

NEW RED-BAITING CREW ORGANIZED

Current Events

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

IT is encouraging to note that the acquittal of Richard (Blackie) Ford by a Marysville jury, in "Black California" has aroused great enthusiasm among class conscious workers throughout the country for a big drive to open the jail gates for all victims of class persecution in California's dungeons and to clear the statute books of all gag laws that were put there to enable the master class to better keep their slaves in their power. Scores of telegrams have poured into the national headquarters of the International Labor Defense expressing approval of that organization's work and promising support in future campaigns.

EUGENE V. DEBS declared that the I. L. D. deserves the support of all working class organizations in its proposed campaign for the release of the class war prisoners held behind the steel bars of California's jails. The Workers Party urges its members and calls on all workers to rally to this campaign. There is hardly a doubt that this sentiment will be echoed by every fighting working class organization in the land and by every radical worth his salt. This is a platform on which every class conscious worker can stand shoulder to shoulder with his fellow worker.

FORD spent over twelve of the best years of his life behind prison bars. His comrade Suhr is still on the inside. Mooney and Billings are wearing away their lives in San Quentin and Folsom because they were labor organizers and fought the open shop elements in California, particularly the traction barons of San Francisco. In the early days of the Mooney case the workers were aroused. Even at that it is quite likely that but for a demonstration of Russian workers before the American embassy in Lenin-grad, then Petrograd, demanding no release, he would long ago be a sickle, a smoldering heap of the graveyard of San Quentin.

THE conspiracy against Mooney aroused the workers throughout the world. He was saved from the electric chair but consigned to a living death. The masses of the workers, to their credit he said, did the best they knew how. They put up money; some of them struck. The miners above all deserve credit. Despite their reactionary leaders, they quit the mines as a demonstration for Mooney's release. The Illinois miners will tell you that instead of being applauded for this action by their leaders, they were fined. Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois Miners' Union joined with the operators in punishing them for their loyalty and splendid spirit of self-sacrifice. Is it surprising that apathy reigns among the workers today to a large extent?

MOONEY and Billings are yet in jail and to all appearances there is little hope for their release. Suhr has a good chance of getting out on parole. Then we have McNamara, Kaplan and Schmidt—three brave fighters, destined to spend their lives in the bastille unless the workers bestir themselves. I remember the days when those victims of the Ironmasters' League were on trial. I worked on a construction job in Boston and

Losovsky Writes on Trade Union Congress

By A. LOSOVSKY.
AT the end of August and the beginning of September 1925 there was a succession of trade union congresses, which mark an important stage in the struggle for the unity of the world trade union movement. Between August 26th and 31st the Unity and Reformist French Confederations of Labor held their congresses in Paris. At the end of August the German trade unions had their congress in Breslau. This congress synchronized with the Norwegian Trade Union Congress and the congress of the British Minority movement, whilst the beginning of September signaled the opening of the British Trades Union Congress in Scarborough. These congresses deserve serious attention and careful study, for they voiced all the ideological divergences of opinion and all the tendencies which exist in the world trade union movement.

ST. PAUL LABOR IS FIGHTING TO SAVE F.-L. PARTY

Feb. 6th Convention to Bring Issue to Head

By C. A. HATHAWAY.
(Special to The Daily Worker)
ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 1.—A convention has been called by the progressives in the local labor movement to meet at the Labor Temple on next Saturday evening, February 6, at 8 p. m.

The purpose of the convention, as announced by the provisional committee, is to protest against the alliance that exists between the leadership of the farmer-labor party and the corrupt O'Connor machine which has dominated local politics for years. The committee issuing the call is composed of some of the most active workers in the local trade union movement. Sam Thomas, president of Painters' Local No. 61, is chairman of the committee; R. H. Woods, secretary of Electrical Workers' Local No. 902, is secretary.

For United Labor Front.
The call for the convention, which was sent to all trade unions and other working class organizations in St. Paul, urges the necessity of entering the coming city election with united labor forces. It points out that the city government is completely in the hands of the "open shop" employers and the public utility corporations. The wages and working conditions of the workers are bad; the trade unions are relatively weak as compared to the forces they must combat. This can only be overcome by taking control of the city government, by building the unions and by waging a determined struggle against the employers.

The greatest obstacle to success is the continued policy by the leadership of uniting with the enemies of the workers in the old parties. After citing the concrete betrayals of these leaders in past campaigns it calls upon the local unions to send delegates to the convention on Feb. 6 to prevent a sell-out to the O'Connor forces in the city elections this spring.

