

"BLOOD AND IRON" IS BALDWIN DECREE

RUSSIAN LABOR RALLIES BEHIND BRITISH STRIKE

Workers Give Quarter Days Pay

Special Inprecise Cable) MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., May 7.—The general strike of the English Proletariat is exciting intense attention and animation throughout the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. Mass demonstrations are being held in all industrial centers. Collections of money are being made and plans for assistance of all kinds are in progress.

Great Miners' Delegation. The delegation of English miners now in the Ukraine was greeted in Kharkov by 150,000 demonstrators. Oliver, the chairman of the delegation thanked the workers for the feeling of solidarity they show for the British proletariat.

Wire Funds. The general council of the All-Russian labor unions has asked all trade unionists in Russia to give a quarter day's pay to the striking English workers. This will amount to approximately 350,000 pounds sterling. The Russian trade union council wired an advance of 135,000 pounds (about \$1,700,000) to the general council of the British Trade Union Congress in London.

R. I. L. U. Appeal. The executive bureau of the Red International of Labor Unions has appealed to all its allied organizations to stop imports of coal to England and to cease loading English steamers. The appeal calls for the formation of united committees of workers from various industries for the purpose of giving financial assistance and joint aid to the British strike. It emphasizes the decisive role and need of support of the transport workers. The Young Communist International has issued a call to its units for an organizational campaign for solidarity with the British workers.

Paris Conference. The R. I. L. U. executive bureau resolved to convene a conference in the nearest future in Paris at which delegates from labor organizations in Holland, France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and Germany will confer on measures for the assistance of the general strike. Monmousseau, French trade union leader, is entrusted with the convocation of the conference.

The appeal of the executive bureau also asks all affiliated labor organizations to appeal to their members to follow the Russian example and give a quarter day's pay to the strikers of Britain.

Come tonight to the Living News paper, at 1902 W. Division Street.



SIR WM. JOYNSON-HICKS
Tory Home Minister, notorious for his red baiting, is now in the lead of the attack upon the British workers.

Today in British Strike Situation

To all appearances the deadlock is still complete. J. Ramsay MacDonald, labor leader, says the trades unionists are continuously seeking a "way to peace and the accommodation." The government communique announcer that 75,000 volunteers are now on duty. Five electric power stations for London boroughs are partially tied up by the strike. Disorders were less in London today, but serious disorders were reported from Glasgow, Edinburgh and other provincial centers. Electrical workers in the government shell factory at Bramley struck. Newport electrical workers struck. Transport workers supplying food to 808 London chain restaurants went out on strike. Fears are being expressed that the food situation will become more serious if the strike continues over the week end.

The British Miners' Executive



Coming out of a conference with leaders of the Trade Union Congress—left to right: Swan, Straaker, Smith and Richardson. In the panel above, Albett, Hughes and Chambers. All are members of the executive of the British Miners' Federation. Herbert Smith is the president.

TORY FORCED TO RETRACT CHARGE AGAINST LABOR PARTYITES IN PARLIAMENT

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LONDON, May 7.—Sir Arthur Holbrook raised a storm of protest from the labor benches in parliament and was compelled to withdraw a statement that he had made to the effect that the labor party is sending out men to hinder and overturn passenger vehicles. A wild scene followed the charge and the chairman failed to secure order from the laborites. In the midst of the turmoil David Kirkwood, the Clydesdale member, shouted to the chairman:

"I don't care a damn for your or the house, he has got to withdraw that statement."

Order was only restored after Holbrook withdrew the statement.

Laborites combined in attacks upon the "British Gazette," declaring that the Gazette is "unfair" and is "causing mischief."

Jack Jones: Silvertown M. P., again was full of defiance. "We ask for fair play," shouted Jones, who rarely debates in modulated tones. "The government can fight as long as it likes, but we will fight also."

"We have plenty of reserves and we will call them up if compelled to."

The house of commons adjourned shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon and will not meet again until Monday afternoon at 3, unless there is some urgent need of special session.

GETS REPLY FROM BRITAIN



WILLIAM GREEN
President of A. F. of L.

Walter Detrine, secretary of the British Trades Union Congress, has cabled a reply to Green's cable to the strikers, as follows:

"Thanks for expression of encouragement. Movement absolutely solid. Greatest demonstration of working class solidarity in history. Thanks for offer of assistance. Prompt financial assistance most practicable."

All labor awaits Green's reply to the cable. The financially powerful international unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor are able to furnish tremendous financial assistance and will probably do so if they get a call from the head of the A. F. of L.

SPLIT POLICY IN FINNISH UNIONS IS DEFEATED IN CONGRESS

HELSINGFORS, May 7.—The Finnish Trade Union Convention has opened. Social-democratic leaders have only 16 delegates for their split policy, against 56 for unity. They threaten nevertheless to start a separate federation, affiliated with Amsterdam and the league of nations.

DAUGHERTY IS INDICTED FOR \$391,000 GRAFT

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, May 7.—Harry M. Daugherty, former head of the corrupt Ohio gang of boodle politicians and the tricksters credited with engineering the nomination of Warren G. Harding for president of the United States, who later became attorney general of the Harding cabinet, was indicted today by a federal grand jury on charges of illegally receiving fees in connection with the return of stock in the American Metals company, seized by the alien property custodian's office during the war, to Swiss and German owners.

Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian and John T. King, republican national committeeman, were indicted jointly with Daugherty on charges of conspiracy. The three are alleged to have received graft to the amount of \$391,000 for their part in the crooked transaction.

Smear Harding Family.

The late Harding is also besmirched with Daugherty, as the notorious political crook, shyster lawyer and all-around scoundrel, whose peculation in office was only equalled by his vicious assaults upon organized labor, has refused to submit certain evidence on the ground that it might tend to incriminate him and divulge certain private affairs of the late President Harding and his family, for which he (Daugherty) as attorney general, was legal adviser.

This political swindler was the outstanding genius of the Harding government, with Andrew W. Mellon present boss of the Coolidge administration, who holds the office of secretary of the treasury in violation of law, as chief lieutenant. Daugherty was a friend of Coolidge and was only reluctantly kicked out of his office after the series of Teapot Dome oil scandals and the exposure of shady deals of the department of justice.

