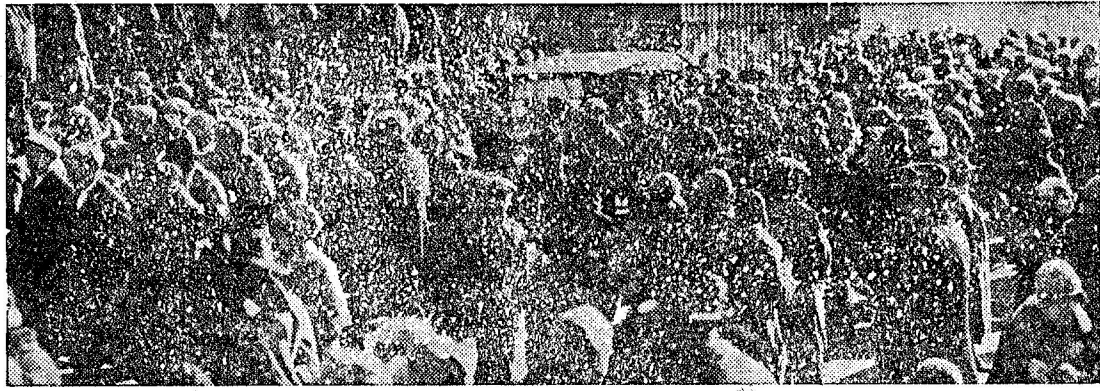


WHERE WALKOUT OF THOUSANDS OF TEXTILE STRIKERS PARALYZES ALL NEW BEDFORD



Thousands of New Bedford textile workers, having forced their officials to act by a nearly unanimous strike vote, streamed out of the mills last Monday. The men are fighting a ten per cent wage slash. In spite of the hostility of officials of the textile unions, The Textile Mill Committees, a progressive organization, is aiding energetically in organizing the workers within the unions and without to fight the bosses. The above pictures show crowds of strikers massed in the New Bedford streets.

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

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## COAL BARONS INDICT MINE LEADERS; 150 JAILED

### SMITH IN DEAL WITH DIRECTOR OF "RED RAIDS"

In Secret Confab With A. Mitchell Palmer

ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 19.—Gov. Al Smith has been announcing every day to the press that he is doing here merely on a vacation. American Federation of Labor officials call him big-hearted Al and the New York State Federation of Labor was the first organization of any description to endorse him officially for the democratic nomination for president.

But he called off his "vacation" long enough today to make a political deal with A. Mitchell Palmer, the "red raid" attorney-general of 1919-20. Gov. Smith and the attorney general who took charge of the nation-wide attack of the democratic Wilson administration against the labor movement in 1919-20 were in conference a long time. At the end of the conference Palmer announced smilingly that from now on he would actively engage in the campaign to put Al Smith in the White House. Palmer also used the power of the federal government to break the so-called "outlaw" railroad strike in 1920. Just what promises Smith made to Palmer were not made known. But "Red Raid" Palmer is sled-length for Smith and will speak and write for him.

"I am a staunch Smith supporter," the director of the 1919 raids told reporters here after leaving the rooms of the favorite candidate of the American Federation of Labor officialdom. Thousands of workers were thrown in jail without warrants, families were broken up and deprived of their incomes and hundreds were held incommunicado for weeks in all parts of the country when Palmer, with the support of the Wilson administration and the assistance of the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, turned loose his regiments of armed agents on the militant workers of foreign birth or parentage. Hundreds were deported in the most vicious attack on a section of the labor movement in the history of the United States.

Slush Fund Charged. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—Charges that the forces of Gov. Al Smith, of New York, are spending huge sums to secure votes at the democratic presidential convention were repeated in the senate this afternoon. A senatorial investigation of presidential campaign expenditures has been demanded.

Mayor Frank Hague, of Jersey City, has promised to pay all expenses of the New Jersey delegation to Houston if the delegates signed pledges for Governor Smith, one senator said.

### Wilmington I.L.D. Sends Aid to "Daily"

A \$25 check is the answer of the Wilmington, Del., branch of the International Labor Defense to the appeal to save THE DAILY WORKER.

Despite the numerous financial demands being made upon the members of this branch, they have rushed to the defense of the only newspaper that is always on the side of the workers and always against the bosses and the labor misleaders.

The DAILY WORKER has been saved thus far, but the support of every class-conscious worker is necessary if it is to continue to represent the interests of the American working class.

There must be no let-down in the support for THE DAILY WORKER. Follow the example of the Wilmington I.L.D. Rush funds immediately to the office of the Daily, 33 First St., New York City.

### Colorado Strike Picket Is Aided By Denver I.L.D.

DENVER, April 19.—The local branch of the International Labor Defense is devoting all its energy at present to the raising of funds for the defense of Radio Sencoff, who is awaiting trial in Rock Springs, Wyo. Sencoff, an I. W. W., who was very active in the recent coal strike, was arrested last March on the charge of having murdered a man ten years ago. It is clearly a frame-up. The details appeared in THE DAILY WORKER some time ago.

The I. L. D. has succeeded in having the trial continued until the end of April. In the meantime \$500 must be raised for attorney's fees. Last Saturday night an open air meeting was held at which \$20 was collected.

### HILLMAN BETRAYS 40-HOUR DEMAND

Fail to Even Ask for It in Chicago Part

CHICAGO, April 19.—After several weeks of continuous negotiations with the employers in Chicago men's clothing market for a new agreement, Sydney Hillman, and the other self styled "most able negotiators," in control of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, have finally succeeded in signing an agreement in which the 40-hour week demand of the workers is completely forgotten. From the reports printed in the men's clothing trade papers, and from the statements made with the utmost frankness by those well informed of the daily progress of the negotiations, such as employers' representatives, it is learned that the officialdom of the Amalgamated did not even waste much energy in pressing the demand for the 40-hour week. There is not the slightest mention, in the contract as it stands, of the installment of a system which all other needle trades unions have succeeded in compelling the employers to agree to, namely the 40-hour 5-day week.

Will Claim Victory. The Amalgamated leadership will now come to its membership and declare that a real victory has been won, because they have compelled the employers to increase by 11-2 per cent the amount they will hereafter contribute to the "unemployment insurance fund," thus totaling three per cent. This by no means, reduces the 11-2 per cent of wages heretofore paid weekly by each worker. The workers will continue to pay to what they brand as the fake insurance scheme of the Amalgamated. So powerful is the sentiment among the workers for a struggle to obtain the 40-hour week, and so

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### CANADIAN ANSWERS PLEA

Worker Sends \$12 for Mine Subscriptions

From Montreal, Canada, comes the following letter: "Dear Comrades: "Enclosed please find check for \$12 as two subscriptions for striking miners. I see that the Canadian National Railway has non-union mines in West Virginia, and I would like the subscriptions sent there as I wish as a Canadian to do something to help organize those mines." Fraternally, I. G.

Thus two more strikers are receiving THE DAILY WORKER thru the contribution of a class-conscious comrade in Canada. Thus two more strikers will learn thru THE DAILY WORKER the message of militant class struggle. Thus two more strikers will be better prepared to give a

## "End Taunton Scab Work; Spread Textile Strike," Cry

### MERCHANTS SHUT DOORS AS STRIKE PARALYZES TOWN

Mill Committees Begin Relief Work

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Apr. 19.—Two developments of great significance took place here, as the general strike of the 30,000 textile operatives settled into full swing. The 8,000 organized and 22,000 unorganized workers in 58 textile plants here are fighting a vicious slash of ten per cent in their already miserable wages which the mill owners tried to enforce last Monday.

