

NATIONALISTS ASSAIL HANKOW-NANKING REGIME

Current Events

By T. J. O'Flaherty

THE Chief reason ascribed for the existence of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor by Matthew Wolf, one of its most vocal vice-presidents is to aid and direct collaboration between labor, management of industry and capital.

OLD time socialist orators had the knack of exposing the fallacy of co-operation between labor and capital as a workingclass panacea. Their favorite illustration was the lamb lying down with the lion and winking up just about the time his tail was disappearing thru the lion's mouth.

THE ex-secretary of the New Jersey Federation of Labor was purged of sin by a unanimous vote of his fellow fakers after the ex-secretary had admitted that one-half of the income of the state body for several years has been contributed by open-shop employers.

THE admission made by the ex-secretary of the New Jersey Federation of Labor, that the employers subsidized that organization to the extent of \$100,000 to his knowledge, is one of the biggest pieces of news that broke in the labor movement for many years.

JOHN H. WALKER, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor whose addiction to weeping has gained him nation-wide notoriety, in his report to the annual convention of that body, states among other things that the International Labor Defense collected \$500,000 for the defense of Sacco and Vanzetti and did not devote all the money to the purpose for which it was collected.

Many Sacco-Vanzetti Memorials Planned for the Anthracite

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Sept. 16.—Huge Memorial Meetings are being held by the Sacco-Vanzetti Executive Committee of the Anthracite Coal Regions. The following meetings will take place on September 18th at 2 p. m., Speichers' Hall (429 George Avenue, Parsons); Mundy's Hall, Exeter; at 7 p. m., Italian Hall, Oliver Street, Luzerne; Public Park, Old Forge, in case of rain, Columbia Hall, Old Forge; Monday, September 19th, 7 p. m., Grombitt's Hall, Jessup; Sunday, September 25th, 2:30 p. m., Armory Hall, Pittston; Monday, September 26th, 7 p. m., Falcon's Hall, Nanticoke.

Meetings will also be held in Shenandoah, Pottsville, Minersville, Shamokin on September 25th and 26th, of which further announcements will be made later.

EUGENE CHEN IN ATTACK AGAINST CHINA'S TRAITORS

Chinese Revolution Again Moves Forward

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Sept. 16.—Eugene Chen, former foreign minister of the Wuhan government, has just published a declaration branding the treason to the revolution of the reactionary Kuomintang leaders. Chen declares that following the coup of the Nanking militarists the Wuhan government ceased to exist.

Aided British Imperialism. "The betrayal of the reactionary Kuomintang leaders put an end to one phase of the glorious Chinese revolution," said Chen, "and afforded British imperialism, which did not dare undertake action against the Chinese revolution during the victorious advance of the revolutionary army, a possibility to show its true face as the oppressor of the Chinese people. Nanking, Shanghai and Hankow are centers of counter-revolutionary militarists and reactionary politicians acting ruthlessly against the revolutionary movement and massacring workers, peasants and Communists."

Brands Anti-Soviet Agitation. Chen blames the Nanking-Wuhan reactionaries for the hostile attitude displayed against Soviet citizens working in China who were actually compelled to leave Chinese territory.

SLUG LONE JUROR WHO REFUSED TO FRAME UNIONISTS

By FRED HARRIS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 16.—Hamilton Wallace, foreman of the jury in the murder trial of Gus Madison and George Pesce, union carpenters, and the lone member of that jury to hold out for acquittal of the defendants, was put in a hospital as the result of an attack on him by three thugs, who beat him up at night, injuring his back, breaking several ribs and leaving him in a state of unconsciousness.

The attack was carried out after the three gangsters, said to be employed by the San Francisco Industrial Association, a notorious open shop institution, had identified Wallace as the foreman of the carpenter jury, who had successfully blocked this third attempt of the local prosecutor to send the two union men to the gallows. It bears all the earmarks of an administration of justice by means of fascist method, and shows the ferociousness of the modern industrialist when his own creation, the jury system, works against his own interest.

Grew Out of Strike. This case arises out of the strike conducted here last year by the carpenters' union for the abolition of the open shop. The Industrial Association counteracted this strike with a lock-out against all union carpenters, and proceeded to import strikebreakers from all over the country, finding a useful tool in the person of "Blackjack Jerome", handyman in emergency, and expert in recruiting scabs. During the course of the strike, many physical encounters occurred between scabs and union men, and thus Blackjack Jerome received instructions from open shoppers to give armed protection to his scabs, with the result that these men were fitted out with automatic pistols. During the latter part of the strike, one of the armed scabs, C. W. Campbell, was found dead on the job, having been killed by the blow of a blunt instrument.

A general howl arose from among the "law abiding element" who now

NAIL ROYAL DUTCH SHELL LIE; DENY STALIN OFFERED TO PAY FOR NATIONALIZED OIL

Saul G. Bron, Chairman of the Amtorg Trading Corporation which represents the Soviet Naphtha Syndicate in the United States made yesterday the following announcement:

"I am authorized to say that the statement recently attributed to Mr. Joseph Stalin in which reference is made to his alleged willingness to arbitrate the question of compensation for nationalized oil property in the Soviet Union has never been made by him."

Mr. Bron's announcement refers to a recent proposal of Sir Henri Deterding, head of the Royal Dutch Shell group, made in answer to an alleged statement of Mr. Stalin which appeared in some American newspapers.

Chicago Jobless Face Winter of Suffering 100,000 Unemployed

CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—This city faces "the worst winter for unemployment since 1913. More than 100,000 workers are out of jobs and the list is rapidly increasing as thousands of men are pouring into town daily.

Most of those who come here are from the flood regions of the South, from the depressed agricultural areas of the Middle West and other places. Added to the many local unemployed workers they make a large army.

JARDINE AGREES NOT TO SMASH COTTON AGAIN

Statement on Probable Price Favor to Bears

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Because of the open scandal over wild speculation in the New York and New Orleans cotton markets yesterday, the Department of Agriculture has been forced to discontinue issuing its cotton price trend statements, it was announced today.

Secretary of Agriculture Jardine discussed the question at today's cabinet meeting. Approximately \$80,000,000 was wiped off the potential value of cotton when the department's statement that prices are likely to decline in the next few months, went over the tickers.

Jelt to Prices Delayed. It is learned from New York that this public tip from the department went unnoticed on the stock market for several hours by all except those who knew about it before-hand, and that these cleaned up handsomely by selling short.

Whether the department of agriculture influences the market immediately and directly by reports calculated to raise or depress it, or only more subtly by inside information of changes in supply which always do somehow manage to leak out to friends of the personnel in office, recent events seem, in the opinion of politician-brokers here, to bear out Mark Hanna's famous dictum: "A senator who takes a cash bribe when he can get tips on the market instead, is a fool."

Coolidge Ready to Bulldoze France; Threatens Embargo

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The next move in the Franco-American tariff controversy was placed squarely up to President Coolidge today.

Rejection by France of Washington's proposal for a commercial treaty on a most-favored-nation basis which would have given U. S. the advantages gained by Germany, left only two courses open to the government. The negotiations could be brought to an end, thus leaving American shippers and manufacturers virtually out in the cold as far as the French market is concerned; or the president could fire the opening shot in the expected tariff war by bringing Section 317 of the tariff law into play.

Section 317 gives the president the privilege of increasing by 50 per cent the duties on goods received from any country which discriminates against American goods. If the discrimination continues, the president can put down a complete embargo on the

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"I'm Something of a Fascist Myself."—Walker



Mayor Walker, New York's jazz Prince of Wales, with a fellow-fascist in Venice. Walker is now getting drunk with legionnaires in Paris.

LEGION BOOSTS MILITARISM AT PARIS MEETING

Sky Pilot Leads Yelp for Big Air Force

PARIS, Sept. 16.—The legion convention, will like other conventions held by American fascists, whoop it up for bigger and better militarism, it was learned today, when the committee on aeronautics announced that it will recommend the development of a larger air force. That the legion will go on record as favoring the development of a bigger American air force is believed to be certain.

