

LABOR MUST ACT! SACCO AND VANZETTI SHALL NOT DIE!

THE DAILY WORKER FIGHTS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNORGANIZED FOR THE 40-HOUR WEEK FOR A LABOR PARTY

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Current Events

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SOCIALIST SURRENDER ENDS VIENNA STRIKE

SUPPRESSION OF LABOR MOVEMENT THRUOUT CHINA

Raid Soviet Bank in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, July 18.—The systematic suppression of Communists, labor leaders and the labor movement is proceeding unabated as the mercenaries of the imperialists in the forces of Chiang Kai-shek carry out the orders of their pay masters. The latest assassination of a prominent Chinese trade union leader occurred yesterday when Wang Tei-lang was executed in Nanking. He was arrested in the territory of the French concession in Shanghai by French police, turned over to the Chinese soldiery, taken to Nanking and executed on personal orders of Chiang Kai-shek.

Raid Soviet Bank.
At the same time the terror is being carried out against the labor unions the provocation against the Soviet Union is also going on with increased intensity. The premises of the Shanghai office of the Far Eastern Bank in the territory of the French concessions was invaded and

SACCO-VANZETTI PROTEST HUNGER STRIKE GOES ON

Rather Starve Than Be Killed by Perjury

Death by starvation rather than electrocution as a result of framed up evidence which is being submitted to Gov. Fuller and his advisory committee, is the choice which Sacco and Vanzetti have made.
This heroic protest is being made by the two condemned workers because of the star chamber attitude which Fuller has taken by insisting that the hearings on prejudice be held in secret.
Reports that the workers were not on a hunger strike but were abstaining from food due to the excessive heat was branded as a lie by the Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee yesterday. Members of the committee stated that the hunger strike was a grim reality and that William G. Thompson, counsel for the condemned men, spent three hours on Sunday trying to dissuade the men from continuing with their plan. This they refused to do.

Condition Desperate.
For more than a month Gov. Fuller and his so-called advisory committee have been "deliberating" on the respective merits of the case. In spite of the fact that eminent jurists from all parts of the world have expressed opinions that the case was an obvious frame up, the Fuller "investigation" has slowly dragged along. It is a well-known fact in Boston that Gov. Fuller is prejudiced against the workers and the fact that Sacco and Vanzetti have decided upon the drastic step of a hunger strike is evidence of the desperate condition in which the matter stands.
Warden William Hendry of the Charlestown Prison insists that the men are not out on a hunger strike, but this denial is part of the prison regulations and is not being taken seriously.

Prefer To Die.
The Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee in a statement made public yesterday said that the men prefer to die "by starvation rather than be killed on false evidence introduced in Gov. Fuller's office behind closed doors."
The report continued, "It is a solemn decision to make—this slow taking on one's life—but it is necessary in this tragic situation where the fate of two men is being shaped behind closed doors from the words of witnesses whom neither they nor their counsel are allowed to face."
The condemned workers started their strike Saturday when Vanzetti declared that he would rather starve to death rather than be killed on false evidence.

THE Upholsterers' International Union is holding a convention in this city and one of its most important achievements will be the presentation of a chair to governor Alfred E. Smith. The chair was designed by William Kohn the socialist president of the union. No doubt the socialist leader will nominate Smith for president when presenting him with the chair.
THE Geneva naval parley still drags along without accomplishing anything tangible. The British papers insist that there is no likelihood that



The Cry from Vienna is "Forward"

Yesterday it was the Chinese workers who issued their clarion call to the world proletariat against the forces of imperialism. Today it is the workers of Vienna, who smashing through the counter-revolutionary web of the socialist and Second International machine, have shown the way to battle against the forces of world imperialism. The heroism and self-sacrifice of the Viennese proletariat, defying alike machine gun bullets of the police and the deceptive words of the socialist traitors, brings us a message, that we cannot overlook, or forget. It brings us a call for a new forward charge against the forces of international capitalism.

The attack upon The DAILY WORKER, now in the hands of the Federal government, has behind it the same forces which are today responsible for shooting down hundreds of workers in the streets of Vienna. The profiteers, the war mongers, the open shoppers, the treacherous trade union bureaucracy and the socialist party, all are allied in one black united front against the revolutionary workers led by the Communists.
We must hold our own in this battle just as bravely as the Viennese workers. We must meet the attack upon The DAILY WORKER with barricades of contributions piled up in defense of our proletarian fortress, The DAILY WORKER. We have mailed out the certificates for the GUARD THE DAILY WORKER FUND. The self-sacrifice and devotion which show in the present attack upon our movement, will show quite clearly, whether you will stand the test, when greater sacrifices are demanded.

Small Welcome Accorded To Five Trans-Atlantic Fliers On Their Return

Clarence Chamberlin, Richard E. Byrd and the three men who flew with Byrd to Paris came back to New York yesterday to receive a welcome many times smaller than that recently given to Chas. A. Lindbergh.
The fliers were met at the City Hall by Mayor Walker and received the city's medals of valor. At the eternal light in Madison Square, William H. Woodin welcomed them to the state in the absence of Governor Smith. The welcome was much briefer than that accorded to Lindbergh—it was all over by mid-afternoon, ending after the Madison Square ceremonies.

Ohio Miners Faced With Double Fight In Mines and Union

COLUMBUS, O., July 18.—According to Ohio Coal Operators Association, which has met in Columbus, the mines of Ohio will be opened soon. "We are not hoodwinking ourselves, we have a long, hard fight ahead," said the head of one of the coal companies. This statement is true, despite the fact that voices are to be heard among the miners or their officials that do not bespeak a good future for the miners.
Some time ago, Searles, mine official in the Hocking Valley, proposed to break away from the United Mine Workers, and to form a new union. He got the support of only a few men, and the idea evidently was abandoned.
In spite of the fact that some of the miners' officials offered to meet the coal operators, to "come to an understanding" as to the wage scale, the operators have refused to meet them. The operators were encouraged by Carl Daugherty, sub-district president in the Hocking Valley, who talked about fight, and demanded a national strike, but at the same time, offered to confer with the operators provided they did not insist upon a wage scale of \$5 to replace the \$7.50 according to the Jacksonville agreement.

The operators have turned down the

BUILDING BOSSES START DRIVE ON NEW YORK UNIONS

Broach Scores Eidlitz, Woll's Side-Kick

New York builders have renewed their war on the building trades unions.
Following the attack of Charles Norman, president of the New York Employers Association, on the plumbers, Charles L. Eidlitz, open shop president of the Board of Governors and director of the National Civic Federation, of which Mathew Woll is acting president, has notified the Electrical Workers Local 3 that it will not renew its agreement with the union.
Eidlitz's action follows the expulsion of the corrupt officials headed by Richard L. O'Hara from the local. O'Hara and other former officials, ousted by International Vice-president H. H. Broach, applied to Supreme Court Justice William Harrison Black yesterday for the appointment of a receiver to take over the funds and the business of the local.
Eidlitz Supports Ex-Officials.
That Eidlitz is actually supporting the expelled local officials, was the charge leveled by International Vice-president Broach in an interview with a representative of The DAILY WORKER.
"Eidlitz has admitted that he is assisting and aiding the expelled corrupt officials who were expelled from the union. Since none of the expelled officials has worked since the local was cleaned of corruption, I assume that Eidlitz has been supporting them."

Organization Drive.

The organization drive that is now being conducted by the local and the refusal of local officials to agree to the violation of provisions of the building codes were other reasons given by Vice-president Broach for Eidlitz's action. Twenty-five organizers are now working for the local in an attempt to bring repair men and men on-contract jobs into the union.
Taking advantage of the jurisdictional fights among the New York building trades and of the refusal of many locals to organize their unorganized, the Employers Association is girding its loins for a war on the building unions.

Communist Deputies in France Faced With New Threat of Prison Terms

PARIS, July 18.—Marcel Cachin, M. Doriot and M. Marty, Communist Deputies in the French Chamber, have received a summons to surrender to the police today to serve prison terms to which they have been condemned, but from which they have thus far been saved by parliamentary immunity.
They are charged with having conducted subversive propaganda in the army and navy, and M. Doriot is alleged to have been active in anti-imperialist campaigns in the French colonies and in China.
Parliamentary immunity was recently lifted from the Communist Deputies by vote of the Chamber of Deputies.

NICARAGUA LABOR DELEGATE DEFIES U. S. TO CONQUER

WASHINGTON, July 18.—With President Green of the American Federation of Labor in the chair to oppose any radicalism, the Pan American Federation of Labor began its fifth congress today.
President Green in his address stated that the policy of American labor was specifically against imperialist adventures by American capital.
Louis N. Morones, Minister of Commerce and Industry in the Mexican government, responded to Green's address and declared "if the time ever comes when there is a rupture in Mexican-American relations I am sure there will be no break between the working classes of the two countries."
Solomon De La Selva, a delegate from Nicaragua, read a report to the conference that U. S. marines had "killed 309 Nicaraguans today in battle," it obviously referred to the

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SOCIALIST LEADERS IN CONSTANT CONFERENCE WITH SEIPEL CABINET

Bauer, Adler, Seitz, Demand Labor Surrender; Create Militia to Shoot Workers

VIENNA, July 18.—The Austrian transportation strike was settled tonight. As a result of the agreement reached between the socialist officials and Chancellor Seipel's national conservative government, railroad, telephone and telegraph services will be resumed at midnight tonight, if the workers agree to the surrender of their interests by socialist leaders.

VIENNA, July 18.—There is still enthusiasm for revolt, part of the workers of this city are still armed, new contingents arrive from the surrounding districts continually, and parts of Vienna are still so much under labor control that the brutal Seipel police dare not attempt to penetrate them. The working class has had a taste of power, it is suspecting the motives of its yellow socialist leaders, and if the deadening influence of the latter could be thrown off, might still be able to seize control of the government.
But the Seipel cabinet is attempting to soothe the workers by a series of vague promises, and the social democratic leaders particularly Burgomeister Seitz, Fritz Adler and Otto Bauer, are exerting every particle of their cumbersome party machine in the effort to prevent revolution.

Socialist Militia and Police.
At present one of the points at issue between the government of the state and the burgomeister of Vienna (a socialist) is whether the demonstrating workers shall be shot down by regular troops, or by the "municipal guards," a newly organized body of militia, made up of members of the socialist guards, and hired mercenaries. The burgomeister, Seitz, insists that this newly armed force is necessary to prevent revolution, while the government ministry prefers to rely on the regular army.

Burgomeister Seitz has announced that his municipal guards will work in close co-operation with the city police who fired on and killed about forty and wounded about three hundred of the workers during the height of the fighting. The police were finally defeated with unknown losses, and driven into hiding, but Seitz has brought them out under the protection of his guards.
The socialist leaders hesitated, despite pressure from the clerical government with whom they are in constant secret conference, to advise the workers to end their strike until at least something is won. Economic conditions have been going from bad to worse, and the workers during their sudden uprising burned the house of the Tscharnak family in Schattendorf, and thus punished Fascist members of that family who were acquitted in a mock trial by Vienna courts of murdering workers, no actual punishment or even disbanding of fascist units has either been undertaken or promised by Seipel.

Strike Goes On.
The socialist democratic labor leaders and politicians, while forced at first to continue the strike, frantically endeavored to make it as harmless as possible. Hour by hour

THE LEFT WING, FUR WORKERS UNION ELECTS ITS TICKET IN BOSTON, MASS.

Ben Gold Tells of Peace Negotiations That Have Been Carried on With the Right Wing

BOSTON, Mass., July 18.—A sweeping victory for the left wing of the furriers' union was recorded in Saturday's election when the progressive group elected their entire slate.
The right wingers went down in complete defeat before Max Perlman, who was elected president; A. Rosenberg, vice president and A. Frank, secretary.

The new executive board will consist of Dave Mathoff, L. Garfinkle, M. Miller, W. Litvin, I. Steinberg, M. Dorfman and J. Levenstein.

A. F. of L. To Blame.
According to Ben Gold, manager of the Furriers' Union Joint Board, the collapse of peace negotiations in the union is due to the action of the A. F. of L. officials and he adds:
"The Joint Board lays full responsibility for the continuance of the struggle in the fur industry upon the A. F. of L. officials and charges that they are the cause of the reduced wages, and the contracting and sweat-shop system which now prevails."
"The Joint Board charges that the A. F. of L. gave these concessions to the manufacturers in return for recognition of the dual union and for assistance in the fight against the Joint Board."

