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In Tampa**

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AFL PROBES KILLING

EVEN THE CHILDREN PAY



These Italian children are already beginning to pay the cost of Mussolini's attack on Ethiopia. They are turning in their metal toys and dolls to be made into bullets.

Detroit Socialist Slain In Strike

DETROIT—Shot while he was fighting for his fellow strikers at the Motor Products plant here, Carl Swanson, 26-year-old Socialist and trade unionist, died here this week.

Swanson's death brought the toll of Socialists killed in the class struggle to three within the last two months. William L. Polley of Kansas City, Kan., was first; Joseph Shoemaker of Tampa, Fla., was second; Swanson is the latest to go.

He was shot by a foreman of the struck plant three weeks ago, when he and several other strikers visited the foreman's house to plead with him for support. As Swanson stood on the sidewalk, a shotgun blazed forth giving him the fatal wound.

After struggling valiantly for life, he finally succumbed here last Sunday. Doctors said he had been shot in the back.

Although the shooting occurred three weeks ago, the district attorney's office arrested Eugene Green, the scab foreman who fired the shot, only this week.

Leaders of the Mechanics' Educational Society and the Automobile Industrial Workers' Union, conducting the Motor Products' strike, announced that a mass

Northwest Labor Hits Scab Mills

PORTLAND, Ore.—Longshoremen here refused to handle a shipment of five carloads of Fisher Flouring Mills products sent here from Seattle for reloading on a vessel for San Francisco. The firm is on the "unfair" list of both the Seattle and Portland Labor Councils because of its refusal to deal with the Longshoremen's Union in Seattle.

EVERETT, Wash.—When the Miller Logging Company tried to force cooks at its camp near Sultan to use scab products of the Fisher Flouring Mills, the cook three helpers, and more than 200 union loggers went on strike.

funeral would be held for the fallen striker.

The strike, which affects some 3,000 men, is now in its fifth week.

PROTESTS OVER TAMPA MURDER SWEEP NATION

TAMPA, Fla.—Tampa was swamped this week by a rising tide of protests and demands for immediate action from all over the country, as the result of the death of Joseph Shoemaker, Socialist and unemployed leader, last week.

As a grand jury investigation into Shoemaker's murder began, the city's ministers joined in the nation-wide protest move and laid the crime squarely at the door of local officials.

26,000 TO QUIT IOWA WPA JOBS IN WAGE FIGHT

DES MOINES, Iowa—A state-wide WPA strike affecting 26,000 men will be called in Iowa January 2, according to a decision of State Federation of Labor and unemployed leaders, who met here this week to act against "starvation wages" on federal relief projects.

Threats of a state relief administrator to cut off relief from all strikers were answered by J. C. Lewis, president of the federation, in these words:

"If you think you can intimidate or coerce the unemployed of Iowa by such threats, we think you are mistaken."

The strike conference voted unanimously to demand the resignation of Ina Tyyler, state emergency relief director.

Bay State Workers Quit

BOSTON—Walk-outs on WPA projects became the common-place in the Boston metropolitan area this week, as workers joined in protests over pay and other grievances.

At Lynn, more than 1,200 relief workers stormed the city hall, demanding food orders, when their pay checks failed to appear for the third week in a row. At Cambridge, more than half of the relief workers have refused to continue work and have gone back to the home front. Walk-outs are also spreading in nearby Wakefield.

WIN AFTER FIVE WEEKS

TACOMA, Wash.—After a five-week strike, union shiprights here have won a 20 per cent wage boost, a 40-hour week, and the closed shop. Three shipyards were arrested.

Negroes Hit At Florida's Record

NEW YORK.—In the following telegram addressed to President Green of the American Federation of Labor, the National Association for Advancement of Colored People this week urged removal of the AFL convention from Tampa:

"National Association for the Advancement of Colored People urges removal of 1936 convention of American Federation of Labor from Florida, not only because of the lynching of Joseph Shoemaker and beating, tarring, and feathering of E. F. Poulnot and S. D. Rogers for labor activities, but because Negro workers will inevitably be discriminated against should they attend convention.

"Lynching of Joseph Shoemaker fits snugly into frame of violence in Florida. In October, 1934, Claude Neal was lynched with incredible barbarity at Marianna, Florida, and on July 19, Rubin Stacey, Negro sharecropper, was lynched at Fort Lauderdale.

"Removal of American Federation of Labor convention from state with such a record and consequent economic loss to the state would be a salutary lesson."

TRUCKERS WON'T SCAB

MINNEAPOLIS.—When the Strutwear Company tried to smash the strike of hosiery workers at its plant here by moving machinery out of town, it had to go 103 miles from Minneapolis before it found truckers willing to help in the scab deal. Many local truckers, members of Drivers' Local 574 refused to touch the machinery.

In services of "public penitence" held throughout the city last Sunday, clergymen of all faiths united in denouncing the entire local political set-up. The killing, one declared, can be traced directly "to the very citadel of justice and law administration."

Victim of Mob

Shoemaker, chairman of an independent political organization with labor and Socialist support; Eugene Poulnot, president of the Florida Federation of the Workers' Alliance, unemployed organization, and S. D. Rogers, a Socialist Party leader, were seized in front of the police station, taken out in the country, stripped, beaten, and then tarred and feathered. Police looked on and did nothing to stop the outrage.

Although the mob murder took place nearly three weeks ago and although participants in the crime are said to be known to the police and city officials, not one arrest had taken place up to Tuesday of this week. The suspension of seven members of the police force by Mayor R. E. L. Chancey was viewed here as merely a gesture to save face in the midst of the tumult that has been aroused.

Mayors Demand Action

Demands for the arrest of the assailants continue to flood the offices of the sheriff, the mayor, and the governor. Among those wiring or writing the local officials have been Mayors Daniel W. Hoan of Milwaukee, Marvin V. Baxter

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President Green declared in Washington Tuesday that he would continue the fight for a thorough investigation leading to the conviction of Shoemaker's murderer, despite contradictory statements from the president of the Florida State Federation of Labor. He also assured Norman Thomas and Murray Baron, with whom he spoke, that the AFL convention would not be held in Tampa unless justice had been done.

1935—The Honor Roll of Labor—1935

Thirty-three workers fought and died in 1935—fought because they asked for bread and life for their wives and children; died because the rulers of America—they who own and mismanage industry—preferred to murder and to kill to prevent justice.

Have these thirty-three given their lives in vain? Their sacrifice can only be repaid by a powerful Socialist and labor movement that will take power in America and in the world for a Workers' Democracy.

The CALL presents The Honor Roll of Labor for 1935:

"PINK" WALKER

Unemployed United Textile Workers' sympathizer, shot by scab at Richmond Hosiery Mills, Rossville, Ga., February 3.

FRANK PETROVSKY

26-year-old miner, member of the United Anthracite Miners' Union, killed by a scab at Glen Alden Coal Co., Woodward colliery, Pa., February 14.

KENNETH ELDRIDGE

PAUL KNIGHT

Killed by vigilantes in fruit and vegetable workers' strike at William Wahl shed, El Centro, Cal., February 17.

IGNACIO VELARDE

37-year-old jobless worker, killed by deputy sheriff in demonstration against eviction at Gallup, N. M., April 4.

SOLOMON ESQUIBEL

32-year-old communist leader, died in Gallup hospital, April 12, from shot in spine received at April 4 demonstration.

ANDY LATISKA

30-year-old father of two children, killed by shots fired by strike guards at Kaul Clay Co., Toronto, Ohio, April 17.

ROY MORENCY

27-year-old vice-president of warehousemen's union, killed by son of owner of struck trucking company, Stockton, Cal., April 27.

FONIE STEPHENS

Peaceful striker, died of wounds received when National Guardsmen attacked strikers, Galloway Mills, La Grange, Ga., May 11.

GEORGE MELHELM

25-year-old bystander, died of wounds received when company guards attacked strikers at Berger Manufacturing Co., Canton, Ohio, June 13.

JOHN W. DUSTER

Bystander, killed when police attacked street car strikers, Omaha, Neb., June 14.

DEWEY McCOY

Bystander, died June 17, of wounds received in police attack on Omaha strikers, June 14.

WILLIAM KAARTE

Harbor striker, killed by police near Holmes, Eureka mill, Eureka, Cal., June 21.

FRED FRIEDL

22-year-old former business agent of International Seamen's Union, killed by detective and four others at San Pedro, Cal., June 22.

HAROLD EDLUND

25-year-old lumber striker, died June 25 of wounds received in police attack at Eureka, Cal., June 21.

PAUL LAMPELLI

Lumber striker, died August 7, of wounds received in police attack at Eureka, Cal., June 21.

ED BARCY

JOE JOHNSON

JIM MERIWEATHER

Strikers of Alabama Sharecroppers' Union, found dead in the swamps of Montgomery and Lowndes Counties, Ala., in August.

MRS. BERTHA KELLY

21-year-old textile picket, mother of two children, shot in strike clash at Pelzer Manufacturing Company, Pelzer, S. C., September 2.

MELVIN BJORKLUND

EUGENE CASPER

Bystanders, shot by police in strike at Flour City Ornamental Iron Works, Minneapolis, Minn., September 12.

SMITH WADKINS

Active member of Alabama Sharecroppers' Union, found dead in Ala., in September.



WILLIAM L. POLLEY

Business agent of truck drivers' union, active Socialist, shot by gangsters just prior to strike call, Kansas City, Kan., October 12.

SAM DOWDELL

Striker, shot by scab at Tennessee Coal and Iron Company mine near Birmingham, Ala., October 16.

ETIENNE CHRIST

34-year-old longshore striker, found dead near Texas Company terminal, Port Arthur, Tex., October 21.

VIRGIL THOMAS

United Mine Workers' Striker, ambushed by machine guns while en route to picket at Acmar mine of Alabama Fuel and Iron Company, near Birmingham, Ala., October 28.

ERNEST DUKES

Picket, member of International Longshoremen's Association, shot by cop protecting scabs at Mobile, Ala., October 31.

RALPH RATLEFF

26-year-old United Mine Workers member, shot by strike-breaker near Pikeville, Ky., November 3.

ESTILL DAMEON

20-year-old mine striker, shot by deputy sheriff near Pikeville, Ky., November 3.

SAM BRANDT

21-year-old International Longshoremen's Association striker, shot by strike guards at Houston, Tex., November 15.

JOSEPH SHOEMAKER

Socialist and unemployed leader, beaten by mob and police at Tampa, November 30.

CARL SWANSON

Socialist auto striker shot in back by scab workman, died December 14.

(Statistics supplied by Labor Research Assn.)

LABOR IN ACTION

By JOHN HERLING

(If you have news of labor activity in your section of the country, The CALL wants to know about it. Items for this column should be sent to John Herling, Socialist Call, 21 East 17th Street, New York City.—Editor.)

In the Middle West, three teamster union officials of Fargo, North Dakota, won an appeal in the state supreme court after they had been sentenced to six month terms. They were charged with rioting although they were not even present. Sentences of two months each against twelve union members were sustained.

