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Foster to Lead Masses Demonstration Over Police Terror

TUESDAY IN LOS ANGELES Police Close Hall to Communist Candidate

LOS ANGELES, June 26.—The Foster meeting scheduled here tonight in Music Arts Hall will be turned into a mass demonstration at the same time and place against the closing of the hall to Foster. The hall was closed on orders of the Los Angeles police "Red Squad" and the superior court of Los Angeles county yesterday refused to issue an order to restrain the police from closing the hall doors to Foster.

Six local attorneys argued before the court for the right of free speech and assembly, but the court refused to intervene.

The workers of Los Angeles will greet Foster at a huge Welcome Banquet at Co-operative Center; the banquet will be held immediately after the protest meeting at Music Arts Hall.

Foster To Lead Demonstration

Tuesday, Foster will lead the huge noon day demonstration at the Plaza in protest against the shooting down of an unemployed worker Wednesday night.

The shooting took place when the "Red Squad" broke into a private home without a warrant and attacked a group of unemployed workers meeting there to discuss the struggle for relief and unemployment insurance. Basil Dell, the worker who was shot, was rushed to a hospital, and there he was placed under arrest. Five other jobless workers were arrested at the meeting, and later four of them were arraigned on charges of "battery" and "resisting an officer."

Thousands of Los Angeles workers, part time workers and unemployed workers are mobilizing to make this Tuesday night meeting the greatest demonstration against police brutality ever seen in Los Angeles.

Continues Tour

Foster, Communist candidate for president of the United States, has completed a strenuous speaking tour across from Chicago to Seattle, and down the coast. He is scheduled to speak Monday in San Diego, and Wednesday in Phoenix, Arizona. From there he goes to Salt Lake City for a meeting July 1, then Denver, July 3; Omaha, July 5; Sioux City, July 6; Kansas City, Mo., July 8; Pittsburg, Kansas, July 9; Kansas City, Kansas, July 10, and Oklahoma City, July 11.

Continues Mass Arrests in Chile

Dictatorship Returns Bank to "Owners"

The fascist-military dictatorship in Chile yesterday continued its savage offensive against the working class, at the same time that it made every effort to remove the fears of the foreign capitalists, who, with the local feudal landowners, control the economy of the country.

Following a week of bloody suppression of political strikes and other revolutionary activities of the workers, and mass arrests of Communist workers, the dictatorship yesterday modified its curfew regulations to permit owners of theatres and night clubs to resume business. The decree ordering the people off the streets by ten o'clock at night, was changed to 12:30. Meetings of workers are still prohibited, with the military under orders to shoot into any gathering of more than three workers.

The dictatorship restored the full private capitalist character of the Central Bank of Chile, which had been placed under government control as a State bank by the short lived dictatorship of Col. Grove. This action has been hailed with pleasure in foreign capitalist circles.

SOCIALIST ATTACKS VETS.

STROUDSBURG, Pa., June 26.—Andrew J. Beimler, socialist, attacked the bonus marchers here today while speaking before the Summer Conference of The League for Industrial Democracy. He charged that the hungry veterans who marched to the capital were decided to...

East Chicago Jobless Strike; Reduce Forced Labor, Get More Food

EAST CHICAGO, Ind., June 26.—A fight for reduction in the amount of forced labor by the unemployed here and an increase in food given has been won by a strike.

The jobless were being forced to work six to eight days on the wood pile, or cleaning yards of local politicians or allies, in return for their wretched soup. Matters came to a climax when the city fired men who were working at a school house for 45 cents an hour and sent jobless to do their work for nothing.

The men refused to work at all unless every worker got better food and clothes, and then would work only one day a month. Demands were granted.

BOSSSES SPEED WAR DRIVE AS CAPITALISTS' ECONOMY TOTTERS

Rumania, Austria, Bulgaria and Greece Default Debt Payments—Wide Repercussions

France, Yugoslavia and Japan Bluntly Against Any Cut in Armaments

The further collapse of capitalist economy in Eastern Europe and the spectacular drop in Japanese yen exchange operated within the past few days to tremendously deepen the devastating world crisis of capitalism. The effects of these two events are already reflected in the financial markets of the world.

This factor is tending drastically to sharpen the difference between the imperialist powers while at the same time greatly increasing the danger of armed intervention against the Soviet Union.

Rumania and Austria Default On Saturday, the Rumanian Government was forced to default in its interest payments on foreign debts. The day before, the Austrian Government was forced to make similar admission of bankruptcy. The Austrian Government yesterday made the further announcement that it could no longer pay the wages of the State railway employees on the first of every month. A dispatch to the New York Times admits that the Austrian action reflects "the steadily deteriorating financial position of the Austrian railways."

Face Collapse The financial page of the Sunday New York Herald-Tribune admits that "financial and economic collapse" is facing Eastern Europe, and adds "a Danubian collapse will be especially burdensome to American investors, who have large sums invested directly and indirectly in the various obligations of the Danubian states." The article admits that the default by Austria and Rumania will have wide repercussions throughout the capitalist world and fears that Jugoslavia, Hungary and other states will...

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Milk Drivers Win Complete Victory in 24-Hour Strike

NEW YORK.—The milk drivers and inside men at the I. Cohen and Sons Dairy, 26 men, Brooklyn, won a complete victory Saturday, after being out on strike only 24 hours under the leadership of the Food Workers Industrial Union.

Several months ago these workers asked milk drivers local 584, of the A. F. of L. to organize them, but after a few empty gestures the A. F. of L. fakers left them flat.

By combining the routes, drivers were worked 14 to 16 hours and were more dead than alive after pulling in. Despite the use of police in an attempt to intimidate the workers the employer had to yield and agree to continue a contract signed with the workers' committee, April 2, which he had been breaking since then.

TAG DAY COLLECTORS.

All who have not yet turned in their collection boxes used in the tag days Saturday and Sunday should do so today, at 50 East 13th St.

END QUIZ ON WALL ST. Little Investors Had Been Squeezed

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Just one week after it asked for and got an extra \$50,000 to continue its "studies," the senate committee investigating the stock market suddenly stopped doing business. Whether its activities will continue when Congress convenes in December the Banking and Currency committee says is "left open"—which, of course, means that it won't continue.

The "investigation" of the stock market was begun after thousands of small investors had burned their fingers as a result of a number South American countries defaulting on interest payments on bond issues floated in the U. S. by a number of leading bankers. Most of the bankers, testifying before the committee, modestly admitted that very little dent had been made in their own profits.

Although the "investigation" was instigated by Senator Walcott following a White House call last winter, the senator himself, it is generally admitted, was notably inactive in pushing the inquiry.

Pressure by the "big boys" undoubtedly put the kibosh on the inquiry, with the result that evidence available showing how financial writers were bribed to boost certain money stocks and bonds will not be brought forward.

CLASH GROWS BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPAN

Japanese Threaten U. S. Penetration of China

REJECT "ARMS CUT"

Say Hoover Plan Aims to Weaken U.S. Rival

The conflict between American and Japanese imperialists over control of China and hegemony in the Pacific sharpened during the weekend. This is accounted for by the dispute over Chinese customs revenues collected at Dairen and the Japanese rejection of the Hoover "arms reduction" proposals. These proposals aim to strengthen the armed forces of Wall Street while weakening Japanese military and naval strength.

The Japanese have sharply protested the action of the Nanking Government in dismissing the Customs Commissioner at Dairen, following his refusal to transmit revenues collected at Dairen to the Nanking Government as demanded under the 1907 agreement between Japan and China.

The Dairen Customs Commissioner is a Japanese. His dismissal by the Nanking Government was clearly influenced by the United States, which has strongly protested to Japan against the decision of the Japanese puppet state in Manchuria to confiscate Chinese customs revenues collected at Dairen. The Wall Street Government fears that such action would weaken the Nanking Government in its murderous war against the revolutionary Chinese workers and peasants, and would further affect its ability to repay the loans advanced by foreign governments to help Nanking finance the war against the Chinese masses.

As a preliminary for further drastic action against China, the Japanese Government has warned Nanking that it would be held responsible for "any consequent developments." Tokio dispatches during the past week have hinted that the Manchurian puppet government may "be forced to invade North China." The Japanese who have used that puppet government to carry out the confiscation of the Chinese customs revenues at Dairen are thus preparing to use it as a cover for Japanese occupation of North China.

One section of the Chinese press is carrying on an energetic campaign for the resumption of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. This press recalls that Soviet aid and sympathy made possible the victories of the Chinese Revolution before the Chinese bourgeoisie headed by Chang Kai-Shek betrayed the revolution and went over into the camp of the imperialists. It also points out that the Soviet Union is the only power that has not sent troops and warships to Shanghai and has made no attempt to occupy Chinese soil.

Suppress News. At the precinct meetings investigators and clerical help were informed that the news of the reopening of the bureau was to be held in strictest confidence.

Immediate dismissal was threatened in the case of any employee who was caught relaying news of the opening to recipients of relief or others.

Newspaper publicity regarding the reopening was strictly prohibited by the central office of the bureau.

Fear Flood of Applicants. The reason for the secrecy surrounding this move, it was frankly admitted by officials of the bureau, is to avoid a rush of applications which will swamp the precinct offices and again reveal the inadequacy of the relief funds appropriated by the Board of Estimate.

