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CURRENT EVENTS
By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

Green Silent While Cuban Terror Rages

A. F. of L. Head Takes Sugar Trust Agent's Word Killings Will Stop; But They Don't

WASHINGTON (FP).—President Machado of Cuba, now seeking re-election, will not stop the persecution and systematic murder of labor union organizers in that island, carried on by his police during the past year and a half.

This is the opinion of observers of the Pan-American Federation of Labor, after a secret visit to Cuba. It appears that when the Cuban workers sent a delegation to the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, at St. Petersburg, Fla., in January, and the council was disposed to direct President Green to appeal to Coolidge and to congress, agents of Machado offered vague promises that if the appeal were withheld Machado would call off his killers. The Cuban ambassador in Washington is reported to have denied, on the one hand, that his government had had any part in the murder of 100 union leaders and the disappearance of over 200 rail strikers, and on the other hand he was confident that the persecution would cease.

BUT the workers of Paris rose in their wrath, established the Commune and defended the city for two months against the invaders and their treacherous allies, the French bourgeoisie. The Commune was crushed. Over 13,000 workers were slaughtered, men and women. But the heroic deeds of the Communards were not in vain. They will be remembered by the workers forever. The anniversary of the establishment of the Commune will be used in all lands to fire the exploited with new ardor. The International Labor Defense of New York has a Commune commemoration (Continued on Page Four)

American Labor Will Rescue The Cuban Workers From Wall Street Murderers

The highest body of the American Federation of Labor, its executive council headed by William Green, has allowed an agent of the National City Bank to gag it and prevent a protest to congress against the campaign of wholesale assassination and extermination that President Machado of Cuba has been carrying on against labor officials and the whole labor movement.

American workers cannot read the story of the intimidation of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor by a proven murderer of hundreds of labor unionists, acting as the open agent of American imperialism, without bowing their heads in shame.

Since the rail strike of 1925 in Cuba, which was followed by mass deportations of strikers, the sugar trust and the National City Bank, with Major-General Crowder of the United States army giving American dictatorship the proper military character, have been backing Machado and the Pearl of the Antilles has been redeemed with the blood of the working class.

Why did the A. F. of L. executive council remain silent? The excuse that they were afraid that Machado would answer a protest with more secret murders by night will not hold water. The murders have continued and Machado has lost what little fear of the American labor movement he ever had.

The conclusion is inescapable that the National City Bank and the sugar trust has more power to prevent action by labor officialdom than the death-cries of Cuban workers have to arouse it.

The question arises: Is the Pan-American Federation of Labor, dominated by the A. F. of L., an instrument for the defense and protection of the workers of Latin-America or is it an organ for the furtherance of the interests of American imperialism?

Unless the executive council of the American Federation of Labor now takes the lead in organizing mass protest against the murder of the Cuban working class by Wall Street's butcher every worker in the world will be justified in saying yes to the above question.

Action is needed. At this very hour some Cuban worker is being murdered for his loyalty to his countrymen and his class. Congress has adjourned but Cuba is not so far away that the angry voice of the American labor movement cannot be heard if it makes its protest strong enough and its determination to fight for the Cuban labor movement unmistakably apparent.

The Machado murder regime can be smashed. It must be smashed and American labor will do the job either with or without the leadership of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

American workers, in the beginning of the American imperialist epoch, wrested Cuba from Spain believing that they were freeing her people. The thousands of workers who died from fever and the other thousands poisoned by "embalmed" beef in the filthy camps of the south, died that the National City Bank and the sugar trust might grow and fatten on their corpses and the corpses of the Cuban workers murdered to make Cuba safe for American capitalists.

The labor movement, once it knows the truth, will rebuke the officials who remain silent in the face of these atrocities, will act to end Machado's rule and help the Cuban labor movement in every way necessary to make it the ruling power in the island.