A rehearing of the twelve is being demanded by the Fargo Non-partisan Labor Defense. At Sheboygan, Wisconsin, 26 union members injured by gunmen in the Kohler strike in 1934 have dropped damage suits, convinced that no fair trial is possible in the county. The proposed suits grew out of the killing of two strikers and the wounding of two others when picket lines were attacked. One is reminded of the stirring description of the Kohler struggle which the AFL convention heard from Wisconsin delegates.

At Jersey City, the crew of the Norwegian tramp steamer, Spero, walked out on strike against the shipment of \$250,000 worth of scrap iron and steel bound for Mussolini's munition factories. Both seamen and boiler rooms shifts refused to handle the cargo.

In San Francisco, four members of the Ship Scalers' Union, affiliated with the International Longshoremen's Union are on trial for murder after a union meeting had been invaded by scabs. No scabs were arrested by the police. There is no evidence connecting the four accused unionists. The charges stand, nevertheless.

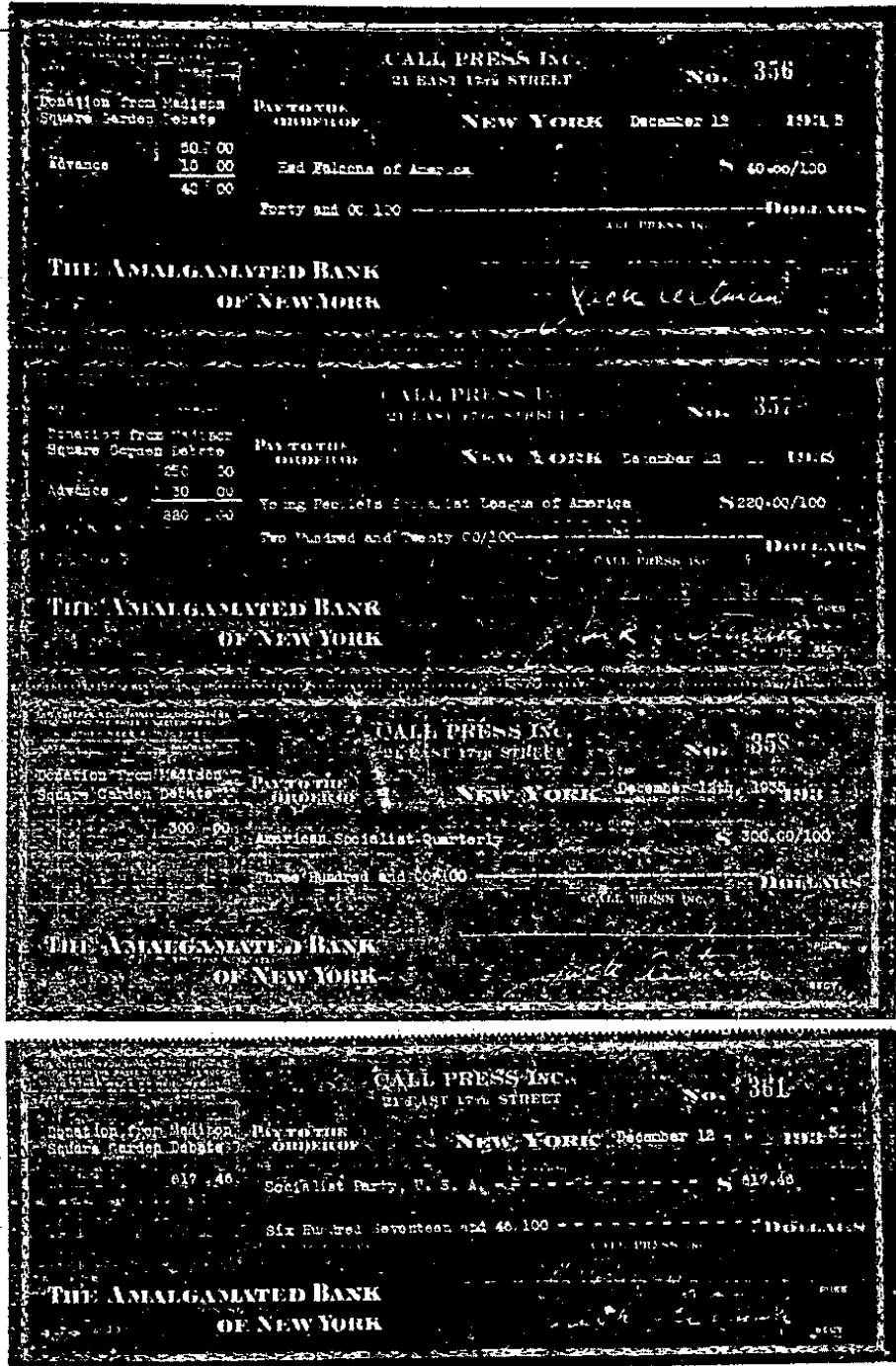
Following an intensive drive by organized labor for the punishment of the killers of Vergil Thomas, organizer of the United Mine Workers in Alabama, seven deputies and two company officials were indicted for murder by a St. Clair county grand jury. To prove its utter impartiality, the grand jury proceeded to indict 16 union men along with 23 company deputies and officials for conspiracy. "The only conspiracy the miners are guilty of is meeting to organize a local of the United Mine Workers, which was interrupted by the deadly fire of company machine guns.

After seven months on the picket line, striking workers of eleven Cleveland breweries have won an agreement covering all departments. All union men were reinstated without prejudice. The strike of the 400 brewery workers was somewhat complicated in the beginning by a jurisdictional dispute with some of the craft union.

The next convention of the International Brotherhood of Workers Union will be held in April in New York City. A meeting of the national organization committee of the union decided last week. The NOC heard a report from its general secretary, on increased activity during the past four months.

LAUNCH LABOR DRIVE

PREPARING FOR 1936



Here are four checks that were sent to various sections of the Socialist movement by THE CALL as its share of the campaign to raise a huge war-chest for the 1936 campaign. The full amount, \$1,217.46, was part of the profit made by The CALL on the Thomas-Browder debate.

Shoemaker Killing Stirs Nation-wide Protest Wave

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of West Allis, Wis., and Jasper McLevy of Bridgeport, Conn., and Mayor-elect J. Henry Stump of Reading, Pa. The protesting mayors are all Socialists.

Green Threatens Reprisal

WASHINGTON—The next convention of the American Federation of Labor will not be held in Tampa, as scheduled, unless authorities there punish the killers of Joseph Shoemaker, William Green, AFL president, intimated here last week.

Terming the treatment accorded labor leaders in that city "shocking" and "brutal", Green declared:

"Unless thorough and complete investigation is made and those found guilty of the violence and brutality are punished, it is altogether probable that the American Federation of Labor may find it necessary to change the holding of its convention in November 1936 to some other city where striking men and women are properly protected, and the exercise of their rights is fully recognized."

Mobilize Mass Protest NEW YORK The daily indignation of Socialists, trade

unionists, unemployed, liberals and clergymen fast moved toward fever pitch here this week, as the newly formed Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights in Tampa began to mobilize mass opinion to protest the killing of Joseph Shoemaker and the serious injury of two other labor men in Tampa, Fla.

Committee Asks Funds

The committee is asking that funds be sent to 112 East 19th Street, this city. Supporting organizations include the New York Dressmakers' Joint Board and Local 22 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, Workers' Alliance of America, Suitcase, Bag, and Portfolio Makers' Union, Labor and Socialist Defense Committee, Non-Partisan Defense Committee, General Defense Committee, League for Industrial Democracy, and the social action committee of the Congressional Church.

The American Civil Liberties Union has offered a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderers.

N. Y. Socialists Call Labor Meet, Open Campaign

New York—The drive to build the Socialist Party in New York begins this Saturday, December 21, with a mass meeting for trade unionists. Norman Thomas heads the speakers' list, which includes prominent Socialist trade unionists, at the meeting at the Hotel Delano.

ALTMAN HITS APPOINTMENT OF SOLOMON

The party conflict in New York was aggravated this week with the news that Charles Solomon, prominent Old Guard spokesman, had accepted an appointment as a magistrate from Republican-Fusion Mayor LaGuardia. Solomon indicated that he had done so with the consent of the members of the Old Guard State Executive Committee. This is the second such appointment that LaGuardia had made to the judiciary, the first being that of Jacob Panken to the Domestic Relations Court.

Both appointments came simultaneously with reactionary steps on the part of the mayor. Panken was appointed at the time when the sales tax was imposed on New York workers by LaGuardia, and Solomon's appointment came on the day when LaGuardia announced that he would perpetuate the sales tax. After announcing the appointment of Solomon, LaGuardia spoke the same night at a meeting of Italian Fascists in Madison Square Garden held in support of Italy's invasion of Ethiopia.

Statement by Altman

Jack Altman, secretary of Local New York, made the following statement concerning the appointment:

"The acceptance of the appointment by Charles Solomon is further proof of the charge we have made that the Old Guard is more concerned with political bargaining than with party building. In a letter addressed and read to the party membership meeting held a week ago Sunday, Norman Thomas described the Old Guard as possessed by a 'desire to reduce the Socialist Party to a little group to use for bargaining with labor politicians and even with old party officeholders who have jobs to give out.' Solomon's appointment now leaves no doubt.

"Solomon's is the second appointment of an Old Guard Socialist by the Fusion mayor to the judiciary, and revives in the minds of party members the occasion at the city central meeting of February 6 when Murray Baron charged on the floor of the City Central Committee that a section of the Old Guard was 'trying to ingratiate itself with the Fusion administration.' Baron was summarily removed from the City Executive Committee of which was a member and was permanently denied the right to speak on the floor of the Central Committee.

"It is a peculiar coincidence that on the very day that LaGuardia announced the appointment of Solomon he participated in a fascist mass meeting in Madison Square Garden over the pub-

lic protest of Norman Thomas and a group of progressives. The membership of the Socialist Party has indicated by its acts in the past few weeks that it will no longer permit the party name to be compromised by association with LaGuardia or any other proponents of the economic and political order which Socialists are pledged to oppose.

The meeting will hear a frank discussion of the recent events in the Socialist Party and the importance, particularly for trade unionists, of building the Socialist Party as the political weapon of the working class. Some of the speakers are expected to discuss a Socialist policy for trade unionists.

The meeting will be presided over by Murray Gross, chairman of the Labor Committee of the New York Socialist Party, and prominent figure in Local 22 of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union. Besides Norman Thomas, the speakers' list includes Frank R. Crosswath, chairman of the Negro Labor Committee and former Socialist candidate for Lieutenant Governor in New York State and Borough President of New York City; Murray Baron, manager of the Suitcase, Bag and Portfolio Makers' Union; Reinhold Niebuhr of the American Federation of Teachers, and Sam Baron, vice-president of the Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Accountants' Union.