Thousands of new applicants have been turned from the doors of the home relief bureaus since April 2. In addition more than 30,000 applications which were never acted upon were rejected at that time "due to the pressure of work."

Ammonia Pipe Blast Drives Hundreds of Workers from Homes

NEW YORK.—An ammonia gas rupture on the roof of the Rubel Coal and Ice Corporation, 15 East St., burst with an explosion Saturday that rocked surrounding tenements, and a great cloud of suffocating white gas spread through the neighborhood, spreading terror and rendering a number of women unconscious. Three whose names were learned were: Mrs. Lucy Viggano, Mrs. Mary Kirby and Miss Jennie Laporte. The plant engineer, Herbert Charlak, tried to shut off the pipe, but was overcome and injured when he fell. Police reserves were called out and made matters worse by herding people madly around the streets. Hundreds fled from their homes as the gas seeped in. This is a lower East Side, working class neighborhood.

Siam King Retains Throne; Discontent Reported Growing

BANGKOK, Siam, June 26.—The military revolt which took place in Siam came to an end when King Prajadhipok accepted to head a constitutional monarchy as demanded by the Army and Navy.

Vets Revolt Over Food Stoppage; Drive Out Waters

Rank and File Vet Scores Waters in Meet; Article in Daily Worker Applauded

Attempt to Oust Pace Fails; Marchers Want Him on Leadership

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26.—The Bonus Expeditionary Forces revolted yesterday against the hand picked "High Command," refused to obey orders of the Committee of Seven and forced the abdication of Walter W. Waters, erstwhile commander in chief.

The movement for Waters' ouster began when Waters appeared in 14th Regiment Headquarters, which is commanded by George Pace, leader of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, and threatened to cut off the food supply for the men in the commandeered buildings if they insisted on democratic elections and rank and file control. The rank and file forced Waters to withdraw from the building.

Vets Denounce Waters. In a meeting held in the 14th Regiment area rank and file veterans denounced Waters' leadership and declared that they would no longer stand for the bulldozing tactics of the military police. A veteran took the floor and read from the Daily Worker an article exposing the role of Waters. This worker was given a big ovation by his fellow veterans.

George Pace pointed out in the presence of Waters that the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League is here to unite the veterans regardless of their political opinions to win the bonus. A veteran from Texas said: "If you stop the food for the 11th Regiment we will clean the Waters' gang out of Washington."

The leadership of the B. E. F. is now in the hands of Thomas Kelly. Kelly's tenure in office, however, is expected to be only a matter of hours. The veterans have demanded democratic elections to decide upon the new leadership. Pace, commander of the 14th Regiment, has been named by a large section of the veterans as their choice for commander of the B.E.F.

A statement issued by the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League today urged all companies to take steps at once to elect rank and file committees to lead the fight for the bonus. Negro Vet Jailed. M. Watkins, Negro veteran, was arrested by the Washington police and held incommunicado for three days for selling the pamphlet "Close Ranks" which is published by the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League. No charges were booked against him and no record of his arrest was made anywhere. A veterans' committee searched for him for three days. The Provisional Bonus March Committee, 905 "I" Street, sent protests to the District Columbia Committee and Police Chief Glassford against this arrest and intimidation.

Slander Chicago Group. In an attempt to discredit the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, Waters' agents are spreading false rumors and reports in Chicago against the militant organizers of the Chicago delegation, claiming that Gardner and others were drunk and had misused funds.

The Provisional Bonus March Committee hit this move of the Waters gang as an attempt to cover up their own betrayal of bonus marchers. The Illinois delegation was the first to stop Jim-Crowism. They were the first ones too, after their leader had betrayed them, to elect their own commander and to rebel against the police spy system. The most active members of this group were arrested, fingerprinted and driven from the camp by police. All these veterans refused to be separated from their companies and are now back with them.

Workers and Vets. The threat to cut off food for the 14th Regiment was held up today pending action of the rank and file. Government employees who witnessed the discussion yesterday and heard Waters' threats gathered together supplies and tobacco for the regiment.

The Provisional Bonus March Committee sent telegrams to all posts today calling for the mobilization of more forces to come to Washington to demand that Congress does not adjourn until the bonus is paid.

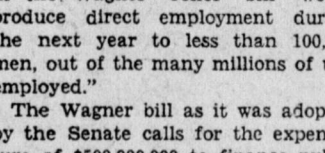
No Real Relief. He said that, according to the reports of the different technical bureaus of the government, the public works for which provision is made in the Wagner "relief" bill "would produce direct employment during the next year to less than 100,000 men, out of the many millions of unemployed."

The Wagner bill as it was adopted by the Senate calls for the expenditure of \$500,000,000 to finance public works. As these works could not be started immediately, it means that only a few jobs would be handed out in the future. Most of the \$500,000,000 would go to the contractors, producers of building materials and grafting state and municipal politicians.

Poor Farmers Left Out. Hoover further criticized the Wagner bill for not providing any relief to the big storage and marketing agricultural concerns. He is not worried about the plight of the poor farmers.

The Hoover statement is considered a challenge to the workers and farmers to fight more fiercely for immediate relief for social and unemployment insurance at the expense of the government.

Win Thru Mass Action Not Bonus Beards



(F. P. Pictures)

This vet, Arthur Nadi, has vowed he will not shave his beard until the bonus is paid. He will have a long one if the reactionary leaders remain in power. Militant mass action of all the vets, placing their demands before Congress in no uncertain terms, will win immediate payment.

Herbert Newton



NEWTON SPEAKS AN HOUR FROM TREE IN PARK

1,000 Cheer Communist Candidate as Police Attack

CHICAGO, Ill., June 26.—A thousand Chicago workers, mostly Negroes, saw Herbert Newton defy for an hour the efforts of 17 squads of police with sawed-off shot guns, 10 uniformed police, hordes of detectives including the "Red Squad," and the fire department, to prevent him from speaking.

The masses of workers assembled Friday night in Ellis Park, to protest police attacks on Negro workers fighting discrimination, and to demand the right of free speech and assembly for Communist election meetings.

The police, according to reliable information, were urged to attack by Oscar DePriest, Negro Republican Party congressman. With DePriest in his appeal for police action, were two preachers, Rhodes and Smith.

Herbert Newton is a Negro worker, and Communist candidate for congress. (CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE)

1,000 CHILDREN MARCH IN N. Y.

Fathers Jobless, They Seek Relief

NEW YORK.—More than 1,000 children and their mothers marched on the hot, dirty East Side streets Saturday morning in a demonstration for relief for the thousands of starving children of New York.

Several hundred members of the Young Pioneers of America were in the parade, which was organized by the United Front Children's Committee. A large number of the paraders were Negro children, as well as many boy scouts.

The parade commenced at 11 o'clock in the morning at Rutgers Square on the lower East Side, winding up at Tompkins Square, where leaders of the hungry children, in impassioned speeches, put forward their demands for relief. Al Steele of the United Front Children's Committee and Rose Nelson of the United Council of Working Class Women described the suffering among the children of the million jobless of the city and demanded immediate relief.

Parade July 12. Another parade, expected to be even larger than the one on Saturday, will be held on July 12. The march will end at the City Hall and a delegation elected Saturday will present the demands of the children to the Board of Estimate. The demands include free lunches in the public schools during the entire summer, special playgrounds, free clothing and dental care.

BRITAIN SHIPS ARMS Aids Japan in War Plans on U.S.S.R.

LONDON, June 26.—Production of munitions for Japan by British government factories was denounced in a resolution passed by the Poplar Borough Council and transmitted to Prime Minister MacDonald, former slinging light of the Second (socialist) International.

The resolution points out that 640 tons of munitions are now being loaded on a vessel lying at the London docks and that the shipment is destined for Japan. Dr. C. K. Cullen, a Laborite, revealed that the munitions were "produced by a British Government factory."

The "New Statesman and Nation" admits that Great Britain has shipped arms to Japan "from August, 1931, to February, 1932, inclusive" to the value of 123,158 pounds sterling—"an average of 17,594 pounds per month. The "New Statesman and Nation" makes the following comment on the war shipments: "The armament firms in every country are enjoying a little boom. Munition makers, internationally organized, still hold to the motto laid down for them by the munition king in 'Major Barbara' (a play by George Bernard Shaw) and arm both sides in any conflict that is going on irrespective of consequences."

CHARGE WITH BAYONETS IN MINE STRIKE

Cold Steel at Breasts of Ohio Pickets As Plane Drops Gas

NMU CALLS FOR PROTEST! 250 Arrests In Three Days of Terror

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, June 26.—Ohio state militia charged the mine strikers' picket lines at Wolf Run near Amsterdam with bayonets while national guard airplanes continuously dropped tear gas on the roust miners.

Sheriff Vost of Jefferson County has issued a statement that mass picketing is in direct violation of his agreement with the United Mine Workers of America officials. These strike breaker officials have formally agreed that there shall be no mass picketing, and no picketing at all except by three men at each mine, these three pickets to march 50 feet apart.

Over 200 striking miners were arrested in two days, Thursday and Friday of last week, and over 50 were arrested Saturday. The mine owners, the state and county authorities are trying to crush the strike by terror, and the U. M. W. A. officials give the state and county every aid in their power.