The American Metals company scandal is only one of many that arose under Daugherty's reign of graft and if he gets his just deserts he will probably spend the rest of his life in jail, where he tried to send many workers in order to break the shopmen's strike of 1922.

Army and Navy Authorized to Take "Any Action;" Thousands of Labor Massmeetings Held

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LONDON, May 7.—The government tonight gave carte blanche to the military to resort to armed force, for it issued assurances to the army and the navy that any action they may take to aid the civil power will secure full support of the government.

"All ranks of the armed forces of the crown are hereby notified that any action they may find it necessary to take in an honest endeavor to aid the civil power will receive both now and afterwards the full support of his majesty's government," declares an announcement issued by the government.

Five hundred Coldstream guards arrived at Poplar tonight to take over the work of guarding the East India docks.

The strike will continue over the week end and perhaps all next week.

Unless the government uses force to prevent them, the labor unions will hold mass meetings throughout the nation tomorrow, sending speakers from London to address the strikers.

STRIKE ORGAN IS HELD UP BY LONDON POLICE

Issuing 8 Pages Today to Government's 2

By W. N. EWER
(Foreign Editor of the London Daily Herald and Federated Press Correspondent.)

(Special Cable)

LONDON, May 7.—The British Worker, official organ of the striking British workers, was held up for three hours by the police last night. The London Daily Herald offices, where the journal is being printed, were searched and Scotland Yard carefully scrutinized copies of the paper. When the police evacuated the building a tremendous crowd met them on the outside, cheering and singing the "Red Flag."

This action of the police effectively prevented distribution of the strike organ in London last night, but today efforts will be made to make up for last night's loss. This is a cynical commentary on the affectation of the government which in last Sunday's ultimatum to the Trade Union Congress stressed its concern for freedom of the press when the printers walked out of the composing rooms of the big London dailies.

8-Page "Worker."

But anyhow we now have an eight-page "British Worker" to counter the government's two-page "British Gazette." The Times and a few others printed small lithograph sheets while the Daily Mail had its edition printed in Paris and shipped to London by airplane. ("What price! Buy British made goods!") (Comrade Ewer here becomes ironical; the Daily Mail has been the loudest shouter for "British Made Goods.")—Ed.)

Baldwin declared in commons that the government would never yield under any circumstances until the general strike is unconditionally called off. Today the General Council of the Trade Union Congress replied, "We are willing at any moment to resume negotiations. We enforce no conditions. But at this stage with no knowledge of the subsequent line of policy the government intends to pursue we cannot comply with the request of unconditional withdrawal of the strike notices. Any preliminary parleys with a view to discovering a basis for negotiations might be renewed and withdrawal of general strike notices can be subsequently considered but can only be undertaken in a free and unfettered atmosphere."

Volunteers Scarce.

The situation this morning was practically unchanged. Substitutes offering their services in place of the striking workers have been small and inadequate. There are many cases of "volunteer" workers throwing up their "jobs."

Anti-strike propagandists are deliberately exaggerating incidents of reported violence. "Sabbath calm" is a summary of the atmosphere of the docks and the whole East Side of London made by an observer who made a tour of the whole area this morning.

Raid Communist Headquarters

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LONDON, May 7.—The government today began more drastic actions.

Police during the night made a roundup of persons who are alleged to have been ring-leaders in the mob attacks upon busses and other means of transport in London.

Today the police descended upon the Communist headquarters in King street, Covent Garden, and seized a large amount of literature but made no arrest.

Food Shortage Acute

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LONDON, May 7.—"Organized attempts are being made to starve the people," declares a government communique issued at 7:30 tonight, a communique which for the first time sounds a real note of alarm on the part of the government.

"The situation is becoming more intense and the climax is not yet reached," the communique declares.

This statement coming from government headquarters was regarded as indicating that the government is finding real difficulty in maintaining food supplies and essential transport.

The government announces that it has ordered the authorities "to repress and overcome these criminal obstructions."

LAST STRIKE BULLETINS AS WE GO TO PRESS

STRIKE ORGAN COMES OUT.

LONDON, May 7.—The British Worker, organ of the strikers, declares tonight: "The Trades Union Council has struggled hard for peace. They are anxious that an honorable peace be secured as soon as possible. They are not attacking the constitution. They are not fighting the community. They are defending the mine workers against the mine owners."

FOOD WORRIES GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, May 7.—From the government viewpoint the most serious aspect of the strike now is the increased interference with the transportation of food supplies. The mine fields are reported orderly and the miners are generally reported as the most orderly of the strikers.

SEVEN HURT IN HULL.

HULL, England, May 7.—Six men and one woman were injured so seriously that it was necessary to send them to the hospital, when the police dispersed a crowd here tonight.

MANY ARRESTS IN GLASGOW.

GLASGOW, May 7.—Nearly a hundred arrests were made and a number are reported injured during demonstrations which have been sporadic here since early last evening.

Strikers, mobilizing in the east end which is the working class quarter, have made frequent sallies into the business sections of the town and there have been frequent clashes with the police.

Sixty men, arrested in connection with attacks upon the tram car department, were arraigned in court today and given jail sentences.

MacDONALD WORKS FOR PEACE.

LONDON, May 7.—"The strike leaders are using all efforts to find a way to peace."

J. Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the labor party, made this statement this afternoon at the house of commons, where he has remained in conference with Trades Union Congress executives.

"We are not letting a moment pass, which is not used for some attempt to devise ways of peace and accommodation," MacDonald said.

"STRIKE IS DRESS REHEARSAL"—LOSOVSKY.

MOSCOW, May 7.—A. Losovsky, secretary of the Red International of Labor Unions, declared that the present strike in England is "merely a dress rehearsal for the time when the workers will take power."

Warrants Issued for These Seven of These



Here are members of the central executive committee of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League of Great Britain. Reading left to right: Murphy, first in top row; Cant, second in center row; Wintringham, third in center row; Campbell, first in bottom row; McManus, second in bottom row; Page Arnot, fourth in bottom row, and Thomas Bell, fifth in bottom row were released from Wandsworth prison after serving their 6 months' sentences. Since the strike, war-

rants have been issued for their arrest. The other five, Gallacher and Hannington, second and third in the top row respectively, Pollitt and Inkpin, first and last in the center row, and Rust, bottom row center, have six more months of their year's sentence to serve. The twelve were convicted under a mutiny law, passed in 1797, for calling upon soldiers and sailors not to shoot down striking workers. In and out of prison they are playing important parts in the present strike.

