Meetings in militant opposition to capitalist Mobilization Day are being held today all over the country under the auspices of the Workers Party and the Young Workers League.

In Detroit, the meeting is being held in McColleston Hall, Cass and Forest Avenues, with Ella Reeve Bloor, Dr. Atkinson and Reverend Reed Moon as the speakers.

In Chicago, the following meetings will be held tonight.

Lawrence and Sawyer, auspices Irving Park branches; speakers: Peter Herd and others.

North Ave. and Washtenaw, auspices N. W. English and Maplewood Y. W. L.; speakers: Borgeson, Kjar and Earley.

Roosevelt and Homan, auspices W. S. (Rykov) Y. W. L.; speakers: J. Louis Engdahl and Abe Harris.

Wilton and Belmont, auspices N. S. Y. W. L.; speakers: Swabeck, Elsa Block, Gregory Maurer.

All workers are urged to attend to hear the Communist message.

New Jersey Mayor Announces Martial Law for Defense Day

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BERGENFIELD, N. J., Sept. 11.—Martial law will prevail here on September 12, and imprisonment may be the fate of those who fail to comply with the mandatory conditions outlined by the military committee in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Charles B. Warren, mayor of Bergenfield, has plastered the entire town with a "mobilization order," which, he says, has received the approval of the War Department.

Proclamation Posted Everywhere.

16 STRIKERS MURDERED BY HAWAII COPS

Workers Rebel Against U. S. Sugar Barons

By JOSEPH CATLIN
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HONOLULU, Hawaii, Sept. 11.—Sixteen Filipino strikers and four policemen mark the dead today following a clash between the desperate sugar slaves and the uniformed tools of the sugar barons of Hawaii, at Hanepe, on the island of Kauai.

U. S. Lords Responsible.

The responsibility for this slaughter of the workers can be placed definitely on the shoulders of the American capitalists who control practically the entire market there and who have had the police instructed to shoot down every striking worker who approaches.

Distracted Filipino widows, their children following them, wander from the jails to the hospitals and from thence to the morgues in search of missing strikers, who have been forced into hiding with the exception of those occupying prison cells, hospital beds or death beds.

Police Slaughter Workers.

The clash was the result of the interference of the police in the peaceful attempts of the strikers to induce the scabbing workers to join them in the movement for better conditions and higher wages.

The Filipino sugar laborers are on the level of the worst paid and most

ILLINOIS LABOR DENOUNCES "DEFENSE TEST" AS WAR MOVE

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 11.—The Illinois State Federation of Labor in session here today went on record against the Defense Day test program scheduled for tomorrow. In a resolution adopted by the federation it was set out that the Defense Test program "is a mobilization movement and not a test of national preparedness and that it will have tendencies toward war at a time when the world is greatly in need of peace."

It greets the passerby at every street corner, on every lamppost and on all billboards, and thus far the citizens have not openly demurred. The proclamation reads, in part, as fol-

ill-conditioned workers in the world. American capital, in its furious march towards greater profits, has wrecked the lives of thousands of the workers. The average plantation worker

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Co., specialist in turning working girls into prostitutes by paying them coolie wages; Harry A. Wheeler, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; and numerous other notoriously labor-hating gentlemen..

Gompers Tacitly Consents.

It is with men of this type that Mathew Woll, the man whom Samuel Gompers is grooming for the presidency of the American Federation of Labor, in an unofficial statement, aligned himself in pushing Defense Day, as it is more soothingly entitled by Silent Cal Coolidge.

While the big labor leaders are tacitly giving their consent to this imperialist move, the rank and file of organized labor in the country are taking a stand against it. Resolutions of denunciation have been passed by various working class bodies, that of the Minneapolis Trades and Labor Assembly being typical. The Chicago Federation of Labor, in spite of the fact that the petty politicians added a little rider to the Communist resolution, also passed a motion condemning the proposition.

Big Biz Holds Reins.

In practically every large and small city and town the arrangements for demonstrations are in the hand of business men, who are forcing their employes to participate in many instances as shown by the DAILY WORKER to be the case in the Boston Store, and local American Legionnaires. Labor is largely conspicuous by its absence.

Even part of the American Legion is rebelling against what they can see as another attempt to prepare them for war—and some of the veterans are just about fed up on capitalist slaughter. In Indiana, the state convention of the Legion developed quite an opposition to participation of the organization in Defense Day. This

is a healthy sign and shows that even the reactionaries in control of the Legion cannot forever keep down some rank and file sentiment against more imperialist wars.

Despite the fact that even the preachers have been rallied to the support of the demonstrations—altho some of them have condemned the day, not on the basis of its capitalist, imperialist character, but because it will disturb their sweet pacifist ideals—the Workers Party and the Young Workers League are today holding meetings in practically every part of the country as the only political group actively engaged in counter-demonstrations to Mobilization Day. These meetings are the culmination of a number of meetings held all during the time since the plans for the day were announced. Active anti-military work will continue to be carried on by the Communists.

Communists Issue Slogans.

The slogans of the Workers Party and the Young Workers League are:

Refuse to have anything to do with capitalist Mobilization Day!

Join in the workers' struggle against capitalism! Join with the Communists in the fight against the Dawes Plan, against imperialism, and for the rule of the workers thru a workers' and farmers' government!

Make Mobilization Day count against capitalism by giving your support to the Workers' Communist Party!

Join in the Communist mass meetings against Mobilization Day!

Vote for the Workers Party candidates, Foster and Gitlow, as a demonstration of your support of the workers, and farmers' government!

Join the Workers Party or the Young Workers League as a member and become a fighter against capitalism and imperialist wars, and not a fighter for capitalism!