The gathering of trade unionists will be held in the Hotel Delano, 108 West 43rd Street, near Sixth Avenue, on Saturday afternoon, December 21, at 1 o'clock. Local New York of the Socialist Party, under whose auspices the meeting has been arranged, has invited all trade unionists to attend. Admission is free.

It is significant, too, that even before Solomon's acceptance of the magistracy, which was not unexpected, his own branch voted to repudiate the Old Guard and to support our efforts in behalf of the Socialist Party.

At the present time, out of 30 branches that have voted and reported on the results, 26 have repudiated the Old Guard, precisely because of such incidents in recent party history. The news of Solomon's appointment will increase our large majority even beyond our original expectations.

The Socialist Party of New York is definitely opposed to the program of the LaGuardia administration. His announcement that he will maintain the sales tax in New York will arouse the opposition of the labor unionists of this city as well as that of Socialists. The Socialist Party of this city pledges itself to a campaign that will wipe out the sales tax, LaGuardia's system of taxing the poor instead of the rich."

26 BRANCHES SUPPORT S. P.

New York—Despite an Old Guard vote-juggling drive, the branches in New York are rolling up a majority against the Waldman oligarchy and for Local New York of the

Socialist Party, according to figures revealed by Jack Altman, temporary executive secretary.

Out of 38 branches that have voted and reported on the question, 26 support the new Central Committee and only 12 support the Old Guard.

A number of delegates to the old Central Committee who supported the Old Guard have been repudiated by the very branches they were supposed to represent.

Gave Spurious Majority

These delegates, who had given the Old Guard a spurious majority in the old Central Committee and who were repudiated by action in their own branches, include those in the 23rd Assembly District, Brooklyn, 1st Assembly District, Bronx; 5th and 17th District, Brooklyn, 1st Assembly Knickerbocker Village.

The effort of the Old Guard to split the party has failed as is evidenced by the fact that in every district where a branch existed before the Old Guard's reorganization move, there is a branch loyal to the new City Central Committee of Local New York. The building of rump organizations has been attempted in

some parts of the city by the Waldman group.

Use "Ringers"

The first week's voting having proved so disastrous for them, the Old Guard in a frantic desire to turn the tide have made efforts to bring out voters who have not been in the party for years. In the 1st A. D., Bronx, the Old Guard attempted to vote a person who had been out of the branch for some time but who offered to pay for exempt stamps to cover a period of 19 months.

Persons who have not been seen at Socialist meetings or in any party activities are being permitted to vote, while active members are being disqualified under various pretexts. Members are being suddenly transferred by the Old Guard "executive committee" into different branches for the purpose of raising the Old Guard vote, in an effort to keep the name of the branch, even if no substance can be retained. In the Upper West Side Branch seven such "ringers" resulted in swinging a small majority for the Old Guard. In some branches, like the 4th A. D., Bronx, persons who had not attended meetings for some time were permitted to come

N. Y. LOCALS SUPPORT PARTY CONFERENCE AT UTICA DECEMBER 28

In spite of threats by the Old Guard state committee, eight New York locals, in addition to Local New York of the Socialist Party, that have met and considered the matter, have voted to send representatives to the Utica conference called to save the state party.

Maurer Denies Rumors Of Break With Thomas

Statements issued to the capitalist press in New York by Old Guard spokesmen, to the effect that James H. Maurer had broken with Norman Thomas, were promptly denied in the Reading newspapers by Maurer himself. When the reports first appeared, Norman Thomas in a letter to the upstate membership declared:

"A good comrade like James Maurer has been quoted against us. For almost two years he has been a very sick man. He would be with us in New York if he knew the facts... We have had too much respect for his health to try, like the Old Guard, to drag him into the struggle."

Under the headline, "MAURER DENIES ANY BREACH WITH

THOMAS," the Reading Times of December 13th reports: "Differences of opinion between Norman Thomas, twice Socialist candidate for president, and James H. Maurer, his running mate in two national elections, yesterday drew from the former Reading councilman and president of the state Federation of Labor denial that there was a breach between him and Thomas. "There is no breach between Thomas and myself," Maurer said yesterday at his home, 1335 N. Eleventh Street, 'at least not on my part.' "Maurer said he felt confident that the New York branch of the party would be able to settle its differences."

The locals that have already signified their participation are Schenectady, Tompkins County, (Inwood), Dunkirk, Saratoga Springs, Rochester, Glen Falls, Geneva, and Westchester County (which includes Yonkers, New Rochelle, Portchester, White Plains and Mt. Vernon).

The conference will be held on December 28 and 29 in the city of Utica. A large number of party members from all over the state are preparing to attend. The party office in New York City has received so many requests for information from persons desiring to attend what promises to be the re-birth of the Socialist Party in the Empire State that it is expected that a special train will be chartered so that lower rates might be obtained.

The National Organization Committee, a sub-committee of the National Executive Committee, has designated representatives to attend the conference to act in behalf of the national organization. The representatives are Leo Krzycki, Darlington Hoopes, Norman Thomas, Clarence Senior and James Oneal.

Draft For A Labor Program For The Socialist Party

The following is a draft program, drawn up by the Labor Committee of the New York Socialist Party, in order to arouse discussion and help create a labor policy which New York Socialists may follow. The chairman of the labor committee is Murray Gross, delegate to the Central Trades and Labor Council from Local 22 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

The labor movement of the United States is now experiencing one of the most critical periods in its history. The delegates to the recent convention of the AFL went home with the knowledge that important questions had not finally been settled. Since the convention, the Committee for Industrial Organization has been formed, backed by more than a million AFL members in eight international unions.

The schism which has developed on the question of craft versus industrial unionism is the most serious problem facing American labor this year. Industrial union advocates will not be stopped. They are gaining power and strength. As they become stronger, a more progressive and militant labor movement will develop, a movement which will in time weld a genuine Farmer-Labor party.

The Socialist Party and its members within various trade unions must take an active part in these developments. The Socialist Party must clarify its own position on trade union activities so that it may exercise a guiding influence with the unions.

Today, more than ever, it is necessary for Socialist trade-unionists to lead the way toward a strong, progressive labor movement. We must see to it that all militant elements within the unions are united on a common program. In order to carry out this important task effectively, we must do away with the ridiculous spectacle of Socialists opposing Socialists at union meetings and in union activities. Invariably, in any problem facing a particular union Socialists have been found on all sides of the question. This anomalous condition emphasizes a lack of policy and program which can no longer be tolerated.

The Labor Committee of the New York Socialist Party wishes to point out that there can be no effective program unless it is based on disciplined action. In recent years there has been a tendency to confuse democracy with anarchy. Real democracy can exist only in a disciplined organization in which the decisions of the majority are carried out in a united fashion. Anything else is chaotic anarchy. A trade union Socialist

is either a member of the Party and acts in concert with other members or he is a liberal anarchist and acts according to his own inclination.

As Socialists, we must have a clear program. We must strengthen progressive forces where they exist and give impetus to such tendencies where they do not. We present as a basis for the organization of such a progressive movement the following affirmative program:

1) For a working-class political program as against the class-collaboration policies of the conservative business-unionists.

2) For industrial unionism and against all tendencies of craft unionists to maintain the present weakness of organized labor by neglecting the organization of the unorganized, thus assuring the perpetuation of their own control.

3) For a Labor Party. Socialists and progressives must consistently advance the cause of independent political action. Workers must be brought to the realization—and there is no time to lose—that their fight must also be waged on the political front.

4) For civil liberties and against employers' terrorism. The alarming increase of brutality against the workers throughout the country creates an urgent need for effective labor action against the methods that characterize the fascist states. What real action can accomplish is demonstrated by the recent release from jail of three of the Harlan, Kentucky, miners sentenced to life imprisonment in 1931 and of Angelo Herndon. The kidnapping of three Socialist unemployed leaders in Florida, the murder of one of them, and the cooperation which we are receiving in the effort to punish the guilty from William Green and the AFL shows that here is something on which we can tie both the unemployed and employed workers together.

In fighting for civil liberties and in defending the rights of victims of mob violence and employer frame-ups, a nationwide organization of labor and liberal forces must be developed.

5) For Peace and Freedom—and against War and Fascism. On the question of labor's fight against war, the present conflict in Ethiopia finds

the labor movement unequal to the task of displaying an effective and unified position.

It is only too obvious that we dare not rely solely on organizations of liberal, church and pacifist groups to be effective in this tremendous task. Nor can we succeed with narrow, sectarian organization. It is our duty to effect the broadest possible unity of all progressive forces, based on the mass organization of workers.

6) For the immediate demands of the workers:

a) The shorter work week. The 30-hour week with no reduction in pay must be made a living slogan in the immediate future.

b) Higher minimum wage scales.

c) Genuine social insurance and socialist legislation. We must see to it that organized labor takes an active part in the campaign for the Workers' Rights Amendment and other labor bills.

d) Adequate relief for the unemployed.

7) For clean unionism and against racketeering. We must carry into reality the motion adopted at the recent convention of the AFL against racketeering within the unions. We must point out to workers the tie-up between gangsters, racketeers and employers. The union administration must be the idealistic, Socialist conception of administration, possessed by the desire to further the cause of the working-class.

8) For unions which are democratically controlled and managed.

9) For white and Negro unity, against Jim-Crowism and any kind of discrimination, racial or political in the unions.

10) For labor unity and against dual unionism. Ours is the principle of one union in every industry, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. We must firmly oppose dualism, whether from the "right" or the "left".

11) For labor education and working-class culture. A program of workers' education should be pushed in all the unions. Socialists and progressives should take the lead in the organization of classes, cultural enterprises and sport groups.

We must build a disciplined organization. But this discipline can be effective only if it is based on a clear and aggressive policy which has the support of an informed and active membership.

Labor Notes In New York

Negotiations were begun this week between the powerful International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union on the one side and jobbers and contractors on the other. Unless the negotiations turn out satisfactorily for the union a strike of 105,000 garment workers will tie up the entire industry February 1.

If Queens Brooklyn and perhaps Manhattan householders go without light in their homes this weekend it will be the fault of the New York and Queens Electric Light and Power Company. Refusal of the company to reinstate three members of the Brotherhood of Utility Employees fired for their union activities led the brotherhood to vote a strike. The company then rejected all arbitration offers, making a walk-out almost certain.

An appeal has been launched for jobs for 39 striking employes of Consumers' Research by the Strike Aid Committee, 41 East 20th Street. All the strikers are technical experts in many fields.

The strike at May's Department Store, Brooklyn, continues unabated. The newest strategy of the striking union, the Department Store Employees Union, will take the form of a big labor parade through downtown Brooklyn this Saturday afternoon, starting at Borough Hall at 1.

Dr. Nikolai Sokoloff, director of the Federal Music Project and member of the American Federation of Music, is in dach with the members of his own union on account of his anti-labor policies on WPA projects. Local 802 of the AFM has demanded that the international union board expel Sokoloff when it meets here next month.

Columbia University fired four workers in the college cafeteria for "union membership and activity," a faculty student investigating committee appointed by Dean William F. Russell of Teachers College, Columbia, unanimously reported.

