

MILITANTS APPEAL TO CONVENTION ON SIGMAN VOTE RULE

Conference Soon of All Taken Off Ballot

An appeal to the coming convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, drawn up and signed with the names of the participants in a conference held recently by all progressives ruled off the ballot by the right wing in control of Locals 38, 66 and 20 of New York, was made public yesterday by Don Wishevsky of Local 38, one of the initiators of the conference. The appeal condemns the action of the administrative machine which refused to permit them to run for delegates to the convention when they declined to sign a statement "condemning a working class political party."

Conference April 17. The letter accompanying the appeal also declares that the New York progressives excluded from the ballot are calling a conference of all those not permitted on the states of other locals throughout the country. This conference is to be held in New York on Tuesday evening, April 17, at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St. The primary purpose of this new conference will be, according to the statement, to elect a committee of the excluded delegates to go to the convention in Boston on May 7 and present the appeal officially on the convention floor.

The signatures on the document adopted at the last conference, which will no doubt be endorsed by new additions from the out of town locals, show that the majority of them are members in good standing in the union for many years. Most of them are union members for from 10 to 19 years.

Condemn Board. After condemning the action of the General Executive Board of the International in ruling them off the ballot for their political opinion and for their criticism of the reactionary administration which destroyed a once powerful union by their expulsion policy, the appeal quotes sections of the constitution adopted at the last convention of the union which expressly permits freedom of political affiliation in an organization composed of members of all shades of political thought.

The undersigned progressives, after pointing to their many years of activity in the union, end their statement with the following appeal: "Delegates! We charge that the action of the General Executive Board in violating the laws of our union was taken with the object of perpetuating themselves in power against our organization, appeal to you the expressed wishes of the vast majority of our membership.

"We, the undersigned, members of many years standing and service in against the illegal and unconstitutional action of the G. E. B. We appeal against the abuse of its power in inaugurating a policy of expulsion and discrimination which has brought our union to the brink of ruin. We appeal to you, delegates, to repudiate the unconstitutional acts of the G. E. B. and restore to our members the rights and privileges to which we are entitled in accordance with the provisions of our constitution and the decision of our convention.

"Brothers and Sisters! Our union is today at the most critical period of its history. This crisis can only be met by removing the illegal barriers against the participation of all members in the affairs of the union and by bringing about the active cooperation of all elements, regardless of their political views, in an effort to rebuild our organization.

"We fervently trust that you will act favorably on this appeal and will once and for all time put an end to the policy of expulsion and discrimination and bring about unity on a basis of majority rule in our organization."

Engineer Killed

SUNBURY, Pa., April 10.—The engineer of a Williamsport-Philadelphia express train of the Reading Co. was killed and 20 other trainmen and passengers were hurt when the express collided head-on with a north bound freight two miles east of this city yesterday.

Where Tornado Killed Two in Northern Alabama Storm



Debris of what was once a farm house in northern Alabama is shown above. A man, his wife and six children were caught by falling timbers when the house collapsed. The couple were killed and the children, badly injured, were later taken from the ruins. Scores of farmers in the cyclone belt yearly lose their homes and crops when the high winds sweep the country.

KELLOGG BOOSTS ROUMANIAN LOAN

Knows 60 Million Will Be Used in Pogroms

WASHINGTON, April 10.—While Secretary of State Kellogg has publicly demanded "an aroused public conscience against the utter horror and frightfulness of war," he refuses to lift a hand to prevent Blair & Co. and other Wall Street bankers from lending \$60,000,000 to Rumania, although warned that this money will strengthen the ruling group in that country in its policy of pogroms.

Replying, informally to protests, Kellogg declares that the United States cannot undertake to control the treatment of minorities in foreign countries by their respective governments.

Is "Ruled By Public Interest." He says that the power exercised by the state department in approving or disapproving foreign loans is ruled solely by the consideration of the public interests of the United States. On this ground, he asserts, is based his refusal to permit loans to Soviet Russia. Rumania is recognized by the United States.

To the suggestion that his veto on loans might be used to maintain a moral principle in the case of Rumania, Kellogg retorts that "the very persons who are demanding that we take action in this case are among the most actively opposed to our use of armed forces to protect American citizens abroad."

Anti-Imperialists Oppose. The fact that anti-imperialists ask that a loan be blocked in order that a slaughter of helpless minorities in Rumania be prevented, is not inconsistent with a desire to avoid American conquest of Nicaragua, Haiti and Mexico, but Kellogg does not choose to see that point.

Left Wing Leaders at Farewell to Epstein

Leaders of the Jewish revolutionary movement and well known left wing writers will be among the speakers at the farewell evening that will be given tomorrow night at Cooper Union in honor of Shachno Epstein, associate editor of the Freiheit, Yiddish Communist daily.

Epstein, who has been in the revolutionary movement for more than two decades and was one of the founders of the Freiheit, is leaving for an extended trip. His new book, "In the Land of Social Revolution," will also appear on the occasion of the farewell. Moissaye J. Olgin, editor of The Hammer, Yiddish Communist monthly, will be chairman of the evening.

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DAWES SEES RED FLAG AGAINST U.S. FLAG IN BALLOT

Labor Officials Support Slush Funder

WASHINGTON, April 10 (FP).—Vice-president Dawes, who is apparently on even terms with Hoover and Lowden in the race for the republican nomination for president two months hence, has not explained where he stands on current issues. By claiming that he is for Lowden, while playing an astute game of checking Lowden and Hoover alike, he has dodged all responsibility for declaring himself on imperialism, the coal issue, injunctions, and all other matters in which the workers are immediately concerned.