The most important of these developments is the fact that the cotton mills in Taunton, a neighboring town, are preparing with all speed to rearrange their machinery to handle some of the work stopped by the strike in New Bedford. This activity of the Taunton mills, most of which are owned by New Bedford interests, is being met with complete silence by the officialdom of the American Federation of Textile Operatives, in spite of the demands raised by the Textile Mill Committee that the union take immediate steps to call out the Taunton and Fall River locals. Both the Fall River and Taunton mill owners forced wage cuts upon the workers.

Stores Are Closing. The other event of importance is the announcement of the store owners of the South End, who declared that they were selling out their stock at any cost, with signs in the windows of many of them declaring that they would close their doors at the end of the week.

With the first few days of the big walkout making itself felt immediately only in so far as transport facilities are concerned, such as the buses and trolleys, signs of deeper and more serious effect are noticed. The sudden halt of the flow of the \$800,000 weekly payroll into the cash registers of the various merchants in the city is already causing many to attempt an escape from a ruinous overhead expense.

Committees Supported. The sentiment expressed by the workers shows that they are fast rallying around the slogans of the Textile Mill Committee that immediate steps should be taken by the union officials of the Textile Council to back up the mill committees in their attempt to spread the strike to other centers. It is easy to see, say the mill committees in their statements to the workers, that the strike will become a long drawn out struggle if the other mills, controlled or led

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### Mass Picketing Led By the Save-the-Union Forces is Spreading



George Voyzey, John Watt, Joe Angelo, progressive mine leaders, direct mass picketing at Old West Mine, Belleville, Illinois.

### MILITANCY SPREADS IN ILLINOIS FIELDS

(Special to The Daily Worker) SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 19.—Three days of mass picketing has been bringing out the miners of the Old West mine which had signed a separate agreement. Several hundred miners are picketing carrying banners saying, "Win the Pennsylvania-Ohio Strike," "Strike for a National Agreement!" and "Lewis and Fishwick Must Go."

All the men are now out. Sub-district president John W. Hindmarsh called deputy sheriffs.

### BONITA DEFENSE TO EXTEND FIGHT

Defense Committee Will Carry on Fight

WILKES-BARRE, April 19.—Denunciation of the sentence of Sam Bonita, young mine leader of Pittston to 12 years hard labor was issued today by the Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee, in a statement calling upon the forces of labor to rally to the move to free Bonita as well as his two fellow workers.

Mass Protests Rising. Mass meetings of protests in various sections of the mine districts are planned. The first of these under the direction of the National Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee is called for Sunday, April 29 at Old Forge, Columbia Hall, 2:30 p. m. Among the speakers will be Stanley Dziogielowski, secretary of the committee, Charles Licata, recording secretary of local 1703 and George Papoun, secretary of the Tri-District Save-the-Union Committee. Thousands of miners are sure to respond to the call, and the movement to free the innocent miners, it is known, will be taken up in all sections.

The statement continues: "On the eve of the day that Sam Bonita's lawyers came before Judge McClean, to file motions for a new trial for the mine leader of Pittston, the Wilkes-Barre News appeared on the streets with headlines across the entire page of the paper saying in huge black type: Eleven Jurors Wanted Sam Bonita Acquitted. "The story as told in the News is that just one man stood in the way of Sam Bonita's acquittal on the charge of murder. By declaring that he would stay out 'till the cows come home,' he was able to make eleven jurors change their minds and convict Sam Bonita on the charge of involuntary manslaughter. "Eleven of the jury believed firmly in the story of self-defense as told by Bonita from the witness stand. They

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### MCGARRY FORCES BETRAY MINERS

Brennan Aide Unites With Police, Contractors

(Special To The DAILY WORKER.) PITTSBURGH, April 19.—The expected betrayal of the mine workers of Local 1703 by the McGarry-Brennan forces was today carried out at a mass meeting at St. Aloysius Hall at which over one thousand miners attended.

Unites With Reaction. In a united front with state police, individual mine contractors, and operators, McGarry succeeded in passing a resolution forcing the miners back into the contract pits of the Pennsylvania Coal Company. The miners were forced out on Dec. 31 when they protested against the violation by the company of the conditions of the agreement in force.

At today's meeting, McGarry, who has been working with government mediator Thomas Davis and Mayor Gillespie and who is now carrying out the policies of John Lewis, played his part in the strike-breaking plan.

Pack Hall. The contract miners of Colliery 9 packed the meeting with members not entitled to vote and thus the meeting was stamped. The Save the Union forces are now the only ones carrying on a fight against the individual contract system.

### RUSH AID FOR STRIKERS

Millions Needed. as Lewis Halts Relief

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY. PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 19.—Thousands of miners and their families in the unorganized fields of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, where the strike called on April 16, is assuming more serious proportions, are threatened with immediate eviction from company houses according to information received at the headquarters of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee at 611 Penn. Ave.

"With the strike in the union fields of Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia and Ohio now in its thirteenth month and thousands joining the fighting army of striking coal dig-

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### BROPHY, TOOHEY HELD BY GRAND JURY FOR "RIOT"

Mass Picketing Despite Wholesale Arrests

PITTSBURGH, April 19.—John Brophy, chairman, and Pat Toohey, secretary of the national Save the Union Committee of the United Mine Workers, were today indicted by the Allegheny county grand jury, while mass arrests proceeded in the effort to head off the strike movement in the western Pennsylvania coal fields. One hundred fifty leaders of the progressive forces have been arrested since Monday in the desperate attempt by the operators to check the rising tide of organization which is sweeping over the mine districts. Information coming here from Westmoreland county indicates that so far from being intimidated, thousands of miners have been inspired by the attacks to hitherto unequalled heroism.

The indictments of Toohey and Brophy charge them with unlawful assemblage, inciting to riot and rioting. These actions of the grand jury are the result of the activities of these leaders of the mine workers in the organization drive among the non-union miners in west Pennsylvania and are seen here as an attempt to set back the movement.

Strike Wave Rising. (Special To The DAILY WORKER.) PITTSBURGH, April 19.—Eleven hundred miners from the unorganized Westmoreland County mines yesterday

### ANTI-MILITARIST MEETING SUCCESS

15,000 Are Represented in Berkeley

BERKELEY, Calif., April 19.—The Bay Cities Anti-Militarist Conference of San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley was held with about 50 delegates representing over 15,000 organized workers in the trade unions, in addition to students' organizations, fraternal and liberal organizations and churches.

Such labor organizations as the Central Labor Council of Oakland-Alameda County, the Cooks' and Waiters' Union of Oakland and San Francisco, the Electrical Workers' Union of Oakland, the Sign Painters' Union, the Cleaners' and Dyers' Union, the Structural Iron Workers' Union of San Francisco and the Teachers' Federation of San Francisco were represented. The Young Workers (Communist) League and Workers (Communist) Party were also there with delegates.

The conference went on record against military training in the schools and colleges, as well as against the general mobilization of the youth in America. An executive committee of 11 was elected, the majority of which were delegates representing unions. But it also included representatives of the Workers' Education Bureau of the A. F. of L., the Teachers' Federation and the students' anti-militarist organization. The capitalist press in Oakland and San Francisco have given the conference wide publicity. It proved successful beyond all expectations.



