

# HANDS OFF CHINA! WITHDRAW TROOPS AND BATTLESHIPS!

THE DAILY WORKER FIGHTS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNEMPLOYED FOR THE 40-HOUR WEEK FOR A LABOR PARTY

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## Current Events

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

### THE civil war in China has taken a dramatic turn

The expected turn by the betrayal of the revolution by Chiang-Kai-Shek and the right wing elements of which he is the leader. The workers and peasants who do not relish the idea of substituting a new set of imperialist tools for the northern militarists are determined to carry on the struggle for a free China—free from native as well as foreign exploiters.

### FROM now on Chiang-Kai-Shek who was the object of considerable abuse from the capitalist press will be praised and petted.

He has bowed the knee to Baal and taken the thirty pieces of imperial silver. This is the classical way of describing treason for a cash consideration since Judas turned over his leader to the Romans, according to history or mythology. Chiang-Kai-Shek no longer has any quarrel with Chang-Tso-Lin. They are both in the same pew. Perhaps the imperialists would prefer to do business with Chiang than with Chang. The former is not a bandit.

### NOT that the imperialists have any objection to doing business with bandits.

After all they are brothers under the skin. But the imperialists are forced to make concessions to what is called public opinion. Laborers who have no serious objection to being a dividend extracted from the ill-paid labor of Chinese coolies feel embarrassed if the principal lieutenant of the big fellows who manage their investments happened to be a common bandit and murderer. Chiang would fill the bill.

### THE foreign editor of one of the great French dailies is writing Chinese sketches for his paper from the spot.

He describes a gang of coolies loading a Japanese vessel with bales each weighing not less than 250 pounds. Men with hooks lift the bale and a coolie receives it on his neck.

## ILLINOIS MINERS HUNT OTHER JOBS FOR LONG STRIKE

### Ohio Operators Order Men Not to Garden

By CARL HAESSLER. (Federated Press).

CHICAGO, April 17.—Coal Diggers from southern Illinois tell a tale of widespread migration out of the mine fields. They also bear hints of preparations by Illinois operators for ruthless war against the United Mine Workers.

A couple of miners from Montgomery county, father and son, flivvered to Chicago looking for jobs. They anticipate a mine shut-down of at least three months. The mine they worked in posted notice of a 90-day lay-off. It had been working at top speed all through the winter and even a year ago, when many Illinois mines closed, it kept going 3 and 4 days a week.

"The fellows are scattering everywhere," they relate. "Many hit for the big towns like St. Louis, Detroit and Chicago but a lot of them have heard that jobs are scarce there and try other places to keep alive. A group of Italians are off to California. Some of the Scotchmen will go back to the old country for a while."

To Big Cities.

The father, who is over 60 and has worked in practically all the districts of the central competitive field and in West Virginia before the war, was in a reminiscent mood.

Militia March Out.

"We didn't fight the bosses in this silent do-nothing way in the old days," he said. "We protected our jobs against the world. In Ohio years ago we were on strike and saw a long train of scab coal coming through from the south. It got no further. The locomotive engineer and conductor were courteously notified to leave the cars on the siding and take a ride home on the engine. They gladly obliged their fellow unionists."

"Then the governor sent the militia from another country to have that

## General Electric Steps De Valera Talk Over Radio

DENVER, April 17.—Fearing that he would make remarks uncomplimentary to the British die-hard government, the General Electric Company barred Famon De Valera, Irish republican leader, from delivering his scheduled address over its radio station KOA.

Members of the station's censorship committee objected at the last moment to parts of Mr. De Valera's speech, because they said it contained propaganda against the British government.

"They asked to modify portions of my address and I refused; that's all there is to it," said Mr. De Valera. "I could not truthfully comment on political and economic conditions in Ireland differently from the address I had prepared."

## Millions Withheld from Mulcted "Big Four" Customers

### WHAT'S WHAT IN WORKER INSURANCE EXPOSE

Today's article starts the second week in The DAILY WORKER exposure of the "Big Four" Insurance Trust which consists of the Metropolitan, Prudential, John Hancock and the Colonial Life Insurance Companies. If the reader is insured with any of these companies he will find the ensuing articles of great interest. Previous articles have made specific charges of fraud, misrepresentation and misuse of the public funds. Names prominent in financial and business circles figure largely in this and prior articles.

By CHARLES YALE HARRISON.

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## Ben Gold of the Furriers Union and His Prosecutors

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BEN GOLD

## How the United Front of Labor Hating Capitalists and High Salaried Union Officials Works

### THE CIVIC FEDERATION TAKES OVER THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE.

The name of Matthew Woll, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, appearing with the title of "Acting President" on the letterhead of the Civic Federation with the names of many of the most powerful labor hating capitalists in America shows conclusively the Judas role played by Woll.

Here are the names of the enemies of the labor movement who back Woll in the attack he leads on the militant leaders and members of the trade unions like Ben Gold. Woll, by the above evidence alone is convicted of plotting with labor's worst enemies—of being actually the head of this union-wrecking organization, the Civic Federation—to smash unions and send active and

MATTHEW WOLL, vice president of the American Federation of Labor and acting president of the Civic Federation of Labor following the framing of Ben Gold and ten other furriers, announces in the capitalist press the formation of "Citizens' Committee to Investigate Communist Activities in New York City. The names of the committee will be made known in a few days." Thus the New York Times.

This mysterious committee, for the organization of which Woll, Hugh Frayne, A. F. of L. organizer, and Edward McGrady, special A. F. of L. representative, claim credit, is said to have been formed at a luncheon "attended by representatives of the church, law, education, labor and employers."

ONE need not, in our opinion, look far afield for the base of this united front of reaction. Its base is the Civic Federation, the caucus of the capitalists and their agents inside official circles of the American Federation of Labor.

Matthew Woll, acting in the Jekyll and Hyde role of A. F. of L. vice president and acting president of the Civic Federation, is the chief of the anti-labor caucus.

Woll's base in the American labor movement is first his own union of photo-engravers, a small group of highly-skilled workers who are organized on the basis of complete cooperation with the bosses. As a matter of fact, one of Woll's first achievements was to organize the bosses, in the trade and establish a school which specializes in training productive and docile workers for the employers.

In addition to the photo-engravers Woll is supported by a collection of other small unions—a similar bloc to that upon which Gompers depended for his balance of power—the secret of their long reign. President Green's principal base is the United Mine Workers Union and railway organizations less fortunately situated than the small monopoly crafts, dealing with powerful corporations and forced at times—like the U. M. W. A. is at present—to struggle to preserve their living standards. Whatever differences there may be between the policy of Green and Woll—and this difference will become clearer as the offensive of the capitalists is intensified—is due largely to difference in the economic status of the main blocs of supporters.

AT present the war on honest and militant trade unionism operating under the slogan of "down with the Communists and the left wing," is led by Woll. For him this is a labor of love. By birth, religion and economic position he is opposed to anything smacking of radicalism.

Woll, and Frayne and McGrady, his lieutenants, belong to the militia of Christ wing of the American labor movement. Green is said to have strong leaning toward the Ku Klux Klan and both he and Woll find pleasure as well as profit in smashing needle trades unions composed principally of Jewish workers especially as thousands of these workers are Communists and Communist sympathizers.

BUT Woll is the real leader of this offensive. His position in the Civic Federation assures him of moral and financial support from powerful labor-hating organizations who fully

## U. S. Policy Towards China Told in Secret Notes to Four Powers

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The United States today sent secret cables to Great Britain, Japan, France, Italy and American Minister McMurray at Peking, stating whether America would join the other four powers in delivering an ultimatum to the Nationalist government at Hankow.

Whether McMurray tentatively agreed to the policy of using force could not be learned in official quarters. It was learned however, that the United States has again been formally asked to join with the four other powers in identical action against the Nationalist government.

## SACCO, VANZETTI MUST GO FREE—DEMAND OF 20,000

### Monster Demonstration In New York

The Sacco-Vanzetti Emergency Committee has called a conference of delegates from trade unions, and fraternal and labor organizations, next Friday April 22nd, in Labor Temple, 243 East 84th St., at 8 p. m. to discuss plans for a strike, and for the calling of a National Conference of labor.

Freedom Not Life Imprisonment.

The "New Republic" warns against the danger that Sacco and Vanzetti may not be freed but have their sentences commuted for life. Its leading editorial says: "It is unthinkable that Governor Fuller will allow these men to die, but a mere commutation for life would be a cowardly evasion, more ignominious to the Commonwealth than obduracy in injustice."

Over 20,000 workers crowded into Union Square Saturday afternoon, while from four platforms, in various languages, speakers from many labor groups, including political parties, trade unions, defense societies, etc., united in denunciation of the Massachusetts lackeys of the mill owners who are endeavoring to railroad to the electric chair two men, Sacco and Vanzetti, whose offense in the eyes of the enemies of labor is that they fought for the working-class.

## Italian Aggression In Balkans Alarms Yugoslav Officials

BELGRADE, April 17.—The Yugoslavian government is very much alarmed over Italian aggression in the Balkans—particularly in Albania.

The rabid pro-war attitude that has been adopted by the government-controlled Italian press is seriously worrying officials here. The Giornale D'Italia, together with several other fascist organs, have just reiterated unsubstantiated charges that Yugoslavia is engaging in extensive secret military preparations. This is regarded by Yugoslav officials as war propaganda.

Between twenty and thirty thousand Italian troops have already crossed the Albanian border in plain clothes, Belgrade papers say.

## HANDS OFF CHINA, STOP WORLD WAR, IS APPEAL MADE BY COMMUNISTS TO AMERICAN WORKING CLASS

CHICAGO, April 17.—Reviewing the recent world-shaking developments in the struggle of the Chinese people against imperialism and the suppressive role played by the United States government in conjunction with the other powers, pointing out the reasons therefore, calling attention to the danger of a new imperialist world war and urging the workers and farmers of America to stop aggression against the Chinese masses and end all imperialist war maneuvers, the Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party has issued the following statement:

### APPEAL TO AMERICAN WORKERS AND FARMERS.

Working Men and Working Women: Energetic efforts are being made by the imperialist governments, including the government of our own country to plunge the world into another orgy of mass murder, into another world war.

Thru a new world conflict, the imperialist powers, particularly Great Britain and the United States, hope to destroy the Chinese revolution and to smash the Soviet Union.

## NEW STRIKE IN SOUTH CHINA TO PROTEST RAIDS

### U. S. Gunboats Shell Both Banks of Yangtze

1.—800,000 workers in South China will strike against right wing raids on unions.  
2.—Nationalist News Agency declares Nanking conference does not represent rank and file of Kuomintang.  
3.—Chiang Kai shek continues raids on left wing; receives bribe of 15,000,000 Shanghai dollars; more workers shot.  
4.—American gunboats run amuck on Yangtze River, shelling friend and foe indiscriminately.  
5.—Communist International issues appeal to workers of world, not to permit war on China.

LONDON, April 17.—More than 800,000 workers in South China will strike in protest against the right wing raids on the labor headquarters in Shanghai, according to the Central News. The strike has been called by the General Labor Union, the report says.

Resolutions Not Binding.

SHANGHAI, April 17.—The resolutions adopted at the Nanking conference calling for the expulsion of the Communist members from the Nationalist government do not represent the views of the rank and file of the Kuomintang, the Nationalist News Agency declared today.

They merely represent the views of the Central Control Committee, which is dominated by Chiang Kai Shek and in no way bind the plenary session which is expected to settle down to business on Monday.

Chiang Continues Raids.

In the meantime Chiang Kai Shek's troops in Shanghai continue to carry on a campaign of terrorism against the labor unions. Raids by Chiang's troops last night resulted in the murder of an unestimated number of workers.

The Shanghai strike, which was called to protest Chiang's labor-smashing tactics has been called off at a meeting held last night. At the meeting, Shanghai workers drew up resolutions honoring those killed in the raids. It has been definitely ascertained that Chiang has 15,000,000 Shanghai dollars offered by Chinese bankers and industrialists for smashing the militant unions in the city.

Kill Workers In Canton.

Raids on workers' organizations and clubs continue in Canton, where right wing members of the Kuomintang sweep thru the workers' districts armed with machine guns and supported by armored cars and gunboats.

Labor unions in Canton are planning a protest strike, it is reported.

Abolish Political Bureaus.

The counter-revolutionary measures that have been taken by the "moderates" were indicated yesterday at an interview granted by General Pai Chung-hsi, military commander here. In addition to shooting workers and raiding union halls, General Pai has attempted to abolish all of the political bureaus.

Gunboats Kill Chinese.

Reports received here state that imperialist gunboats have been sailing up and down the river in the

### Professional Patriots To Stage Demonstration In Brooklyn On May 1

"The Brooklyn Citizens' Patriotic Committee" has just announced that it will hold another "Americanization" mass meeting on May 1. It is explained that the purpose of this affair will be to act as an "antidote" to the workers' May Day demonstrations throughout the city.

### Let every worker be on his guard!

Not since 1914 has the world faced so grave and imminent a danger of war.

Preparing a New World War.

Every step that can be taken to plunge us into war is being taken. For a long time the international bankers, especially those of Britain and the United States, have been financing the militarists and courtiers



PILOTS DESERT CHINA



These three pilots of the Methodist church, George R. Gruse, Wallace E. Brown and Laurens J. Birney, are among those who have decided to leave China because the Chinese do not appreciate such benefits of Western civilization as the massacre of workers by U. S. battleships.

CURRENT EVENTS

(Continued from Page One) and trots along into the vessel with it. They sing as they work and keep at it from sunrise until sundown for a few cents a day. This is the kind of labor that the capitalist likes. It takes it on the neck with a song. But the Chinese are singing a different song now.