Added to this is a vicious campaign of evictions. The Powhatan mining managers have announced they will evict all strikers Monday. This mine is owned by the Pursglove-Taplin interests, the same crowd that owns the Pursglove mines in West Virginia and the Pittsburgh Terminal Mining Co. in Pennsylvania. Both in West Virginia and in Pennsylvania, the company has put over drastic wage cuts within the last few weeks, and has done it through their contract with the United Mine Workers.

Demstrate Against Terror The United Front Strike Committee in Ohio, under the leadership of the National Miners Union is preparing a mass demonstration against terror in Jefferson county. The demonstration will be for immediate unemployment relief. The United Mine Workers of America locals will be visited by speakers and urged to take part in this action.

The N. M. U. proposes to start a national campaign against the rapidly increasing terror in East Ohio.

There will be a march for relief demands in Belmont county July 11. The National Miners Union calls a conference of the strike area to meet July 8, to take measures for strengthening the united front for relief demonstrations and to prepare further the fight against terror.

VOTE STRIKE IN TERMINAL MINES

Fagan Officials Run Out of Meeting

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 26.—Open revolt has broken out against the United Mine Workers of America proposal to accept the 10 per cent wage cut July 1, in the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Co.

Last night the enraged miners of Mine No. 8 at Coverdale, the largest and key mine in the chain of Pittsburgh Terminal Mines in Western Pennsylvania, voted almost unanimously not to accept the cut, and to strike on July 1.

The miners drove the UMWA officials from the local meeting and elected a rank and file opposition to their offices.

Another Mine Votes "No". Pat Fagan, district president of the UMWA talked half the night to the UMWA local meeting at Mine No. 3, without convincing them they should accept the cut. After half the men had left, he took a vote and it was 60 to reject the cut and 34 to accept. Fagan had the nerve to announce the vote as exactly the opposite.

The National Miners Union is distributing thousands of leaflets tomorrow, calling for a strike on July 1, for these demands:

- 1-Withdrawal of the cut. 2-Payment for all dead work. 3-No more check off. 4-No discrimination against Negroes. 5-Increase of the relief to part time workers. 6-Five days work a week. 7-Recognition of mine committees.

Huge mass meetings are called at which National Miners Union organizers will speak, Tuesday at Mine No. 4, and Wednesday at Mine No. 8.

43 FUR STRIKES WON IN 2 WEEKS

Fight in 21 More for Better Conditions

NEW YORK.—Although the fur season has not even opened, workers of 64 shops have struck during the past two weeks in the campaign of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union against wage-cuts and for union conditions. And 43 of these shop strikes have already been won. Twenty-one shops are still on strike.

In every instance the workers who returned to the shops received wage increases, shorter hours and general improvement of conditions. This is the answer that the furriers are giving to the conspiracies of the labor bureaucrats, who planned in their conference further attacks on the conditions of the workers.

While developing the campaign of shop strikes, the Industrial Union has also taken steps to organize the workers against long hours and Saturday work. For the past two weeks demonstrations were carried through in the fur market against work on Saturday and Sunday and hundreds of workers who had been forced to come in to work were stopped off.

Plans have been made by the trade committee for extending the drive on a broader scale during the coming week. All fur workers who go into the shops should report to the union office at once.

Pacific Tidal Wave Kills 200, Leaves 2,000 Minus Homes

COLUMA, Mexico, June 26.—Two hundred dead and 2,000 homeless is the toll taken by the tidal wave that rushed over a 13-mile stretch of the Pacific Coast and rolled almost a mile inland, wiping out the town of Cuyutlan.

Sixty-five bodies have already been dug out, while many more still lie in the ruins.

Better Organization Needed for Anti-War Leaflet Distribution

(By a Worker Correspondent) NEW YORK.—We went to distribute leaflets at one of the armories in the Bronx.

Some rowdies who were playing around the armory and to whom we paid no attention, not wishing to attract attention, turned out to be junior stool pigeons after one leaflet was handed out. They tried to take the leaflets away from us and chased us around the place to prevent us from distributing them.

Our male comrade was beaten up and they later sent a cop after us. However, we were let go but the leaflets were not distributed.

Work of this kind should be planned. I believe there should be a defense corp and more than two distributing so that if any comrades are removed the others can take their place.

Another thing we failed to take advantage of, some of the guardsmen had their cars parked on the street and we should have flooded them with leaflets as we can down the street.

Wilson Gang Manages Electrical Union's Election; Keeps Jobs

NEW YORK.—Frank Wilson, Broach's man in Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, re-elected himself and most of his officials in an election Saturday at Central Opera House. Wilson appointed all the election watchers allowed anywhere near the voting machine. Even then, his victory was 1,895 against 1,752.

There have been a series of terrific scandals in Local 3 during the last few months, court examinations showing a total of 6,000,000 funds has never been accounted for to the membership.

Members of the local pay \$27 a quarter year dues, plus taxes.

China Red Armies In New Victories

Defeat Nanking Troops in Hupeh and Honan

Chinese Red Armies last Friday successfully carried out a smashing surprise attack against Nanking (Kuomintang) Government troops mobilizing in Honan Province for an attack against the Chinese Soviet District on the Honan-Hupeh-Anhui borders.

The workers' and peasants' Red Armies converged from three points on the important city of Kwangchow, smashing the Nanking army outposts, capturing several towns and spreading demoralization among the Kuomintang troops in the city. The early fall of the city is expected. Missionary agents of American imperialism have received orders from the American Consul to evacuate.

A Hankow dispatch to the New York Times admits that the Red Armies are now in a position to press the offensive against the Nanking Government.

A Shanghai dispatch to the New York Herald-Tribune admits that the Chinese Red Armies control 177 districts in eight provinces, with a population of over 80,000,000. It reports the complete failure of the Nanking Government's four "Communist Suppression" campaigns and admits that in many districts the Soviet Regime "has greatly alleviated the lot of the poorer peasant, possibly to the detriment of his more fortunate neighbor" (the rich landlords and kulaks).

Astoria Picnic for Strike Relief, July 3

NEW YORK.—A grand picnic will be held by the Workers International Relief language department and the Marine Workers Industrial Union at Wurts Park, 4515 Astoria Avenue, Astoria, L. I., Sunday, July 3.

The picnic program includes a bazaar, dancing, various entertainment. Directions to reach picnic grounds: take I. R. T. to Times Square, go down stairs; take Astoria train to Hoyt Avenue station; walk to Astoria Boulevard, between 15th and 16th Avenues.

Democrats-Socialists Attack Election Meet

NEW YORK.—Workers' organizations in Brighton Beach are building a defense corps to resist attacks on Communist election campaign meetings such as took place Wednesday night.

An organized gang, led by a "Yip-sel," supplied fire with firecrackers and decayed vegetables by Socialist Party storekeepers, caught the election meeting unprepared and broke it up. The meeting was at Neptune Ave. and West Third St. The Socialists had the cooperation of the local Democratic Party machine.

CITY KITCHEN POISON

DETROIT.—Barbara Jenkins, 19, was treated in Receiving Hospital twice Saturday for ptomaine poisoning. She said she was stricken after eating at Municipal Kitchen at Concord and Lafayette Avenues, Friday night.

"The labor movement will gain the upper hand and show the way to peace and socialism." LENIN.

Communist Candidate Leads Jobless



(Above) Scene at the New York State Communist Nominating Convention held in Schenectady. (Below) I. Amter, candidate for Governor, and Henry Shepard, candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, who is serving a 5-day jail sentence for leading a delegation of unemployed demanding relief for a Negro woman.

FARMERS CALL A TAX STRIKE

Denounce Police for Menacing March

DULUTH, Minn., June 26.—"We hereby declare a tax strike of all farmers of St. Louis County, and call upon all exploited farmers to refuse to pay taxes, and fight against foreclosures and sheriff's sales by mass resistance.

"We pledge to fight against all bosses candidates of the Republican, Democratic and Farmer-Labor parties, and work for their defeat in the elections, and to support the only Workers and Farmers Ticket, that of the Communist Party. We pledge to fight the capitalist program of hunger and war, for a Workers and Farmers' Government in the United States."

Passed at Hunger March

This is part of a resolution passed by 1,500 poor farmers who marched on the county court house in Duluth Tuesday, and joining with an equal number of city unemployed workers, in demands for no foreclosures, no seizure of land for taxes, unemployment relief and insurance.

The farmers' resolution also condemns the city authorities for menacing their lives with a mobilization of police in armored cars with machine guns, and condemns the Farmer-Labor Party county commissioners for deliberately staying away from the meeting. It assails the hypocrisy of the other commissioners for rejecting the demands on the ground they have no authority.

Chicago Workers Hear Report of Delegate to U.S.S.R.

CHICAGO, June 26.—Chicago workers will rally in a giant mass meeting June 29 to hear the report of Alex Nelson, one of the members of the recently returned American workers' delegation to the Soviet Union.

The meeting is arranged by the South Side branch of the Friends of the Soviet Union. It will be held at 7435-7 Cottage Grove Ave., beginning at eight o'clock, on the evening of June 29.