Specifically in Cuba, but in all of Latin-America as well, this is the mighty role that American labor must play if it too is not one day to be confronted with exactly the same murderous attack that the Cuban movement suffers under today.

Police Kill Strikers In Athens; Crowds in Demand for Lower Tax

ATHENS, Greece, March 11.—Two persons have been murdered and fifteen injured here in an attack by the police on a crowd of strikers demonstrating against the high taxes and increased rentals. The strike started day before yesterday, and is participated in by the working class, and by small shopkeepers.

Greetings Sent Women Of America by Editor Of Canadian Magazine

TORONTO, Canada.—S. Custance, editor of Women Workers, on International Women's Day sent the following message to the workers celebrating it in America. "Greetings to our sisters, the worker women of the cities and farms of the United States. With you this day we pledge ourselves anew to the cause of our class. "Let us join hands more firmly and unite our efforts more closely to end the tyranny of the rich masters. We have nothing to lose but our chains, and a world to gain."

Green Tries To Forget Charge Of Bribery

"Matty" Woll Also Suffers Loss of Memory

Denying that they ever had made any charges of graft against members of the New York police department in connection with the fur strike of last year, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Matthew Woll, a vice-president and acting president of the National Civic Federation, emerged from a visit to Mayor Walker late yesterday afternoon with the announcement that they had only called on His Honor to present information which had been given to them by members of the Furriers' Joint Board during their investigation.

Green Forgets Charges. According to President Green's written statement, the representatives of the American Federation of Labor make no charges against the police.

When questioned by a DAILY WORKER reporter concerning the inconsistency of this stand after the charges which Matthew Woll made to members of the Federation's Executive Committee, and to the press, last January in Florida, President Green said: "I don't remember."

Roll in the Subs For The DAILY WORKER.

Britain Builds Warships To Schedule

Three Power Meet to Make Only "Elastic" Bargain

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Interest in the three power conference on naval reduction continues unabated, with, however, no real prospect of a reduction. Naval experts here point out that the statement of Mr. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, that Great Britain will not build new ships until after the Geneva meeting and whatever other conferences are arranged during 1927, is not a concession, but is merely a statement of the usual British procedure, for which the British government now claims special recognition as a pacifist move. Britain lays new keels towards the end of her fiscal year. It is also a matter of attention here, that the British naval appropriations call for a million pounds for new construction. The apparent cut in appropriations is wrought about by the discharge of part of the man power of the fleet, now not needed because of the greatest efficiency of the latest style fighting machines.

Many New Ships. The total appropriation asked for is \$8,000,000 pounds.

The following new ships are provided for: One class A cruiser, two class B cruisers, one flotilla leader, eight destroyers, six submarines and two mine sweepers. The big new battleships Nelson and Rodney, will be completed this year.

At present Britain has under construction eleven 10,000-ton light cruisers. The three to be laid down in the immediate future, appropriated for last year, include two of 10,000 tons and one of 8,000 tons. Light cruisers built, building and appropriated for, Britain has 64, aggregating 332,200 tons. This does not include the three of her 1927 program.

U. S. Building More. The fact is remembered by all commentators on the forthcoming conference, that President Coolidge signed the bill providing for three additional cruisers for the United States, and consented to the authorization of ten more. Congress did not authorize them, but can do so at any time.

Can't Do Much. The difficulty of handling the conference is expected to be great. During the five power conference, Secretary Hughes was able to lay down the law to his conferees, and set the ratio. Nothing like that is expected from the three power meeting so to be arranged. Diplomats here point out that any decisions arrived at will be tentative, and elastic in phraseology, to allow for increase in strength of English, Japanese and American navies if France or Italy increases theirs.

WORKERS AND FARMERS THROG TO RUTHENBERG MEMORIAL MEETINGS

Tribute to the memory of Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg, founder and leader of the Communist movement of this country who died last week, is being paid by tens of thousands of workers throughout the country.