OVER twenty thousand people gathered in Union Square last Saturday afternoon to show their solidarity with Sacco and Vanzetti. It was a spirited demonstration. There is no doubt in the minds of the American workingclass that their fellow workers are not guilty of the crimes charged against them. They are determined that they shall be saved from the electric chair. The Union Square meeting was a fine testimony to the spirit of unity in the workers when it is called forth by a heart-rending appeal. The action of the socialist party in trying to run a little show of their own hoping to gain a little publicity at the expense of two doomed workers shows that they are stupid as well as false to the workingclass movement.

BETWEEN now and July 10th, the day set for the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti, the workers of this country must redouble their efforts to demonstrate to the powers that be in Massachusetts that there are millions of people within the borders of the United States that will consider the execution of those two workers plain and unqualified murder. And we must not be satisfied with a commutation of sentence. We must make it clear that they shall not rust for the rest of their lives in a prison cell. They must be freed, because they are innocent.

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HOW THE UNITED FRONT OF LABOR HATING CAPITALISTS AND HIGH SALARIED UNION OFFICIALS WORKS

(Continued from Page One) understand that the active, intelligent and organized resistance to the strangulation of American trade unions by efficiency unionism and "I-love-my-boss" schemes propagated by the Civic Federation's agents, comes from the Communists and the left wing. The hardboiled attitude of the coal barons which has compelled the miners to strike to save their union and their living standards is the complete proof of the bankruptcy of the efficiency unionism policy. The coal barons, in spite of the shameful divide and surrender program offered by President John L. Lewis, are determined to accept nothing but still more complete capitulation.

IN the face of this attack on the most important union in the American labor movement, unquestionably a forerunner of a general drive on the working class, the heads of the American labor movement unite with labor's enemies to make war on one of its most conscious and loyal sections. Even in a labor movement which accepts American capitalism as the beginning and end of all things this requires some explanation. A united front with churches, bar associations and businessmen, openly constituted for all the world to see, vying on a section of the working class, was tolerated by the union membership during the war. The dire danger in which, according to the Wilsonian theory, democracy stood, was its excuse.

WHAT reason or reasons prompted the present shameful abandonment to concubinage with the Civic Federation on the part of the Militia of Christies? Remember that Will and his crew are not campaigning against Communism in the abstract but that the living standards of some 50,000 needle workers and the liberties of their tried and proven leaders are menaced by the attack of the A. F. L. special committee.

Working with the police department and the bosses, Will has succeeded in framing-up 11 officials of the Furriers' Joint Board. They are treated worse than the lowest criminals, are denied bail and are brought into court manacled.

WHY? It is very simple. The Furriers' Joint Board officials won a strike and established the forty-hour week. In so doing they upset labor officialdom's pet theory: (it is also the pet theory of the bosses) that workers can gain nothing by strikes.

There is the second reason that labor officials of the type of Will are popular and valuable to the bosses only when they can prevent strikes and cajole workers into taking less than they could win. Even gilded Civic Federation stool pigeons have to make good.

THIRD, there is the fact that in advance of a general attack on American labor, presaged by the offensive against the miners, the bosses want to crush all elements which could and would organize labor for successful resistance.

Fourth, American imperialism is getting ready to put the nation on a war basis. As usual the preparation begins with an attack on the revolutionary section of the labor movement—the Communists and the left wing. The only section of the working class that is fully conscious of the danger to the masses and that has a practical program which is put forward fearlessly.

THE invasion of Nicaragua, the continual threats and plots against Mexico, the participation of American gunboats in the Nanking massacre—all of these are only preliminary skirmishes of American imperialism. As the English say, these little affairs serve to "blood" our brave fighters. Wall Street government dares not undertake a major war until the labor movement has been made even more solidly a part of the imperialist machinery than it is today. The furriers' strike, the cloak-makers' strike and the Passaic strike came after the anthracite strikers had been maneuvered into a defeat by John L. Lewis and a sharp contrast was drawn between the methods of militants and those of Civic Federation leadership.

IN a period when labor officialdom, following its many expulsion campaigns beginning in 1923, was undoubtedly boasting to the bosses of its success in "chasing the reds," these strikes appeared like a bolt from the blue and gave them the lie. There must have been many severe reprimands administered to sheepish labor leaders in the privacy of the Civic Federation offices and the Union League Club.

Evidently they vowed to do better and were given promises of support. No one can say that Green, Will and Company are not trying to make good with their bosses.

THEY have abandoned all pretense of decency and depending upon the police forces of Tammany Hall and various obliging prosecuting attorneys and judges who know where the orders come from, are trying to jail Communist and left wing workers after having failed to drive the masses of workers away from them. These labor leaders have employed all the devices of government informers and industrial spies. They have

offered immunity to convicted workers as the price of giving perjured testimony against Gold and others, they have secured the underworld for gangsters whose word is worth nothing anywhere except in trial where lies and slander are given preference, they have tried to appear as friends in order to betray.

NEVER in the history of the American labor movement has there been court proceeding of the character that that staged in Mineola. The history of the American labor movement does not contain too many bright spots but until now it has not been blackened by the spectacle of the heads of the trade unions procuring the prosecution of workers for the crime of winning a strike.

We repeat again that this is the chief reason why Gold and his comrades are on trial. Revolutionary workers who have little or no connections with the trade union membership, whose knowledge of the labor movement is academic, who have no mass following, who are unable to give the practical direction necessary to workers' struggles for better living standards, who do not know how to take advantage of every loophole in the defenses of the capitalists to strengthen the position of the working class, have little terror for the Civic Federation type of labor leader.

BUT when revolutionists show superiority over the old type of trade union leader even in the daily struggle, then it is something else again. It is then there is real alarm in the camp of the capitalists and their agents. What is to become of America if Communist trade union leadership can take the bosses to a cleaning? Even tho it demonstrates its ability in comparatively small strikes like Passaic and in the fur industry, it is a forerunner of what the future holds. That future is not pleasing to a labor officialdom which bases its claim to leadership upon the close and friendly relations it maintains with the enemies of the working class and its unquestioning support of the domestic and foreign policies of American imperialism.

THIS labor officialdom has decreed that Communists and left wing trade unionists who organize, lead and win strikes shall go to jail.

The price of liberty, of honor and ease, of a seat high in the councils of official labor, of patronizing smiles from the hard-faced and soft-paunched dictator of the Civic Federation, is betrayal of the workers.

Ben Gold and his fellow workers will not pay this price. That is why they are on trial while the Greens, Wolls, Sigmans, Fraynes and McGrady stand whispering their advice into the ears of the prosecutors to the tune of applause from the Civic Federation and the Union League Club.

THE "Citizens Committee" which Will has organized, undoubtedly has as its first order of business the extension of persecutions and prosecutions to a broader field than the needle trades unions. It will endeavor to use the machinery that Will has set up to jail militants in other sections of the labor movement with especial emphasis on Communist workers.

Labor officialdom has powerful backing but it has one weakness—its open adoption of the role of champion of the bosses' interests, its brazen united front with individuals and interests which American workers know are symbols of complete reaction, tends to widen the breach between it and the rank and file.

AT the end of the Judas trail which American labor officialdom is following is a dungeon and a gallows. They are there to imprison and hang the revolutionary elements in the American labor movement. For a while they may fulfill this function. But surely as sunlight dispels noxious odors will the glaring betrayals of all the old honest traditions of American labor by the Greens, Wolls, etc. dispel all illusions among the workers as to the part they play in the drive of the capitalists against the labor movement.

To believe otherwise is to believe that the workers who make up the American labor movement want to have the Civic Federation become synonymous with the American Federation of Labor, to believe that there is no spark of working class integrity left in the American labor movement.

WE know better than this. We know that the memory of Homestead of Virdein, of Paint Creek, of Lawrence, of Coeur D'Alene, of McKees Rocks, of Mesaba, of Bisbee, of Butte, of the A. R. U. strike, of Haymarket, of Everett, of Centralia, of Ludlow of Newport, of the great steel strike, of Seattle, of the West Virginia miners' march, of the dozens of bloody struggles fought by the United Mine workers to establish their union, is dear to the American working class.

We know that the American workers revere the memories of the first-line fighters—men and women—who died in battle with the bosses' agents that the labor movement might live. THE graves of these heroes of the American workingclass are being desecrated by Greens, Wolls, Sigmans and Fraynes. They spit upon the pages which chronicle the history of

the deeds which made the trade union movement of the United States. They fraternize with the heads of corporations whose thugs have clubbed and murdered workers fighting for unionism. They have made an unholy pact with tyrants and they urge the workers to hold up their hands for the manacles. The handcuffs on Ben Gold and his fellow workers symbolize the shackles the Greens and Wolls would put upon the limbs of American labor.

IT is not enough, however, to express horror and disgust at the revolting spectacle of the heads of the American Labor movement, trying, with the full cooperation of the bosses to jail workers who have won strikes. It must be understood that cooperation in the courtroom springs logically out of cooperation with the bosses in industry, that it is the theory of efficiency unionism carried to its logical practical conclusion, that it comes natural to labor officials who are part of the machinery of the political parties of American imperialism.

IT is this damnable theory and these damnable practices that the Communists and the left wing oppose with all their might.

If the rank and file of labor in America doubts that the Wolls and Greens are leading the labor movement to disgraceful disaster let them know that Ben Gold and ten other workers, manacled in the Mineola courtroom as the prosecutor builds his case on statements of the heads of the trade union movement, are not on trial.

Ben Gold and his fellow workers are not on trial. It is the right to strike that is on trial, it is the right to organize unions free from capitalist control that is on trial, it is the solidarity of workers against the stoolpigeons of the Civic Federation of capitalist government that is on trial.

The Civic Federation—the instrument of the capitalists—or the American Federation of Labor—the instrument of the workers—that is the issue in Mineola courtroom.

IT is likewise the issue in the whole American labor movement. The outcome of the Mineola trial is important but it is not decisive. The question will be decided in the unions, in the shops and factories—wherever the shameless policy and tactics of the Civic Federation labor agents runs counter to the interests of the workers.

The Mineola trial with the Civic Federation in a united front with the officials of the American Federation of Labor for the purpose of jailing workers who win strikes is proof for every honest worker that the Communists and the left wing are fighting to save the trade union movement of America from the clutches of the capitalists.

Plumbers Helpers Ask The Plumbers to Assist Entrance Into A. F. L.

An appeal to all greater New York members of the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters has been issued by the American Association of Plumbers' Helpers, urging the plumbers to take action in their locals so that the plumbers' helpers may be brought into the American Federation of Labor as quickly as possible.

Helpers Get Little

Calling attention to the fact that the wage of plumbers' helpers is \$1 a day, while other helpers in the building trades of New York receive from \$8 to \$11, the appeal states: "We (the plumbers' helpers) were the only unorganized workers in the building trades. As a result we did not have any protection that a union offers. The employers took advantage of this by giving us low wages, making us do all kinds of work, work all kinds of hours and imposed upon us in many other ways, that you know of.

Fight For Union

"We are now organized in the American Association of Plumbers' Helpers and are fighting to become a union, and a part of the organized American labor movement thru affiliation with the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters."

There have been many unsuccessful attempts in the past to organize this group of workers, but now they have a vigorous organization which voted unanimously to go on strike with the plumbers of Brooklyn, as soon as it became clear that a strike was eminent there.

Want To Enter Union

The American Association of Plumbers' Helpers is now calling upon the members of the plumbers' union to make arrangements to admit them into the United Association.

"Remember," say the helpers, "when we get better conditions, it will mean raising the standard of the whole trade.

"Brother plumbers, we ask you again are you going to keep quiet or are you going to fight with us to help us get into the United Association?"

The American Association of Plumbers' Helpers has already organized a large proportion of the workers in this city.

Thousands Meet to Free Sacco and Vanzetti

(Continued from Page One) the threats of the masses of working men and women as the names of Governor Fuller of Massachusetts; President Coolidge, who was governor of that state when the Sacco-Vanzetti case was connected; Mussolini, the bloody fascist dictator of Italy and other prominent agents of capitalism and imperialism throughout the world were mentioned.

Cheer Victims of Capitalism. Every mention of the names of Sacco and Vanzetti and other victims of capitalist class justice in this country was cheered to the echo.

Sea of Banners. Hordes away from the demonstration the sea of banners carrying denunciations of those guilty of the persecution of Sacco and Vanzetti could be seen; outbursts of cheering reached much farther; puzzled capitalists slowed up their motor cars as they passed the adjacent streets. It had been a very long time since such a demonstration was staged in the city of New York.

The spirit of the crowd was militant, defiant. Hundreds of policemen, on foot and horseback patrolled the outskirts of the crowd, while, according to reports many detectives mingled with the demonstrators. On the opposite side of 17th street motorcycles with bullet-proof shields were lined up, facing the crowd. But the masses conducted themselves as though they were totally unaware of this show of force.

Objected to Sign. Of the many signs carried, only one incurred the wrath of the police. That was a sign reading "We Demand the Impeachment of Judge Thayer." This was ordered taken down and the order was obeyed, as it was recognized that the officer giving the order did not even know who Judge Thayer is. Being well-trained Tammany henchmen they are supposed to protect judges of all stripe against open expression of mass contempt for them and their decisions.

Many Prominent Speakers. At one o'clock the general chairman of the meeting, Robert W. Dunn of the Civil Liberties Union, ascended one of the platforms and was immediately followed by the other chairmen, Jack Stachel, I Winokour and Morris E. Taft. Announcing the purpose of the meeting, speakers were introduced and spoke in five languages—English, Italian, Hungarian, Yiddish, and German.