Of the unsuccessful peace conference, Gold says: "Ever since the A. F. of L. instituted its splitting tactics in our union, the Joint Board has stated many times that it desires unity in the International. Therefore it responded to the request of Magistrate Rosenbluth to attend a conference on Monday, July 12th, and Isadore Shapiro, president of the Joint Board, and I were present with Magistrates Rosenbluth and Brodsky, and Mr. Markewich, who represented the A. F. of L."
Peace Terms.
"Magistrate Rosenbluth informed us that prior to this meeting he had held a conference with the A. F. of L. representatives and learned their terms for peace. At the magistrate's request we repeated the Joint Board's peace terms which called for (1) Reinstatement of all expelled members and local unions; (2) an election to be held for officers of the Joint Board under the supervision of an impartial committee on which the New York Central Trades & Labor Council and the

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POSTPONE CONEY STADIUM AFFAIR TO SATURDAY EVE.

To Sue Arena Owner for Breach of Contract

On account of the terrific rain storm which swept New York Saturday, the benefit concert scheduled to take place in the open air arena of the Coney Island Stadium on that night, has been postponed until next Saturday, at 8 P. M.

As a result of this, the Joint Defense and Relief Committee, 41 Union Square, sponsors of this affair, have started legal action against the Coney Island Resorts, Inc. for breach of contract. Ludwig Landy, campaign manager of the committee, states that he had signed a contract with Isidore Silberman, president of the Coney Island Resorts, Inc. to the effect that in the event of postponement of the concert due to bad weather conditions on Saturday, July 16, it would be given the following night, Sunday, July 17. Inasmuch as a bull fight was advertised and presented at the Stadium Sunday, it was impossible to go ahead with the postponed concert.
15,000 Turned Away.
It is estimated that at least 15,000 people jammed the gates commencing early Sunday afternoon, but were refused admittance because of the bull fight.

NAVAL BASES UP FOR DISCUSSION AT CONFERENCE

Japan, Britain Reach Compromise

GENEVA, July 18.—The United States delegation to the tri-partite naval conference will present counter-proposals to the Anglo-Japanese suggestions for an agreement as put forth yesterday upon the basis of 500,000 tonnage basis for both the United States and Japan. This basis is objectionable to the United States and is 100,000 tons higher than its compromise proposal of a week ago and 200,000 tons higher than its original proposals.

Hugh S. Gibson, will bring up as counter-proposals the question of naval bases which is a direct blow at Great Britain. The question of cruiser tonnage is intimately connected with the question of naval bases. Great Britain has a string of bases throughout the world so close together that ships much lighter than the ones used by the United States can be effectively utilized for her navy. Britain has proposed that cruiser tonnage be reduced to 7,500. With such cruisers she can traverse the seven seas, whereas the United States would find her light cruisers crippled and unable to proceed to the Far East because of the great distance between naval bases. Hence to raise the question of

Red Raids in Holland East Indies; Fear the Independence Movement

BATAVIA, Dutch East Indies, July 18.—Dutch imperialist officials here have announced a new Communist plot to subjugate the islands of Holland, and have started a series of arrests of dissatisfied native leaders and officers of trade unions.

Exploitation of the native proletariat and peasantry in these islands is very severe, and the repressions of the native petty bourgeoisie makes it somewhat of an ally of the workers. A deep seated independence movement is on foot, in which the Communist Party plays an important role. The Dutch officials make periodic raids on working class centers, and conduct a perpetual "Red Scare."

naval bases is an attempt to place Britain in a defensive position in the conference.

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On the other hand the agreement between Britain and Japan on total cruiser tonnage is considered a blow against the United States' representatives who have been striving to induce Japan to line up against Britain.

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Ella Reeve Bloor in Hitch Hike for Daily

Ella Reeve Bloor, hitch hiking from St. Louis to Chicago, will pass Indianapolis, Ind., Dayton, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Lima, Ohio, Fort Wayne, Ind., South Bend, Ind.

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HYLAND DENOUNCES SMITH-UNTERMYER FARE BOOST DEAL

Wall St. to Back Smith If He Comes Across

"While it is a possibility that the Morgan interests will let go of 'Al' Smith in 1928, in favor of the Republican nominee in the meantime they are using Smith all they can to get a fare boost through his Transit Commission." So spoke former Mayor John F. Hylan in an exclusive interview given yesterday to a Daily Worker reporter.

"If Smith wants the democratic nomination in 1928 he will have to satisfy Morgan and Company who represent the majority bondholders of the I. R. T."

"Untermyer is in sympathy with the traction bondholders, and in particular with the majority bondholders of the Interboro. In that respect he is lined up with the Smith-Morgan crowd," said Hylan in reply to a question.

"Then you think that Untermyer is a Smith man?" he was asked.

"No—Untermyer is an Untermyer man."

"What is your opinion of the so-called unification plan which is being so ardently advocated by Untermyer?" he was asked.

"This unification fallacy," he replied, "is only a smoke screen to take the place of additional service. It is part of a scheme to hoodwink the New York straphangers so that they will not see the major move, which is to fix an exorbitant value for the worn out old junk which the traction interests call rolling stock. When the traction attorneys have fixed what they call a 'fair valuation,' the stage will all be set for an increased fare."

Smith Used Lindbergh.

At this point the former mayor pointed out that it is part of the Smith policy thru his so-called public service commission to boost fares whenever possible. He pointed out that during the Lindbergh reception the Smith traction crowd up-state took advantage of the public hysteria to put over a ten-cent fare in Albany, Troy, Watervliet, Schenectady, Cohoes and Buffalo. This possibly explains Governor Smith's warm reception to Lindbergh. Smith awarded the trans-Atlantic flyer the medal of honor—a cheap price at that.

When asked about the \$25,000 fee which Untermyer received from the I. R. T., Hylan said, "The firm of Guggenheimer, Untermyer and Marshall was attorney for a stool-pigeon to prohibit the city from appropriating the necessary money to put busses on the streets of New York to relieve the congested condition in the subways. This firm got the injunction but did not dare to enforce it. The firm of Hays, Hershfield and Wolf afterwards sent in a bill to the city for \$63,128.62 which included \$25,000, which was the Untermyer share in the deal. Now the Hayes firm was an antagonistic litigant but Marshall and Untermyer took the money and under the dual contracts the city footed the bill. As those contracts run for forty-nine years, at the expiration of that time the taxpayers will have paid in interest and compound interest over \$200,000."

When asked what the solution was for the overcrowded subway conditions, Hylan replied, "The only remedy for the transit condition is to put on more trains and more cars. Let the workers demand a municipal bus system in every borough of the city. Let the city continue to build more subways."

"These bunk investigations are merely smokescreens to cover up Untermyer's personal and business ambitions and to foist a fare boost on the people of New York."

Ohio Miners Faced With Double Fight

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offer, and are making preparations to open the mines. They admit that the work will proceed slowly, but they expect little trouble. They are being aided by another section of the miners' union, according to report. James Kunik, leader of a so-called insurgent group in the Bellaire district, is ready to support Daugherty, and to make a compromise. This shows that treachery is being practiced in the miners' union. It is clear that if Lewis does nothing—but lets the situation slide, such men as Daugherty and Kunik will find a ready ear among the miners.

Relief for the miners must be organized. If they know that the labor movement will stand behind them, they will be exposed to no temptation at the hands of the coal operators. But if they are allowed to starve, then there is no doubt that they will be brought to their knees. It is the duty of the labor movement to get behind the striking miners—and to do it quickly. Otherwise the siren voices of the Daughertys and Kuniks will lure the miners—to their destruction.

Whether the coal operators are bluffing or mean earnest will be disclosed tomorrow. Lee Hall and G. W. Savage, district officials, are now in Bellaire, where they expect the first attempt to be made.

Suppression of Labor Movement in China

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pillaged on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, by French police and Russian white guard officers assisted by a detachment of municipal police. The raid was under the joint supervision of the French and the Nanking bandits of Chiang Kai-shek. The search did not yield any evidence for the counter-revolutionaries and conspirators against the Soviet Union, so the police came back at night and it is likely that they brought with them forged documents to be used as manufactured evidence against the officials of the bank. After sealing the premises and arresting the Soviet citizens, Stoyanovich and Golanovsky at the demand of the Nanking despot, Yang-hu, a general known for his bloody reprisals at Nangpo, Shanghai and other places a statement was issued to the effect that evidence was found proving that the arrested men were engaged in Bolshevik propaganda.

The prisoners were handed over to a special military tribunal, noted for its summary dealings with Communists. Koslovsky, general counsel of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics at Shanghai, insisted that the military authorities have no right arbitrarily to arrest Soviet citizens and hand them over to special extraordinary courts. Koslovsky demanded a trial in civil courts and his demand was satisfied and the prisoners handed over to the civil authorities.

White Guard Provocation.

The illegal search and seizure and arrests are the result of the agitation carried on by the imperialist bribed white guard press that is indulging in the most disgraceful provocation against the workers and peasants of China and the Soviet Union and is part of the general imperialist conspiracy against the Chinese revolution and the Soviet Union.

Wuhan Political Crisis.

HANKOW, July 18.—There is a protracted political crisis in the Wuhan government that is slowly approaching a solution. Many observers expected the final solution of the coup which was being carried out during the last few weeks. However, the final achievement of the coup against the Communists has evidently been postponed for a time.

M. Borodin, advisor to the Nationalist government, left Saturday for Kuling, a well-known mountain resort near Kiu-Kiang. His departure is being explained in various ways. Some see in it Borodin's disagreement with internal policy recently pursued by the Wuhan government. Others estimate Borodin's departure as consent of the Wuhan government to demands of Feng, the so-called Christian general who has gone over to the counter-revolution, that Borodin be granted leave of absence.

Apparently the majority of the Wuhan government has definitely decided to "separate themselves" from Communists. It is reported that the members of the Central Committee at Wuhan actually passed resolution regarding the removal of Communists from all posts in the executive committee of the government, the executive of the leading organs of the Kuomintang and the army and to deprive them of membership in the Kuomintang.

The scoundrels and agents of Chiang Kai-shek, the traitor and of Feng, in the service of the counter-revolution who are in a majority in the Wuhan government are afraid of the wrath of the members of the Kuomintang so they assert that these measures against the vanguard of the revolution, the Communists, are only temporary, pending the final solution of the question at the third congress of the Kuomintang.

It is proposed to carry through these counter-revolutionary resolutions at the next session of the central committee which is scheduled to meet today or tomorrow.

Today the political committee of the Kuomintang adopted the following resolution: 1.—To within a month's time call plenary session of the Central Committee, to discuss and decide questions submitted by presidium of the political bureau. 2.—Pending convocation plenary session the Central Committee to prohibit actions and speeches contrary to the principles and policy of the Kuomintang. 3.—To send to the Soviet Union a delegation to be appointed by political committee of prominent members of the Kuomintang to discuss methods of cooperation.

Try to Deceive Masses.

These measures are considered highly deceptive and a mere smokescreen raised so that the fury of the masses at the counter-revolutionary acts of the Wuhan government will not overwhelm them.

So strong is the respect for the Communists and the admiration for the determined anti-imperialist stand of the Soviet Union that the reactionaries dare not immediately break with all the traditions of the past and go openly over into the camp of the enemies of the national liberation movement.

The mass demand for action against Nanking is constantly rising higher and threatens to engulf the Wuhan reactionaries so they have to proceed with the greatest caution in their assaults upon the Communists.

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SECRETLY DEPORT CHINESE SEAMEN BY HOLLAND LINE

Company Liable to Pay Heavy Fine

(Federated Press.)

As it seemed that a habeas corpus writ was about to free the 38 Chinese seamen strikers illegally detained on Ellis Island, were dumped into the hold of a Holland-American liner bound for Rotterdam. Sixteen had already been deported.

To save the men from a frame-up on possible mutiny charges the Chinese Seamen's Institute, through its attorney Hugo Pollock, is cabling Edo Fimmen, secretary of the International Transport Workers' Federation, setting forth the facts here and asking him to investigate the employment methods of the steamship company.