FOREIGN NEWS --- BY CABLE AND MAIL FROM SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS

KUOMINTANG SELL OUT IN SHANGHAI COUNCIL TREATY

Agree to Imperialist Control of City

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The Kuomintang authorities have reached an agreement with the powers by which three Chinese residents of Shanghai will be placed on the municipal council of the foreign settlement, according to a cable sent by Consul General Cunningham to the State Department. The Municipal Council consists of nine members.

The question of Chinese control of the municipal council has been one of the most bitter points of dispute between China and the powers. The population of the international settlement is predominantly Chinese and Chinese pay the bulk of the taxes.

The control of the international settlement was one of the principal demands of the worker and student leaders of the 1925 demonstrations which led to a boycott against British goods.

The agreement which has been negotiated by the Nanking authorities is regarded as extremely unsatisfactory by a large section of the population of the settlement.

Shanghai has been under the control of British and American business men since 1854, when the international settlement was created.

DRIVE IN U. S. S. R. AGAINST VODKA

MOSCOW, April 19.—A campaign to reduce alcoholism in the Soviet Union was launched yesterday when Nikolai Bukharin, member of the Political Bureau of the All Union Communist Party and editor of Pravda in a speech urged an immediate drive to cut down the consumption of alcohol.

Bukharin cited figures to show that the consumption of alcohol in the Soviet Union has increased since 1923.

PASSAIC WORKERS RAP MILL OWNERS

PASSAIC, N. J., April 19.—At a recent meeting of the Central Trades and Labor Council of Passaic and vicinity, a resolution was passed calling upon the leaders of the American Federation of Labor textile unions to immediately inaugurate a drive to fight back the policy of the mill owners in instituting speed-up systems, wage cuts and other evils. The Passaic bosses are quietly forcing upon the workers lower standards of living, but are avoiding public announcements of their policy for fear of provoking a recurrence of the giant struggle of the Passaic workers in 1926.

The resolution adopted declares in part:

"We, the organized labor movement of Passaic and vicinity, assembled at the Central Trades and Labor Council, unanimously go on record against the following:

"Wage cuts.

"Insurance policies where the workers are forced to pay the premiums.

"Against discrimination of union men and women.

"Speed-up system, etc.

"Two weeks ago one of the mills closed down, throwing all the workers out of employment. A week later the same workers were called back. When they reported for work, they were compelled to take a reduction up to 20 per cent.

"In another mill the workers are being compelled to take the Company's insurance at the cost to each worker of from 30 to 50 cents each week out of the meager part-time earnings."

Australian Miners on Strike for Pay Raise

SYDNEY, Australia, (FP)—Some thing in the nature of a deadlock has been reached in connection with the fixing of wages, hours and working conditions in the metal mining industry in the Broken Hill silver lead district. The mine owners—wealthy British companies—demand reduced wages and an increase in the number of working hours.

To this, the mining unions have replied with a demand for higher wages and less working hours. Pending the settlement of the deadlock last year's conditions are being observed. Several of the mines have been closed down and about 2,000 metal miners are idle.

USSR Buys Nitrates

According to Latin-American newspapers the Soviet Union has just purchased 12,000 tons of nitrate for immediate delivery in addition to the 40,000 tons bought recently.

CENT A DAY IS WAGE PAID BY FIRESTONE

One cent a day is the wage paid by Firestone to the natives who toil on his huge rubber concessions in Liberia. This is revealed in a book entitled "The Native Problem in Africa" by Raymond Leslie Buell, formerly an assistant professor of government at Harvard.

The workers are recruited as a rule, forcibly, by a labor bureau maintained by the Liberian government and kept in virtual slavery.

Buell criticizes the activities of the American state department and of Secretary of Commerce Hoover in promoting American rubber and financial interests in Liberia. He states that the million acre concession obtained by the Firestone interests establishes the closed door in Liberia, and will result in the confiscation of native land and in compulsory native labor.

"In negotiating for his million acre concession, Mr. Firestone," Buell writes, "insisted that the Liberian government contract a seven per cent loan of \$5,000,000. Only half of this loan has been issued so far, and all of its proceeds, except for several hundred thousand dollars, is being used to refund outstanding obligations of the Liberian government. Instead of lowering interest charges this refunding operation actually increases them. It refunds a 1912 five per cent loan which would have been paid off in 1952 with a seven per cent loan which will not expire until 1967. The Firestone loan agreement therefore increases Liberia's interest charges two per cent annually and extends the life of her indebtedness fifteen years. The loan agreement also authorizes American officials 'designated' by the president of the United States to supervise the collection of the internal and external revenues of Liberia, and to audit all expenditures."

Threaten Liberia. "Mr. Firestone's insistence on this loan," Buell states, "was due to a desire to exclude the possibility of French or British control over the country which would impair his investment. Liberians were originally, according to this report, unanimous against accepting the loan agreement. But the government finally accepted it because of alleged pressure of the state department of the United States. For the last few years Liberia has been engaged in a boundary dispute with France over the village of Zinta; and the Liberian government was led to believe that if it wished the support of the United States against France who thus threatened its independence, it should accept the Firestone loan."

Four militant workers, two of them railroad laborers and one the former editor of the suppressed "Justice" which was sympathetic to the Communists, were arrested by the Cuban police during a raid on the premises of the "Cultural and Sport Society for Young Workers."

The police announced to the press that they found on the premises revolutionary literature, books on socialism and the "Juventud Comunista" (Communist Youth) published in Buenos Aires. Among the arrested is a Russian Jew, Solomon Scheinbaum. The police assert that the organization maintained a school for the children who had to swear by the red flag. The police also announced that they found a great number of revolutionary pamphlets sent from Moscow, all printed in red ink.

Australian Labor Party To Expel All Militants

SYDNEY, Australia, (FP) (By Mail).—An important new ruling bearing on the position of the Communists in relation to the Australian Labor Party has been given by the supreme executive of the A. L. P. This ruling is as follows:

"As the Australian Labor Party has determined that (1) neither the Communist Party nor a branch thereof may be or become affiliated with the A. L. P., and as (2) no member of the Communist Party may be or become a member of the A. L. P., individual members of the Australian Labor Party are prohibited from advocating the policy of the Communist Party."

It is explained that this decision means, in effect, that a member of the Labor Party may not be a member of the Communist Party, and he must not propound Communist doctrines under penalty of expulsion from the ranks of the Labor Party. For a long time past, Communist have been demanding the right to enter the A. L. P. but this has been denied.

Visitors to U. S. S. R. Will Visit the Kremlin

A visit to the Fortress of St. Peter and Paul in Leningrad is included in the tour to Soviet Russia this summer according to an announcement made by The World Tourists, 69 West Avenue. Special arrangements have been made with the Soviet authorities which will make this year's series of tours the most interesting so far, the announcement adds.

Last year the Kremlin was not open to visitors to The Soviet Union. Under the guidance of the official Russian Travel Bureau this historic place will be shown to this year's visitors. Stops at many other interesting educational and historical places are included in these sightseeing trips, according to World Tourists.

BAR "DAWN." BERLIN, April 19.—The German government has decided upon formal action to prevent the showing of the war film "The Dawn" in America, it was learned this afternoon.

SENATE TO GIVE ITS BLESSING TO NICARAGUAN WAR

Feeble Attack Led by "Insurgents"

WASHINGTON, April 19.—An endorsement of the Coolidge-Kellogg policy in Nicaragua was anticipated in the senate today as a climax to the battle over the marine occupation of Nicaragua.