All of the speakers covered some outstanding phase of the case and connected it up with the general assaults of the ruling class against the foreign-born workers; others assailed the general imperialist ravages of the government in China, Nicaragua, Mexico and the Philippines, showing that the Sacco-Vanzetti case was a part of the general struggle against despotism everywhere.

Trial Witness Speaks. One of the speakers was Frank J. Burke, a witness at the Sacco and Vanzetti trial, who was but ten feet away from the crime charged against the two men. He declared that the men he saw commit the crime at South Braintree on April 15, 1920, were not Sacco and Vanzetti. He was greeted with prolonged cheering. Carlo Tresca who, from the beginning of the case has worked tirelessly for the release of Sacco and Vanzetti, spoke and again related some of the outstanding facts of the frame-up.

Displays Electric Chair. Charles Cline, recently released from a life sentence in Texas after serving thirteen years for participating in the struggle of the Mexicans for freedom, displayed a miniature electric chair that was made by one of the "lifers" in the Texas prison. This made a profound impression upon all those able to see it.

Among other speakers were: Forrest Bailey, director of Civil Liberties Union, Bishop Paul Jones, Leonard Abbott, James P. Cannon, secretary of the International Labor Defense; Scott Nearing, Paxton Hibbony, M. G. Olgin, McAlister Coleman, Carlo Tresca, H. M. Wicks, one of the editors of THE DAILY WORKER; Enea Sormenti, editor of the Italian Communist paper, "Il Lavoratore"; Louis Hyman, Bert Wolfe, director of the Workers' School; Rebecca Grecht, R. B. Moore, William W. Weinstein, Richard Brazier, A. Ramaglia, Lepa Chernenko, one of the leaders of the Passaic strike; Charles Kiss, Editor of "Elora"; Ludwig Lore, and James Walsh.

Many Slogans Displayed. Some of the slogans, among the many that were displayed on placards held aloft were "Freedom for Sacco and Vanzetti," "Massachusetts Justice Wants Sacco and Vanzetti Murdered; They are not Guilty," "Persecution of Workers Must Stop!" "Workers' Solidarity Will Save Sacco and Vanzetti," "Today It Is Sacco and Vanzetti; Tomorrow Who?" "Stop the Legal Murder of Sacco and Vanzetti!"

Other cards carried excerpts from the famous speech made by Vanzetti in court when he hurled defiance at the miserable puppet Judge Thayer, just before sentence was pronounced upon him.

The following resolution was adopted, after being read simultaneously from all four platforms and on a signal from the chairman, Robert W. Dunn:

WHEREAS, Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, two champions of labor, have been sentenced to death in the electric chair; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming evidence in the case has convinced labor bodies and disinterested people throughout the world that Sacco and

Boo Fascism. Going east to Second Avenue they reached the headquarters of the Fascist Soldiers Legion at 12th Street and Second Avenue. Then cheers for Sacco and Vanzetti were here intermingled with boos for Mussolini. Marching down Second Avenue, the workers displayed copies of THE DAILY WORKER, The Freiheit, The Il Lavoratore and the Il Martello. Several red flags gave the procession a more impressive appearance.

Brutally Beaten. When they reached First Street near The DAILY WORKER office, they were attacked by police, many of the workers being clubbed most severely. Reforming their lines they marched to Rutgers Square where they booted the Jewish Daily Forward for its lack of support to the afternoon's meeting. They then continued their march thru the east side, singing the International, The Red Flag and other working class songs.

When they again reached First Street and Second Avenue, they were clubbed by the police and their lines broken. It is quite significant that on two occasions when the workers wanted to show their approval of THE DAILY WORKER, they were brutally beaten.

Arrest Worker. Once again they started to march northward at Second Avenue and 7th Street. Patrolman Thomas Hall tore a small picture of Vanzetti off the hat of Samuel Fasconia, one of the workers. When Fasconia objected, Hall started to hit him with his club. When the other workers protested, the reserves were called who again beat up the workers. After marching for a few more blocks the parade ended; it was one of the most dynamic militant workingclass demonstrations staged in a long time.

When brot to night court, Fasconia was held without bail charged with disorderly conduct. Latin-American Workers Ask Release. The Venezuelan Labor Union, representing organized Latin-American workers in the United States, last night sent the following telegram to Gov. Alvan T. Fuller of Massachusetts:

"We most vigorously condemn the sentence pronounced upon our fellow-workers, Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti. Every step in the trial has been taken in a hysterical atmosphere poisoned by prejudice against them because of their defiant radicalism. In the name of common justice we call upon you for their pardon or for an unbiased trial."

WORKERS! PROTEST AGAINST DEATH OF SACCO and VANZETTI!

Cheer For Newspaper. Assembling at the east end of Union Square they marched to the office of the Jewish Daily Freiheit, where they stopped for several minutes and cheered for Sacco and Vanzetti and for the Freiheit. Continuing south they turned into 14th Street stopping in front of the Workers' (Communist) Party headquarters at 108. For over 15 minutes 14th Street between Fourth Avenue and Irving Place was blocked by the assembled workers who shouted and cheered. The representatives in the building displayed red decorations and a flag with a hammer and sickle which aroused the workers to a higher point of enthusiasm.

Shake the hand of WORLD LABOR IN THE SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY ON MAY DAY 1927. Here's How To greet the workers of the world THE DAILY WORKER will print the names of individual workers and all working class organizations in its SPECIAL MAY DAY EDITION. Here's How Much Individual names will be printed at the rate of \$1.00 per name. Organizations will be given a special rate of \$1.00 per inch. Here's When— All greetings must be mailed at once to reach THE DAILY WORKER before April 25. All greetings arriving later will be printed in following editions. SEND GREETINGS TODAY



## Thousands Are Homeless As Result of Floods in Southern Part of U. S.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Suffering from the flood in the vicinity of Natchez, Miss., and Wickliffe, Ky., is rapidly growing more serious, according to despatches received today by the American National Red Cross, it was announced.

National headquarters of the Red Cross reported that a conservative estimate of the number of flood refugees in the four states east of the Mississippi affected by the floods is:

Kentucky 4,000, Tennessee 1,000, Mississippi 3,000, Louisiana 1,000; a total of 9,000.

Other thousands have been driven from their homes in states immediately west of the Mississippi River.

## Farmer-Labor Party Of Minnesota Will Run Entire Slate

MINNEAPOLIS, April 17.—Contrary to all dire forecasts, the Minnesota Farmer Labor Party continues to grow more vigorous and to gather ever-increasing strength among the farmers and workers of the state. Right at this moment, much interest is manifest in the Minneapolis municipal elections, and indications are that there will be a full Farmer-Labor ticket in the field, which will be energetically supported by all branches of the labor movement.

**Convention Soon.**  
It is believed that there will be a state convention of the Association within a short period, and this, no doubt, will have the beneficial effect of consolidating all forces within the Association and laying the base for an unprecedented growth and activity. It is reported that applications for affiliation with the Farmer-Labor Association continues to flood the State Office in St. Paul, while the ward clubs increase in size and strength.

**Ready to Go On.**  
The veto of the McNary-Haugen bill has strengthened the conviction of the farmers and workers in Minnesota that relief can only be obtained through a powerful organization which will fight unceasingly in their interests, and in their interests alone. With the bankruptcy of the working farmers, and the resulting miserable conditions of the city workers, a strong bond is being cemented between the two, which presages well for the Farmer-Labor Party.

**Earl Carroll Improving.**  
GREENVILLE, S. C., April 17.—An official bulletin issued today by the physicians attending Earl Carroll says he is gradually improving.



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## REPORT 800,000 CHINESE WORKERS WILL STRIKE IN SOUTH CHINA TO PROTEST RAIDS

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vicinity of Nanking, sweeping the Nationalist and Northern troops with shell fire. The number of Chinese killed by American and British guns has not yet been determined. The destroyers Preble and Ford and the cruiser Cincinnati were the American vessels taking part in the bombardment.

**Enter, Standard Oil.**  
The firing began when a Standard Oil vessel was accidentally hit by Chinese gunfire. The Ford and the British cruiser, Emerald, immediately opened fire with their four-inch guns. The Preble, on its way up the river to Hankow, seat of the Nationalist government, opened fire on Nationalist troops who were entrenched on the north bank of the river.

**Nationalists Take Yangchow.**  
Despatches received here state that the Nationalists have captured Yangchow, about fifty miles northeast of Nanking. It is also stated that the war lords have been driven back to Pengpu, in Anhwei Province.

**Delay Answer To Note.**  
WASHINGTON, April 17.—What action the state department will take with regard to the conciliatory note of Eugene Chen, Nationalist foreign minister, is unknown. Secretary Kellogg is spending his "Easter vacation" at Hot Springs, and action on the notes will be delayed until his return.

It is understood that the domineering attitude adopted by the state department in its identic note on the Nanking "outrages" has met with the opposition of certain members of the cabinet.

## Coal Miners Prepare For Unemployment

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train pulled out. The first soldier to jump down at the station was requested to hand over his gun. The same with the next, until all had given up their guns. Then they marched out and we saw no more militia until the strike was won.

**Operators Warlike.**  
The Illinois situation begins to look warlike, they report, but all the preparations seem to be on the operator side. The big No. 9 mine of the Peabody Coal Co. at Taylorville has set a war precedent by completely fencing in its property, a proceeding hitherto unheard of in the easygoing Illinois district. A 5-foot fence of closely woven wire strung on iron posts set in concrete is surrounded by 4 strands of barbed wire. Before the shut-down every miner had to enter through a guarded gate which was in constant telephone communication both with the mine bosses underground and with headquarters. The face bosses carried revolvers on the hip. Peabody's No. 7 and 8 mines are reported to contemplate similar measures.

"The bosses learned at Herrin in 1922 that Illinois miners have a lot of fight left in them," the miners concluded.

By LEN DECAUX.  
CLEVELAND, (UPI)—Not content with locking out their miners to enforce a general wage cut, many Ohio coal operators are seeking to drive them out of house and home, even cutting off their water supply and forbidding them to grow vegetables in their gardens in some cases. The first notices to vacate were served on 500 miner families in Belmont and Perry counties by the Powhatan Mining Co. at Bellaire and the Sunday Creek Coal Co. at Santee.

**Sheriff Hesitates.**  
So drastic has been the Sunday Creek Coal Co. that Sheriff Harley McNish of Perry county announced that he will refuse to evict miner families at Santee and it is believed that no justice of the peace or constable in the county will help with eviction.

Not only did the company order the miners to vacate within 15 days but it gave notice that it would cut off the water supply April 15. As this little mining village has been supplied with water from the coal company's reservoirs and light from the company's power plant, the order will mean that the miners will be without light and will have to seek water from old drilled wells that have been unused for years and may now be infected.

"No Gardens."  
Another order is reported by Secy. Cosgrove Wm. of sub-district 6 at Nelsonville. He says operators have ordered miners not to plant gardens on their lots. As many miner families have depended during hard times upon the gardens which they could grow for themselves, this cuts off an important source of food supplies from the strikers.

More than 1,000 persons are said to be affected by the action of the Powhatan Mining Co. in the Bellaire field in ordering occupants of 200 of its houses either to pay rent in advance during the lockout or to move out. Only five days notice was given, the union announces that it would go to court to fight the eviction order if necessary, and that in an emergency tents will be supplied in homeless families.

With the exception of a few miners operating non-union before the lockout and a few that have agreed to continue under the Jacksonville scale, all of Ohio's 25,000 miners have been locked out.

**British Want War.**  
That the British hard government favors an ultimatum to China is reported in dispatches received here from London. Chen's request for an international investigation of the Nanking affair strikes Austen Chamberlain as unsatisfactory, reports state.

**Scores Press Reports.**  
Rear Admiral Bullard, retired, chairman of the Federal Radio Commission, who has just returned to Washington after a trip to China, criticized the news about China that has appeared in the American press. "I do not see how newspaper men could be in contact with what is going on," he said. "They get the big events, but I don't know how they could get general news on what is taking place, except from travellers who come back. The spheres are so big they must take another's word to get information."

**MOSCOW, April 17.**—The Executive Committee of the Communist International has issued an appeal to workers throughout the world and to all colonial and oppressed peoples to help avert a new world war.

The appeal declares, "Workers, demand the withdrawal of troops from China. By all means prevent the transportation of troops and arms. Down with the imperialist provokers of a new world war. Down with the imperialist henchmen of the Chinese people. Down with Chiang Kai Shek and other deserters, traitors and organizers of massacres of workers. Long live the workers of Shanghai. Long live the revolutionary Kuomintang. Long live the Communist Party of China."

## Injunction Against Traction Workers Will Be Appealed

WASHINGTON, April 17.—An appeal to the higher court will be taken against the injunction issued by Judge Delahanty in New York restraining representatives of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees from attempting to organize employees of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, the American Federation of Labor announced today.

Senator-elect Robert Wagner, and Rep. Nathan D. Perlmutter will act as counsel for the union, which will be supported by the Federation of Labor.

**Condemns Injunction.**  
Condemning the injunction, President William Green of the federation said: "The American Federation of Labor is deeply interested in the proceedings because organized labor does not believe that the injunction issued by Judge Delahanty is in conformity with law or justice.

"We believe that the men employed upon the Interborough Rapid Transit Company system should be permitted to unite with the forces of organized labor and to join a bona fide trade union if they wish.

"They should not be prohibited from doing so through the operation of a court injunction, nor should the representatives of organized labor be enjoined from soliciting these men to join a bona fide trade union."

## Most Lawyers Ignorant, Columbia Dean Asserts

Declaring that most lawyers were ignorant of social and economic problems, Dean H. W. Jervy, of the Columbia Law School, in a letter to the New York City Bar Association, advocates higher standards for admission to the bar.