Against Labor Unions. Dawes' platform is contained in his speech delivered August 19, 1924, accepting the republican nomination for vice-president.

In that speech Dawes praised the record of President Coolidge and Secretary Hughes, strongly advocated the World Court, and denounced LaFollette for seeking to have the constitution so amended as to allow congress to enact laws over the veto of the federal supreme court.

Red Flag vs. the U. S. Flag. At one point in his speech Dawes referred scornfully to men running for congress who would advocate at the same time increased wages for railroad labor and decreased railroad rates.

He insisted that the conflict was between the red flag and the American flag, and that Calvin Coolidge was being attacked by "the enemies of the existing order."

One of the humors of the present political contest is the belief in Washington that President Coolidge will leave no stone unturned to prevent the nomination of Dawes, even if he has to put himself up as a candidate in case Hoover and others acceptable to him are left behind.

Officials Support Smith. CHICAGO, April 9 (FP).—The interests of Illinois labor officialdom in the primaries April 10 lie in certain legislative and congressional nominations rather than in the headlines of the tickets.

Special efforts are being made by labor officials for congressman-at-large Henry R. Rathbone, republican, and for Agnes Nestor, democratic candidate for state representative.

Even Frank E. Smith, the slush fund candidate, entering on his third attempt to break into the U. S. senate, has some labor official backing but takes his orders from Samuel Insull, the utilities czar of Illinois. Otis Glenn, his opponent in the republican primary, has no labor support and takes his orders from the big bankers.

Boston Inter-racial Dance Planned by YWL

BOSTON, April 10.—The Young Workers (Communist) League, Roxbury branch, will hold an inter-racial dance Saturday evening at Butler Hall, Masonic Temple, 1095 Tremont Ave. Music will be furnished by Eddie Digg's Broadcasting Colored Orchestra.

Speeches Contrasting Conditions in U.S.S.R. And U. S. Applauded

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—A large audience of young workers and students applauded William Soroka of Passaic, United Textile Workers' Union delegate to Soviet Russia, when he spoke on conditions of the young workers in the Soviet Union and Sol Auerbach, of the University of Pennsylvania, member of the Student Delegation to the Soviet Union, who talked on "Students and the Educational System in the U. S. S. R."

A resolution demanding that the United States immediately recognize Soviet Russia was passed unanimously. Clarence Miller, organizer in the Passaic textile strike, then spoke on "Conditions of the Young Workers in the United States," in contrast. He closed his talk with a plea that all young workers and students help the miners in their heroic struggle against the employers and their cop and iron police in the coal fields of Pennsylvania and Ohio.

400 JOIN STRIKE OF FRUIT CLERKS

Large Firms Yield; Pickets Arrested

The first day of the general strike by the unorganized retail fruit store clerks, called at a mass meeting yesterday sponsored by the Retail Grocery, Fruit and Dairy Clerks' Union, ended with about 400 clerks joining the strike; the arrest of 10 strikers; and with applications of 10 per cent of the employers for settlements.

400 Clerks Join Strike. Early yesterday morning union clerks formed themselves into committees and were assigned to visit every fruit and vegetable store in a given district. The committees were supplied with the strike handbills calling upon those receiving them to immediately join the committee and go to strike headquarters. Four hundred responded to the call.

The 10 strikers arrested were serving on these committees. In preparation for the strike call several store owners in the neighborhood of Jennings St., and Wilkins Ave., Bronx, called in the police. When committees appeared and were joined by the workers the 10 were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Magistrate Smith in the Magistrate's Court on 161st St. and Third Ave., dismissed the charges.

Large Firms Yield. Many store owners have already applied for settlements. Several firms acknowledged to be among the

SEATTLE WORKERS LISTEN TO TALKS BY COMMUNISTS

300 Copies of Daily Worker Sold

SEATTLE, Wash., April 10.—Four hundred workers stood through a cold drizzle at Occidental and Washington Sts. to listen to speakers representing the Workers (Communist) Party.

O'Hanrahan opened the meeting and introduced the chief speaker of the evening, W. M. Moriarty, of Toronto, Canada. Moriarty went to the core of the rapidly straining Anglo-American relationship in the two powers' struggle for world market supremacy. He also told of the work accomplished by the Communist Party of Canada in organizing the coal miners of Vancouver Island. This group, he pointed out, unorganized since the disastrous upheaval of the U. M. W. of A. in 1913, now has a representative of over 60 per cent in the C. M. W. C.

Owens, a member of the International Sailors' Club and one of the members of organized American sailors about to take the boat "Apex," one of the group purchased recently by the Soviet Union from American shipping interests, to the Soviet Union, also spoke.

Three hundred copies of The DAILY WORKER were sold. N. Sorenson, of Buffalo, N. Y., district organizer of the Workers (Communist) Party, addressed the Party members Sunday at 8 p. m. at 1819 Eighth Ave.

STUDENTS HELP "DAILY"

At a hike arranged by the Students Council of the Workers School held in Jamaica Woods Sunday, \$5 was collected for The DAILY WORKER defense fund.

largest in the Bronx have signed up. Two of them are A. Cohen, on Bathgate Ave., and B. Dittle, also on Bathgate Ave., Bronx.

The union has issued an appeal to all working class families not to patronize the stores of fruit and vegetable dealers not displaying signs of settlement with the workers' organization.

The clerks in the fruit stores are the most exploited of all retail store workers, their hours being up to 14 a day for 7 days a week. The speedy victories attained in a similar strike of the grocery clerks in spite of injunction of the United Hebrew Trades, and the bosses, has convinced the fruit clerks that this fight will be of short duration.

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