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COURT HITS DAILY WORKER

"Save Union," Writes Sam Grecio, Shot by Gunmen

ACT SEEN AS A REPUDIATION OF BRENNAN FORCES

Calls Miners to April 1 Conference

(Special to The Daily Worker.) PITTSTON, March 27.—Endorsement of the national miners' Save-the-Union Committee and a call to all coal diggers to continue their struggle for the elimination of the Lewis-Cappellini leadership from the mine union was contained yesterday in a letter written to the committee by "Big" Sam Grecio, progressive Pittston miner who was recently shot down by gunmen believed to be in the pay of the Cappellini machine.

"A new historical phase," "Big" Sam writes, "will be initiated for the miners on April 1. Forward to the conquest of a new future!"

The letter written originally in Italian has been translated and is now in the possession of the Tri-District Save-the-Union Committee, Room 513, Coal Exchange Bldg, Wilkes-Barre.

Grecio, a Leading Fighter. Grecio, one of the leading fighters of local 1703 against the vicious individual contractor system and against the Cappellini machine was shot down on February 20. For weeks, he lay at the point of death. At present he is still incapacitated. Grecio's letter follows:

"To The Save-the-Union Committee, Fellow Workers: "What has happened recently has clearly demonstrated the necessity on the part of the miners to continue the struggle now going on to eliminate the whole clique of false representatives who have always betrayed our cause.

"Lewis and Cappellini must go! (Continued on Page Two)

NEGRO PROTEST MEETING FRIDAY

Discrimination at N. Y. University Is Issue

A mass meeting to protest at discrimination against six Negro students at New York University will be held Friday at 8 p. m. at St. Mark's M. E. Church, St. Nicholas Ave. and 138th St. under the auspices of the Conference Against Race Discrimination.

The speakers at the meeting will be Clarence Darrow; William Pickens, field secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Robert Minor, editor, THE DAILY WORKER; A. Phillips Randolph; Dr. J. W. Robinson; Oscar Fisher and Miss Neeley of New York University. Richard B. Moore, secretary, American Negro Labor Congress, will preside.

The committee in charge of the meeting issued the following statement last night: "In view of the fact that repeated attempts to induce the faculty of New York University to rescind its action against these students have failed of any response, the Conference Against Race Discrimination believes that only with a mass movement against this action, awakening both Negroes and whites to the necessity of ridding this country of race discrimination, will such action be effective."

Freiheit Rehearsal To Be Held Tomorrow

A rehearsal of all those participating in the Jewish Daily-Freiheit sixth anniversary celebration at Madison Square Garden Saturday night will be held at Stuyvesant Casino, Second Ave. and 9th St., at 6:30 p. m. tomorrow. Measurements for costumes will be taken at the rehearsal.

Bed Only Warm Place for Miners' Children



Miners' children have to stay in bed all day because they have not enough warm clothes to wear around the barracks. In bed, under covers, is the most comfortable place in many poorly built shacks today. Aid these children by contributing funds to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn. Ave., Pittsburg.

LABOR DEFENSE OPENS DRIVE; 4 GROUPS JOIN

A vigorous drive for new members is being launched by the New York Section, International Labor Defense, 799 Broadway.

Among organizations which have recently joined are the Waiters' Unity Organization, with 200 members and the Scandinavian Workers' Club.

The drive is also giving impetus to the organization of new branches of the International Labor Defense. The Harlem Italian Branch, with 34 members, and the South Brooklyn Russian Branch, with 20 members, were recently formed and are already actively engaged in work. A number of old branches are also being reorganized in order to improve their functioning.

To Hold Open Air Meets. Open air meetings will also be a feature of the drive, according to Rose Baron, secretary of the New York Section. "The interest shown in our recent bazaar by thousands of workers," she declared last night, "is evidence of the significance of the I. L. D. to the American working class as their chief defender against the vicious attacks of the capitalist courts. All class-conscious workers should join the International Labor Defense."

BUFFALO WORKERS PROTEST HORTHY

Two Meets Oppose Visit of Fascists

BUFFALO, March 27.—Two meetings of protest against the visit to this country of the Horthy white guard delegation of Hungary were held here under the auspices of the Anti-Horthy League.

Both meetings adopted resolutions against the official reception given the fascist delegation, which arrived in this city from Cleveland today.

The first meeting was held Sunday and the other last night. The speakers included Irving H. White and K. Kish.

The white guardists are visiting this country to conduct propaganda for the present administration in Hungary in furtherance of plans to float a loan in this country.

St. Francis Dam Faulty, State Inquest Reveals

LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 27.—Confirmation of the charges that the original construction of the St. Francis dam was faulty was obtained at the inquest here today. Over 400 persons lost their lives when the dam collapsed about ten days ago.

Several witnesses testified that water had been seeping thru its anchorages long before it finally gave way. Dave Mathews, a workman on the dam, was one of the witnesses.

DELEGATES SAY SHIPSTEAD SEEKS TO EVADE STATUS

Intimates Farmer-Labor Platform Too "Red"

(Special to The Daily Worker)

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 27.—The right wing at the Farmer-Labor convention here won the first round in its fight to prevent the smoking-out of Sen. Shipstead only by breaking up last night's session. Chairman McEwen arbitrarily ruled out of order a motion by State Senator Youngdahl that the convention wire Shipstead demanding to know if he favors the Farmer-Labor Party or not. McEwen prevented an appeal from the chair only by declaring the meeting adjourned, whereupon it broke up amidst great confusion.

Read Shipstead's Letter.

A prolonged fight took place in the nominating committee which will bring in a majority report favoring the nomination of Shipstead and a minority report opposing him.

Youngdahl's motion was made after Secretary Starkey read a personal letter from Shipstead conveying greetings "to my friends in convention," not even mentioning the Farmer-Labor Party. The letter was branded as insulting by scores of indignant delegates. There was a sharp fight in the committee between Starkey and Mahoney, the former attacking Mahoney as too "red."

Plea For Small Business.

Chairman McEwen's keynote speech which was thoroughly middle-class in character, mentioned unemployment, but proposing no remedy, urged re-forestation, tax redistribution, McNary-Haugen bill, denounced

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LINE OF HUNGRY MEN BROKEN UP

Kitchen Will Not Close Its Doors

A long line of hungry unemployed workers waiting for their turns at the door of the relief kitchen of the Workers International Relief, 27 E. 4th St., was broken up by police yesterday and the workers dispersed.

"All I can tell you is that if they line up again tomorrow I'll have enough of a force there to chase them off the block," Sergt. Murphy at Precinct 5A said when questioned by telephone from the office of the relief organization.

For many of the workers the meal offered by this workers' kitchen was the only one in sight for the day. Many others had not eaten the day before. Each time the line reformed, however, with workers unaware of the police action, patrolmen ordered them down the street.

Police throught the day remained at the door of the kitchen or within sight of the entrance.

The number of unemployed workers who were able to enter the kitchen for a meal was greatly reduced.

The kitchen will continue operations today, the W. I. R. office has announced.

Sergt. Murphy said landlords near the kitchen had complained that the kitchen was not good for business.

"If they stand in line tomorrow," Sergeant Murphy said, "I'll have

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Discuss Frontier Fight

GUATAMALA CITY, March 27.—In an effort to settle an old boundary dispute between Honduras and Guatemala, a commission composed of delegates of both countries will meet at Puerto Cortes to examine the question. The American state department is appointing Roy Davis, the minister of Costa Rica, as chairman of the boundary commission.

Will Lecture Tonight



NEARING TALKS ON "EUROPE" TONIGHT

Economist Just Back from World Tour

"The sharpening of the class struggle thruout Europe, and the swing to the left of the European labor movement are bound to have a great effect on the coming elections in Germany and in England," said Scott Nearing, lecturer and writer, yesterday. Nearing will stress these facts in his lecture on "Europe Today" at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St., tonight at 8:15, under the auspices of Sections 2 and 3 of the Workers (Communist) Party.

Nearing came into intimate touch with the workers and peasants in Soviet Russia and western Europe during his recent extended tour there and will illustrate his lecture with vivid descriptions of their present conditions.

The economic and social reorganization of industry in the Soviet Union will also be discussed by Nearing in his lecture. He will also tell of the specific engineering projects now being undertaken there.

This is the first of a series of lectures which Nearing will deliver under the auspices of the Workers (Communist) Party in various cities in the East.

CALL UPON LABOR TO HELP MINERS

Committee Stresses Conference Need

PITTSBURGH, March 27.—The call by the Save-the-Union Committee for a national progressive miners' conference for this city April 1 has met with a greater response than was expected by even members of the committee itself.

Miners Ready.

Spokesmen for the committee declared that every district of the United Mine Workers' Union, as well as most unorganized sections are ready to send delegates to the historic conference.

The problem of financing the conference, the matter of railroad fare for hundreds of miners who have been on strike for a year and whose families are almost literally starving, is a problem of the most serious character.

Appeal by Progressives.

The Save-the-Union Committee has appealed in the interests of a clean, fighting labor movement for support to this cause. The committee has asked that funds be sent by return mail or wire to 526 Federal St., N. S., Pittsburgh.

PAPER FINED \$500; DUNNE, GORDON ORDERED TO JAIL; FEDERAL CONVICTION LOOMS

Court of Appeals Affirms Previous Conviction of Editor, Business Manager

Decision Strikes New Blow in Long Campaign of Open Shoppers and Patrioteers

Confirming the convictions of the editors of The DAILY WORKER of a year ago and the exaction of a fine of \$500 yesterday handed down a ruling as a result of which there was advanced another step the open shoppers and patrioteers' attempt to stifle the central organ of the Workers (Communist) Party.

By a unanimous decision of the court with Chief Justice Benjamin N. Cordoza giving the ruling, the previous conviction was confirmed as a result of which William F. Dunne and Bert Miller were made to serve sentences in the workhouse. Under the present decision David Gordon, the author of the poem "America" which was made the pretext of the attack against The DAILY WORKER, and who is now a student at the University of Wisconsin, will have to leave school and be sent to the New York reformatory. Gordon is now 23 years old and will be kept in jail 3 years until he is 21. Dunne must now complete his sentence.

Arrested Last Year. The decision which brings to a conclusion the proceedings against The DAILY WORKER in the state courts, was begun about a year ago at the instigation of a "patriotic" society, the Key Men of America, and a military organization, the Military Order of the World War. These organizations according to their own indirect admissions were carrying out the instructions of the large open shop interests of the country which had become enraged at the militant campaigns then being conducted by The DAILY WORKER for the organization of the unorganized, against the war in China and Nicaragua.

On May 27, 1927, Dunne, editor and Miller, the business manager of the paper, were convicted on the trumped up charges and held for a week without bail. On June 3, Dunne was sent to the New York workhouse where he finished 21 days of an original 30 day sentence. Miller served 7 days.

Make Good Threat.