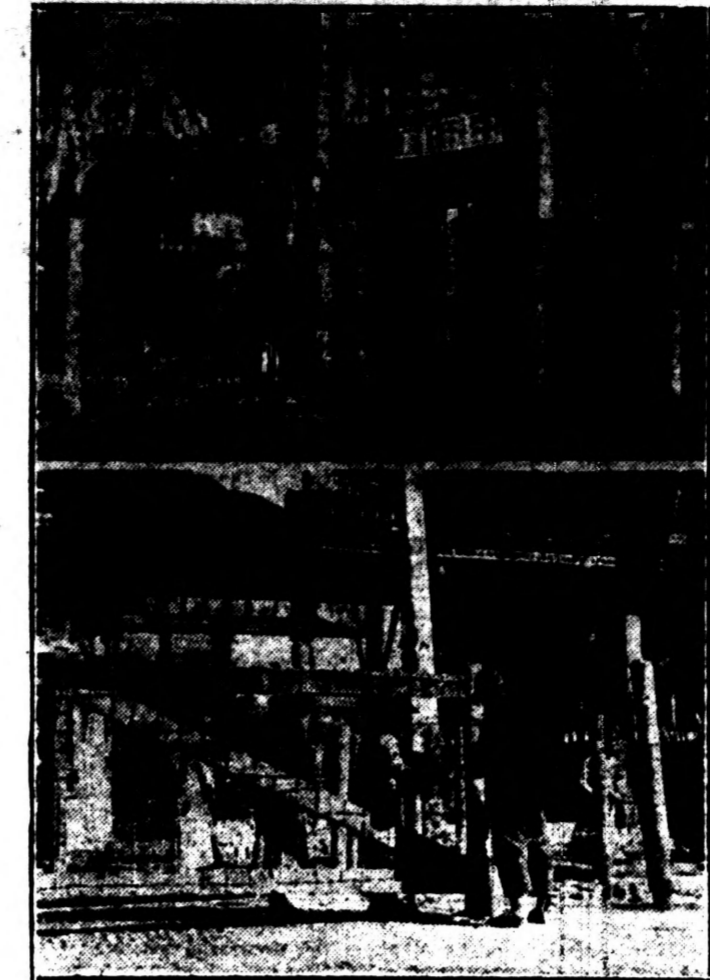
Jervy declared that "lawyers should be better trained to think about the world in which they live before they even come to law school.

**No Dusting Without Union.**  
NEW YORK—Less blood on the coal if mines are properly rock dusted. The American Association for Labor Legislation points to two recent mine explosions in Pennsylvania—at Ehrenfeld and near Washington—where 700 lives were saved because the mines had been rock dusted. At Ehrenfeld only four died and 300 were saved. Rock dusting prevents the coal dust in the mine air from detonating.

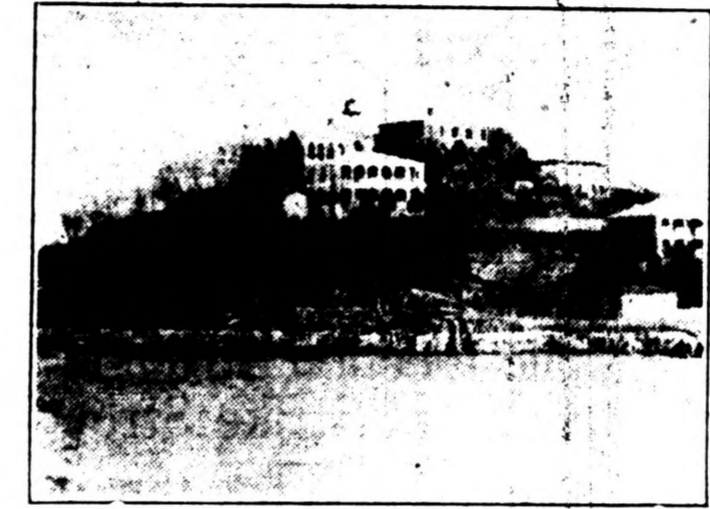
Twenty bituminous coal states still lack rock dusting legislation, says the association. Only Indiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Utah and Wyoming require it by law. Rock dusting is somewhat more expensive, on the whole, than merely paying a little compensation for men killed in deadly explosions. Therefore, there is, in the opinion of miners, very little possibility of getting any efficient dusting, with or without laws, unless there is strong union organization to enforce regulations for dusting. Recent terrific explosions in non-union mines have resulted from the failure to effectively rock dust the mines.

**10 Miners Killed.**  
MONS, Belgium, April 17.—Ten people were killed yesterday by an explosion in the Levant de Mons Mine here, it is officially announced. Twelve men are still missing and thirteen are injured.

## WIRE BARRIERS IN SHANGHAI



Wuhu, Chinese City, Under Nationalist Rule



Wuhu is a large and important city, the capture of which by the Nationalists struck a fatal blow at the militarist Chang Tsung-chang. The imperialist navy pays special attention to it, because of the presence there of one of the largest methodist religious dope factories in all-China.

## Millions Withheld From "Big Four" Customers

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income. The official New York State Insurance Report for 1925, which is the last available document on the subject, shows that the Metropolitan's surplus was \$220,656,867.00 greater than was required for all claims and expenses.

**Profitable Business.**  
The Prudential Life Insurance Company, a sister to the Metropolitan and one of the largest companies in the world, reported that its surplus was \$172,199,983.00. In this case, as in all others, the current expenses and claims were deducted from the current income.

The John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston, Mass., another member of the "Big Four" had a surplus over expenses of \$35,309,465.00.

These companies operate, as was said before, under the guise of mutuality. They are mutual to this extent: all losses are mutually shared by the defrauded policyholders while profits and the manipulation of Billion Dollar Funds are enjoyed by the boards of directors who are vitally interested in the investments in which the assets of these companies are invested.

**Operate With Banks.**  
Let us take a very concrete example. In New York City, the Metropolitan deposits its funds in the metropolitan branch of the Chase National Bank on 23rd Street. Its cash balance varies between eleven millions and thirty-five millions. The yearly statement is as follows:

Jan.	\$14,268,283.55
Feb.	11,159,544.27
Mar.	13,624,250.48
Apr.	15,785,304.97
May	22,979,697.65
June	20,421,644.79
July	13,564,990.34
Aug.	11,066,775.09
Sept.	15,757,363.29
Oct.	21,807,534.11
Nov.	33,655,332.33
Dec.	31,976,524.54

In addition to the Chase National Bank the Metropolitan is interested in the following banks and trust companies: Adirondack Trust Company, Royal Bank of Canada, Bankers Trust Company, Central Union Trust Company, Chatham Phoenix National Bank, Chemical National Bank, Equitable Trust Company, Farmers Loan and Trust Company, National City Bank, New York Trust and the Crocker National Bank.

It has been shown in previous articles that if the "Big Four" are "mutual," the industrial policyholders do not benefit by this mutuality. Important figures on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan are Jo-

## Berger Asks Mercy For Horthy Victims In Cable to Regent

Victor L. Berger, socialist congressman from Wisconsin, has just sent a cable to Regent Horthy of Hungary under whose direction a reign of terror is being made against all liberal and labor elements in the country. The protest is made by Berger especially because of the court-martialing of Szanto and 30 others who face possible execution because of pro-labor activities.

Berger's cable, a copy of which he sent to the International Labor Defense says: "Remember Mazzini and Kossuth were considered dangerous radicals by the rulers of their day. Therefore heed history. Be merciful and prevent the murder of your radical countrymen."

VICTOR L. BERGER, Member of Congress.

## Ex-Spy Exposes Security League Strike Breakers

(By Federated Press)  
PASSAIC, N. J.—Strike-breaking methods of the National Security League are being exposed by Jack Bryan, former mill spy and agent provocateur employed by the Botany mills during the 1926 textile strike. Bryan's letters to the Passaic Daily News accuse Robert J. O'Brien—late of the National Security League—of framing up Albert Weisbord, strike leader, last summer. O'Brien, he says, was well paid for the work, getting an initial retainer of \$1,000 and more later.

According to Bryan, O'Brien directed the raid on the office of the United Front Committee at Passaic last April. He helped the grand jury frame up the "evidence" in the indictment on which Weisbord is still held under \$30,000 bonds. O'Brien also, in a flippant mood, tossed off the figure of \$200,000 as the amount of "Moscow gold" which he declared was behind the strike. Senator Edwards of New Jersey used this figure in his speech in the U. S. Senate defending the mill owners.

O'Brien is now reported to be operating another "League for the Constitutional Defense" at 309 Fifth Avenue. Within the last 19 years he is said to have founded at least a score of these leagues, devised solely for the purpose of raising money from the bosses to line his own pockets. In Norman Haggood's forthcoming book on "Professional Patriots" (Boni Bros.) Mr. O'Brien will receive "honorable mention" as one of the world's foremost inventors of names for "patriotic" leagues.

"Czar" Daly is Removed.

One of the first acts of Police Commissioner Warren has been to remove Deputy Commissioner Daly, known as the czar of the taxi industry. Warren says he will appoint a civilian in his place as director of the traffic division of the police department.

## WORKERS: PROTEST AGAINST DEATH OF SACCO AND VANZETTI!

realizing that a good attack is the best defense, are already taking steps to circumvent the intentions of the employers and are carrying on a campaign against piecemeal.

## Our Australian Letter

March 11th, 1927.  
As I mentioned in my last letter, the Commonwealth Arbitration Court decided that 44 hours per week would be the standard hours for workers in the metal industry of Australia. All of the unions in the metal industry are now preparing their cases for the variation, which will give them the reduced hours of work.

Last year the metal unions in N. S. W. won the 44-hour week by the strike method, and they lost 4 hours pay. It is the 4 hours pay that they are after now. The fact that the metal workers in N. S. W. already had a 44-hour working week was a big factor in the recent 44-hour case in the Commonwealth Court. It is known that N. S. W. ironmasters were anxious that similar hours should prevail in each state, so that employers in some states would have no undue advantage of those of other states.

**Fear American Methods.**  
There is a grave danger that American methods are about to be introduced into the factories of Australia. Sometime ago, a delegation was dispatched by the Commonwealth government to America for the purpose of studying speed-up methods, bonus systems, co-partnership, etc., and last week Chief Judge Dethridge made the following very clear remarks:

"The forty-four hour week is possible only if the workers in every way work up to their limit to keep up to the collar all the time. No court, no parliament, no power on earth can get a forty-four hour week for the workers if they do not do their best. It means that payment by results will have to be recognized as a legitimate thing. It does not matter about union rules. Payment by results must come. If it does not come the forty-four hours will have to go."

**Fight Piece Work.**  
We shall see. Some of the unions,

## POLISH WORKERS PROTEST AGAINST WHITE TERRORISM

### Extort False Evidence By Torture; Bar Marx

WARSAW, Poland, April 17.—The ruthless cruelty with which Marshal Joseph Pilsudski has attempted to crush opposition to his reactionary government is indicated in a resolution adopted by the Polish Federation of Labor.

"Citizens are robbed of their rights in a manner which makes the guarantees provided by the Constitution a mockery. It is despicable that citizens should be arrested and kept in jail for their political convictions, for their membership in a party or for having paid party fees or sold literature. Even worse things happen.

"Agent provocateurs are employed for the discovery of offenses. Suspects are held for months in prison, and there often subjected to unmentionable torments, only to be finally released, wrecked and exhausted for want of proof.

Bar Marx.

"Newspapers such as the Robotnik and Kurjer Poranny, works such as 'Capital' and 'Communist Manifesto' of Marx are prohibited.

"Prisoners in the outer districts of Poland are exposed to maltreatment. At the preliminary examinations confessions are extorted by physical terrorism, by blows and sometimes by elaborate cruelty. In this fashion there is often extorted false evidence whereby fresh victims are then drawn in.

"To all the above must be added the activities of the courts of law, with their incredibly harsh sentences in political cases, sentences which are only founded on the evidence of spies. By such sentences there are often sent to prison adolescents who have perhaps committed some trifling offense."

"The appeal ends with the following demands:  
"Amnesty for political prisoners, especially minors, above all when they have been sentenced for merely belonging to a party.  
"More lenient sentences, especially for young offenders.  
"Abolition of the prevailing methods of police investigation, of the system of police spies, etc.  
"Strict supervision by the prison staff of the treatment of prisoners.  
"Energetic resistance to all attacks on the rights of citizens.  
"Compulsory consideration, in the sentence, of the period of detention on the remand in all political cases."

Worry Over Kellogg.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—President Coolidge was nettled today over recurring newspaper reports of splits and possible resignations in his cabinet.

The presidential spokesman declared there was no disagreement in the cabinet over the administration's Chinese policy. He particularly made the point that Secretary of Commerce Hoover approved all steps taken by this government in China.

The White House knows of no intention of Secretary of State Kellogg to resign, it was said. Even if Kellogg should retire, the spokesman declared that Hoover would not be appointed to the post.

## Labor Party Fight.

There is a terrific fight being waged in the N. S. W. branch of the Australian Labor Party at the present time. By various methods the officials of the Australian Workers' Union, led by J. Bailey of ballot box fame, have gained control of the executive of the A. L. P., and have postponed the Annual Conference from Easter until June. They know that if the conference is held at Easter they will lose control, because at Easter, on account of the holidays, rank and file delegates can attend. On the other hand, if the conference is held at June, only the officials will be able to attend. This decision has aroused a storm of protest throughout N. S. W.