SIX BRITISH MINE LEADERS



HERBERT SMITH, General President, Miners' Federation of Great Britain. A. J. COOK, Prominent Radical, Secretary of the Miners' Federation. VERNON HARTSHORN, President of the South Wales Miners' Federation and Labor M. P. WILLIAM ADAMSON, general secretary of the Fifa Miner's Association and West Fife. WM. CHAMBERS, Member of the Miners' Executive and Labor M. P. from a mine constituency. WM. HUGHES, Member of the Miners' Executive of the Miners' Federation.



In Lieu of Trains

BEN TILLET AND A. J. COOK.

English train service is at a standstill. Above are motor lorries on the move over an English road transporting food supplies. The food shortage is becoming very acute. To the right is Ben Tillett, veteran head of the General Workers' Union, greeting A. J. Cook, the red-headed Welsh leader of the miners. Both these labor men are in the forefront of the present battle of the British workers for a better standard of living.



Shapurji Saklatvala, M. P.



Shapurji Saklatvala in action. The fiery little Parsee Communist, well known in this country for his exclusion from the Inter-Parliamentary Union last year, has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment for alleged "seditious" utterances. Saklatvala made a speech in which he declared that British soldiers and sailors should not allow themselves to be used to shoot down their brothers out on general strike.

Opinions of the British Strike

From Alex Howat

Leader of Progressive Miners' Committee in the United Mine Workers' Union.

DAILY WORKER, Chicago.

Gigantic struggle of British miners demands the support of all miners and all workers of America. Not a pound of American coal should be allowed to go to England. All financial aid possible should be given to the British workers in the fight they are making which commands the respect and admiration of the workers of the entire world.

ALEX HOWAT, Pittsburgh, Kansas.

From Albert Weisbord

Leader of the Striking Textile Workers of Passaic, N. J. Workers' Union.

DAILY WORKER, Chicago.

The class nature of society and of its product, the state, is clearly revealed by the titanic struggle between the capitalists and the working class in England. This general strike is a triumphant monument to the solidarity and class consciousness which the militant trade unionism of the British workers has been able to arouse.

ALBERT WEISBORD, Passaic, N. J.

From Norman Thomas

Director of the League for Industrial Democracy.

DAILY WORKER, Chicago.

Defeat of the British strike would be a tragedy for the workers, not only of Britain but of the world. It would mean another victory for the bosses and owners in their effort to make the workers pay the costs of their greed and mismanagement. Without division we must back British labor.

NORMAN THOMAS, New York City.

From Arthur Garfield Hays

Attorney for the Civil Liberties Union.

DAILY WORKER, Chicago.

I believe in constitutional methods, they are the only alternative for violence. The trade unions are entitled to govern England only if they can get enough votes. Obviously the government cannot back down without relinquishing its powers. The general strike may have been wise if the purpose was a show of strength, otherwise it was a blunder.

ARTHUR GARFIELD HAYS, New York City.

From Robert W. Dunn

of the American Civil Liberties Union.

DAILY WORKER, Chicago, Ill.

British strike is one of the most heartening expressions of solidarity in labor history. Looks like a real united front of all groups with the miners. Credit for this goes chiefly to active minority movement developed in Britain during the past year. American labor and labor's friends should stand solidly behind British strikers in this magnificent fight.

ROBERT W. DUNN.

'Black Jack' Jerome Is Fined \$50 for Attack in Carpenters' Strike

SAN FRANCISCO—(FP)—Black Jack Jerome, herder of gunmen strike-breakers, was fined \$50 for battery for knocking down an imported worker who refused to work in the carpenters' walkout when he discovered the situation. Ray McDermott, an ex-convict hired as a non-union guard, was given a similar fine. The strike continues.

Scores Night Work for Kids. NEW YORK—(FP)—"The employment of women and children for night work in the cotton mills of the state (North Carolina), is more than a mere social mistake; it is an economic crime, and the state ought to prevent it," says Robert Lassiter, big southern textile manufacturer, as reported by New York textile journals.

The American Worker Correspondent is out. Did you get your copy? Hurry up! Send in your sub! It's only 50 cents.

SENTENCE SEVEN ZEIGLER MINERS TO PRISON TERMS

New Trial Granted to One of Victims

(Special to The Daily Worker) BENTON, Ill., May 7.—Arguing a motion for a new trial for the eight miners convicted in the Zeigler frame-up, I. E. Ferguson, attorney for International Labor Defense succeeded in obtaining a new trial for one of the defendants, Martin Simich, who, Judge Korn was satisfied, was not present during the time the shooting and fighting took place in the miners' hall at Zeigler.

The motion for a new trial was denied the other men, altho it was shown that the testimony on which seven of the fifteen originally placed on trial were released by the jury, was the same under which the eight others had been convicted.

Labor Fakery Present. Del Cobb and Lon Fox, officers of the sub-district of the United Mine Workers, were present during the hearing for a new trial altho there was no ground for their presence. The eight witnesses for the defense outlined the happenings at the Zeigler miners' hall, and showed that the entire testimony against Frank Corbishley, for example, was based on Cobb's allegation that he had seen the print of a gun hidden under the shirt of Frank on the night of the fight. The other story concocted by the tools of the frame-up, that one of the defendants had shouted to the miners: "Don't let them out, kill them!" referring to Cobb and Fox, was also riddled by the arguments of the defense. During the hearing, the three witnesses for the prosecution were thoroughly discredited by their contradictory testimony.

Boy Sentenced to Pontiac. Henry Corbishley, Frank Corbishley, Ignatz Simich, Steve Meanovich, Stanley Paurez, and Mike Karadich were remanded to Chester penitentiary for from one to fourteen years, they being past 21 years of age. Eddie Maleski, being under 19, was sent to the reformatory at Pontiac.

