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WEST VIRGINIA NON-UNION MINERS TALK STRIKE

U. S. and Britain Split Over China

Report Coolidge Orders Admirals Not to Follow England Into War—NOW—to Save India

(Special To The DAILY WORKER.)
 WASHINGTON, April 1.—Great Britain's efforts to drag the United States into a war to protect British investments in China appear at present to be doomed to failure.
 President Coolidge, it was learned today, has instructed American officials in China that "it is as much their duty to resist involving the United States in a war with the Chinese people as it is to safeguard the lives and the property of American citizens."

Tricked By British.
 Hoping to find in a united China a lucrative field for investment, finance capitalists have no intention of pulling British chestnuts out of the fire. They have been bringing pressure to bear upon the administration to take an independent attitude toward China.

Realizing that American officials and newspaper correspondents have been tricked by the British foreign office into yelping for a war to protect Hongkong and India, the administration has ordered its Chinese officials to stop the propaganda which has been flooding the Nationalist press.

Moore Bounced?
 Those in close touch with the situation regard as significant the absence of any dispatch from Frederick Moore in this morning's New York Times. Moore, who is rabidly anti-Chinese, has been sending wild propaganda to the Times and the absence of his daily atrocity story coming on the eve of Coolidge's action is regarded as extremely significant.

England Moves Toward War.
 LONDON, April 1.—Great Britain is rapidly moving towards open war on the Chinese Nationalist government. Whether she will succeed in dragging the United States and Japan into an openly hostile attitude looks doubtful.
 The government's draft note to China, which was approved by the cabinet this afternoon, is understood to contain demands for "the punishment of those responsible for the Nanking outrages," "indemnity for the victims" and apologies to the "government whose consulates were looted and attacked."

Blocked Ports.
 War measures will be taken if the British demands are refused by the Nationalists, cabinet members intim-

looked upon with disfavour and the boss was considered the best aid of the union officials in maintaining the union organization—such conditions could not fall to arouse the workers. A general revolt followed.
 Revolt Let By The Freiheit.
 The revolt was led by the Freiheit. This is its chief contribution to the labor movement, but it is not the only one.
 The Freiheit points the way for the labor press of this country in very many respects.

CELEBRATE FREIHEIT'S 5TH YEAR AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN TONIGHT
 By MOISSAYE J. OLGIN.
 THIS evening the workers of New York and vicinity gather to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Jewish Daily Communist Freiheit, the first copy of which appeared on April 2, 1922. The very fact that a labor newspaper is marking its birthday by a meeting in the greatest hall in New York City speaks of the mass character and influence of the paper.
 During these five years the Freiheit has become one of the most influential labor papers in this country.
 GREW OUT OF WORKERS' NEEDS.
 The Freiheit grew out of the economic needs of the great masses of the Jewish workers, mainly concentrated in the needle trades. The Jewish workers, trained both in the places of their birth and in this country in the spirit of socialism gradually awoke to the realization that they were saddled by a union bureaucracy no better than the bureaucracy of other unions. The professed adherence to the socialist party, the chiefs of the "Jewish" needle unions gradually abandoned their contact with the masses, adopted the class collaboration psychology, used their offices to perpetuate their own domination, and stifled every attempt at protest on the part of the rank and file workers. From leaders they became traitors of the working masses. This betrayal was fostered, defended and led by the "socialist" Jewish Daily Forward, which became the ideological and organizational center of all that is rotten, bourgeois and anti-proletarian in the labor movement. The rift between the prosperous, well-fed, well-dressed and secure "aristocracy" of the Jewish workers on the one hand and the mass of the exploited, underpaid and hounded rank and filers on the other hand, became wider and wider.
 The Jewish workers, alert, sensitive, educated to the understanding of their class interests, began to chafe under the weight of self-satisfied leeches. Conditions where the union officials were placing all their hopes in arbitration machinery headed by representatives of the bourgeoisie, where the workers were shown one kind of a union agreement, whereas, secretly, the employers were granted much more freedom to exploit them (so-called supplementary agreements), where fights of the masses against the employers were

The Daily Worker Greet The Freiheit on Its 5th Birthday

HAIL TO The Freiheit! The DAILY WORKER, the official organ of the Workers (Communist) Party, greets its brother organ in the Jewish language on its Fifth Birthday. The Freiheit has become a powerful weapon in the class struggle of the worker. It is an able and strong foe of the bureaucratic traitors in the Needle Trades Unions. Its anniversary celebration tonight at Madison Square Garden is a great event in the history of the labor press. Long live The Freiheit. Hail the victory of the workers! Hail Communism!

Civil Liberties Head Defies Sigman; Legal Aid Meeting Monday

"I will not be bulldozed by Mr. Sigman."
 This is the reply given him by Forrest Bailey, director of the Civil Liberties Union, to the angry objection made against members of the executive committee of the union serving on the "Committee of 100," formed for the purpose of aiding in the defense of garment workers framed up as a result of strike activity.
 In spite of the fact that the emergency committee has made no public announcement of its objects, and does not hold its first meeting until next Monday, the reactionary official of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union has already impugned the sincerity of its members.