At the time it was openly stated by the representatives of the open shoppers who testified against Dunne and Miller that proceedings in the federal courts would be instituted at the proper moment. This has since been carried out. Nearly two months ago an indictment was handed down in the U. S. courts as a result of which the mailing privileges of The DAILY WORKER have been called in. Under the federal indictment the editors of the paper are faced with the prospect of long jail sentences and the paper in addition to the possibility of losing its mailing privileges is faced with even greater fines.

It is now seen that the decision in the state courts affirming the earlier convictions is to be used as a preliminary step in the much more serious campaign in the federal courts. Other evidences in the possession of the paper indicate that the whole

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GENERAL MOTORS WORKERS STRIKE

TORONTO, March 27.—Between 2,500 and 3,000 piece workers at the General Motors Company of Canada went out on strike today protesting against a proposed wage-cut of from 25 to 40 per cent.

Several hundred trimmers walked out yesterday and the others, who worked in the Pontiac and Chevrolet plants, struck today.

This wage-cut was declared in spite of the fact that the General Motors Company, according to its own published reports, made tremendous profits last year.

PRAVDA SCORES 'DISARM' PARLEY

Imperialists Refuse to Cut Armaments

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker) MOSCOW, March 27.—Commenting on the results of the preparatory arms commission conference at Geneva, the Pravda, official organ of the Communist Party, declares that the more bitterly the imperialist powers attack the proposals of the Soviet Union, the more clearly they betray their true nature to workers thruout the world and "the more rapid is the process of discarding bourgeois pacifist illusions."

"The rejection of the project submitted by Litvinoff proposing partial disarmament and based on the consideration of small, weak states would mean that the imperialist powers are openly recording the fact that they not only do not wish to disarm, but are unwilling to reduce their armaments in the slightest degree," the Pravda says.

"From the struggle at Geneva the masses will receive yet another lesson regarding the nature of imperialism and the methods used in deceiving people while preparations for war are being made."

GENEVA, March 27.—Maxim Litvinoff, who headed the Soviet Union delegation to the preparatory dis-

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FREIHEIT JUBILEE TO BE LABOR FETE

Expect 22,000 Workers at Sixth Anniversary

The sixth anniversary of "The Freiheit," to be held at Madison Sq. Garden next Saturday night, is expected to be an impressive demonstration of New York left wing workers. The organ of the Jewish militant workers, "The Freiheit" has grown in influence and prestige since it was founded six years ago.

Judging from past events, it is expected that over 20,000 workers will be present to celebrate the birthday of the paper next Saturday. The primary feature of the event will be a mass pageant in which 1,000 persons will participate. A large symphony orchestra and a number of vocal and instrumental artists are also announced on the program.

Flyers, Boosting Kaiser, Hop Off for U. S. Today

DUBLIN, March 27.—The German Junker flyers, Koehl and Huenfeld have expressed their intention to hop off for America from here at daybreak tomorrow morning on their trans-Atlantic flight. The flight, said to have the backing of the former crown prince of Germany is an attempt on the part of the Hohenzollerns to popularize themselves with the German people, with the possibility of resuming the throne in view.



# PITTSBURGH DISTRICT PUSHES SUBSCRIPTION PLANS FOR "SAVE-THE-UNION" CONFERENCE

Dozens of subscriptions received at the offices of The DAILY WORKER testify to the enthusiasm with which the workers in the Pittsburgh district are pushing the national subscription drive to add 10,000 new readers to the paper before May Day.

The sub collectors in the Pittsburgh territory have

been energetically carrying on the campaign for weeks and are making a special effort in preparation for the opening session of the Save-the-Union Conference in that city on April 1st. Every effort will be made to circulate The DAILY WORKER among the delegates who are coming from the coal fields thruout the east to

the big meeting.

The workers' press is already a familiar friend of most of the coal miners and it is hoped that scores of subscriptions will be secured at the conference.

Further stimulation will be given the big campaign when A. Ravitch, circulation manager of The DAILY

WORKER, comes to Pittsburgh in the course of his contemplated tour for the paper.

With the arrival of Ravitch plans for the increased distribution of The DAILY WORKER and the intensification of the subscription campaign in the Pittsburgh district will be discussed.

# Southern Coal Barons Fight to Conceal Open Shop Slave Conditions

## KENOSHA HOSIERY KNITTERS PICKET DESPITE WRIT

### 150 Defy Boss Power Before Allen A. Mill

KENOSHA, Wis., March 27.—In spite of one of the most drastic anti-picketing injunctions ever issued to break a strike, according to admissions of even the employers' attorneys, the strikers of the Allen-A Hosiery Company are conducting picketing demonstrations in front of the mill gates. Monday morning saw a picket line of 150 mill workers, and the Wisconsin University students' council who came especially from Madison to assist the strikers.

The students' council has announced a mass meeting for tonight, where the injunction, as well as the entire strike situation will be discussed. The council, and other student groups have already issued statements condemning the injunction recently issued by Federal Judge Geiger of Milwaukee.

Nineteen leaders and members of the American Federation of Full-Fashioned Hosiery Workers, are to appear on March 29, in the U. S. district court in Milwaukee, to answer charges of contempt of court for violating the vicious anti-strike writ. The mill owners instituted these charges almost immediately after obtaining the original temporary restraining order.

## Back to Wage Slavery



Alexander Lubowsky, the Brooklyn painter who found \$52,000, belonging to a bank, found that the \$1500 reward given him by the bank was not enough to enable him to support a family without going back to the same old painter's job. Lubowsky is shown above.

## SECOND BOOTLEG MILK RING FOUND

### Four Arrested in New Investigation

Immediately upon the heels of the plea of guilty of Harry Danziger, confessed leader of the Queens bootleg milk ring, another alleged milk ring has been uncovered by Health Commissioner Harris. The men under arrest charged with suspicion of attempted extortion are Henry Fishback, 226 East Forty-first St.; Henry Morris, 1680 Nelson Ave., the Bronx; Nathan Adelman, 1533 Townsend Ave., the Bronx, and Max Rothenberg, attorney, 261 Broadway, all of whom are out on \$7,500 bail each. Their case, which came up in magistrate's court yesterday, involves an attempted \$30,000 bribe.

"Two of the witnesses have testified that when they said they could not furnish milk to Henry Morris he not only threatened to make a raid on their trade but made good the threat within three days and began to take away trade from them by the customary Danziger method of underselling," Harris said.

The milk in question is not the higher grade bottled milk but that sold from the can to the workers of the city, who are thus unknowingly menaced by impure milk supposedly inspected by the city.

## SEN. SHIPSTEAD EVADES STATUS

### Farmer-Labor Session Ends in Turmoil

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graft, all other things in the old parties apparently being acceptable to him. He waxed eloquent in an appeal to merchants and salesmen oppressed by the MacFadden banking bill.

Consistency would require that McEwan propose a change in the name of the party to "Farmer-Labor-Merchant-Banker Party." The rural bankers injured by the MacFadden bill are the chief immediate extortioners of mortgage-racked poor farmers.

Shipstead has intimidated thru "friends" that he would not run if the candidate for governor is too "red" or if the platform is unacceptable. Friends say this is aimed at Lundeen, following his trip to Soviet Russia, and also at the Soviet reconstruction plan which is unacceptable to the senator.

Many delegates have expressed the determination to secure a senatorial candidate who accepts party instruction regarding platform instead of one seeking to dictate.

COOLIDGE'S MOTHER-IN-LAW DYING.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., March 27.—Mrs. Calvin Coolidge was at the bedside of her 78-year old mother, Mrs. Lemira Goodhue today. The latter's death is expected hourly.

## VACA LAUDS WORK OF ANTI-IMPERIALISTS

Dr. T. S. Vaca, who at the time the United States intervention in Nicaragua started was acting as the official representative in this country of the Sacasa liberal government, has written a letter to the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, 39 Union Square, congratulating it on its "splendid work in defense of the Nicaraguan cause for which General Sandino and his gallant followers are fighting."

The letter, dated March 18, 1928, was made public yesterday by Manuel Gomez, U. S. Secretary of the league.

Text of Letter.

The communication reads as follows: "I wish to congratulate and thank you for your splendid work in defense of the Nicaraguan cause for which General Sandino and his gallant followers are fighting. They certainly renew hope and faith in human nature and you deserve a good deal of credit for your campaign of cooperation. I am sure that most of those who look part in the Constitutional struggle of the Sacasa Government feel as I do, very thankful for your efforts in sympathy with the victimized Nicaraguan people. Hoping to hear from you in the future, I am,

"Sincerely yours,

"T. SEYDEL VACA,"

Members of Committee.

The national committee of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League in-

## WORKERS FACING POWERFUL LOBBY, SPIES IN CONN.

### Organized Bosses Have "War Chest"

By HARVEY O'CONNOR (Federated Press).

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 27.—Connecticut's bosses organized. They tossed millions into the war chest to fight labor. Today in every basic industry of the Nutmeg State they rule supreme.

The Manufacturers' Association claims the credit for the victory over trade unionism. Organized in 1910, it has banded together 800 plants employing 225,000 workers. Representing an investment of \$692,000,000, members of the association and the bankers work hand in hand in strikes.

The War Chest.

At the heart of the manufacturers' success is the mysterious war chest, little known and less discussed. To this, members subscribed generously in post-war days when labor was challenging them for control of workers' jobs and pay. One by one, the unions were defeated as they fought for life in the huge factories that dot the Long Island shore and spur off the tracks of the New Haven railroad.

Typewriters, printing machinery, rubber tires, brass and bronze products, metal working machinery, ball and roller bearing machines and machine tools lead the state's industries, but in no case has labor been granted the right which employers assumed—that of organizing. The New Haven railroad, known as the nation's premier junk pile, whose wrecks fill newspaper columns, believes resolutely in the open shop for its shops and right of way.

Governor Is Owned.

Connecticut's workers, denied every chance to organize themselves, are organized when necessary by the employers. For this, detective agencies get fancy sums for installing model company unions and elaborate espionage devices.

The Manufacturers' Association by no means limits itself to the active struggle on the industrial field against labor. It lobbies, expertly, at Hartford and Washington. Its agents own Gov. Trumbull, Rep. Tilson, republican floor leader in the house of representatives, and Sen. McLean.

## Flight Boosts Kaiser



The latest air stunt, a transatlantic flight by two Prussian Junker aviators is said to be backed by the former Crown Prince of Germany as a stunt to popularize the Hohenzollerns, in their hope to come back to the throne of Germany. Photos show Baron von Huenfeld (above), a former Prussian noble, and Captain Herman Koehl (below), who are making the flight. The aviators went out of their course to drop flowers over the estate in Doorn, Holland, where the former Kaiser lives in pomp while German workers starve.

## CLOAK MEETINGS PICK DELEGATES

### Signed Resolution Calls "Forward" Liar

Nominations for delegates to the national convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, were made yesterday at membership meetings of the Dressmakers' Local 22 and the Cloak Finishers Local 9 of the left wing New York Joint Board. The meetings were held at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St.