Following closely after Wednesday's memorial meetings in New York, where thousands of workers filled three large halls — Carnegie Hall, Central Opera House and New Star Casino, reports are coming in of large meetings being held throughout the country where multitudes of workers and farmers who knew Ruthenberg and had participated with him in the working class struggle gather to pay him their final tribute.

Thursday, March 10, a large memorial meeting was held in Boston at the Scenic Auditorium; last night meetings were held in Philadelphia, New Haven, and several other cities. Tonight thousands of workers will gather in meetings in Pittsburgh, while tomorrow large gatherings will be held in Buffalo, Los Angeles and St. Paul. Among the cities that will hold meetings next week are Washington, D. C., Duluth, Minn., Superior, Wisnconsin; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Stamford, Conn.; Niagara Falls and scores of other places. At all these meetings appeals are made to join the Workers (Communist) Party as part of a Ruthenberg Membership Drive. At the New York meetings 300 new members were obtained. Many sympathizers of the Communist Party are expected to join.

Jugoslavia Refuses to Recognize Bessarabian Treaty Before U. S. S. R.

BELGRADE, March 11.—More complications in European politics are seen as a result of Italy's ratification of the Bessarabian treaty that gives that country to Roumania. According to statements issued by Yugoslav leaders they will not recognize the treaty. One of them went further and said that "Yugoslavia will not recognize Roumania's annexation of Bessarabia until Russia does." As it is a known fact that the Soviet Union has no intention of recognizing the treaty the position taken by Yugoslavia is of great importance.

Yugoslavia is convinced that Italy, as a necessary preliminary to occupying Albania, is trying to isolate her and thinks that Rome has won over Roumania by ratifying the Bessarabian annexation. All signs point to a break of the Roumanian-Yugoslav alliance and with it the breakdown of the little entente.

Nationalists In New Battle For Shanghai

Soviet Union Warns Chang-Tso-Lin Citizens Be Freed

SHANGHAI, March 11.—The Nationalists have opened a drive against Sunkiang. The long expected battle in the Yiching sector of Sunkiang and also in the Taiping Chen region of Anhwei now appears to be in full progress. Heavy fighting continues in the Chusan Yiching sector, where the nationalists are receiving reinforcements, including many Russian volunteer detachments. A major engagement looms on this front. Tomorrow is the second anniversary of the death of Sun Yat Sen and it promises to be an eventful day. Chinese workers have laid plans for a one day general strike.

Another Soviet Protest. PEKING, March 11.—The Peking government today received a second note from the Soviet government declaring that any violations of the safety of Madame Borodin or of the three couriers arrested by Chang-Tso-Lin's mercenaries might bring about serious consequences. The Soviet charge d'affaires held a lengthy discussion with the Peking minister of foreign affairs today. The foreign minister assured the Soviet charge that all the prisoners are alive, at Tsiman.

Wounded Fengtien soldiers began arriving in Peking today from the Honan border, where General Chin Yi-Poo's forces attempted to prevent the entry of the Fengtienites into Honan Province en route to attempt the recapture of Hankow from the Cantonese. Marshal Wu Pei-Fu, who nominally governs Honan, appears to be helpless at the hands of Chin, who, a former subordinate of Wu's, recently seized command of all Wu Pei-Fu troops in Honan. Although Chin is definitely opposing the advance of the Fengtien forces, he is not openly an ally of the Cantonese.

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Acquit Striker Who Claimed Innocence

The Third Degree On Regan Failed; So Did the Trial

By ESTHER LOWELL. (Federated Press). HACKENSACK, New Jersey. — Tom Regan, young picket marshal of the long Passaic textile strike, is free. After five months in jail, Regan won acquittal on police charges that he was involved in "bombings." Policemen after policemen testified before Judge Seufert that Regan was a leader of Forstmann-Huffmann mill strikers. He was a delegate to the union. But not a policeman nor detective could prove that Regan had ever had explosives "with intent to injure persons" or "with intent to damage property." Five men and seven women constituting the jury refused to believe that the young strike leader had had anything more dangerous than "giant salutes." The jurors seemed to know that these big noisy fire-crackers couldn't do anything more than scare a scab, as Regan's third degree statement told.