The test vote was due to an amendment offered to the \$363,000,000 naval appropriations bill which would force the immediate withdrawal of all American marines by denying the use of any new funds for their maintenance in Nicaragua. Administration senators predicted defeat of the amendment.

Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, who first demanded withdrawal of the marines but later urged they be kept there until "after the September elections," was prepared to defend the administration policy.

The insurgent republican group will base its fight on the Coolidge policy on the report submitted by Secretary of the Navy Wilbur who declared that 202 Nicaraguans and 21 marines had been killed. Wilbur's report is contradicted by numerous other estimates of the casualties in Nicaragua fighting which place the number of Nicaraguan men, women and children killed by American marines at more than a thousand.

The amendment proposed by Senator King of Utah would prohibit the use of any funds out of the new appropriation bill for the maintenance of marines in Nicaragua. As the bill carries funds for all naval activities in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, adoption of the amendment would force the withdrawal of marines by next June.

That the amendment will be defeated is fairly certain.

Mine Strikers' Children To Attend Pioneer Camp

PHILADELPHIA, April 19.—The Young Pioneer Camp of Philadelphia this summer will aid a number of striking coal miners children by giving them free accommodations in the tents of the camp.

"This invitation of the Young Pioneer Camp," the Pioneers statement says "is not an act of bourgeois charity. It is an expression of working class solidarity as the relief is extended to the striking miners by the workers of America, thru the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee."

Soviet Oil Exports Show Big Increase

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—During the first half of the working year (October-March, 1927-28) the output of oil in the state oil fields amounted to 5,435,000 tons.

The export of oil products from the U. S. S. R. during the first five months of the working year amounted to 885,500 tons, against 716,000 tons during the same period last year. Especially marked has been the development during this period of Soviet oil export to Spain.

Prepare for War

To display America's military strength, which is being prepared for the next world war, the sixth annual exhibition of the Citizen's Military Training Camp will be held tonight in the 13th Regiment Armory, Brooklyn. Featured in the exhibition will be army air corps material from Mitchel Field, tanks from Miller Field and anti-aircraft guns and searchlights from Fort Totten.

French Tories Encourage Flight Stunts

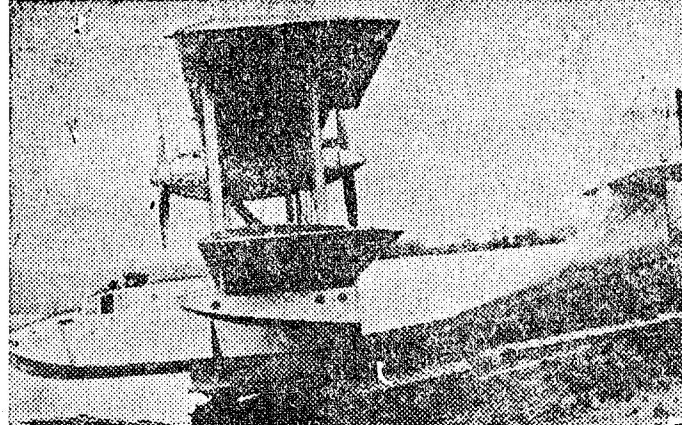


Photo shows launching of a hydroplane at Sartrouville, France, which will probably be used by two French aviators in a trans-Atlantic attempt. The French Government is encouraging stunt flights as excellent propaganda for a huge imperialist air fleet.

URGE STRIKE IN BRITISH MILLS

Plan Monster Combine in Textile Industry

MANCHESTER, England, April 19.—A union meeting to discuss the 12 1/2 per cent wage cut proposed by the employers' association will be held today. Also most of the leaders of the union are against a strike, numerous mass meetings have been held by the workers at which resolutions have been adopted urging a walkout.

The employers association is also demanding a longer working week.

MANCHESTER, April 19.—The first step in the formation of the huge Lancashire Textile Association—an amalgamation of a large number of cotton mills here—was taken when one hundred mills, with a total of 11,000,000 spindles, forwarded their balance sheets to the Cotton Yarn Association.

Rail Employment Down

WASHINGTON, April 19.—According to statistics compiled by the Interstate Commerce Commission from 170 Class 1 railroads, these companies employed 1,614,280 persons in January, 1928, compared with 1,724,243 in January, 1927, and paid \$230,972,228, compared with \$244,565,629 for their services.

Advertisement for 'The TROTSKY OPPOSITION' by Bertram D. Wolfe. It describes the book as a keen analysis of the role of the Opposition in the Russian Party and a cutting expose of its counter-revolutionary supporters in America. The price is now only 35 cents.

MOBILIZE PARIS TROOPS TO CURB LABOR PROTESTS

Communist Party Plans Huge Election Meet

PARIS, April 19.—Authorities here are mobilizing all of the police in the city and the suburbs in connection with a series of demonstrations which the Communist Party is arranging for the coming elections and May 1st. Plans are also being made to reinforce the police with a large force of Republican Guards and to bring infantry and cavalry units from nearby barracks into the city.

The police expect the demonstrations to begin on Sunday when the first ballots for members of the House of Deputies will be cast. The Communist Party expects to make large gains in the elections.

Charges that the flight of Costes and LeBrix are being utilized for political propaganda are made by L'Humanite, official organ of the Communist Party. Costes and LeBrix recently visited Painleve in the district of Nantau-Gex on the Swiss frontier, which is being bitterly contested by the Communist Party.

Costes and LeBrix are being utilized by Painleve "in the same way that the United States has used its so-called good-will flyers for the advancement of its imperialist policies," L'Humanite says.

Painleve who attempted to address a political gathering in the district was heckled by workers who charged him with pushing plans for the Riff war.

25 KILLED IN BULGAR QUAKE.

LONDON, April 19.—At least 25 persons were killed and 60 injured in the earthquake which rocked Bulgaria last night, according to a Central News dispatch from Sofia today. Fifteen persons were killed in the village of Philippopol, near Philippopolis, and 10 deaths were reported in the village of Mattosor.

ACTOR TO VISIT USSR.

HONOLULU, Hawaii, April 19.—The well-known Japanese actor, Sabadanji Ichikawa will visit the Soviet Union this June and will participate in a number of Japanese plays to be produced in Moscow.

Advertisement for SCOTT NEARING. Lecture dates still open: Wednesday .. Nov. 7, Thursday .... Nov. 9, Saturday .... Nov. 10, Sunday ..... Nov. 11 (Sunday Afternoon, N. Y. C.), Monday ..... Nov. 12, Wednesday .. Nov. 14, Thursday .... Nov. 15, Monday .... Nov. 19, Tuesday ..... Nov. 20, Wednesday .. Nov. 21, Thursday .... Nov. 22, Saturday .... Nov. 24, Monday .... Nov. 26, Tuesday ..... Nov. 27. For information write to Harry Blake, c/o Daily Worker, 33 First Street, New York City.

Advertisement for One United Demonstration. Miners in throes of class war. American capitalism dominating the world. Yellow socialists in service of the bosses. Fight the fare grab of the traction ring. Imperialism breeding a new world war. Revolutionary movement gaining strength. Soviet Union points the way. Thousands of unemployed will demonstrate. Madison Square Garden May 1, 1928, 3 p. m. NATIONALLY PROMINENT SPEAKERS — FRIEDHEIT GESANGS VEREIN — LITHUANIAN COMBINED CHORUSES—RED SPORTS NUMBER. Miners' Mass Tableaux. Admission 25 cents and 50 cents. Joint Auspices: WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY AND OTHER LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. DOWN TOOLS MAY FIRST.