The aeronautic committee, appropriately headed by a Texas sky pilot, Rev. Gill Robb Wilson, will urge the creation of a separate department of "national aeronautics" with Cabinet representation and co-equal with the military and naval departments. Workers Demonstration at Clichy. Huge counter-demonstrations will be held by French workers at Clichy, a suburb of Paris, on Monday when the fascist convention opens. The demonstration will be featured by the changing of the name of the Place des Fêtes to the Place Sacco-Vanzetti, in honor of the two workers murdered by American capitalism with the approval of the legionnaires.

Explaining the decision of Paris workers to boycott the legion affair and hold counter-demonstrations in the suburbs rather than clash with the American fascists on the streets of Paris, L'Humanite, militant organ of the French Communist Party declares: "We will never defeat the adversary if we do not know how to avoid the traps which he sets for us."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Consider Reserve Board Successor. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—A successor to D. R. Crissinger, of Ohio, as governor of the federal reserve board, is expected to be announced shortly by President Coolidge. It was said at the White House today, Crissinger submitted his resignation to the president on Monday and it became effective yesterday.

Workers Party Member Killed. CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—Belle Krasnow, member of the Workers (Communist) Party in this city, who formerly resided in Brooklyn, N. Y., was killed in an automobile accident here last week.

In memory of Comrade Krasnow's death, Albert Goldman of this city has sent \$25 as a donation to The DAILY WORKER.

Find Jewels. AKRON, O., Sept. 16.—Sheriffs deputies who have been working on the \$50,000 jewel robbery staged near here late Wednesday, today reported recovery of \$10,000 worth of diamond rings stolen from Leonard Heine, New York jewelry salesman during the holdup. The gems were found near the place where Heine's ransacked leather bag was located, just south of Johnson's Corners. Conflicting reports were reaching here that the three bandits who staged the robbery had been seen near Wooster and Canton.

Mayor Walker Grooms His Fellow Fascists When the Paris Convention Starts

PARIS, Sept. 16.—James J. Walker, New York's butterfly fascist who poured into Paris for the Legion Convention. He spent a good part of the day shopping.

Walker will be made a member of the French Legion of Honor by M. Doumergue, president of the French die-hard government Tuesday afternoon. Walker was booed yesterday by French workers, who regard him as a "good-will" ambassador of American capitalism which murdered Sacco and Vanzetti.

Ohio Mine Gunmen Shoot Up Vicinity; Lie About "Attack"

ATHENS, Ohio, Sept. 16.—Things have been so quiet recently in this heavily guarded district that some of the mine owners' private army, a detachment stationed at the Lick Run property at Nelsonville, put on a sham battle last night.

The community was startled when an outburst of rifle firing took place a little past midnight. This was followed by indiscriminate shooting from machine guns, the steel-jacketed bullets whining about the countryside. They have a range of over three miles.

The mine is scheduled to open scab on Monday, and the mine guards told a fanciful story this morning of repelling an attack by six heavily armed miners. The fact that in spite of the heavy firing neither dead bodies nor footprints remained of the six men makes the populace around here to smile jeeringly at the yarn of the "battle."

Broadcast Strike Appeal

MARTINS FERRY, Ohio, Sept. 16.—The federal injunction which practically prohibits picketing in Ohio is partially circumvented by striking miners here who have broadcasted an appeal by radio thruout the valley here, as follows:

"Please do not go to work here; do not take bread from our starving babies."

The U. S. marshal has searched every book of precedents on federal statutes, but does not as yet see any way in which he can legally interfere with the radio.

Earl Browder Lectures On China in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Sept. 16.—Earl Browder, who has just returned from a six months' stay in China, will lecture in Cleveland on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p. m. at Jates Hall, 6006 St. Clair Ave.

Browder has studied the Chinese Revolution at close hand. He attended the Pan-Pacific Labor Congress in Hankow and was in close-contact with the Chinese labor leaders. Browder has been in several of the important towns in China and had interviews with many of the leading personalities of the Chinese Revolution.

VICTORY WON BY TWO THOUSAND STRIKING PRODUCE TRUCK DRIVERS

500 Jersey Workers Had Joined Walk-Out; Markets Tied Up Completely

A victory for the 2,000 produce truckmen who went on strike late Thursday afternoon was achieved last night.

Yesterday they were offered a \$5 a week raise by the Market Truckmen's Association—the organization of the bosses. This was accepted on behalf of the men. They demanded a flat raise of \$7 when the strike was declared.

Pleading that they would have to increase their revenues in order to meet the added wages of their workers, the boss truckmen had demanded certain concessions from the produce merchants, the principal one being that trucks be unloaded by them at once and not delayed as the practice prevails at present.

No Strikebreakers.

It is this issue which stood in the way of the ending of the strike which had completely tied up the movement of fruits and vegetables. Organized picketing by the strikers not only prevented any attempt at official strikebreaking, but also made impossible the sale of products which were piled up in the large markets of the city and in the Wallabout market in Brooklyn.

The concessions were agreed upon by the Fruit and Produce Trade Association, but two other groups of marketers, the United Fruit Dealers' Association and the Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Association refused to commit themselves to the changes in

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Judge Regrets Law Not Handy to Stow "Reds" in Asylums

CHICAGO, Sept. 16. (FP).—The police drive to railroad radicals like Aurora d'Angelo, the Sacco-Vanzetti demonstrator, to the lunatic asylum is a good thing but unfortunately it is not quite legal. When the law has been changed, the police can go ahead with their put-'em-away program. These sentiments, oozing from the lips of chief justice Harry Olson of the criminal court, Chicago, indicate that legislation enabling the authorities to shut up native radicals in asylums while they deport those of foreign birth will be sought at the first opportunity.

No Law Handy.

"The detective bureau's ambitious program," says Judge Olson, "is in some measure made impossible because we have neither the law nor the institutional machinery to carry it out. It is entirely possible, as some have intimated, that psychopathic examinations could be abused as a means of political revenge. I do not say or believe that it has been done or is being done now but it might happen sometime. That is a reason why the psychopathic laboratory should not become a bureau under police control and why the psychiatrist should decide how the laboratory should be used."

The judge's whitewash of the city's psychopathic laboratory suppresses the fact that an assistant in the laboratory was responsible after a few minutes casual observation for railroad two men to the nut ward who had been torn out of their home at midnight. This was done on orders rubber stamped with a judge's signature by a clerk. The men were released on habeas corpus.

General Alarm.

This incident started the alarm in Chicago, as many who are not radicals saw themselves in danger of secret burial alive behind asylum bars on new lettres de cachet arbitrarily issued by the police or the interests that control the police.

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Art objects, clothing, shoes, raincoats, phonographs, radios, candies, cigars, furs, novelties, are among the myriad of articles that will be sold at the bazaar.

How fast, comrade or sympathizer, are you gathering 'em and shooting them into the headquarters of the National Bazaar Committee, 20 Union Square, New York City?

Also—how many names have you gathered for the Red Honor Roll? And how many ads have you secured for the souvenir program?

HOOVER BRAGS HE HAS ENDED MOST OF RELIEF WORK

Wants No Extra Session to Balk Mortgages

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 16.—Even the aid rendered by the concentration camps to victims of the Mississippi floods has now entirely ceased. Secretary of Commerce Hoover boasts in his report to the president. The number of farmers thus deprived of any compensation from the government whose levee policy brot about their ruin, is estimated by Hoover at 614,000.

The report admits that in 111 counties in the flooded region grave menace exists from spreading centers of typhoid, malaria and pellagra. "Owing to the second flood and other causes probably 2,000,000 acres of flooded land will have no money crops this year," says Hoover.

Loans, Not Relief.

In spite of the extreme destitution, and the lack so far of any actual work towards prevention of a new flood next spring, Hoover did not recommend an extra session of congress, as is demanded by the voters of the flooded region. An extra session, the administration supporters fear, might yield to popular clamor and vote recompense to some of the poorer victims for the damage done them by government laxity in control, and thus spoil the bankers' plan to mortgage the entire-inundated region thru the "relief corporations" Hoover has organized.