In addition to Nelson who will report on achievements of the Soviet masses in the triumphant construction of Socialist industry, other speakers will be Comrades Schneider and Lohan. A small admission fee of 15 cents is charged, with five cents for unemployed workers with Unemployed Council cards.

REV. WANTS "RED SCARE"

CLEVELAND.—If there isn't a "red scare" here soon, with all its attendant brutality and ballyhoo, it won't be the fault of the Rev. E. J. Gracy, pastor of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

Father Gracy, who is state chaplain to the American Legion, spoke to the Knight of Columbus here recently, demanding that the Communist movement be outlawed.

LABOR UNION MEETINGS

All painters invited to regular Monday night meeting held by Alteration Painters Organization Committee, June 27, at 8 p.m., at 1130 Southern Boulevard.

General membership meeting, June 29, at 8 p.m., at Irving Plaza Hall, to organize an Alteration Painters Union.

Italian Needle Workers, Tuesday, at 1 p.m., at Memorial Hall, 344 W. 35th St. Members, rank and file members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, will speak in Italian.

The left wing group of Local 3, I.L.G.W., calls a meeting of all cloak finishers today at 1 p.m. at Memorial Hall to discuss the role of the fake progressive and administrative and its secret conferences with the employers.

CAN'T SMASH INSURANCE MOVEMENT

AFL Expels Building Council; Locals Support It

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The efforts of William Green, and the whole A. F. of L. bureaucracy to intimidate the militant rank and file and prevent them from fighting for unemployment insurance and against wage cuts, has so far ended in failure. The decision of the Building Trades Department of the A. F. of L. to revoke the charter of the Building Trades Council and organize a new council has aroused a storm of indignation among the workers. The president of the Building Trades Department, McDowell, came here and seized the charter by force and has attempted to organize a new council with a few re-actionary and discredited officials of conservative locals.

The affiliated locals has accepted the invitation of the re-actionary clique council. The old Building Trades Council, which still maintains its headquarters, has appealed against the decision to revoke its charter, and has been informed by William Green that the appeal has been referred to the next convention of the American Federation of Labor and its Building Trades Department. The appeal is being circulated to all the central labor bodies and building trades councils in the country. The Central Labor Union is supporting Green's splitting and expulsion policy, and the local officials are trying to negotiate for "unity" between the re-actionary clique and the militants, but their efforts have ended in failure due to the solid united front of the militant local unions at-

filled with the old council. The Rank and File Committee of Action, with representatives from a dozen left-wing opposition groups in the unions, is giving full support to the fight of the old council to retain its charter, which was revoked because its affiliate unions supported the united front struggle for unemployment insurance, against wage-cuts and for the freedom of Tom Mooney. Brother Locke, of the Stationary Engineers, spoke at the Mooney-Scottsboro mass meeting on June 17 at the Eagles Auditorium, and in a militant speech which was received with enthusiastic applause declared that the rank and file would continue the fight for the freedom of class war prisoners in spite of the efforts of the bureaucracy to expel them.

400 Demonstrate at Wilkins Avenue; Get Worker \$50 for Moving

NEW YORK.—A big chain store decided that 1348-1350 Wilkins Ave., Bronx, was the proper place to make some more profit from the workers.

Their first act was to dispossess all the families. One unemployed worker with his family was left alone in the building with water, gas and electricity shut off. The Unemployed Council of 1400 Boston Rd. heard about it and mobilized the workers of the neighborhood to force the landlord to give adequate cash relief.

A leaflet was issued and at night an open air meeting was held. Over 400 workers were present. The landlord came around next day and gave the worker \$50 and moving expenses. Saturday the 1400 Boston Rd. Unemployed Council held a demonstration before the Home Relief Bureau at P. S. 54 and after a militant stand obtained immediate cash relief for the family.

INDIAN JOBLESS LEADER CLUBBED

M. Major Handcuffed, Blackjacked, Jailed

NEW YORK.—Police "riot squads" smashed a demonstration from the Seventeenth St. Salvation Army breadline Friday, and six cops assaulted without provocation and brutally beat up, then handcuffed, beat up again and dragged off to jail, Max Major, an American Indian, ex-serviceman, member of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, and leader in the Unemployed Council.

The meeting was held in Madison Square, and Major was speaking to hundreds of jobless workers. When the police came in, three of them came up behind Major and one of them smashed him over the head with a club.

Major, against three armed policemen, was holding his own very well, when three more attacked. After Major was clubbed into a car and carried off, volunteer speakers jumped up amongst the crowd. One old man shouted, "Workers, this isn't your country; it's the capitalist's country. Why don't you drive the capitalists out like they did in the Soviet Union?" Police reinforcements finally broke up the crowd.

The case is coming up in night court last night, the International Labor Defense reports. 30,450 Evictions in Bronx Unemployed Councils in New York are putting up a determined struggle against evictions. It is officially reported by the Bronx Housing Association that there have been 30,450 evictions in the first half of 1932 in Bronx alone. In Harlem downtown, and in Brooklyn, the number is even greater.

Support "Hunger Fighter" All workers should show their support of the Unemployed Councils in their struggle against evictions by attending the first annual picnic of the "Hunger Fighter" July 2 at Pleasant Bay Park.

Herbert Benjamin, National Secretary of the Unemployed Councils, has promised to speak at the picnic.

ATHEISTS DONATE TO STRIKE RELIEF

NEW YORK.—Williams, a Negro atheist street meeting at Columbus from Coverdale, Pa., spoke at bus Circle and collected \$3.25 for mine strike relief.

VOTE COMMUNIST FOR: Equal rights for the Negroes and self-determination for the Black Belt.

What's On—

MONDAY The Photo Section of the Workers' Film and Photo League will meet at 16 W. 21st St. at 8 p.m.

The Harlem Progressive Youth Club will have an open-air meeting at 1538 Madison Ave. at 8 p.m.

The Concourse Workers' Club will have a membership meeting at Paradise Manor, 11 West Mt. Eden Ave., Bronx, at 8 p.m.

All fraternal organizations are requested to keep Sunday, July 24, open for the District Picnic.

All fraternal organizations are asked to keep Aug. 28 open for the I.L.D. Picnic.

All workers and sympathizers who have newspaper clippings of the Bonus March are asked to send them to the National Headquarters of the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League, 1 Union Square, Room 715, New York City.

Cars are needed for the transportation of worker athletes to the International Workers' Athletic Meet at Chicago, July 28, 29 and 30. Comrades going to Chicago by car on or before July 25, who can accommodate a few athletes, please report to Arnold Arms, Room 229, 80 E. 11th St., New York City.

COX GANG THREAT LYNCH SPEAKER

Smash Election Meet In Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 26.—A Communist Party Election Campaign meeting Friday at Boggs and Buhl, one of the busiest corners in Pittsburgh, was attacked by Cox's "Blue Shirts," a fascist gang.

At a number of recent meetings, in exposing Cox, Communist Party speakers were attacked, the workers terrorized and on some occasions meetings broken up. Last week one workers' finger was broken, while Pat Cosh, an old fighter in the Pittsburgh District, was beaten up.

The meeting at Boggs and Buhl Friday was quite a distance from Cox's headquarters. Nevertheless, spic circle the city attending meetings and whenever Cox's name is mentioned, exposing his schemes of starvation, the Cox headquarters is called and the Blue Shirts are sent down.

25 Lynchers. About 10 o'clock a large truck, painted blue, with the sign, "Father Cox's Relief," came along with about 25 Blue Shirts in it, seeking the speaker at Boggs and Buhl.

One of the gang in the truck was swinging a rope and calling upon the rest to find the speaker, who would be strung up right there. The crowd aided the speaker to escape.

The recent actions of the various fascist movements here show the necessity of building a wide defense movement of workers.

Seabury Admits That Courts Deny Justice

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., June 26.—Samuel Seabury, speaking before the annual session of the Federation of Bar Associations of Western New York here Saturday, stated that "the many control of the magistrates" and other lower courts of New York, results in "justice denied" to many of the men and women brought before these courts.

However, Seabury's only proposal is to have these judges appointed by the Appellate Division, instead of by the mayor, thus transferring the control upstate, to other capitalist politicians.

Workers Defeat Attack on Red Union Office by Berlin Fascists

(By Imprecator Cable.)

BERLIN, June 26.—Yesterday the Red Trade Union office was attacked by fascist gangs, but workers repulsed the fascists energetically. At 4 a.m. about three hundred uniformed fascists operating two columns in different directions attacked the Vorwarts building and the headquarters of the socialists at Lindenstrasse. The attack was led by the notorious Count Helffer.

The fascists penetrated the second courtyard, where they met a Reichsbanner detachment. A fierce conflict ensued, the fascists firing pistols. Although armed the fascists were repulsed. Several were seriously wounded on both sides.

Workers streamed on the scene from all sides, many fascists were caught and thrashed. The police arrived late and began attacking the workers with tremendous brutality, refusing to arrest the fascists who participated in the attack. Owing to the police passivity the fascists again began collecting.

Amusements

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N. Y. John Reed Club Passes Resolution on Death of Ryan Walker

NEW YORK.—A resolution expressing its sorrow at the death of Ryan Walker was passed at the last meeting of the John Reed Club, of which he was a member.

The resolution follows: "The members of the John Reed Club of New York express their profound grief at the death of their fellow member and co-worker, Ryan Walker.