CALL Five Downs Local 60, 25-16

The CALL basketball team, in its first start of the season, defeated Local 60 of the ILGWU, by the impressive score of 25 to 16, at the Savage School gym last Monday night. Although showing little power in the early part of the game, the CALL team soon settled down to a fast, smooth pace, and at no time after the first quarter was there any doubt of the outcome.

On Saturday afternoon, December 21, at 1 p. m. the CALL team opposes Local 158, considered the top-notch team in the union field. The game will be played at the Judson Memorial Church gym at Washington Square South. Admission is free.

Labor To War On Arkansas Poll Tax

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—A statewide drive to repeal the poll tax requirement for voting in Arkansas has been launched by the Arkansas Federation of Labor, the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union, and the Socialist Party.

Meeting here recently, representatives of the three organizations set up the necessary machinery for the fight and mapped a vigorous campaign to get signatures on repeal petitions. The battle will be a difficult

one, spokesmen for the conference declared, because a campaign must first be waged to get those who favor repeal to purchase a poll tax receipt so that they will be eligible to sign petitions and vote for the repeal in the Fall. Enough signatures must then be obtained to force the amendment on the ballot.

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Herndon, Harlan, Mooney

Angelo Herndon is free on bail. The State of Georgia (taught by the shame of its neighbor, Alabama?) has ordered a new trial. More, it has declared unconstitutional the Civil War statute on which Herndon was convicted. In a few days we shall know whether Herndon must stand trial again. There are many who say he will never again be tried.

Bill Hightower and three others of the seven convicted of murder in Kentucky in the troubles growing out of the Harlan County strike in 1931 are out on parole. Governor Laffoon, in freeing these four left the case of the three remaining prisoners (all as innocent as those who have been released) on the doorstep of his successor, Governor Chandler.

Out in California, Tom Mooney is once more tearing to shreds the "evidence" on which he was convicted. Responsible officers of the American Civil Liberties Union have said that this time Tom Mooney will go free.

Herndon, Hightower, perhaps Mooney free! That is something that is accomplishment. That is a reward for persistent effort. But it is not enough!

It is the policy of the capitalist class to smash labor struggles at every cost. With the police and the courts at its disposal it can hit hard and often. It can—and it often does—jail the most vigorous and conspicuous of the revolutionary leaders. In so doing, it lames the immediate fight and it deprives labor of its natural leaders. More than that, it forces on revolutionary labor the long and bitter task of redeeming the victims from the noose and the prison cell.

It is not in our power now to end this tricky and dirty game. That must wait until the Workers' Democracy cleans house. In the meantime let us remember that for one victim of class hatred freed, there are dozens still in jail. Let us remember that no hand will be raised to help them but the hand of labor! Let us devote ourselves to the vitally important task of making our help effective by our words and our deeds.

Dawn Of A New Day

The dedication of the Harlem Labor Center in New York last week was an event far greater in significance than the casual observer might think. For its beginning marks a new dawn on a new day in the struggle of the Negro worker for his final emancipation.

The Civil War which freed the Negroes from chattel-slavery left them as securely bound as white workers by the chains of wage-slavery. For many years, the Socialist movement in this country as elsewhere has recognized that if the labor movement is to be the powerful force it must become, it dares not discriminate against any worker for his color or creed.

Unfortunately, this was not always so. Too many high officials in the American labor movement have accepted the reactionary attitude that led them into "jim-crowing" the Negro workers. That this attitude has changed and that today opportunity lies ahead for the organization of black and white together for the final conflict is evident by the roster of labor officials who were either present or sent greetings to the ceremonies at the Harlem Labor Center.

It is, to the credit of those two Socialist union leaders, Frank R. Crosswaith and Noah C. A. Walter, who have led the fight for these many years to secure to Negro labor its rightful place within the American labor movement. The job, however, is not yet finished. Discrimination still exists in many places—this must be abolished.

No honest labor unionist can forget that famous dictum laid down by Marx:

White labor cannot be free while black labor is in chains!

HERE, TAKE THIS, TOO!



NEWS ITEM: Italian women have been ordered to donate their jewelry to the Fascist war chest.

A Letter From A Danzig Socialist

I get The CALL through an English comrade and have become very much interested in it. Here in Danzig, under the brown (Nazi) dictatorship, we suffer from a hunger of reading, for the police have confiscated our Socialist books and literature, forbidden us newspapers and have broken our connections with foreign comrades.

Comrades, please arrange for correspondence between American comrades and us here. I guarantee that every American comrade will find his buddy here among us in Danzig—no matter how many may write. Several months ago, we arranged similar correspondence with comrades in England. Send us Socialist literature—newspapers, books, pamphlets—but send only those in English (German Socialist literature is prohibited.) Many of us have learned English so that we can read about the Socialist movement.

Send any literature they can spare. We are poor—very poor—so we cannot pay for it with money—and if we could do so, the money restrictions here would prohibit it.

But once we have swept the Brown dictatorship, then we shall remember your help. Mail to us should be addressed c/o of the Polish post-office, since the Danzig office is under the control of Nazis. They should be addressed thus:

VIA POLAND! Mr. Paul P. Fobbe, 17 Schoenfeldstrasse, Danzig-Gdansk, Urząd Polk.

However, according to postal regulations, only letters and par-

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cells weighing 1,000 grams or less may be sent us.

With the fiercest Socialist greetings,

PAUL J. POHNKE,

Danzig.

(CALL readers will find correspondence with these Danzig correspondents highly interesting and are requested to cooperate with Comrade Pohnke's request. However, lest the very lives of these comrades be placed in danger, all mail to them should be addressed in envelopes which do not bear the word "Socialist."—Editor.)

THE WISCONSIN PROGRESSIVES

To the Editor:

Recently Glen Trimble in some articles for The CALL on the SP and the Farmer-Labor Party movement emphasized the necessity of a definite Socialist position on the matter and making this position clear. His advice seems especially sound now that the Wisconsin Socialists seem ready to join with farm and labor organizations and with the Progressive Party in supporting local and state candidates for office.

One of the factors which led the LaFollettes to form the Progressive Party and to consider cooperation with the Socialists is the pressure exerted by the Progressive left-wing, headed by Congressman Amlie. If the SP decides to endorse the new Farmer-Labor Progressive League of Wisconsin, it will find itself not only in the same organization as Amlie but

also cooperating with him in pushing the League to the left.

Now Amlie is one of the leaders of the American Commonwealth Federation and of the "Common Sense" group which have been trying to form a national third party. The latter group is regarded by some Socialists as potentially fascist. If these Socialists are right, the Party should think twice before deciding to work with the Wisconsin Progressives.

I personally do not think Amlie, Bingham, et al. are fascist in tendency. It is vitally important, however, that the Party decide one way or the other and clarify its relations not only with the Wisconsin Progressives but also with the American Commonwealth Federation and the "Common Sense" group.

THEODORE FILENTZ, Bronx, N. Y.

THANKS FROM THE HERNDON COMMITTEE

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Joint Committee to Aid the Herndon Defense, I want to thank you warmly for the generous contribution to this case. In spite of the fact that Herndon has been freed by the favorable decision in the lower court, we do need the money as there is \$500 still owing to the lawyer. We hope that the case is over and that Herndon's freedom is constitutional.

With warm thanks to The CALL for its splendid work on behalf of this class-war prisoner,

MARY FOX, Secretary-treasurer

New York City.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

By David Paul

There are those who will say, "The Socialist Party has split again." Some will find a malicious joy in the prospect. They fear a powerful and united movement of the working masses. They will delight in the thought that once more, as in 1900, in 1912, and in 1919, the main energies of the revolutionary sections of the working class will be drained off in futile internal quarreling. Some will be grieved because precisely those workers that have vision enough to lead the militant workers are paralyzed by intra-party struggles.

Both those who rejoice at the prospect of a split and those who grieve over it are wrong. There has been no split. There will be none. What has happened in New York cannot be termed a split except by those elements, trifling in numbers and in influence, that have been sloughed off by the youth and vigor of a rejuvenated Socialist Party. It takes more than a few soured dispositions to split a Party. There is no considerable group anywhere in the country ready to leave the Party to ally itself with the discredited Old Guard of New York.

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It is not my intention to recite here a litany of Old Guard deeds and misdeeds. It has never been the policy of The CALL to take party difficulties to the bar of public opinion. In fact, one of the major offenses of the Old Guard and one that cost it much support among the judicious was that it resorted to the press of the class-enemy, to the columns of the New York Herald-Tribune, to complain of the left elements in the Party.

It is far more important at this crisis in the development of the Socialist Party to ask: "What next? Where are we heading? Now that the long nightmare is over and our hands are once more free to grapple with our real problems, what are we to do?"

Those who imagine that nothing will happen are betting on the wrong horse. They have failed to grasp the enthusiasm of the young men and women who made the change in the Party's leadership possible. They are mistaken if they believe that the revolutionary fervor generated in the struggle will be lost in thin air, and that the Party will go the old way, missing its opportunities, cadging for futile votes and bogging down in every crisis.

They know, these young men and women of the working class, that they face the spectre of war. They are not prepared to enlist in the American army as Michael Gold advised them to do in the Daily Worker, even if the United States were "allied" in the next war with the Soviet Union.

They know that unless the fascist avalanche is stopped by the revolutionary action of the working class we shall be placed in a fascist straight-jacket.

They know that there will be no Socialist America until the workers are permeated with the will to Socialism. They know that the workers must be reached even if and when conservative labor leaders, corrupt or honest, try to "protect" them from Socialist influence.

Organizing Labor

They know that all labor must be organized, and not only the highly skilled. The ditch-digger and the farm-hand, the mill-worker and the white-collar clerk, the employed and the unemployed, all must be gathered into unions that the will of the whole working class may express itself.

They know that there is work to be done to reach the middle-class, if for no other reason than because the wily Fascist promises will set the middle class in motion to forestall the coming of a Workers' Democracy.

They know that defeatism gets nowhere; that lethargy wins no battles; that will and courage and passionate devotion are needed. They come offering gifts—the gifts of will and courage and ate devotion.

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THE AMAZING TRUTH OF ITALY'S ATTACK ON ETHIOPIA FOR MINES AND LAND WHEN THERE IS PLENTY WITHIN HER OWN BOUNDARIES

by ALFIERO LEONE

This is the fourth of a series of articles by Alfiero Leone, noted Italian Socialist, on conditions in Italy under the Fascist regime of Mussolini. The next article in the series will appear next week.

It should also be considered that the territory gained could have been obtained without having recourse to war; without sacrificing a single life or spending a single lire. It is known that Austria, through pressure from Germany, had offered Italy the two provinces of Trento and Trieste, provided Italy remained neutral during the World War. The truth of this offer was disclosed by Deputy Napoleone Coloianni in two articles published in the *Progresso Italo-Americano*, entitled "Political Lies and Hypocrisy."