Eleven Farmers in Jury Of Mrs. Sweetin Case; Say Killed for Preacher

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Sept. 16.—The jury that will try Mrs. Elsie Sweetin on charges of murdering her husband, that she might wed Rev. Lawrence M. Hight, her lover, was completed in circuit court here today. Eleven farmers, married men with children are on the panel. The other juror is a garage man.

Opening statements of both sides were expected to be made today with testimony to start at the afternoon session.

Eighteen Alabama Men Are Indicted Charged With Flogging Negro

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 16.—Eighteen men were indicted yesterday in connection with recent floggings here.

Some of those who are named are connected with the kidnaping and flogging of Arthur Hitt, a Negro. Shortly after he was flogged, Hitt sold a 60 acre farm for a price far below its value. It is said that Louis C. Albright, one of those named in the indictment is personal attorney for W. J. Worthington, who according to court records, was the purchaser of Hitt's property.



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## Needle Trade Defense

Enthusiastic Banquet for Oscar Mailoff.

The recently released young furrier, who was behind prison bars for 6 months was greeted at a welcome banquet arranged in his honor last Saturday, Sept. 10th. His friends and comrades packed the place where the banquet was held and the doors had to be closed to late comers. All the leaders of the Furriers' Union were present. All those present demonstrated their joy at the release of their comrade, and their willingness to carry on the fight and go thru the same experience as Mailoff and even worse if necessary.

Speeches were made by Ben Gold, manager of the Joint Board Furriers' Union; Ludwig Landy, manager, Joint Defense Committee; Michael Gold, (proletarian poet), P. Aovak, editor of Einigkeit; M. J. Olgin, Oscar Mailoff, and his father and others. The most striking speech was made by Oscar's father. With glittering eyes he stated that he is glad to see his son participating in the labor movement and going to jail for it. He also related of his family's experience in their old home—Russia, in the revolutionary movement. Arriving in America they cherished the hope that their children will follow in their foot-steps—therefore when they learned of Oscar's arrest for activities in the furriers' strike they were proud of their son. "The prison bars have not killed my belief in the just cause of our fight, and now when I am out of prison I will devote my time and energy still more to the cause of the movement," were contents of Oscar's speech. Ludwig Landy pointed out that every class conscious worker must be ready to sacrifice his freedom at any time. During the time of the czar in Russia it was not uncommon to be thrown into jail for revolutionary activities. Workers of America must organize a strong Workers' Self Defense which will be the guard to defend the martyrs of the labor movement and support the families of those thrown into jail.

4,000 Present at Defense Picnic.

Over 4,000 workers were present at the Defense Picnic, Sunday, Sept. 11th at Pleasant Bay Park, Bronx, disregarding the fact that it was raining all morning. The Freiheit Singing Society produced the Sigman Folies, which made a "hit" with the guests. Alex Fox entertained the huge crowd with his extraordinary strength by bending iron bars into various shapes and designs.

Collection at House Party.

A. Brody made a collection of \$11 for the defense at a house party of Mr. and Mrs. Brodsky.

## Death Brings Isadora Duncan Flowers From Innumerable Admirers

NICE, France, Sept. 16.—Hundreds of friends have brought floral offerings to the studio of Isadora Duncan, where the greatest exponent of classical dancing lies in death after a career that combined real achievement with glory, and both with strange eccentricities and unusual misfortunes.

One of the largest bunches of flowers is from a chauffeur who spent his month's income upon it.

The dancer's body will probably be cremated, and the ashes buried with those of her two children, also killed in an automobile accident.

## Tammany District Head Has All Members of His Family on City Payroll

How henchmen of Tammany Hall give out political plums to all members of their immediate family is shown up in the light of day as a result of a inner-party fight for leadership of the seventh assembly district.

James J. Hagan the present leader is being fought by James A. Rafferty who has the support of the leading Tammany spokesmen.

Former State Senator Nathan Straus, Jr. is leading the fight against Hagan. In a statement he has just issued he exposes the many jobs held by the Hagan family.

Hagan is on the public payroll as deputy commissioner of public works at \$7,500 a year; James J. Hagan, Jr., clerk to Supreme Court Justice Peters, \$6,500; Walter F. Hagan, alderman, \$5,000; Eugene W. Hagan, a nephew, court attendant, \$2,800; Owen Hagan, a brother, pensioned as court attendant, \$1,250 and Eugene H. Byrne, son-in-law, secretary to the tenement house department, \$3,750.

## Jobless Clerk Jumps in River; Could Not Get Job; Cousin Arrested

Paul Andrews, an unemployed grocery clerk committed suicide by leaping into the Hudson River, near 125th St.

Andrews pulled his cousin, James into the water when he jumped. The latter managed to pull himself on to a projecting rock. He was taken to the West 100th Street Police Station where he was booked on a charge of vagrancy. The two cousins came here from Springfield, Mass., to look for work, but were unable to find any.

## PRODUCE TEAMSTERS WIN STRIKE



Photo shows produce piled up and accumulating when teamsters demanded a raise in wages.

## Coolidge Prepared to Start Bullying France

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Persons close to President Coolidge have made it known that he will not hesitate to boost the duties on imports from France, if he feels that further negotiations will prove futile. He will await, however, the reaction in Paris to the American note now being framed.

## Call Off Tariff "Snooper"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Worried by the prospect of a European-American tariff war and by the increase of anti-American sentiment abroad, administration officials have decided to call a halt on the "snooping" activities of tariff commission and treasury investigators in South America and Europe, it was learned today.

The first step was taken by the tariff commission when it was decided not to send a board to Argentina for the purpose of inquiring into the cost of producing flax seed and corn. This will be followed by the withdrawal of similar boards and agents now in Europe. It is expected that congress will be asked to revise the tariff laws in order to legitimize this procedure. Hatred of America because of the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti is partly responsible.

Also these investigating activities, which are intended to produce information upon which to base American tariff duties and to prevent foreign products from entering the country illegally, have created world-wide resentment against the United States.

Complaints against the practice have been pouring into the state and commerce departments daily and the grievances of European manufacturers on this score were publicly aired at the recent International Chamber of Commerce meeting in Stockholm, and at the Economic Conference in Geneva.

## Argentina Forbids Investigation

The issue came to a head recently when Argentina flatly refused to assist in an investigation of flax-seed and corn production costs. The Argentine government curtly informed the state department that the investigators "would not be welcome."

The tariff commission agents were to have sailed for Buenos Aires in June but they were detained upon receipt of the Argentine protest pending a conference between the commission and President Coolidge.

## Paul Crouch Speaks in Cleveland Tomorrow

CLEVELAND, Sept. 16.—Paul Crouch, recently released from Alcatraz prison, California, where he served three years for organizing a Communist League in the American army in Hawaii, will speak Sunday, 7:30 p. m. at the Insurance Center Building, 102nd East 11th St. under the auspices of the Cleveland Anti-Militarist Committee.

## Detroit I. L. D. Holding Important Meet Tuesday

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 16.—A conference of the Detroit section of International Labor Defense will be held Tuesday, 8 p. m. at 1967 Grand River. Plans for sending a delegation to the national conference in November will be discussed, and the problem of bringing new elements into the work will be taken up.

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they are not believed by the intelligent workers or respected by the capitalists whose boots they are licking.

THE federal government is backing the right wing labor leaders in the campaign against the radicals in the trade unions, according to an article by W. G. Gavin, Washington correspondent of the Boston Herald in the September 14, issue of that paper. The department of labor is the government agency that bosses the united campaign of the labor fakers, socialists and government stoop-pigeons. Then there is the auxiliary of the department of labor, called the conciliation service. While this service, officially, takes no sides in the struggle between right and left it is conducting a persistent underground drive against the radicals.

GAVIN declares that the conciliation bureau has played an important part in fighting Communism in the trade unions. He says: "The department has had its part, an important one, in turning back the Communists in the garment and textile industry in Massachusetts and it now engaged in reducing their influence among the boot and shoe workers." No doubt this testimony will endear the reactionary labor leaders to the exploited garment and shoe workers!