"Comrade Walker died on June 22 in the city of Moscow, capital of the workers' fatherland. Faithful to the principles of the class struggle, he gave to the working class his talent as an artist and his devotion as a fighter.

"Ryan Walker's death is a great loss to the revolutionary movement in America, but his life will be an inspiration to all of us. And while we mourn his loss, we resolve to carry on to victory to which he devoted his life.

"We wish to convey to his widow and family our sincerest sympathy. "JOHN REED CLUB."

Tenn. Negro-White Workers Support Fight for Bonus

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 26.—Three hundred ex-servicemen and unemployed workers cheered N. Ross of the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League when he spoke here yesterday on the necessity of unity of the veterans and workers in the fight for the bonus. The meeting was attended by both Negro and white workers.

Over fifty white and Negro workers signed cards declaring their support of the program of the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League.

H. Jackson, speaker for the Communist Party, said: "We won't wait till fall for the bonus; we will fight now for the right to live." This was greatly applauded by the workers and vets.

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RAP JOB SHARKS WHO AIDED DOAK

"Stoolpigeons", Says Food Workers Union

NEW YORK.—Describing them as "stool-pigeons," the Food Workers' Industrial Union, in a statement issued today, vigorously denounced the action of downtown employment agencies for helping immigration agents trip jobless workers for deportation.

The statement referred to the raids perpetrated upon several agencies Friday afternoon, when more than a score of workers were arrested and taken to Ellis Island. Workers charged that the job sharks segregated non-citizens, turning them over to the police.

Jail Unemployed.

Thirteen jobless were arrested at the "New York Employment Agency," 108 E. 12th St. Others were nabbed at other agencies. Previously federal agents had made raids at two flophouses, the Municipal Lodging House and the "Gold Dust Lodge," where more than 100 workers were arrested.

Linked to Dies Bill.

Citing the raids upon the municipal lodging houses and employment agencies in New York on Friday, the International Labor Defense and the Council for the Protection of the Foreign Born, in a joint statement today, called for increased agitation and protest against the Dies Bill.

BLUE LAW AGENT ON TRIAL

NEW YORK.—Cornelius McMerney, who says he is an enforcement agent of the "Lord's Day Alliance," which is an organization of preachers to prevent Sunday amusements, was on trial Friday, charged with extorting bribes from moving picture theatre managers.

There is evidence that McMerney threatened to report them for opening before 2 p.m. on Sunday unless they paid \$100 a week in one case at least.

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All Is Not Quiet on the Potomac, Says War Veteran in Anacostia

Misleaders Have Headed the Bonus March in Attempt to Beheaded It

(By a Bonus Marcher)

CAMP ANACOSTIA.—On the Potomac, all is not quiet. The invading army of ex-heroes, now hoboes, are camped in vacant buildings, lots, swamps, all over the city. This is the biggest camp. Over 8,000 are in this camp alone. Between 19,000 and 20,000 are in Washington.

This camp is on low ground. As a result of the rain, it is a sea of mud. Everything is being done to discourage the vets. There are ex-soldiers here from every section of the country, all good proletarian elements—all potential revolutionists. Many are still imbued with patriotism, but it seems to me more of a gesture of desperation like a small boy whistling through a graveyard. They have lost their patriotism, at least most of it. We must replace this bunk patriotism with the real thing—patriotism for our class.

The misleaders are exposing themselves. They headed this movement to behead it; but the revolutionary aspect is too great for them. The rank and file will force the leaders either to go with them or will kick them out. The task of our comrades here is to hasten this break.

Correspondence Briefs

NEW WAGE CUT IN ARMOUR'S CHICAGO, ILL.

Dear Comrades: Another wage-cut in Armour's of 10 per cent, the third direct cut, was effective June 12th. Some of the workers were kidded into the belief that the cut would bring more work for unemployed, but instead of this, 75 were laid off in one department in two days. My wages after three cuts barely, in fact do not, allow me to pay all my bills for immediate necessities.

After the cuts they speed-up on us. We had a large gang and killed 500 sheep per hour. Now with five men we kill 800 and 900 an hour. Mostly they speed us up on the chain. We must be organized into the Packing House Workers Industrial Union to stop this and win back our cuts.

ARMOUR WORKER.

300 DESERT AMERICAN LEGION (By a Worker Correspondent)

PEEKSK LL. N. Y.—Over 300 members of the American Legion in Peekskill have turned in their membership cards. The ex-soldiers rebelled against the betrayals of the leadership in the fight for the bonus.

FURNITURE WORKERS FIRED (By a Worker Correspondent)

CHICAGO, ILL.—Three large furniture stores closed their doors here last week. More are on the verge. Employees of a large store actually cried when the announcement of closing was made. They feared to be thrown into the army of unemployed. It is time that workers realize that we must fight determinedly for Unemployment insurance at the expense of the government war funds and the rich bosses.

LODGING HOUSE CUTS RATIONS (By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK.—Municipal lodging houses are feeding one meal of slop a day now. They claim shortage of funds.

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

Dear Comrades: The Community Chest in this city is on a garbage collecting spree. They have established headquarters in an old building and have workers who are unemployed running all over town collecting it and "conditioning" it in the headquarters. They will squawk on the Radio or in the Bee about being \$30,000 in the hole. If they are, it is not from feeding the unemployed but from graft and salaries. Jenkins, the head of it, gets \$5,000 a year and many officials get \$200 a month. Their jobs are to sit in the offices and slander the workers who come in looking for relief. They claim to have only 550 families in this town of 94,000 needing relief.

SACRAMENTO WORKER.

CALVIN, Va.

Dear Comrades: I have been through most all the coal fields in Virginia. It is awful to see what the people are going thru with. Everybody hungry and begging for something to eat, and many families having to go to the mountains and dig herbs for a living. These people are living in the heart of the Virginia coal fields, and there are thousands of men cut off with large families because they talked in favor of union labor.

Yours truly, A WORKER.

Will Vote Communist After Seeing Party Work, Says Woman

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK.—Last week I had to go with a delegation of workers to force an employment agency on Sixth Avenue to return the money of a working woman. This worker had paid \$4 to the agency for a job as laundress but had to work 16-17 hours a day and also had to work on Sunday. The boss wouldn't give this working woman time off to go to mass and the worker could not stand the long hours. We got three-fifths of her fee back and she was very happy. The fact that other workers would fight for her was a new experience in her life.

Working women were waiting in this agency when the delegation was there and yesterday one of these working women came up to me and told me how good she felt about the whole matter and informed me that she was going to vote "Communist" for if the Communists fight for the workers, then she was with us. She bought a Daily Worker to remember the Party emblem.

Action, concrete work, will rally more workers to us.

Communists Lead Workers' Struggle for the Right to Vote

It Always Tastes the Same to These Starving, Jobless Men



Sampling the stew made from discarded rotten vegetables at the "jungle" built up by the 250 unemployed workers at Charlton and West Streets, New York.

DOG HOUSES FOR MEN IN RICH METROPOLIS

New York Unemployed Live in Caves, Hounded by Police and Starving for Months

By DOUGLAS McDONALD
In a bleak half-block on the north-east corner of West and Springs Streets—only a few blocks from Wall Street—homeless and unemployed men are living in holes dug out of the ground, in shacks sunk into deserted cellars, in dog-houses made of boxes pieced together.

Over 250 unemployed have been living here, harassed by the police and starving for many months. This is in Manhattan, in the heart of New York City. On the north end of this block, walled in (and the unemployed walled out) by a high tight board fence, the new freight station of the New York Central is being built. But the south half is barren and unfenced the houses having been torn down. The unsightly cellar holes and piles of broken brick are all that remain. All that is, except the homes of the unemployed, the miserable shacks and boxes flimsily erected in the shallow holes where houses formerly stood. There are perhaps fifty of these shacks, though the number is difficult to estimate because many of them are small coffin-like boxes, hidden behind somewhat larger shacks, and concealed from the wind and from view in holes.

Homes under Capitalism
In one shack, made—as are all the shacks—from pieces of wooden boxes, strips of rusty tin or sheet iron picked up from dump heaps, a stove had been improvised from a common lard tin, a hole cut in the bottom and old pieces of rusty stove-pipe attached and fastened together so that the chimney reached up through the low leaky roof. In filthy bunks arranged in one corner, taking up half the space of the small room, three men, Negro workers, have lived and slept through the winter months, going out daily on the hopeless quest for work. One of the men was a skilled worker, a carpenter and molder, but had had no work for seven months. The other two—all three real workers who had been self-supporting all their lives—were unskilled laborers. A cripple lived a few feet away in a dog-house—8 by 3 feet, and 2 1-2 feet high—lined with pieces of corrugated cardboard torn from discarded paper boxes, and bedded down with newspapers. It was so low that he could only lie down after crawling through the tiny square hole that served as door. Another man, who had been working on the stock market for two years before the 'depression,' lived in a wretched hut—wretched despite the effort to give a semblance of homelikeness to a mongrel nailing together of nondescript boards and pieces of tin—stood in the door of his hut... and trembling from hunger.