In these two articles, the Senator disclosed that "the Austrian Ambassador to Italy, through instructions received from his Imperial Government, several times offered the two provinces to Italy. But not only was the offer always ignored by the Italian Government, but the fact was also kept from the knowledge of the Italian people. When the Austrian Ambassador, again acting upon instructions received from his Government, was preparing to let the Italian people know about the offer, the Italian Government handed him his passport and he was told to leave Italy." Thus the Italian people never knew the truth about the whole situation.

The reason for all this was because the Italian Government, headed at that time by Antonio Salandra, had, without the Parliament's consent, entered into a secret agreement with the Allies and had "sold out" to them. This was in April, 1915. A month later, Italy declared war on Austria and began hostilities.

It is to be noted that both the Italian people and the Parliament majority were against Italy entering the war. The agreement with the Allies was kept a secret. It was only disclosed in 1917 at the time of the Russian Revolution. The Bolsheviks found the agreement in the Imperial archives and published it. For the first time the Italian people and the rest of the world were informed of the Italian Government's "sell-out" to the Allies.

1,700 Mines Inactive

Returning to the subject of the existence of mines in Italy, I will again quote from Dr. Bruno Rovere's article. He says: "The Royal Mining Bureau has classified the presence of 2,500 mines in Italy. Out of these 2,500, 1,700 remain inactive and are not exploited. Are we not right when we denounce the stupidity of the Italian Government in spending billions of lire to wage war on distant Ethiopia, hoping to find mines there; while leaving 1,700 unexploited and unoperated mines in Italy, not to mention those as yet undiscovered and unexploited?"

Dr. Rovere classified the mines as follows: "39 are iron mines; 65 are of lead and zinc; six are copper mines; 22 are of lignite; 28 are of asphalt and of bitume; 1,177 of sulphur; 22 of bauxite and the rest of other minerals."

Dr. Rovere further says: "Following the constant and intelligent work of prospecting engineers, it is to be expected that in the very near future many other mines will be discovered."

So much for the minerals. As for the excuse that Italy needs more land for her expanding population, I will again quote O. W. Wilcox' "Nations can live at Home." He says: "For one tenth

of the wealth that Italy sank in the acquisition of 6,000,000 acres of land, 13,500,000 acres could be put on a basis which would mean tremendously increased yields."

"Agrabiology"

Behind this statement stands the new picture of "agrabiology," through which has been developed a new systemology of plant life which supplies a rational means of tapping great and hitherto unsuspected riches of the vegetable kingdom. It is known, Dr. Wilcox says, exactly what must be done to confer maximum fertility on the soil—any soil—and that the components of maximum fertility are the same for any and all soils.

Dr. Wilcox asserts that "the traditional agronomic science is bankrupt, and that to go on sticking to it is only causing trouble for every one, including that major trouble, war..."

"A soil," he says, "need not be made much richer to support 40,000 persons per square mile under the new agrabiology, than to support 2,000 under the empiricism of the old, ineffective agronomy. The densest population now existing by its own agriculture, perhaps does not equal or much exceed 2,000 per square mile of arable land. Supposing such population to be existing on 2,500 food calories per day, if its agriculture were expanded as here indicated, the daily allotment would be increased to 50,000 calories, which would provide every individual with a very broad margin of comfort, luxury and waste in the matter of agricultural raw materials."

Already in Italy, Dr. Wilcox says: "Professor Tomasi in applying agrabiologic principles has obtained 11,000 pounds of wheat to the acre, and Professor Novelli has obtained 8,000 pounds of rice per acre." "If Ceres were given a chance," he argues, "she would whip Mars in every competition as a purveyor of national life, peace, and social economic security."

We see then that the much shouted necessity of acquiring new land through war for an expanding population is only an imperialistic lie. Science has demonstrated that it could take good care of the present and future population without having to resort to war; but even if land were necessary, it could be acquired peacefully and much cheaper.

(Continued Next Week)

PHILIP GELIEBTER

Philip Geliebter, educational director of the Workmen's Circle, died Monday afternoon in Israel Zion Hospital in New York of pleurisy. He was 51 years old.

Geliebter received his Socialist training in the Polish Bund and has been a leader for many years in Jewish Socialist and labor circles. He was executive secretary of the Workmen's Circle from 1917 to 1925, when he was elected to his present post.

THE RADIO CURE

By McAlister Coleman

Nothing like a good high head-cold to get you low in your mind. Once the dear little germs settled down for the winter in your sinuses and such there seems to be no way of dislodging them short of dynamite. Hot lemonade? Pooh. Aspirin? I have so much aspirin in me now that I resemble a walking outlet of Mr. Bayer's plant. Liquor? Even if you can find any around the house, which I can't, you're lower than ever after you've drunk it.

No. You've got to lie and take it and wish you had never been born and sneeze once more, and listen to the Voice of Experience telling the young woman who wrote to the Voice that if she'd stay home at nights and curl up with a good book instead of her cousin, she'd be better off in the long run.

Though I must say that if she curls up with some of the books I've been reading lately, she'll begin to think her cousin is pretty pallid. For instance, Mr. John O'Hara's "Butterfield 8." In my time one page taken at random from that book would have been enough to have set the teachers tearing their gowns and old Anthony Comstock running to the reformist barricades. The book should have been dedicated to the Simmons Bed Company, as their product supplies the background for most of the action. But nowadays everyone seems to take books like these in their stride and so far as my scouts can find out there is no more cussedness around than in the early Nineteen Hundreds when I was a gay young Lothario.

Judging the Air

Being a radio listener even with a head cold is lots easier than being a theatre-goer and less wearing on the nerves. For my part I would rather listen to the rich conversation of Henrik Van Loon than a whole play full of love-sick debutantes. Van Loon has the stuff that gives the radio sense and stature. Small wonder he hasn't as yet found a sponsor. Few manufacturers of tooth-pastes, enemas and face creams would have the faintest idea of what he is driving at. The sponsors like programs such as that greatest of all radio bores Eddie Cantor perpetrates. Phil Baker, of course, isn't so bad. The ominous voice of Beetle breaking in on Baker like the chorus in a Greek tragedy is a constant delight. And WHN's "Iddy-Biddy-Kiddy Hour" is worth twisting a lot of dials to receive. Of course most of the news commentators are pretty terrible. It's a belief not to have to hear so much of the sonorously reactionary voice of my former colleague on The Sun, Edwin C. Hill. I like old Kaltenborn and if Boake Carter would drop that English accent of his in the nearest garbage can, he might be bearable.

Some time ago I happened to hear Frank Bohn on WEVD. But that was some time ago and whether he's still doing news for them or not, this deponent sayeth not, as I've never gone back for more.

In my untutored opinion, worst of all radio broadcasts are those of plays. The weird noises which denote the shutting of doors, the falling down wells and the like, the strained and stilted voices of the actors, the necessary mad rush to get the thing over within the allotted time—these make the radio play a thing of horror and an affront to human intelligence.

Woolcott and the Pixies

Then there's Alex Woolcott. In a column that had all the touches of his old mastery in it, Heywood Brown referred to Woolcott the other day as "The Last of the Pixies." He was away down South in Pixieland the other night when he described how things look from the Mt. Wilson Observatory. It was incredible. Woolcott said that he could see a lot of stars through the 'dread, big, 'normous telescope' they have out there. And he could see the moon too. Yes, boys and girls, Uncle Alex could see the moon too. And then when he looked down below he could see a lot of lights in Hollywood and Los Angeles and other places. And then he had the boys sing "Madelon" in honor of Elsie Janis who got bumped around in an automobile accident and who used to sing to the brave soldiers in France to keep up their morale or whatsoever. That gave Woolcott a chance to talk about "long, white roads, dotted with pollus marching up to the front," and remind everybody that he was over there as an editor of "The Stars and Stripes."

There's radio. It can start with two good men like Van Loon and Woolcott and give the former a shining weapon for the devastation of smugness and turn the latter into an Uncle Don for women's clubs.

World Socialism COMMUNIST FRANKNESS ON WAR

By HERBERT ZAM

This column hereby extends a vote of thanks to Mike Gold, Daily Worker columnist, for his very frank statement on the true attitude of the communists to war. In the issue of December 9, his column was

devoted entirely to answering the arguments of "Mr. Zam". In the same issue, incidentally, there appeared the first of a series of articles "rebuking" Norman Thomas because he dared criticize the sale of oil by the Soviet Union to Italy for use against the Ethiopians. Evidently these issues can't be gotten around. Mike Gold declares:

"But if fascist Germany and Japan unite against the Soviet Union Mr. Zam wants American Socialists to stand idly by, and to adopt the neutral policy of the Borahs, Hearsts and J. David Sterns.

"Will they do it? Anyone who went through the last World War simply knows that Socialists won't."

"If the line-up is such, they will fight in the American army, if it is allied to the Soviet Union." (Emphasis mine—H.Z.)

So the charge we made is not a "Trotskyite slander." From the pen of Mike Gold, we now have the admission that communists will support a war conducted by American capitalists, if the United States happens to be on the same side as the Soviet Union in that war.

Not For Socialists

Gold may speak for communists, but when he presumes to speak for the Socialists, he is taking a little too much for granted. Those "Socialists" for whom he can speak, those who in 1917 were willing to support a "war for democracy" the Spargos, the Wallings, the Bohms, the Stokes, are not in our ranks. But those Socialists who in 1917 adopted the ringing St. Louis declaration against the war will again show that they cannot be manoeuvred into supporting an imperialist war, no matter under what pretext it is being fought.

If Gold thinks he can frighten anyone into the communist camp by shouting that we are allies of Borah, Hearst, etc., he is mightily mistaken. This effort will be as fruitless as the "social fascist" era was.

Of course no Socialist, no class-conscious worker will be neutral as between the Soviet Union and an imperialist country, any more than we are neutral as between Ethiopia and fascist Italy. But the sympathy of the workers will have to be expressed through the independent action of the labor movement — demonstrations, strikes, collections of money—not through solidarity with the American capitalist government, not through "fighting in the American army" voluntarily. As workers we are not neutral and our partiality will be expressed. But knowing that if the American government declares war, it will only be in the interests of American imperialism, we will fight against any such declaration.

No Difference to Gold

Gold has the colossal gall to draw a parallel between his present position and the action of Socialists who, after the Russian Revolution tried to organize a group to fight in the Red Army on the side of the Soviet Union. He sees no difference between voluntarily fighting in a workers' army, and voluntarily fighting in a capitalist army; between supporting a workers' government which is defending itself against imperialists, and supporting a

capitalist government which is carrying on an imperialist war.

We recall the last war very well. But we do not recall Lenin and Trotsky, the leaders of the Soviet Government, advising the American workers to "fight in the American army" after November 1917, when the American army was (apparently) fighting on the side of the Soviet Union.

The communists have constantly been parading as the super-friends of the Soviet Union, as its only friends, in fact. They are the only ones, they claim, who have faith in the Soviet Union. Now let us see how much faith they really have in the Soviet Union, in the international proletariat. In answer to our criticism of the Franco-Soviet pact, Gold declares:

"Mr. Zam wants the Soviet Union to refuse allies among the imperialists. It should be pure and isolated, evidently; commit a glorious suicide." (My emphasis—H.Z.)

