

WAR THREAT HITS LONDON AND WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON DEBT CANCELLATION MAY FAIL OF RATIFICATION AS MUSSOLINI THREATENS GERMANY

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A ripple in European waters sometimes becomes a wave on the shores of America. Administration leaders were perturbed and concerned today over the fist-brandishing of Benito Mussolini against Germany. The administration's concern is over the effect of Mussolini's war-like gesture on the Italian-American debt settlement, concluded a few months ago and still unratified by the senate.

WORKERS FIGHT GIVING SUPPORT TO FRANK SMITH

Hold Big Bloc in C. F. of L. Against Walker

The Chicago Federation of Labor following a barrage of absurdities and slush from John H. Walker, president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, urging the delegates to support the candidacy of Frank L. Smith on the union-smashing republican party ticket against William McKinley in the April primaries, endorsed Walker's proposal by a vote of 110 to 33. About 25% of the delegates voted against the old policy of "rewarding friends of labor" taking their stand for independent political action. The Chicago Federation of Labor is thus drawn into an alignment with the party of strikebreaker Calvin Coolidge and union-smashing Hell 'n' Maria Dawes. Secretary Edward N. Nockels made the motion that the Federation concur in the recommendation of Walker's state executive board in supporting Smith.

Oppose "Open Shop" Candidate
Delegate Arne Swaback from one of the Painter's locals, took the floor and pointed out that the republican party was a tool of big business and that regardless of who the candidates were they were pledged to support the program of the backers of this party—the open-shoppers and the union-smashing interests.

"The carrying out of this motion will not bring any good to the union workers of Chicago," declared Swaback, and then pointed out that in the past the federation had supported judges who were called "good friends of labor" on the old party tickets and that these judges after their elections had established injunction records of the blackest type. "We get nothing out of the old parties. All we get is double-crossed," declared Swaback.

He then showed that these "friends of labor" on minor matters tried labor a sop, but when it comes to major matters they are hand in glove with the bosses who control the old parties. Helped Put Over Coolidge. He then pointed out that Small, who had the backing of labor in the gubernatorial elections, and the republican delegation from Illinois were the ones that were instrumental in putting over strikebreaker Coolidge and open-shop Dawes. He showed that in 1919 while the democrats were in power that an injunction was trotted out against the miners. In 1922, the republican party administration told the operators to open their mines and to use scabs and if there was interference the army would back up the operators and under the same administration the Daugherty injunction was brought against the striking railroad workers.

Need United Labor Ticket. Swaback declared that what should be done is that the Chicago Federation of Labor call a conference of delegates from various unions to put up a united labor ticket on a united labor platform to fight for the interests of the workers and that the candidates be workers and controlled by workers. His remarks were so well applauded that Walker and Nockels and Fitzpatrick wondered what had happened. Walker got up. The wind had been (Continued on page 4.)

NEW YORK CENTRAL LABOR BODY TO RAISE \$100,000 FOR MINERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—New York central trades and labor assembly is raising \$100,000 for striking anthracite miners. About \$25,000 has already been sent for the miners' relief. The musicians' union gave \$1000; Actors' Equity \$1000; one carpenter's local \$1,200; International Ladies' Garment Workers \$8000 so far.

Mussolini Is Greatly Satisfied with Mussolini



Drawn by William Gropper.

Italy was accorded more lenient debt terms than any other debtor nation, even war-torn Belgium. The agreement reached last October amounts to 75 per cent cancellation of the principal or of the interest—either way it is figured.

The democrats hammered hard on this phase in the house fight, and it will be hammered still harder when the Italian pact comes up for ratification.

Confronted by this situation, administration leaders characterized Mussolini's war-like gesture at Germany today as "particularly unfortunate" at this time.

The threat provoked sympathy for Germany in senatorial circles today.

Senator Dill, democrat of Washington, characterized Mussolini as Europe's new "war lord," while Senator Underwood, of Alabama, credited Germany's disarmed plight would arouse all Europe to her defense if Italy attempted any act of war.

"Mussolini's threat is in keeping with the manner in which he got control of Italy," said Dill. "I can't help thinking that Mussolini realizes Germany is disarmed and that he would never make such gestures toward France or Great Britain."

"I hope there is no war between Germany and Italy," said Underwood, "and I don't believe there will be for I don't believe the other nations of the world will let Italy attack a disarmed Germany."