Three-fourths of the 250 men are Negro workers, always the hardest hit among the masses. But in these, huts are also Mexicans, Italians, Spanish and a few Irish. They are bona fide workers, many of whom had wives and children to take care of, but whose families have long ago been dispersed, or have died. As we talk with them, we find that one has been living here four months, another six months, another eight months. All had jobs at one time, and lived in rooms or in rented apartments which, poor as they might be, were better than the cave-huts they now occupied. One man, an Italian, had been in business here, had run a bowling alley on Avenue A for several years.

Pick up Some Food

How do they live? They pick up waste wood for their fires, to keep warm, to heat water, to cook a carpenter's potato, to eat around the market. Some odd job may be picked up once or so in a week—cleaning up a mess in a yard or a cellar, watching a truck for a half-hour while the driver gets his lunch, some such trivial task—and then a few veners are bought, or a loaf of bread.

Why don't they go to the Municipal Lodging House on the East River? One and all agree that the Municipal Lodging House is worse than their miserable caves. They receive the most miserable thin soup in the bread lines and the coldest and most uncomfortable sleeping quarters. And, on top of this, the most contemptuous (contemptible) treatment the city charities can arrange. They must stand in line, waiting long in the rain and cold, for the soup, for the chance to sleep on bare floors. Very often they are soaked through and chilled through before the city's generosity is granted. And even then, at five o'clock in the morning, they are all routed out to stand again in the cold for two or three hours before they can get admitted again. All the unemployed agree in the statement that only as the very last resort would they apply to the Municipal Lodging House for either food or a place to sleep.

also be forced to default and even to declare a moratorium on all debts. Greece and Bulgaria have already defaulted. In the meantime, the sharpening differences between the imperialist powers and suspicion of each other have so far defeated the proposal to advance additional loans to the Danubian states in an effort to stave off the complete collapse of capitalist economy.

Armed Clashes With Troops

There is wide unrest in all of the Danubian countries, marked with increasing armed clashes between the starving workers and ruined peasantry on one hand, and the state police and troops on the other.

In this desperate situation, the capitalist are more and more turning to war as the capitalist "way out" of the crisis. French imperialism, as the leader of the anti-Soviet front, has made marked gains recently in drawing Germany into the Anti-Soviet war front. The German Junker dictatorship, headed by von Papen, has just offered France a military alliance in exchange for concessions on reparation payments.

France Rejects Hoover Proposal

Open opposition is evident in European and Japanese imperialist circles to the Hoover sham "disarmament" proposals, which aim to strengthen the military power of the United States at the expense of cuts in the armed forces of Wall Street's imperialist tools. Premier Herriot of France has announced his opposition to the Hoover proposal. He has countered with the French proposal for an international force under the League of Nations, which is mainly controlled by France.

Rather Guns Than Silk
Jugoslavia, one of the French vassal states, has bluntly stated its opposition to any plan to reduce armaments. This declaration was made by Premier Marinkovitch who, it is reported, has rushed back to Yugoslavia from Geneva "to deal with a threatened domestic political crisis."

The Japanese have been similarly blunt in declaring their opposition to any arms cut whatever. They have cynically declared that they would rather produce munitions for use against China and the Soviet Union than produce silk for which there is hardly any demand as a result of the crisis.

Fascist Italy is supporting the Hoover proposal in so far as it gives them parity with the French Navy. Mussolini is not averse to reducing the Italian regular army, so long as his Black Shirt military organizations are left intact.

British Secretly Oppose Cuts

The British imperialists, subtle diplomats, are putting up a screen of pacifist demagogy behind which to cover their secret opposition to the Hoover proposals which aim at establishing parity for the American Navy with the British Navy and reducing the naval strength of Japan. All of the "disarmament" proposals of the imperialist powers have three very definite aims: 1) to weaken and disarm the rival imperialist powers; 2) to strengthen the anti-Soviet war front; and 3) to deceive the masses and achieve a peaceful transition into war.

The only genuine disarmament proposals offered at the conference were made by the Soviet delegation, who first offered a plan for complete disarmament, and later, a plan for partial disarmament. Both plans were rejected forthrightly by the imperialist war mongers.

PICKET HAT SHOP.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 26.—The workers from the Lincoln millinery shop, locked out three weeks ago, are still picketing as actively as on the first day.

PHILADELPHIA WON'T PAY WAGES

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 26.—City employees will not be paid July 1, it is said here, because the treasury is \$5,825,000 short on the more than eleven million dollars needed for semi-annual interest on the city debt.

BOSSSES SPEED DRIVE FOR WAR

World Crisis Grows More Acute

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"The United States is faced not only the possibility of war with Japan in the comparatively near future but with the extreme likelihood of it sooner or later."

He added that the Japanese are "working with desperation to make themselves the strongest military power in the world. Their principal aim in doing this is to fight the one great white power in the Pacific Ocean, the United States."

While these developments reflect the sharpening antagonism between Japan and American imperialism in the struggle for the control and

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Newton Speaks An Hour From Tree in Park

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U. S. Officers Inspect Plants to Speed Preparations for War

Lament Fact Idle Machines Not All Mobilized for Munitions

At the same time that Hoover is putting forward his hypocritical "peace" proposals to the "disarmament" conference at Geneva, United States Army College officers are making a survey of Pittsburgh mills and factories to advise their owners on means to switch over quickly to war production.

They went through Westinghouse Electric, Mosta Machine, Jones and Laughlin Steel and Iron Safety Appliance plants. Thousands of idle machines met their eyes.

Lamenting the fact that these machines were not already mobilized for turning out war munitions, Capt. McMahon said that "here we have to rely on the patriotism of manufacturers to plan for wartime needs of the country."

Pittsburgh manufacturers remembering the swollen profits they collected during the last war at the expense of the slaughter of millions of workers and the misery of millions more promised that their patriotism would be on tap whenever needed.

At about the same time, Liberty magazine came out with a jingoistic article by ex-Gen. William Mitchell, urging huge war preparations. Mitchell writes:

"The United States is faced not only the possibility of war with Japan in the comparatively near future but with the extreme likelihood of it sooner or later."

He added that the Japanese are "working with desperation to make themselves the strongest military power in the world. Their principal aim in doing this is to fight the one great white power in the Pacific Ocean, the United States."

While these developments reflect the sharpening antagonism between Japan and American imperialism in the struggle for the control and

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GUN THUGS STOP CONVENTION IN JELICO, TENN.

Harlan and Bell, Ky. Mine Guards Halt 100 Delegates

MEET AT CHATTANOOGA Over 100 at Communist State Convention

JELICO, Tenn., June 26.—More than 50 police and mine owners' gun thugs from Harlan and Bell counties, Kentucky, lined up to prevent the Jellico, Campbell county, Tennessee, Communist Convention called to meet here Saturday. Over a hundred worker, miner and farmer delegates were prevented from meeting. Jellico is near the Tennessee-Kentucky state line.

State Convention
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 26.—The starving workers and jobless workers of Tennessee are in general barred from voting by the poll tax law here. You can not vote in Tennessee until you pay a tax of \$2.50. The fight against this disfranchising of the working-class will be one of the main issues at the Communist convention.

Over a hundred delegates from workers' mass organizations, local unions, Communist Party units and unemployed organizations were assembling in Chattanooga early today for the Tennessee state convention of the Communist Election Campaign.

Thirty-five delegates have sent credentials from three International Labor Defense branches; eight from an International Worker Order branch; 33 from three block committees of the unemployed councils; even from two locals of the National Miners Union; two from a group of Negro ex-service men; four from Communist Party units, and the rest so far here are from workers' clubs and fraternal organizations.

Many more delegates are expected, including delegates from farmers' meetings, for three more N. M. U. locals, and from Negro organizations.

Three hundred ex-servicemen, meeting here Saturday to demand the soldiers' bonus be granted, elected seven delegates to the Communist state convention. Four of the delegates are Negroes.

International Notes

MUNITIONS SENT TO JAPAN FROM ENGLAND

LONDON, June 26.—Six hundred forty tons of munitions produced by a British Government factory were loaded on a vessel lying at the London docks.

The vessel is east bound, and even the laborer Dr. Cullen had to admit that the munitions are "going to Japan." He is reported to have protested to the Prime Minister against this.

Kaiser and Son Meet with Bankers To "Review" German Events

LONDON, June 26.—Former Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm of Germany conferred with his father, the former kaiser, at the Dutch seaside resort of Zandvoort, Holland.

Several monarchist politicians and German bankers participated in the party, it is reported here. They "reviewed" recent events in Germany and took stock of the progress made by the monarchists in their efforts to restore the Hohenzollerns on the throne.

Demonstration Before Bronx Court Mon. In Irish Workers Trial

NEW YORK.—Workers will demonstrate before the Magistrate's Court, 161st St. and Brook Avenue, Bronx, Monday morning at 10 o'clock where four members of the Irish Workers' Club come up for trial charged with felonious assault, the International Labor Defense announced.

The workers, Moriarity, Rooney, Mallally and McCairny were arrested and beaten up Wednesday night following an eviction fight on E. 147th St. in which a large crowd of workers took part.

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took their request, "under advisement".
A. Mitchell Palmer, ex-attorney general, who led the red raids against workers' organizations in 1920, is helping to write the Democratic Party platform.