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## BUFFALO JOBLESS HOLD MEETING IN SPITE OF POLICE

Rally Was Arranged by Workers Party

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 19.—Police attempted to stop a mass meeting of unemployed workers held here by the Workers (Communist) Party by arresting Max Hankin, Party district organizer. The meeting, however, continued and Hankin was later released.

Over 200 workers attended the meeting, of whom 100 registered. Hankin opened the meeting declaring that the Workers Party will do everything possible to organize the unemployed. He pointed out that the present situation is created by the speed-up system and intensified exploitation and that the present condition will not be done away with by a revival of industry but that millions of workers will find themselves confronted with permanent unemployment unless the jobless organize and force the shortening of the work day.

The mass meeting elected an executive committee of 17 who were instructed to work out a program of action. It was also decided that next Tuesday another mass meeting be held.

## CLOAK CHAIRMEN MEET SATURDAY

Over 4,000 Votes Cast at Elections

The Shop Chairmen's Committee of Fifty Cloak and Dressmakers yesterday called upon all the workers in the cloak and dressmaking shops in the city to elect representatives to a shop delegates' conference to be held Saturday afternoon and urged the shop representatives of the workers to formulate a policy and demands from the coming convention of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

The conference is to be held in Webster Hall and is to begin at 12 noon. The Committee of Fifty at one time held a 2-day conference in Webster Hall attended by more than 1,400 shop chairmen.

**Hold Conference of Militants.**  
The conference of members of various locals, both in New York and out of town, who have been removed from the ballot by the right wing administration of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, for refusing to sign their names to a "yellow dog" pledge condemning a working class political party, is to be held tonight in the Irving Plaza Hall, 15th St. and Irving Place.

The call for this conference was issued about two weeks ago by a smaller conference composed of militant workers of Locals 38, 66, and a few others, who decided to hold a joint meeting with members of the union of other localities who have suffered similar treatment at the hands of the union wrecking clique in control of the union.

At the previous conference a resolution was carried that a delegation of those stricken off the ballot be sent to the convention in Boston to protest this arbitrary action. At a meeting tonight the committee will be chosen.

**Heavy Vote Polled.**  
One of the heaviest vote totals ever rolled up at an election in the cloak-makers' union was polled Tuesday, it was indicated as the complete returns of the elections for delegates to the convention of the union came in. More than 4,000 workers came to vote in order to protest against the pogrom carried on by the right wing Sigman forces in the union which has resulted in the shattering of a once powerful organization.

In spite of the fact that the largest polling place was in Bryant Hall, since it is nearest to the district in which the factories are located, many hundreds chose to cast their votes in the Joint Board building. This was explained by the fact that many of them before voting went in whole shop groups to pay up their back dues before voting.

**Delegates Chosen.**  
The following were elected from Operators' Local 2: J. Borachovich, I. Brauner, J. H. Cohen, I. Goldman, F. Herbst, M. Levine, I. Lipnik, J. Silkowitz, J. Stenzer and A. Weiss.  
Local 9 will be represented by the following delegates: W. Greenberg, S. Hapenwasser, Ph. Herman, A. Zierlin, Mania Perلمان, Nat Kaplan, and Rose Kaplan.

## To Collect for Miners In Philadelphia Sunday

PHILADELPHIA, April 19.—To raise funds for the striking coal miners, a house to house collection will be held Sunday. Headquarters have been established at 130 S. 60th Street, where all participants will report.

This is the second house to house collection held. Last Sunday many workers turned out and helped collect funds for the coal diggers.

## The Exile Reposes



Secretary of the Treasury Mellon recently joined the army of self-made exiles who jinketed for foreign lands in order to escape embarrassing investigations at home. The above picture shows him as he waited in his Bermuda retreat for the oil investigation to cool down. He has now returned to Washington.

## WORKERS PARTY LEADER OUSTED FROM HIS UNION

Fislerman Expelled on Green's Orders

SEATTLE, April 19.—Aaron Fislerman, several times president and delegate to the Central Labor Council and a member of the Bookkeepers', Stenographers', Typists' and Assistants' Local 16304 from its very inception, organized more than a decade ago, and before that member of other unions, was expelled at the Monday evening meeting on specific instruction from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Fislerman immediately gave notice of appeal to the A. F. of L. convention to be held at New Orleans this fall. He stated to the membership and the press after the meeting that he will make the right of the Communists to be members of the trade unions and the A. F. of L. an issue at the next convention. The union pledged Fislerman its full cooperation and assistance in the fight to regain and retain his membership. Fislerman is held in high esteem by the entire membership for his work for his union and the northwest labor movement.

**Has Organized Workers.**  
Besides participating in the battles of the labor movement in the northwest, Fislerman has done considerable organizational work, both in the political and economic field including the organization of the single weavers, the only union of lumber workers in the northwest, which has now an international of local unions in that territory and is doing considerable organization amongst single weavers, having organized more than 60 per cent of the workers in that industry.

**Admits Being Communist.**  
The charges against Fislerman were that he belonged to the Workers (Communist) Party and is its district organizer. Fislerman affirmed all these charges, according to information he gave the press, but contended that a Communist has as much right to be a member of the organized labor movement as any other worker.

Several weeks previous to his expulsion, Fislerman was visited by C. O. Young, A. F. of L. organizer, who was accompanied by the president of the Central Labor Council and Ernest Marsh, of the department of labor and commerce, who asked him to resign from his union. This Fislerman promptly refused to do. He was told that unless he did so he would be expelled.

There was no alternative for his union, which is supporting Fislerman, for to refuse to expel him would mean the loss of its charter. When the vote on expulsion was taken, only a few participated, the bulk of those present abstaining from voting.

## Workers' Calendar

**Chicago Miners' Relief.**  
CHICAGO.—A house-to-house collection drive for funds and clothing for the striking miners will be conducted by the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee of Chicago tomorrow and Sunday. Volunteer workers are urged to communicate with the committee.

**Detroit Conference.**  
DETROIT.—The Detroit Council for the Protection of Foreign Born has called a conference for Sunday, 10 a. m. at the G. A. R. Hall, Cass Ave. and Grand River. All interested organizations are urged to send delegates; address communications to 2127 Witherell St.

**Chicago Anti-Polish-Fascism.**  
CHICAGO.—The Chicago Committee against Polish Fascism has called a conference for Sunday, 10 a. m. at the Polish Workers' Hall, 1555 W. Division St. All interested organizations are urged to send delegates.

**Chicago Commemoration.**  
CHICAGO.—The Louis Tickers and the Tom Mooney branches of the International Labor Defense will commemorate the 14th anniversary of the Ludlow massacre tomorrow night at Olympia Hall, 748 S. Halsted street.

**Pullman AAAA Celebration.**  
PULLMAN, Ill.—The Russian branches of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism of Pullman, Chicago, Hereford and East Chicago will celebrate May Day with a concert and dance on Sunday, April 29 at Stanek Hall, 295 E. 115 St.

**San Francisco Camps.**  
SAN FRANCISCO.—A workers' children camp conference will be held here April 29, all labor fraternal, women's and children's organizations are invited to send delegates. Communicate with the Young Workers' League.