Call Ford Spies To Help Hunt 'Assailants'

Sapiro Admits Claimed to be Unselfish, But Got the Cash
 DETROIT, April 1.—Altho Henry Ford has had himself moved from the hospital to his own home and is reported "resting easy," the farcical "search" for his reputed assailants continues, and the physicians' bulletins have just that touch of uncertainty and gravity which will probably enable Ford to avoid appearing on the witness stand in the million dollar suit against him by Aaron Sapiro.
 Prosecutor Robert Tompkins announced today that the police could not find anything about the mysterious "assailants," and that he has asked the Ford secret service to aid him. The Ford spies are perfectly familiar with all the arts of frame-up and provocation.

Right Wing Fur Officials In With Bosses

Bosses Can't Make Workers Register, Say Progressives
 All previous attempts to smash the New York Joint Board of the Furriers' Union having met with defeat, the Special Reorganization Committee of the American Federation of Labor which was appointed to take full charge of driving the progressives from the union, has openly joined hands with the employers it was revealed yesterday in a letter sent out by the Associated Fur Manufacturers, Inc.
 The president of this association, Samuel N. Samuels, advised his members that the board of directors had decided to ignore the leaders of the Joint Board of the Furriers' Union and recognize only the International Fur Workers' Union in matters that concern the union.
 Natural Partners.
 This announcement of a collaboration policy between the reactionary right wing forces and the bosses did not come as a surprise to members of the Joint Board. They knew the manufacturers association was carrying on negotiations with the rights, and they have prepared for some such development as this made public by Mr. Samuels.
 S. Liebowitz, assistant manager of the Joint Board points out however that this decision was made not by the members of the manufacturers association but by the board of directors which acted without consulting its constituents.
 Didn't Ask Members.
 Liebowitz also recalls the fact that it was just a year ago this month, during the fur strike, that the manufacturers' association held secret negotiations with these same officials of the International Fur Workers' (Continued on Page Three)

Ben Gold Will Speak In Cleveland on the Furriers' Situation

CLEVELAND. — Ben Gold, the manager of the New York Furriers' Joint Board and Romulia, Italian organizer for the needle trades will speak in Cleveland Sunday afternoon at Moose Hall, 1000 Walnut Street, April 3d at 2 p. m.
 All Cleveland workers and sympathizers interested in the struggles of the trade unions and particularly the fight of the left wing should not fail to be present. Admission is free.

Almost Lynch Negro For a Crime He Has No Connection With

BONEVILLE, Miss., April 1. — Jack McKee, Negro, was almost lynched here today by an angry mob who hoped to use him as the goat for the murder of Mrs. N. R. Clayton. Her husband who is at liberty under \$10,000 bail, himself is charged with the crime.

Frame-up Against The DAILY WORKER Editors Put Off to Thursday

The case against the editors and business manager of The Daily Worker, who were summoned to appear in the Third District City Magistrate's Court, Secord Ave. and Second St., yesterday morning to answer to a charge of violating section 1141 of the penal code against the publication of "lewd, lecherous, lascivious, and disgusting matter," has been postponed until next Thursday.
 A poem entitled "America" by David Gordon, which appeared in the magazine section of The Daily Worker of March 12, is responsible for the charge. Two members of the Bomb Squad who served the summons declared that the action was inspired by complaints coming from "a well-known patriotic society."

Aid For Passaic Jobless Asked By Unions

Employment Relief Urged At Joint Conference
 PASSAIC, April 1.—Steps to relieve the grave situation caused by the continued unemployment of thousands of textile workers in this city and vicinity were urged at the conference held tonight at the textile union headquarters under the direction of a joint committee of the Trades and Labor Council of Passaic and the District Council of the Textile Workers.
 Due as directly to the present slump in the woolen industry, most of the time during the day and the night shifts have been abolished altogether, according to Gustave Deak, president of the district council. He reported that last week the Botany Woaded mills, one of the largest plants in the city, laid off 400 workers, and it is now likely that they may even shut down altogether.
 Urges Action
 Declaring that "the gravity of the situation calls for immediate action," the conference called for immediate assistance. It recommended that the city start construction and repair work at once; that employment machinery be set up; that unemployment relief be organized; and that child labor laws be strictly enforced.
 At the conclusion of the meeting, after it was decided to call a larger conference for some night next week, with representatives of all organizations interested in this problem, Deak, on behalf of the District Council, issued the following statement:
 Start Real Relief
 "Last night's meeting was the first step in the movement initiated by the Passaic Central Labor Union and the United Textile Workers of America to start real relief for the thousands of unemployed workers in this city."
 In addition it was found necessary to change the place of meeting at the last minute. However, the interest shown by those present emphasized the importance of the problem. Our organization is, of course, the most concerned.
 While the unemployment situation here affects many other workers, it is the textile workers who are suffering most because of the present slump in industry. Thousands of textile workers are unemployed, although their strike was settled several (Continued on Page Two)