Lindros, Baltimore Steel Worker, Dead; Old Revolutionary

BALTIMORE, June 26.—Oscar Lindros, a worker active in the revolutionary movement, died here yesterday.

The Baltimore Section committee of the Communist Party has issued the following statement:

"Oscar Lindros, a charter member of the Communist Party died today. Comrade Lindros worked for over 12 years in the Bethlehem Steel Mill, in Baltimore, Md., as a heater. The inhuman speed-up, miserably low wages paid them by Schwab, was responsible for the untimely death of our beloved comrade.

Comrade Lindros was very active among the Finnish workers, always faithful to the interests of the working class and a true proletarian follower of Lenin.

"His death must be replaced by new steel workers for the revolutionary Communist Party."

CHALLENGE CITY COUNCILMEN.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 26.—Unemployed workers meeting June 26th at 8 p. m. at Parkway Hall, 31st St. and Ridge Ave., challenge the city councilmen from their district to come and answer charges that cutting off of city relief will starve thousands. The meeting is called by the Str. Mansion Unemployed Council.

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Roosevelt—"Progressive"

HISTORICALLY the Republican Party is the party of big capital, the Democratic Party the party of the slaveholder. After the Civil War, the parties distinguished themselves by their stand on the tariff which difference was basically of no social importance to the masses. Today these two parties of capitalism are as alike as two peas in a pod. The greater the likeness, the more urgent the necessity of maintaining the two party system by resorting to the vilest demagoguery and trying to represent one or the other of the parties as "progressive," as the party of the underdog.

American democracy, as Marx pointed out a long time ago, is the classic land of swindling and this applies even more to politics than to commerce. Today when the question of the very existence of capitalism has been raised by the bankruptcy of the profit system and the rise and obvious success of the system of socialism in the USSR, the capitalists must seek to dress up one of its candidates for presidency as a "liberal."

And this is the strength of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the leading contender for the democratic nomination for president.

What gives this New York Governor the right to strut about as a progressive? Even if we define the term in the vague, indefinite and insipid phrase chosen by Roosevelt himself as the "champion of the forgotten man." Surely there is nothing in the entire record of this politician to earn even this meaningless title.

As assistant secretary of the Navy in the Wilson administration, he was responsible for the invasion of Haiti by American marines, boasted that he wrote its slavish constitution, threatened Mexico with imperialist conquest, intensely supported Wilson's war for the benefit of Wall Street, and barely escaped the teapot dome scandal from also breaking over his head.

As governor of New York he has, together with his right hand man, the banker Lehman, through various "arbitration" schemes, reduced the needle trades workers to unparalleled sweat shop conditions, broken strikes, and denied the workers of New York State relief from the miseries of the crisis. Two million lean and hungry unemployed workers can point the finger of scorn at this self-styled "progressive" governor.

Where then is his progressivism to be found? It is supposed to reside in the name of "Roosevelt." The older Theodore Roosevelt as president of the United States vigorously promoted American imperialism, swindled Panama away from the Latin Americans, expropriated the small business men and relentlessly sent the army to break up strikes in the interest of the trust magnates and bankers. All of which did not deter him in 1912 from posing as a liberal and reformer, when capitalism needed some one to deflect the masses away from the growing socialist movement of the time. Bearing in mind the usefulness of Roosevelt's action, the capitalist class has spread the myth that the name of Roosevelt is synonymous with progressive. It is upon this myth that the present governor stakes his claim. And should he obtain the nomination, he will like his namesake, blare forth his shallow "progressivism" to the highest pitch.

This is not the first example of its kind in history. We recall the cutting and brilliant phrase of Marx in describing the reappearance of events and personalities upon the stage of history—That they appear the first time as tragedy and the second as farce.

If Lenin accurately designated the "original" Roosevelt as a charlatan, what else can we say of his distant cousin, Franklin D. Roosevelt, but that he is a pure and simple quack.

"Planning" for Sick Capitalism

AS the curve of business crisis shoots downward, voices in the ranks of the capitalists demanding "planned economy" rise in pitch and intensity.

The New York Times in its Sunday edition editorially tells of a new plan—"socialized capitalism"—put forward by a Mr. Milbank whom the Times describes as a "lawyer, bank director, chairman of the board of a great industry and philanthropist." "He sets forward," says this capitalist newspaper, "the foundation principles on which to build an improved economic and social order." Capitalism, says this industrialist, "makes the individual a predatory animal rather than a social being, while socialism in its extreme form (1) destroys some of the finest and useful qualities in the individual." This banker would strike a compromise between the two and "humanize" capital.

The Times hurries to remind us, however, that this Mr. Milbank does not mean "nationalization," as for example, practiced in the Soviet Union. No, he is thinking rather of such innocent things as voluntary and public co-operation in programs for the promotion of health "and welfare of the children and for protection against the evil days of old age and unemployment."

This is the sum total of his "socialization" schemes. That capitalism makes the "individual a predatory animal" is no mean admission on the part of this banker. But it is no original discovery! Marx long ago pointed out that mankind has lived a semi-animal existence under all forms of society, but that capitalism has the distinction because of those "fine, useful qualities" which Mr. Milbank worships, of making the jungle existence more pronounced, more cruel and the struggle for the means of existence on the part of the working class more inhuman. And what are those "fine and useful qualities," which socialism will do away with? IT is the profit greed, the motive for the accumulation of wealth at the expense of the masses, the desire to outstrip the fellow-capitalist in the rush for profits, the madness to build up fortunes and hold millions of workers under the iron heel of capitalist industry.

But it is precisely because of this profit greed, the inherent nature of capitalism, that capitalism cannot plan.

Capitalism is trapped by its own system. But it cannot find a way out by a fundamental reorganization. All its planning schemes are intended to hide the plunderous character of the system from the masses and are means to further the enslavement of the workers by further concentration of industry. The capitalists rely upon wage slashes at home and the redistribution of the world through war as a way out.

The reorganization of society, real and fundamental will and can be made only by the working class led by the Communist Party. Its way is the overthrow of the capitalist system and the establishment of a system of production for use. Such a system looms high for the American workers and farmers in the brilliant successes of planned economy in the Soviet Union.

"LABOR LEADER AND PRESBYTERIAN"

HIGH praise and a keen, though quite accidental evaluation, has just come to Mr. A. J. Muste, head of the "Conference for Progressive Labor Action."

Muste, whose chief job is to help blunt the fighting edge of class struggle with meaningless "radical" phrases, is announced by the Church League for Industrial Democracy to deliver a series of lectures on "The Christian Way out of the Economic Problem," which opens soon in the idyllic groves of the Wellesley college, a "finishing school" for the flapper daughters of the rich.

Says the folder announcing Muste's lectures: "Dr. Muste, as a Presbyterian clergyman, is, as you see, particularly well equipped to handle the subject."

Of course, he is! Christianity is his strong point. Was it not the same Rev. Muste who urged the desperate textile strikers in Marion, N. C. to go on the picket line with hymn books to face the shower of bullets which crushed the lives out of six of the workers?

Yes, the Reverend, like his brother-in-the-cloth, Thomas, is well equipped to handle "Christianity" as missionaries for the capitalist class and the workers are realizing this more and more!

NO PORK IN THIS BARREL!



"I am glad to see the adoption by the Senate and House of the principle of generous relief to unemployment."—Herbert Hoover's statement on some features of the Wagner and Garner Bills.

The Situation in Germany--Why the Bruening Government Fell

Leading Article of Pravda, June 3, 1932

THE Bruening government has resigned. In the 26 months during which the Bruening was in office, unemployment in Germany according to official statistics, increased from 3,100,000 to 6,100,000; the number of unemployed in receipt of unemployment benefit has been reduced from 68 to 26 per cent; rates of benefit have been reduced; the wages of employed workers have been reduced by 33 per cent; the average weekly wage of an industrial worker, taking into account the losses through unemployment and tax deductions, has declined from 42.20 marks to 22.45 marks.

In the 26 months of the Bruening government, milliards of mark squeezed out of the starving masses were played into the hands of the big bankers, the heavy industrialists and the Prussian junkers in order to salvage their bankrupt undertakings and big estates. This is the social countenance of the policy of the Bruening government, this government of emergency decrees and expropriation of the toilers in the interest of the capitalists.

Crisis and unemployment are driving German capitalism to a catastrophe; the burden of reparations bars any way out from the crisis by means of successful competition on the world market. The conferences in Lausanne, which allegedly is to solve the reparations question, will not and can not bring the solution which is necessary to the German bourgeoisie.

New Robbery Drive
The German bourgeoisie still sees in the "high" wages of the workers and the "unbearable burden" of social expenditure as the cause of the extreme accentuation of the economic crisis. The Bruening government supported by the social democracy, had not the necessary forces at its disposal in order to carry out a fresh open robbery campaign against the working class by means of the State apparatus. The Bruening government also did not possess the necessary authority among the leaders of the German bourgeoisie in order to represent the interest at the Lausanne Conference. Hence it was compelled to resign and to give place to another government, which will attempt to solve the "accursed problems" of the German bourgeoisie with more brutal means.

Bruening is replaced by his colleagues of the Catholic Centre Party, the big landowner Franz von Papen, the biggest shareholder of "Germania," who during the war was military attache in Washington.