Released on Bail. The men were all released on the same bail under which they have been held until now pending application to the supreme court of the state of Illinois on a writ of supersedeas. The defense has some four months in which to present its plea and the case will probably come up again in the fall. The decision on the men's cases was clearly inconsistent, since the same testimony was given against all those originally placed on trial while only half of them were convicted. Significantly, the men who were convicted are the outstanding leaders of the miners in Zeigler, and Franklin county.



A. B. SWALES, Chairman of the General Council of the British Trade Union Congress—the strike committee.

NICARAGUAN REBELS SEIZE COAST TOWNS

Reactionary Dictator Issues Manifesto

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Revolutionists of the liberal party in Nicaragua have gained control of the Atlantic coast and the important town of Las Cruz on the Rio Grande, the state department was advised in a dispatch from the American minister. The dispatch also declares the revolutionists have confiscated \$161,000 in bills from the Bluefield branch of the National Bank. General Chamorro, reactionary dictator, announced that he would soon quell the rebellion. He has arrested 200 prominent liberals. The cruiser Cleveland has been sent to Bluefield.

POLICE OF MARTINS FERRY THREATEN TO STOP MEET OF FOREIGN-BORN COUNCIL

(Special to The Daily Worker) MARTIN'S FERRY, Ohio, May 7.—According to the Daily Times, the local capitalist sheet, the chief of police of this place imagines himself a czar and has announced that he will prohibit a meeting for the protection of foreign-born workers advertised to be held here Sunday evening, May 9, at Steinberger Hall, at 7 o'clock. The Times says "The young Americans in the upper end of the city are bitter against the foreign-born." This is a plain lie, without any foundation whatsoever in fact and the paper is only trying to provoke disorders by such propaganda.

IMPERIALISTS REOPEN WAR ON RIFFIANS

French Aviators Bombard Riff Villages

OUJDA, French Morocco, May 7.—French and Spanish imperialist forces have started an offensive against the Riffs. French aviation forces have bombed many important Riffian concentration points. French troops have established a liaison with the Spanish near Kert. General Bolechut has arrived in Rabat to take command of the imperialist offensive against these liberty-loving tribesmen. The French have 80,000 soldiers and Spain 30,000 lined up against the 30,000 tribesmen that have rallied around Abd-el-Krim.

BISHOP BROWN AND TWO PASSAIC STRIKERS SPEAK IN PULLMAN ON SUNDAY

Bishop William Montgomery Brown, the "heretic" bishop, Nancy Sandowsky and Frank Bentle, two Passaic strikers, will speak at the mass meeting arranged by the Council for the Protection of Foreign-Born of Pullman and South Chicago on Sunday afternoon, May 9, at 2 o'clock at Strumil's Hall, 158 East 107th street. Besides these speakers there will be an excellent musical program. Admission is free.



M. EVAN "The Bells of Corneville" (The Chimes of Normandy) A Comic Opera in 3 Acts to be presented by The Lithuanian Singing Society Sunday, May 9, 1926, 8:15 p.m. at EIGHTH STREET THEATER Eighth Street and Wabash Ave.



A. A. PURCELL, Vice-Chairman of the British Trade Union Congress and President of the International Federation of Trade Unions.



TOM MANN, Veteran labor leader of the British minority movement which is composed of more than 1,000,000 left wing members of British unions.

Leaders of the British Labor Party



J. RAMSEY MACDONALD Former Premier of Great Britain and leader of the Labor Party.



J. H. THOMAS Political secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen and a leader of the Labor Party.



ARTHUR HENDERSON Member of parliament and secretary of the Communist Party.



J. R. CLYNES President of the National Union of General Workers and labor member of Parliament.



SIDNEY WEBB Labor Party leader and M. P., famous theoretician.



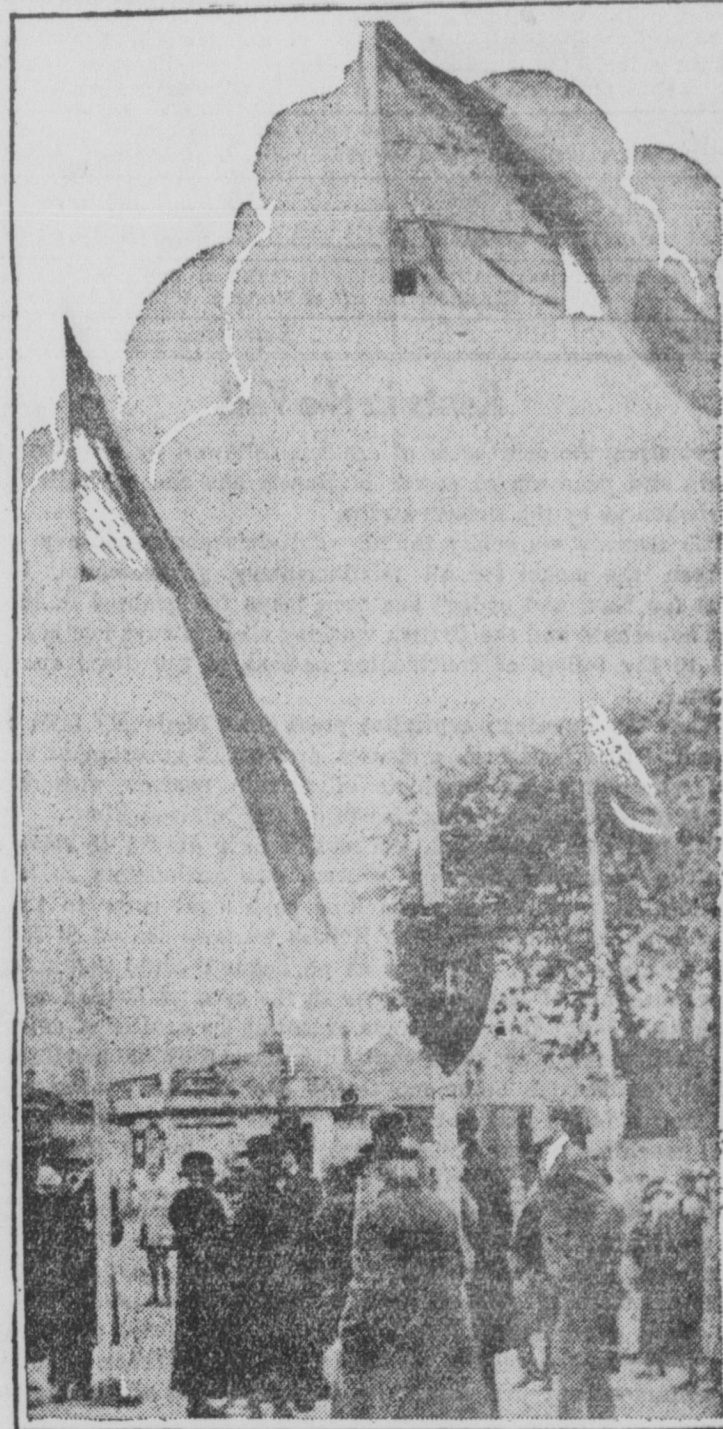
JOHN WHEATLEY One of the radical Clyde group in the House of Commons.