PROGRESSIVES BEAT MAHONEY IN MINNESOTA

Win Masses from Reactionary Clique

By C. A. HATHAWAY (Special to The Daily Worker)
ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 8.—This city was tonight the scene of two conventions representing the progressive and the reactionary wings of the city farmer-labor party. Both conventions were held in the local labor temple. The progressive convention was attended by 67 delegates; the other by 35.

The hall in which the progressive convention was held was filled to overflowing by rank and file workers who looked to the progressives to give them militant leadership in the struggle for control of the city government. In the other hall were the few delegates, very despondent, and a mere handful of visitors.

The reactionary convention was delayed in opening due to the extended conference between Mahoney and Starkey as to the policy they would follow in view of the progressive success. The progressive convention opened promptly with a fine spirit. O'Connor Alliance was Cause. The reason for this unusual occurrence of two conventions was the (Continued on page 4)

ATLANTIC CITY UNIONS TAX SELVES \$1 APIECE TO AID COAL MINERS

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 8. Atlantic City and county unions are taxing themselves \$1 per member to help striking anthracite miners. The carpenters district council has sent \$2,100 to the miners already.

BRITISH MINORITY MOVEMENT OPPOSES EXPORT OF WELSH COAL TO AMERICA DURING MINE STRIKE

By TOM MANN. (Special to The Daily Worker)
LONDON, Feb. 8.—I have just returned from the mining districts of South Wales. The men in the Minority Movement are doing all they can to prevent the shipment of anthracite coal to America, and we regret exceedingly the relationship between the organized workers on your side and on this is such that it becomes possible for the workers of one country to work directly against the interests of another country and thus play into the hands of the bosses. We, of the National Minority Movement, desire it to be definitely understood that under no possible set of circumstances will we tolerate such blackleg behavior. We may not be always able to prevent it, but we are determinedly opposed to it and are striving constantly to encourage the true outlook that we are and must be brothers and comrades in every country, ever fighting the common enemy, capitalism. (Continued on page 5)

11 FOUNDRY WORKERS KILLED; 13 INJURED AS CONCRETE ROOF CAVES IN

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Feb. 8.—(FP)—Eleven foundry workers were killed and 13 seriously injured when accumulating snow caved in the roof of North & Judd Mfg. Co. The roof was of five inch concrete supported by steel girders.

PLACE CANDIDATES ON RECORD IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN OF CENTRAL LABOR UNION IN PITTSBURGH, PA.

By JOHN OTIS.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 8.—The Central Labor Union of Pittsburgh will soon hold election of officers for the coming year. It is important therefore at this time to briefly review the existing situation in and around Pittsburgh and to determine a course of action which the new administration should choose to follow.

During last year's election there existed in the Central Labor Union a so-called "progressive" group with Green and McGrath at its head. This group had no program of action, no policy. It hardly differed from the reactionary group which it ousted and replaced. This year a merger took place. The "progressives" have given up their progressivism and united with the same elements who only a year ago were labeled by them as reactionaries.

Open Shoppers Well Organized. No one can dispute the fact that the forces of reaction are solidly united (Continued on page 5)

RAILROAD WORKERS DEMAND \$38,405,080 IN WAGE INCREASES

Wage increasing totaling \$38,405,080 have been demanded by railroad workers and are now being considered by the United States railroad labor board. More than \$28,000,000 increase is asked by the maintenance of way workers and about \$7,000,000 by the railway and steamship clerks, freight handlers, and express station workers.

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CHINESE UNIONS FAVOR SOVIETS, DECLARES 'ANISE'

Canton Has a Labor Administration

"The social background of the Chinese is so similar to the Russians' that their political and economic evolution is certain to follow largely the same lines," declared Anna Louise Strong, in her lecture on "The Struggle of Chinese Labor for Freedom" at the Hull House under the auspices of the International Workers' Aid. She emphasized the fact that both countries have as the overwhelming majority of their population an illiterate peasantry (referring to Russia under the czar) which is grouped in primitive communities in small isolated villages thruout a vast expanse of country. The similarity of industrial development is marked. The factory system in Russia was built up under the ownership of foreign capitalists, as that in China is being organized today.

Because of the likenesses in the historical background, the Chinese find the Soviet type of government much more intelligible and responsive to their needs than the democratic forms adopted by their leaders for the nation in the 1911 revolution. This does not necessarily imply that the establishment of soviets in China means the rule of a Communist party in that country, the speaker pointed out. She declared that the influence of the Soviet Union and of the Communist International in the Far East was already considerably and undoubtedly growing, having its roots in this similarity of past social development and in the fact that the workers republic alone of all the great powers, treated China as an equal. (Continued on page 2)

Senate Passes on Brookhart.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The senate elections committee will meet Wednesday to reach a decision upon the contest brought by Daniel F. Steck, democrat, against Senator Smith W. Brookhart, republican of Iowa. It was announced. The committee's report will not be presented to the senate until after the tax bill is passed.