Harmless "Bombs." That statement, beaten out of the 24-year old striker, was the only direct evidence against him. Assistant Prosecutor John Breslin didn't produce any of the "bombs" for the jury's view. The police didn't say that they had found any "bombs" on Regan.

Burly Garfield and Clifton township police solemnly disclaimed on oath, but with crooked faces, that they had beaten and tortured Regan into signing a statement. They admitted that they had trotted him from station to station, trying to pin some sort of indictment on him. Detective William Hindenburg got all bowed up under cross-examination by defense attorney Arthur Garfield Hays.

Regan Maltreated. Attorney John A. McKenna of Newark and other defense witnesses testified how badly beaten Regan looked a day or two after his arrest, and even a week later. Regan said he had not been able to eat on one side of his mouth for months. But the pale parchment-skinned prison doctor couldn't recognize Regan as one of the prisoners he had treated. Nor would he admit that the union doctor had been barred from the jail.

"Riot Law" Nimmo—sheriff of Bergen county—and devoted defender of Forstmann-Huffmann, poked his zimmer law into the court proceedings repeatedly. He tried to bar Hollace Ransdell, secretary, Passaic Joint Defense Committee, from the courtroom, and eyed her like a hawk when defense witnesses were on the stand.

Fellow Workers Testify. Eat under-sheriff Donaldson, spectacles perched above bulging cheeks and pursed mouth, presided when Nimmo sat back on the benches. And the courtroom was filled with former strikers and other friends of Regan, many of whom testified to the young strike leader's excellent character and reputation, as they knew him during his seven years' mill work, mostly at Forstmann-Huffmann. Regan is the first of the strike victims held in the so-called "bomb" cases to be acquitted. One other young striker, Joseph Toth, remains to be tried. Of the others, the four tried in Paterson are now in state's prison, (the fifth received suspended sentence); and the four others tried at Hackensack are awaiting sentence. Regan's acquittal should help shorten their possible terms, since they had the same sort of fire-crackers and not "bombs" as police declared.

The union intends to appeal the cases of those who have been convicted. (Continued on Page Three)

COMMUNIST PARTY OF ENGLAND SENDS REGRETS FOR DEATH OF RUTHENBERG

The Communist Party of Great Britain has sent the following telegram to The DAILY WORKER as a message of sympathy for the death of Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg: "Communist Party of Great Britain sends condolences to the American comrades at the death of Secretary C. E. Ruthenberg. We deeply regret the loss to the American and the International movement of a courageous, proletarian fighter. "ALBERT INKPIN, For the Secretariat."

RUTHENBERG MEMORIAL MEETINGS

- PITTSBURGH Saturday, March 12, 8:00 P. M. Labor Lyceum, Miller St.
PASSAIC Sunday, March 13 Workers' Home, 27 Dayton Ave.
YOUNGSTOWN Sunday, March 13, 8 P. M. Workers' Hall, 369 E. Federal St.
MILWAUKEE Sunday, March 13, 2:30 P. M. Miller Hall
BUFFALO Sunday, March 13, Evening Elmwood Music Hall
WASHINGTON Monday, March 21 Typographical Temple
NEW HAVEN, March 12. LOS ANGELES, March 13. ST. PAUL, March 13, Evening. MINNEAPOLIS, March 13, Afternoon. DULUTH, March 14. SUPERIOR, March 15. HARTFORD, March 13. BRIDGEPORT, March 13, Afternoon. STAMFORD, March 13, Evening. UTICA, March 14. SCHENECTADY, March 15. ALBANY, March 16. TROY, March 17. BINGHAMTON, March 18. JAMESTOWN, March 19. ITHACA, March 19. NIAGARA FALLS, March 20. LUZERNE, Pa., March 15.