United States Senator Copeland and Silas Blake Axtell, attorney for the International Seamen's Union, were among the persons who had been interesting themselves in the case of these oriental workers since they were beaten and jailed by the Hoboken police as they were leaving the S. S. Rotterdam.

Had Right to Quit.

Axtell, a well-known authority on marine law, said the Chinese had the right to quit the ship. "The Seamen's Act," he explained in a letter to Pollock, "maintains that all seamen, including Chinese and Hindus, may demand half their wages and leave foreign or American ships for the purpose of reshipment." The purpose of this provision of the LaFollette act, continued the attorney, is to equalize costs of operation, by compelling foreign shipowners to replace crews at American rates of wages.

Fifteen dollars a month was all the Chinese were getting in the "black gang" of the Rotterdam. The Dutch strikers, whose place they were taking, had been paid \$38 a month. When the Chinese found they had been tricked into being strikebreakers they decided to quit, and carried out the plan in Hoboken.

Company Is Liable.

Each of the guilty parties responsible for the imprisoning of the Chinese will now be under fire by their friends here. First there is the Holland-American line, that is subject to a fine of \$1000 by the immigration bureau for each of the 30 Chinese sailors of the original 84 who have not turned up. Thirty times \$1000 is \$30,000, a pretty penny for the erring steamship company to pay and one that it will try to evade paying when the 60 day limit expires. Attorney Axtell says that in practice, he does not believe that the steamship companies ever pay these fines. But an effort will be made to compel the Bureau of Immigration to stick to its rule.

Punished on Ellis Island.

Then there is punishment due to the immigration authorities who held the Chinese on Ellis Island, without charges. The seamen were taken off the hands of the Hoboken police and held prisoners on the island as "an accommodation" to the company. Secretary Davis of the Department of Labor has written LaGuardia, promising to investigate the affair.

Every obstacle possible had been placed in the way of Attorney Pollock when he was working for the men's release. Assistant Commissioner Uhl on Ellis Island refused to let him see the Chinese, because it might "start a riot" and because it was said he did not have the names of any of his clients. When Pollock produced a name the authorities denied the man was there.

Don't Forget the Sustaining Fund!

Fight Dangerous Death Traps at Rail Crossings

NIAGARA FALLS, July 18.—The local section of the Workers (Communist) Party is arranging a huge protest meeting at which demands will be made for the elimination of dangerous railroad crossings in the working-class sections of this city.

The recent tragedy in which the family of Samuel Pawloff an active member of the Workers (Communist) Party and of the Plumbers Union was wiped out at an unguarded crossing in the heart of the workers residential section, has aroused the workers of this city and forced even the City Council to make a gesture of protest.

Thousands of workers among whom they lived, filed past the seven coffins in which the dismembered remains of Comrade Pawloff's wife and six children were laid. Over a thousand attended the funeral at which Herbert Benjamin, District Organizer of the Party, made a short address in which he pointed out that this working-class family had been sacrificed even as are thousands of other workers throughout the country in the interests of greedy corporations who care nothing for the lives of workers.

Have Paid Your Contribution to the Ruthenberg Sustaining Fund?

What the Daily Worker Means to the Workers

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Nicaragua Delegate in Washington Defies U.S.

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clash between the marines and the liberal forces of Gen. Sandino in which press reports indicate 50 Nicaraguans were killed and several hundred wounded.

"Speaking as a delegate from Nicaragua, and in behalf of the Nicaraguan Federation of Labor," declared De La Selza, "I want to say that if the United States marines do not depart from our country, they will have to destroy ultimately the entire population."

Council Reports.

Barno Stops Haitians.

The Haitian delegation to the Pan-American Labor Conference were arrested yesterday as they sought to leave the country, according to a cable-gram read at the Conference today.

The delegation consisted of labor leaders and seven Haitian editors, and their arrest was ordered by President Borno, who declined to let them leave the country.

Borno refused recently to admit Senator King (D), of Utah, to his country. The labor delegation comprised the same elements that had invited King to the country, it was said.

The executive council rendered a report on conditions of labor in Latin America, which it believes to be improving. There is mention of the part of labor in the Mexican oil crisis, the invasion of Nicaragua by the United States, the fight against labor by the governments of Cuba, Venezuela, and Columbia. No solutions are offered. The congress will try to decide on an immigration policy to recommend to the government in regard to Mexican workers crossing into the United States.

The officers of the congress are: William Green, President; Luis N. Morones, Vice President; Matthew Woll, Treasurer; Chester M. Wright, English Language Secretary; Santiago Iglesias, Spanish Language Secretary.

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MARINES BOMB NICARAGUANS; KILL OVER 50

Hurl Explosives Into Unarmed Populace

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, July 18.—In a desperate effort to smash the rebellious masses who deeply resent the imperialist plundering of their country by the United States, a force of American marines, aided by the mercenary Nicaraguan constabulary, murdered more than 50 liberals and wounded more than 400. The attack was made upon the forces of General Sandino at Ocotal, who refused to disperse his forces in conformity with the ultimatum of Henry L. Stimson, the Wall Street lackey who was sent here a few months ago to aid in consolidating the fraudulent government of Diaz, who is sworn to defend the interests of American imperialism against the desires of the masses for independence.

Bombed From Air.
The marines and the Nicaraguan constabulary did very little fighting as they are too cowardly to enter into equal combat with the natives, but stood at a safe distance while five marine airplanes dropped high explosives on the liberal forces and the population of Ocotal. Undoubtedly many women and children and non-combatants were murdered, but the rigid censorship prevents any newspaper men entering the devastated area.

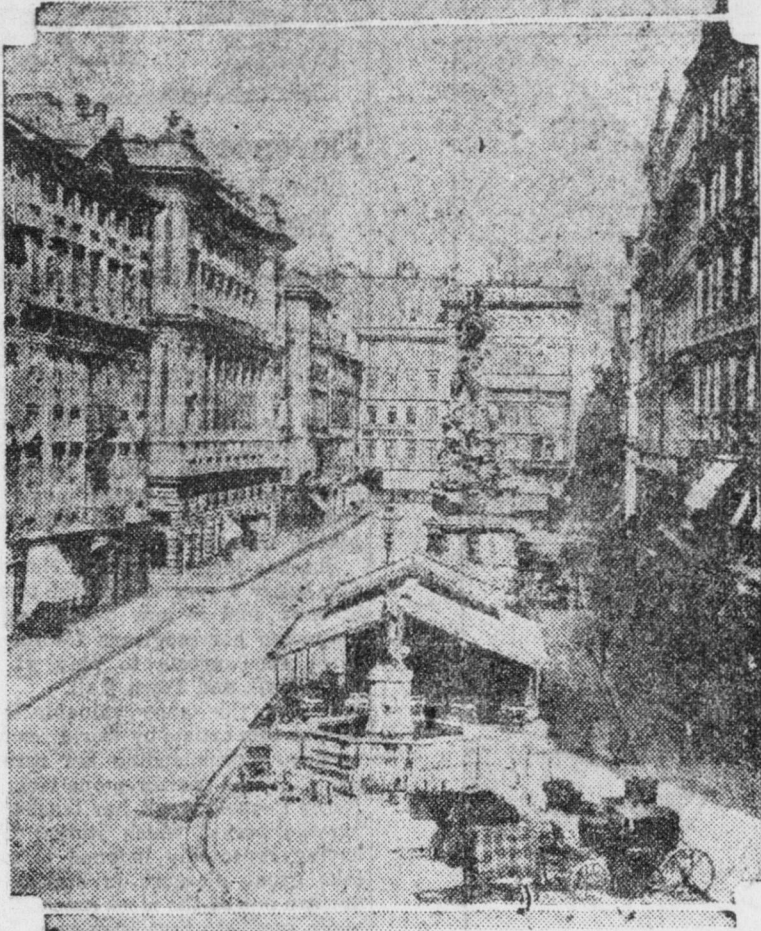
Part of U. S. Campaign.
This latest unprovoked and craven massacre is a part of the general campaign being waged against Nicaragua by the gun-men of Wall Street who are trying to disarm the whole population in order to be able to establish firmly the rule of the Wall Street puppet president, Diaz, who could not get one-hundredth part of the votes of the inhabitants of the country in a fair election.

The bestiality of the American troops in this part of the world is such that the very name and every symbol or emblem of the United States is despised as representing nothing but unbridled tyranny.

Big Navy Men Take Heart From Big Fiasco At Geneva Naval Meet

WASHINGTON, July 18, (FP).—Congressman Loring Black of New York, a leader of the big navy forces, declares congress will appropriate funds in the coming session to bring American naval strength up to the British.

"If there is no real disarmament at Geneva," he asserts, "we big navy men will undoubtedly develop a greater voting strength in the house for a cruiser and submarine construction program. We will appropriate enough money to complete construction of the authorized cruisers, and the naval affairs committee will undoubtedly come in with a bill authorizing not only 10 cruisers, as was proposed at the last session, but a number sufficient to meet the British strength."



WHERE HEAVY FIGHTING TOOK PLACE

Street scene in Vienna near the Department of Justice building. It was on this street that most of the workers were shot by the police. But the police were beaten, and fled.

Coolidge Board Hands Slam to Women Workers in Bureau of Print'g

WASHINGTON, July 18, (FP).—Calvin Coolidge's personnel classification board, which adjusts wages and conditions of government workers, talks like an open shopper. Curtly refusing the appeal of the women's union of the bureau of printing and engraving for equal pay with men for equal work, the board declares it will deal "directly with the employees," and not with "outsiders." The women have been organized for years in Local 105 of the National Federation of Federal Employees.

President Luther Steward of the National Federation declares that the board's decision is a blow to the right of collective bargaining. The union, he says, will appeal to congress to wipe out the board and set up administrative machinery free from control by Coolidge.

Flying School Teacher in Texas.
EL PASO, Texas, July 18.—The Hawaii bound plane of Miss Mildred A. Doran, Michigan school-teacher, arrived here at 12:10 o'clock today. According to present plans, Miss Doran and Pedlar will take off for the coast at daylight Tuesday morning.

Fight For Millions.
The interest manifested in the elimination battle between Jack Sharkey and Jack Dempsey on Thursday night was reflected yesterday in the announcement that the advance ticket sale has passed the \$900,000 mark. A sell-out on fight night appeared a certainty, with the probable gate \$1,200,000. Some racket!

Keep Up the Sustaining Fund

Hartford to Have Field Day and Picnic for Political Action Conference

HARTFORD, July 18.—The Connecticut conference for Independent Political Action embracing many unions and workers organizations throughout the state, have arranged the second annual State Labor Field Day and Picnic in Schutzen Park, Hartford, on Sunday July 31st for the purpose of advancing the idea of Independent Workers Political Action as the first step to a "United Labor Ticket" in the presidential elections of 1928.

William Z. Foster, leader of the Great Steel Strike, and Albert Weisbord, leader of the Passaic Textile Strike will be the chief speakers, besides speakers in Lithuanian, Swedish, Russian and from the Young Workers League.

The arrangements committee headed by Dr. Per Nelson of Hartford announces that 12 Swedish Athletic clubs will participate in the games. A chorus of 150 voices will sing revolutionary and folk songs. A good band will provide music for dancing. Refreshments and good food will be available for all.

The workers of New Haven, Bridgeport, Stamford, Waterbury, Ansonia and the cities around Hartford are arranging to hire busses, and mobilize cars to come out in mass. Thousands of workers are expected to make this Picnic a tremendous demonstration for Independent Working Class Political Action.

ELK ROPIDS, Mich., July 18.—A kidnapping theory was abandoned today after the body of 6-year-old Douglas Fairbanks Holmes, of Elk Rapids, Mich., was found floating in Lake Michigan off the shore of East Grand Traverse Bay.

Socialist Compromise Betrays Vienna Strike

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they ordered back to work employes in various industries, until finally about all that were left out were the railway, postal, telephone and telegraph workers. Even partial service was allowed by the socialists in these industries, and nothing like parades or demonstrations are allowed.

No Public Funeral.
The objects of the strike are constantly stated by socialist leaders to be merely pressure on the cabinet for reforms, and not revolution. Thus when representatives of socialist trade unions met in Vienna and first decided to recognize the transport strike, Otto Bauer, addressing the meeting, declared, "the strike must be continued in order to cure the reactionaries of the illusion that they can misuse their power."

