

ANTHRACITE WAR AT DOORS OF WHITE HOUSE

ZEIGLER MINERS' TRIAL RESUMED; COBB ON STAND

Makes Flimsy Alibi for Having Black-jack

(Special to The Daily Worker)
COURT HOUSE, Benton, Ill., Feb. 9.—The trial of thirteen Zeigler miners on the frame-up charge of assaulting D. B. Cobb, sub-district vice-president, was resumed with the examination of prosecution witnesses. The first witness on the stand was Cobb, on whose beating at Local 992 in August 11 has been hung the attempt to railroad the progressive miners' leaders to the penitentiary.

His testimony followed the pattern set by Lon Fox, sub-district president, last Friday, with a few added frills. Luke Fox he stated that Stanley Paurez had said something in a foreign language just preceding the attack, and that Henry Corbshley had shouted: "Kill the sons of b—!" and that some of the defendants had struck him. It was the very same stuff that the others had memorized and repeated at this trial so carefully.

Produces Alibi.

The high-light of his testimony was his attempt to produce an alibi for having a blackjack in the hall. His alibi is that while he was being beaten he pulled a blackjack from the hand of man and with an innocent air coolly admits having used it to strike someone during the battle. He does not "remember" whom he took it from. Many miners testify that Cobb started the fight by using his blackjack which is now in the possession of the Zeigler police.

During cross-examination, the defense tried to squeeze from Cobb the cause of the trouble in the local union. The prosecution objected and was sustained by the judge.

The very mention of coal weighing is sufficient to send the whole crew into a panic. They know that the whole trouble started because Fox and Cobb sided with the operators to swindle the miners on the coal weighing and deposed the progressive local officers at the demand of the company. The miners also know that Fox and Cobb had their gang at the sub-district office at West Frankfort on August 11 preparing strong-arm plans for the Zeigler meeting that night.

While Cobb denies this, it was dragged out of him that the gang was at the sub-district office that day as well as many of the prosecution witnesses. They are deadly afraid that their strong-arm plans against the Zeigler miners will be exposed.

Alfred Spiegel on cross-examination could not say who struck Cobb and did not know who spoke last at the meeting. This is much important since Stanley Paurez is marked out as precipitating the attack on Cobb by speeches in a foreign language, according to their own witnesses.

Prosecution Coaches Witnesses.

Hughie McKissie rose to the occasion when the state's attorney asked him "As Fox and Cobb were leaving the hall what did Ignatz Simich say." The reply was "He shouted close the door."

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This Is the 'America' Which Refuses to Recognize Him



Drawn by William Gropper.

(The America of Politicians, Bootleggers, Gangsters and Other Capitalist Herrchmen.)

SENATE REQUESTS COOLIDGE TO CALL COAL STRIKE CONFERENCE; FEARS POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The senate today requested President Coolidge to intervene in the anthracite coal strike, by calling the operators and miners to the white house for a conference. The senate's action was taken by the adoption of the Cope-land resolution, which it twice voted down last week.

Its adoption followed a flurry of debate, in which administration leaders characterized the move as "futile," and sought to prevent its passage as an embarrassment to the administration, but the democrats rallied around the resolution and supported by the insurgent republicans it went over, 55 to 21.

Coolidge Afraid to Act.

The resolution specifically requested Pres. Coolidge to initiate action which will settle the strike.

The president, informed questioners that he did not see wherein the situation was changed any by the senate's action, for if it had appeared to him that his intervention would have made peace in the anthracite industry months ago such action would have been taken.

The fact that 55 senators voted in favor of his interceding, however, constituted a serious factor to be considered. The governmental policy has been to regard the situation well in hand as the mine union officials have been allied with the Pennsylvania police in order to crush any militant opposition that may arise and threaten the mine barons. Because of coming congressional elections Coolidge has refrained from intervention. Now, however, the senate insurgent republicans and democrats are forcing his hand. If he refuses he will be accused of cowardice. If he accedes to the request he will antagonize organized labor. Always bewildered, he is now more flabbergasted than ever and has called his advisors into conference to discuss the new turn of affairs.

A sharp debate preceded the senate's action, Senator Borah, of Idaho, demanding that the senate itself invite the operators and miners to a peace conference.

The words "at such time as he thinks best" were added to Cope-land's original resolution at the suggestion of Senator Reed of Pennsylvania. It weakened the resolution, Cope-land said, but he agreed to their inclusion in order to insure its adoption.

On the vote, 27 republicans, 27 democrats and 1 farmer-laborite voted for its adoption while 19 republicans and 2 democrats opposed it. Those opposing included McKinley of Illinois and Williams, Missouri.