The president, Mr. Seale, took matters into his own hands, and has called the conference for Easter. For doing this, Mr. Seale has been suspended by the executive, and it is quite possible that the Easter conference will be declared bogus. Nevertheless, I am convinced that the rank and file will rally to Seale, that the conference will be held at Easter, and that the Bailey faction will be defeated.

**Building Workers Out.**  
Active preparations are being made among N. S. W. unions to send a delegation to the Pan-Pacific Congress to be held at Canton on May 4th. We hope to send five delegates.

The building workers of Brisbane, Queensland are still being locked out because they refuse to work more than 40 hours per week. The "Labor" government is still doing all in its power to defeat the workers, but the men are still solid notwithstanding that they have been locked out for two months.



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Bonapartism in China.

Those spokesmen for imperialism who fondly imagine that history repeats itself are hailing the despicable treachery of Chiang Kai-shek as the beginning of another period of military dictatorship in China.

Fifteen years ago the nationalist movement was directed against the dynastic regime of the Manchus; the menace of imperialism was not evident to the broad masses.

That military dictatorship of a minority, which was known as bonapartism during the struggles of the bourgeoisie against the remnants of feudalism, becomes fascism in this period of social revolution.

The working class is the natural leader of all suppressed elements in China and is bearing the brunt of the attempted coup d'etat.

Under the influence of the Communists in the important industrial centers the labor movement has adopted the correct attitude toward the peasantry and will have the support of the active elements of that class.

Chiang Kai Shek's betrayal of the revolution will not go unpunished. The movement in China has gone too far to subside at the behest of this renegade and traitor and the money he has obtained from the agents of the great powers in China will be of no avail against the mass movement that is growing ever mightier and must drive onward until imperialism's bloody fangs can no longer reach out to crush the Chinese people.

Defend the Imprisoned Furriers and Cloakmakers!

The defense of the furriers and cloakmakers, whom Green, Woll, Sigman, the bosses and the socialist party officialdom are trying to railroad to jail is a first call on the workers of all shades of political opinion.

The most active, able and militant union members, beginning with Ben Gold of the Furriers' Joint Board, have been arrested on framed up charges and all forces of the bosses from courts to their agents in official labor circles are united in an effort to imprison them for long terms so the destruction of the unions can be facilitated.

The defense of these workers is defense of the trade union movement. A powerful movement in behalf of these workers is the best possible answer to the enemies of labor within and without the trade unions.

All workers behind the Joint Defense Committee! Sign the Roll Call!

Strengthen the movement for Sacco and Vanzetti, give more power to the demand for Hands Off China by freeing the needle trades militants, repelling the attack of reaction of the labor movement and leaving it free to devote all of its energy to the tremendous tasks which face it in this period when the imperialists are plotting another blood bath for the world's working class.

The City Elections in Passaic.

When, during the great strike in Passaic, the workers were being clubbed, gassed, run down by motorcycle police and jailed by the score THE DAILY WORKER told them there would come another day—a day of reckoning with the vicious city administration that was responsible for these outrages against workers striking for the elementary sort of living wage.

The opportunity to hit back and hit hard against the city administration is now here. The opening of the campaign in Passaic on Tuesday night, when the labor candidates for commissioners made their first appearance before the masses was a magnificent testimonial to the fact that the spirit of militancy is still alive.

Passaic has the commission form of government, which means that no party lines are supposed to be drawn. Candidates run as individuals. But the working class candidates can be distinguished from all others as effectively as if they ran on a straight labor ticket and the workers of Passaic will recognize and support them.

The campaign is also significant from another point of view, in as much as it brings back to Passaic Albert Weisbord, leader of the strike, who yielded to the demands of the A. F. of L. officials of the United Textile Workers and stepped out for the duration of the strike in order that the strikers of Passaic could

Woman and Child Labor in the Anthracite

By H. M. WICKS.

DURING the past few years the anthracite field in Pennsylvania has been invaded by light industry, particularly textiles, which employs mostly women and children.

There are thousands of places that geographically, and economically, as far as transportation and other facilities are concerned, offer better advantages than Scranton, Wilkes Barre, Pittston, Old Forge and the other anthracite towns.

The industrial board of Old Forge, a mining town in the very heart of the anthracite, tells prospective manufacturers:

"We will furnish as many women workers as you require at a wage of from eight to fifteen dollars per week."

The board further states that "manufacturers will be able to make a saving of from fifteen to thirty-five per cent on manufacturing costs by moving to smaller cities besides being free of union labor."

Superficial observers may think this agitation for new industries merely an awakening of the so-called civic spirit of the business men, who want to make the anthracite region something more than a one-industry territory, but the cause is to be found in the profound social and economic changes that have taken place quite recently and is due to the crisis in the coal industry itself.

While the standard of living of the inhabitants of the anthracite region

has never been higher than that of the average American worker, there was a time that families of miners were able to live on the wages obtained by the adult males. But that is no longer the case. The series of wage cuts, and the failure of the United Mine Workers' of America, under the national leadership of John L. Lewis, who betrayed the miners during the last great strike in the hard coal region, and under the local leadership of the renegade and traitor, Rinaldo Capellini, have so reduced the miners' wage that no longer can families be supported from the mines alone.

The shameful united front of the mine owners, the police, the courts and the labor officials against the miners has crippled the miners' organization so that it functions more as a company union than a trade union. This united front was plainly in evidence during the last hard coal strike when every militant leader in the region was jailed at the behest of Capellini and his henchmen.

The economies of the new situation in the anthracite are known to all Marxians, Capitalism, in order that it may constantly replace labor power in the market, must pay the heads of families sufficient to enable them to live and raise a family in order that there may be a new generation of slaves to become beasts of burden when the present generation goes to the scrap heap of industry.

But the wages and conditions of labor in the anthracite have fallen to such an extent that it is impossible for the "head" of the family to earn wages enough to maintain the rest of the family. Instead of receiving the value of his labor-power that he sells in the market, he receives less than its value. The result is that other members of the family have to enter

the labor market in order to supplement the family income. If the man works for less than the value of his labor power—the equivalent of the food, clothing and shelter necessary to maintain himself and family—the wife and children work for much less. The total income of the entire average family is barely sufficient nowadays to cover the value of the labor power of the man alone.

Lines of Slaves. In other days, when the union had a fighting policy in the anthracite, one passing through the region could see long lines of men coming from various towns and villages, finally merging into streams converging at the mouths of a few mines.

Today the men are not so numerous upon the barren highways of the region, because of unemployment. But the thinning lines of men have been augmented by thousands of women and children, some of whom walk from two to four miles to work (because their miserable wage forces them to try to save even the few cents required for carfare) in the silk mills and other textile establishments of Scranton and other cities and towns.

When miners resent seeing their wives and children headed like cattle into the slave pen of the new industries that have come into the region because of the exceptional advantages of cheap labor, they can thank the reactionary leaders of their union, whose policy not only aids the anthracite trust but aids the capitalist class as a whole by turning the region into a post hole of scabbery.

However, the "open shop paradise," as the Scranton chamber of commerce describes the hard coal region, will not endure very long, for the simple reason that the horrible conditions of living, of themselves, will drive the workers to organize. The time is not far distant when even the anthracite, which Lewis considers his stronghold, will rise against him and the labor movement will then become dominated by men who will start organization drives in every industry—including those who heed the boast of the Industrial Board of Old Forge and establish themselves there to be "free of union labor."

Passaic Election Struggle Continuation of Strike Struggle

By SYLVAN A. POLLACK. The campaign that is now taking place in Passaic, N. J., where Albert Weisbord, Simon Bambach and Simon Smelkinson are running as labor candidates with the endorsement of the Workers (Communist) Party is a vindication of the policy of participating in the every-day struggles of the workers that is practiced by the Communist movement the world over.

Until Strike Started. When on January 25, 1926 the workers of the Botany mills went out on strike, to be followed by the workers in the other mills, they were underpaid, overworked and browbeaten without any centralization, they had toiled day after day until the historic day that Albert Weisbord with the assistance of a small group of workers started the struggle that gained world wide prominence.

The strike is over. True, they have not won all of their demands, but in spite of that they have two important points as their heritage. One, a union. Two, an understanding of the class struggle and their class interests. During the political campaign that is now going on they will have an opportunity to prove that as well as an organizer.

Many of the former strikers are foreign born. They have no vote. But those who are citizens and still

live in the city of Passaic will, with practically no exceptions, vote for Weisbord and his colleagues. Some might say that it will be a personal vote, that the individual Weisbord will get the votes, not the program he will advance. That might be true in some cases but thousands of Passaic workers have begun to understand their class interest and will vote for all candidates that stand for the interests of the working class exclusively, as opposed to the liberals or the more reactionary.

Liberals Not Friends. They are beginning to understand that a liberal as Judge Cabell, who, although he supported the strike, is no more their friend in the long run than Commissioner of Public Safety Preskiel, who had them beaten on the picket line. Cabell was seeking office and supported the strikers. Preskiel was in office and suppressed the workers. Today, both Cabell and Preskiel are candidates for commissioners and both of them ignore the strike.

While Cabell and Preskiel and the other capitalist candidates ignore the strike, to Weisbord, Bambach and Smelkinson it is a most vital issue. They will dramatize the happenings of that famous page in labor's history and explain it to the workers who are now listening to the many candidates for political office.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Editor, THE DAILY WORKER:

The following is a tid-bit from a speech by Rev. John N. Lyle, speaking at the Workers Educational League, and reported in the Seattle Union Record, for March 5:

"Don't be too hard on old Britain. We owe a lot to the British. If it hadn't been for them we would be speaking Spanish here now. Are we going to scuttle out of China? The Indian did not make the best use of the land in America and the white man took it away from him. If the Chinese do not make the best use of

their land then the other nations will."

This is given space in a so-called labor paper. The man of god has overlooked a few items, as follows: England produces 90 per cent of the world's opium, thanks to the Lord. England has a revenue of nearly 100 million pounds, sufficient to run its own government.

England has had two opium wars in China, and is now going through the last one. (Thanks to the Chinese Awakening). England lends money to opium growers in India

join the main stream of the American trade union movement. Now that the strike is over he can again take his place as leader of the Passaic masses and his candidacy for commissioner gives him an opportunity to discuss before the workers the policies to be followed in resisting the conspiracies of the bosses to take from them gains made during the strike. The United Textile Union officials have been yielding too much to the bosses, have been retreating and forcing the workers to accept impositions. This retreat must stop and the struggle must be intensified all along the line.

The workers of Passaic have shown their fighting spirit as strikers. If those who have the right to vote will "vote as they strike" and strive to get other workers in Passaic to support them they can make another valuable contribution to the labor movement through laying the foundation for a powerful local labor party that will give impetus to a state labor party and tremendously aid in stimulating sentiment for a labor party on a national scale. Just as the working class of the nation watched Passaic during the great struggle of last year so they will eagerly watch this new phase of the fight.

Let's Fight On! Join The Workers Party!

In the loss of Comrade Ruthenberg the Workers (Communist) Party has lost its foremost leader and the American working class its staunchest fighter. This loss can only be overcome by many militant workers joining the Party that he built.

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Distribute the Ruthenberg pamphlet, "The Workers (Communist) Party, What It Stands For and Why Workers Should Join." This Ruthenberg pamphlet will be the basic pamphlet throughout the Ruthenberg Drive.

Every Party Nucleus must collect 50 cents from every member and will receive 20 pamphlets for every member to sell or distribute.

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without interest. It has nearly 5,000,000 dope customers in America, many of them only school children.

The British Empire has far greater number of customers in U. S. A. at the present time than the total population in the year 1776. Yours truly, S. F. BRANCH, Seattle, Wash.

Likes Insurance Articles.

I was over delighted to read your just indictment of the "Big Four" insurance gang. I hope that this effort of yours will bring about an honest investigation.

At any rate it will disturb some of the minds of the victims of the "Big Four" and as every progressive move results in a certain amount of disturbance—let's go!

Best wishes for your insurance exposure. Joseph P. Roth.

The I. R. T. Situation.

Editor, DAILY WORKER: I take this opportunity to address and inform you I have become a reader of your wonderful paper and I assure you I am delighted at its aspirations in favor of the working men.

I, as an employee of the I. R. T. New York, want to bring under your notice the 5% increase in pay starting April 1 donated by Mr. Hedley. This is what he confiscated from us two years ago by a fake vote controlled by Paddy Connolly from the windy city.

Now then, every man on the job, employed by the I. R. T. knows that

DRAMA

Michael Gold's "Fiesta" Postponed Till October

Michael Gold's "Fiesta" will not be produced until next fall. Following a dress rehearsal last week, the directors of the New Playwrights Theatre decided to withdraw the play for recasting and rewriting.

John Howard Lawson, managing director of the New Playwrights, and author of "Loud Speaker" said that Gold's play contained "great artistic values and vital potentialities, which the production had not realized."

Broadway Briefs

"The Seventh Heart," a comedy by Sarah Ellis Hyman, is announced by the Lionel Productions to open at the Mayfair Theatre May 2.

The Shakespeare Fellowship will present a revival of "As You Like It" under the auspices of the American Theatre Association Tuesday afternoon, May 7.

"Blood Money," a melodrama by George Middleton, adapted from a short story of H. H. Van Loan's, will be presented by Mrs. Henry B. Harris in New Haven on May 16.

Frank C. Reilly, whose production of "Pickwick" has been playing on tour and is now playing in Boston.

ALISON SKIPWORTH



In "New York Exchange", playing a week's engagement at the Bronx Opera House beginning tonight.

announces that his next Dickens production will be "The Mystery of Edwin Drood."

"Creoles," a play by Samuel Shipman and Kenneth Perkins, which Hatcher Hughes is revising, will be placed in rehearsal next month by Albert Lewis.