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## THE FARMERS WILL REMEMBER



News Item.—Cal Coolidge is planning to spend his vacation in the West.

## FOOTNOTES TO THE NEWS

By EUGENE LYONS

A report has it that Texas Guinan and Aimee McPherson will tour the country together. If true it marks a great advance in the technique of soul-saving and one that is quite in line with general industrial tendencies. Under the old system people sinned in one place and were saved in another. But with Texas and Aimee setting up shop together one could save as fast as the other turns them out. Business should improve at both ends through such concentration of supply and demand.

Among the more interesting recent developments has been the united front of the godly. Protestants, Catholics, Jews are contributing to each other's charities, chipping in for each other's churches, issuing united-front reports on strikes two years after they are over, etc. We have had railroad mergers, bread mergers, bank mergers. Is a religious merger in sight? It might be one way to stave off bankruptcy for that obsolete industry a little longer.

A constant reader (yes, there is one! and it isn't nice of you!) advises thusly: "At Temple Emanu-el, where the rich Jews do their duty by a reformed Jehovah, the choir includes a Negro basso and a German Protestant alto. The organist is an American Protestant. There is a rumor that there are also Jews, but that is not as yet verified."

Our Greenwich Village correspondent alludes to a scandal. An eminent member of the intelligentsia whose reputation heretofore was spotless has been caught in a truth. It will take him years to live it down.

Signs of spring:

- a) Hedgehogs.
- b) The daily story about Coolidge's vacation plans.

### MOTHER GOOSE ON THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

Mary had a little lamb,  
You often have heard tell;  
Now Mary has no little lamb  
Because lamb is high as hell.

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet  
Wishing for grub and sweets;  
Out came her mammy and said "Oh damn me!  
Again you must go without eats."

FRANK ENGLISH.

### DUMB—BELLES—LETTRES (FORMERLY "LETTERS TO A LUNATIC")

Dear Lester:

Hello Lester darling. Here I am sitting down to write again though really and truly there is not much news to tell you. Because mostly everybody is busy explaining the student suicides and hasn't time for anything else. I mean the way boys have been killing themselves on account of life being so useless and futile. My brother Percy says it's all a put-up job for publicity for the ministers and Fannie Hurst and Otto Kahn so they can write into the papers about it. But Percy was always a great kiddie.

He also says that Dr. Fishbein is very optimistic. I mean when he said the other day that ten years from now there will be ten million imbeciles if something isn't done about quack doctors. Personally I think that's pessimistic, don't you? But Percy says that there are twenty million imbeciles in the country now, so we should be thankful to the quacks if they reduce the number. I also want to tell you some of the news as best I can.

In the first place you will be glad to learn that Coolidge moved to a nice new house in Washington. It belongs to a man named Schlesinger so everybody is afraid Coolidge will lose the Ku Klux Klan vote but he is going to move soon to the west where men are men and women aren't. (That's one of Percy's wisecracks. Everybody in the Green Cat in Greenwich Village laughed at it, though I don't see anything funny.) Coolidge will take twelve weeks vacation to watch the farmers work and the farmers will be so pleased they won't mind his not signing some bill or other. Also congress closed for the spring and summer and winter after they passed the filibuster.

A Russian by the name of Kerensky arrived in town on a secret mission to raise money for himself. Also William Green, the labor leader, is in town to tell the mayor all about how Moscow tried to corrupt the New York police. They shoot how ever there for bribery, in Moscow I mean, then they do such a thing to us, which all goes to show, doesn't it. Harry Daugherty, by the way, was freed again from the charge that he conspired with Miller to skin the government and Miller got eighteen months in prison for it. Isn't it wonderful how many innocent people there are in our country? You'd never think it from the looks of things.