The resolution was considered by unanimous consent. Senator Reed of Missouri, said the resolution was "another patent remedy, intended to cure everything but capable of curing nothing."

Will "Consider" It.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—President Coolidge would not commit himself this afternoon on the senate's request that he abandon his policy of "hands off" in the anthracite coal strike, and invite the operators and miners to a conference.

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LOS ANGELES GREET WALTER TRUMBULL ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21



LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—Walter Trumbull, released from Alcatraz military disciplinary prison, for his activities in the Philippine Communist League and among the soldiers in the Philippines, will speak at the Music-Art Hall, 233 South Broadway, Sunday evening, Feb. 21, at 7:30 o'clock. Attorney Stanley Clark of Portland, Oregon, will also speak. The meeting is being held under the joint auspices of the International Labor Defense, Los Angeles local and the American Civil Liberties Union, Southern California branch.

Klansmen Burn Down Negro Sub-Division Office in Tampa Suburb

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 9.—A mob of over fifty southern "gentlemen" set fire to the sales office of a Negro sub-division at Washington Park, a north-western suburb of Tampa. The four policemen near the scene were driven away by the mob, the burning of the sales office by the mob was not reported by the police until a few days after it had occurred and only then because complaints by the Negroes in the sub-division against this act of arson had been made.

It is undoubtedly the work of the Ku Klux Klan as many times during the past few months fiery crosses have been placed before the homes of a number of the property owners in this sub-division.

ONLY 100,000 NEGRO WORKERS IN AMERICAN LABOR UNIONS OUT OF MANY MILLIONS IN INDUSTRIES

By ESTHER LOWELL, Federated Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—(FP)—Probably 100,000 Negro workers are in trade unions, estimates the National Urban League research director, reporting on his survey at the National Urban League conference. He finds 65,492 Negro members in about half the locals of 48 American Federation of Labor national and international unions, in all local unions of Chicago, New York City, Detroit and Washington, D. C., in New Jersey, Delaware, Minnesota, Idaho, Connecticut, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Ohio, in the United Mine Workers of America.

Workers in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and in the three large independent Negro unions: Railway Men's Independent Benevolent Association, Dining Car Men's Association, and Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. New York City has 14,500 Negro unionists; Chicago, 13,000 and Detroit 2,000.

The following eleven American Federation of Labor-unions exclude Negro workers: Boiler-makers, switchmen, railway telegraphers, railway carmen, railway mail association, railway clerks, commercial telegraphers, machinists, wire weavers, glint glass workers, and masters, mates and pilots. Blacksmiths permit Negro helpers' auxiliaries, but prevent promotion and do not admit Negro helpers in shops where white are now employed.

Unions without constitutional bars (Continued on page 5)

ORGANIZE FOR LIBERATION OF THE COLONIES

Canton Center of World Movement

By MANUEL GOMEZ, Secretary All-America Anti-Imperialist League.

Formation, at Canton, China, of the International Association of Oppressed Peoples, is a mark of the gathering of all anti-imperialist forces that characterizes the present period of the disintegration of capitalism as a world system based upon super-profit from the colonies and semi-colonies. The organization was begun some months ago, but detailed and authoritative information regarding it has just been received in this country.

Revolutionary struggle against imperialism is the basic principle of the association, which seeks to unify the anti-imperialist movements of the whole world, in alliance with the class conscious workers in the capitalist countries. At the present time the organization includes Chinese, Koreans, Hindus and Annamites. Invitations have been extended to the nationalist movements of Java and the Philippines, the Inter-Colonial Union of France and the American Negro Labor Congress. The All-America Anti-Imperialist League.

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HELP THE COAL STRIKERS!

THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' AID, 1553 W. Madison Street, Chicago, Ill., has offered to open food stations in the anthracite mining district where 158,000 miners are on strike.

This offer was accepted unanimously by the general grievance committee of the miners, of which D. A. Edmunds is secretary. A joint committee will be formed. F. G. Bledenkapp, national secretary of the International Workers' Aid, is now in Wilkes-Barre making final arrangements.

Bishop William Montgomery Brown, national chairman of International Workers' Aid, has started the list with a donation of \$250. Contributions for the miners should be made out to International Workers' Aid, and sent to D. A. Edmunds, 523 Market St., Kingston, Pennsylvania.

DIST. No. 5, PROGRESSIVE MINERS COMMITTEE AGAINST DUAL UNIONISM; NAIL RED-BAITERS DAMNABLE LIES

(Statement of Progressive Miners' Committee of District No. 5, Pittsburgh.)