The Civic Repertory Players begin their final two weeks in New York this evening. On May 2 the company will begin a Spring tour opening that night in Washington for a week's stay.

Three premieres are scheduled for this evening. Milne's "The Pin Passes By" at the Garrick; "Love Is Like That" at the Cort and "Lady Do" at the Liberty.

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Sacco and Vanzetti Must Not Die! They have been in jail too long for "so-called murderers," to prove that they have done any crime. This alone is enough to prove that they are innocent. This has not been an open and honest trial. All the facts and evidence for the defense has been ignored. Even prominent liberals have been horrified at this miscarriage of "justice." Where are the leaders of the A. F. of L. Why are they silent?

They are too busy expelling left wing workers from the trade-unions. Also secretly conspiring with the bosses, courts, police and gangsters of the underworld, to destroy the unions and imprison their militant and honest leaders. The entire labor movement must act quickly and effectively. This can only be done by sending petitions to the governor of Massachusetts and general stoppage of work for a short time. Also the workers must come out on the street and demonstrate their determination for their liberation. The cry of the workers must be: Sacco and Vanzetti must not die; they must be set free!

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# HANDS OFF CHINA, STOP WORLD WAR, IS APPEAL OF WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY

(Continued from Page One) revolutionary goals in China. New American and British marines have perpetrated in 1914 blood the massacre of thousands of Chinese working men and working women at Nanking. The notorious bandit and imperialist, Chiang Kai-shek, has been ordered to make an unwarranted attack on the Soviet Union in Peking. Chiang Kai-shek has been induced to attack the Chinese labor movement. Every effort has been made to make it appear that the war, when it breaks out, has been caused by the Chinese labor movement or by the Soviet Union.

**Soviet Union for Peace.**  
But the Soviet government, being a republic of workers and farmers, has fended the maneuvers of the bankers and imperialists. The Soviet Republic struck for peace by merely withdrawing its representatives from the seat of the imperialist puppet, Chang Tso-lin. Every capitalist government in the world would have declared war instantly for far less provocation than this outrageous attack.

On the heels of this there came the criminal ultimatum of the British, American, Japanese, French and Italian imperialists demanding immediate heavy payments and humiliating apologies by the Cantonese for the supposed losses suffered by foreigners while British and American destroyers were bombarding Nanking.

**Chiang Kai-shek—Traitor.**  
Now the infamous imperialist efforts to split the Kuomintang, to throw the revolutionary forces into chaos, have come to light in all their ugliness. Chiang Kai-shek, the commander of the Cantonese military forces, has surrendered to the imperialists. Chiang Kai-shek has declared

war on the best fighters of the Chinese revolution by making a murderous assault upon the laborers, the trade unions of Shanghai, wounding and killing hundreds of workers after disarming them.  
All of these events are only links in the chain the imperialists have been forging for intervention in and destruction of revolutionary China, for an attack upon the Soviet Union—in short for the bringing on of a colossal world war.

**The American Imperialists' Game.**  
Why is the United States government so militant and aggressive in its hostility to revolutionary Chinese nationalism? Why is the Wall Street administration of Coolidge step by step moving with the other imperialist powers towards another world war?

The answer is as plain as daylight. The American imperialists dread the effect of a revolutionary Chinese nationalist victory upon the Philippines. Inspired and encouraged by such a victory, the Filipino people would take steps to wrest their national freedom and complete independence from American imperialism. A victory for revolutionary Chinese nationalism will lower the prestige of all imperialist powers. It will tend to lower considerably the prestige of the haughty Yankee imperialism in all Latin-America.

Our ruling class is today the dominant imperialist world power. It is best equipped for a war because more than half the world's gold is in its coffers. American imperialism hopes to gain through a world war new, tremendous advantages for consolidating, extending and perpetuating its present dominating position in the mastery of the world's resources.

**Stand by Revolutionary China and the Soviet Union.**  
Working men and working women! Let us unite our ranks against the growing menace of a new imperialist world war.

We must do all in our power to stop our imperialist government from helping to drown the Chinese revolution in a sea of blood.

In this critical hour everyone of us must spare no effort or pain to crush all attempts to attack the Soviet Union.

Let not the momentary effects of the treason of Chiang Kai-shek to the cause of revolutionary Chinese nationalism dismay us! The working and farming masses of China will soon come into their own despite the blackest manipulations of the American, British, and other imperialist plunderbands.

**Communists Demand World Peace.**  
There must be no new imperialist world war! The Communists throughout the world, inspired by the glorious example set by the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics which has been and continues to be the greatest defender and champion of world peace, stand resolutely opposed to another imperialist war. We Communists are firmly set against another imperialist world war. We Communists want world peace.

The Workers (Communist) Party of America strongly urges the American working and farming masses to do everything in their power to hold back the American government from plunging the world into a new mass slaughter!

**Hands Off China!**  
**Hands Off the Soviet Union!**  
**Down With Imperialist War!**  
Long Live the International Solidarity of the Workers of the World!  
**CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY OF AMERICA.**

## Weisbord to Speak At Sacco-Vanzetti Protest Meeting

PASSAIC, N. J., April 17.—Albert Weisbord, strike leader and one of the labor candidates in the race for Passaic city commissioner, will be one of the speakers at a Sacco-Vanzetti protest mass meeting to be held in Belmont Park, Garfield, on Wednesday night, April 20.

Others speakers will include Carlo Tresca and Francesco Coco, the latter also a prominent figure in the Passaic textile strike.

Weisbord's return to Passaic was hailed with unrestrained joy by over 4,000 textile workers packed into Ukrainian Hall last Wednesday night, where he acquiesced to their demand that he run for commissioner.

**Passaic Workers Aroused.**  
That the workers of Passaic are aroused over the brazen attempt to railroad these two men to the electric chair was demonstrated last Wednesday night when Weisbord and other members of the Workers (Communist) Party were cheered to the echo in their demand for justice for Sacco and Vanzetti.

The six United Textile Workers locals in Passaic and vicinity, together with the District Textile Council, have sent telegrams to Governor Fuller of Massachusetts, protesting this attempted murder and demanding the release of Sacco and Vanzetti.

The mass meeting at Belmont Park is called by the local branch of the International Workers Aid, in conjunction with the anti-Fascist leagues of Clifton and Lodi.

# CO-OPERATIVES

## Results of the Soviet Union Organizational Conference of the Consumers' Cooperatives

(Foreign Bulletin of the Centrosoyuz) (MOSCOW.—A conference of managers of the organized departments of the national and regional consumers' co-operative alliances of the U. S. S. R. has recently taken place in the Centrosoyuz. The decisions of that conference will be of vital importance for the further development of the organizational activities of the consumers' co-operatives.

In accordance with the decisions of the seventeenth session of the Centrosoyuz council (November 29-December 4, 1926), the conference took up, in the first place, the practical side of the immediate tasks of the organization work of the consumers' co-operatives.

**General Tasks.**  
Starting out with the general tasks which are confronting the co-operatives at the present time, the conference decided that most of the attention of the organizational departments must be directed primarily to the solution of the following three groups of questions:

1. To the organizational and systematic work in all branches of consumers' co-operation and the construction of a unified systematic management.
2. To the rationalization of the system and the technical work of the apparatus.
3. To the further activation of the co-operative masses and the drawing in of the membership for the solution of the burning questions connected with co-operative construction.

The main pre-requisites for a successful systematization of the trading activities of the co-operative organizations must, according to the conference, be the improvement of the business relations within the system. Plans must be drawn up on the basis of the paying capacity of the consumers, particularly the shareholders, and on the basis of the organizational, technical and financial possibilities of the system and the economic situation in general. The planning should be effected by special commissions which form part of the organizational departments.

Urgent questions concerning the rationalization of the system and the work of the apparatus in connection with the price reduction campaign, make it incumbent upon the Organizational Departments to investigate the most rational types of construction of regional unions, the possibility of the further strengthening of the district unions, the elaboration of prospective plans of further extension of the periphery and in general, the question of the advisability of constructing the periphery on the type of the multiple-shop system or the single shop system, in the various districts.

**How Many Employees.**  
The numerical composition of employees must be regulated in accordance with the quotas for a maximum amount of work for every employee. In questions of commercial organization, attention should be centered on the struggle against indirect forms of conveying commodities, on maximum development of operations in transit, and also on the establishment of storing centres and regulations of transport.

In co-operating with the masses and drawing them into the practical work of co-operative construction, the conference devoted special attention to the solution of the following questions: on facilitating new membership affiliation with the consumers' cooperatives of the village poor; on the methods of materially interesting the shareholders, on mobilizing the means of circulating in the hands of the population; on the creation of a co-operative cadre of active workers, and finally, on the methods of co-operative education work.

The conference has also dealt with the system of assigning special funds from the profits of the co-operatives for the co-operation of the poor peasants, and worked out ways and means for the improvement of his work. The best methods of interesting the shareholders materially has been recognized to be the granting of the premiums on sales to shareholders.

**New Methods.**  
The conference has also dealt with the methods of carrying out the organizational measures which it decided on. In this respect the conference stressed particularly on the necessity that the instructors of the organizational departments of the co-operative alliances should also be rationalizers of the co-operative system and organizers of the co-operative membership.

Furthermore the conference endorsed the decision of the First All-Union Conference (1925) on the necessity of annual investigations in all consumers' co-operatives and that the instructors of the alliances should act primarily in the capacity or organizers controlling the activities of the investigating committees.

The conference has also decided that the principal instructors' work should consist in investigating the activities of the consumers' co-operatives in their special spheres of activity and that the general control of the periphery should be effected on the basis of establishing systematic accounting.

The conference devoted a good deal of attention to the questions of rais-

ing the qualifications of the instructors. The main form of retraining the instructors was recognized to be the organization of special three or four week courses organized by the regional alliances and the Centrosoyuz during the summer.

Finally, the conference considered the questions relating to the rationalization of the work of the co-operative employees and of systematizing the co-operative press. On the first question detailed decisions were adopted on the methods of drawing the co-operative employees into the work of perfecting the co-operative apparatus. On the second question, the tasks of the local and central publications were specified.

Subsequent to the All-Union Organizational Conference, national and regional conferences will be held. These conferences will work on the basis of the decisions of the national conference and will devote their time to adapting those decisions to the local conditions of the various regions.

## Mineola Audience Disgusted by Stool Pigeon's Testimony

By MICHAEL GOLD.  
Since Judas hung himself on a sour-apple tree, the feeling has been widespread that a stool pigeon is the meanest form of human life.

This may be superstition, but the stool pigeon who testified yesterday at the trial of Ben Gold and 19 other furriers at Mineola shifted his eyes from side to side and found not a friendly face in the courtroom.

Everyone seemed a little nauseated, even the hard-boiled dicks and court attendants, as the slimy, smelly and jigsawed story dropped from the twitching lips of the young Judas on the witness stand.

His name was Barnet Basoff, and he held the stand for about four hours before a fascinated audience. In that time he admitted at least twenty times that he had lied in previous testimony, and had double-crossed the union, the lawyer who had previously defended him, and most of his friends.

His testimony was a bewildering mass of admitted lies and counter-lies. In a previous trial he had been asked whether he was telling the truth about a certain matter.

"I can say it to God alone that this is the truth," he testified dramatically.

When asked whether it had been the truth Basoff said it was not but that he had used the name of God to make his previous lie more impressive. This admission did not help sweeten the odor of rat in the courtroom. It was a sample of all his testimony.

Basoff was not an important member of the furriers' union during the strike last year, but he has become important in this trial because it is on his story that the prosecution is chiefly basing its case against Ben Gold and the others.

His testimony yesterday went back and forth through the questions leveled at him by the district attorney and the attorneys for the defense, but synthesized, the following queer tale, worthy of a Joseph Conrad was unfolded:

1.—Basoff said he had been a furrier only a year, and then when the strike came, he was put on the G. P. C., three letters which he repeated again and again very mysteriously, until the defense attorney got him to admit they meant only the General Picketing Committee.

2.—He didn't belong to the union while serving on this committee, but was employed only for "strong-arm" work, in return for which he was paid his room rent, he said.

3.—Last April, while seated in the cafeteria at Astoria Hall, Schnieder and Shapiro, two furriers' union officials, told him he must come upstairs, to go out with 11 other furriers to Long Island, to wreck a shop there.

4.—Then according to his story, he came out in a car with about 12 furriers, and they entered a little shop over a chop suey house in Rockville Centre, L. I. To his horror, the stool pigeon said, he discovered the shop was owned by Mike Barnett, a friend of his here and in England for the past 16 years.

5.—Terrible things happened in the shop, cutting of furs, and terrorizing of women, and the beating up of Barnett, the man who was running the "open shop" with two Greek girls who had carried union cards up to the time of the strike, but had now decided to work on the American plan while their fellow-unionists were on strike.

6.—Basoff the stool pigeon was arrested the next day. The union got him out on bail for \$25,000. While out on bail he heard two furriers arguing in Astoria Hall as to who had cut the boss of the open shop in Long Island, and each had boasted that he had done it. The stool pigeon had a friend named Eddie who was also present at this queer conversation. He even said to this friend:

"You hear what they said, Eddie?" And Eddie of course, answered, "yes."

# Statement by Joint Defense and Relief Committee of Cloakmakers and Furriers to All Workers

From the Joint Defense and Relief Committee of Cloakmakers and Furriers comes the following stirring appeal to all workers to join in the campaign in behalf of their fellow-workers in jail.