You will also be glad to learn that this government has decided not to take over Nicaragua. The president of that country and the congress too have been begging us to take them over but Coolidge said nothing doing. So we are sending more and more marines into Nicaragua to stay there and prevent them from joining the U. S. A. by force. That's about all for now, Lester darling, because I can't find a razor to sharpen my pencil. So long dear.

Your own

MYRTLE.

### FROM A GALLERY OF FUTILITIES.

2. Nearly a Hero.

Manifestly Percy was born to play a romantic role in life, but in a piece, alas! which has never come off. There is about him a persistent sense of imminent adventure. He moves through an atmosphere charged with drama, tangy with the aromas of new excitements. You feel that it needs just the smallest spark to touch it off. . . . But nothing ever happens.

He is keyed-up for something big, impetuous, perhaps cyclonic . . . poised for action . . . the great gesture, the stirring speech hovering on the very brink of realization. . . . Once you become aware of this arrested drama in Percy, this quivering unreleased adventure, you are uncomfortable in his presence, waiting nervously for the thing to happen. . . . The signs of heaven's foiled intentions are upon him, even as he sits there in the cafe, a little bored, a little high-strung, a little nervous . . . a hero in the fetters of common circumstance.

And somehow Percy blunders into more and more of these fetters. At thirty he has a shrewish wife, three children, cumulative debts. . . . And each additional restraint makes the spectacle of dangerously suspended heroics more excruciating to look upon . . . a dam about to give way . . . a mountain about to topple over . . . the sizzle of a bomb about to go off. . . . No wonder everybody runs.

## Ruthenberg and the Labor Party

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

THE death of Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg, who was cut down in the prime of life and in the fullness of his service to the workers, comes as a great shock to our party. It is a grave loss which we can ill afford to sustain. The American working class is notoriously weak in leadership. Hence the loss of a leader in the cause like Ruthenberg, intelligent, devoted, untiring, and a clear-sighted Marxist, leaves a gap in our ranks that weakens the whole front against the enemy.

He Was Trained Leninist.

Comrade Ruthenberg devoted the best years of his life to the education and organization of the masses of workers for their struggle against capitalism. He was a trained Leninist. Not alone did he understand the necessity of educating and uniting the workers for the final overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of Communism, but also that this can be done effectively only by the revolutionists participating actively in the every-day struggles of the workers in order to give them practical leadership, organization and instruction in these battles.

Comrade Ruthenberg had an especially clear realization of the role of the labor party in the great task of ideologically and organizationally uniting the masses of workers against capitalism and laying the basis for the eventual mass Communist Party. The affiliation of the vast masses of workers to the capitalist parties stands as a tremendous barrier to the progress of the work-

ing class. It keeps open the veins of the workers for an influx of poisonous and demoralizing propaganda from the capitalists. It strikes from the hands of the workers the weapon of the powerful political organization they should have.

The formation of a mass labor party will represent a great step forward by the working class. The labor party will emphasize class lines on the political field and will give an enormous stimulation will to the development of class consciousness and class organization.

The working class, thus cutting many of the treacherous class collaboration entanglements which now enmesh it and keep it helpless in the grip of capitalism will begin to tread faster than ever the road of class struggle which leads finally to a Communist mass party and the overthrow of capitalism.

This was one of the many great lessons which Comrade Ruthenberg never ceased in pressing upon our party. He was an untiring advocate of the labor party.

Sees Mistakes Liquidated.

The problem of finding the best way for the building of a labor party in the United States is a difficult one. Many factors conspire to make it complicated. And in working it out we have made many mistakes. At first we tended to ignore the importance of the labor party movement; later, awakening to it and suddenly, we tended to push the progressives faster than they would go in forming a party. Then, reaching hard for mass contacts, we almost drifted into an opportunist policy in

the LaFollette campaigns, and finally, we tended somewhat to minimize the applicability of the labor party slogan.

Sometimes these errors were made by the party as a whole, sometimes only by sections of it. But finally, by dint of rich experience and the guidance of the Comintern, we have liquidated these mistakes and have arrived at a correct united front labor party policy. Our party is awake to the importance of the issue and we understand how best to struggle for its realization under the given conditions.