This meeting decided to hold the funerals of the worker victims on Wednesday, at 2 o'clock and to bury all in a single grave at the expense of the city. Only relatives and party officials will be permitted to attend. A memorial will be erected over the common grave. All work will be suspended during the hour of the funerals.

The Seipel cabinet has issued a communique in which it states that it has ten thousand troops from the provinces in the outskirts of the city, and threatens workers with unemployment, hunger, and perhaps a general lockout if they do not yield to authority. In return for submission, and only if there is no more strike, the government signifies its willingness to call parliament into session, and if after "debate without pressure from labor unions" the parliamentary majority for Seipel decides on a coalition cabinet with the socialists, there will be such a coalition. The communique contains many such phrases as "reorganization of the government in due time," etc.

The socialist leaders and the Seipel cabinet unite in urging the workers to maintain order and submit to government rule, and both have issued statements blaming the Communists for starting all the trouble. Only the Seipel statement says that "some of the socialists also implicated."

American Exploiters Cringe.

BERLIN, July 18.—American visitors, who had descended on prostrate Austria like harpies during the post-war period, to enjoy the cheap living, the liquor, music and art, and the pleasure of bossing around underpaid servants were panic stricken when the fighting began, say refugees from the foreign colony, who have arrived here.

George Sylvester Viereck, editor of a pro-German paper in the U. S. during the first years of the world war, has arrived here by automobile and says of those he left behind in Vienna: "Americans in the Hotel Bristol resembled birds before a storm, we were told not to show ourselves before the windows on account of the danger of being shot. We had to stay in the hotel both day and night. Several Americans ventured forth but rushed back in a state of panic at each fresh outburst of shooting."

"At the American embassy we were received politely, but we got no help. Minister Washburn said if the situation became worse he would hire Danube steamers and transport all Americans from Vienna."



Vienna "Department of Justice" Building

This building housed the much hated courts and records by which workers were oppressed. When they rose in their might for a few hours, they captured and burned it.

FACTORY CONSUMERS' COOPERATIVES AS A RESERVE OF PRIVATE TRADE OF GERMANY

In view of the present efforts of the German bourgeoisie to bring into being factory fascism, factory co-operatives assume a special role. Employers are again paying increased attention to the development also of this instrument of attack on the class organizations of the proletariat. In order to win the support of broad circles of society for factory consumers' co-operatives, big industrialists do not scruple to speak openly and brutally about the aim of these institutions.

Thus, the mining assessor von Loewenstein declared at the session of the mine owners of the Ruhr district that the development of the "Socialist and Christian Socialist consumers' co-operatives constituted a peril with which middle class commercial circles have not yet been able to cope. The consumers' co-operative movement constitutes a mighty secret force of the entire Socialist system."

"As there is the risk of the historical trade organs being greatly impaired in the process of revolutionary reorganization, it would be more correct for the trade circles interested to abstain from opposing factory institutions which are beginning — and justly so — to be considered as an important link of the private economy and which are after all only a safeguard for the capable and financially sound private trader."

There is every occasion for the proletarian consumers' co-operative movement to propagate these arguments as widely as possible. They show clearly that the aim of factory consumers' co-operatives, is not, as it is alleged, to make workers' conditions of life easier, but that they are on the contrary important organs of capitalism for the upkeep of the capitalist system of exploitation in general.

ON THE EVE OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE UNION DES COOPERATEURS OF FRANCE

In July general meetings will be held of the sections and also the delegation meeting of the biggest Paris co-operative "Union des Co-operateurs" which embraces 80,000 members and about 150 sections. The co-operative circles of the "Union des Co-operateurs" are doing energetic preliminary work for these meetings. On April 24 there was a session of the Central Committee of co-operative circles with the circle secretaries of the individual sections. The agenda included: preparatory election meetings of circle members and meetings of individual sections of the "Union des Co-operateurs."

The platform of the co-operative circles is laid down in a special declaration dealing with questions of reformist policy, of drawing workers into the leading organs, struggle against taxes, unemployment and war perils. The organ of the National Federation of Revolutionary Co-operative Circles "Le Co-operateur" published a special number with full instructions for the conduct of the campaign.

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RESULTS OF TRUSTIFICATION OF INDUSTRY

The trustification system has scored great successes. The turnover of nine large syndicates has increased from 750 million roubles in 1923-24 to 3.5 billion roubles this year. The relative strength of the syndicates in the general distribution through the syndicates has increased during that period three or four times. The sale of textile goods through the syndicates has increased 82 per cent; leather goods, 51 per cent; kerosene, 99 per cent; silicates, 52 per cent; salt, 99 per cent, etc.

Investments in the Yugostal.
The total capital investments in enterprises of the Yugostal (South Steel Trust) this year will amount to 80 million roubles, which is almost twice as much as last year.

Work is now in progress in restoring four blast furnaces. Work has been started in the construction of a huge blast furnace in the Makeev plant with a capacity of 10 to 12 million poods of cast iron a year. Mary Martin ovens are being restored and their capacity increased and a new one is in construction.

The Yugostal foundries are also restoring the electric motor power.

Work has also been started in enlarging the production of rolled iron and tubes.

However, this capital work is insufficient considering the growing demands on metal products and the accelerated wear and tear of metallurgical plants which are in many cases working at higher pressure than before the war. According to approximate figures, the shortage of cast iron in 1927-28 will be 40 million poods in spite of the increased output of the Yugostal of 12 to 15 per cent. This will necessitate capital investments next year.

Sell Cheaper Than Private Trade.
According to the figures of the People's Commissariat of Finance, the difference in prices between the State and private enterprises is expressed as follows:

Vegetable oil costs in private enterprises 2.62 times as much as before the war, in the cooperatives it costs only 1.61 times as much; salt costs in the cooperatives 1.5 as much as in 1913, and in private enterprises 2.5. Textile prices in the cooperatives are twice as high as before the war and the private enterprises 2.6. Metal commodities are 25 per cent dearer in private enterprises than in co-operatives and silicate goods almost 30 per cent higher. The cooperative and State enterprises sell all manufactured products at considerably lower prices than the private trader.

Workers Cooperative Contest.
Returns are already coming in on the contest for the best cooperative. The Central Workers' Cooperative has already received a communication from the workers' cooperative centre of Sormovo, Nizhegorodsk province. The average reduction of prices of that cooperative between January 1 and June 1 is 11 to 15 per cent. The cutting of prices affected 2,785 items. The financial situation in the Central Workers' Cooperative is absolutely satisfactory. Between October, 1926, and April, 1927, the net profit of the cooperative was 103,239 roubles. The administration and organizational expenses have been reduced from 11.14 per cent to 9.45 per cent of the turnover.

The capital of the cooperative has increased 147 per cent in the course of one year. The turnover is increasing every month. During the last two years it has increased six-fold. The number of shareholders has increased during two years from 7,500 to 16,000.

Seventy-six per cent of the turnover of the Sormovo cooperative falls to articles of primary necessity.

The election campaign of the agricultural co-operatives of the Soviet Union shows, according to statistics in regard to 114 societies of agricultural producers and credit co-operatives, a considerable development of mem-

bers' activity and increased influence on the part of local party organizations in the work and development of the co-operatives. This is accompanied by a steadily growing activity of the poor peasantry, and a strengthening of the bloc between the poor and the middle peasantry in their stand against the kulaks or wealthy.

Members' attendance at meetings vacillates between 25.6 and 62 per cent, whereas last year there was a 35 per cent average attendance. Attendance was even better in the societies of special co-operatives — 60 to 80 per cent of the membership.

Peasants Interested.

The degree of the general activity of co-operative members can be seen by the number of discussion speakers, on an average 17 to every co-operative.

It is also noticeable that the unorganized peasants take an ever-increased interest in co-operative meetings. On an average 60 per cent of the participants in meetings were peasants who are not yet organized in any co-operative. Non-members too took an active part in the meetings and came forward with practical proposals and open criticism.

Fifty-eight per cent of the members of administrative organs were re-elected; this implies stabilization of the movement. Participation of poor and middle peasants in administrative organs has risen from 67.5 per cent last year to 76.4 per cent. Of the members of administrative organs (in 35 societies) 26.4 per cent have no horses and 52.7 per cent only one horse for field work. This corresponds approximately with the social composition of the membership of agricultural co-operatives. The percentage of party members in administrative organs has risen from 14.3 per cent last year to 21.2 per cent.

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Social Democrats in the Vienna Uprising.

The leaders of the social-democracy, the heroes of the second (socialist) international, again exposed before the masses their true character as defenders of the bourgeoisie. When the workers were engaged in street fighting against the government that had set free a group of fascists who had murdered a socialist workman and his child, the leaders of the Vienna socialists appeared before them and pleaded for "order." The workers roared back "traitors, scoundrels, who are disloyal to the working class!"

At times the fury of the masses sweeps them toward ill-advised action when the movement is doomed to defeat. On such occasions it is the imperative duty of responsible leaders to discourage even demonstrations that might lead to severe reprisals and defeat for the working class. But when the demonstrations occur and the masses are actually in the streets, fighting against the capitalist government, it is the duty of responsible leadership to enter into the conflict with all the resources at its command and incite the workers to ever more widespread, violent and audacious action. Instead of standing before them and sermonizing about "order" and submission to "authority," the real leaders of the working class will urge them to retain the arms they have and make raids upon ammunition and arms stores in order to secure more weapons. The workers in the arsenals will be incited to seize and turn over to the masses the means of destruction the capitalist state hopes to hold for itself, and in every way prepare for civil war.

The socialist leaders in Vienna proved themselves utterly servile to the capitalist class by counselling the workers against violence and advising them to go to their homes and adopt a folded-arms policy against the impudent provocations of the Seipel government that affronted the whole working class by setting free the fascist murderers. Had the workers followed the advice of such leaders the rising would have been crushed in the most frightful manner, thousands of workers would have died and the fascists would have established their supremacy in the government.

After being hooted down and stigmatized by the revolutionary rank and file of their own Party the social-democratic leaders retired to their editorial sanctums and again advised the workers against revolution by urging them to refrain from street fighting and to remain in their homes during a one-day protest strike. Says the manifesto of the social-democrats:

"We do not want a collision between the workmen and the soldiers of the republican army. Therefore comrades, no demonstrations, but a silent, dignified and complete protest strike for twenty-four hours."

Those who, in such a situation, urge a general strike for anything other than the mobilization of the workers for revolution are traitors to the working class. Every military organization of any stripe, republican guard or standing army, that has not gone over to the side of the workers, must be fought.

Social-democracy is always the final bulwark of capitalism. Since the monstrous betrayal of the international working class by these leaders in 1914 this fact has been demonstrated in every important labor struggle on earth. Vienna is only one more example of their role as enemies of labor.

Further Butcheries in Nicaragua

Language is utterly inadequate to describe the infamy of the policy of the Washington government toward the people of Nicaragua, its bestial suppression of the duly constituted government of Sacasa, its enthroning of the despised Wall Street marionette, Diaz; its despatching of Henry L. Stimson to try by deception to induce the liberal masses to lay down their arms and cease resistance to the agent of American capitalism who illegally occupied the presidential chair. If ever there was an example of brazen imperialist conquest it is the ravaging of Nicaragua, simply because the United States wants to defend the investments of its millionaires in that country and at the same time extend its control over Central and South American republics and obtain a site for the construction of another canal that will be useful for more extensive military depredations.

The latest act of banditry was perpetrated Sunday at Ocotol when airplanes connected with the marines, those gun-men of imperialism, who have terrorized many a republic into submission to Wall Street, dropped bombs upon some inhabitants of that unfortunate country who refused to give up their arms. Some three hundred in all were massacred without any chance whatsoever of repelling the attack. The bombing plane has come to be the approved instrument for mass murder of defenseless populations. The French used such instruments of death and destruction against the rebels in Syria when they stormed Damascus eighteen months ago, the British recently used planes to spread terror among the inhabitants of the borderland between Tibet and India, the United States has used them on many occasions, but never before has there been such a wholesale massacre with American bombing planes.

The excuse for the massacre was that the followers of General Sandino were occupying American mining property in Ocotol. This is a plain admission that the marines and other forces are in Nicaragua to protect investments of Wall Street.