THE department of labor also seeks to reduce the friction in the relations between the employers and the labor fakers. Where one or both sides lose their self-control and engage in battle, the department steps in and points out to the belligerents that they are playing into the hands of the wily Communists who are waiting for just such an opportunity to strike at the Gold Dust industrial twins. "The conservative employer may regard a socialist with deep distrust; but the department will back a socialist against a red any day..."

## Machinists' Bank Will Increase Its Capital

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (FP).—The board of directors of the Mount Vernon Savings bank, owned by the International Association of Machinists and the first trade union bank to be established in America, has recommended that the capital stock be increased to \$500,000. A stockholders meeting will pass on the recommendation. The board has recommended a stock dividend of 25 percent on the \$160,000 outstanding of the present \$200,000 capital stock. This action would dispose of the present unsold capital stock.

Deposits in the machinists bank were \$4,200,000 at the end of 1926 as compared with \$3,500,000 at the end of 1925.

Oxonian On His Way.  
Bertram Forsyth, playwright and actor, committed suicide yesterday by inhaling illuminating gas in his apartment.

He left a note, presumably for his wife, who is in Westerly, R. I., with their son, Peter. The note said, in part: "This time tomorrow, I wonder where I'll be?" Forsyth was about 49 years old, and a graduate of Oxford University in England.

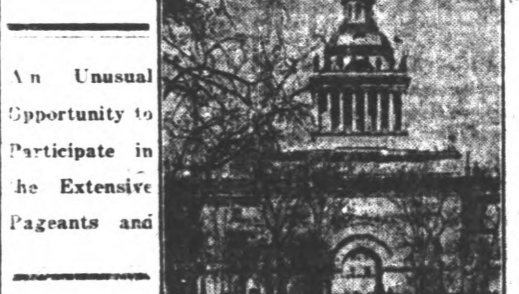
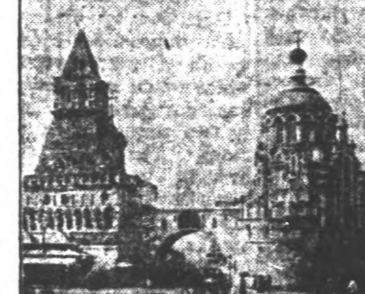
BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Sept. 16.—Dissolution of the "House of David" for the name of the morals, decency and good order of the people of our state," was demanded today in a brief filed by W. W. Potter, attorney general in the state's case against the cult.

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## PENNSYLVANIA POLITICIANS "FRIENDLY" WITH ANTHRACITE MINERS AS ELECTION APPROACHES

By ED FALKOWSKI (Fed. Press).  
SHENANDOAH, Pa., Sept. 16.—The anthracite is the land of promises on the eve of every political campaign. Stodgy politicians leave the security of their offices to mingle with the promiscuous herd, and the miners have the curious sensation of actually hearing judges come down from their benches to their gloomy union halls, and address their meetings, dripping promises and begging support.

is one of political tragedy. Leaving aside John J. Casey, of Hazleton, who won the congressional fight, the whirlwind campaign of Neal Ferry, of McAdoo, for 15 years an officer of the United Mine Workers, who carries the mark of the anthracite in the blue-green patches of his face, crashed to earth in defeat. His opponent, a man of dark reputation, and many exposures, easily sailed in to congress.

Wiry laborers leave their smoky pits to decorate telephone poles and saloon windows with huge-lettered cards bearing their own likenesses. They advertise their aspirations for political office. Their tired faces look pleadingly out of blurry halftones for public support. These political kites carry long tails of union endorsements in their ambitious flight. The sentinels are kept busy opening doors for candidates seeking the endorsement of organized labor. It is difficult, amid the confusion of candidates, to pick out one who is not a "friend of labor" in his own estimation. The miners, almost without exception, give every one of them their best wishes and endorsement.

**Control Elections.**  
A union endorsement, as a rule, means very little, since the meetings are sparsely attended, and elections are a matter of high finance rather than idealistic principles, or sincere endorsements. The old gang, forever singled out for defeat, approaches election time in holiday mood, certain of victory. Since the gang owns the lone newspaper in the town, their censor clips out such items as might lead aid or comfort to the enemy, meanwhile glorifying those pork-cheeked men whose vasty features appear nightly in the paper.

The history of laboring men who ran for high office in the anthracite

**Many Graves.**  
Governor Pinchot toured the anthracite in company with John L. Lewis, as the last senatorial campaign, and while some anthracite communities gave him their support, he went under at the final count, and his dishonorable opponent won the senatorial seat.

Now it is C. A. Whitehouse, who voted for the Old Age Pension Bill, at the last legislative session. He won the endorsement of numerous locals in his running for the Schuylkill County bench. But the gang feels confident that the miners will do the usual thing on election day, and are drawing heavily on the banks, and calling bootleggers to contribute to their slush funds, in preparation for judgment day.

**Oratory Flows.**  
Meanwhile, much superheated oratory takes up the time of the miners at their meetings. The miner puffs his cornucop, or chews his cud, and listens. Beneath his indifferent face there is much cynical prevision as to what will happen on election day. No wonder he slinks in his chair, and grinds his cut plug, while the raw politician waves his fists and draws no boundaries around his promises. But the miner just listens, smokes, yawns, and when the meeting is adjourned, he goes home again. He probably knows different.

POLICIES AND PROGRAMS  
STRIKES—INSTRUCTIONS  
THE TRADE UNION PRESS  
LABOR AND IMPERIALISM

## ALMOST ALL I. R. T. MEN HAVE JOINED UNION IS CLAIM

### Coleman Tells Central Trades of Progress

"Almost every traction worker employed by the I. R. T. has joined the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees since the time when we almost had a strike," said J. H. Coleman, organizer of the union reporting to Thursday's meeting of the Central Trades and Labor Council that was held at Beethoven Hall, 210 East Fifth St.

"We hope within a very short time to have all the B. M. T. workers also organized," continued Coleman. "We have opened a headquarters in the Bronx for the I. R. T. men and will open a Brooklyn office shortly. The workers are joining so fast that we cannot keep up with them. The only complaint I have to make is that there are always about 15 to 20 company spies outside of our office to note the names of those who join the union. We have hopes that this will be ended soon."

Coleman thanked the Central Trades officials for the help they gave him during the period when a strike seemed possible. Mayor Walker was also congratulated. If it was not for the mayor, said Coleman, "there surely would have been a strike."

Matthew Wolf, president of the Union Labor Life Insurance Company addressed the delegates and presented the first policy issued in this state to James A. Beha, state insurance commissioner.

John Mulholland, vice-president of the council gave a short report of the recent state convention of the New York State Federation of Labor. He said that everything at the convention took place satisfactorily.

Joseph Ryan, president of the council announced that the non-partisan political committee would soon begin to investigate the program of the candidates for political office in the coming election.

Joseph Coughlin, secretary, refused to give the floor to C. E. Miller, president of the American Association of Plumbers' Helpers on the ground that they are not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Miller had a credential from his organization but that did not help.

## Party Activities

Affairs of the Workers (Communist) Party of Cleveland.

October 15.—Dance at Pythian Castle, 1624 E. 56th St.

November 6.—Tenth Anniversary of the Russian Revolution at Moose Auditorium, 1000 Walnut St. at 1:30 p. m.

December 24.—Seventh Annual District Bazaar at Pythian Castle, 1624 E. 56th St.

January 1.—New Year's Ball at Carpenters' Hall, 1559 Kinsman Road at 7 p. m.

January 22.—Lenin Memorial at Moose Auditorium, 1000 Walnut St. at 1:30 p. m.

March 4.—Ruthenberg Memorial at Moose Auditorium, 1009 Walnut St. at 1:30 p. m.

### Picnic in Peabody.

PEABODY, Mass., Sept. 16.—A picnic will be held here Sunday on the farm of T. Maciewsky, Lowell St., beginning at 10 a. m.