Tories and Liberals



This recent photo shows Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin leaving a Downing street conference with Col. Fox Lane, minister of mines, just before the crisis broke in England.

UNFURLING OF SOVIET BANNER ENLIVENS SHAKESPEARE FETE



Two thousand citizens of Stratford-on-Avon bitterly opposed the plan of reds to raise the Soviet flag along with those of 51 other nations, flown at the anniversary of Shakespeare's birthday. But the club in charge of the celebration in honor of the great writer, acting as a non-partisan organization, refused to halt the Soviet delegation. Photo shows the flag being raised (at left) alongside another.

OAKLAND POLICE JAIL CARPENTERS' UNION NEWSBOYS

"Observers" Arrested on Frame-up Charges

OAKLAND, Cal., May 7—The fifth week of the carpenters' fight for the union shop here opened up with mass arrests of union men who were watching non-union jobs. Thirteen carpenters were arrested as they were attempting to sell the official labor paper to non-union men working on the municipal Highland Hospital. The arresting police placed a blanket charge of "picketing" against them and they were released on deposit of \$50 cash bond each.

California has an anti-picketing law so men are sent out as "observers." Today they were newsboys.

Jobs here are never declared unfair. They are placed on the "We don't patronize" list.

Yesterday five "observers" who were sitting in an automobile near a non-union job in Alameda were arrested and charged with "stealing a box of tools." Bail was finally set at \$250 each.

Since April 1 union carpenters have refused to work with nonunion carpenters. This movement was inaugurated by the Bay Cities district council of carpenters and involves approximately 5,000 men in San Francisco, Oakland and nearby cities.

Men working are assessed \$1 a day to pay benefits to those who are forced to remain unemployed. The men are in good spirits and are determined to carry on in spite of the police guards.

Building Service Union Seeks Increase

DENVER, Col., May 5—The Building Service Employers' Union is asking for an increase of 50 cents a day to bring the scale to \$6 a day.

The employers are countering with a demand that wages be decreased 50 cents a day bringing the scale down to \$5 a day. The case is before the state industrial commission.

"The pen is mightier than the sword," provided you know how to use it. Come down and learn how in the worker correspondent's classes.

WORKER CORRESPONDENTS OF TRYBUNA ROBOTNICZA DOING SPLENDID WORK

The Polish worker correspondents of Passaic, N. J., have shown an example of what can be done by live wires on the job. They collected and have written up enuf facts to make a special issue of the Polish Communist weekly Trybuna-Robotnicza possible. This week the special issue was printed and 4,000 copies distributed in Passaic and many more copies in other textile centers. The special issue contains, besides the stories of the worker correspondents, also pictures, cartoons and drawings which make the paper lively and interesting.

Those Polish workers who will be reached will form a favorable opinion about the Trybuna-Robotnicza and many of them will eventually become subscribers and readers of the paper.

Hamtramck has Largest May Day Celebration

By a Worker Correspondent.

HAMTRAMCK, Mich., May 7—An overflow May day meeting was held here in the International Workers' Home. The program was well arranged. There were speakers in English, Russian, Ukrainian and Polish.

Edgar Owens, district organizer of the Workers (Communist) Party, spoke in English, showing the significance of May day. John Ralchuk urged the Russian workers to join in the struggle of the workers in this country against the bosses. Boleslaw Wronski pictured to the Polish workers the white terror raging in Poland calling on the workers to support their brothers in Poland against the reaction.

Andrea Dmytryshyn brought out the meaning of May day to the Ukrainian workers. Elvira Gebert spoke in Polish on the role of the women in the revolutionary movement and pointed out the achievements of women in the Soviet Union. Each speaker was well received.

Section Three Dance at Vilnis Hall Tonight

Section Three, Chicago, of the Workers (Communist) Party is holding a dance at Vilnis Hall, 3116 South Halsted St., Saturday night, May 9. Admission 35 cents.

LABORERS TIE-UP ALL CLEVELAND BUILDING JOBS

Workers Confident They Will Win Strike

CLEVELAND—(FP)—For the first time in the history of the American labor movement a general strike of building laborers has brought a complete shutdown of all building operations. This is the situation in Cleveland where 5,000 building laborers went on strike March 1 for \$1 an hour. Hitherto building laborers have struck on isolated jobs, or in conjunction with other building trades, but never has a single-handed strike been effective enough to close down all big building operations.

Demands have been granted for 1,500 laborers on independent jobs but the big contracting companies held out. As a result the Cleveland Builders Supply Co., operating a score of yards, docks, warehouses and offices, has closed down.

Cleveland bankers are losing \$30,000 a day by waiving interest due from borrowers on struck jobs. In addition fat profits, estimated in the millions, are lost by contractors. The strikers and affiliated building crafts are not worrying about the wages they are "losing."

"The work now tied up will have to be completed sometime," they say. "The money the men might now be earning will be paid to them when work is resumed. The men are not actually losing anything. There will be just as much building, but it is being put off until the laborers get what they ought to have. We are used to going without wages. The bankers are not."

LIVING NEWSPAPER BY DAILY WORKER RABCOR TONIGHT! DON'T MISS IT!

Tonight, the first Living Newspaper in the English language will be "published" at the Workers' House, 1902 West Division street, Chicago. It is being given by the Chicago worker correspondents of THE DAILY WORKER and at a fitting time, within the week set aside for the development of the International Communist press.

Every militant worker must attend the Living Newspaper publication and bring other workers.