After a report by the leaders of the Joint Board in which the necessity of participating in the convention was pointed out, nominations were opened. Despite the fact that the right wing machine was announcing their intention to keep out all delegates demanding an end to the war in the union, the left wing locals are going right ahead with their plans to send a full delegation to Boston.

Refute Lie.

The workers in the cloak shop of Merkowitz Brothers, 51 West 14th St., unanimously voted for a resolution condemning the right wing Jewish Daily Forward, and the bureaucratic leadership on the International for making statements in the Forward and in the union organ "Justice," to the effect that three Communists working in their shop had made an agreement with the employer that the shop work 47 hours a week.

The resolution was signed by the names and union book ledger numbers of the 17 workers in the shop. The slanderous statements in the two publications were branded as conscious lies printed in an effort to discredit the left wing leadership.

## LABOR DEFENDER GAINS READERS

### Circulation of 25,000 Is Goal of I. L. D.

The April number of the "Labor Defender," just off the press, has held its circulation of 16,500 reached in March, a net gain of 8,500 since November, an average gain of 2,125 copies for each of the last four months, a representative of the "Labor Defender" announced last night.

The figures for the May issue should jump substantially in view of the demand for May Day meetings to be held thruout the country and as a result of the tour of James P. Cannon, national secretary of the International Labor Defense, from whose successful meetings three months' trial subscriptions are reaching the office at the rate of 100 a day.

## CLOSE PAWTUCKET TEXTILE MILLS

PAWTUCKET, R. I., March 27.—All three shifts of the Penikese Silk Mills, Valley Falls, suspended operations yesterday, and will not resume till Monday. It is believed that this will take place weekly due to the slackening demand for silk. Three hundred workers are affected.

The shut-down in these mills contradicts definitely the recent statement made by a prominent cotton mill owner in South Carolina. He stated that the reason for a similar curtailment of production in a large number of southern cotton mills, was because consumers demanded silk instead of cotton.

## MINERS' DEFENSE IS STRENGTHENED IN NEW FRAME-UP

### Bonita-Moleski-Mendoza Work Speeded Up

PITTSSTON, Mar. 27.—The Benita-Moleski-Mendoza Defense Committee, Stanley Dziemgiewski, secretary, has been redoubling its efforts to secure the freedom of the three innocent progressive mine workers who have been indicted for murder.

Sentiment among the miners has crystallized around the Defense Committee particularly since the unwarranted attack upon it by the Brennan forces, now know to be working hand in hand with John L. Lewis, arch-traitor of the union.

The miners are very indignant at the position adopted by Brennan. In a letter written today "Big Sam" Greco is understood to have repudiated the Brennan attack and has indicated the stand of all the miners. The letter is an endorsement of the Save-the-Union Committee.

The address of the Benita-Mendoza-Moleski Defense Committee is Room 513, Coal Exchange Bldg., Wilkes-Barre.

## GRECO ENDORSES SAVE UNION MEET

### Statement Repudiates Brennan Forces

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This is the slogan launched by the national committee.

"On the first of April at Pittsburgh there will be initiated for the miners a new historical phase of their organization.

"Miners of America!

"Avanti! (Forward) to the conquest of a new future. I shall be on your side.

"Yours for the Save-the-Union Committee.

SAMUEL GRECO,"

A Significant Endorsement.

The letter endorsing the Save-the-Union Committee is believed to have particular significance at this time. Greco is one of the most popular workers in the anthracite and is well aware of the forces now operating against the miners.

The endorsement coming in the face of the indirect attack by the Brennan forces against the insurgent miners' movement is seen as an evidence as to what the rank and file is thinking. Brennan has taken the position that he is working entirely under the constitution of the union while at the same time the Lewis-Cappellini machine has flagrantly violated the constitution at every point.

In the endorsement of the Save-the-Union movement, Greco repudiates all such so-called "constitutional" ways of fighting the treacherous Lewis machine.

## TO SING FOR MINERS

### Relief Concert

CHICAGO, March 27.—A concert for the relief of the striking miners will be held Saturday at 8 p. m. at Ashland Auditorium under the auspices of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners Relief Committee.

The program will include Moissaye Boguslawski, pianist, accompanied by the Little Symphony Orchestra. Letizia Leita, coloratura soprano, will be another soloist. The Little Symphony Orchestra is conducted by George Dasch.

The urgent need for relief for the striking miners of the Pennsylvania and Ohio district makes it imperative that all progressive workers and liberals of this city attend the concert which is one of the finest arranged here, according to the committee in charge. According to reports reaching here from the strike region thousands of dollars must be raised at once for the relief work.

## 5 Killed by Tornado

CANTON, Ga., Mar. 27.—Five persons are dead and 11 others injured, four probably fatally, in the wake of a tornado which swept Cherokee County, Ga., last night, according to delayed reports received here today.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Boxing Commission Issues Ultimatum to Gene Tunney

The New York Boxing Commission yesterday issued another ultimatum to Gene Tunney, heavyweight boxing champion, threatening him "with some action" if he does not reply by next Tuesday to the challenges on file by Jack Sharkey, Johnny Risko and Tommy Heeney.

The commission said that Tunney must either accept or decline these

### Symphony Orchestra Merger Is Announced

A merger of the New York Symphony and Philharmonic Orchestras with Arturo Toscanini as conductor was announced yesterday. William Mengelberg will also conduct and Walter Damrosch will appear as guest conductor. The new organization, to be known as the Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, will give its first concert next season.

## LEWIS OFFICIAL FOLLOWS POLICY OF OPERATORS



LETIZIA LOITA

## TO HOLD MINERS' RELIEF CONCERT

### Symphony Orchestra, Soloists on Program

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## \$20,000,000 Will Be Raised for Jewish Colonization in USSR

According to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Soviet Government will provide \$10,000,000 in addition to the \$10,000,000 now being raised among the Jewish people in America, to create a revolving fund for the establishment of Jewish agricultural colonies in Crimea and Ukraine. Julius Rosenwald has contributed \$5,000,000 of this sum on condition that the rest be raised. The Freiheit says that "the agreement is substantially not of a philanthropic character. The \$10,000,000 which the American Jewish leaders provide is not a subscription but a loan and the Soviet government guarantees the loan."

## WINDOW WASHERS GO ON STRIKE

Unable to continue to work longer hours for low wages under open shop conditions, the workers of the Beaver Window Cleaning Co., 76 Broad St., have gone on strike.

Plans for picketing all jobs of the Beaver concern is being made, officials of the Window Cleaners Union announced last night. They include the Sinclair Oil Building and the Metal Insurance Building, both on Broad St.

The striking workers are demanding a minimum wage of \$45 and a 44-hour week. Under the open shop conditions that the men are opposing they received \$30 weekly and were compelled to work long hours.

Strikes at the Concord and the American Reliable Window Cleaning companies are continuing, union officials added.

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## PAWTUCKET TEXTILE MILLS

PAWTUCKET, R. I., March 27.—All three shifts of the Penikese Silk Mills, Valley Falls, suspended operations yesterday, and will not resume till Monday. It is believed that this will take place weekly due to the slackening demand for silk. Three hundred workers are affected.

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## LEWIS OFFICIAL FOLLOWS POLICY OF OPERATORS

### Advocates Legislation by Government

WASHINGTON, March 27.—West Virginia coal operators today challenged the senate investigation committee's authority to examine the private books and records of companies. The contention was advanced that production of coal is not interstate commerce and therefore the senate has not the power to pry into the company's private affairs.

The committee was advised of the challenge in an executive session and decided to permit the operators to argue their stand at an open hearing. It will be brought up as soon as the committee concludes examination of Percy Tetlow, of Charleston, West Va., president of District No. 17 of the United Mine Workers, one of the Lewis henchmen.

The association represents the southern field open-shop operators of West Virginia. They were requested to furnish labor costs, selling prices and production costs of their coal. To prevent this information going into the record, they decided to test the committee's powers.

The Operators' Program.

In his testimony Tetlow followed the lead of the open-shop coal barons when he declared that the question of over production must be solved as the first step in curing the industry's ills and when he urged enactment of legislation to solve the workers' problems.

Tetlow was forced to admit that a union representative couldn't go to Logan County because of the operators' resistance.

"They control law enforcement in Logan County through employment of deputy sheriffs more than in any other place in the world," he said.

"They oppose the incorporation of the mining villages so that the workers are denied the right of local self-government."

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# Litvinoff Sends Protest to League Against Treatment at Geneva Conference

## SCORES REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN AT END OF SESSION

### Sends Note to Sec'y of the League

(Continued from Page One) armament conference which closed here several days ago, has addressed a note to the secretary of the League of Nations protesting against the concluding remarks made by J. J. Louden, Holland, chairman of the conference, it was learned today. Litvinoff insisted that his protest be included in the minutes.

Louden in closing the conference in order to prevent a discussion of the new Soviet Union disarmament proposal declared that he hoped the Soviet Union would participate in the disarmament conferences in a "constructive rather than a destructive spirit." Louden closed the conference after conferring with the British delegates.

Litvinoff attempted to introduce a resolution for gradual disarmament after the powers had made it clear that they refused to entertain any proposal for complete and immediate disarmament. The shelving of the new Soviet proposal indicates that the powers will refuse to consider any disarmament proposal, members of the U. S. S. R. delegation said.

## BRITISH COTTON BOSSES CUT PAY

### Launch Drive Against Standards of Living

MANCHESTER, Eng., March 27.—Contrary to their originally declared intention to permanently withdraw their demands for a lengthening of the working hours, and a reduction in wages, the Cotton Spinners, and Manufacturers' Association announced Monday that the 48 hour week they agreed to does not include cleaning up time.

This Association's decision was reached at a secret conference held by the bosses on Saturday. The employers also announced that they will not seek any more conferences with the workers' organizations. This is taken to mean that they will stand by their original demands for the 52½ hour week and a wage cut.

Rank and file workers at a recent conference urged a general strike in the textile industry to fight against wage cuts and the lengthening of hours. The conference urged a strike regardless of the attitude of the more conservative union leaders.

The Livingston Spinning Company's mill opened Monday morning with a full force of non-union help carefully recruited from out of town. The mill announced termination of membership in the employers association, made by these mill owners is believed to be the first ruse in a well planned attack by the whole association. The Livingston mill will operate on a 55½ hour schedule. A similar attempt made recently by the Aqueduct Mills was defeated by a strike.

## CUBAN ARMY TO CONTROL ROADS

HAVANA, March 27.—Traffic on the Central Highway will in future be regulated entirely by the Cuban military forces, according to a decree signed by President Machado.

The fierce repression with which the Machado dictatorship has met every attempt of the Cuban workers to better their conditions has resulted in widespread unrest.

The growing fear of the big plantation owners of unrest among the sugar and road workers is reported to have caused the new move.