O'Connor Alliance Proposed.
The call for this convention is the direct outgrowth of the regular city convention of the farmer-labor party held on January 9. At this convention, (Continued on page 2)

COOLIDGE SPEECH IS BENEDICTION ON TRUSTS, DECLARES UTAH SENATOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Senator King, democrat of Utah, declared that the recent \$2,000,000,000 baking merger of the Ward Baking company was the result of a speech made by President Calvin Coolidge to the New York chamber of commerce in which "he pronounced a benediction on trusts." Attorney General Sargent and the department of justice were also assailed on the floor of the senate and charged with "sleeping on the job," while big mergers are taking place in the basic industries.

NOT A LEADER—AN OSTRICH



Green Refuses to Learn About Soviet Russia. Drawn by William Gropper.

LEWIS PROPOSAL IS BETRAYAL OF STRIKING MINERS' DEMANDS

Despite the solid opposition of the anthracite miners to arbitration in any form, and the repeated declarations of the union against this menace to the organization, John L. Lewis has offered to the anthracite operators a proposal of "voluntary arbitration."

This plan contains the following provisions:
1. The agreement to continue for five years except as it may be changed as provided in other clauses.
No Wage Increase Until 1928.

2. The wages and conditions to remain as in the last agreement until Aug. 31, 1928, subject to alteration by the arbitration agencies set up under the proposal.
3. After June 1, 1928, either party may request a revision of the agreement from the board of conciliation, thereupon a fact finding commission composed of Charles E. Hughes, Secy. of Labor Davis, and Gov. Gifford Pinchot, or some similar persons.
4. Chartered accountants representing the public, the miners and the operators shall be employed by the commission to aid in the investigation.

TWO MORE MILLIONAIRES TO AID JUDGE GARY RUN NORTHWESTERN "U"

EVANSTON, Ill., Feb. 1.—Two more millionaires will aid Judge Elbert Gary hereafter in controlling the education policy of Northwestern University. They are John J. Mitchell, head of the Illinois Merchants Trust company, which has its heavy hand on almost every enterprise in the Chicago district, and Samuel Insull who is the public utility and traction boss in the same area. Insull boasts that his Commonwealth Edison company "controls the entire lighting business of Chicago." He also manipulates gas, interurbans, elevateds, surface lines and suburban utilities. The Illinois Merchants is the bank that recently relinquished control of the Chicago Daily News to a group of local capitalists.

CHICAGO BUSINESS MEN HOLD SECRET SESSION TO LISTEN TO REHASH OF BILL GREEN'S DOPE

Behind closed doors, in secret session, a group of Chicago business men listened yesterday afternoon to ex-members of the military intelligence department of the United States army, former department of justice agents, possibly a few of the defunct prohibition gang, and others of that odious aggregation picture to them the heroic work that is to be launched under the banner of a new "patriotic" organization called the "American Citizenship Foundation."

A representative of The DAILY WORKER was the first newspaper man on the scene and was informed by a dizzy blonde at the reservation table outside a banquet hall on the fourth floor of the new Palmer House that there were strict instructions prohibiting all newspaper men. In reply to persistent questions regarding the affair she finally said that a Mr. Sugg had charge of all publicity.

Soon Mr. Sugg, an anaemic individual whom one ordinary worker with one whiff of breath could blow thru a keyhole appeared and informed our representative and a number of other newspaper men who had by that time congregated that there was to be no publicity and that since the meeting was called for purposes of organization, there would be no reporters admitted.

Bill Green's Dope.
The DAILY WORKER representative observed a group of three men sitting on a divan in the ante-room, one of whom resembled across between a doorman at the Palmer House and a bouncer in Hinky Dink's saloon—probably one of the "military intelligence."

This person had a protruding brief case. He was telling his companions that he had the real "dope" on "these reds." Opening his brief case he displayed the Lenin edition of the DAILY WORKER, a copy of the Negro Champion, the Workers' Monthly, the Labor Defender, and other publications listed by "Bill" Green, president of the American Federation of Labor in his recent attacks on Communists.

Bankers, business men, merchants and employers of labor, all typical Habbitts, were strolling about the ante-room while the heavy jowled individual was telling his companions what he was going to say.

The DAILY WORKER representative asked the publicity man, Mr. Sugg, who was to be the speaker and he refused to reveal his name.

Didn't Like Story.
Mr. Sugg was asked about a story appearing in one of the capitalist papers about the meeting and he said the story was entirely unauthorized and that he did not know where it came from.