This wholesale slaughter cannot make the United States more despised in the southern republics than it was already, but it ought to arouse the workers of this country to demand that American troops get out of Nicaragua and stay out. The reply to this latest outrage must be a closer alliance between the workers of the United States and of the Latin-American republics for a joint fight against imperialism.

HOW GENEVA BEGINS TO LOOK TO THE SMALL TAXPAYER



Some Problems of the United Front in China

By H. M. WICKS.

RECENT events in China have emphasized the fact that it is just as important for Communists to know precisely when and how to break with other social groups as it is to know how and when to unite with them. The decisive action by the Communist International against the Central Committee of the Chinese Party for failing to break with the elements in the Wuhan government that were fighting against the workers and peasants again serves to bring before us the problem of united front tactics.

The present crisis in the Chinese revolution is the result of the peculiar conditions under which the movement developed. Predominantly a peasant country, the introduction of capitalist production by the imperialist powers developed in a short time a proletariat that stands forth as the most powerful independent class in the country—the class whose destiny it is to take the lead in ANY revolutionary movement against imperialism. But in this struggle the working class, under the leadership of the Communists, must defend the interests of the seething masses of peasantry and energetically fight for peasant demands in order to win the support of that class and bring it into conscious political action against the imperialist ravagers of the country. The growth of the capitalist class did not keep relative pace with the development of industry and the growth of the proletariat organized around that industry. Profits of most industrial establishments went to enrich still more the imperialist investors. Naturally the bourgeoisie was not able to become a powerful factor in China. It hasn't sufficient vitality to lead an independent political existence and must find allies in order to survive. It perceived that its stultification, its underdevelopment, was due to the oppression of the imperialists, therefore it was impelled, in the beginning of the nationalist movement, toward a bloc with the workers, the peasantry and the small bourgeoisie.

It was also inevitable that, at a certain stage in the development of the revolution, when the workers and peasants put forward revolutionary class demands, the bourgeoisie would desert the united national revolutionary front and go over to the side of the counter-revolution. During the height of the northern drive against the feudal militarist regime of Chang Tso-lin and the Peking government the militarist adventurer, Chiang Kai-shek, considered that the opportune moment had arrived to effect a counter-revolutionary coup and stifle the demands of the workers and peasants. Of utmost significance is the fact that this general, in an effort to establish a bonapartist regime in the interest of the big bourgeoisie, the feudal militarists and the imperialists, named his reactionary organization the Koumintang—the Party under which the revolutionary struggle was being carried on.

The reason for the fight over the right to claim title to the Koumintang is because it is the special organizational form under which the revolution developed in China; an organization within which were united for the

common aim of an anti-imperialist struggle the various classes in China. Within the Koumintang the various groups pursued their special aims. The Communists, because of the fact that they are the vanguard of the proletariat, because they represented an independent force, a special class, always reserved the right of criticism of the shortcomings and waverings of other elements within the Koumintang. In fact it is only such conditions that Communists can unite with any other group because to abandon the right of criticism is to abandon the revolutionary struggle, to give up the struggle for the domination by the working class of the revolutionary movement and turn it over to the less stable elements who would lead it to disaster.

It is the special historical significance of the Koumintang, its great importance as a political factor in the country that made it imperative for the Communists to fight against any attempt to use its name and traditions for counter-revolutionary purposes. It is this fact also that made ridiculous the demands of the opposition elements in the All-Union Communist Party (Trotsky, Radek & Co.) that the Communists in China leave the Koumintang. To do so would have played directly into the hands of the agents of the imperialists.

WHEN Chiang Kai-shek went over into the camp of the counter-revolution it was not difficult to perceive the necessity for a decisive break with him. Not only was he denounced, but it was recognized by every Communist that to even discuss the healing of the breach with him and the national bourgeoisie that he represented would be a betrayal of the revolution. No compromise was possible with these cut-throats.

But after the apostasy of Chiang the Communists within the Wuhan (Hankow) government were so fearful of further struggles within the Koumintang that the submerged their revolutionary demands and permitted the remaining agents of the bourgeoisie within the government to try to pave the way for delivering the movement into the hands of its enemies. When the majority in the government of Wuhan permitted Feng Yu-hsiang, the so-called christian general, to negotiate with Chiang Kai-shek they should have been openly repudiated by the Communists because to compromise in any way with Chiang and those of the former right wing of the Koumintang who had succeeded could result only in betrayal. The conference between the feudal militarist generals resulted in the two of them uniting against the revolution. This second betrayal was followed by the defection of General Tang Shen-yi who dispatched a telegram to the Wuhan government demanding that they drive out the Communists, which was a prelude to an open attack upon the workers.

Encourage the agrarian revolution; to courage to action tens of millions of peasants, arm as many of them as possible, disarm the enemies of the revolution and proceed in the midst of the fiercest civil war to build up a new army—an army composed of the revolutionary workers and peasants that could establish and safeguard a class government that could realize the revolutionary democratic dictatorship of the workers and peasants.

THE failure to act decisively against the traitors in the Wuhan government is one of the most colossal blunders in the whole history of the revolutionary movement. It tremendously aids the imperialists who finance the counter-revolution (this fact needs no proof for the simple reason that all revolutionists know that without support from the imperialists no serious danger could be encountered from the national bourgeoisie). Instead of strengthening and consolidating its own organization as the best guarantee for the success of the revolution the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China forgot these tasks and completely identified itself with the other elements of the government. So afraid was that committee of offending its associates in the united front that it forgot its own revolutionary duty to the working class. It was warned against such errors by the last plenum of the Executive Committee of the Communist International but did not correct them.

Especially was the Central Committee criminally negligent in its revolutionary duty when the Wuhan government permitted, in fact sanctioned, the disarming of the trades unions and other workers' organizations. Instead of silently permitting this monstrous crime against the revolution to be carried out the Communist leaders should have denounced the government and exposed their former associates before the masses and demanded that the armed workers disperse them. Such decisive action would have brought about the capitulation of the wavering, unstable elements of the Wuhan government and enabled the Communists, in the name of the workers, peasants and small bourgeoisie, to carry on a definitely revolutionary policy against the feudal militarists as well as the military agents of the compradors and the imperialists.

Of course it goes without saying that immediate open warfare against the combined enemy forces was impossible. The presence of the imperialist forces makes such action exceedingly difficult and implies long and careful preparation. But the Communists can, even now, without Wuhan, carry on a revolutionary struggle, by striving to develop to the highest possible point the peasant insurrections through working toward an extension of the "red spear" organizations, and other armed peasant fighting units. These organizations could be united with the workers organizations, the revolutionary army units and other organs that could be mobilized against the counter-revolution. While it was not possible openly to fight the imperialists and their agents it was possible to carry on agitation for

DRAMA

Florence Stern and Dorsha Head Program Benefit Daily Worker

Florence Stern, distinguished American violin virtuoso, has just been engaged to play for the gigantic Carnival and Fair, which THE DAILY WORKER is offering at Pleasant Bay Park, Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24. Miss Stern needs no introduction to American music lovers, having appeared in the important music halls and concert stages of the United States, Canada and Europe.

She has just returned to New York City after a very successful tour out of town and is now busily engaged preparing her programs for the Fall, when she expects to play at Carnegie Hall, and Town Hall.

Among the many valuable letters sent to this artist by world renowned musicians commending her rare talent, Florence treasures one from Professor Leopold Auer, her teacher during the period, which states: "After having repeatedly listened to you, I take great pleasure in stating that you are one of the most extraordinary violin geniuses that ever came to my personal notice. . ."

Dorsha, celebrated everywhere as a dancer of the first rank, will also be heavily featured on the program. At present negotiations are in progress with Matesevich for his services.



The brilliant violinist will be one of chief features at the Carnival and Fair next Saturday and Sunday.

The DAILY WORKER expects a crowd of about 10,000 at this unique affair. Interesting side shows, the sort that characterize the amusement parks at Coney Island, and other places, sporting events, vaudeville de luxe, and dancing will comprise the remaining events at the Carnival.

CURRENT EVENTS

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England and the United States will ever engage in a way with each other. Yet both powers are building battleships against each other. Now, ambassador Gibson is going to ask the British delegates to give up their naval bases along the American coast and the Panama canal in return for a concession on the question of gun calibre.

Two New Air Routes.
WASHINGTON, July 18. — The post office department announced today the establishment of two new air mail routes, as follows: 1.—Atlanta to New Orleans, via Birmingham and Mobile; 2.—Memphis to St. Louis. Bids for both will be opened on August 18th.

The contract for carrying air mail between Key West and Havana, Cuba was awarded today to the Pan-American Airways of New York. The company bid 40½ cents a pound.

mutiny within the ranks of the counter-revolutionary armies.

THE failure of the leadership of the Chinese Party properly to carry out the united front again emphasizes the dangerous illusion that people who have fought side by side with us in other battles not involving the proletarian struggle for power should not be treated as enemies at the first false move. Many comrades imagine that our associates in united front manoeuvres should be given plenty of time in which to retrieve themselves and cannot understand that it may and frequently is quite possible and necessary to work side by side with certain elements one day and be forced to crush them the next day. To deal softly with such elements may be gentlemanly and irreproachable from the standpoint of such bourgeois illusions as good fellowship and courtesy, but it is utterly unparadonable in a revolutionist.

In the development of a revolutionary struggle the line between a correct Leninist position and opportunism must be correctly perceived. To yield to opportunism, to evade

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Mail this application to the Workers Party, 108 East 14th Street, New York City; or if in other city to Workers Party, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Distribute the Ruthenberg pamphlet, "The Workers' (Communist) Party, What it Stands For and Why Workers Should Join." This Ruthenberg pamphlet will be the basic pamphlet through the Ruthenberg Drive.

Every Party Nucleus must collect 50 cents from every member and will receive 20 pamphlets for every member to sell or distribute.

Nuclei in the New York District will get their pamphlets from the District office—108 East 14th St.

Nuclei outside of the New York District write to THE DAILY WORKER publishing Co., 33 East First Street, New York City, or to the National Office, Workers Party, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

the fight against one's former associates, when they no longer go forward on the road to revolution, is objectively a betrayal of the struggle. Inaction, a negative attitude, can do as much and frequently more harm to the revolution as action in the interest of the counter-revolution, because the inaction of leaders paralyzes the action of the masses who in case of open betrayal of the revolution would furiously revolt.

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TRACTION STRIKE IN A WEEK OR SO SAYS UNION HEAD

Workers Refuse to Sign Yellow Dog Contract

That the city will see a subway strike of the first magnitude within the next few weeks seems to be a foregone conclusion. This is the opinion of J. H. Coleman, organizer for the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Workers.

Hedley is reported to have said that if the company recognized the Amalgamated ninety-five per cent of its employes would strike in protest. In reply to this Coleman said that no one is his right senses would believe so ridiculous a statement, not even Hedley himself.

The new yellow dog contract which the I. R. G. is circulating among its workers for signatures is not meeting with success. Most of the men are showing a fighting spirit and the Brotherhood workers are having a hard time getting names.

Left Wing Furriers Win in Boston

(Continued from Page One) American Civil Liberties Union should be represented; (3) following this election, a convention of the International to which delegates should be elected on the basis of local union membership; (4) abolition of gangsters; (5) an agreement to begin immediately the enforcement of the contract signed with the Joint Board at the close of the strike last year.

"Mr. Markewich stated at the conference that the A. F. of L. would agree to peace if it could save its face in any way; so in the interests of peace and unity both Mr. Shapiro and I agreed not to run for any paid office at the coming election. This Mr. Markewich interprets, in a statement made yesterday, to mean that the 'leaders of the Joint Board are interested in personal prestige and are fighting for selfish motives'—which seems to me queer reasoning.

"Perfectly Ridiculous." "Mr. Markewich also says that I sought reinstatement in the union because I plan to go to Russia and want to be a member of the A. F. of L. in good standing. This too is a product of his imagination and is perfectly ridiculous.

"I will take no trips to Russia, or any place else. I will continue with the fur workers in their fight until they win democracy in their union and a guarantee of union conditions.

"The rejection of the Joint Board's terms of peace revealed more than ever before that the A. F. of L. leaders fear an honest election and that they seek to deprive the fur workers of the right to choose their own representatives."