To reach the farm follow Lowell St. car tracks to rail road crossing where the committee will meet you.

### Youngstown Notice.

The Youngstown Young Workers League is arranging an International Halloween Masquerade Ball on Saturday night October 22.

### Chelsea and Vicinity Attention.

A lecture and discussion on the "War Danger and the Youth" will be given by Comrade Winn October 1st, 8 p. m. in Chelsea Labor Lyceum. The lecture is arranged by the Young Workers League of Chelsea.

## Dr. John A. Ryan Tells Of Poverty of Mexican Workers at Conference

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 16.—Employers, financiers and politicians were blamed for the low standard of living of Mexicans in particular and labor in general in California by Rev. Dr. John A. Ryan, president of the Catholic university of Washington, D. C., at a meeting of the thirtieth annual conference of the National Catholic Charities in Philadelphia auditorium here.

Only seven per cent of the Los Angeles population of more than 1,000,000 are Mexicans, yet 47 per cent of the cases brought to organized charitable agencies for assistance are Mexican.

"In addition to this appalling condition we find that 43 per cent of all cases admitted to the general hospital are Mexicans. In the maternity hospitals we find that Mexican mothers make up 73 per cent of all charity cases," he said.

He did not, of course, being a preacher blame the church for any of the "appalling" conditions he exposed.

Another speaker, Dr. Edward A. Fitzpatrick, dean of the graduate school of Marquette university of Milwaukee, Wis., gave some figures from government statistics on conditions in this country.

## EIGHT FRAMED UP CLOAKMAKERS ARE OUT OF PRISON

### Released on \$2,500 Bail After Rights Jail Them

The eight cloakmakers who were arrested last Monday as a part of the new right wing campaign of terror against the militant workers had their bail reduced to \$2,500 each early Thursday morning. They are to appear in Jefferson Market Court next Monday.

The workers were arrested charged with assault last Monday evening when they were standing at the corner of Fifth Ave. and 25th St. Morris Becker, a right winger, was responsible for their being taken into custody.

**Lined Up Against Wall.**  
Members of the industrial squad lined them up against a wall and searched them. Then three right wingers came along. One of them, Sam Greenberg said that the arrested workers had assaulted him two weeks ago.

At first two of the workers were held in \$7,500 bail and the others in \$3,000 bail each. Jacob M. Mandelbaum is attorney for the workers.

### Big Picket Demonstration.

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—A tremendous picketing demonstration was held yesterday in front of the Hyman Bros. dress shop that routed the Sigman gangsters that had attended to beat up the workers.

The picketers made the thugs leave the neighborhood when they saw that the workers were not in a mood to be trifled with. The militant workers were out in such large numbers that they filled up the entire sidewalk crowding the right wingers into the gutter. The weather yesterday was one of the hottest of the year, but that did not interfere with the strikers who were unusually active.

Saul Flegg, a right wing camp follower, accompanied by a deputy sheriff kept himself busy yesterday giving out summonses to the workers. Realizing that the injunction is being ignored by the workers, they are being hailed to court on charges of contempt.

Nodell, secretary of the Joint Board, was taken off his job Tuesday by orders of the right wing. The boss told Nodell that he had received orders from the right wing to discharge him. Shaffer, a well known right wing strikebreaker, gave the orders to the boss.

One of the largest votes in the history of Local 100 was cast in the recent election. It is a decisive indication that the rank and file workers are supporting the Chicago Joint Board in its fight against the union wreckers.

## Dept. of Labor Reports Clothing Output Is Less Due to Sacco Protests

(By Federated Press)

The Sacco-Vanzetti case gets the official notice of the New York State Department of Labor. Commenting on the August employment situation, the department says: "In the clothing industries increased seasonal activity prevailed, but earnings were probably a little low on account of time lost in some of the larger cities during the Sacco-Vanzetti demonstrations."

The total number of employees on the payrolls hardly changed from the previous month—considering all industries studied. In general, however, August, especially the latter part of the month, showed better activity in the shops, July being a month of inventories and latter August reflecting the Fall demand. The largest employment drop for the month appeared in the cannery plants.

### Wagner Gets Away.

MIDDLEBURY, Pa., Sept. 16.—Search for Wilmot Leroy Wagner, wanted for shooting two state troopers who used brutality while arresting him, today extended throughout northern Pennsylvania following an all night vigil which failed to reveal a trace of him. Posses spread throughout Tioga county in the search for the murderer of troopers Robert Roy and Arnold Rassmussen at Canadota last Thursday. A bloodhound failed.

While police were combing the woods, Helen Babcock, Wagner's sweetheart, was held at Belmont, N. Y. She denied any knowledge of Wagner's whereabouts.

### Writers' Body in Morgue.

Unclaimed for more than two weeks, the body of Lionel Stachey, editor, author and translator of New York and London, was found in the City Morgue yesterday by N. J. Palzer, his attorney. Palzer, on returning from a vacation, learned for the first time that Stachey was missing.



Politicians must graft—so New York school children find there isn't money enough left to provide all with seats.

## MILITANT GROUP PLUMBERS UNION HAS CANDIDATES

### Progressives of Local 463 Nominate Ticket

The progressive group of Local 463 of the Plumbers' Union is distributing a leaflet addressed to the members of that organization appealing for support of the slate in Sunday's election.

The program of the militant plumbers, contained in the leaflet calls for amalgamation of all building trades unions into one departmentalized industrial union; a consolidated building trades council to secure the standards of all trades in the building industry against the attacks of the bosses; a unified central body of all plumbers' locals in New York; an organization drive to unionize the trade and the establishment of the 40-hour five day week.

The program reads in part as follows: "The cost of living is still rising and the workers need more money. Besides this, the bosses, with their new production methods and speed-up make much more profit. Why should not the workers, who perform all the labor get something out of this speed-up and increased production by reducing the hours of labor, so that all should get employment and high wages to cover the increased cost of living?"

"Therefore, to improve conditions Local 463 struck. All the plumbers' bosses in Greater New York immediately lined up against them and even declared a lock-out. More than that, the entire Building Trades Employers' Association took the leadership of the plumbers' bosses and lined up all the building trades capitalists against the plumbers."

"What did the U. A. leaders do? Did they mobilize the entire strength of the International union behind the Brooklyn plumbers? No!"

"Did they line up the rest of the building trades unions so as not to work with scabs on the jobs? No!"

"What did the U. A. leaders do? They demoralized the strike. They made the men surrender to arbitration and lobbied with the bosses against the workers and thus practically betrayed the interests of the rank and file plumbers."

"The fight of the Brooklyn plumbers was in the interests of all the plumbers. A victory there would have meant much for all building trades workers. Local members lost because they were not supported, left in the ditch and betrayed."

The progressive candidates are: for president, Irving Weiss; for vice president, Walter DeLefsen; for recording secretary, Thomas De Loughry; for general secretary, Joseph Reich; for secretary-treasurer, Robert Lantier; for business agents, Peter Lennon, Thomas Hill, George Saunderson, Wm. Finley.

For executive board: Moe Reilly, George Rockman, Wm. Goldip, Fred Frick and Wm. Murtha.

For examination board: Ed. Adametz, Jack Flynn, R. Frank and J. Mitchell.

For finance board: Ed. Amann, Fred Maier and Jack Mullane.

For outside sentry: Thos. Mulrenin. For inside sentry: Chas. Klein.

## Ivy Lee Praises Terror Rule of Polish Tyrant

WASHINGTON, (FP) Sept. 16.—State department officials have received copies of a report entitled Poland Under Pilsudski, written by Ivy Lee, the Standard Oil publicity agent and published by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York. Lee waxes rhapsodical over Poland and its dictator and sees "every incentive to the creation of industrial prosperity." "Financially, he concludes, 'the Poles will have the great benefit of their recent alliance with important international banking interests.'"

Ivy Lee's brochure is seen as the first public step in breaking down sales resistance to the new Polish loan to be floated by Anglo-American banking interests and scheduled for public consumption soon.