This is the extent of the faith they have in the Soviet Union. If it doesn't make alliances among the imperialists, then it is committing a glorious suicide. If the Soviet Union depends on the international working class movement instead of on the imperialists, is that, committing suicide? We see things a little differently. We believe that the road to suicide is precisely the one Gold and his friends want the Soviet Union to follow. The Soviet Union must rely on alliances, not with imperialists, but with international labor. That is why the "third period" was such a dangerous one for the Soviet Union—it tended to destroy the bond between the Soviet Union and the world labor movement. Now a similar danger threatens, this time from the extreme right, rather than from the extreme left. A policy which is orientated toward imperialist alliances rather than toward labor alliances, is bound to isolate the Soviet Union once more from the world's toilers. Gold and his friends, who think they are doing the Soviet Union a great favor, are in fact doing it the greatest of disfavours.

An Object Lesson

Right now, before our very eyes, we are presented with an object lesson of the folly of depending upon imperialists for safety, for preserving peace, or for protecting the small countries against imperialist aggression. The "friends" of Ethiopia, French and British imperialism, have cooked up as pretty a deal as has ever been witnessed, aimed at dismembering Ethiopia and turning half of it over to fascist Italy. But it is not only France and England which will be held responsible for this deal. It is all who solidarized themselves with the imperialist policy of sanctions by capitalist governments to punish imperialist aggression!

Is it not evident now that we who would have nothing to do with the policies of British and French imperialism, who refused to solidarize ourselves with their actions, who maintained that they could never protect Ethiopia against Italian aggression, who foresaw that at a favorable moment they would throw Ethiopia to the wolves, who tested upon independent action, who action against Italy, who

BRITAIN DOES SOME 'CIVILIZING'



The British Lion knew all about "the white man's burden" while Mussolini was making his mother's life a headache by continually crying. Here are some British "civilizers" on duty in Egypt following anti-British demonstrations.

Students And The Fight Against War

By GEORGE C. EDWARDS, Jr., and JOSEPH P. LASH

"Strike against imperialist war!"
"Abolish the ROTCS!"

"We refuse to support the government of the United States in any war it may conduct!"

On the basis of these determined slogans a powerful student anti-war movement has been built in the past few years. When these standards were first raised on the American campus a few hundred students gave them support. Today after years of education and with the developing war crisis literally hundreds of thousands of students, 184,000 in the great Student Anti-war Strike and over a half million in the Armistice Mobilization for Peace, — rally to dramatic support of this program. The power and colorfulness of this student movement cannot be denied—nor can the clarity of its stand in regard to war.

Strength In The Fight

The strength of the student anti-war movement has been its clear-cut program. Its weaknesses have been chiefly the use of language foreign to the student body, an inept approach to the campus, and finally its lack of continuity and its organizational disunity. To these weaknesses students of various affiliations, and prominent among them the Socialists, are giving the answer of the American Student Union. It undoubtedly can provide the campus orientation and the wide inclusive organization that the situation demands. But in remedying the weaknesses of the student movement we must be certain not to overlook its virtues. The American Student Union must in clear and decisive language at the traditional program of the student anti-war movement. There must be no mitigation of our fight against capitalist war.

In this determination not only Socialist but progressive unaffiliated students, the members of the National Student League and the members of the Student League for Industrial Democracy are unanimous. The last named organizations have been the leaders in grouping American students for the fight against American imperialism and in the struggle against our participation in any war. The attitude of the Student LID on this question has never wavered and in the face of the

present crisis has merely become more determined. The position of the NSL is quite clearly stated by a letter from its secretariat written by Serrill Gerber to the national secretary of the Student LID on November 20, stating the position the NSL would advocate for the program of the American Student Union.

In any war in which the government of the United States is involved it shall have a single aim: imperialism. In any situation we too shall have a single aim: peace. We shall oppose participation of the United States in any war, we shall oppose the government in the conduct of the war, we shall oppose the war; we shall struggle for the speedy termination of the war, we shall continue our struggle for peace.

While there is no doubt that the great majority of groups which will participate in the forming of the ASU are determined to press the anti-war fight on clear-cut lines, there is one group whose position is becoming increasingly suspect. Communist students in the past have been among the most militant opponents of capitalist war; at present their ranks are confused and divided. They can neither reconcile their past activities with the present line of the Communist International, nor the position of the National Student League with the statements of Mike Gold and Alex B. Bittlemen. Yet whatever the attitudes of the membership of the Young Communist League may be, the logic of the position adopted by the Seventh World Congress of the CI is simple; and the implications of that line in regard to the United States are being clarified.

It was left to the artist and the seer, the poet, Mike Gold to give living embodiment to the new internationalism of the Communists. In his column in the December 9 Daily Worker he takes up Herbert Zam's arguments in regard to the Communists "supporting capitalist governments in good wars" and replies in essence "So what?" "If the Soviet Union is attacked and has temporary allies among the capitalist nations, through a split in the imperialists interest, it must still be on the side of the Soviet Union, is what young Communists say." After

"If the line-up is such, they will fight in the American army, if it is allied to the Soviet Union."

One thing is sufficiently clear. Students cannot both fight against imperialist war and fight for the war of the imperialists. The gravest war danger that America is facing is that of war with Japan—not certainly because Japan menaces the Soviet Union but quite obviously because Japan not only menaces but has vitally damaged the Eastern trade of our capitalists. Socialist students must want to see the campus aroused against this possibility.

Today anti-war propaganda is one of the direct roads to Socialist education. And the use of that instrument is in direct contradiction with the support of any imperialist war.

Preserving and Strengthening

More than that. One of the chief tasks of Socialist organization is the preservation of peace and the prevention of the horror and futility of warfare. In this struggle we have enlisted many thousands of students—pacifists, religious students, liberals. The performance of this vital task, the maintenance of the existing unity and the strengthening of the anti-war movement by organization of the American Student Union on the traditionally clear cut program of the student fight against war are again in direct contradiction with advocacy or support of imperialist war no matter how that support is rationalized. There can be no compromise between the American student anti-war program and the program for youth cited as the Communist program by Michael Gold.

There is no point of reconciliation between the fight against war and the support of war. Socialist students, members of the Student LID members of the National Student League, pacifists, liberals will be united in the conference at Columbus in demanding that the American Student Union continue the anti-war fight on the slogans used in the past: "Fight against imperialist war; refuse to support any war that the government of the United States may conduct." By their

America Today:

How S. S. Kresge Became Rich

How A Little Czar Rules His Empire

By GORDON C. NORMAN
Organizer for the Pottery Workers

Ed. Note: The Mount Clemens Pottery Company was a union shop until it came under the control of S. S. Kresge, which began the insidious practice of sandwiching non-union men on "unimportant" jobs. This led to a strike in 1922.

During the 1922 strike, men and women from the surrounding farms, the majority of whom had never worked in a factory, were recruited as strikebreakers. So began the pitiful march of the humanity of a small town, subject to every trick in payroll manipulation and sordid trade practice known in the open shop.

The road from 1922 to 1935 is littered with the bruised bodies and broken health of those who never knew that a doctor, registered nurse, and first aid equipment are compulsory by law in a shop of this size. Potters' colic, recognized in all union potteries as calling for special care and treatment, is taboo in Mount Clemens; to quote one pottery physician gravely explaining to an employe of the glaze room suddenly horribly ill, in his own words—the comic phrase, "It must have been something you eat."

One boy employed at night, and seriously injured when a kiln car severed part of his foot, lay unattended for many minutes where he had fallen, while his fellow workers frantically tried to procure an ambulance and doctor and finally took him to the hospital in their own car. They probably saved his life, but the next day were reprimanded for leaving the shop without the proper authority.

There are cases of others injured while working, who, under the promise of a better job absolved the company of all blame and soon found themselves cast off and forgotten.

Workers' Pay

Always paying less than the Union scale of wages, in 1931 the Mount Clemens Pottery abandoned all pretense of an honest method of paying their employes and inaugurated the gang work system. Successful in this direction, it was then determined under the guise of relieving local unemployment to hire 200 more employes, this number being added without any increase in the company payroll. Despite the protests of already underpaid workers, these extras were in many cases trained in the trades, thus at one stroke creating a surplus of skilled labor and affording the company the opportunity of replacing older employes without notice.

Breakage and worn out machinery constitute one of the most malicious rackets practiced by this company, where an unwritten law forces each worker or group to pay for ware or machinery broken in use.

Little Czar

Somewhere along the path from a dish salesman to a plant manager, it is generally conceded that Charles Doll must have found a history of old Russia and as a life ambition set about to emulate the Little Czar. The truth of this cannot be denied in view of the recent events, when life long residents discovered his hand controlling the ac-

tions of men they had elected to public office.

With the spring of 1935, facing the prospect of a steadily diminishing pay check, many pottery employes, stung by past unfair practices, made their first direct movement toward organization.

Modern Judas

In a barn on a country road, leaderless and uncertain how to proceed, four hundred men and a few women workers took their stand against this tyranny. They got in touch with Frank Martel, of the Detroit Federation of Labor, who in turn notified the National Brotherhood of Operative Potters of their request, that an organizer be sent to Mt. Clemens. Honest, sincere and orderly, this little group did not allow for the extremes of dishonest methods that were called into play against them nor that from within their own ranks a Judas, who after accepting the office of treasurer, would trade the union applications entrusted to him to the management under the old, old promise of a foreman's job—a promise, incidentally, not yet fulfilled.

They could not know of the letter rushed out by the Chamber of Commerce, carrying the threat to every business that the Pottery would cease operation if they did not use their influence against any Union movement. Nor could they know in advance that the Little Czar was in a position to put on an act that would make Clyde Beatty look like an amateur, when a snap of his which would make the town's professional uplifters, petty politicians and even the bankers scuttling here and there on the sorry business of threats and cajolery.

Mushroom

Letters of apology to Charles Doll were flooded by the foremen into each department of the Pottery and any workers refusing to sign were immediately discharged, branded as labor agitators and the business men of the town warned with the usual threats not to hire them.

Like a mushroom a company union sprang up over night, carefully headed by men known to be opposed to any union and many, temporarily deceived by back slapping foremen and the sudden spirit of good-fellowship offered by the management, joined, later to discover it the shell and farce it was intended to be.

And so today at the Mt. Clemens Pottery the management will tell you the Union movement is dead, and once again they are one big happy family, with the Little Czar in his most magnanimous mood, taking care of their interests, but here still remains that original group, their ranks thinned a bit, bewildered and disillusioned but

TABOO, TOO



There's no reason for Barbara Hutton, Woolworth heiress, to feel happy just because organized labor has placed the S. S. Kresge Co. on its "unfair" list. Woolworth stores and goods have been "unfair" ever since it was learned that the chain was importing Hitler-made goods.

infinitely wiser in the ways of labor organization, and one can only wonder, when the flame is fanned again by a shrinking payroll and the usual injustices, if the net result will not be considerably different.