In all these labor party developments, which rank among the most vital experiences in the life of our Workers (Communist) Party, Comrade Ruthenberg played a central role. His influence in solving the many complex problems confronting us was invaluable. And in the application of the labor party policy he was indefatigable. Never an occasion was allowed to pass but what he pressed upon the workers the vital necessity of organizing the labor party and he gave them practical guidance in this task through our party. Whoever speaks of the labor party in America must acknowledge the work of Comrade Ruthenberg.

Comrade Ruthenberg is gone. The great cause for which he labored so loyally must continue. The masses of workers must be educated and organized for their final emancipation. Let us, therefore, apply ourselves to the work with renewed determination, drawing fresh courage and inspiration from the rich life work of Comrade Ruthenberg.

## Workers in Pledge to "Carry On"

A Severe Blow.  
STREET NUCLEUS 1, Woodlawn, Pa.—"We mourn the death of our gallant and brave leader, Comrade Charles E. Ruthenberg. His sudden death came as a severe blow to us as well as to the militant working class movement, and especially to the party that represents the vanguard of the American working class. He is dead, but his memory and career will inspire us on to the achievement of our goal."

Will Live On.  
GREEK FRACTION, New York.—"We mourn the sudden death of our comrade, C. E. Ruthenberg, one of our most militant leaders, at the prime of his life. "Ruthenberg was the uncompromising champion of the working class. He will always live in our hearts and serve as an inspiration and example to every worker in the fight against the exploiting class."

Build the Ranks of the Communist Party.  
The Central Nucleus of the Workers Party of Minneapolis.—"We received with deep sorrow the sad news of Comrade Ruthenberg's death this morning. "Comrade Ruthenberg's untimely death is a severe blow to the party, to the international revolutionary movement and to the working class everywhere. We declare that this will be felt throughout the entire

working class movement—and therefore will be hailed with joy by the master class.

"We resolve that the best method of commemorating the revolutionary deeds of Comrade Ruthenberg is to build more solidly the ranks of the Workers (Communist) Party, of which Comrade Ruthenberg was executive secretary and to which he had devoted his life since the organization of the Communist Party in America."

"Build Communist Party and Free Working class."  
"The City Executive Committee of the Workers Party Elizabeth, N. J. in behalf of its members, mourns the untimely death of our beloved leader, Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg. And at his grave we close our ranks and pledge to build the Communist Party of America and liberate the working class of America."

"Realize His Ideals."  
LITHUANIAN WOMEN'S ALLIANCE, Pittsburgh, Pa.—"The Lithuanian Women's Progressive Alliance, No. 60, expresses its deep regret at the death of C. E. Ruthenberg, which was a great loss to the revolutionary vanguard of the American working class. We call upon all working women to follow the ideals of Comrade Ruthenberg, which are the ideals of Lenin and the Communist International."

Pioneers Pledge to Carry On Fight.  
Young Pioneers, Stamford, Conn.—"The Stamford, Conn., section of the Young Pioneers wishes to express its deepest sorrow and heartfelt grief over the news of the death of our beloved leader and dear comrade, Ruthenberg.

"The loss of such a fearless and courageous fighter and devoted comrade to our cause will be deeply felt thruout and within the ranks of our Pioneer organization.

"We promise faithfully and loyally to stand by and recruit more Pioneers into our organization in order to produce such brave and able leaders as Comrade Ruthenberg."

Cablegram from Moscow.  
Haywood, Jones, Croll, Desalines, Nelson, Bankole; Moscow, U.S.S.A.—"We grieve loss of an able leader of American and world revolutionary movement. With loss of our comrade, Ruthenberg, we must close the gap in our ranks and relentlessly fight for the victory of world revolution."