This will give you an opportunity to bring the DAILY WORKER to your shop mates in a form that will be novel, entertaining and educational. He will get acquainted with THE DAILY WORKER under the most favorable conditions. Bring that worker you've been talking to to the Living Newspaper tonight.

We don't want to tell you what to expect. Better let it remain a surprise until you get there. We promise you a treat. Tonight show your solidarity with the Fighting Writers and enjoy yourself.

Who Won Second Prize?

The winner of the second prize, this week, is requested to send in his name and address so that we can send him his book. All articles should always contain name and address of writer.

Don't waste your breath, put it on paper.



DAVID LLOYD GEORGE.

Old fox of British politics, leader of the liberal party all but eliminated in the Tory victory at the last elections. Lloyd George is reported to be active in attempting to affect a settlement of the present strike. He is losing no chance to make political capital of the struggle. But the crisis seems to be too big for his this time.



LORD JELlicoe.

Lord Jellicoe, former Lord of the Admiralty is in charge of the O. M. S. (Organization for the Maintenance of Supplies), the British Fascist organization now being used against the British strikers and their sympathizers in a semi-official capacity to re-inforce the military.



WINSTON CHURCHILL

Tory Chancellor of the Exchequer, stalwart of British reaction.



VISCOUNT HALDANE

An outstanding figure in the Liberal Party of England.

Hold Enthusiastic May Day Meeting At Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 7—May Day was observed here by a well-attended, enthusiastic gathering at the Unitarian church. The principal speaker was Robert Minor, who spoke on the general struggles of the workers, the advances made by them and the ultimate goal of the proletariat. Carl Cowl of the Young Workers (Communist) League also spoke.

Carpenters' Union Gets \$1 a Day Raise

DENVER, Col., May 5—The Carpenters' Union received \$1 a day increase. The wages for union carpenters will now be \$10 a day.



Bicycles Are in Vogue Again in London.

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Rents in the Veil

Not since the overthrow of czarism followed by the rise of the workers and peasants to power in Russia has the capitalist world been shaken as by the British strike.

The reasons are easily found. Britain's parliamentary system has been the model for all parliamentary governments, British respect for "law and order" has been taken for granted in the capitalist household and the British working class always has been compared to the toilers of continental nations to the disadvantage of the latter.

What the American capitalist press quite obviously fails to understand is that institutions, classes, systems of government and national viewpoints are products of certain periods with certain methods of production giving rise to certain relationships.

The belief of the British workers in their ability to solve their difficulties thru parliamentary process was unshakable so long as the capitalist parliamentary machine gave legal color to the robbery of colonial peoples and the British workers shared in the proceeds of this robbery. As long as parliament could retain a substantial measure of impartial color in the eyes of British workers, as long as it could appear to some extent as an arbiter of class conflicts, British labor accepted capitalist democracy as inevitable.

But the British labor movement has had its "labor government" and it found that not parliament but the tremendous bureaucratic machine of capitalism—army, navy, police forces, civil servants, courts—is the real governing power.

Monopoly has replaced competition in British industry, colonial revolts are the order of the day with a consequent decrease in the surplus which the British rulers have for purposes of subsidizing privileged groups of workers, British trade is on the downgrade—in a word Britain has lost her premier world position. To regain it she must intensify the robbery of the workers at home.

Parliament appears, especially in the present situation, as the spokesman of a robber class.

Parliaments veil the dictatorship of the capitalist class. The ruthless march of history has torn great rents in the vesture of British capitalism.

When 5,000,000 workers, numbering with their families more than half the population of England, Scotland and Wales, decide as they have, to apply in the struggle for a decent livelihood the might of their class organizations in aid of their parliamentary representatives, it means that they have seen thru capitalism's camouflage, have torn a mighty breach in the defenses of the enemy and are adjusting their policy and tactics to the new conditions, getting ready for greater struggles and greater victories.

It is this adjustment which capitalism fears the most and which accounts for the incoherent fury of its press.

The Watson Victory in Indiana

Senator James E. Watson of Indiana, one of the "yes-men" of the Morgan coalition of republicans and democrats at Washington, won the republican senatorial nomination by an unprecedented majority over other aspirants.

The middle-west anti-league and anti-court sentiment claims this was another defeat for the Coolidge regime.

Much as we desire the political annihilation of Coolidge and all that he represents we refuse to fool ourselves by accepting the popular interpretation of the Indiana primaries. The public record of Watson as one of the Mellon-Coolidge stalwarts is consistent, with the exception of his vote on the world court. He even supported that administration on that proposition until rumblings from the ku kluxers of his home state began to reverberate to the capitol. The politicians in control of the machine realized that his defeat was inevitable if he voted for the court and might prove disastrous to the administration. Hence Watson was permitted to cast his vote against the court only in order that he might be re-elected and return to Washington as a part of the Coolidge machine.

It was that maneuver that befuddled the ku klux republicans of the Hoosier state who believed that a senator could support Coolidge on everything except the world court and still remain a defender of the interests of the small bourgeoisie. They are still so unsophisticated they believe politicians always mean what they say.

Professor Fisher's Statistics

Professor Irving Fisher, economist of Yale, and one of the most pampered of the bourgeois sooth-sayers, who devotes his talents to proving statistically that capitalism will last forever and that no other system can possibly work, has been given the horse laugh by the scions of the nabobs who attend the New Haven university.

The professor, in his most austere manner, recently testified before a senate committee to the effect that Yale was virtually dry and that drinking among the students had disappeared since Volsteadism showered its blessings upon the nation. He tried to refute the claim of the student paper, the *Yale News*, that there was more drinking than before.

The precious editors of the *News* took this as a personal insult and so they conducted a referendum on the question among the 2,500 students and the result was four to one in support of the assertion that drinking had increased rather than decreased since prohibition.

Such will also be the fate of Fisher's better known prognostications, wherein he proves by the most elaborate statistical analysis that the system for which he speaks is imperishable, when he is confronted with realities.

Lamentable effect of British strike upon the ladies of the newly-rich American bourgeoisie: King George postponed holding court, thereby depriving the elegant Americans of an opportunity to grovel before the throne of the royal pee-wee.