Charles Doll, the manager of the Mount Clemens Pottery, in an address to all the employes told them that if they organized he would cease operation of the plant and that he would gradually curtail production until Hull, the Brotherhood's organizer, left town.

This, my friends, only partly explains the clutch which the Little Czar holds on these workmen, but believe it is sufficient to permit you to understand the grossly unfair practices employed by their factory.

Subterfuge Aids Duce's War Fund

CHICAGO—The Italian government has raised over \$30,000 in New York and \$10,000 here by use of a clever subterfuge. E. Clemente, managing editor of La Parola, Italian Socialist weekly, charged here this week.

The funds, according to Clemente, are being raised on the pretext that they will be used for Red Cross purposes. Actually, he declared, they will be used to pay for the adventure of Mussolini in Africa.

TWO 'CHRISTIANS'

S. S. Kresge and Charles Van Deusen Two Pillars of Church and Industry

By HERMAN WOLF

Do you buy at Kresge's Five and Ten Cent stores? If you do, you are probably buying scab goods—and it's about time you stopped.

The recent convention of the American Federation of Labor strongly condemned the open shop tactics used by the S. S. Kresge firm in its Mount Clemens, Michigan, pottery plant.

The men who have been trying to organize that plant tell their story on this page, just as they told it to the AFL convention.

It is a story of employer violence, —of an ugly mob, "armed with clubs, brickbats and other weapons," threatening to run Organizer Hull and his wife out of town; of the mayor of Mount Clemens refusing to give Hull protection; of union men being discharged; of an appeal being made to the NRA authorities, "but, as usual, nothing was done to give the men protection."

Stool Pigeons

Organizer Norman tells of his first attempts to organize the pottery workers, of their first meeting "in a barn on a country road." So afraid of the company were the workers that they met in this barn ten miles outside of the city limits. Even then, S. S. Kresge had his stool pigeons patrolling the district.

Wet and Dry

The same Kresge who tried to dope his employes with liquor is an ardent dry in public life. Frank X. Martel, of the Detroit Federation of Labor, informed the AFL convention:

"S. S. Kresge is the gentleman who took such a noble part in educating the people of our great state in their morals. After the campaign of 1916 to make Michigan dry, he appealed to our present U. S. Senator, James Couzens, for a contribu-

tion to wipe out the deficit of the dry campaign.

"Mr. Couzens' reply to him was that if he would concern himself more with paying decent wages to his employes in his ten-cent stores and less about whether people took a drink or not, the morals of the people of Michigan would unquestionably be on a higher plane."

No Christian

A pal to Kresge in his great money-making outfit is Charles Van Deusen, a member for the last ten years of the board of directors of the Detroit Young Men's Christian Association. Martel explains to us just how Van Deusen puts Christianity into practice:

"Van Deusen is one of the heads of the S. S. Kresge Company, one of the pillars of society in our great industrial center, whose employes are denied the right to organize and are continued under a feudal system of pay that requires them not only to pay for the machinery they use in this pottery plant, but to pay for the breakage of that machinery and the wear and tear upon it."

Boycott

The semi-porcelain, dinner and table ware sold in the Kresge stores are scab-made goods. In his appeal to the AFL convention, Delegate Martel gave it as his opinion that not only does Kresge sell pottery made under non-union conditions, but "if an examination is made you will find that the bulk of merchandise that is marketed over the counters of the S. S. Kresge stores is likewise manufactured under the same conditions."

An Appeal From The Union

By FRANK HULL
Union Organizer

Immediately when I arrived in Mount Clemens I was set upon by a band of hoodlums. Mrs. Hull and myself went to the hotel and we were followed. I began to make my contacts, and there was not one automobile, there was a string of automobiles, ten or fifteen of them, following me every place I went.

These people visited me three times in my home. The third time they came, three to five hundred strong, they destroyed the property. They endeavored to crawl in one of the windows and do harm to my wife. They called her all sorts of vile names. And do not forget, ladies and gentlemen, that this program was inaugurated and carried on through the S. S. Kresge five-and-ten-cent store corporation. That is their business policy.

Dead Faint

After an hour and fifteen minutes, the police came, and when they got there Mrs. Hull was in a dead faint on the floor of the living room. In order to get away from the hands of the mob she ran from the bathroom through the bedroom into the living room and collapsed in a dead faint, and Mrs. Hull is no coward.

Presently the police of Mount Clemens arrived, and I asked them if they would assist me in removing my wife to the bedchamber and they said, "No, get the hell out of town."

Scab Dishes

We desire to have the American purchasing public, and especially the women understand and realize that the dishes made in the Kresge five-and-ten-cent corporation are scab-made dishes and made under the most terrible circumstances and conditions imaginable. We believe if we can get that message across in that manner we will be instrumental in removing that terrible obstacle and bringing back to the city and community of Mount Clemens some real Americanism.

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The Struggle For Civil Liberty On The Land

THE STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL LIBERTY OF THE LAND, a pamphlet published by the American Civil Liberties Union, 21 Union Square, New York City. 48 pp.

Few workers in America have seen the class dictatorship of the New Deal as clearly as have those who labor in the fields. As they band together into unions to fight for bread and life, these small farmers, share-croppers, tenants and farm laborers discover that when they organize they have no rights in free America. If the bankers and the plantation owners will it, the union is met with the terror of the lynch-rope and machine-gun; union organizers discover that if "freedom of speech" exists in the national Constitution, the Southern Bourbons have forgotten about it.

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Party Activity

UNITED SOCIALIST DRIVE was closed as of November 15 with 11 states over-subscribing their quotas, but with 12 states raising less than 25 per cent of the amount allotted to them. The three states raising the greatest percentages of their quotas were North Dakota, 435%; Alabama, 188%; and Georgia, 185%. The three lowest states were Nebraska, 7%; New York, 10%; and Pennsylvania, 11%.

ARMENIAN Socialist federation, contrary to published reports, has not affiliated with the Communist Party. The federation, known as the Armenian Revolutionary Federation, with headquarters in Boston, is unaffiliated with but friendly to the Socialist Party of the U. S. A.

ALEXANDER, GARBAL, Hungarian Socialist and labor leader and president of the Hungarian Soviet Republic in 1919, will arrive in this country for a lecture tour in the middle of January. The tour is arranged by Hungarian-American Socialists and endorsed by the national executive committee of the party. Az Ember, 320 East 79th Street, New York, is in charge.

FRED HENDERSON, Socialist lecturer and author, just recovered from a serious illness in England, has just published a new book, entitled "Capitalism and the Consumer." Autographed copies may be secured, at \$2 each, from the national office of the Socialist Party, 549 Randolph Street, Chicago.

YPSL national executive committee has approved the action of its Greater New York federation in moving its offices to the offices of Local New York of the Socialist Party, located at 21 East 17th Street, New York.

California
BERKELEY (East Bay) local was the sponsor of a mass meeting at Burbank School, Friday, December 20, to organize a fight against wage cuts and vigilantism.

Illinois
ROY BURT will tour the state on the following schedule: December 27, 4219 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago; December 28, Elmhurst; December 28, Gillespie, and December 30, Granite City.

COOK COUNTY local will sponsor a debate between Norman Thomas and Earl Browder at Ashland Auditorium, Monday, January 13. Tickets, at 40c to \$1, are on sale at the party office, federation newspapers, LID office, and book shops.

CHICAGO Socialist mass meeting for Mrs. Victor Berger was attended by 1,000 last week. Because of serious illness, Mrs. Berger was unable to speak, but her place was taken by Victor and Walter Reuther of Detroit.

Indiana
FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT committee has asked the national executive committee to prepare a detailed "blue-print" platform for the party and has itself presented a draft of such a platform.

Louisiana
NEW ORLEANS local has endorsed the Socialist Call.

Massachusetts
HOLYOKE Socialists are pleased with the exceptionally fine run made in the recent elections made by Adolph Schoepfer as candidate for alderman-at-large. He received 5,870 votes, a substantial increase over 3,563 received in 1934 and 2,494 in 1933.

Ohio
NORTHEAST Ohio Socialist League membership conference will be held, probably at Sawyerwood, the week-end following Christmas.

Virginia
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, meeting at Richmond December 8, made plans for a full-time state secretary and a full-time state organizer in preparation for the 1936 elections. A. J. Royal, 8 North Lombard Street, Richmond, was appointed chairman of a state finance committee to solicit funds for these purposes.

J. LUTHER KIBLER, 218 North England Street, Williamsburg, is again state secretary.

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Cheers And Bravos For Nazimova In 'Ghosts'

"GHOSTS," by Henrik Ibsen, presented by Luther Greene at the Empire Theatre, New York.

Cheers and bravos rent the air in violent profusion as the final curtain fell at the Empire Theatre the other night, where the current production of the Henrik Ibsen play, "Ghosts" is now being shown. The reception was, of course, mostly for Nazimova, although the other members of the cast deserve no little praise for turning in worthy performances.

Somehow, in the midst of the beautiful setting designed by Mr. Chaney, ghosts seemed to pervade the atmosphere—ghosts of the old days when Nazimova first began to establish herself as the leading living exponent of the Ibsenian drama. And in the hearts of the old-timers present, there must have welled up much emotion of the sort that only the glamour of the stage can arouse.

The casting of the play seemed almost perfect to this reviewer and the direction, which was done by Mme. Nazimova, herself, was of a high order. Although the play is scheduled for a limited performance, this department suspects that "Ghosts" will hover over Broadway for some time.

POSTER COMPETITION
NEW YORK—A competition on posters exposing the threat of fascism and war has been announced by the American Artists' Congress. December 30 is the final date for filing entries.

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'Frontier' Comes To The Cameo

"Frontier", Dovjenko's new film, will open at the Cameo Christmas Eve. It may interest our readers to know that this picture opened simultaneously in forty-five theatres in Moscow and Leningrad. The film concerns itself with that territory in the U.S.S.R.

which is today of greatest international import. It was the territory which was attacked by the Japanese in the old Czarist days and at present a spot where the Soviet Union may be forced to defend herself from Asiatic aggression. The Taiga region has, in the past, been the haven to which White Guardists, counter revolutionists, kulaks, and others' antagonistic to the present regime, have fled.

That the U.S.S.R. has turned the medium of the film to this point is of greatest significance to all those interested in her wellbeing.

Before beginning actual production of "Frontier", Dovjenko spent many months living in the Far East, travelling by railroad and on horseback through the dense forests of the Taiga and by boat to Vladivostok. Here on the Korean border of the Soviet Union he found the dramatic and photographic material which give rise to his newest and perhaps greatest film.

Francisco Boas will speak on "The Use of Percussion in the Modern Dance," at Rebel Arts headquarters, 44 East 21st Street, New York, this Friday at 8:30.