## Slug Lone Juror Who Refused to Frame

(Continued from Page One)

clamored for "protection" against the "outlaws from the union" and demanded drastic action of the authorities to bring the culprits to justice.

The police busied themselves and arrested eight union carpenters, charging them with manslaughter. Two of these men, Madson and Pesce, were taken into the detectives' retreat and given the "third degree" in its most vicious form with the assured result that these two men signed a "confession" admitting their guilt upon the murder charge. The trial was arranged immediately, but with the result that the jury disagreed eight to four for conviction.

In labor circles this vote was considered a victory, for, with a written "confession" in its possession the prosecution had not been able to convince the jury to unanimously vote guilty.

**Jury Again Disagrees.**  
However, a second trial was arranged immediately, which again resulted in a disagreed verdict, one lone member of the jury, Miss Bolger, holding that the evidence was insufficient to warrant conviction. A third trial followed. This time justice was administered with a vengeance. In order that there might be no confusion among the jury as to the guilt or innocence of the accused, the industrialists and open shoppers placed on the jury one of their own men, a man by name of Milton F. Samis, salesman for Colbert Coldwell, president of the industrial association.

By the conservative appearance and staunchness of character, the above named Hamilton Wallace was made foreman of the jury, and everything was ready to bring in a vote of guilt. However, Wallace, who is an retired English colonel, ran counter to expectations and demanded evidence of a reputable character and beyond a shadow of doubt, which would prove the accused guilty, and, failing in this, demanded a vote for acquittal. The other eleven jurors were just as persistent in their verdict of guilty, and thus a third jury was discharged without reaching the desired end, namely a verdict of guilt. The beating administered to Wallace indicates of the state of mind in which the open shoppers find themselves now. There is talk of a fourth trial, for, with an election coming in the fall, the district attorney Mathew Brady cannot afford to incur more hostility from the plutocrats than has already been bestowed upon him, and there is therefore a possibility of a fourth trial. Whether the accused men would stand a chance of acquittal is a matter of speculation, for, although the prosecuting office is regarded as "fair" to organized labor, yet it is doubtful whether Brady would free the two men and in consequence of being defeated in the coming election.

**Angered at Removal.**  
Parents of the children were incensed at the removal, declaring that the 35-block bus ride is dangerous to the pupils, many of them being as young as six years of age.

After declaring that measures would be taken to compel the attendance of the children at school, the Board of Education finally surrendered. They agreed to beging building a school building of the portable type near the homes of the pupils, and declared that the transfer was "imperative" due to the over-crowding at P. S. 84.

At the same time the parents agreed to send their children to P. S. 127 during the next three months, while the construction of the new building is being done.

**Crowding Everywhere.**  
The crowding in Queens is declared to be equalled in other boroughs of Greater New York. Brooklyn and Bronx present the same problems to the school authorities, it is admitted. The inauguration of triple-shifts, the first beginning as early as 7.40 in the morning, and the curtailment of the class-room periods have been decided upon as one of the methods of relieving the awful congestion in most of the buildings.

## Movie Company 'Union' In Baltimore Obtains Injunction for Bosses

BALTIMORE, Sept. 16 (FP).—An injunction preventing locked out members of the Moving Picture Operators Local 181 from picketing non-union theatres is the first accomplishment of Baltimore's newest company union. Bearing the title of Independent Motion Picture Operators and Managers union, this outfit has obtained an ironclad injunction which keeps unionists from walking near the theatres.

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## Aid the Heroic Struggle of the Chinese Workers and Peasants!

The resignation of Wan Ching Wei and the calling off of the conference between the Hankow and Wuhan governments that was to have brought about the amalgamation of the two, is probably to be attributed to the rapid succession of victories of the worker and peasant armies in the south and their unchecked advance on Canton.

The resignation of Wan Ching Wei indicates a new split in the ranks of the intelligentsia and middle class elements who turned upon the labor movement and the mass national liberation movement to make peace with Chiang Kai-shek and the other generals who aligned themselves with the purely capitalist section of the Chinese nationalist forces.

As the Communist International constantly pointed out to the Communist Party of China, the best method of furthering the interests of the mass liberation movement is the consolidation of the worker and peasant organizations, the arming of the workers, peasants and city poor and resolute struggle against all vacillating and treacherous leaders.

The advance of the revolutionary armies under Yeh Ting and Ho Lung into Kwangtung province and the wide and militant support they are receiving from the peasant and worker masses, together with the increasing conflicts among the "moderate" tools of imperialism in the right wing of the Kuomintang, evidenced by the resignation of Wan Ching Wei and the failure to amalgamate Nanking and Wuhan, show that the energetic application of this policy is meeting with success.

Under these circumstances we could expect renewed activity of a military character on the part of the imperialist forces. This is already visible.

British naval and military units are in motion around Hongkong and recent dispatches tell of the launching of a new American gunboat at Shanghai, one of the six being built there especially for use on Chinese rivers.

The reports that General Feng, the so-called Christian general whose defection to Chiang Kai-shek preceded the open capitulation of the Wuhan government to the counter-revolution, has massacred from 30,000 to 80,000 peasants in Honan province is a further indication that Chinese capitalists and the imperialists are determined to drown the mass movement in its own blood since the series of wholesale betrayals has failed to destroy it by demoralization.

More than ever is it necessary to rally the labor movements of the imperialist countries for relief for the hundreds of thousands of victims of the counter-revolutionary forces, for pressure upon the imperialist governments, for the withdrawal of all armed forces and for active assistance in every possible way of the heroic workers and peasants of China who fight in the first line trenches of the struggle against imperialism.

### Detroit and Moscow.

The renegade socialist who is assigned to writing anti Soviet editorials for the New York Times, under the above caption, tries to compare the Ford system in Detroit and the system in vogue in Russia in a manner unfavorable to Soviet economy. In the most inane fashion he raises the old hoax of individual initiative, declaring that even though the Ford system should be introduced in Russia that mystical force called personal initiative is lacking.

This sort of palaver only proves that the editorial writer is as ignorant of the Detroit system as he is vindictive about what he imagines to be the "Moscow system."

Certainly recent events in Detroit during the reconstruction of the Ford plants in preparation for the new model that Ford hopes will enable him to compete with General Motors have inflicted untold suffering upon former Ford workers who have faced months of unemployment and thousands of whom have, according to Ford's own estimates, been compelled to leave town and sacrifice their homes that were partially paid for to the mercies of the real estate speculators who manipulate with Ford capital.

Individual initiative is an empty jest in the Ford plant where the army of workers has been reduced to mere appendages of the machine.

In the Soviet industries the workers always have a voice in the management and are always alert to defend their interests. This attitude is encouraged by the workers' and peasants' government. The welfare of the workers is the first consideration. In Detroit the worker who dares to suggest that he be considered as anything other than a cog in the machine is instantly eliminated if the widespread spy system maintained to prevent organization of labor is able to ferret him out and denounce him to the bosses. The autocracy of the Ford system is notorious; it even extends to the dictation by Ford spies of the family expenditures of the Ford slaves.

When next the "Soviet expert" of the Times wants to indulge in comparisons of American wage-slavery with Russian workers' control he will have to choose a less despotic and tyrannical example than the Ford auto plants, because the known facts about Detroit make his arguments especially ridiculous.

The fact that thousands upon thousands of Ford workers eagerly read the factory papers urging them to organize proves that Detroit is not the industrial paradise the Times would have us believe. And the crisis in the automobile industry will be a spur to labor organization and labor struggles that will, in the not distant future, make Detroit a center of great labor struggles for some of the elementary demands of workers as human beings.

# Trends in the American Labor Movement as Shown by Recent Developments

## Injunctions, Unemployment and Other American Institutions

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE.

**CALLOUS** judges who seem to be unaware that the official labor leadership is trying to place the feet of the workers firmly upon the well-paved primrose path of efficiency unionism and worker-employer cooperation continually place obstacles in the way of their earnest efforts to arrive at a friendly understanding with the bosses.