"No one must stand aside in the fight to save the Needle Trades Unions. It is time to act together against the union smashers, Sigman, Schachtman, Woll, Beckerman, Green, McGrady and the Bosses have united to destroy every free expression within the working class movement. It is a deliberate conspiracy to impose class collaboration, i. e. unions serving the interests of the bosses, upon the workers.

**Uses All Means.**  
"This gang steps at nothing. Squads of gangsters, provocateurs are used to break the morale of the workers. Bloody onslaughts occur in the markets. New men are picked daily to be sent away for long prison terms.

"About 40 cloakmakers and furriers are now lying in jail. The list of workers attacked and beaten up grows daily. Dozens of workers who have been framed up on various charges have been placed under bail bonds running up as high as \$25,000.

"Ben Gold, Mencher, Shapiro and other members of the Furriers' Joint Board are now experiencing the workings of capitalistic justice in the Ku Klux Klan town of Mineola. The trial of J. Goretzky, manager of Lo-

cal 35 has been postponed to the 22nd of April, to be heard before the same considerate Judge Rosalsky, who has already sentenced a score of innocent cloakmakers to long prison terms because of their steadfast loyalty to the union during the strike.

**Yellow Socialists Responsible.**  
"Behind all of this stand the official union smashers allied with the Forward and socialist party officialdom in their treason to the working class.

"Workers, it is your plain duty to enter into the fight to save the unions in the garment industry. Victory will go a long way toward driving the agents of the bosses out of the unions of food, building, transportation, leather, etc., etc.

"It is time to deliver a death blow to the power of the black legion in the unions. The workers in jail must be torn from the clutches of their so-called "justice." The families whose breadwinners are imprisoned must be furnished relief.

"The Joint Defense and Relief Committee is exhausting every effort to raise enough money to cover the enormous expense. 100,000 dollars must be raised at once. Regardless of your condition, we call upon you to pay a voluntary tax.

**"ONE DOLLAR FROM EVERY WORKER."**

"However great the burden, however much you have given, do not postpone this immediate donation.

Remember! your cost is a dollar—our brother workers are paying with their freedom.

"Do you like to see the imprisoned Cloakmakers and Furriers in jail?"

"Do you like to see their families suffering and in want?"

"Do you like to see other active union members now under charges sentenced to long prison terms?"

"If not! Fill out the certificate printed in the advertisement of this committee and mail it to the office of the committee with one dollar. This reply will encourage the mass of workers to keep up their fight for a clean union.

"The necessity is so great that even if you have already given, we ask you to give again and sign this Roll Call."

## Frey to Go to Geneva As Government Expert

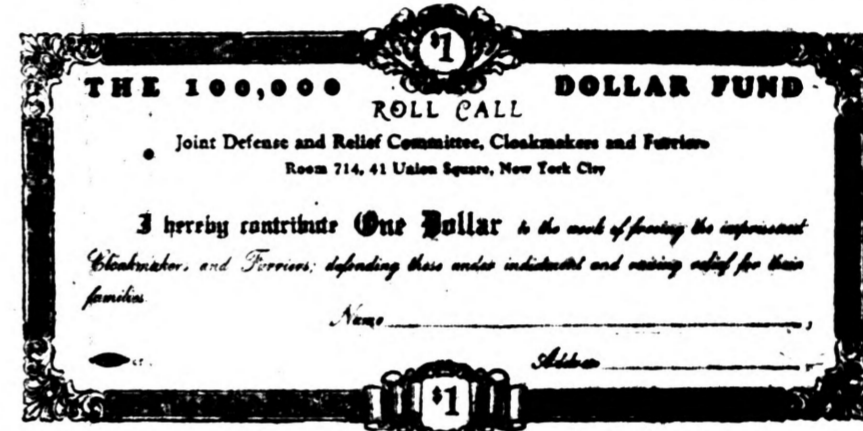
WASHINGTON, April 17.—John P. Frey, reactionary ex-secretary-treasurer of the Molders' Union, and at present president of the Ohio State Federation of Labor and member of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, will be named labor expert on the American commission to the Geneva economic conference, the White House announced yesterday.

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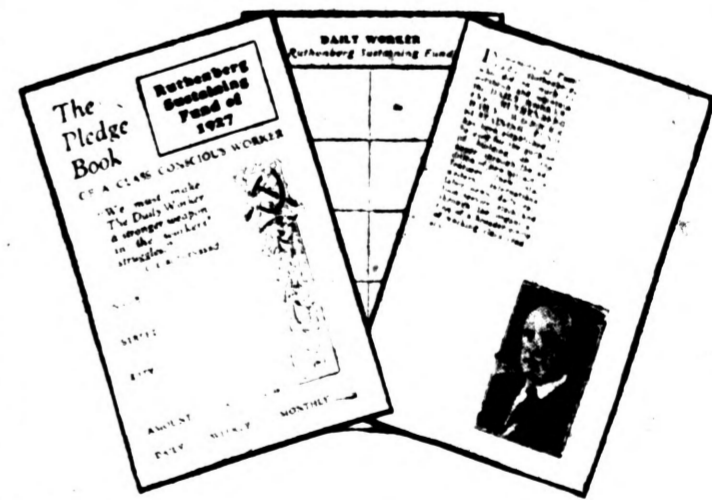
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# Klan and Church in Mineola Both Anti-Labor

By MARGARET LARKIN.

In the great, palatial county court house in Mineola, Ben Gold and ten of his comrades, fighters in the vanguard of labor, are standing trial. They were denied a change of venue to another community. Supreme Court Justice Callaghan thinks that they will get "justice" in Nassau County.

Mineola and Rockville Center, where the original assault was supposed to have occurred some months ago, are curiously dead, deserted villages. They are the backbone of the office buildings of New York. Clerks and petty managers, bookkeepers who have married stenographers, three thousand dollar a year men who hang onto the fringes of Big Business, and little business men, form the bulk of the population of Nassau County.

### They Commute.

They have moved to Long Island, bought one of the standardized houses put up cheaply by real estate development corporations, and settled down in the good air to bring up their families. Small storekeepers, garage men, beauty parlor operators, and ministers of the gospel have followed them to care for their bodies and souls.

There is little industrial life in the county. The people are all glad that they do not have to work in factories, or risk their lives in the building trades, or their lungs in the fur shops. They are getting up in the world, and they are very much in favor of the status quo. They are contented with their homes, their jobs, their commuting schedule, their babies, and their automobiles purchased on time. The provincial air of these villages, set down between garbage heaps only forty minutes' ride from New York, is incredible.

In Mineola the people have "real American ideas." They are vaguely alarmed at the talk that there are "a bunch of Communists" on trial in their handsome courthouse. The real estate and insurance man who helped me find the courthouse shook his head sadly over the situation. "I guess there's a lot of this radical stuff around in the country now," he grieved. "I tell you what, the American people has to protect themselves from that bolshevism. We aren't going to have anything like that going on here in Mineola. I guess old Lou Smith will see to it these fellows get what's coming to them."

### Catholic Community!

The fat, toothless catholic priest and his smart young assistant were of much the same opinion. "I guess if they can prove they're Socialists, it'll go hard with them, hm?" he queried. The assistant explained that the community was strongly catholic, and the relative size and importance of the catholic real estate holdings seemed to bear him out, although this is not always an indication, since the priests are better business men for the Lord than the protestant ministers ever dare to be.

In Rockville Center, as well as in Mineola, there is much vague talk about the Ku Klux Klan. Although the general opinion among priests, protestant ministers, lawyers, radio experts, and doctors seems to be that the power of the Klan has declined in Nassau County as well as in the nation at large, there is no doubt that it holds some of its old prestige in some villages.

### Burn Fiery Cross.

There are periodical meetings in fields, a fiery cross is burned now and then, a Jewish garage owner had received a threatening letter some months ago. Mineola witnessed a Klan Konklave and parade. The Klan seems dormant now, but mostly, I believe, because in that exemplary, one hundred per cent community, there is not sufficient evil doing to sustain the interest of the members. It is not inconceivable that the trial of "that bunch of Communists" might kindle the spark for a vigorous demonstration.

### All Hate The Union.

Even if the actual membership of the Klan has declined, it has left behind it a residue of prejudice, hatred, and anti-Semitic and anti-radical sentiment that cannot fail to operate against the furriers. It is significant, that not one of the fifteen or twenty solid citizens whom I interviewed, was ready to state that Klan influence might not affect the fate of the men on trial. The priests declared staunchly that the Klan was "nearly dead," but I think that they were whistling in the dark.

## HIRELINGS AT WORK

By EUGENE KREININ.

The innocent condemned  
Hurl the lie of justice  
Into the face  
Of the guilty. . . .  
  
For class rule  
And its consequent justice  
Has at no time  
In any land under the yoke  
Of capitalist oppression,  
Shown its ugly criminal-sly face.  
As today, in the fortress of Wall Street.  
  
And exposed they stand  
Before the thinking proletariat.  
As the hired henchmen  
Of the ruling class. . . .

The cry of protest  
Spreads over fields and workshops:  
Even beyond the heads  
Of the official labor bureaucracy.  
Engaged at all times  
In the service of the enemy. . . .  
  
So vicious the motive,  
So criminal the attempt,  
That even legality  
Cannot cloak its lawlessness. . . .

And the hirelings,  
Robbed for the role assigned  
And conscious of their mission,  
Twitch nervously at the glare of light  
Thrown upon them  
By the accusation  
Of their victims. . . .

# Moscow in October

## III.—SELF-MADE COMMANDERS

The soldier comrades of the cyclist battalion which was on Lubanskaya Square came up and assembled in the streets of China Town in the night, and at day-break the Junkers opened machine gun and rifle fire from the roofs. The soldiers kept close to the walls, and retreated leaving the dead and dragging along the wounded. They brought many wounded to the Moscow Soviet.

"Comrades!" Those "cyclists" who were still living, said to us, "Give us commanders, we are losing through the lack of them."

But who could be sent to command? Some non-commissioned officer getting canned-meat out of a tin with a pen-knife, heard (so a "cyclist" told me) about the defeat in China Town. Wiping the knife on his overcoat, the non-commissioned officer said to me: "Give me the order and I will go take command."

"There is a battalion there," I replied.

"I can ever command a battalion," replied the non-commissioned officer, continuing to chew a piece of cold-meat.

The order was immediately typed out on the machine by Comrade Samsonov, and the non-commissioned officer was sent off to the seat of combat as commander of the battalion.

In the evening of the same day, together with Comrade Muralov, we went over the entire buildings of the Moscow Soviet: yard, various out-houses, etc., and everywhere there were soldiers. Soldiers in compact crowds and parties. I came out on the Skobelev (now Soviet) Square. Some detachment of soldiers or other without a commander, was calling the roll and lining up.

"One, two, one two,"  
Afterwards, the soldier who stood in front cried out:

"Left turn! quick march!"

And the detachment marched off down Bryussovsky Pereulok.

I went up to the one who was commanding, and who was marching in the front ranks. He was a pock-marked almost hairless little man with a musical voice.

"Where are you going to?" I asked him.

"Down Bryussovsky, can't you hear, the Cadets' are making it hot for our fellows down there."

"How do you know, who ordered you to go there?"

"If we did not know, we would not go: our own fellows have told us, and who can give orders anyway? The officers of our regiment are over there on the side of the Cadets, can't you hear?"

I wrote down the name of the soldier and he afterwards took command of the entire Bryussovsky sector.

On the next day early in the morning, before my table there stood complete with gold epaulettes, a smartly dressed young non-commissioned officer with a little black moustache who said:

"Please give me a job at the front."

"Are you a Bolshevik?"

"Yes."

"What regiment do you belong to?"

"I came here together with the whole of our regiment from Padolsk. I am the only officer who remained with the soldiers. And now we are all at your disposition."

"And what a pity you did not come before. Things are not going well with the cyclist battalion in China Town. We had to send an unknown non-commissioned officer there."

"That does not matter, I can also go there."

"It is not convenient to change now. If you like, you can go to the Nikitskie Vorota. Our position there in two houses". The Junkers have all the time kept up a steady fire there and this evening they tried to come up and attack."

"Alright then, I'll go there. I will take one or two fellows from our regiment. Here, this comrade," the non-commissioned officer opened the door of the headquarters and called a

\* The soldiers called all their enemies "cadets," no matter whether they were Junkers, officers, volunteers, students or any other defenders of the old order.

\*\* It was these that were afterwards burnt by the Junkers. But one of them, we think, has already been restored and the Timiryazev Statute erected in the place of the other.

soldier who was standing there; "this comrade will not as liaison with H. Q.," said the non-commissioned officer, "I will send him to tell you how things are going on."

"And your name comrade, I asked the non-commissioned officer?"

"Ensign Reutov," he replied.

Comrade Samsonov again tapped off an order on the typewriter and Ensign Reutov, after receiving it, came boldly forward, shook my hand and marched out with a gait of a young fine soldier.

He had hardly gone out when again the same "cyclist" ran in and threw himself on me almost shouting.

"Comrade! Our commander is gone."

"How, where?"

"The devil knows. I only know that the Junkers are making it hot for us on Lubyanka and we can hardly hold out. Send someone."

"Oh hell, this Reutov has only just gone out."

I went to the field telephone. I phoned up the detachment of Red Guards and soldiers which was operating in the town district, coming down from the Sukharevka to Lubyanka with the object of getting onto the Red Square through China Town.

I spoke with Bobinsky and the non-commissioned Ershov, who were at the head of this detachment.

"Where are you," I asked.

"Near the Lubyanka. Moving forward successfully. . . ."

"Link up with the 'cyclists' and take them under your command."

I went off to the "cyclists" myself. They had certainly been having it hot from the cross-fire with the Junkers. There was no general command. Whoever liked was commanding several groups. Running from group to group I told the "cyclists" they should go through from Lubyanka and join up with the detachment of Boninsky and Ershov.