LONDON FEARS MUSSOLINI THREAT WILL WRECK LOCARNO AND LESSEN PRESTIGE OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

(Special to The Daily Worker)
LONDON, Feb. 8.—European peace is again beclouded, according to opinion expressed in official circles today, as the result of Mussolini's bitter attack against Germany.

While the foreign office refused to make any comment there was no hiding the fact that grave fears are felt here that the Locarno treaty may be wrecked by the Italian policy.

Moreover official circles see the Italian policy as lessening the prestige of the league of nations. European plans for peace, which seemed bright after the Locarno pact and Germany's promised entrance into the league, were not so bright today when it was reported that Germany is already considering delaying her entry into the league on account of the policy outlined by Mussolini.

The foreign office made it plain in a statement that Great Britain is in no way bound to support the Italian policy. At the same time it was pointed out that the situation has not yet reached a point where Great Britain can intervene on the side of Germany.

The newspapers give great prominence to the situation which has been created, and in editorial comment express fears that the results may be serious to European peace.

France Backs Italy. No secret is made of the fact that France is suspected of sympathy with Italy and that the ascendancy of Great Britain in the council of the league of nations may be the real cause of the upheaval. The tension today in London streets is not unlike that of the closing days of July, 1914, when one nation after another was breaking diplomatic relations preparatory to the world war.

Assault Austria Also. ROME, Feb. 8.—Premier Mussolini's bombastic speech on Saturday in which he threatened reprisals for the anti-Italian campaign in the Tyrol was not aimed at Germany alone, according to the semi-official Tribuna. The Tribuna says that Mussolini was addressing his remarks to Austria, and that Italy will not tolerate propaganda from Austria.

Chicago Labor Defense Offer to Aid Garment Workers Is Accepted

Local No. 100 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, over 80 of whose members are involved in the injunction fight resulting from the strike against the clothing manufacturers, unanimously accepted the offer of the Chicago International Labor Defense to assist in the fight.

Ida Goodman, a representative of the Chicago local of the International Labor Defense appeared before the union and offered assistance. There are 93 members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in Chicago faced with jail sentence. The case which involves the right of picketing a struck shop is now before the supreme court on appeal.

The Chicago local International Labor Defense now has 15,000 members over 1300 of whom are collectively affiliated thru 17 unions and other workers organizations.

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A. N. L. C. OPENS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE; 10,000 NEW MEMBERS BY MAY 1st IS BATTLE CRY OF NEGRO WORKERS

The American Negro Labor Congress issued the following statement from its national headquarters, 3456 Indiana Ave., yesterday: The A. N. L. C. because of urgent requests coming from many parts of the country, asking for the establishment of local councils of the A. N. L. C. in those communities, has decided upon an extensive and intensive campaign for the organization of many new local councils thruout the country. 10,000 new members by May 1st, 1926 is the new mark that has been set in this drive for the organization of Negro workers.

Whiteman's Meeting. Lovett Fort Whiteman, National organizer, speaks in Toledo, O. tonight where he will address a large mass meeting of colored and white workers. Following this meeting Whiteman continues on east speaking in Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 10th; Akron Ohio, Feb. 11; Youngstown, O., Feb. 12; Warren, O., Feb. 13; East Liverpool, O., Feb. 14; Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 15-16; Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 17; Albany, N. Y., Feb. 18; Worcester, Feb. 19; Boston, Mass., Feb. 20-21; Providence, R. I., Feb. 22; New Haven, Conn., Feb. 23-24; Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 25; New York City, Feb. 26 to March 1st; Philadelphia, March 2-3; Baltimore, Md., March 4; Washington, D. C., March 5; Richmond, Va., March 6; Pittsburgh, Pa., March 7-10; Cincinnati, O., March 11; Springfield, O., March 12; St. Louis, Mo., March 13-14. Well organized meetings have been planned at all of the above named places by local groups of workers and all reports coming into the national office give every indication that the response on the part of the workers of the race to the local calls for organization by the A. N. L. C. will be 100 per cent. Many additional dates and scheduled are being arranged for the national organizer and several district organizers.