### Mussolini's Pal



Richard Washburn Child, former United States ambassador to Italy, who helped engineer the Fascist counter-revolution, is busy translating Mussolini's autobiography into English. The book will be used as propaganda for Fascism.

## CHINA STRIKES SPREAD

### Workers in Struggle Against War Lords

(Ed. Note:—This, the third installment of Sou Chao-jen's report, describes the economic and political struggle of the Chinese workers and peasants against the war lords in northern and southern China. Sou Chao-jen's report was delivered at the second meeting of the Pan-Pacific Secretariat in Shanghai, February 4, 1928.)

Can the Chinese ruling classes stabilize their position even by such methods? Our answer is, "No." As imperialism cannot stabilize itself, even more so cannot the Chinese bourgeoisie, who are the lackeys of imperialism. They cannot even come to terms among themselves; like the rival imperialists, they can agree only to suppress the revolution.

Formerly when the working class movement was strongly leading the nationalist revolution, before the treachery of the Kuomintang, the imperialists were being driven back, concessions were being taken over; then the imperialists could unite for a moment to smash the revolution; but now, with the militarists in power in the Kuomintang, the revolutionary struggle against imperialism is set back, and all the imperialists are rushing in again, intriguing among all the squabbling militarists, grabbing all they can from one another. The Japanese from the British and the American from both, their unity to suppress the revolution gives way to bitter struggle to divide the booty.

Each is trying to win over the various military forces; the militarists, in turn, have nothing in common except their greed for money and power, and degenerate to desperately struggling groups of mercenaries. Therefore, the wars will not stop. There is no consolidation, no stabilization. They form all sorts of combinations and associations, which shift from day to day, but they cannot consolidate.

Financial Crisis. Look further at economics and finance. The bank notes of the militarist governments continue to decline. In Hankow the notes are no longer accepted by anyone. In Canton the notes are quoted at 30 cents to the dollar, and still going down precipitately. Even in the north, the Fengtien notes of Chang Tso-liang are so rapidly becoming worthless as to completely disorganize economic life.

The constant wars are destroying all transportation, trade is declining everywhere, factories are closing down, foreign trade is curtailed. As for the militarists under the flag of the Kuomintang, each fights for his own individual interests; the first aim of each is how to get more money into his own hands, more territory, more troops, more arms. There is a limit to what they can squeeze out of taxation, but that limit is far short of their appetites. They rob the populace, and they turn to rob each other. One day they are all on good terms; the next day they are disarming one another. The armed forces are enlarging all the time, to such an extent that the most extreme exploitation of the suffering people is not enough to finance them; one militarist must destroy the other to make room for himself to live. Therefore, cliques, alliances, constant sifting, constant struggles, constant war. For these reasons also there is and can be no stabilization.

Wages Cut. Conditions of the workers and peasants constantly grow worse. In Shanghai the average wage of the employed workers is \$5.50 per month. In the factories still running, the workers are being speeded up; in the textile mills, since the crushing of the trade unions, every third worker has been eliminated, and the remaining two do the same amount of work formerly done by all three; the eating time has been reduced; workers are forbidden to sit while at work; all former trade union agreements are cancelled; hours are being lengthened, wages decreased. The Seamen's Union agreement won in the big strike has been cancelled; the mechanics in Hongkong who won an increase in 1921, are now reduced to their former rates. The same thing goes on everywhere. In such a situation the workers must continue to struggle.

Workers Struggle. The workers have continued to struggle energetically. In Shanghai there were 50 strikes in December alone, including the big strikes of shop assistants, textile workers, and tramwaymen. In Hankow the railway workers surrounded the stationmaster demanding wage payments; more than ten thousand textile workers gathered in public demonstration demanding restoration of their old agreement and payment of the annual bonus; when the so-called "reorganization committee" tried to stop the demonstration seven of them were killed; the ricksha coolies struck against an increased rental of rickshas from 80 to 140 coppers per day. In Honan the railwaymen, who had not been paid for from 9 to 11 months, seized the money from the station and distributed it among themselves, because they knew the revenue was being taken by Feng Yu-hsiang for military purposes. Textile workers in Honan recently struck against a wage cut. In Hunan,

## Fight China Terror



Poster issued by the International Red Aid, urging funds for the assistance of the victims of the white terror in China.

## NICARAGUA CANAL IS UP IN SENATE

### Imperialist Measure Urged by McKellar

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The much discussed Nicaraguan canal, linking the Pacific Ocean to the Caribbean Sea through the Latin-American republic now occupied by American marines, would be built at once under a bill introduced in the senate this afternoon by Senator McKellar (D) of Tennessee.

McKellar urged immediate construction of the canal. McKellar's bill would appropriate \$10,000,000 to begin work and authorize a \$200,000,000 bond issue to cover the cost of the canal.

A bill providing for an investigation to determine the best route for a canal thru Nicaragua was introduced by Senator Edge of New Jersey several days ago. The bill had the approval of the state and war departments, he said.

the railwaymen, when refused payment of their wages, gathered and took possession of the town, although they only had one revolver amongst them.

In Amoy the chauffeurs recently struck for an increase in wages. In Manchuria a serious strike of miners took place, while the workers on the Pecking-Seuyan railway engaged in a movement for wages. In Hongkong the dockyard workers demanded payment in notes, because silver had depreciated 5 per cent. The rubber workers in Hongkong struck; four leaders were arrested, but the workers, by demonstrating before the governor's office, secured their release. Not only such struggles as these, given for example, led by the Red Trade Unions, have occurred, but even workers who have been under the control of the reactionary Mechanics Union in Kwangtung, have engaged in movements led by us. In the machine shops of Canton they have been striking for 5 months under our leadership; the Mechanics Union has not helped its own members, but on the contrary to "reconcile" the strikers, so that they are now entirely under our influence. Formerly the Hongkong dockworkers were led by the Mechanics' Union, but their recent movement was led by us.

(To Be Continued.)

## SANDINO TROOPS ELUDE AMERICAN MARINE FORCES

### Rainy Season Only One Month Off

MANAGUA, March 27.—The nationalist troops under General Sandino have succeeded in evading the United States marines, according to reports received here. Sandinista detachments operating in the northern provinces of Nueva Segovia, who were pursued by the marines, have disappeared.

With the rainy season only one month off it appears that the Sandino forces will elude the marines at least until the elections which are scheduled for this fall.

Sergeant Edward F. Rowe was wounded in the arm by a nationalist sniper at Condega yesterday.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Recommendations for a \$12,000,000 loan to Nicaragua were made to the State Department by W. W. Cumberland, former financial adviser to Haiti, who arrived here yesterday after a survey of Nicaraguan finances. A large portion of the loan will go for the payment of alleged damages suffered by American interests as a result of the fighting.

The loan will also go for the reorganization of the Nicaraguan National Guard, which is commanded by United States marine corps officers.

## TO HONOR GORKI IN SOVIET UNION

### Trade Unions to Join in Celebrations

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker) MOSCOW, March 27.—The Russians in celebration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the literary activities of Maxim Gorki were started today. The Academy of Sciences at Leningrad and the Federation of Soviet writers at Moscow have organized an official meeting and despatched telegrams of congratulations to Gorki, who is at Sorrento, Italy.

The Central Council of the Trade Unions of the U. S. S. R. has appealed to all trade union organizations to participate in the celebrations in honor of the great writer.

## GRAIN PURCHASES IN USSR GROWING

MOSCOW, March 27.—The collections of grain thruout the Soviet Union are increasing rapidly according to official figures. The total for the eight months ending March 1st is 9,296,000 tons.

Collections for the month of March exceed those for the last year, the official reports show.

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## PLAN IMPERIALIST WAR

### Build Big Armaments in Canal Zone

BALBOA, March 27.—"Defences" of the Panama Canal are being strengthened by land and air. U. S. Assistant Secretary of War F. Trubee Davison and Maj. Gen. E. Fechet, chief of the United States army air corps, who have been inspecting the canal defences for the past two days announced that the Canal Zone military air fleet will be doubled after the new depot is completed at the Pacific entrance to the canal.

Additional heavy guns are being mounted in the forts on the Pacific Ocean side of the waterway.

The work of building the new air depot—Albrook Field—will be started in about three months. It will cost more than \$4,000,000.

In addition to taking steps for the construction of a new canal thru Nicaragua, United States imperialism is strengthening its armaments at the Panama Canal for the protection of its imperialist interests in Latin America and in preparation for the coming struggle in the Pacific.

## USSR WON'T JOIN CAPITALIST PACT

### Replies to Japan's Note on Chinese Arms

MOSCOW, March 27.—Announcing that it would not adhere to the so-called international agreement prohibiting the importation of arms into China, the Soviet Government declared that it would not abandon its practice of refusing to sign agreements with another country without consulting other countries directly involved, according to a statement issued by Tass, official news service of the U.S.S.R.

The U.S.S.R. stated its position in reply to a note by the Japanese Government. The Soviet Government in its reply declared that certain governments had privileged positions in China and not only imported arms, but actually maintained navies and armed forces in China.

## Pilsudski Threatens To Dissolve the Sejm

WARSAW, March 27.—The newly elected Chamber of Deputies held its first session today. There are indications that the strife between the Parliament and the Cabinet which prevailed before the general election will continue. Pilsudski has again threatened to desert the Sejm.

## Aid Chile Fascists

SANTIAGO, March 27.—The State Mortgage Bank of Chile is negotiating for a \$10,000,000 loan in the United States.

FRIDAY!! the Big DEBATE SCOTT NEARING NORMAN THOMAS SUBJECT: COMMUNISM vs. SOCIALISM IN AMERICA Friday Evening, March 30, at 8:15 COMMUNITY CHURCH, 34th Street and Park Avenue. Tickets: \$1.00, \$1.50; a few at \$2.00. For Sale: Community Church; Jimmie Higgins Book Shop, 106 University Place; New Masses, 29 Union Square. Buy Your Tickets TODAY!!

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## CALLES APPROVES OIL BILL AIDING AMERICAN BARONS

### Morrow Instrumental in Change in Law

MEXICO CITY, March 27.—The recent amendments to the petroleum law, favorable to American investors, were signed by President Calles today and will become the law of land tomorrow.

United States Ambassador D. W. Morrow and Reuben Clark, special international law advisor to the embassy, have held a number of conferences with President Calles and representatives of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and La-

Pres. Calles Signs Oil Bill for "interpret" the regulatory provisions of the law. Mexican officials said they were hopeful that the revisions in the law would prove "acceptable" to the United States Government and to foreign oil companies.

While the amendments sustain the principle that minerals beneath the ground are intangible property of the state, they also affirm concessions granted to oil companies before the 1917 constitution was adopted. The United States held that the petroleum clauses of the constitution were "confiscatory."

The amendments make the condition that only land concessions where actual production was under way prior to 1917 will be affirmed.