**Youngstown Dance.**  
YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—The Young Workers' League will hold a concert and dance here May 27. All organizations are requested to keep this date open.

**San Francisco Workers' School.**  
SAN FRANCISCO.—The Workers' School announces the opening of several courses on May 7. For information address 1212 Market St.

**Leap Year Dance.**  
CHICAGO.—The American Progressive Women's Club and the Lithuanian Women's Alliance, Branch 127, will hold a Leap Year Concert and Dance at McKinley Park Hall at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow.

**Shachtman China Lecture Tour Dates.**  
Philadelphia, April 21, Grand Fraternity Hall, 1626 Arch St.  
Canton, O., April 24, Music Hall, 810 Turstarawas St. East.  
Akron, O., April 25.  
Toledo, O., May 5.  
Detroit, May 6.  
Grand Rapids, May 8, Lithuanian Sons' Hall, 1057 Hamilton Ave., N. W.  
Chicago, May 11.  
Waukegan, Ill., May 14.  
Buffalo, May 24.

**Cannon Tour Dates.**  
Sunday Monday, April 22-23, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.  
Tuesday, April 24th, Rochester, Minnesota.  
Wednesday, April 25th, Duluth, Minn.  
Thursday, April 26th, Superior, Wis.  
Workers' Hall, 429 Tower Ave.  
Saturday, April 28th, Chicago, Ill., Mirror Hall, 1116 N. Western Ave.

**District 10 May Day Meets.**  
Hugo Ochler, R. Shohan, and Ed Hankins will tour district 10 to speak at May Day meetings. Those so far scheduled are:  
For Ochler.  
Kansas City, April 27.  
Sioux City, April 29.

## GROCERY CLERKS SUPPORT FRUIT WORKERS STRIKE

Vote 10 Per Cent of Wages to Aid

Members of the Retail Grocery, Fruit and Dairy Clerks Union of Greater New York at a meeting Tuesday night, at Bronx Lyceum, 2690 Third Ave., voted to contribute 10 per cent of each week's wages to aid the strike of the fruit clerks. Members of the Young Workers League, the United Council of Workingclass Housewives and Progressive Women, also spoke at the meeting, and pledged the full support of their organizations to the striking fruit clerks.

An open air meeting of the striking clerks was held at 172d St. and Washington Ave. Members of the United Council of Workingclass Housewives appealed for support for the strikers. Six more shops settled with the fruit clerks yesterday, strike leaders stated.

Omaha, April 20.  
Denver, May 1.  
Fredrick, May 2.  
Pueblo, May 3.  
Walsenburg, May 4.  
For Shohan.  
Hanna, Wyo., April 29.  
Superior, April 30.  
Rock Springs, May 1.  
Diamondville, May 2.  
For Hankins.  
Pittsburgh, Kansas, May 12.  
Tulsa, Okla., May 13.  
Houston, Tex., May 16.  
San Antonio, May 17.  
Fort Worth, May 18.  
Dallas, May 19.  
Oklahoma City, May 21.

## Workers' Schools, Joint Defense Plan Bazaar

The non-partisan Workers' Children's Schools of New York, Philadelphia, Passaic, Patterson and Hartford and the Cloakmakers, Dressmakers, Furriers, Capmakers and Grocery Clerks, all will combine their efforts to support the bazaar arranged by the Workers' Children's Schools and the Joint Defense a success. At the bazaar, which opens today at New Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave. and will last through Sunday, there will be booths representing the various unions which have contributed products of their own manufacture, in addition to many others.

There will also be a different concert program each night of the bazaar.

## ARREST 2 MORE HOUSEWRECKERS

Konstantin Zubauk, a striking housewrecker, was yesterday arrested while on picket duty at Madison Ave. and 62d St. Michael Zriak, another striker, was arrested while standing at Pushing Ave. and Bushwick Ave. Both were released on bail for trial Monday.

According to a statement by L. P. Truban, business agent of the union, the boss-contractors who are holding out, demanded the abolition of the shop or job chairmen, the right to dismiss union men without referring the case to the union business agent, and also demanded full control of the foremen to the boss instead of having him under union supervision.

## NEARING SPEAKS AT WISCONSIN U.

900 Students Hear Talk on "Russia and China"

MADISON, Wis., April 19.—Despite the fact Scott Nearing was scheduled to speak at the University of Wisconsin at the same hour as Alfred Adler, the psychologist, he nevertheless drew an enthusiastic crowd of over 900 people to listen to his talk on "Russia and China."

Nearing, characterizing his visit to Russia, said, "Going to Russia is like going from one density into another."

He explained the changes that are taking place in the cultural fields, as well as industrial, as a result of the revolution. Today Russia is the center of new drama, education, public health experimentation, film experimentation, and mass production in literature to the extent of the sale of 135 million books every year, he said.

Nearing stressed the influence of Soviet Russia in the development of the Chinese revolution which demonstrated the friendship of Russia towards China.

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Volunteer for  
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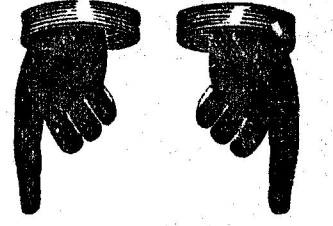
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## Working Class Will Not Accept Verdict Against Bonita

The verdict of "manslaughter" against Sam Bonita, courageous president of Local 1703, of the United Mine Workers at Pittston, is a framed up verdict.

We intend to go to the bottom of the facts which indicate that the case was not only a frame-up, but a frame-up in more ways than one.

The hideous story has already begun to leak out, and the facts will stir the mine workers of the Anthracite districts when they see them in all the astonishing details.

The jury was loaded against Sam Bonita; as we have said before, it was a jury which by nature and composition could not have exercised its own mind but was absolutely bound to reflect the influence of the big coal corporations in the community. But even this loaded jury was tampered with in a way to startle the hardest-boiled jury-tamperers of the San Francisco frame-up ring or of William J. Burns. For the moment we do not refer to questions of the ordinary methods of tampering with juries behind the scenes. We refer to the open action of Bill McClean, the coal operators' judge in the case, who publicly tampered with the jury after it had brought in a verdict, miserable and cowardly, it is true, but which did not fully enough carry out the will of the coal operators.

Secondly, a Pittston newspaper has turned up the fact that eleven out of the twelve jurors were convinced that Bonita did no more than return the fire of a gunman who had already shot at him. These eleven jurors, of a class composition entirely prejudiced against the mine worker, nevertheless in the jury-room stated their belief that Bonita was not guilty and that they wanted to acquit him. There was a long dispute in which the remaining juror declared that he would stand out for conviction "until the cows come home." The weak eleven jurymen, convinced of the innocence of the defendant, then compromised on a verdict of "involuntary manslaughter" on the condition that the judge be requested to show "mercy." This was the cowardly manner of wavering between their mental conviction of the innocence of the prisoner and the coal corporation influence over their "souls" wielded by the twelfth jurymen.

With two empty words, "involuntary" and "mercy," the cowardly jurors covered their consciences and placed into the hands of the coal companies agent, Judge McClean, the power to do that which he was so pleased to do with Bonita.

McClean, in defiance of all legal form, refused to accept the compromise verdict and bluntly instructed the jury to return with a verdict of manslaughter without any "involuntary."

When the jury crawled back to the coal company judge, having carried out his command, McClean was free to do anything short of giving the mine workers' representative life or the chair. The stupid word "mercy" was ignored and Sam Bonita was given the heaviest sentence in the power of the coal company judge to mete out—a sentence which if served out will mean the systematic torture of the miners' local president at hard labor for a term of from six to twelve years.