The new government will be a government of heavy industry and of the junkers, with the closest cooperation of the Reichswehr generals, who have in their hands all the means of terror for suppressing the resistance of the toilers.

Fascist Base
The government reminds us of the time of Wilhelm II, not only because it is composed of representatives of the same classes which were in power before the November revolution, but also by reason of its comparison. It bases itself upon the million army of the followers of the national socialist fascist party; in addition to the Reichswehr and the police, in its fight against the masses it makes use of the fascist fighting organizations, this monster born of the general

crisis of capitalism.

The Bruening government, with the assistance of the social democracy, has prepared this national socialist basis for the Papen-Schleicher Government. The national socialists are already in power in Brunswick, Hesse, Oldenburg, Anhalt and Mecklenburg; they play a decisive role in the senates of the "free" towns of Bremen and Danzig; they are about to take over power in Prussia and Wurttemberg. They are conducting negotiations for entering the Bavarian government.

Thus we perceive a peculiar relation of forces, resulting in the "non-party" Reichs government of the generals, junkers and industrialists being supported by the national socialist, provincial governments, which have at their disposal a tremendous fascist party and fighting apparatus.

Betrays Continue
There is not the least doubt that the social democracy will also "tolerate" the Papen-Schleicher government as the "lesser evil" against an eventual Hitler government as a "lawful" and constitutional government. The social democrats are already now endeavoring to prove that its policy of support of Hindenburg's candidate was correct, for Hindenburg has ensured the "lawful" and constitutional character of the new government. The character of the new government can be seen from

Liberal Journalism

By JULIUS DAVIDSON

THE Daily News of Washington, D. C., is a Scripps-Howard chain paper whose chief circulation bait is a liberal sympathy for the workers and expiring petty merchants. With the timidity characteristic of the petit bourgeois soul the world over, this newspaper fights slyly of any organized mass resistance, which seriously threatens the foundations of the ruling tribe. When such resistance manifests itself, as in the last Communist anti-war demonstration before the Japanese embassy, the Daily News plainly betrays the inherently rotten spirit of its liberalism.

The "News" Knew.
ALTHOUGH the "News" knew that the workers who participated in the anti-imperialist demonstration before the Japanese Embassy were unarmed, it nevertheless sought to prejudice its readers against them by reporting that:

"The embassy was undamaged because the police intercepted the demonstrators before they reached the grounds."

Thus, the Washington gendarmes barbarous slugging of the demonstrators is subtly justified by the vile insinuation that the workers were bent not on disciplined, class conscious protest against imperialist butchery in the Far East, but upon violence and bloodshed to the embassy and its occupants. Thus, those traditional guardians of special privilege—the police—are made to appear by these liberals of publicity as the disinterested defenders of life, liberty and property—precious capitalist life, liberty and property.

"Be More Cautious."
THE "News" poses as the champion of unpopular causes by shrewdly exploiting the confidence of the capital city's thousands of government employees. This it achieved by masquerading a shallow editorial support of their growing resentment against the Hoover plutocracy's repeated assaults upon their living standards. Its sympathetic lip-service to the oppressed runs true to form. The Wall Street government's relentless browbeating of federal workers into surrendering substantial slices of their pay first for the Red Cross, then for the Community Chest, and now the serious wage slash maneuvered by the Congressional bootleggers on

Close-Ups of Kalinin, Soviet President

Peasants Find Him Always Ready to Listen to Complaints

By MYRA PAGE, Our Correspondent in the Soviet Union.

WE ENTER a long, simply furnished room, where a queue of about fifty people are waiting their turn to speak with the little man standing by his desk. As he talks quietly with each one, reading the letter or document they offer, his kindly, penetrating gaze is at work, seeing below the surface of his fellow.

"From behind his specks he can see everything," a peasant confides. "He's a shrewd one, but with a big heart—our Kalinin."

We begin speaking with those in line. "Why have you come?" Peasants they are, bearded, heavy-set. Many are carrying sacks or baskets. Dark blue and brown shawls are fitted neatly about the women's heads. All but a few have discarded the old home-made leggings and straw sandals for leather shoes or high-top boots—one sure mark of the village's slow but certain climbing to the city's level.

Why They Come.
In answer to our question, a lad of twenty tells shamefacedly that he's been expelled from the workers' technical school for being absent from class too often, and falling behind in his studies. The truth was, several times he got drunk, and ignored the student committee's warnings. Now he is sorry, and hopes that since his father was a peasant Red partisan during the Civil War days, Kalinin might aid him in getting another chance.

Next to him stands a peasant woman who will demand that she and her husband be allowed to return to their village. A year ago, they had been called up by their village soviet (council) for refusing to pay the grain tax, and working against the newly organized collective farm. The peasants had decided to banish them as bad elements from the village for three years. Now, having heard that things are going well there, the couple want to go back, join the collective, and do their full part. She's been working at housework in Moscow and her husband as an unskilled laborer.

Wants to Join Collective
We speak with several more peasants whose stories run likewise. One old fellow, his eyes watering, tells us how he wouldn't join the collective when it first organized, believing what the local priest and rich kulak had whispered around the village. Now that his eyes have been opened and he wants to join, some of the collective members don't want to let him in. He feels certain that Kalinin will straighten it out.

There's an old engineer who wants Kalinin's advice on some personal matters, and a former peasant who has located a job in a Moscow factory provided he finds a room. Maybe Kalinin can help him. He is referred to the Housing Commission, and so it goes.

After the last one is heard, and his request met or referred to special government committees for further handling, Michael Kalinin is free to talk with us. We follow his brisk step up the stairs to his

office. Like the room below, it is simply furnished, with work-desk, book-shelves, maps, charts and a drawing of Lenin.

In Kalinin's Work Room
"The men and women who come here," he tells us, "come to demand of their own class. There's no feeling of humbling themselves—it's their right and they know it. They're not coming to any 'great man,' but one of themselves. Formerly, when we still had unemployment, they came asking work. Theirs was a temporary difficulty, which our developing socialist society has entirely abolished. Meanwhile they could rely upon not starving, because of our government's system of social insurance. Nevertheless, there were hardships—It's good those days are past. . . . Now the main problems they bring are personal ones, as you have seen. Social problems, such as housing and insurance, are handled elsewhere.

"The peasants coming here serves more than one purpose. It corrects any individual injustice that may have occurred, and it helps us here in the government to keep in close touch with local developments. For example, I notice complaints of a certain kind from one region. Evidently there's an inefficient or bureaucratic person there in the collective farm or soviet. So we send a member of the Central Control Commission to aid the locality in correcting the conditions." Kalinin writes a newspaper. "The villagers pass hundreds of letters each month to this, their peasant's paper, which has five million circulation. All the questions and complaints they send in, besides being answered, are carefully analyzed, and charts prepared, so that the Party and government can feel the pulse of our masses, know their desires and problems in each region. That's how we work."

For awhile he puffs energetically on his cigarette, fixing on the three of us, representatives of the workers' press from Germany, England and the United States, that same kindly, penetrating gaze. "So you're writing about the Soviet Union for workers abroad? One thing, don't describe this as a land of milk and honey. To build socialism is not easy. Your workers must know that, for they have the same task ahead of them. Nevertheless, the mood of our toiling masses is better here than anywhere. They know for what they struggle. They feel confident of what lies ahead."

Sharpest Self-Criticism
"Because our press makes a policy of publishing the sharpest self-criticism, and the masses' complaints of shortcomings in our work, the bourgeois press abroad says this means that the population here is not satisfied with the Soviet power. That is not true. Our workers know they are making criticism of their own class and of course mistakes are made. But they know that we are trying together to go on a new, independent road. Our difficulties and our shortcomings and victories we share in common."

"I have such an impression that ninety-nine and nine-tenths of the population are not sorry that quick Soviet Power." Again that quick grin. Perhaps one-tenth of one per cent are dissatisfied. "You'll always find such people. I remember when I was a small boy that some older peasant would say, 'It was better when we were serfs.'"

Later the conversation turns to developments in the village, under the Second Five Year Plan. Kalinin uses his local village as an example. Enthusiastically he pointed out to us on the map, some hundred miles north of Moscow, in the Tver district. Every year or often he makes trips there, to visit with his mother and village friends. "I can see in my village how the peasants' whole outlook and manner of living is changing since they've organized their collective farm," he says. "In the old days, every peasant was in darkness—dying. Now he has the chance to develop, going the same road as the factory worker. In my village, for instance, we have our members of the national government, one is chairman of the Party's district organization committee, three are commanders in the Red Army, two are managers of cooperative stores, two others have become managers of collective farms in other villages. That's how it is."

Closer to Communism
"The collectivized peasant of today is no longer the same man as yesterday. A person who plows with a horse on his small plot, for himself alone, is far different from our modern farm workers who work a tractor on a jointly run farm. This collective farm worker has learned to put the interest of the collective beyond all else. Maybe he hasn't learned yet to think much beyond this. But under the Second Five Year Plan you will see how our collective farmer will stretch his outlook still further, coming close to the level of his city brothers in loyalty to Communism and the cause of the international proletariat."

Now it was Michael Kalinin's turn to question us about the situation in our home countries. Before our leaving, the President of the first Workers' and Peasants' Government asks, "Please give my warm greetings to the workers of your country."