Frenchy's Gang in Action. Morris Nemeser, active member of the Workers (Communist) Party, was brutally beaten up by members of Frenchy's gang Friday evening when they broke up an open air meeting at 110th St. and Fifth Ave., being conducted by the Unity Committee of the furriers, cloak and dressmakers.

When H. Schiller, who was the first speaker had been addressing the meeting for several minutes a man in the crowd who was carrying a small boy, started to interrupt him. When members of the committee requested him to keep quiet he gave a signal, and over 60 gangsters who were recognized as members of Frenchy's organization, rushed into the crowd hitting in all directions. No one was spared as the black jacks and lead pipes were brot down upon the heads of the workers. Among those who were more severely beaten up was Frank Brownstein, a member of the Furriers' Union.

When the workers had been chased

Military Maneuvers on October Field Explain New Tactics on Defense

MOSCOW, July 18.—The culminating point of Defence Week was an enormous mass demonstration of labor on October Field, at which an experiment in mass military mobilization and maneuvers was successfully carried out amidst the cheers of hundreds of thousands of spectators. All this took place with great enthusiasm, in spite of the bad weather. The speakers were Yenukidze, Voroshiloff and Bukharin.

8 Workers Asphyxiated Under River While at Work Building Tunnel

LONG ISLAND CITY, July 18.—Fumes from a donkey engine employed for hoisting at the bottom of a fifty foot shaft at the foot of Nott avenue, part of the construction of the new Fifty-third street subway, today asphyxiated eight workers, members of a gang working in the shaft and in the preliminary tunnel under the river. A number of other workers were affected.

Four of the men were taken to St. John City, suffering from carbon monoxide gas poisoning. They were Carmine Tinaglio, Harold Moslem, Edward Whitney and James Holcomb, all of Manhattan.

Strike of Tie Workers Is Possible August 31 When Contract Expires

A strike by the 5,000 tie workers of this city is possible August 31 when the union's contract with the bosses expires.

In a statement issued by the union it is pointed out that the home work on ties is endangering the welfare of organized workers. "The ties sewed at home," the statement continues, "are being sold in the market as the most expensive ties. Meanwhile compensation for work on these ties is far below the wages paid those who work in the factories and sew the ties by machine."

In all directions, the thugs divided themselves into small committees to hunt for militant workers to beat up. While this right wing reign of terror was going on, the police department was conspicuous by its absence.

A little over an hour later, a committee of gangsters spied Morris Nemeser, who was walking with several other workers. When one of the right wing scouts who was attached to the committee in the position of guide, pointed him out to his colleagues, they started to chase him.

Use Lead Pipes. After running for three blocks Nemeser was overtaken by the right wing henchmen who felled him with a lead pipe. While he was helpless on the sidewalk the guerrillas kicked him in the ribs.

When taken to Mount Sinai Hospital, three stitches were necessary to sew Nemeser's head. It was also discovered that he was suffering from broken ribs. He is now confined to bed in his home in the Bronx.

When workers went to the 106th St. police station to notify them of the assaults, the police refused to give any attention to the workers' complaints. The workers were told that as far as the police department was concerned, there had been no trouble and they would not make any attempt to arrest those responsible. When informed of this, many workers compared this point of view with the way the police act when they arrest workers wholesale in the fur market, when they conduct peaceful picketing.

Big Picket Demonstration. A large picketing demonstration was held in the fur market yesterday morning. There were no arrests, although the police department was well represented by mounted men, patrolmen and the industrial squad, who were eagerly waiting for an opportunity to get into action against the striking workers.

PARTY ACTIVITIES NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY

Open Air Meetings Tonight. Rutgers Square. Speakers: Bimba, H. Gordon, Lillienstein and Bert Miller.

Unit 4-2A Meets Today. Factory District 4 of Subsection 2A meets today 6:15 p. m. at 108 East 14th St., Room 41.

Coney Island Meeting Tonight. An educational meeting of International Branch 5, Coney Island, will be held tonight, 8:30 p. m. at 2901 West 29th St. Comrade Katz will lead a discussion on the fundamentals of Communism. After the discussion the final arrangements for The DAILY WORKER booth will be taken up. The time is short so all members must be present.

Educational Meeting Tonight. An educational meeting of Section 5 will be held this evening, 8:30 p. m. at 1347 Boston Road. D. Benjamin will lecture on "To Whom Does the American Revolution Belong?"

Bronx Class Starts Tonight. The Bronx Section of the Y. W. L. will give a five week course for those young comrades who desire to receive an elementary political education. The class will be held at 1347 Boston Road every Tuesday evening beginning tonight. Admission free.

Educational Meeting Tonight. An educational meeting will be held today by F. D. 2, S. S. 2 A at 6:30 p. m. Topic: The American Revolution. All welcome.

H. M. Wicks Speaks Wednesday. All members of International Branch 1 should attend the sub-section meeting Wednesday evening at 108 East 14th St. Comrade Wicks will address the meeting.

Educational Meeting Wednesday. Subsection 2-B will hold an educational meeting Wednesday evening, 6:30 p. m. at 100 West 28th St. E. Dorf will lecture on "The Importance of Participation in Election Campaigns."

Open Air Meetings Thursday. Second Ave. and 10th St. Speakers: Cowl, Paterson, Garnett, Powers, Goldberg, Reiss and B. Rubin. St. Anns Ave. and 188th St. Speakers: Baum, Glazin, Evans and McDonald. Mermaid Ave. and West 25th St., Coney Island. Speakers: Bimba, Ehrlich and Powers.

Bronx Y. W. L. Meet Thursday. The Bronx Section of the Young Workers League meets every Thursday, 8:30 p. m. at 1347 Boston Road.

Mass Meeting July 27. A mass meeting for the defense of the Soviet Union will be held Wednesday, July 27, 7 p. m. at Bryant Hall, Sixth Ave. near 42nd St. Speakers will be J. Louis Engdahl, Joseph Freeman and M. J. Olgin. Auspices of Section 2.

Hammer Affair October 1. "The Hammer," Jewish Communist monthly, will hold a ball Saturday, October 1st at the Star Casino. All organizations are requested not to arrange any affair for that night.

Important Notice. ALL MATERIAL FOR THE DAILY WORKER CARNIVAL MUST BE DELIVERED TO ROOM 35, 108 EAST 14TH STREET, NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY NIGHT.

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THROUGS RESPOND TO COMMUNIST CALL FOR WAR AGAINST NEW WAR

(Special to The DAILY WORKER.) CLEVELAND, Ohio (By Mail).—One of the largest gatherings ever assembled at the call of the Workers (Communist) Party here joined in the demonstration in the Public Square against "The War Danger." The speakers were J. Louis Engdahl, editor of The DAILY WORKER, and Israel Amter, district organizer of the Party.

It was in this Public Square, the central spot in Cleveland, that C. E. Ruthenberg, in 1917, called on great masses of workers to refuse to be conscripted for the imperialist war that the United States entered in that year. For this he was sentenced to a year's imprisonment.

There was an inspiring response to the plea of Organizer Amter that workers join in the Ruthenberg Drive now being conducted by the Workers (Communist) Party to win new members for the Party and an increasing support for the Party press.

Recently a big demonstration against the legalized murder of Sacco and Vanzetti was held in the Public Square here.

Labor Organizations Lecture Course by Freeman Begins Tonight. Joe Freeman will conduct a course of 10 lectures on "Imperialism and Race" under the auspices of the Institute for Social Study at 170 West 130th Street. The class will meet every Tuesday night at eight o'clock. The first session will be held tonight.

While the topic has peculiar significance for the colored population of Harlem, it is also of vital importance to others who wish to know the true trend of world affairs. A syllabus of the entire course and any further information may be had by writing to the director, Richard B. Moore, at 211 W. 140th Street.

For Freiheit Bazaar. At the last meeting of the Central Body of the United Council of Workingclass Housewives, it was decided that the UCWH have one large booth at the Freiheit Bazaar in October at the Madison Square Garden. All councils are asked to cooperate with the executive office and lot to make any individual arrangements.

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Amalgamated T. U. E. L. Holds Important Meeting This Evening at 8 O'clock

An important meeting of the Amalgamated Section Trade Union Educational League will be held tonight at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East Fourth Street, at 8 o'clock. All Amalgamated members, including shirtmakers, should attend this meeting as questions of vital interest will be taken up.

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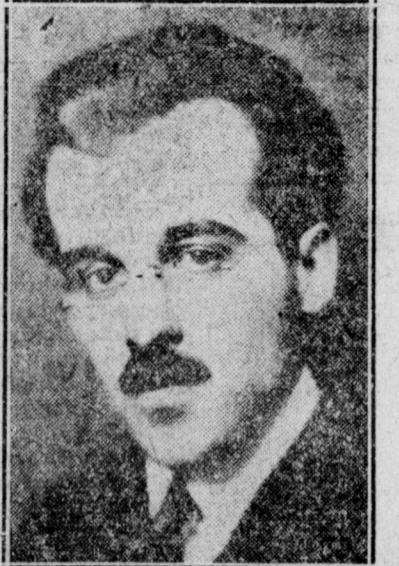
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DAILY WORKER CARNIVAL SUNDAY ONLY, JULY 24; CHANGE MADE TO AID JOINT DEFENSE CONCERT

Once again The DAILY WORKER has placed itself squarely on the map as a working class paper. For many months the DAILY WORKER was preparing for the big two-day carnival and fair to be held at Pleasant Bay Park, July 23 and 24. The income from this gigantic affair was intended to defray the tremendous legal expenses involved in defending The DAILY WORKER and its staff from the attack of powerful patriotic societies and the federal government.

When the Management Committee of The DAILY WORKER received the news of the unfortunate postponement of the wonderful concert and ballet for the benefit of the cloakmakers and furriers, it was decided that everything must be done by The DAILY WORKER in order to insure the success of the Joint Defense Committee affair, and that nothing must be done that would in any way interfere with it. The DAILY WORKER Management Committee has therefore decided to call off one day of the carnival and fair, leaving Saturday completely free for the Joint Defense concert. As a working class newspaper The DAILY WORKER is willing to make this sacrifice, in the interests of the needle workers.

The program has been so arranged that all the numbers and attractions which were planned for Saturday will be crowded in on Sunday, so as to make it a program memorable in the radical movement of New York. The Flower Dance will be held on Sunday afternoon, and the Moonlight Chauv Souris and All Star Vaudeville will be held on Sunday evening. The vaudeville program includes: Florence Stern, the noted concert violinist, Dasha, the famous interpretiva dancer, the Scottish Highland Fling Dancers, Fred Ellis and William Gropper, the noted labor cartoonists, Jessie Weinstein, contralto, George Krin, the well-known lyric tenor, Sam Nessin, in a monologue guaranteed to make you scream, a thrilling gymnastic troupe, Comrade Kornobel, folk dancer, and many other attractions. Efforts are being made to secure Pauline Royce to lead the mass singing and games. The program will begin at 10 A. M. on Sunday in order to accommodate the full program.

Workers Menaced By Frame Houses In Queens Slums

The acres of cheap flimsy match-box houses that line the outlying streets of Queens and that promise to become the worst slum in New York were investigated yesterday by Senator James L. Whitley and his associates who have been investigating housing conditions in the city. The investigation is being conducted in connection with the proposed revision of the tenement house law.

The lives of thousands of workers are in constant danger because of the fire hazard. "There is no doubt," said Henry Wright, architect and housing expert, "that if a fire broke out in the southern part of Queens and in the neighborhood of Rockaway Boulevard on some night when there was a strong wind blowing from the sea it would take in the entire section."

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Join the Navy and See the Cooler

By CHARLES YALE HARRISON.

Wherever the unemployed gather in crowds—Union Square, the Bowery, or Battery Park; multi-colored navy enlistment posters are to be found. "Uncle Sam Wants You!" or "Let The Navy Train You!" Enticing lithographs (New York's a tough burg when a guy's out of work) showing the cool spray of the surf on the beach at Waikiki, another showing a couple of hula-hula girls shaking a basketful of shredded wheat (the dames look hot and wilted on Fourteenth St.).