## Sierre Leone Negro Machinists Join Red Labor International

MOSCOW, (By mail).—The Negro Machinists Union of Sierra Leone, British colony on the western coast of Africa, with a membership of 1322, has made application for affiliation to the Red Trade Union International. At a recent session of the Executive Bureau of the R. I. L. U. at which this application was read it was voted to accept the Negro Machinists Union into membership, and to send invitations to the union to send delegates to the fourth international R. I. L. U. congress.

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# New Hampshire Textile Serfs Demand Organization, Correspondent Says

## BOSSSES FORCE WAGE SLASHES, LONGER HOURS

### Progressives Leading Firm Resistance

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

MANCHESTER, N. H., (By Mail).—Thousands of textile workers in New England are looking forward to organization.

The textile conference that took place in Boston, March 11, under the leadership of the Progressive Textile Workers' Committee of New England is evidence of this. Delegates from every textile center in New England, representing many organizations and progressive groups, attended the conference.

#### Manchester, Fall River.

The fact alone that delegates from Manchester, New Hampshire and Fall River, Massachusetts, attended the conference is of great importance, especially when taken in connection with the fact that the workers of the two above cities received wage cuts of ten per cent only a few months ago.

The conference studied the situation in the industry very carefully from all angles and drew up a practical program for organizing the unorganized textile workers.

#### 150,000 Jobless.

The conditions under which the textile workers are struggling are miserable. The unemployment during the last two years, particularly in the last few months, has affected more than 150,000 workers. Forty-two per cent of the textile workers are unemployed or working part time. The unemployment situation is a weapon in the hands of the boss. But in spite of unemployment, production has increased, according to manufacturers' statistics. And, of course, the profits of the different companies have increased. For example, the Merrimack Mills of Lowell, Massachusetts, show a profit of \$1,295,831 in 1927. In 1926, the profit was \$466,974.

#### Inhuman Speed-up.

One cause of the unemployment is improved machinery and the inhuman speed-up system. Hours have increased in many places from 48 to 54. And in many mills night work now runs from 60 to 72 hours a week. The wage reduction that began two months ago spread thru all the New England mills. In the last two months the textile barons cut the wages of 100,000 textile workers.

The gigantic campaign of the bosses to increase production has swept the entire industry. The slogan of the bosses is, "Better machinery, the speed-up system, more hours, wage cuts and more production." The textile workers who are today facing this critical situation must resist quickly to stop the campaign of the bosses and better their own conditions. They have the power, the only thing they need is organization.

The result of the progressive conference was to urge the formation of Textile Mill Committees. The basis of this organization will be mill committees which will link themselves up into a national industrial organization.

Our slogans are: "Down with the speed-up system!" "No overtime!" "Forty-hour week!" "Increased wages!"

—PETE HAGELIAS.

#### MEET ON FRAME-UP SYSTEM.

ROCHESTER, Minn., March 27.—A mass meeting under the auspices of the Rochester branch of International Labor Defense will be held at the Union Hall, 18 1/2 Third St., W. with James P. Cannon, national secretary of the organization, who will speak on the American frame-up system. Admission entitles the bearer to a free three months' subscription to the Labor Defender.

## Worker's Child Sick; Hospital Won't Operate

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., (By Mail). I want you to publish this story, it is true. It will let the workers know what treatment they can expect at the hospitals of Philadelphia.

Today I met a frail little woman, a mother, who told me she had just come from the Jefferson Hospital where she had taken her little boy. The teacher at school had sent notes that the boy was becoming deaf and must undergo an operation. This mother of three children looked as if she needed medical care herself. She is the wife of a man who was injured while in the service and is now working at a job where he makes barely enough to live on.

"She said her little girl needed glasses, but she didn't have the money to get them. The child cannot follow her studies because it makes her head ache.

At the hospital they told her that the boy could not be operated on for less than six dollars. The mother explained to the social service worker on duty that morning at the accident ward of the Jefferson Hospital that she had only five dollars and she had to live until Saturday on that. The social service worker demanded a payment and the rest when the boy was taken home. But when this worker's wife told the social service worker that the boy had a fever (the nurse in attendance had said so) the social service worker gave her back three dollars of the five and impressed on her that she must have six dollars for the boy's operation.

Now this is the treatment that workers who are the real ones who produce anything, even the food necessary for this miserable specimen of a social service worker, are accorded. It again proves that unless we are able to pay we must see our children suffer and are helpless to prevent it unless we organize to see that the hospitals are really refuges of mercy.

Of course we know that, at the present time, the capitalist system has control of our hospitals and that the workers are oppressed even there, but the social service worker and the hospital officials should receive a copy of this letter to let them know that there will come a day of workers' justice.

—W. C. P.

## More Oil Witnesses Are Sent Subpoenas

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27.—Among witnesses subpoenaed for the resumption Friday of the senate committee's investigation of the republican party's oil slush fund are John T. Adams, successor to Will H. Hays as republican national committee chairman, and Charles D. Hilles, former republican national treasurer.

#### NEELY ROASTS HOOVER.

WASHINGTON, March 27 (FP).—Sen. Neely of West Virginia, democrat, entertained the senate with a critical analysis of Herbert Hoover's reply to Sen. Borah's questionnaire on the prohibition issue. Neely showed that Hoover after two weeks of consideration of Borah's questions had dodged all of them but one. He described Hoover's letter as "the sublimest instance of epistolary humbugery within the memory of man." He ridiculed Hoover as "this great English statesman and dodger," and said it was a pity that Hoover could not have been born twins so that he could remain in both parties and on both sides of every issue.

#### THEATRE SCALPER BILL SIGNED

ALBANY, March 27.—Governor Smith has signed the Bloch bill aimed at theatre ticket scalpers in New York City. The new statute prohibits the resale of theatre tickets in any form other than a licensed broker's office. It imposes a state tax of \$250 on ticket agencies and \$50 on sub-agencies.

## POLICE BRUTALLY "LUMP" TAXIMAN ON FAKE CHARGE

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

How bad the taxi drivers of New York City are in need of an organization to protect them from persecution at the hands of their bosses and members of the police (lump) squad you can see in this week's issue of "Taxi Weekly," a trade newspaper.

Accused of stripping his cab of tires, Albert Jurvis, a taxi driver of 1050 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, was detained at the West 47th St. police station, Manhattan, last week, where he alleges, he was severely beaten (lumped up) and in addition given the "third degree" by detective Masquelle. He was arrested on complaint of his boss Benjamin Gluckman, a fleet owner.

"I drove for Gluckman about two years ago," Jurvis told a reporter for the "Taxi Weekly," "and was held up then by two gunmen who drove away with the cab. I reported the theft at the Stagg street police station. The next day I was discharged by Gluckman because, as he said, I did not show enough fight. The cab was later recovered by the police.

Three weeks ago, I was employed as a driver for Gluckman. Every hing went all right for four days. On the fifth day I stopped work for a little while to go to a restaurant at 56th St. and 8th Ave. When I came out the cab was gone. It was a mogul checker cab and was not equipped with a lock. I reported to the West 47th St. police station and was told to look around for it. I did this but found no trace of the cab. When I reported to Gluckman's garage the next afternoon, I was told that the cab had been recovered; it was stripped of tires and abandoned.

The next day I was taken to the station house and received a beating from detective Masquelle who tried to force a confession from me.

He struck me in the kidneys mostly so that no marks would show. I am innocent of any theft and the fact that I was held up twice while driving for Gluckman was merely a coincidence and "tough luck."—X.

## Cops Hound Cab Drivers from 5 Car Taxistands

A fellow-driver told me the other day that I can find space in your paper for any interesting matter as regards the conditions of the taxicab drivers. I think I have two good points to bring out.

First, as long as we are not organized, conditions will remain as bad as they are now. Many attempts have been made to organize us, but they all failed because those who wanted to organize us were not conscientious enough. But I can assure you that if you can find for us the right man he can do a lot for us. He will find many men ready and willing to be organized.

Secondly, like the majority of the cabdrivers I absolutely must work 14 hours a day to make a living. That does not mean that I can save on what I make. I have to furnish my own gas in addition to many other expenses. And the police make us use up more gas than we use up on actual trips. We're supposed to have hackstands where only five cabs are allowed to stay. If we remain at any other place a cop comes along and tells us to move on, and we must, of course. The hackstands are very few in number. Around Union Square, for instance, there are just two while thousands of cabs go by wasting gas for nothing at all. Being hard times you can just about imagine the kind of living we're making.

#### GERMANS TO HONOR COMMUNE

CHICAGO, March 27.—The Chicago branch of International Labor Defense, German section, will commemorate the Paris Commune at a celebration on Monday, April 2, 8 p. m., at 453 N. North Ave. Well-known speakers will address the meeting and an appropriate musical program has been arranged in addition.

#### BUFFALO COMMUNE MEET.

BUFFALO, March 27.—A rousing meeting in commemoration of the Paris Commune of 1871 was held here in the club rooms of the "Valo" by the International Labor Defense with James Saunders, district organizer of the Workers (Communist) Party, R. Goetz, and a member of the Young Workers League as the speakers.

## MILLER SHOE MEN DEMAND \$50 FROM COMPANY UNION

### Dues Books Don't Exist as Cash Is Swindled

Ever since our big chief, Mr. McKocran, started to play dirty work against his fellow workmen, he dresses like a millionaire. Not only Mr. Mc but his rat partners too. (I call them rats because scabs are worse than rats.)

Our big chief, Mr. Mc even has the privilege to conduct a dry goods business right in the factory. He says the profit is for the welfare committee. That's a pity!

Our Mr. Mc and his rat partners take and divide up all the dues (10 cents per week) that they steal from the shoe workers that are members of the so-called "I. Miller & Sons Company Union." It may be that Charles Miller, himself, gets some of the dues because he permits them to collect from the shoe workmen.

From our department or floor chairman, we cannot get any information. He is a scab of the last strike. He only comes around on Monday afternoon to collect the dues. They don't even use dues books; therefore we don't call him chairman but "collector" for the I. Miller & Sons Company Union.

As you already know, we cannot make any motions; so through the DAILY WORKER we make a motion that each and every man (that has \$50.00 deposited in the Company) should get his money back so that they can buy shoes and clothes for their children.

#### SHOE WORKMEN.

### 5-Day Week Demanded

ASBURY PARK, N. J., March 27.—Northern New Jersey building trades workers are demanding the 5-day week to alleviate unemployment. More machinery and standardized materials are curtailing jobs, despite a normal volume of building. Union representatives will confer with employers April 10 on the 40-hour week.

### Non-Partisan League Re-Nominates Frazier

WASHINGTON, March 27 (FP).—Non-Partisan Leaguers won in the North Dakota primary, according to reports wired to Sen. Lynn Frazier, who will be the league candidate this spring for renomination on the republican ticket. The new national committeeman will be a leaguer.

#### WRECKS PEONS' HUTS.

GUATAMALA CITY, March 27.—Scores of peons' flimsy huts have been destroyed in a hurricane which swept the Zamayac district here. No report of casualties has been received.