Mellon Leads Drive To Cut Miners' Pay

Kansas Contract Not Signed; Ohio Operators Ask Conference; First Frame-up Occurs

INDIANAPOLIS, April 1.—Outstanding developments on the first day of the lockout of the miners of the central competitive coal field were: The reported decision of large numbers of the West Virginia miners to quit work, and try once more for a chance to organize themselves; the anti-union drive at Pittsburgh, in which the already non-union Pittsburgh Coal Co., largely owned by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, takes the lead, with the formerly union Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Co., of which Horace F. Baker is president, swinging in behind it, and locking out its union miners; the decision of Lee Hall, president of District No. 6, Ohio, to meet with the Ohio Operators' Association for a conference in Columbus, April 7, and the failure to put thru the temporary agreement between the union and the southwestern operators.
 West Virginia Will Strike.
 FAIRMONT, W. Va., April 1.—Suspension of work in the northern West Virginia coal fields, by supposedly non-union bituminous mine workers of the nation today.
 The international representative of the United Mine Workers for the northern West Virginia field, issued a statement shortly before noon, in which he declared that 50 meetings were being held throughout District 31, in which 100,000 persons, miners and their families, were enthusiastically pledging their support to the stand of the United Mine Workers.
 The West Virginia district was once strongly unionized, and the miners there are thoroughly sick of non-union low wages, and bad conditions, especially of the cheating done by company weighmen, not controlled by any union check-weighmen.
 Progressives Fought For Union.
 While little attempt has been made to unionize this important territory by the regular organizers of the United Mine Workers, the progressive and militant elements in the miners' union have repeatedly called attention to it as the key position, and have never ceased to carry on such activity there as they could.
 Much of the publicity of the Save the Union bloc in the last miners' international election was directed towards the organizing of the non-union fields, and West Virginia most of all.
 Baker Attacks.
 PITTSBURGH, April 1.—The first shot in the campaign to destroy the miners' union in the bituminous coal fields of western Pennsylvania was fired today by Horace F. Baker, president of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Company, largest union operator in (Continued on Page Two)

CROWE, THOMPSON'S BOSS, HAS HORRIBLE ANTI-LABOR RECORD

Article III.
 By ARNE SWABECK
 The union smashing policies of States Attorney Crow, "Big Bill" Thompson's political boss, was exposed by the Chicago Federation of Labor during the strike of the International Ladies' Garment Workers in 1924. A special committee of fifteen, appointed to investigate, reported as follows:
 1. That State's Attorney Robert E. Crow has openly and flagrantly permitted misuse of his office in the interests of the garment manufacturers of this city;
 2. That his record in the present garment workers' strike is only one instance among many other instances of the misuse of his office in the interests of the manufacturers' and employers' associations;
 3. That in adopting and following a brazen and militant policy against organized labor he has gone so far as virtually to turn over his office to the Employers' Association and to Dudley E. Taylor, their attorney;
 4. That he had been derelict in the carrying out of his primary duties and functions as the prosecuting officer of crime;
 5. That in spite of the fact that Cook county has appropriated more money yearly for the state's attorney's office in the past four years than ever before, crimes of a major nature, including murder, have been committed and have gone unpunished to an appalling extent;
 6. That the platform upon which Mr. Robert E. Crow stands for reelection in an unveiled threat to break the back of organized labor in Chicago, and that it is supported by the interests represented by the notorious "Wheat King" James Patten, and by Dudley E. Taylor the "injunction" attorney for the Garment Manufacturers' Association and for other employers' associations.
 These few instances enumerated should be sufficient to prove to the workers that this corrupt policy of supporting one or another of the capitalist candidates has become a dismal failure. A real opportunity was at hand for the organized labor movement to act politically independent in the interest of labor. Its leadership failed to utilize it. In 1918 the Chicago labor movement took the initiative to lay the foundation for a labor party. By an overwhelming majority the trade unions went on record for it. Today, the Chicago trade union leadership has completely gone back on this policy. As a matter of fact, it is denouncing any efforts toward a labor party.
 The Chicago workers have vital interests in these elections. A solution of which can never be expected from any of the candidates in the field of their parties. That is proven distinctly by the records cited. The tractious problem affects the workers vitally, the question of Chicago public schools, (Continued on Page Three)

U. S. WARSHIPS BLOCK PROGRESS OF NICARAGUANS

American Aviators In War on Liberals
 MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 1.—Altho the Liberal forces at Granada have routed the Diaz adherents at Granada they are prevented from occupying the town by the American warships in the vicinity.
 Two American aviators in the employ of Diaz have been shot down and killed by the Liberal forces, according to Pedro Zapeda, agent for the Liberals here.
 Zapeda reports that two other fliers have been made prisoners, while another plane, believed to have been a marine corps plane, escaped after having been seriously damaged by Liberal fire, according to the reports.