"God save the king!" was the conclusion of the "emergency declaration" of the ruling class of Britain on the eve of the general strike. The czar used to use similar words, but his invocation was unanswered.

BRITISH LEFT WING PLAYS A DECISIVE ROLE

Rise of the Minority Movement

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE
FOURTH ARTICLE

The attack on the living standards of the British workers, particularly those in decisive industries like coal mining and metal, coupled with the apathy of the official labor party and trade union leadership, formed the basis for a left wing movement whose rapid rise to a position of influence is one of the outstanding features of the British situation.

At the head of the Minority Movement is Harry Pollitt, member of the Bolshermakers Union and also a member of the Communist Party of Great Britain, now in Wandsworth prison following his conviction on a charge of "fomenting mutiny in the armed forces of the crown" brot under an act passed in 1797.

Nat Watkins of the South Wales Miners Federation and George Hardy, well-known member of the I. W. W. who served a sentence in Leavenworth for anti-war activities and was then deported from the United States, are now in charge of the work of the national office of the Minority Movement. The British capitalist class has a legitimate grievance against our rulers for sending Hardy back home. Active on the executive are such well-known fighters as Tom Quelch and Tom Mann.

For a Militant Program.

The aim of the Minority movement was and is to give to the trade unions a militant program, to build them real weapons of the British masses. Practical work to this end is the chief feature of the movement.

Nat Watkins, for instance, went into the Forest of Dean mining district with A. Purcell, since he was elected to parliament from that constituency, and conducted what the British movement calls an "All In Campaign," i. e. an organization drive which brot the percentage of union organization from 30 per cent up to 90 per cent.

In the recent strike of seamen the Minority Movement actually had the leadership in the person of George Hardy.

Hundreds of minor trade union officials—branch secretaries, local organizers, etc.—are members of the Minority Movement and together with the rank and file militants are doing much of the routine work by which a trade union movement is built.

The program of the Minority Movement for support of the the coal miners was simple. It was:

1. Rejection of the coal commission's report—nationalization.
2. All unions behind the miners.
3. A national council of action with corresponding local bodies in every industrial district.

950,000 Workers.
At the first National Minority conference held in Battersea last fall, some 600,000 workers were represented.

At the special conference held last march 950,000 workers were represented. In other words about 20 per cent of the British trade union membership were actively supporting the program of the National Minority Movement.

Distinct from the Minority Movement is the still broader left wing personified by such men as Wheatley, Maxton, Hicks, Bromley, Williams and other trade union officials and labor members of parliament influenced by strong left pressure from their followers and who follow a policy much more to the left than that of MacDonald, Henderson, Clynes and Thomas.

The pressure of these two powerful groups upon the executive of the miners in support of A. J. Cook brot the leading committee of the Miners Federation into line.

The immediate policy as formulated by the Miners National Minority Movement in a conference held March 22, was as follows:

We call upon the miners to concentrate upon securing 100 per cent organization and to prepare to fight by the guaranteed weekly minimum wage commensurate with the increased cost of living whilst recognizing that the necessary reorganization, so as to permit this, is only possible by the nationalization of the mining industry without compensation and with workers' control.

Movement Aided General Strike.
We have seen how the miners rallied behind Cook and came to the Trade Union Congress prepared for struggle.

In the other unions similar campaigns for support of the miners carried on with the slogan that, "the attack on the miners is an attack on the whole trade union movement."

How well the Minority Movement did its work is shown by the general strike in support of the miners which has astounded and frightened the capitalist world.

The capitalist press is loud in its protests against the challenge to parliament and the use of such drastic measures in a wage struggle. The British strike is a wage struggle true enuf but its implications are far wider than the immediate causes which produced it.

American Tune.
So the American tune runs round and round again. High wages due to

Defenders of British Capitalism



Above are members of the British constabulary charging a crowd of British workers. Below are mounted "Bobbies," English cossacks, dispersing a demonstration.

SAVING BRITAIN FROM CRISIS BY TALKING AMERICAN 'PROSPERITY'

By LELAND OLDS, Federated Press.

What a blessing is America to capitalist England and to the faint hearted British liberals who wish to cure the fatal illness of capitalism by christian science!

British captains of industry, engineers, economists, trade unionists make quick personally conducted tours of American industry and go back with the glad tidings that industrial salvation for England hangs on mass production and high wages.

Riley's Return.

President Riley of the British manufacturers' association, returns to London as an apostle of the new capitalism exuding the familiar phrases elimination of waste, industrial consolidation, higher wages, payment by results, standardization, efficiency and diffusion of ownership. He says "The prosperity of the United States is the greatest vindication of the capitalist system."

Youngsters Explain.

Messrs Austin and Lloyd, young technicians, return and write The Secret of High Wages, referred to by Editor Garvin of the Observer as "perhaps the most valuable little book upon Britain's industrial crisis which has appeared since the war." They explain America's prosperity on the basis of promotion by merit, small profit margins on rapid turnover, simplification and cheapening of processes, high wages, elimination of waste, welfare work and research. Garvin sums up their conclusions for England thus:

"The very life of this country depends on two things—deliberate adoption by the employers of a policy of high wages and intelligent understanding on part of the men that every mechanical aid to efficiency must be used to the utmost. The organization of cheaper production on American lines must be accepted and restrictions on individual output must be swept away."

High Wage Bunk.

Last of all we hear that the so-called British labor delegation paid and sent to America by the reactionary London Daily Mail has completed its short tour of American industrial centers and called for home with the immortal words of President Coolidge ringing in its ears: "Well, American workers earn high wages because they work." Of course even the Daily Mail representative was forced to admit that British workers also knew how to work. But he said for the delegation that they believed high wages in America were due to high production and high consumption, and that the high standards of living among American workers were due to those conditions.

"Harmony."

"They have been greatly impressed," he said, "by the harmony they saw everywhere existing between workingman and employer. They have been also much struck by the perfect organization they found in American workshops."

Needless to say this perfect organization does not refer to labor organization. For the carefully chaperoned delegates were piloted to all the great nonunion plants like Ford and General Electric.

American Tune.