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## "MERRY WIVES, WINDSOR" GAY AND FROLICSOME

—DRAMA—

It would never do to put old John Falstaff, as Otis Skinner portrays him, in "The Merry Wives of Windsor" in modern dress. That clean and dignified face, with the neat little gray beard, would look just like a retired banker, or successful race track swindler, and the humor of Shakespeare, never directed against the ideals of his time, nor any of its institutions, would in these days thus become subversive.



Otis Skinner

However, slumping in the Knickerbocker's rather comfortable seats, while the hard boiled Mistress Page and the rather reckless Mistress Ford (as done by Mrs. Fiske and Henrietta Crossman) frame up on the old bull rusher, watching the nifty Mary Walsh, Ella Houghton and Virginia Smith do their page's parts, hearing the French-Italian accent of Badaloni as Dr. Caius, and the Shakespearean Welsh of Hannam Clark—in spite of "pribbles and prabbles" a good time was had by your reviewer, and apparently by all and sundry crowd which was also present.

The street in Windsor is the best scene, Lawrence Cecil as the jealous Francis Ford nearly tramples down all the hollyhocks when he charges into his house hoping to catch gross Sir Jon in flagrante delicto.

The moonlight scene by Herne's Oak is riotously gay. Shakespeare did know his woods, and the feeling of pagan mystery is never absent from his countryside. You get an impression of happy and hoydenish lads and lassies rollicking and frolicking on any excuse. It might be mentioned that the craftsmen and yeomen of England, just about the time Shakespeare was writing this and other plays, were better fed than they have been before or since. It was the pinnacle of a period in which the social system had adapted itself to the tools of production at the cultural level of the handicrafts system, English fleets were sweeping the seas, and machine civilization was just ahead. The middle class was fairly secure and correspondingly not Puritan yet.

It is to the credit of Skinner, Direc-

LORELLE McCARVER.



In "Take The Air," Gene Buck's musical show at the Waldorf Theatre.

tor Fiske, their dancing girls, and leaping jackanapes that the feeling of jollity and buoyance is pretty well preserved.

There are minor flaws. Falstaff, as was said, maybe not quite so coarse and gross as he is traditionally supposed to have been. Justice Shallow was not done any too well. Master Panton need not have been quite so silly—he was somewhat too much like Abe Slender.—V. S.

#### SOLOISTS FOR NINTH SYMPHONY

CONCERT OF PHILHARMONIC Arturo Toscanini has chosen his soloists for the performances of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony which the Philharmonic Orchestra will give this Thursday and Friday afternoon at Carnegie Hall and next Sunday afternoon at the Metropolitan Opera House for its final concert of the season. They will be: Nina Morgana, soprano; Sophie Braslau, contralto; Richard Crooks, tenor; and Ezio Pinza, baritone. The chorus will be that of the Schola Cantorum. The program for the three concerts will also include the Pastoral Prelude to Part II of Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Monteverdi's Sonata sopra "Sancta Maria" for unison chorus and orchestra, and the Prelude to Part II of Cesar Franck's "Redemption."

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# Court of Appeals Sustains Attack on Daily Worker in New Decision

## \$500 FINE, JAIL FOR EDITOR, IN EFFORT TO SMASH PAPER

### Open Shops, Militarists Behind Move

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campaign was planned in detail and timed for precisely the moment when the attack would be a telling blow to the labor movement.

**Federal Attack.**

These evidences show that the attack was first launched to coincide with the beginning of the country-wide open shop drive of the capitalist class against the trade union movement. The attempt was then made to eliminate the chief fighting organ of the workers. When the imprisonment of its staff and the drain upon its resources failed to stifle the paper, the campaign was transferred to the federal courts. This second more elaborate attack was again timed to coincide with the historic uprising of the insurgent forces of the miners' union. In this movement the DAILY WORKER for over two years has been playing one of the guiding roles ideologically.

The case against the paper in the federal courts, it is now seen, will undoubtedly be forced to an issue at precisely the moment when the miners' movement and the rising forces in the trade unions generally will have come to the point of victory. Delivery of the blow, according to all indications, has also been timed for the present moment when the financial crisis of the DAILY WORKER is known to be at the most extreme point in the history of the paper.

**Appeal to Workers.**

In a much more definite and critical sense than has ever before been the Workers (Communist) Party, to stated the appeal to the members of its sympathizers, and to the workers in the labor movement generally must now be made.

The DAILY WORKER must in the next few days pay a fine of \$500. The paper which during the past month has been able to maintain its existence only by the most extreme measures from day to day and more literally from hour to hour is faced with this new blow. The life of the DAILY WORKER in a much more immediate sense than has ever before been the case hangs in the balance. The paper must be saved to the labor movement. It must be here on April 2 to record the great and historic victory of the Save the Union Committee of the nine workers' conference at Pittsburgh. The DAILY WORKER must be here to carry on the fight for the five millions of unemployed workers of the country who can look to no other source for leadership and for the expression of their cause. The paper must be kept here to carry on the struggle against the imperialist war in Nicaragua. And more than all else the central organ of the Workers (Communist) Party of America must be kept here to carry on the struggle for the defense of the Soviet Republic, the fatherland of all the world's workers.

**The Answer!**

The next few days will tell whether such a response will come from the workers of the country who understand the meaning of these facts. The DAILY WORKER makes this earnest appeal to the working class: Save our paper! Rush funds by return mail by special delivery, by wire. Next week may be too late. Save The DAILY WORKER!

## Labor and Fraternal Organizations

No session of Bertram D. Wote's class will be held this week. The next session will be held Thursday, April 5 at 8:30 p. m.

No session of Robert W. Dunn's class in "Present Tactics of the Employers" will be held this week. The next session will be held Wednesday, April 4 at 8:30 p. m.

**Concert for Miners' Relief.**

The Bessarabier Podolier Social Club will hold a concert and dance at their headquarters, 1347 Boston Road, this Sunday at 8 p. m. The proceeds will go to miners' relief.

**Dr. Liber to Lecture.**

Dr. B. Liber will lecture on "Labor and Health" Sunday at 8 p. m. at 715 E. 43rd St.

**Igor Affair, March 30.**

Meishe Katz of the Moscow Ozet will report on the Jewish colonization in the Soviet Union this Friday at Tammany Hall, 154 E. 14th St. under the auspices of Igor.

The musical program will include Seregi Radomsky, opera tenor; Scipione Guidi, first violinist of the New York Northern Symphonic Orchestra and Theodore Cella, harpist.

**Colorado Relief Dance.**

A dance for the benefit of the Colorado miners and their families will be held this Saturday at 8 p. m. at Masonic Hall, 71 W. 23rd St. under the auspices of the Colorado Miners' Relief Committee.

**Unemployment Meetings.**

An unemployment meeting will be held today at 2 p. m. at Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, 949 Willoughby Ave. Another unemployment meeting will be held at 2 p. m. today at 101 W. 27th St. Both meetings will be sponsored by the New York Council of the Unemployed.

**Local T. U. E. L. Dance.**

A dance of the local T. U. E. L. will be held this Saturday at 8:00 p. m. at Harlem Casino, 118th St. and Lenox Ave. Admission will be 50 cents. Tickets may be obtained at 101 E. 14th St.

**Gold to Lecture.**

Michael Gold will lecture at the Brownsville Labor Lyceum, 219 Sackman St., Brooklyn, Sunday at 8 p. m. under the auspices of the C. G. D. (Central General Development). The subject will be "The Mechanical Age and Literature."

**Postponed T. U. E. L. Dance.**

The Trade Union Educational League dance arranged for New Star Casino Saturday has been called off due to the Freiheit anniversary celebration taking place the same night.

**Nearing-Thomas Debate.**

Scott Nearing and Norman Thomas will debate on "Communism vs. Socialism" at the Community Church, 24th St. and Park Ave., Friday evening, March 30, at 8:15. Roger Baldwin will be chairman. Auspices "New Masses."

**Williamsburg Council No. 4.**

Council No. 4 of the United Workingclass Women of Williamsburg have arranged a lecture for today at 8 p. m. to take place at 29 Graham Ave., Brooklyn. Comrade Novshovitz will speak.

**Lecture for Baker Women.**

Bakers Council No. 1 of the United Workingclass Women will hold an important meeting Friday at 1387 Washington Ave.

**Passaic Women's Lecture.**

Passaic Council of Workingclass Women No. 1 will hold a lecture tonight at their hall, 781 Main Ave., Passaic, Comrade Hartlieb, educational director, will speak.

**New Flatbush Council.**

A new council of the United Workingclass Women has been organized in Flatbush. Its first regular meeting will be held today at 8 p. m. at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Robbins, 228 Leroy Road, Brooklyn. All the women of this district who are interested, are invited to the meeting. Pauline Rogers will speak on "Unemployment." For information about the new council phone Flatbush 1448.

**Brooklyn Lecture.**

H. Gordon will lecture on the unemployment situation Friday, April 2, at 184 South 4th St. at 8 p. m. under the auspices of the I. L. D.

## PORTERS TAKING VOTE ON STRIKE

### Ballots Sent to 10,000 Rail Workers

Strike ballots were sent out yesterday by the Brotherhood of Pullman Porters to 10,000 porters throughout the country in an effort to compel President Coolidge to declare a "state of emergency" to permit action of the workers' demand for an increase in wages and the elimination of tips.

If the workers vote in favor of a strike, A. Philip Randolph, general organizer of the union stated yesterday, Coolidge will be compelled under the Watson-Parker act to form an emergency arbitration committee.

The 7,000 members of the union as well as 3,000 non-members of the union will vote, Randolph added.

The porters are demanding: an increase in wages from the present rate of \$72.50 a month to \$150, to eliminate dependence on tipping, reduction of monthly working hours from the 400 now prevailing to 240 and recognition of the union by the Pullman Company.

## Textile Stockholders Force Night Work Bill

BOSTON, (FP) March 27.—Five members of the legislature's joint committee on labor and industries who reported favorably on a bill providing night work for women are textile mill stock owners or directors, the Massachusetts branch of the A. F. of L. charges. Secretary Joyce demands that the measure be sent back to the committee and that the textile men be barred from voting. The bill has already been passed in the state senate.

**O. K. MUSCLE SHOALS PLAN.**

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Government operation of the \$100,000,000 Muscle Shoals project was endorsed by the house military affairs committee today.

**Hike Sunday Morning.**

The Junior Section of the Nature Friends will hike to Jamaica Woods with William Beck as leader. The hike will take place at 8 a. m. at the Chambers St. station of the E.-M. T. subway.

**Educational Directors.**

There will be a special and important meeting of educational directors and organizers of the United Council of Workingclass Women Thursday, March 29th at the Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place, 8:30 p. m. Attendance is urged.