More alluring scenes all of which originate in the elastic imagination of the navy's advertising artist. The green coolness of a Chinese temple with a couple of many-looking gobs unobtrusively watching the mysterious rites—another—a group of U. S. sailors garbed in cool tropical whites, watching a gang of Haitians sweating, stripped naked under a broiling equatorial sun (contrast—no hard work in the navy)—still another—a group of officers and men taking in the sights at Guam (idea to be conveyed—no social distinctions in the navy, just one big happy family), many posters, many slogans, and every now and then some hungry worker enlists. But what really happens after his enlistment. Let's see!

"THE NAVY OFFERS YOU A POSITION FOR LIFE."

That's what Captain Ridley McLean, U. S. N., says in a remarkably frank book called *The Bluejackets Manual* (you get one free when you join) and it has a foreword written by the secretary of the navy. Says the doughty captain on page 13 of the aforesaid manual, "Few men realize the full value of a 'position for life,' . . . as far as actual pay is concerned, a man who behaves himself and tries to get ahead, is much better off in the service than out of it."

What is meant by "behaves himself"? Simply this. Obey every order, rule and regulation contained in the manual—it has only 807 pages! For the slightest infraction of a rule your pay is docked. And any gob will tell you it's a physical impossibility to keep "a clean slate."

I quote from the valiant captain's opus throuot. "Neglect of duty. Offences under this classification may vary in nature from minor cases—such, for example, as 'late at muster,' or 'slow in sweeping down'—to neglecting to close water-tight doors when it is your duty to do so." There are hundreds of rules which may be broken and for every infraction there is an appropriate punishment.

Ten minutes are allowed to "stow hammocks" after reveille. If more is taken you go "on report." Neglect of duty. If you smoke after "turn to"—more neglect of duty. "Smoking in any part of the ship during divine service is forbidden"—another offence. "Men are not permitted to lean on the life lines." "No person in the navy shall act as a correspondent for a newspaper or a periodical." Letters to newspapers complaining of conditions on board ship comes under this ruling. More infractions—more punishments. "Whistling is never permitted on board ship." Buckets must be put in one place, scrubbing brushes in another, if they swap places some poor gob is out of luck. Hundreds and hundreds of rules; every rule means a possible infraction.

"YOU'RE IN THE NAVY NOW!"

With almost every infraction of a rule comes confinement and the loss of pay. When you are tried by a "deck court" or a summary court-martial the inevitable loss of pay is included in the punishment. Well may the gob dolefully sing,

You're in the navy now,
You're not behind a plow,
You'll never get rich
You — of a —
You're in the navy now.

Punishment in the navy may be assigned in four different ways, says Captain McLean on pages 21-22 of the manual:

"1. The captain is authorized to assign certain punishments; as a rule, these are sufficiently severe to punish minor offences only."

"2. Deck Courts.—If the captain thinks you ought to get more severe punishment than he is authorized to assign, but that your case is not sufficiently serious for a summary court martial, he may order a deck court. Such a court is not authorized to assign more severe punishment than 20 days confinement and 20 days loss of pay."

"3. If your offence is still more serious, the captain orders you to be tried by a summary court-martial. Such a court can sentence you to 30 days' solitary confinement and to loss of three months' pay, or to a bad conduct discharge."

"4. In case of a very serious offence, the commander-in-chief or secretary of the navy may order a general court-martial. As a rule this court-martial sentences a guilty person to imprisonment at hard labor, loss of pay and dishonorable discharge. The prison term may vary from six months to any number of years," depending upon the offence."

"The prison term may vary to any number of years." Gone the bright hued pictures of Honolulu—no taking it easy where the Chinese temple bells call at eventide—no white "ducks" or an aristocratic pith helmet taking in the sights at Colon or Belboa. For an infraction of the rules, instead you may find yourself in a navy cooler doing "ten years hard."

And once you have been sentenced there is no appeal. For as Captain McLean says, a court-martial is the highest military bar, "no one, not even the president, can order it to reverse a decision. An approving authority can mitigate its punishment, but can neither commute nor increase it."

The navy is such a swell institution that the desertion laws are almost barbaric in their intensity. Of course the posters down at Battery Park were all the bunk, sure they were. Swabbing a deck or stoking in a coal hole that would sear the lining of your lungs—"Learn a Trade and See the World." Yeah. From the dirty end of a port-hole.

Listen to McLean. "Few men realize how frequently deserters are captured . . . owing to the increased reward which has been offered 30 per cent of the men who desert are either captured or voluntarily surrender. Many times deserters are captured by the civil service men (who keep up with all deserters) after they have married and have families. These civil police are all over the United States, and many of them live on the rewards which they receive by apprehending deserters."

You see, it's this way, the navy is so anxious for you to have a good time that they'd hate to see you miss all that wonderful fun they promised you down in the tropics and out on the cool surf at Waikiki and listening to the tinkling of the temple bells in some Chinese garden. Why they'd even pay civil service dicks to get you back. . . . There's always a rat low enough to do any dirty job.

Any added comment to this cold-blooded recital would be superfluous.
Nice life!
Join the navy and see the cooler.

Against the War Danger

The Future War and the Working Class

IV.
By D. MARETZKY.
(Continued.)

Every social system must have a special economic character, must represent a special type of production relations. Every significant "economy" in history must also correspond to a special "policy," a special "concentrated expression." Accordingly, the third line of the chain—war—can only form a special "continuation" of the given policy, and, according to the epoch and circumstances, can possess only various social sense of class. It is just by the consequent class treatment of the question of war that Marxism and Leninism are distinguished from all bourgeois and petty-bourgeois conceptions of war.

The view that Marx and Engels were opponents of war in general is an opportunist misrepresentation. Only pacifists from the bourgeois and the Social-Democratic camp, ostensible opponents of war, can make Marx and Engels out to be Tolstoians or disciples of Voltaire. This tick of the pacifists is a match for the Social Democratic falsehood that Marx was an opponent of "force" in general and consequently also an "opponent" of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

From the standpoint of revolutionary Marxism and Leninism the decisive point is: which class is making war; this must also decide the attitude of the international proletarian revolutionaries towards this or that war. Every effort to group wars only according to characteristics "beyond class," the distinction of wars into "wars of defence" and "wars of attack," into "just" and "unjust," civilized and barbarian wars—can only lead the working class into confusion, to casuistic sophisms, and is at bottom—as was shamefully confirmed by the experience of the years 1914-1918—only a device for deceiving the masses.

Beneficial Wars.

If a war is made by a progressive class against a reactionary one, if a war is made by a revolutionary government against a reactionary power, if a war robs a class of "positions of influence" which impede the development of productive powers, such war will be a paramount progressive factor. Conversely, if a reactionary State makes war upon a revolutionary State, or reactionary States fight for a "redistribution of the world" it is then a reactionary, predatory war, against which revolutionaries must fight with all their strength.

Formerly the bourgeoisie carried on progressive "wars of national emancipation" severed the feudal shackles by force of arms, broke down the petrified barriers of production and thereby "lead the nation forwards." Even today the bourgeoisie or a portion thereof are capable for a certain period of carrying on a "progressive," "just" war in their own countries (namely, those suffering oppression under imperialism).

An example in recent times, which all will remember: The army of revolutionary China, under bourgeois commanders, defeated the army of the northern military, of the agents and "compradors" of the imperialism of Great Britain, Japan and the United States. A portion of the Chinese bourgeoisie was able during the first phases of development of the revolution to make a revolutionary war against reactionary foreign imperialism.

Chiang Kai Shek, the authorized representative of the Chinese bourgeoisie at this stage of development of the national freedom movement, conducted the revolutionary war of the people against reaction. This is the historic difference between the bourgeois Chiang Kai Shek and, for instance, the Socialist Minister Kerenki, who, in the year 1917, in the name of "fulfillment of duty to the allies," i.e., the entente imperialists incited the Russian soldiers to take the offensive.

The Reactionary Trend.

The revolution in Shanghai, in which Chiang Kai Shek played the part of a Chinese Cavaignac, amounted to an immense social "regrouping of the ranks" in the camp of the national freedom movement and to the going over of the Chinese bourgeoisie to the camp of reaction, a desertion which the Comintern had foreseen and of which they had in

their resolutions and instructions warned the Chinese Communists. The shootings in Shanghai in April of this year constitute a blood demarcation in the history of the Chinese revolution whereby the Chinese bourgeoisie cut themselves off from the possibility of taking the leadership in a progressive national war of emancipation.

All Imperialist Wars Reactionary.

The wars, which the present-day imperialists are making, cannot be progressive in the slightest degree; they are reactionary, predatory wars. For imperialism, per se, Capitalism in a state of decay, is—according to Lenin's statement—a thoroughly predatory, reactionary system.

"From being a liberator of the nations, which Capitalism was in its fight against feudalism, Imperialistic Capitalism has become the greatest oppressor of the nations. Progressive Capitalism has been converted to reaction; it has developed productive power to such an extent that there remains nothing else for humanity to do but adopt Socialism or suffer for years and decades the armed fight of 'great powers' for the artificial maintenance of Capitalism by means of colonies, monopolies, privileges and through national oppression of every kind" (Lenin, from the brochure "Socialism and War").

Messrs. Scheidemann, Renaudel, Turati and the whole of interparliamentary Social Democracy, which, during the years 1914 to 1918, solicited with such zeal among the working class of devotees of the imperialist slaughter, committed an unprecedented piece of villany against the literary heritage of Marx in forcing into a radically different setting, in the relations of imperialism war, isolated statements of Engels' concerning the progressive tendencies of the former bourgeois, national wars of emancipation.

The Revolutionary Offensive.

In the present epoch of the decline of capitalism a progressive war can be carried on only by the progressive class, by the revolutionary proletariat (a civil war, if the proletariat fights for the possession of power, a class war, if, after the capture of the reins of government, war is carried on against imperialistic armies).

The proletariat organized as a State power may (under especially favorable conditions, with the greatest precaution and with the requisite social rearguard, and, particularly, with a firm alliance of the workers and peasants, and when there exists sharp difference of opinion in the camp of imperialism, etc.) take up a revolutionary offensive war in aid of the proletariat rising or in open revolt in other countries.

Soviet Union Is Defiant.

The working class organized as a State power not only has the right, but is in duty bound, to carry on a revolutionary war of defence when attacked by imperialists. The policy of "non-resistance" in the matter of imperialist attack would be treachery against the international revolution: The Bolsheviks would be criminals if they did not consolidate the capability of the country of proletarian dictatorship to defend itself. "We have become defenders of home and country, but such as defend the positions of Socialism," said Lenin.

The Communist Party of the Soviet Union must strengthen the military power of the Soviet Union and defend themselves by force of arms and with the utmost energy in case the Soviet Union is attacked by the Imperialists and their Fascist vassals. The Communists of the other countries, as well as the honest workers of the whole world, are in duty bound to lend all their strength and means towards helping the proletarian State in its revolutionary defensive fight.

(To be continued.)

Youths Drown.

Two bodies found floating off Staten Island early yesterday, were later identified as being those of Edward Maynard, 15 years old and his friend, Aloysius Diehl, 16 years old, both of Jersey City.

Diehl was found floating in Prince's Bay, off the foot of Arbutus Ave., Hugenot. The body of Maynard was found in New York Bay off Graham Beach. The youths were drowned while in bathing Sunday.

BUY THE DAILY WORKER AT THE NEWSSTANDS

My Prison Sun

By DAVID GORDON.

No Homer's rosy-fingered dawn
Designs the prison's heaven;
No rain can ever stop that sun
From rising just at seven.

You'll never find the sun at noon
Shining overhead and hot,
You'll only see a yellow glow
Burning sick above my cot.
No setting sun ensnares my sight
With mystic colors, hues and taints,
Without a warning night-time comes,
My steel-walled cell with darkness paints.

My incandescent prison sun,
Which does not shine from heaven,
From seven eats my eyes; sets nine,
To rise again at seven.

FRENCH PROPAGANDA ABOUT A GERMAN-AUSTRIAN ALIGNMENT

Taking advantage of the precarious situation in Europe and Asia, which threatens again to embroil the world in another war, the official and semi-official French press is raising the scare of a new Mitteleuropa to be realized through an alliance between Germany and Austria. It is strongly suspected that this cry is raised in order to force Czechoslovakia to abandon its hostile policy of maintaining high tariff walls against Austria, and it is not at all improbable that behind the propaganda of the French publicists, especially M. Jules Sauerwein, foreign editor of the Paris journal, "Le Matin," is the hand of Wall Street, whose Austrian investments are endangered because of tariff barriers maintained by bordering states.