Cloak Prefers Union Executive Sew's Message.  
Executive Cloak Skirt Dress Pressers Union Local Thirty-five New York.—"We grieve the loss to the labor movement of this country in the death of Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg one of the leaders in the front ranks of the working class."

### Truth in the Chicago Tribune.

The Chicago Tribune is a policy paper—that is, all its material from news stories to editorials, health department, advice to the lovelorn and the "colyum" are made to conform to the viewpoint of the industrial lords of the middle west in whose interest The Tribune is published.

But occasionally a slip-up occurs as on March 10 when the Tribune published the following, headed "Strong Government Seen Developing in China War," without comment:

Spurred by a new national patriotism which the rest of the world has considered impossible, China promises to develop a strong central government out of the present civil war. Lieut. Col. C. C. Haffner told members of the Military Intelligence association at a meeting yesterday in the Hotel La Salle. Organization of ignorant coolies and farmers into unions based on the soviet system, capable of political action, has given the southern government the real nationalistic impulse which probably will establish a strong national government in southern and central China and then spread north, Col. Haffner said.

Those who understand the technique of newspaper production will realize at once how this happened. The copy-reader's eye went no farther than the sixth and seventh lines, caught the name of the speaker and that of the organization he was addressing and concluded quite naturally that nothing said by such an individual to such an audience could be otherwise than 100 per cent against anything and everything not 100 per cent American.

Even the Military Intelligence association will be suspected for a time by the Tribune and a copy-reader will probably be looking for a job. Truth and The Tribune are bitter foes.

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oration on its program for next Sunday afternoon at 1 p. m., in the Star Casino. Every reader of the Daily Worker should honor the Communards by their presence on Sunday afternoon.

CAPITALIST statesmen continue to babble about peace at Geneva while their governments continue to build battleships. The British government plans an addition of twenty new war craft to its naval flotillas and cordially accepts Coolidge's proposal for a naval partial disarmament conference with the proviso that nothing should be discussed that would weaken British sea power. Coolidge lets it be known that unless the powers accept his policy the United States will embark on a naval-building program that will make the rest of the world pop-eyed. Just as we said. The proposal was a fake put forward to justify such a program.

SIR SAMUEL HOARE boasted of the success achieved by a squadron of British airmen in subduing a revolt of Indian tribesmen last year. In addition to the effectiveness of bombs, Hoare informed the house of commons that when the tribesmen were driven into caves by the bombs they were driven out again by fleas. Even the lowly flea recognizes the value of British imperialism to civilization! Yet we are decidedly of the opinion that subject peoples will free themselves despite all the bombs, fleas and Hoares at the disposition of imperialism.

FOREIGN Minister Stresemann of Germany is lording it over the League of Nations at this session. He

speaks German and does not give a darn whose ears are offended. The polite diplomats of the former allied nations no longer talk of the "Hans"; neither do capitalist scribblers quote Nietzsche. The Germans are now returned because they have not turned "red" and because they have guns, men and some money. Here is a chance for a good poet (not good in the Quaker Sunday School sense) to picture the indignation of an allied soldier now in hell or in some equally agreeable place, who died to save the world from German militarism, on hearing from a new arrival that Stresemann of Germany was defending the racist aims of Great Britain at the league session.

ONE brief glance at any capitalist paper today should convince even an addict of the kind of liberalism that is purveyed by The Nation that nothing is more certain than another world war within a comparatively short period of time. The poison gas experts of all imperialist powers are working day and night, perfecting the most deadly gases for the next world carnage. The nerves of all governments are exceedingly jumpy. All this talk of peace and peace conferences, disarmaments, is so much smoke set up to screen the aims of the governments from the masses.

THE next world war will be more deadly than the last. For every person killed in that debacle ten lives will be wiped out in the next. The slaughter will be for the purpose of saving civilization perhaps from one or more hostile powers or perhaps from Communism, which means from the rule of the workers and farmers. The two deadliest indictments of imperialism are war and unemployment.