IT seems to us that the Greens, Wolls and Lewises have just cause for complaint of the manner in which state courts and the supreme court of the United States ignore their overtures to employers and constantly give excuse to revolutionists like ourselves to raise the question of the class struggle.

THERE is for instance the Bedford Cut Stone Company decision handed down by the U. S. Supreme Court which practically outlaws ordinary defensive activities of the unions.

The United Mine Workers of America are enjoined from carrying on organizing work in the decisive fields of West Virginia by a blanket injunction.

IN southern Ohio the same union is met with a federal injunction of so sweeping a character, including the authorization to federal armed forces to place themselves at the disposal of the coal barons, that unless it is broken by mass violation the strike itself will be broken.

IN Indianapolis an injunction was issued prohibiting organization work by the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees and two organizers for this union were sent to prison for two months under its provisions.

Painters, plumbers, needle trades workers, paper boxmakers, shoe workers, food workers, textile workers all have been met with injunctions in their strikes of the last year. "No strike too small and no strike too big for an injunction" seems to be the slogan of the judges.

NATURALLY this does not fit in with the theory of the impartial character of American government preached with such holy ardor by the official labor leaders. Manifestly it is much more difficult to arouse undiluted and ardent support for the entire fabric of American institutions among the organized workers when the courts throw an injunction into the mouths of workers every time they are opened wide to emit a few hurrahs for this glorious land of the free. Under these conditions a certain doubt is bound to develop.

DOUBT grows into certainty when, as in the eastern Ohio coal fields, a federal judge issues an injunction prohibiting any but American citizens from picketing and who promises

to "see that any man who cannot talk English or is not an American citizen who dares to take part in picketing shall be immediately deported."

There is now a veritable stampede on the part of the coal operators to secure similar injunctions.

UPON whom is the blame for this sinister court ruling to be placed? Nowhere else but upon the shoulders of President Lewis of the United Mine Workers and his henchmen who, at the Indianapolis convention last January anticipated and invited such a ruling by themselves prohibiting all but American citizens from holding office in the union.

Composed of a majority of foreign-born workers the United Mine Workers of America can have its strike broken by this one injunction alone.

SATURATED the American workers may be with the anti-foreign propaganda of the capitalist publicity agencies, jealous that they may be of their "privileges" as American citizens, they nevertheless are able in the light of such developments to understand that here is no mere "Americanization" scheme but a deadly blow at the most important union in the American labor movement which will be followed by others directed at all unions which have foreign born membership in large numbers, as have all the mass unions.

There can be no purely "American" unions for at least another decade.

AMERICAN labor officialdom faces another problem for which its efficiency unionism policy not only provides no solution but which actually adds to its seriousness—the problem of growing unemployment.

In the boom period which is passing it was not necessary for labor officialdom to waste time on this question since its golden schemes for "peace in industry" and trade union capitalism effectively stifled the few discontented ones. Officialdom could even join with the bosses at chamber of commerce and rotary club meetings and clad in the smug glory of frock coats and Ascot ties, make eloquent speeches lauding the splendid progress of American industry and the wonderful productivity of the contented American worker harnessed to the shining machines which are the marvel of the world.

BUT now all signs point to a decrease in industrial activity and a period of depression whose length cannot be predicted at present. The question of unemployment is placed on the order of business by no less a person than James J. Davis, secretary of labor. Stoppage of immigration, that panacea of the Gompers statesmanship, has failed to solve the problem. As a matter of fact the relative scarcity of labor resulting from stoppage of immigration has stimulated the invention of labor-saving devices and a vicious circle has been created.

## The Party's Shortcomings, Mistakes and Problems

NOTE: This is the sixth installment of the report for the Political Committee made by Jay Lovestone, at the recent Fifth National Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party held in New York City. This installment deals with "The Party's Shortcomings, Mistakes and Problems."

Now a few words about America's relations to Europe. Here we must consider at this moment, primarily the relations between America and Great Britain. For some time there has been substantial collaboration between Great Britain and the United States despite increasing antagonisms. This has led the superficial bourgeois observers to advocate an alliance between England and America as a guarantor of world peace. This is an illusion. No alliance between imperialist powers can be an alliance for peace, whether it be an alliance of France and Germany, France and England, or America and England. An alliance between America and Great Britain today, if it were real and existed, would not be an alliance making for peace in the world, but on the contrary, making for a new world war—because it would be a war alliance against the Soviet Union and all oppressed nationalities and colonial peoples.

What are the basic facts in reference to Anglo-American relations? Recent months have been a sharpening of these relationships. Take the results of the Geneva Conference. Against whom does England need this large navy? Not against Italy. Not against Germany. Not even against the Soviet Union. It needs a big navy against the imperialist power which can have a navy as big or bigger than its own, the United States. Against whom does the United States need a big navy? The only imperialist power against which it can have real use for and of a big navy is the British imperialist power. The conflict here is a conflict for the domination of the world market today. British imperialism still has a greater annual total trade than American imperialism. But British imperialism's trend is declining, while America is expanding and they are bound to clash. They are clashing.

DESPISE this increasing conflict between America and England, de-

spite the fact that the antagonisms of America and England today in the international field play the role of the antagonisms between German and English imperialism before the war, yet the key to the international situation today is to be found in the danger of a united front of the imperialist powers against the Soviet Union and the Chinese revolution.

In speaking of the role of American imperialism, we must not overlook the increasing export of American capital and its effect on the standard of living of our working class. When American imperialism exports capital to China, to Italy, India, or to any country which is less developed industrially, it is in a position to dominate the industries of those countries and to manufacture these commodities at a lower cost, at lower wages than in America. This very prowess of American imperialism which temporarily allows the bourgeoisie to have such superprofits as to give away a few crumbs to the labor aristocracy, this feature has a contradictory element in it. This contradictory element is the danger of the great masses of American workers, because of the very increase in the export of capital.

Take the textile industry in the North and South in the United States—the textile owners in the North are moving South where they can get production at lower costs. The reduction of the standard of living and the standard of wages of the working class or of any section of the working class is always determined not by the highest but by the lowest point of wages which the bourgeoisie can force the workers to accept. Thus if the American capitalists, thru their export of capital to lesser industrially developed countries, will be able to secure cheaper labor power in European or Asiatic countries, they will either reduce their American working forces or slash the wages of these working forces at home.

Our tasks at present in this field are the following: We must not fight imperialism abstractly. There is no use of fighting American imperialism in general. We must adapt our tactics to the changing concrete conditions day by day if necessary, always keeping in mind the fundamental role, the basic characteristics

THE more than 11,000 deportations in the past year and the growing brutality toward and suppression of foreign-born workers which reached its climax in the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti had not placed American labor in a more favorable position so far as the capitalists are concerned.

Let us listen to the testimony of the secretary of labor whose arduous labors in devising ways and means of persecuting foreign-born workers have earned him the admiration of all 100 per cent Americans and the hatred of all honest and intelligent workers and farmers.

SPEAKING at Montauk Beach on the eve of Labor Day, Davis said that "usually the creation of new industries kept pace with the improvements in machinery, but that recently the number of new inventions had been so great that considerable unemployment had resulted."

We quote further: "The greatest evils which we are likely to suffer in the future, so far as labor is concerned, are connected with the subject of unemployment."

AFTER citing what he termed the "revolution" in the glass industry where one single machine can now turn out all the five-gallon glass containers that are used in the United States, Davis continued:

"While we should continue to think of our wonderful machines, we must also think of our wonderful American workers. If we do not WE MAY HAVE DISCONTENT ON OUR HANDS. I tremble to think of what a state this country might have been in if we had gone on letting in the tide of aliens that formerly poured in here at the rate of a million or more a year, and this at a time when NEW MACHINERY WAS STEADILY EATING INTO THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE JOBS. We might have had on our hands something far more serious than this quiet industrial revolution now in progress."