**Council No. 10.**

Ray Ragovin will speak on "A Federation of Workingclass Women" Thursday night, March 29th at a meeting to be held under the auspices of Council No. 10 at 267 Hokinson Ave., Brooklyn, 8 p. m.

**Italian Branch I. L. D.**

Nicola Napoli, Italian national secretary of the International Labor Defense will lecture on the Paris Commune at the Italian Workers' Club, 31 4E. 104th St. at 8 p. m. Friday.

**West Bronx I. L. D.**

The West Bronx Branch of the I. L. D. will meet today at 8 p. m. at the Scholem Aleichem School, 21 E. 163rd St.

## Cooks for Jobless



James Pelotti, above, volunteered his services as a chef when he heard that the Workers' International Relief was opening a food kitchen for the unemployed workers of New York City. Pelotti, who was formerly a chef in several large hotels, presides over the corps of volunteer workers who do all the work in the food kitchen. The Workers' International Relief is feeding thousands of unemployed workers daily in their 4th St. food-kitchen.

## POLICE DRIVE OFF HUNGRY WORKERS

### W. I. R. Relief Kitchen Continues Work

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enough men on hand to break up the line again. We'll chase them off the block."

When informed of this Marion Emerson, assistant national secretary of the W. I. R., immediately wrote to Police Commissioner Joseph A. Warren protesting against the "inhuman and brutal" action of the police. The letter read in part:

**Lodge Protest.**

"We wish to take this opportunity to protest vigorously against such brutal and inhuman treatment of unemployed and hungry workers at the hands of the New York police."

"That these men are compelled, due in the world, is bad enough, but to economic necessity to avail themselves of free bread in the richest city have uniformed police, acting under orders, smash up and disperse a bread-line is one of the most disgraceful and cruel incidents which has come to our attention in a long time."

An open air mass meeting for the unemployed will be held under the auspices of the New York Council of the Unemployed tomorrow night at 8 p. m. at 138th St. and St. Ann's Ave. John Di Santo, secretary of the Council of the Unemployed, L. A. Baum, and P. N. Buckenburger will speak.

## WORKERS PARTY ACTIVITIES NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY

**Section 1 Agitprop Directors.**

A meeting of the agitprop directors of Section 1 will be held tomorrow at 60 St. Marks Place at 6:30 p. m.

**Educational Meet.**

International Branch 1D will hold an educational meeting at 60 St. Marks Place today at 7:30 p. m. Outsiders will be welcome.

**Section 2 Unit Organizers.**

Section 2 will hold a unit organizers' meeting tomorrow at 6:30 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

**Spring Dance.**

A "Red Spring" entertainment and dance will be given by Branch 4, Section 5, Saturday, April 14 at 2075 Clinton Ave.

**Spanish Fraction Meeting.**

The Spanish fraction of the Party will meet at 8:30 p. m. today at 143 E. 103rd St.

**Downtown Y. W. L.**

The Downtown Section of the Young Workers (Communist) League will begin a series of educational and social evenings at 60 St. Marks Place on Sunday, April 1. The first lecture will be on "American Youth and War."

**Brownsville Concert and Dance.**

The Brownsville Subsection of the Party will hold a concert and entertainment this Saturday at 1639 Pitkin Ave.

**Nearing Lecture.**

Scott Nearing, who has just returned from China and the Soviet Union, will lecture today at 8 p. m. at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St. under the auspices of Section 2 and 3. The subject will be "Europe Today."

**Y. W. L. Dances.**

The Young Workers (Communist) League of Williamsburg will hold an entertainment and dance this Saturday evening at 8 p. m. at 75 Throop Ave. Admission is 50 cents.

**Section 2 Agitprop Meet.**

All unit and subsection agitprop and literature agents of Section 2 must be present at a conference to be held this Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St. Important matters are to be taken up.

**Literature Agents Attention!**

The latest issue of "The Party Organizer" is out and should be obtained by all unit literature agents.

**Brownsville Y. W. L. Dance.**

The Brownsville Young Workers League will hold a dance for the benefit of the "Young Worker" Saturday April 7, at 8 p. m. at Premier Palace, Sutter and Hunsdale St., Brooklyn.

**Open Air Meeting Saturday.**

An open air meeting will be held Saturday evening at 7th St. and First Ave. to discuss the traction situation.

**Section 4 Meeting.**

All agitprop and literature directors of Section 4 will meet Thursday at 7 p. m.

## LABOR DEFENSE TOUR ON CHINESE REVOLT PLANNED

### Shachtman Will Give Illustrated Talks

A national illustrated lecture tour on the reign of terror against the Chinese workers and peasants, covering dozens of cities between Boston and Milwaukee, is being arranged with Max Shachtman, editor of the Labor Defender, it was announced today at the national office of International Labor Defense, 80 E. 11th St.

The latest picture of the struggle now going on in China will be thrown and will give a graphic portrayal of the huge liberation movement of the 400,000,000 Chinese people which is shaking not only the whole Orient, but is stirring the structure of numerous imperialist powers in the west. Most of the pictures, of which there are more than 100, have never been shown or seen in this country and were obtained by the International Labor Defense by special arrangements for exclusive release in the United States.

**Reaction's Terror Shows.**

During the showing of the picture Shachtman will speak and explain the nature of the struggle now going on in that country.

**Tour Starts in N. Y.**

One of the first meetings in the tour will be held in the Harlem section of New York City, Wednesday, April 11, 1928, at 8 p. m., at the Bohemian Hall, 347 E. 72nd St., under the auspices of the Harlem branch of International Labor Defense. Other meetings in New York are being arranged in the Bronx, in Brooklyn and other parts of the city.

**NEW LOCAL FORMING.**

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## CLASS COLLABORATION

By Fred Ellis

## New Magazine For the Foreign Born Workers

THE first issue of "The Foreign-Born Worker" has appeared and although only a mimeographed bulletin, it is attractive and contains a good deal of interesting reading matter.

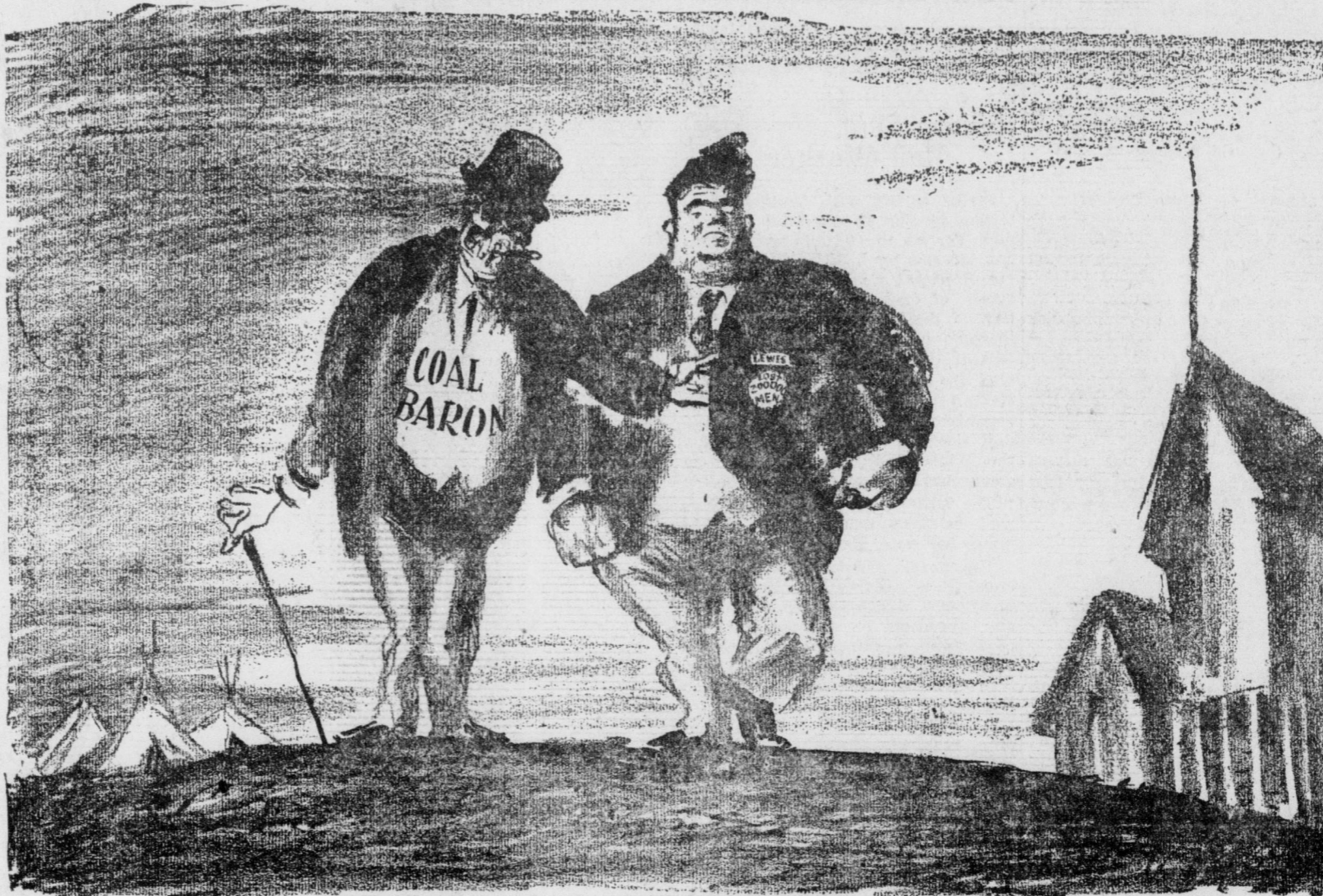
The leading article, "A New Attack on the Foreign-Born" discusses the question of greatest and most vital import to the foreign-born worker in America today—discriminatory legislation. About a dozen bills have been introduced in congress, the article points out, which definitely set apart the foreign-born workers from the native-born and brand them as outsiders if not criminals. These measures propose chiefly registration, deportation and naturalization of foreign-born and suppression of the foreign language newspapers. This registration would include fingerprinting, photographing and all of the sort of recording that one usually associates with criminals.

In addition to the political articles there are discussions of the position of the foreign-born worker in various industries, particularly the food industry, in this interesting bulletin. There are also editorials, satirical news bits, cartoons, and reports of the council's work.

### AID RUMANIAN TERROR.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Breaking treaty relations with Rumania as a means of punishing that country's ruling group for its atrocities, proposed in a joint resolution offered in the senate.

The state department has replied evasively to a demand that it block the pending \$60,000,000 loan by Wall Street bankers to the Rumanian government. The department will do nothing to embarrass this loan.



COAL BARON: "I'll say Mr. Lewis is a credit to the coal industry. With his help we have reduced the membership of the Union by 200,000 and reduced the quantity of Union-dug coal from 70 percent to 30 percent. That's what we call 'class collaboration'."