The story appearing in the morning paper said:
"Representatives of big business today at the new Palmer House will call on their associates and civic leaders to combine against Communism and to wear their employees, especially those of foreign extraction, from the ranks of the 'reds.'"

The scheme is to organize the employees of all corporations into voluntary "citizenship groups" for instruction "in principles of government and true Americanism."

Unquestionably the thing is a feeble (Continued on page 4)

ENGLAND IS FOR POSTPONEMENT OF DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Great Britain has officially announced her willingness to postpone the preliminary disarmament conference. This action on the part of Great Britain is expected to make the decision for the postponement of the conference final.

Coolidge Signs Appropriation.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—President Coolidge has signed the joint resolution of congress appropriating \$50,000 to defray the expenses of American delegates to the preparatory commission of the forthcoming league of nations disarmament conference.

A letter has been received by the state department here from the secretary of the league council asking whether the United States would consent to a postponement of the preliminary disarmament conference. The dispatch points out that several of the league council members request a delay until March or not later than May. It is expected that the state department will accede to the request.

PASSAIC MILL STRIKE STILL GOING STRONG

Lines Hold in Spite of Police Activity

(Special to The Daily Worker)
PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 1.—Three hundred workers of the Passaic Worsted Spinning Mills who were on strike last week and went back to work, have gone out again, joining the rank of the United Front Committee of Textile Workers, which is conducting the strike at the Botany and the Garfield Mills.

The method of rank and file mill committees have found great favor with the strikers who are enthusiastically carrying on a campaign to spread the strike to the remaining mills in Passaic and vicinity.

Over one-half of the Passaic police force under the personal direction of Chief Richard O. Zober, are patrolling the mills to "protect" the few scabs who are still at work. Fifteen employees of the Cera Mills have been sworn in as special deputies to co-operate with the local police department when they want to start a grand offensive against the strikers. It has been stated that the local authorities have also made arrangements to deputize many citizens to assist them in this work of strike breaking.

The local capitalist press admit that over 5,000 workers are on strike and do not deny that the strike is more than holding its own. Arrangements are being made to have a gigantic parade of all the strikers which it is believed will arouse a great deal of enthusiasm.

The strike is spreading fast to all the other mills in the vicinity and if the spirit of the workers continues, as it has begun, it will not be long before the entire textile district of New Jersey is tied up. The vice-president of the Botany Mills is attempting to give the impression that the mills are going to shut down for a month. He thinks this will frighten the strikers. But all these tricks are of no avail.

The immediate job is the building up of efficient relief agencies throughout the textile cities and in New York City. Subscription lists have been sent out for this purpose. Food and clothing is being sent from these centers. Relief contributions are being sent to Gustav Deak, Room 14, 743 Main avenue, Passaic, N. J., which is the headquarters of the United Front Committee.

CHICAGO GROUP T. U. E. L. WILL HOLD MEETING WEDNESDAY EVENING

All militant and progressive trade unionists will gather in the Northwest Hall, corner North and Western Aves. Wednesday evening, Feb. 3, at the monthly meeting of the Trade Union Educational League.

At this meeting Pete Jensen, chairman of the Federated shop Crafts and Switchmen's Systems Federation, will speak on the conditions of the railroad workers, the "B. & O." plan and the Parker-Watson wage theory.

John Werlik, business agent of the Metal Polishers' Union Local No. 6, will speak on the metal polishers' strike at the Cribben, Sexton & Co. stove manufacturing plant.

Jack Johnstone will speak on the International Ladies' Garment Workers' convention, the Furriers' convention and the lessons to the left wing gained thru the two conventions.

Every militant worker should attend this monthly meeting and be on time. The meeting opens promptly at eight o'clock.

Wakatsuki Is Named Premier of Japan

(Special to The Daily Worker)
TOKIO, Feb. 1.—Reijiro Wakatsuki, who was appointed premier at interim, following the death of Viscount T. Kato, has been ordered to form a cabinet. It is expected that Wakatsuki, who is minister of home affairs in the Kato cabinet and a leader of the Kenoseikai party, will undoubtedly reappoint all the ministers who resigned on the death of Viscount Kato. A general shuffling of posts is expected as one new member must be appointed.

To Decrease Dogs.
LONDON, Feb. 1.—The British government has been asked to take steps to check an increase in the dog population. London's canine population is increasing more than a quarter of a million a year, and it is proposed to levy a heavy tax on puppies.