WHAT prompts Wall Street's secretary of labor to lay so much emphasis on the menace of unemployment just as this time? Quite evidently because it is a problem his superiors have had under consideration in view of the admitted imminence of a slowing down of industry.

It is not surprising that a government official and not a labor official speaks in this vein. It is not the first time the departments of Wall Street's government have anticipated the leaders of the American labor movement and we can expect that soon, having been tipped off that it is a safe subject when carefully dealt with, the Greens, Wolls and Lewises will echo the secretary of labor and have something "constructive" to say about unemployment.

# Mr. Philip Snowden's Vulgar Economics

By H. M. WICKS.

**RAMSEY MACDONALD'S** chancellor of the exchequer in the labor government, Mr. Philip Snowden, must labor under the illusion that his term as chief of the treasury department of the British government fitted him to comment with authority upon any subject pertaining to finance capital and the world's gold supply. In a recent article in the London "Financial Times" the former British secretary of the treasury charges that the United States is hoarding far more gold than "is required for monetary use or legitimate credit." He suggests that if this policy is continued "Europe may defend itself by further economy in the monetary use of gold, which would enable central banks to dispose of a large part of the gold reserve."

In the entire article of Snowden there is scarcely one statement that accords with the facts. His argument is pure fiction, a figment of his reformist imagination, a vulgarization of economics that has no parallel in the last quarter of a century.

Instead of hoarding gold the chief problem of the Federal Reserve system is to devise some means whereby the flood of gold pouring upon these shores may be diverted to other channels. Already the enormous surplus of gold in this country has resulted in drastic steps being taken to overcome its paralyzing effect. One of these measures has been what is called in banking parlance the "sterilization" of the enormous sum of \$1,400,000,000 in gold imports. This amount has been set aside and prevented from performing its normal economic function in order to maintain money rates at a high level. Even this measure works in the opposite direction from that desired by the bankers. The high rates thus artificially maintained have caused additional gold to flow to this country. Furthermore it has simulated the mining of gold and has even caused gold buried in the arts to be melted and thrown upon the market. So involved in contradictions is the capitalist system that some of the most elaborate plans turn into their opposite and make even worse a condition they strive to remedy.

HAVING seen the futility of the "sterilization" of gold in the vaults of the reserve banks of the United States, the manipulators of the gold market are now striving to prevent gold intended for this country leaving Europe and other parts of the world, by a process of "earmarking." Efforts are now being made by American bankers to secure concerted action on the part of European central banks to prevent gold flowing into the United States. On a number has the same effect upon the gold purchased by American banks has been held in reserve abroad and efforts were made to resell it without its entering this country at all. But even that is futile for the simple reason that the holding of it abroad has the same effect upon the gold supply of the United States that its importation into this country would have. When it is resold it takes the place of gold that is lying fallow here and that would otherwise have taken its place.

All these manoeuvres on the part of American imperialism to divert the flow of gold from this country escape the astute eye of the former chancellor of the exchequer of Macdonald's government. Instead of hoarding gold the life and death problem for the maintenance of the gold standard is involved in devising a means of disposing of the tremendous surplus already on hand.

AT the identical moment Mr. Snowden was writing his profound observations revealing how little he really knows of the workings of the system under which he lives and how utterly incompetent he was to hold his job as secretary of the British treasury Wall Street was placing at the disposal of the Commonwealth of Australia, under the flag of Britain, the sum of \$40,000,000, and striving to induce municipalities of that country to take another \$30,000,000. In the past year (1926) the total of foreign securities bought by this country was \$1,318,564,850. A considerable proportion of these were purchased with gold. In addition to the selling of securities, enormous private loans have been made to foreign bankers. The position of the United States as the most powerful imperialist power on earth, and its position as the banker of the world,

has its disadvantages as well as its advantages. While its investments enable it to dispose of the time being of part of its surplus, it at the same time guarantees returns of dividends upon the investments, which makes the problem still more acute in the long run.

THE main characteristic of the United States in relation to the world's gold supply is not that of a hoarding nation, but that of a nation frantically striving, by every conceivable means, to dispose of the greater part of its gold supply. It is this that impels the government to ever more aggressive imperialist policies in relation to other countries. It is this imperative necessity that determines American governmental policy in China, in the Philippines, in South and Central America and in Europe. It fights for places in which to invest its tremendous surplus.

No one but the most inept amateur in the realm of economics would for a moment imagine that any great capitalist nation on earth would hoard gold, except temporarily as a means of payment of international obligations or cancelling internal debts. The first, most fundamental and simple proposition learned by the novice in economics is that gold that lies fallow is useless and that it is never "sterilized" except in extraordinary circumstances and then only in order to endeavor to avoid collapse of the money rates, as is the present case in the United States. If Mr. Snowden and his associates, loyal and valiant servants of his Britannic majesty and the bourgeoisie of England, can devise a means whereby this "sterilized" gold can safely be released into British hands we are sure it will meet with instant approval of Wall Street.

"Taking \$1,400,000,000 in gold out of the world's monetary stocks and depriving it of all power to serve as a basis for credit is not a matter to be considered lightly," asserts the September number of the American Bankers Association Journal. "Nothing of the kind has ever happened before as regards gold, and no one can say positively what the effects will be."

The economic "experts" for the bankers association may not be able to perceive the outcome of such a policy, but it is plain to Marxists that this "sterilization" has gone as far as it can go. With 15 per cent of the world's gold supply inactive the gold standard itself is endangered and to continue further such a policy will result in stagnation and eventually collapse.

The next step will be protective measures devised for the purpose of releasing this supply, which would be accompanied by a fall in the money rate. But even that would not permanently remove the basic inexorable economic forces that brought about the present situation and will inevitably reproduce on a still greater scale the contradictions of this stage of capitalism. If Mr. Snowden were a real representative of the working class instead of a miserable and vulgar apologist for the English capitalist class he would analyze the economics of imperialism and point out the danger to the working class of the world of the great imperialist rivalries that have developed since the war and that are paving the way for new world wars and which today manifest themselves in the efforts of the powers to crush the Chinese revolution that threatens to wipe out past investments in that country and prevent future imperialist domination. He would devote his talents to a defense of the Soviet Union which is being attacked on all sides by the mercenaries of the predatory powers in an effort to remove the most formidable obstacle to domination of the whole world by the capitalist nations. And finally he would urge the workers of England to take steps that would enable them to challenge the power of British imperialism on its own soil.

But to demand that is to demand that Snowden cease to be Snowden. Instead of fighting against his own ruling class this ornament of British social pacifism will be found where he is today, in the camp of the enemies of labor, indulging in filthy sophistry to justify his own treachery.

And those who will successfully fight American imperialism are not those lackeys of Britain who complain of the cornering of the world's gold supply but the working class of the United States, under the leadership of the Communists.

## Letters From Our Readers

Editor, THE DAILY WORKER:

I read in the capitalist papers recently that during the recent Sacco-Vanzetti demonstrations in Boston, Powers Hagood after being arrested several times was finally turned over to a hospital for a mental examination or what may be termed a sanity test.

It is laughable to what methods capitalist lackeys resort to in suppressing the militant spokesmen of labor's cause.

Instead of testing the sanity of workers who are trying to establish a better world to live in, they ought to test the sanity of the perpetrators of the present damnable insane system of society that exploits the earth, everything, and everyone thereon for the benefit of the capitalist class. They ought to further test the

sanity of the hypocrites who say that the interests of capital and labor are identical, the mental prostitutes who rave about everyone being born free and with equal opportunity, of the sky pilots who sanction the present system and say that such is the will of the Almighty, the yellow labor leaders who imagine they can carry water on both shoulders by trying to serve the masters and at the same time the workers and all the other flunkies and lickspittles of the master class.

No doubt the capitalists and their government will resort to newer and more drastic measures from time to time in their campaign of silencing labor's voice, but they will as labor will finally triumph.  
Fraternally—John Lyons, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(To Be Continued.)  
First Negro Fire Officer.  
The first Negro officer of the New York Fire Department was appointed yesterday. He is Wesley Williams, a member of Engine Company 55, Broome St.