Real War Danger Not Touched.

In a labored argument which leaves untouched the real threat of war in Europe—the series of provocations, forgeries and murders against the Soviet Union, accompanying the desperate efforts to build a bloc of reactionary nations against the workers' and peasants' government—Sauerwein depicts the union between Germany and Austria as almost an accomplished fact and draws his jingo conclusions therefrom.

In following the arguments of this French journalistic harlot, it is well to keep in mind the fact that only recently he was a visitor in the United States and therefore became more than familiar with the imperialist policy of Wall Street.

In the nine years that Austria has enjoyed as an "independent" nation, according to Sauerwein, she has several times been saved by the League of Nations from complete collapse and ruin, on the express condition that she remain a sovereign state and allow herself to be used as a buffer against the possible encroachments of Germany toward the Adriatic Sea; but that in order to maintain her independence, she must impose upon herself for the future "a regime of restrictions and privations" which no country could be expected to endure if there were any other way out.

There are indications, M. Sauerwein thinks, that Austria would consider a union with Germany as a way out, far preferable to her precarious role of sham independence, but such a union could only be achieved in the light of day by the express permission of the League of Nations, in conformity with the Treaty of St. Germain. This the League would be unlikely to grant, particularly in view of the rumpus raised by the allies in 1918, when the Provisional Assembly at Vienna voted for the union of Austria with Germany, and the Germans had already prepared seats at the Austrian Deputies. The allies would not hear of such a union, and declared the decision null and void.

Pretends to See Sly Conspiracy.

The only other way to effect a union, then, according to the political sage of Le Matin, would be by the subtle and subterranean method of achieving a de facto incorporation, "without using that word and without committing any official act; that is to say, by erecting Austria in every way as if it were a province of the Reich." This the wily Austrians have already begun to do. "On Feb. 5th Austria decreed the unification of criminal legislation. A little later came the assimilation of Austrians and Germans in matters of inheritance and guardianship. For several months the uniforms of the army have been identical in the two countries and the commission of the entente has learned that the same regulations and the same method of mobilization will be adopted by both countries in case of conflict. In respect to telegraphic and telephonic communication, the two countries profit from an interior tariff. Again, a cable has been established between Vienna, Passau and Nuremberg. In 1920 the two countries accorded each other in commercial relations the most favored nation treatment. Thanks to arrangements concluded in 1924, 1925 and 1926, the customs union has been very close except for certain materials such as agricultural products and horses, on which Germany maintains very high duties in order to swing to her cause the Austrian peasants, who in general are not very favorable to incorporation. In each branch of production there exist Austro-German cartels. University professors travel from one country to another, belong to the same union and maintain the same pension funds. Dramatic authors, writers and musicians are united in the enjoyment of the privileges in the central syndicate in Berlin."

All these facts, one is led to suppose, are straws pointing to the gradual absorption of Austria by Germany, whereby the latter stands to gain a population of 7,000,000 Austrians, an advance of her territory to within 100 kilometers of the Adriatic and to the borders of the Balkan States.

Terrorizes Czechoslovakia With Speculations.

"The most troublesome phase of the situation," says M. Sauerwein, is that if the big powers by chance are finally brought to accept incorporation, there will thereafter be no chance of any stability realizing itself on the Continent. Czechoslovakia, completely locked in, would no longer be able to live. Yugoslavia would have her existence menaced by the bastions of Hungary thirsting for revenge and playing on the side of Germany. Italy would be confronted along the entire northern frontier by a neighbor so powerful that it would have no other choice than to wage war or to form a close alliance with large compensation in the Balkans." He concludes finally that "incorporation means war" and that a remedy must quickly be found if this calamity is to be averted.

This is all very interesting speculation, and it is probable that the barrage of smoke conceals at least a small tongue of flame.

Britain and America Behind Scenes.

It is equally interesting and more to the point to speculate on something that has far more of a foundation in fact—that is the great rivalry of Britain and America throughout the whole world. No one can discuss the realignment of economic and political forces in Europe without taking this conflict between the two rival imperialisms into consideration. Capitalist political writers of all shades are careful not to mention this dominant factor. Behind all the diplomacy, the manouvering of statesmen, relentlessly proceeds the great economic struggle wherein the Wall Street imperialists strive to align on their side the nations of Europe.

Only last week the United States showed its hand in German-Austrian affairs by a series of loans and commercial treaties. It concluded a "favored nation" commercial treaty with Austria, floated a \$30,000,000 loan to Germany based upon agricultural property as security, placed upon the market an additional \$4,000,000 loan for the state of Hanover and at the same time organized a concern known as the International Germanic trust company for "the financing of commercial intercourse between America and the Central European business world."

Britain, through her dominant position in the league of nations, desperately strives to use her political power derived therefrom against the steady encroachment of American investment capital, but with dubious results. No one doubts her desperation at her predicament and anyone who knows European political and economic conditions can doubt for a moment that this great rivalry politically and economically must finally be tested on the field of mars.

In preparation for this struggle both Britain and America are indulging in provocations against the Soviet Union, because they know that that mighty proletarian power stands as the outpost of the world revolution, an inspiration to the revolutionary forces of the colonial as well as the capitalist countries of the world. The real threat of war is not to be sought as yet because of the internal rivalries of Central Europe, but in the international conspiracy against the Soviet Union.

B. & O. Willard Shows His Hands

By V. Q.

The Baltimore and Ohio Plan of Cooperation was to solve all industrial ills. Labor and capital were to be partners in the management of industry. No more strife, no more strikes, no more disagreements. Everything was to be settled across the conference table. The era of good will was to be inaugurated.

Dan Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was one of the foremost exponents of this harbinger of peace and prosperity. And now, the name of Dan Willard is signed to a report made recently by a special committee last week of the Association of Railway Executives, according to "Labor," official organ of the railway unions. Nay, more, Dan Willard was the chairman of this committee, appointed in 1924 to bring in measures designed "to stabilize employment." The report is a vicious attack on the 8-hour day, and aims to introduce the 10-hour day, eliminating extra pay for overtime. This slashing is disguised under the pleasant term of a "more flexible working day."

The paragraph which spills the beans is as follows: "If the day could be increased from eight to nine, and even to ten hours, in times of business activity, such a policy would enable the carriers to employ a more uniform force throughout the year and avoid the necessity of laying off or furloughing large numbers of men in times of business recession." Of course, the owners would not consider a proposition to share work in times of depression, so that the burden would not be too heavily on those who are laid off, as is done now. The logical proposal is the 8-hour day, with special pay for overtime, as now; and no layoffs in slack time, but sharing of work equally among the members. This would take care of the "stabilization of employment," without any victimization of workers. But this plan would mean payment for overtime; would mean no unemployment to batter down working standards; and so the railway companies are opposed.

When the statement appeared, there was considerable protest, and Willard especially had to do some tall explaining. As some of the railroad men put it: "We expected such stuff from Rea, (former president of the Pennsylvania R. R.) and Loree (of the Delaware and Hudson); but Willard—we can't understand it."

In an interview with "Labor," Willard explained: "The plan would be for the men to work an extra hour or two each day in rush periods only, instead of forcing the railroads to employ extra men, who have to be discharged at the end of the seasons of increased activity. Adoption of the arrangement would mean extra money for the men during the periods of increased activity. When business returned to normalcy, the men would only work eight hours a day."

But even this forced attempt to explain away the lengthening of hours with elimination of overtime does not satisfy, for as "Labor" says: "But all the railroad workers agree that if the camel of longer hours once gets his nose into the tent, he never will rest till he takes full possession."

Willard, Apostle of Harmony.

It is not so long ago that Willard was an honored guest at the banquet given by "Labor," the weekly newspaper, to the editors of the standard railway labor magazines, in Washington, D. C. The *Machinists' Monthly Journal* for May, 1927, gives a 5 page account of this dinner, held March 16th at the New Willard Hotel, under the caption "An Interesting Event." It was a typical worker-employer cooperation gathering, with the following speakers: James P. Noonan of the *Electrical Workers*; Representative George Huddleston of Alabama (Congressman); William Green, president of the A. F. of L.; Frank McKenna, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen; former Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania; and last but not least, Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio R. R.

President Green endorsed the scheme of cooperation between the companies and the unions. Willard's speech is given almost complete, taking up two closely printed columns, occupying a page. Another column is given over to the toastmaster's speech, introducing Willard. Remember that this was the first time that a railroad president addressed one of "Labor's" banquets. Willard was praised for cooperation with labor by Mr. Keating, editor of "Labor," who paid him this tribute: "Wherever railroad workers assemble the name of Dan Willard is spoken with respect and genuine affection. The B. & O. workers have done, for Mr. Willard, their part in transforming a threatening deficit into a generous surplus." In his speech, after a "superb oration," Willard referred to his membership in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers as a young man, and then showed how much it meant to the state of mind of the workers to have their suggestions given the proper attention. No mention of the insignificant raise given the men, in proportion to the increased profits; and to the fact that even this raise was offset by changes in shop conditions. Just a wishy-washy speech of glittering generalities. But Willard by his grand stand play of cooperation captured the fancies of a great many railroad workers for a time. The trade union bureaucracy was working hand in hand with Willard. When things went wrong, and the workers clamored for action, the officials of the unions would show the

"wonderful progress" of the B. & O. Plan. Dan Willard was held up as the ideal type of railroad executive; as the personification of the worker-employer cooperation plan.

What Means Cooperation?

Willard in his speech says that he began to examine his methods, when the shopmen's strike began; and that this led to the B. & O. Plan. But what he fails to mention is that there would have been no strike, if the railway companies had not cut the shopmen's wages repeatedly to a point of desperation. Cooperation was entered into by the machinists, only after official bungling and treachery had weakened the unions and rendered them helpless. And instead of adopting measures to strengthen the unions through organization drives and amalgamation, the union officials bound the union with cords of steel and delivered it over bodily to the companies, as the price for union recognition and continued per capita into the Grand Lodge.

There have been no benefits from this so-called scheme of cooperation. No special wage increases, no special betterment of shop conditions. But rather, improved profits for the company. The plan has been one-sided, of benefit to the company, with the workers making suggestions for improvement in equipment and elimination of waste.

Why the Drive on the 8-Hour Day?

(1) Five of the nine signers of the report for the ten-hour day are from railroads that are in the list of the 25 corporations with the largest profits in 1926. These are the Pennsylvania R. R., New York Central, Union Pacific, Baltimore and Ohio, and St. Paul R. R.

(2) Railroad dividends for 1926, according to the U. S. Department of Commerce figures, were \$330,336,000, which surpassed all previous records.

(3) The average wage of railway employes paid on an hourly basis for 1926 was under \$1,600.

In the face of large profits, and a low wage, why the drive for the ten-hour day? The answer is simple. The railway companies wish to increase their profits, and this is one of the means of doing it. On the basis of a struggle between the workers and the employers, it is easily understood. But when one has faith in Dan Willard and his cooperation plan, it cannot be explained, for it is contradictory to the basis of the cooperation plan. The trade union officials supporting the B. & O. plan, especially the officials of the I. A. of M. are confronted with two possibilities—(1) to renounce the worker-employer cooperation plan, and enter into struggles to better conditions, or (2) to help Willard and the other officials to force the plan down the throats of the membership. The officialdom of the I. A. of M. is weak and passive toward the employers. Only the active resistance of the membership to the introduction of the ten-hour day will defeat the plan.

But Willard's action shows that he used the B. & O. plan to rope the I. A. of M. members in for the financial gain of his company, and that he would throw over the plan and adopt open warfare when it was advantageous to him. He shows that the B. & O. plan is a plan for the B. & O. Company, and not for the workers.

An immediate task for the progressive elements in the I. A. of M. is to conduct a nationwide campaign against the Baltimore and Ohio Plan, linking it up with Willard's advocacy of the ten-hour day.



THAT'S THE AIM of Gladys Roy (above), daredevil stunt flyer, who plans to take off shortly on non-stop flight from New York to the Italian capital. Here's hoping she makes it, too!