In the evening of the second day, I was again going round to the Moscow Soviet with Comrade Gurelov, in order to talk with the soldiers. Suddenly in one of the corridors, I noticed the familiar face of the non-commissioned officer. He was sitting on the floor changing his foot-wear.

"Comrade," I said to him, "why are you here and not in the position with the 'cyclists'?"

The question was also unexpected to him (the non-commissioned officer had not seen me as I had walked up to him from behind) as a stone dropping from heaven.

The non-commissioned officer jumped up on one leg with one gaiter unbound and muttered:

"They are shooting there. . . ."

I did not succeed in understanding him as the soldiers who were jostling around replied by concerted guffaws of laughter.

And without malice, but with amused contempt, they arrested the unfortunate non-commissioned officer on the spot and sent him to the Hotel "Dresden."

Returning to our little room at headquarters after making the round, I found a soldier there who was to have been the liaison between us and H. Q. and Ensign Reutov. This soldier was smothered in mud and taking off his grey fur hat, wiped the sweat that was running in stream from his forehead.

"Non-commissioned officer Reutov is killed," the messenger said to me. "Comrade Reutov commanded, went from one house to the other where our soldiers were stationed. We made a sally out of one house against the Cadets on two occasions. And nothing happened. And just a little while ago he came into the house where our detachment was stationed—on the third floor. A stray bullet got him in the nut. He fell down straight on the spot without a word. The soldiers were on the verge of tears especially our regiment."

And all the time, something was trickling down the face of the narrator towards his chin, both dirt, sweat, and perhaps tears.

The soldiers carried Comrade Reutov's corpse gently away from the fighting zone.

### THE END.

\*\*\* Now a trade union house (on the Soviet Square) and at that time nearly always occupied by prisoners.

## SACCO-VANZETTI MEETING SNAPSHOTS

By CHARLES YALE HARRISON  
A hard-boiled mounted cop viewing the enthusiastic demonstration with utter contempt.

Workers' Party worker arguing with a couple of snap necktie kibboes about the innocence of Sacco and Vanzetti and convincing them to the extent of their purchasing:  
2 copies of THE DAILY WORKER.  
1 copy of Frankfurter's book.  
2 signatures on the petition.  
2 sheepish looks.

Scott Nearing making an appeal for readers for THE DAILY WORKER and being uproariously cheered by the crowd.

The spirited ovation which greeted Gitlow as he made his appearance on the speaker's stand.

The contrasted appearance between the vendors of the New Leader (sleek, well dressed, obviously law students) breaking into a profitable field—from

the ground up), and Rufus, the unofficial Worker sales representative looking more proletarian than the proletariat.

Scores of pretty little sisnos and shipping clerks out for the afternoon. Lots of them paused to look and remained to cheer.

The look of amazement on the face of a tabloid reporter when a pert little W. P. comrade buttonholed him and compelled him to sign the Sacco and Vanzetti petition.

A young Irish blue-eyed cop who kept asking "When will this party break, I want to get home—I gotta date with my girl tonight."

The impromptu demonstration held afterwards outside the offices of the Freiheit. The crowds singing Internationale. The Freiheit staff waving red streamers and losing a shower of red confetti.

# Antheil: Composer of the Machine Age

By A. B. MAGL.

The body of Antheil is short. His straight, bay-colored hair curves obediently over his head. His nose is full and gently upturned at the end. His solemn, firm lips are slightly snarling. The color of his eyes I could not see.

The torso of Antheil bows. The audience applauds, shouts, gesticulates, waves handkerchiefs.

At Carnegie Hall, New York, on Sunday evening, April 10, George Antheil, the twenty-six year-old Trenton boy composer who had conquered eclectic Paris, hurled his new and defiant music at the standpaters, the pedants, the concert lobbyists, the serious students, the worshippers of his native land.

The standpaters shuddered. Ugh, how barbarous! Many of them left before the concert was over. Others, from their exalted towers in the press, sprinkled the music of Antheil with good-humored condescension.

The music of Antheil is rigidly contemporaneous. It is rooted firmly in the machine, in jazz, in the mechanical rhythms of our hypermechanistic age. It is a sophisticated music, but sophistication in its dress, neither flesh nor bone. And its core there springs a massive energy, an overwhelming sense of life.

And the music of Antheil has learned how to laugh, to stick out its tongue and thumb its nose. How much of laughter is there in the music of the past? The austere Beethoven sometimes in the scherzos of his symphonies permitted himself a little laughter, playfully without impudence. Can anyone imagine Brahms laughing?

In his Sonata for Violin, Piano and Drum Antheil laughs a suave, satirical laughter, poking fun at sentimental banalities, the sob melodies of a bygone day.

The Jazz Symphony. Negro leaping naked and sardonic, synopated perpendicularly, without curves. It is jazz ferocious and strong, animal-like, nothing soft, nothing languorous.

And then the Ballet Mecanique, Antheil's most daring work. No wonder the audience shouted, laughed, jeered, hissed while the great tread of the music plunged on relentlessly. The Ballet Mecanique is a gigantic mechanical chorus, a pounding of mighty hammers of sound. This huge, infinite whirling of wheels, the roar of machinery, the scream of an aeroplane, bells ringing madly, a monster of sound leaping upon the brain—it is too much for human nerves. Under this insistent tonal attrition, the sublimated madness and ferocity of the machine age, human nerves give way—they require some psychological exhaust valve.

No wonder the audience shouted, laughed, jeered, hissed. While the bodies of the players at the pianos swayed in cataleptic rhythm and Antheil pumped away darkly at his mechanical piano.

The music of Antheil is a mass music. This is in contradistinction to the music that has been dominant since Beethoven—the music of personality. The music of Stravinsky is also a mass music, but Stravinsky goes back largely to the past for his inspiration—to primitive sex worship in "Le Sacre de Printemps," to a folk tale in "L'Oiseau de Feu." Antheil's music, however, is an expression, a magnified sublimation of the mechanistic life of our day.

Both Stravinsky and Antheil have an extraordinary sense of rhythm. But Antheil has gone even further than Stravinsky, his rhythms are more subtly manipulated. He can be gentle or crushing, he can be keen and precise as a whip, he can be treacherously ingratiating.

Compared to the Jazz Symphony, George Gershwin's Concerto in F is sentimental and texturally flabby. Compared to the Ballet Mecanique, Honneger's Impressions of a locomotive, Pacific 231, is a mere mechanical toy.

Antheil sitting at the piano is rapt and inexorable. His hands rise and fall on the keys like cool pistons—plunge and hiss, plunge and hiss. And they beat out a lean, uncompromising music that is swift and terribly alive.

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## YOUNG MINERS! FIGHT LIKE HELL FOR VICTORY!

Bituminous miners! You are on strike—150,000 strong—to preserve your wage scale and your living standards which you won after many long struggles in the past. The aim of the operators is to wreck the miners' union and to reduce the miners to a condition of practical slavery.

In this strike the entire life of the union is at stake. AT THIS MOMENT THE OPERATORS THINK THEY SEE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DESTROY THE UNION COMPLETELY AND MAKE THE COAL INDUSTRY OPEN SHOP.

Despite the fact that the average miner works only part time throughout the year and must support a family and maintain a home, the operators wish to cut your wages. In their offensive to eliminate the union their first attack is at the present wage scale of \$7.50 which they wish to reduce by \$2.00 per day.

As a giant stride towards wrecking the union, the cry of district agreements has been raised. Unfortunately for the miners this is the desire not only of the operators but has also been expressed by President Lewis. District agreements are only the first step towards complete destruction of the effectiveness of the union as an instrument of struggle on behalf of the coal miners and must be resisted just as vigorously as wage cuts.

### Youth In The Mining Industry.

The young miner is an important factor in the mining industry. At an early age you experience the hazards of the industry generally but in addition you occupy the most dangerous jobs in the mine, such as trappers, conplers, spraggers, greasers, trip riders, etc. Accidents are common in these jobs and at the same time we find that the jobs you work at receive less wages than your adult brother in the mine.

### Three Dangers.

NUMBER ONE. The operators are enemies of the miners. They are out to destroy the union and to reduce the wages and worsen your conditions. The miners' strike must be turned into a militant offensive against the operators—weak policies must be replaced by fighting policies.

NUMBER TWO. In past strikes every force at the command of the operators has been mobilized against the miners, including the government, all the way from the federal government at Washington, D. C., to the local militia. The police, the state constabulary, the militia and even the national troops were mobilized against the miners. Now too, the courts will turn out injunctions and imprison miners for fighting the dirty scabs and for picketing the mines. The miners must appeal to their brothers in the militia:

"Don't Break Our Strike!"

"Don't Shoot Your Brothers!"

NUMBER THREE. Any attempts on the part of the union officials or anybody else to disrupt the fighting morale of the strikers by raising the cry of "District agreements," "Work while negotiations are proceeding," etc., must be fought vigorously. The rank and file of the miners themselves must organize RANK AND FILE COMMITTEES to cope with the situation and mobilize the forces for a 100 per cent strike and conduct a victorious struggle.

### How To Win The Strike!

The miners must show thru their actions and activity that they are prepared to resist any attempts coming either from the operators or from Lewis to force a reduction in wages or district agreements which mean a step in the direction of destruction of the union.

### Organize The Unorganized.

The fact that so many thousands of miners are unorganized is a standing menace to the wages, hours and conditions of the unionized miners. The only effective way to insure victory is a united front of all miners against the bosses. Not only must the miners demand that their officers institute a campaign for the organization of these non-union miners, but the rank and file themselves, and especially the young miner, must undertake this task.

### No District Agreements.

For years the miners have fought district agreements. District agreements mean surrender to the operators. Anyone advocating district agreements must be branded as a traitor to the interests of the miners.

### National Unity.

The anthracite miners, altho not immediately affected by this strike must realize that once wages of the bituminous strikers are reduced and the union eliminated, their turn will be next. The anthracite miners must stand solid and give their utmost support to a victorious strike.

### Pull Out The Maintenance Men.

The maintenance men are key men in the industry. The union must call out the maintenance men and in this way make the strike 100 per cent effective against the bosses.

### International Solidarity.

While the officials of the U. M. W. of A. expressed little solidarity in their strike, the American miners today must appeal to the miners of all countries to join with them in their struggle and raise the slogan, "MINE NO COAL FOR AMERICA WHILE THE STRIKE IS ON!"

The interests of all the miners demand an equalization of wages thru the raising of the lower paid jobs to the same level as the higher paid jobs. As an immediate step towards this equalization of wages, the young miners must demand that the union consider raising all jobs at present paying \$4.00 and \$4.59 per day, to \$5.00 and \$5.59 per day respectively.

### Onward To Victory!

The Young Workers (Communist) League calls upon the young miners to stand solid in the struggle—to be in the forefront and lead onward to victory. The Y. W. L. calls upon all workers—young and old—to stand by the miners in their moment of struggle and to be ready to support them in their struggle to preserve their wages and living conditions as well as their fighting organization.

### A 100% Strike!

Organize the Unorganized!

No District Agreements!

Withdraw the Maintenance Men!

No Wage Cuts!

No Arbitration!

Support from the Anthracite Miners!

Onward to Victory!

National Executive Committee,  
Young Workers (Communist) League of America.

### Line o' Type or Two.

I know a guy named Steve McCrutch That always helps to put us in Dutch He works all day and works all night And hasn't the courage to put up a fight.

Headline in N. Y. Times—Moscow supports organizations of liberal clubs in colleges by subsidies of hundreds of thousands of dollars—"Blah."

### The Poor Fish says:

There is nothing that my boss loves more in a young man than loyalty to his employer.

Sign In The Subway: Join the C. M. T. C. and get a month's vacation.

Young Straphanger: "Where did I hear that before?"

Militarism in Our Local High School.

The R. O. T. C. (Reserve Officers Training Corp) in the New Utrecht High School was organized about a year ago under the auspices of two military officers sent to give the course. Since that time there has been an ever increasing amount of propaganda done for this organization. On more than one occasion military officers have visited the school and have spoken to the student body at assemblies urging them to join the organization. At one assembly when two officers came, one gave a speech and presented a flag to the R. O. T. C. of N. U. H. S. The other urged the older students to go to the C. M. T. C. Our principal, Dr. Potter, has also spoken of it. He says that it is not compulsory, that it is not for the purpose of war (for what other purpose are students taught to march and drill with an

eight pound gun similar to those used in the World War). He also has emphasized the physical benefits to be derived from such training. He has even gone so far as to allow credit towards graduation to any student who should join and attend the twice weekly meetings of the R. O. T. C.

By doing this he has made military training as important as drawing or music. Two hours of drawing a week taken for two years gives a student 1 point towards graduation, a similar amount of time given to military training shall also give a student one point towards graduation as well as any favor that the principal can grant him, so says the principal. So you see military training has been made a subject for study in N. U. H. S. and any student who fails for the propaganda, which is continually going on, can have his school program so arranged that it shall be possible for him to take a course in military training.

There are about one hundred students who have already joined this organization out of almost 6000. Even such a small percentage is too much for there are always chances for its growth.

Yet Coolidge speaks of disarmament when such organizations C. M. T. C. and R. O. T. C. (its junior branch) are provided for by the National Defense Act of 1916. As H. W. Fleet Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry says in a letter to Dr. Potter of N. U. H. S. the camps C. M. T. C. are a part of the National Defense Act, and their primary mission is to build up the manhood of the Nation, on which, in a national emergency the preservation of our institution will rest.

Remember in case of a "National Emergency."

—SEN LITWAK.