Next—the ugliest phases of the whole rotten frame-up seem to be indicated vaguely by the failure of the attorneys for the defendant to ask for an appeal!

How far does the frame-up go?

What is the reason these attorneys did not raise the real issues of the case during the trial? Why did they not show that it was a struggle over the effort to impose the contractor system on the mine workers? Why did not these lawyers call the infamous Cappelini, John Lewis' henchman, who was framing up the case against Bonita, to the witness stand? Why did these lawyers fail to show that John L. Lewis was pulling wires for the death of the Mine Workers' local president?

Bill McClean, agent of the coal companies and judge in the case, in his words from the bench, when he refused the first verdict of the jury, gave obvious indications that a certain verdict was expected and understood in advance, and that the word "involuntary" was a deviation from the text of something agreed upon. How far does the frame-up go?

In all events the working class will refuse to accept the fiendish judgment of the coal companies against Sam Bonita, president of local 1703. That verdict expresses nothing but the fact that Bonita is an enemy of the coal companies, and the sentence of twelve years in the penitentiary is nothing but the expression of vengeance of the coal operators against the Mine Workers.

Not Mendola, and not Moleski, and not Bonita, either, shall be given up by the workers to the coal operators' jails!

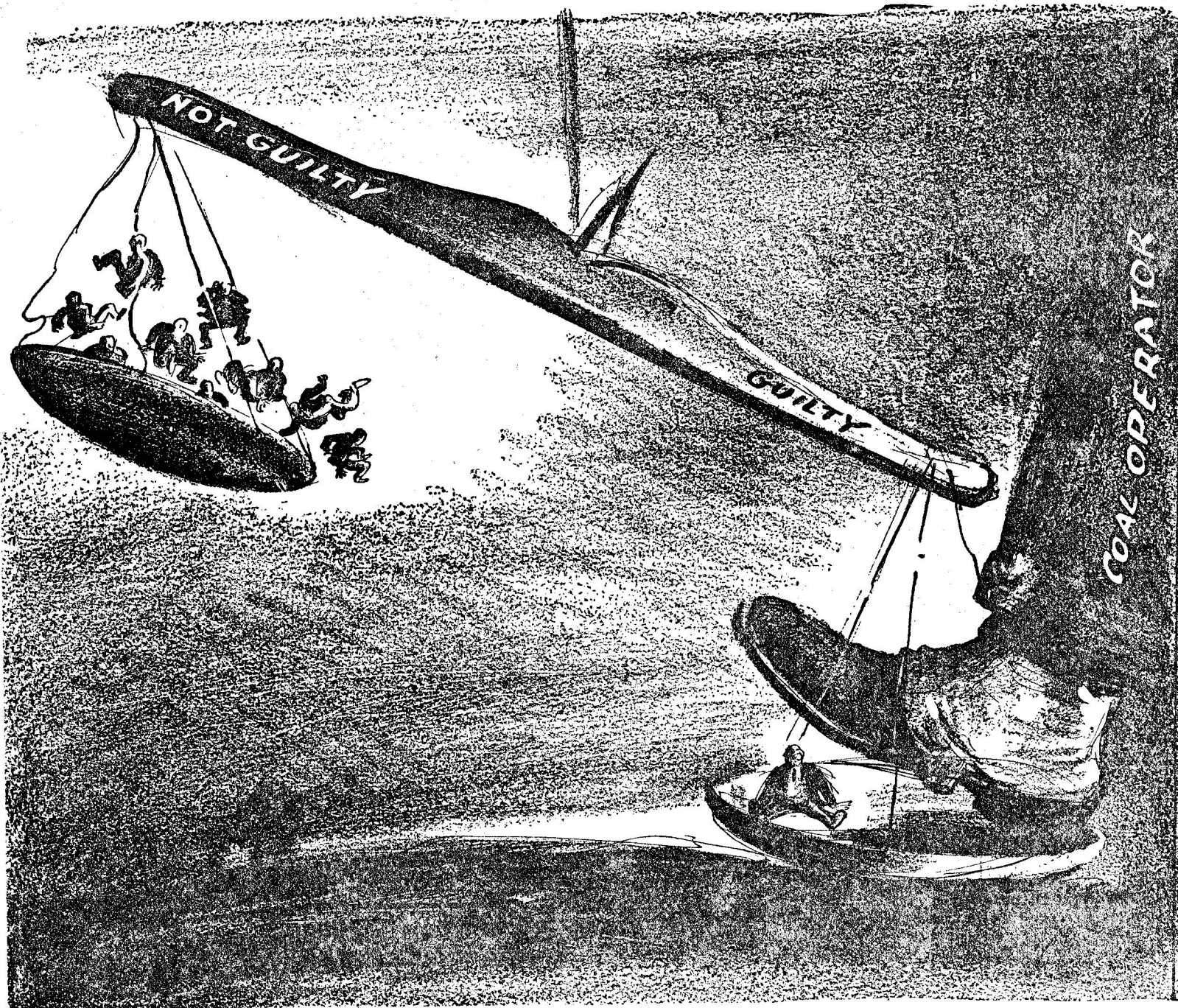
The working class must fight these verdicts and compel the liberation of Bonita, Moleski and Mendola! The Anthracite workers, supported by the entire working class, must make the fight for the freedom of these men a part of the fight to defeat the coal operators and their agents, Lewis and Cappelini, in the big struggle of which this hideous sentence is a part.

The Anthracite miners should regard the verdict as a signal to strengthen the Save-the-Union committees and Defense Committees to prepare the districts to swing into line with the big national strike of the entire coal industry.

The coal operators sentenced Sam Bonita.

Mine workers, beat the coal operators!

## THE JURY FINDS



In the trial of Sam Bonita, fighting president of Local 1703 of the United Mine Workers, eleven jurors said they believed Bonita not guilty. One stood out for conviction. Bonita was convicted because of the coal companies' power which controls the court and dominates the lives of these puppet jurors.

By Fred Ellis

## Kellogg "Peace" Notes Do Not Fool Workers

Editor, The DAILY WORKER:  
It is amusing to read from day to day despatches between M. Briand and Secretary Kellogg concerning the "outlawing of war." It is time that these two gentlemen realize that the workers are far too intelligent to be psychologized by such words as "outlawing war."

Every class conscious worker, and by the way they are the ones whose lives are always sacrificed, knows that as long as capitalist nations are in existence, so long will war be necessary. New markets to sell their products, new territories to exploit, are factors which are absolutely necessary for the existence of the capitalist state, and these of course, lead to economic rivalries between nations which eventually bring on war. It is time that these two statesmen stop such nonsensical talks as "outlawing war" between capitalist nations.

But since they are so eager to see the abolition of war, since they are so eager to stop giving the workers blood baths, why did they reject the Soviet Union proposal for immediate and complete disarmament, which would have brought about the abolition of war, since without any armaments there can be no war? No, they would not accept the Soviet's proposal because they know their states cannot exist without possessing armaments, and that their discussion concerning the "outlawing of war" is mere hypocrisy.

C. CHARLES ALEXANDER.

### HOD CARRIERS TO CELEBRATE.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The 25th anniversary will be celebrated by the International Union of Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers, in Washington, Wednesday, with a dinner at the Hamilton Hotel at which executives of the American Federation of Labor and of its building trades department will be guests. The organization at the last convention of the A. F. of L. was granted representation on a basis of 70,000 members.