The situation among the miners in District 5 is getting from bad to worse. While the operators are carrying on an organized and systematic campaign, to enforce the 1917 scale throughout the district, nothing or little is being done by the union officials to counter-act this campaign of the open shoppers. These same officials instead continue their red-baiting campaign against the progressive miners. Rumors are now being spread by them that Mike Hallapy, the renegade, who is now making an attempt to organize company unions on the basis of the 1917 scale, is a leader of the Progressive Miners' Committee. This is a contemptible lie, and the rank and file of the United Mine Workers of America should know it.

The Progressive Miners' Committee was organized in 1922 during the national strike. This committee should not be confused with any of the previous so-called progressive movements which were mostly confused, without a definite program of action and which was springing up from time to time before the elections in the union.

Organized in 1922.

The present progressive miners' committee which was organized in 1922 was the first to begin an energetic campaign of education among the members of the United Mine Workers of America on the basis of policies and a constructive program. Had this program been adopted we would now be stronger than ever and would be in a position to meet the onslaughts of the bloody operators. (Continued on page 2)

AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS OF THE TWIN CITIES AID THE MINERS

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ST. PAUL, Feb. 9.—Members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers union of St. Paul and Minneapolis have sent in a donation of \$400 to the striking coal miners of the anthracite district; \$250 of the amount was given by the Twin City board and \$150 from Local No. 155.

In order to replace the money in the treasury the local organizations voted an assessment of \$1 per member, to be collected when conditions in the clothing industry improve and the members are back at work.

ARGENTINE COMMUNIST PARTY PROTESTS AGAINST AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AT ITS CONGRESS

BUENOS AIRES, Argentine, Feb. 1.—(By Mail).—The seventh congress of the Communist Party of Argentine, recently closed here, adopted a resolution of warning to all Latin-Americans against the onward march of American imperialism. Unanimous protest was voiced against the sugar trust rule in Cuba culminating in the arrest of Julio Antonia Mella and twelve leading Cuban labor leaders. The Cuban government was pointed to as a typical example of corruption to the role of Wall Street's tool. Other examples cited were those of the dictators Leguia (of Peru), Saavedra (of Bolivia) and J. V. Gomez (of Venezuela).

Following close upon important Communist victories in the Argentine labor movement and at the polls, the seventh congress of the Communist Party of Argentina was one of the most noteworthy in the history of the party. A communication was read from the Communist International expressing agreement with the general line of policy that had been followed during the past year. The delegates expressed complete confidence in the central executive committee, whose list of nominees as presented to the congress was endorsed practically without opposition.

The Communist Party of Argentina has been successfully reorganized on the shop and street nucleus basis.

British Labor Offers Aid to the Coal Strikers

By ALEX REID.

It is very important that the American miners know of the latest action of the leaders of the British workers in calling on the executive of the trades council to act at once to the end that no Welsh Coal be shipped to America during the strike of the hard coal miners.

Offers Aid.

It is indeed gratifying to see the workers have some level headed and real union leaders, who desire to use every weapon at their command to make the strike of the miners a success.

From far off Britain the hand of our brothers is extended to us in this in-

dustrial battle, and they call upon workers for international unity in behalf of the workers in the anthracite. The letter of Frank Smith follows.

London, England, Jan. 18, 1926.

To the Trades Councils secretary, Dear Comrade:—Herewith we enclose a series of extracts that deal with the strike of 150,000 American anthracite miners, and the export of Welsh coal to assist in breaking that strike. This means that the British trade unionists are being used to defeat their American comrades who have been fighting the mine owners for over five months.

We suggest that the executive of your trades council take steps to secure the support of ALL of the transport unions, their members, locally, and refuse to be used in an attack on American trade unionists. Every ton of Welsh coal shipped to the United States at this time is a blow directed at the stomachs of the wives and children of the Pennsylvania miners.

Please let the facts be known in every trade union branch and lodge in your area, united joint action should be taken in every Welsh town affected. Put international trade union unity into operation. Kind regards, on behalf of the trades council department, Yours fraternally Frank Smith.

The above letter speaks for itself. What a difference in leaders is shown by this letter. Here in America, where the hard coal men are idle for five months, our leaders permit the soft coal miners to scab on the anthracite men without any intention of calling out the bituminous men to support them. Not only has the labor leaders of America refused to call out the soft coal miners to support their starving brothers in the anthracite, but they are still permitting 10,000 maintenance-men to scab on them in the mines that are on strike.

Fight Policy of Betrayal.

In no other country of the world could such an insane policy be toler-