So the American tune runs round and round again. High wages due to

Amundsen Dirigible Is Well on Its Way to Spitzbergen

LENINGRAD, May 7. — The Amundsen-Ellsworth Polar dirigible, which left Cadso at 3:56 yesterday afternoon, was reported well on its way to Kings Bay, Spitzbergen. Favorable weather is prevailing and the dirigible is making good progress, reports stated.

The wage reductions recommended by the coal commission put into effect wages in certain districts will fall close to the 1914 level. The cost of living is still 72 per cent above 1914. Such an attempt to reduce worker living standards will unquestionably touch off a conflict, with a large part of public opinion lined up for the miners.

FURRIERS' UNION PICKET LEADER SENT TO JAIL

New York Strikers Renew Mass Picketing

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, May 7. — Another desperate attempt of the fur bosses to cripple the splendid fighting ranks of the striking furriers was shown in the 60-day sentence imposed on Samuel Mencher, chairman of the picket committee, who was tried in Essex Market court on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Jail Threes.

Mencher, with two other workers, Mark Boerum and S. Fischler, were arrested and altho they were charged merely with disorderly conduct they were all given 60-day sentences. Another worker, Paul Ebersky, received 30 days on the same charge.

The response of the strikers to such schemes of the manufacturers was shown in a telegram sent by the shop chairmen when news of Mencher's sentence was announced to them in Manhattan Lyceum. They sent greetings from the strikers of all the shops represented and told Mencher to feel confident that others would take up his good work and the picket committee would carry on more vigorously than ever. The picket committee immediately called a meeting and laid plans for mass picket demonstrations for next week.

I. L. G. W. Locals Aid Strike.

Ben Gold announced to the shop chairmen that the strike is in better condition than ever, and that the union already has in hand the first part of a loan of \$200,000 which will make it possible to continue to pay benefits and carry on all the activities of the strike. Thru the help of Locals 2, 9 and 22 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union it has been possible to make these loans without the endorsement of the International which would give its endorsement only in such a way as to handicap the conduct of the strike and interfere with the work of the general picket committee. The loans now arranged for will serve as a final warning to the employers that they might as well give up hope that the union will compromise in its strike demands. It is now well prepared to continue indefinitely until the strike is won.

Los Angeles "News" in Receiver's Hands

LOS ANGELES, May 7.—Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., has thrown his Los Angeles Illustrated Daily News into the hands of Mayor Meredith P. Snyder as receiver to protect himself from the creditors who want to force him into an insignificant sale. His other papers are still running at Miami and San Francisco.

Russian Workers' Delegation in China

By VICTOR YAKSOV.

4. The Strikers' Guard.

It is the business of the guard to see to the enforcement of the Hongkong blockade, to prevent strike-breaking and treachery. This guard has only recently been formed and represents more of a moral than military force. This does not at all mean that the guards neglect the military side of the business. They are carefully trained under the guidance of commanders appointed by the strike committee. The labor guard of the south Chinese strike committee represents the primary stage of the arming of the workers, a stage not to be missed by any of the section of the international proletariat. The Canton labor guard is commanded by Wong, a Hongkong butcher. Old Wong is now a general. Wong sold meat at Hongkong and now he wants to sell it no longer. In his opinion no one ought to sell anything at present, and no one ought to work. This is demanded by the interests of the Chinese people as a whole, which are higher than those of the individual Chinese merchant. And since not everybody has realized this truth a labor guard is necessary to see to it that those who fail to see the interests of the Chinese people do not stand in the way of those who have realized these interests and have put them above their own. This is old Wong's idea of what commanding the labor guard means. It is a true idea, even tho the imperialist press in China maintains that the Chinese workers need no guards of their own and that all the Wongs ought to be returned to their butcher shops and resume selling meat again, for, after all, how long can you live on canned goods, and is it really right to keep the proud British cruisers employed in the capacity of can drivers?

The Labor Tribunal.

Everybody knows of the existence in China of a mixed court in which the imperialists try the cases and one miserable Chinaman sits on it and signs the sentences, mixing himself and the interests of the Chinese people with dirt. That is what the mixed court is like. In the headquarters of the Canton strike committee we found another court which does not mix itself with anything or anybody. This is the labor tribunal. Here all those who mix the interests of the Chinese

people with their own mercenary interests and those who sell themselves to the imperialists are tried and sentenced.

Such is the tribunal. We wish that the workers of Europe and America learn something from it. It is a simple court consisting of three representatives of the workers and acting without any pompous ceremony. It is not even cruel; it kills no one. But it is the conscience of a suffering and struggling people and—traitors beware! No joking here. We will not bother telling the things that the imperialists say about this tribunal. They think about the tribunal the same as about the labor guard. They are opposed to the idea of labor tribunals, but they believe in the mixed courts.

The Path of Sun Yat Sen.

The present national emancipation movement follows the path blazed thru the old revolutionary Doctor Sun. Sun's successors and followers have been constantly broadening out the path opened up by their dead chief and leading towards the emancipation of the Chinese people, and more and more armies are joining in the crusade. In the onward march of these armies organized labor is assuming an increasingly important place. The workers have decided not to limit themselves to the political path of emancipation from imperialism.

They have begun to build a "physical" road joining Canton with the deep port of Wampu. This road has been named the Road of Sun Yat Sen. Canton City cannot receive deep-lying vessels, while Wampu can. Heretofore, Hongkong has been considered the harbor for big vessels, while Canton was in the position of a hinterland. This condition made it impossible for Canton to maintain its foreign trade independently. Now Canton wants to free itself of this dependence and conduct its foreign trade independently.

The Canton and Hongkong workers do not work for the imperialists. They are ready to work and they are working, however, in the name of liberation from the "guardianship" of Hongkong.

24 Kilometers in 40 Days.

We visited the new construction works. Three thousand strikers went to work simultaneously. The strike committee gave them a task—24 kilometers of road to be completed in 40 days. And no doubt it will be completed, for these people realize that they are working for themselves. Canton will become connected with Wampu by land. Of course, this move of the Canton strikers will also be interpreted by the imperialists as a blow to civilization. If the Hongkong bankers and their Chinese hirelings are the embodiment of civilization and culture, then it must be admitted that the strikers are merely undermining the foundation stones of civilization. However, the strikers are unaware of this; you must tell it to them—more important, prove it to them—else they will stick to their picks and shovels for all their worth.

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