









# LETTER TO WOLL FROM BEN GOLD ON PICKET LINE

## Tells of Criminals the A. F. of L. Uses

Before his departure Sunday afternoon for Washington, where he is to be one of 30 New York delegates elected to the bi-annual convention of the International Fur Workers' Union, Ben Gold, manager of the New York Joint Board of the Furriers' Union, despatched the following letter to Matthew Woll, acting president of the National Civic Federation and chairman of the Furriers' Reorganization Committee which was appointed by American Federation of Labor officials to effect the expulsion of the Joint Board local unions.

The letter to Woll follows his announcement that he is calling upon New York labor unions to conduct a demonstration in the fur market against the striking fur workers.

Gold writes: "Our attention has been called to your communication relative to the strike situation, which appeared in the newspapers of June 11th, 1927.

"You spoke in your communication of providing 'mass protection'. This has apparently already been attended to. The strike area is at present infested with gangsters with long criminal records. These thugs are seeking to terrorize members of the New York Joint Board by murderous assaults. As an instance we cite the murderous attack upon Mr. Aaron Gross, an officer of the New York Joint Board. One of his assailants is a man with a long criminal record. Upon this man's arraignment in the magistrate's court he was represented by counsel acting for yourselves and the so-called International Furriers' Union.

**Criminal Record.**

"Such counsel has appeared for every man with a criminal record who has been arrested and charged with assaulting members of the New York Joint Board.

"It is well known that these gangsters do not render their nefarious services as a gratuity. They are well paid.

"The American labor movement and the public at large are entitled to know who is behind these gangsters. What explanation is there for the fact that your counsel are consistently appearing for assailants of the Joint Board members? Who furnishes the bail bonds for these thugs? Who pays the premiums for these bonds? We imagine that the officials to whom you are writing would be interested in the answers to these questions.

"You gentlemen claim to represent the fur workers. We challenge this assertion. We have repeatedly urged upon you to hold a referendum of all New York fur workers to determine whether you are the recognized representatives, or whether the elected officers of the Joint Board are such. You have failed to heed this request. Why? We now renew this challenge.

**The Red Herring.**

"You have proclaimed that the issue is one of Communism versus Americanism. We declare that this is not the issue at all, and that you have deliberately injected this issue in order to conceal the arbitrary, unconstitutional, and Fascist methods that you are employing against the New York fur workers. No camouflage emanating from you can conceal the fact that the fur workers are striking because the Associated Fur Manufacturers have broken the contract that they signed with the representatives of the New York Joint Board on June 11, 1926; and because the Associated Fur Manufacturers seek to force upon the fur workers' representatives whom the fur workers have time and again repudiated.

"Is it Americanism to make gangster attacks upon innocent fur workers? You have persistently refused to have the recognized leaders of the fur workers determined by a fair and impartial referendum. Is that the kind of Americanism you are fighting for? You have expelled members and organizations from their trade union, in violation of the constitution. Is this your Americanism? Is your opposition to the wishes of almost the entire rank and file of the fur workers, Americanism?

"Do you expect the American labor movement, or the public officials of this community to be influenced by such smoke-screen issues? The time has come when facts, as opposed to empty words, will assert themselves.

**With the Enemies of Labor.**

"You are making a request from the police authorities to deprive the fur workers of the right to picket. Never in the history of the American Federation of Labor has an official of the Federation placed himself so openly on the side of the enemies of labor, who seek to deprive the workers of their right to strike and picket, as weapons for the betterment of their conditions. Are we to understand that as an official of the American Federation of Labor, you are opposed to granting the workers the right to strike and picket?

"Your threat of 'mass protection' is clearly an attempt to intimidate the police authorities and to terrorize the citizens of New York by threats of mass terror. The American labor movement, as well as the public at

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## Victory for Negro and White Workers Ends 9 Month Fight

(By Federated Press.)

Negro and white motion picture operators are victors in a nine-month strike against a big Harlem concern operating several theatres. Men of both races struck together, stood on the picket line together and won together under the leadership of Operators' Local 806.

Braving injunctions and police, the operators got the help of Musicians' Local 802, whose members walked out of the houses affected and crippled the movie boss so effectively that he has signed up, granting all wage and union demands.

The motion picture operators and Harlem Negro papers are boasting now of the fine interracial co-operation shown in the successful strike, which was waged in the center of New York's famous Negro district, inhabited by 200,000 colored people.



The plaster paris statue peddler.

## "AMO" FIRST AUTO PLANT OF THE SOVIET UNION SHOWS GREAT GAINS

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a continuous struggle against accidents, and (4) the committee to give advice for the improvement of conditions within the plant and developing the efficiency of the industry.

The driving force here, as everywhere else throughout the Soviet Union is the Communist Party with its youth organization, the Young Communist League. In this plant there are 400 Communist Party members, with 250 members of the Young Communist League (Consomols).

There are six factories in this industrial section employing about 6,000 workers. They have a common workers' club that has about 200 groups devoting themselves to educational work, dramatics, physical culture, football, basketball and a multitude of other activities.

**Clubs For Recreation.**

The club is called "The Palace of the Forgers." The club arranges for dramatic entertainments, lectures, moving pictures and other attractions. Excursions are also planned at frequent intervals and a library is maintained. Every month sees a new issue of the Wall Newspaper, "The Furnace," for which everyone is urged to contribute. The "Amo" plant has a group of worker-writer correspondents, the meetings of which have a regular attendance of from 30 to 40 members.

**Hide Stock Ownership.**

Yesterday the "absence" of Albert Wiggins, president and chairman of the board of directors of the Chase National Bank prevented Undermyer from making a test case of the refusal of the plutes to answer his questions.