# Canton Workers Send May 1 Greetings

The custom of celebrating May Day in China as a proletarian holiday was inaugurated about nine years ago. Since May Day originated in the struggle of our fellow workers in the United States, we would naturally wish to join in this international celebration to make it a landmark for our victory in China too. Hence, pressure was brought to bear upon the public officials in Canton to make it a public holiday. Ever since then, we workers in Canton enjoy this public holiday with greater enthusiasm than any other.

### May Day in Canton.

May First would be quite a summer day in Canton. Our celebration could comfortably be held outdoors. Thousands of us would flock to the First Public Garden, or the Eastern Parade Grounds, or the Cemetery of the 72 Great Revolutionists, or the Campus of Sun Yat-Sen University. These are the favorite open air meeting places. We would have the right of way of practically the entire city. Throngs would march through the "Ma-Looos," the modern roads traversing the city, bearing banners and placards with slogans of the following nature: "Workers on to Victory," "Down with Imperialism," "Masses, Awake!", "Workers of the World Unite," etc.

This May Day Celebration has always aroused mass interest. It is one of the rare occasions that we workers meet together with the peculiar feeling of power and victory. Formerly

we were nothing but mere coolies. But ever since we celebrated May Day, we have learnt that we are more than coolies. Therefore the foreign imperialists and the ruling class of China, who used to kick us around when we did not please them, have learned to treat us differently, because they have realized too that there are powerful organizations behind now. Though workers, still, we are slaves no more.

### Result of Organization.

The contrast can still be seen now. Workers elsewhere in China, who have not learned the lesson of organization of the May Day celebration, are still knocked about or kicked around at will as mere pigs or dogs. Therefore, organization and solidarity have been our blessing.

The month of May is certainly a stormy one for old China. On the 7th of May, 1915, Yuan-Shi-kai sub-

mitted to the 21 demands of the Japanese imperialists, pledging China to be its vassal state. The masses were indignant but powerless, being totally unorganized and without political leaders. On the 4th of May in 1919 the students of Peking rose up to protest the Treaty of Versailles which granted the Shantung Province to the Japanese imperialists. But that again was a mere protest to which the foreign imperialists turned a deaf ear.

### A Memorable May.

But the event of May 30th 1925, in which the British imperialists shot down ruthlessly many of the Chinese workers and students in Shanghai, met a different reception, because by that time the workers had already organized. Then, instead of empty word protest or supplication, the workers of Canton initiated the most militant boycott of the British imperialists.

Thru this aggressive boycott, the mighty British imperialism lost practically all its trade in South China, besides its long, carefully-fostered imperialist prestige. It was finally compelled to sue for peace from the workers of Canton.

Now all the Chinese militarists and the foreign imperialists have begun to realize that the workers in China are the most powerful and militant group which is destined to control the future of China. This fear has manifested itself clearly in their recent cooperation to suppress the workers by the most barbaric means. But they are knocking their heads against solid rock. The power of the workers in China is growing fast despite tremendous obstacles. We, as Chinese workers, therefore, take this occasion to send greetings to our fellow workers in the United States, and let us all call out in unison, throughout the entire world: Workers of the World Unite! Demonstrate for international labor solidarity on May First!



Photo shows the Cantonese workers celebrating May Day in 1926. The Cantonese workers stopped work in a solid body for 24 hours, to demonstrate their solidarity with their fellow-workers throughout the world.

# "Anti-War" Conference of Liberals Puts Gag on Real Progressives

By HUGO OEHLER.

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, Apr. 12 (By Mail).—The spring conference of the Fellowship of Reconciliation was held April 10-12 with delegates from Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri and with a good number of students, local individuals, and Kirby Page and Paul Jones. The program stated that they had a "constructive policy against war and crime." And the order of business had such choice subjects as, "Militarism in the United States," "Discussion on Latin American Relations," "Problems of the Pacific," "A Constructive Foreign Policy," etc. With delegates numbering some thirty-odd, the conference got down to business—business of talking and that's about all.

A representative of the Young Workers (Communist) League and one from the All-American Anti-Imperialist League were present.

Paul Jones takes the position that the United States is not the most militaristic nation, and Kirby Page makes much over the feeble protest that was heard when congress spent millions for a bigger navy. The trend of the conference was pacifist and idealistic. When any of the high-lights would deal with economic problems they would always modify them to such an extent that at the finish there was not much left. Their con-

structive policy at the close turned into a policy of capitulation to the present order, to pacifism that inevitably helps the war-mongers by spreading illusions in the minds of sections of the workers.

The storm center of the conference seemed to come from the two "uninvited guests," and the discussion shifted to problems and factors that

many of the delegates learned of for the first time. Militarism in the United States is a nice thing for pacifists to talk about but when the Young Workers League representatives ask for concrete steps, for mobilization of the workers into conferences and mass meetings, for direct fight against the Citizens Military Training Camps, for the sending of

the comrades into the capitalist forces to carry on the work against militarism, etc., the conference was at first shocked and then treated it as a curiosity.

### But They Don't Mean It.

Latin American discussion proceeded nicely until a resolution was asked for to be sent to the Washington student conference, to the government and the press and then things changed. When medical relief was asked for Sandino's army it was eliminated in the Lewis machine fashion. When "Enlist with Sandino" leaflets were distributed it renewed the discussion and some spoke of treason.

A "constructive foreign policy" turned out to be asking the government to sign some more treaties, set up a few more arbitration bodies, outlaw war and such as well as disarmaments in the future. The discussion leader, Kirby Page, the chairman, Paul Jones, and most of the conference agreed that neither the financial capitalists nor the imperialists have control of the government. It's only a matter of changing the public opinion. But how to change it was not stated except join the Fellowship, etc.

The Soviet proposal at the Geneva conference read by the Young Workers League representative, was treated with respect, but was considered one that would not be carried out be-

cause the Communists are for class war and the Fellowship will oppose those who stand for class war as well as the others.

The danger of war, the correct analyses of the Pacific problems, the Latin American question, as well as militarism were not advanced by the Fellowship group nor was one concrete step taken to do anything.

### Talk, Talk, Talk.

Talk was the order of business and action was either dead or not born yet. Many of the delegates left the conference with new ideas about Communism and the anti-imperialist forces of the imperialist countries and the colonial countries. Some expressed the idea that there were shortcomings in the steps to be taken by the conference and referred to the two "gentlemen" of the left.

The members of the fellowship organization will have to learn, if they are going to be of any benefit to the majority of mankind, that the question is not that between war or pacifism but the choice between imperialist war or revolution. They will have to choose, for, as pacifists, they inevitably help the war mongers. The "two from the left" at the conference pointed out what steps for the majority of mankind must be taken, and that the problem is war and revolution, and revolution must be the choice of the masses who want a way out to a better society.

## Facing the Cell

By DAVID GORDON.

I'm weary of pacing my cell for hours;  
I'm tired of sinking into abyssms of dizziness  
Pacing three lady-steps one way,  
Facing sharply  
To pace three steps back  
And face about and pace again and pace and face forever.  
I am become  
A three-paced oval floor;  
My mind rushes wildly to freedom—  
Three paces — — —  
Forced back by steel-made reality  
It rushes forward madly,  
Clamoring for freedom  
From the hell of three paces, face, three paces again  
Until I am the steel that cages me.

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