CALL BOARD

Katharine Cornell will be back at the Martin Beck Theatre Monday to begin two weeks of "Romeo and Juliet." "Censored Movies" is the subject of a symposium listed for the Youth House December 20—New Film Alliance sponsoring... The Acme gives its season's gift: "The New Gulliver" Christmas Eve... A reminder: Your union card entitles you to a discount of 5 cents on all tickets 20 cents and under; and 10 cents on all tickets 25 cents and over at the Acme... The Ne Dance League's solo recital December 22 looks like a sell-out... Congrats and best wishes to the Theatre Union on "Let Freedom Ring" reopening at the Civic Repertory as we go to press. This column extends a vote of thanks to them for giving this play a new lease on life and a workers' play at workers' prices... "Children's Hour" is having censor trouble in Boston, "It can, will and does happen here."... The ASQ still has a few choice tickets for "Let Freedom Ring," December 26.
—E. F. M.

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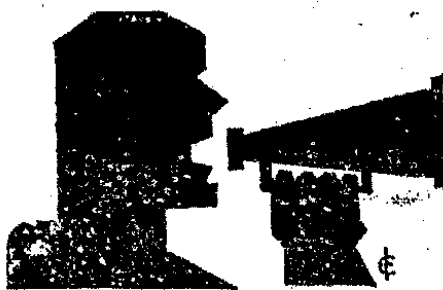
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Saturday, December 21

Socialist Call dance at Hotel Delano, 43rd Street, near 6th Avenue.

Tuesday, December 24

City-wide Pre-Amalgamation Dance, joint auspices: Student League for Industrial Democracy and National Student League, at Hotel Delano. Admission: 49c (60c at the door).
Third annual Chanuka dance of Young Paole Zion Alliance at 7 East 15th Street.

Thursday, December 26

Theatre party sponsored by American Socialist Quarterly at "Let Freedom Ring," Civic Repertory Theatre, 14th Street. Tickets at ASQ, 21 East 17th Street.

Tuesday, December 31

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— By —
NORMAN THOMAS

IN Tampa, Florida, three men are decoyed by the police, turned over to a mob, including police, taken to a lonely spot, hideously beaten, tarred, and feathered. One, Joseph Shoemaker, dies of his injuries. There is a flurry of alleged investigating. No one yet has been arrested.

The federal government is indirectly involved. Behind the troubles in Tampa is \$5 and \$6 a week wages on WPA in Florida and not enough work or relief at that. Behind these lynchings is a Department of "Justice," proud of its G-men but unwilling to notice lynchings.

The state department is directly involved. Governor Dave Sholtz, who hasn't acted vigorously to further justice, is openly charged on the streets of Tampa with a lucrative connection with the gambling ring in Tampa which Shoemaker and the "Modern Democrats" fought. Best cover things up. After all, only three poor workers were beaten and only one died. The state's attorney has no money, he says, to investigate!

The city is more deeply involved. Mayor Chancey is alleged to be at once the creature of the gambling ring and of the Ku Klux Klan, which is not dead in Tampa. His police are charged with fomenting and organizing this crime which cost Shoemaker his life. He, Chancey, was elected after swearing in 1,000 special officers at \$10 a day "to guard the polls."

And to this city the AFL is, or was, going for its Convention. Its refusal to go, in line with President William Green's courageous statement, is the one hope of strengthening the decent folks in Tampa—and there are a lot of them in the trade unions and the churches, yes, and the newspaper offices—to see this through. But now comes the president of the Florida Federation, Governor Sholtz's appointee as Industrial Commissioner, to say that it's all right; the men weren't attacked for union activities!

What could be a more shameful statement? The men were beaten for labor activity on the economic and political field, especially in behalf of the unemployed. And besides, since when does the AFL say to a city: "Beat and kill men if you will; bring no one to justice."

Minnesota Parley OK's Kiefer Bill

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Acting on the suggestion of the Socialist Party, the Minnesota Conference for Progressive Legislation voted unanimously here last week to introduce and support in a special session of the state legislature a bill empowering the state to enter into all necessary production and distribution enterprises.

Modeled after a similar bill introduced by Socialist Assemblyman Ed Kiefer in Wisconsin, the measure would be known as the "Minnesota Production Corporation Bill." The Lundeen unemployment insurance bill and other progressive farm and labor legislation were also endorsed.

Sponsored by a committee of representative progressives, the conference was attended by 452 delegates representing 175,000 members in 105 Farmer-Labor clubs, 72 unions, 23 co-operatives, 7 Socialist locals and 79 other labor, farmer and unemployed groups.

We'll come to your town anyway so long as you didn't say you killed a man for union activity!"

Now is the time to speak up, men and women of labor. You have power to strike a blow for justice. If Tampa cannot go to the bottom of this crime, let it be boycotted by the hosts of labor. No Convention where Shoemaker was murdered except to celebrate the triumph of justice!

THE TERMS OF "PEACE"

If ever the principle was illustrated that governments—at any rate capitalist governments—are without conscience, it has been illustrated by the governments of Baldwin in England and Laval in France. In the name of the League they seek peace by offering Mussolini more of Ethiopia than he has conquered! It is to the credit of the masses that criticism in England and France as well as at Geneva has been so bitter. This "peace" will not go through. But effective sanctions are postponed indefinitely, Mussolini is encouraged, the League's standing impaired. At least this lesson ought to be clear: Effective sanctions are workers' sanctions. They cannot be applied safely or effectively through capitalist-nationalist states. It is something to block the perfidy of Baldwin and Laval. It is not enough.

Whatever immediate hope for lovers of peace and justice there may be in America lies in workers' sanctions, and a genuine policy of neutrality forced upon our government. That will stop oil to Italy. If necessary let other nations enjoy the accursed gains of selling the tyrant, Mussolini, what he needs to kill his own young men in his war with Ethiopia.

JOHN LEWIS (below) is looking straight ahead—because across the aisle from him is President William Green of the AFL, leader of the opposition to the progressive forces now headed by the mine workers' leader.



GLORIFYING MUSSOLINI

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN was the scene of a Fascist rally for the glory not of the Italy of Garibaldi but Mussolini. The money raised from emotional and economic pressure on the poor Italian-American workers goes to the government, not the Red Cross. Judges Cotillo and Pecora talk of the glory of Italy, her need of room, and her right to kill and steal because England has killed and stolen on an even larger scale. The indictment of England is true, but imagine these judges accepting the same defense in their courts: "Yes, Judge, I stole from that man; I killed his son. But I'm more civilized than he and I need what he has. Besides, my neighbor stole more and got away with it!"

But the worst part of the meeting was that Mayor LaGuardia was there and made a little speech. He didn't praise Mussolini, but he was there. And by being there he supported Fascism and war. And neither he nor anyone else can support Mussolini's war and still be a true enemy of exploitation, war and Fascism at home.

IN an hour when public officials go over to the Fascist cause, it is labor's glory that so many Italian-American workers led by men like Antonini, Valenti, Tresca, Marcantonio, and others stand fast for liberty, justice and peace. They are the true sons of Italy, the true spokesmen of her toilers even though today in the madness of war their voices are drowned out. The day will come, and that shortly, when the men who opposed Mussolini's war will build the Co-operative Commonwealth in Italy—yes, and America, too.



GEORGE L. BERRY (above) who bears the title of "coordinator for industrial cooperation" couldn't figure out where the cooperation went when he got a group of business leaders together. After a heckling storm, business big-shots broke up the meeting.

THE SOLOMON APPOINTMENT

THE same papers which brought the news of LaGuardia's presence at the Italian Fascist rally told of his appointment of Charles Solomon, his Socialist opponent in 1933, as magistrate. Solomon will make a good magistrate. Undoubtedly he made no promise to modify his Socialism. But it is a simple impossibility to take a job from an old party Mayor or to enforce capitalist law, without even the power of an organized Socialist Party behind the job, and at the same time think and act as an aggressive Socialist. It is one of the evil fruits of Old Guard leadership that we have got to the stage where with a declining vote we celebrate the appointment of once vigorous Socialist campaigners to well paid judicial offices under an old party Mayor, the author of the city sales tax! It makes us look like a job bargaining party. It inevitably quenches real Socialist enthusiasm. There's a big difference between a lucrative appointment as magistrate and a civil service administrative job or its equivalent.

FRUITFUL JOINT WORK

JUDGE DORSEY of Georgia is a man to be held in honorable memory. He declared the Georgia law unconstitutional under which Angelo Herndon was sent to the living hell of the chain gang. But the state has appealed. The fight must go on. Already the work of the Joint Committee for Herndon and the petition campaign has borne fruit. A similar committee seems to be under way now for Scottsboro. That's the kind of joint action we all can believe in.

WILLIAM GREEN (below) doesn't look comfortable either, at the seating arrangements at the "industrial cooperation" conference sponsored by the White House. He refused to join the Lewis group.



Consumers' Cooperation

By BENJAMIN H. WOLF

Socialists who entertained any doubts about the attitude they should adopt towards the co-operative movement should hesitate no longer. The recent resolution of the NEC on the co-operative movement should succinctly states the Socialist position. Cooperatives are unequivocally regarded as part and parcel of the Socialist struggle, according to the resolution. Nor does the NEC relegate co-operation to any subordinate position. It is part of a whole, and as such, its coordination with the labor and political branches of the movement is essential. Any Socialist who fails to support and patronize his local cooperatives is scabbing just as surely as when he patronizes non-union shops in preference to organized shops.

We were very happy recently to receive the first issue of the *Co-operator*, an eight page lithographed magazine, published monthly by the Eastern States Co-operative League, the parent body of the cooperative movement in the east. Such a magazine has been sorely needed in these parts. The cooperative periodicals that have appeared in America have been sponsored, in the main, by the mid-west cooperatives. It is high time that eastern cooperatives had some central organ to unify their activities, and it is hoped that the *co-operator* which, contrary to the opinions of its editors, is not a new job but an old job newly undertaken, will serve that purpose.

Rhode Island has the distinction of having become the second state. (Wisconsin being the first) whose State Federation of Labor has not only endorsed the cooperative movement, but has voted to actively assist in the formation of cooperatives and cooperative buying clubs. This is enlightened labor leadership. It is a recognition that workers are exploited not only at the point of production, but also at the point of distribution and consumption. Socialists everywhere should agitate for resolutions in their unions endorsing the cooperative movement and urging their State Federations to do likewise.

KNOW YOUR COOPERATIVES

The *Cooperative Laundry*, or more accurately, the *Independent Consumers' Cooperative Society*, 966 Rutland Road, Brooklyn, N. Y. This organization, although less than a year old, has made splendid progress and is rapidly forging ahead along most worthwhile line from a Socialist point of view. The *Cooperative Laundry* was Socialist-inspired. The great majority of its leaders and members are Socialists. It deserves and is receiving the whole-hearted support of Socialists in Brooklyn.

The *Cooperative Laundry* has been setting the pace for the older groups to follow. It has distributed thousands upon thousands of leaflets and pamphlets. It has made appeals for support before almost every trade union, Workmen's Circle, and Socialist Party branch in Brooklyn. It conducts a laundry service business for both members and non-members. Its service is available in all of Manhattan.