What bothers the lawyer especially is why B.-M. T. and I. R. T. officials suddenly bought Interborough stock, which according to Quackenback, lawyer for the I. R. T. will never pay dividends.

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## Hold Greek Striker Without Bail After He Is Assaulted

H. Silverstein, a fur worker, who was arrested Friday afternoon while picketing, was placed under \$500 bail Saturday and held for trial tomorrow.

Charles Salonus, arrested Saturday afternoon, after being charged with felonious assault, was held without bail when he was arraigned before Magistrate Jesse Silverman in Jefferson Market Court.

Salonus, with other Greek fur workers, was sitting in a restaurant, when Thomas Krigis, alias Charpas, came in and attempted an assault. Krigis is at present out on bail for an attack he made upon Alex Pappas in the fur market last Tuesday, and he is one of a group of members of the scab Greek brotherhood who have been making continued attacks and trying to terrorize the strikers. Krigis is lodging the complaint against Salonus, also it was the scab gang which started the trouble.

Mass picketing in the fur market will be conducted this morning before all shops of the Associated Fur Manufacturers.

## Untermyer Stumped When I. R. T. Heads Ignore His Queries

When the traction hearings of the Transit Commission were adjourned yesterday until June 22, Samuel Untermyer, special counsel, was undecided just what procedure he would follow in compelling the big guns of the I. R. T. and B.-M. T. to testify as to their ownership of stock in the two lines.

**Defy Untermyer.**

Since the hearings began prominent Wall Street brokers have thumbed their noses at Untermyer and defied his authority. Thomas L. Chadbourne, broker and financier, simply took a boat for Europe on the eve of what promised to reveal some embarrassing facts concerning his financial affairs. C. M. Peters, broker, and Gerard M. Dahl, chairman of the board of the B.-M. T. also refused to answer questions put by Untermyer.

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# Chicago Voters Get Chance to Vote for Hand Picked Judges

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By ARNE SWABECK.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 13.—On Monday, June 6th the "sovereign citizens" of Chicago decided who were to be the judges of the Circuit court. They selected the choices submitted to them by the political bosses. Only a small vote was cast in this election. Three tickets were in the field. One was the coalition ticket constituting a merger of the Republican and Democratic candidates the majority of them already sitting judges. The coalition ticket won by a vote of two to one. The second ticket was the independent slate consisting of three sitting judges who were kicked off of the coalition slate by the political bosses. The third ticket was a non-coalition ticket.

**Tried to Control Slate.**

Prior to the elections many attempts were made by the Republican and Democratic politicians to keep other contending candidates off the ballot. The county clerk, however, ruled that both the independent candidates and the non-coalition candidates should go on the ballot.

Judge Scanlon on the coalition ticket proved to be the best vote getter. He came through with the highest vote. He was the judge hearing the famous case of the Goldman bondsman which revealed a large amount of graft. During the time of this hearing it was alleged that Judge Rush, a candidate on the coalition ticket, received loans from the funds made available by this bondsman. Frank Comerford is another notorious character on the coalition ticket who was elected to fill the vacancy in the Superior court. It will be remembered that at the time of the Communist Labor Party case in Chicago, Frank Comerford offered himself for the defense of the Communists, but was not accepted. The defendants considered his record too shady. Whereupon he became the prosecuting attorney and outdid any former prosecuting attorney in the technique of the red baiting.

The real significance in these judicial elections is the fact that the choices selected by the political bosses were the ones put over. States Attorney Crowe, the boss of the Republican Party and Wm. Brennan the undisputed boss of the Democratic Party, found here an opportunity of going the past practices of the by-partisan alliances one better.

They found no differences in the way of merging the slates of both the two old capitalist parties. They brazenly went to the extent of deciding that three sitting judges, Johnson, Torrison, and Thompson, who were not in complete accord with their political factional regime, could not go on their coalition ticket.

**Where Cash Comes.**

The slush fund exposures of last year laid bare the graft money paid over to both the Crowe-Brennan political machines by the big utilities corporations. These utilities corporations now have bills drafted before the state legislature providing for a complete gobbling up by them of the Chicago transportation system. Their action in now directing their political tools to decide on who can be elected to the judicial bench of the Circuit Court serving to further sew up the whole situation more securely under their control. The big business interests of the city, the Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturers' Association, are solidly behind the pair—Crowe-Brennan. A few more of such manipulations will make their political control complete and undisturbed. That is, unless the working class takes action to also have something to say in the matter.

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The memory of Matteotti, the anti-fascist member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies who was foully murdered three years ago by the direct tools of Mussolini, brought hundreds of workers to the Church of All Nations, 9 Second Ave., Sunday afternoon where a meeting was held by the Anti-Fascist Alliance of North America.

Enea Sormenti, well known Communist leader among the Italian workers, did not speak having been deported from this country on Saturday.

H. M. Wicks, editor of The DAILY WORKER, said:

"Mussolini's regime is the blackest the world has ever seen. Waded to power through rivers of blood shed by the flower of the working class in combating his mercenaries. A few days ago before the chamber of deputies, this monster boasted that he would build an army of five million. He doesn't dare attempt an army of a million. No despot dares arm his enemies. If Mussolini arms any appreciable number of the population of Italy they will turn their guns upon fascism and drown it in its own blood.

"One of the best ways to fight Mussolini fascism in America is to join the militant section of the labor movement here and help stifle the American brand as represented by the Wolls, McGrady's, Fraynes, Sigman and other reactionaries who are using fascist tactics against labor here while condemning it in Italy."

Other speakers were Carlo Tresca and Francisco Cocco in Italian.

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