## The Law of Coal, Steel, Oil

Nothing has more clearly shown the road which the mine workers must travel than the events in that tragic-comedy, the senate committee investigation of the mine industry.

And nothing during the course of these events has so definitely emphasized the necessity of traveling this single road as the testimony of Rockefeller, Schwab and Mellon.

Laws are made to be broken—by the finance capitalists of the American Empire—not by workers, of course. These kings are the state! If an agreement no longer suits their purposes, it can be broken with impunity. The methods of explaining away the "ethical deviation" do not matter. The necessity of the capitalist dictatorship knows no higher law than its own needs.

In the working out of this law, the sullen Mellon, the genial Schwab, the pious, psalm-singing Rockefeller play an exactly similar role.

This is the law of coal, steel and oil.

The brutal frankness with which this law is expressed especially by the spokesmen of the Consolidation Coal Company, the Rockefeller concern, will serve to open the eyes of large sections of the American working class. The kings of coal, steel and oil snap their fingers at that "figment of the imagination," public opinion; they need fear even less the power of the workers if, as at present, led by such arch-traitor as Lewis.

Lewis hears the bold unraveling of the plot to destroy "his" union. He sits unmoved besides the men who exploit, who evict, who assassinate the workers; he listens and remains quiet as they predict that nothing will be left of the miners' organization. He shakes hands with Rockefeller at the end!

The kings of coal, steel, oil appear to have nothing to fear at the present moment.

Yet in one great union the forces of struggle have already been unleashed. Here already large sections of the workers understand the road they must travel against the Rockefellers, the Schwabs, the Mellons—and against Lewis.

The Save-the-Union Committee points the way.

# Jail Workers' Deputies in Polish Terror

By MAX SHACHTMAN.

A whole nation is on trial in the Polish fascist court at Vilna, where 56 members of the White Russian Workers and Peasants Party, the "Hromada," the first group of the 490 accused, are being prosecuted for membership in an organization which has the support of from 80 to 90 per cent of the population of the oppressed White Russian people under Polish domination.

### Fought for Rights of White Russian Workers.

The "Hromada," up to the time of the mass arrests that followed the police attack upon its national congress in Staraya-Beresia on December 2, 1926, was a legal party, and one of the largest in the world. It had mobilized in its ranks upwards of 100,000 active members, out of a White Russian population of only 2,500,000. The "Hromada" was the living, militant expression of the feelings of this national minority which still suffers a more severe political and economic oppression under the regime of Marshal Pilsudski than it did even in the days of the Russian czars.

It gave voice to the demands of the White Russian people for the right to self-determination; the right to the maintenance of their national culture, language, schools and other institutions; against the discriminatory and oppressive taxation, which has been proportionately greater than that levied in ethnographical Poland; for cooperation with the toilers of all Poland, and a workers' and peasants' government, and against the anti-Soviet policies of Pilsudski that are inspired by Anglo-American capital, the "Hromada" demanded a policy of fraternal cooperation and friendliness toward the Soviet Union.

### Polish Fascist Terror.

The White Russian people—overwhelmingly peasants—live under the most frightful conditions. The knout

them to a miserable and intolerable state. Most of the peasants own not more than 10 to 11 acres of very poor land, burdened with exorbitant taxes, old and inefficient tools, and resultant bad harvests. During a bad harvest, starvation and death is widespread.

In addition, what good land there is handed out in large parcels to colonists who are former Polish officers and soldiers, or else "deserving" fascist supporters.

The native language is under the ban. Only four out of the 600 White Russian state schools remained in existence up to 1927, and private schools are subjected to the most systematic extermination. Petty Polish military martinet are sent to teach the White Russian children in Polish state schools. The White Russian press—with the exception of that part of it that is suborned by the fascists—is driven from pillar to post. And whoever dares to protest against these conditions, be it patriarch or child, man or woman, immediately feels the sting of the lash and is allowed to cool heels in the hellish prisons of Poland.

Out of this swamp of misery arose

the party of the people of White Russia, the Polish fascists have reduced "Hromada", giving voice to the need for social, political, national and cultural liberation from Polish oppression. It had a phenomenal growth. At the time of its formation, in June 1926, it had 19 branches with 569 members; in September of the same year, it had 1,062 branches with 30,828 members, and by January 15, 1927, it had 2,000 branches with 100,000 members, organized into a legal party! It assumed the vigorous leadership of the White Russian people, obtained representation in the Polish Sejm, and rallied the overwhelming majority of the population to its banner of struggle.

### Terrorize "Hromada" Members.

Organized and maintained as a legal party, it was seen by Pilsudski that his first calculations—that the "Hromada" would be a harmless and convenient safety-valve for the White Russians—were entirely incorrect, and at the end of the year, December 1926, the first steps were taken to suppress the movement. The national congress of the party was attacked; delegates were cruelly beaten and arrested; the order went out making

the party illegal and demanding its annihilation at the point of the fascist bayonet; and in addition, all the "Hromada" members of the Sejm (parliament) were arrested without even the latter's permission.

Following an intensified reign of brutality, terror and arrests, 490 of the most active members of the "Hromada," the best children of White Russia, were arrested, including the general secretary of the party Brusiewicz, the noted author Lutczewicz, and the well-known culturalist of Vilna, Ostovsky. They are now on trial.

The evidence of the prosecution against the accused is based on absolutely nothing more tangible and convincing than the words and reports of the agents provocateurs of the infamous Ochran. "Evidence" is admitted against the defendants solely on the basis of the say-so of police spies. But not the slightest latitude is extended the defense. Its witnesses, of whom there are hundreds, have been seriously cut into by the refusal of the prosecution to postpone the trial until a few scores of

defense witnesses might make arrangements to be present, and more than a hundred others have been arbitrarily refused permission to come to the trial and testify! The defense attorneys did not know to the last minute if the trial would open when it did, although they should have been given at least fourteen days of notification.

The prosecution has charged the defendants with belonging to an organization maintained by a foreign power, by which is meant the Soviet Union. Pilsudski desires to crush the "Hromada" so that his frontier will be in good order at the moment of the attack upon the Soviet Union that is being steadily urged by British and American imperialism. "Order must reign" in White Russia and Western Ukraine so that there will be no interference with his murderous imperialist designs, and his policy of the complete subjection of the White Russian people, and the annihilation of the remaining vestiges of their national identity. The Vilna trial is one of the most violent steps yet taken in this direction.

### Workers Protest Terror.

The case has aroused the interest of all Europe. Thousands have already protested against the prosecution and a strong movement has developed to demand its end and the liberation of the accused. In the United States, the International Labor Defense is aiding in the organization of a similar movement, particularly among the nationalities directly affected in Poland, as well as among American labor organizations and well-known progressive individuals. The bond of solidarity that holds together the workers of all countries will be immeasurably strengthened if the workers of this country will immediately give voice to their horror at the murderous work of Pilsudski and their demand for swift vindication and release of the courageous sons of the toiling masses of White Russia.

## White Russian Workers' Leaders, Victims of Pilsudski White Terror



BURSEWITZ, LUZKEWICZ, WOLOSZIN, TARASKIEWICZ, MIOTHA,

# Maxim Gorky, a Colossus in the World of Letters

(Continued from last issue)

By SHACHNO EPSTEIN.

Translated from the Yiddish by A. B. Magil.

His adherence to the proletariat and his close connection with the revolutionary movement placed Gorky with both feet squarely on the ground and created a solid foundation for his work. He grew more thoughtful and began looking upon life with sober eyes. Without losing any of his fighting spirit or youthful enthusiasm, he came to understand that no supernal will lead society out of its apathetic state or bring salvation to mankind. He began to realize that the individual, no matter how strong he may be, is an eagle with clipped wings if he has no support behind him and is not bound by a thousand ties to the masses.

And becoming permeated more and more with the fundamental emotional perceptions and ideology of the proletariat, Gorky ceased to be the singer of the individual and became the art-

ist of the collective mass. And the hero of his works is no longer the individual with his narrow soul-problems, but the masses with their boundless creativeness.

This close connection between Gorky's adherence to the proletariat and the change in his writing was recognized even by those critics who were far from the revolutionary movement. One of these critics was Korney Tchukovsky. Tchukovsky at first criticized Gorky harshly, calling him a one-sided writer who posed indterminably and philosophized too much. Tchukovsky pointed out, however, that in the second period of his creative activity, when Gorky abandoned the "bosyaks" and renounced his individualism, he rose to a plane of artistic clarity such as few of the great Russian writers attained. Gorky would never have achieved this clarity had he not drawn his inspiration from the working class. The revolutionary movement was the spring pouring abundant life into him, and through it Gorky approached the great serenity of a Tolstoy.

Yet before Gorky had acquired this

new orientation there were already a number of critics who were proclaiming "finis" to his work. The famous Russian poet, Alexander Blok, wrote at the time: "If there is anything great, inexhaustible and promising that we are wont to identify with the name of Russia, we must look upon Maxim Gorky as a considerable expression thereof."

Blok's words refer to the time when Gorky was still idealizing the "bosyaks"; but they acquired a new import later on when Gorky wrote his play, "Enemies," and his novels, "Mother" and "Confession."

Although artistically "Enemies" cannot be ranked with Gorky's best work, it is nevertheless interesting because of its theme. In it is revealed the moral power of the worker-collectivity that goes simply, without high-sounding phrases, to heroic deeds because of "its calm faith in its truth." And against this worker-collectivity bourgeois individualism in all its forms seems so puny. When the play was first published, it was greeted with great enthusiasm by the brilliant Marxian theoretician and literary scholar, G. Plechanov, who

called it a penetrating study of working-class psychology.

Much more important than "Enemies" is the novel, "Mother," which was translated into many languages and created a tremendous stir among the working class of various countries. In many respects "Mother" is still sketchy and has not the sure mastery of Gorky's mature creative period. The underground revolutionary movement is enveloped in too much romanticism and the revolutionary leaders are over-idealized, while the agitational-propagandistic background of the book stands out too much. However, the life in the factory and the gradual awakening of the working masses to class-consciousness are vividly portrayed.

The novel, "Confession," was a new attempt to depict the revolutionary movement, an attempt which is artistically more successful than "Mother." "Confession" portrays the devious processes of spiritual ferment among the working masses. The descriptions of nature and of mass-ecstasy are full of an extraordinary power, but the novel suffers from a

serious ideological defect in that the power of the worker-collectivity is exalted to a sort of religious superstition. There is even a scene in the book where, under the spell of the worker-collectivity, a paralyzed girl begins to walk and is entirely cured. Such an interpretation of the collective might of the working class aroused astonishment among Marxian critics.

"Confession" undoubtedly reveals the influence of the prevailing God-seeking, which was then the height of fashion in Russian literature as a result of the reaction after the failure of the first revolution. God-seeking secured a foothold among certain sections of the socialist intelligentsia and Gorky also fell a victim to it.

But all three works, "Enemies," "Mother" and "Confession," revealed clearly Gorky's fundamental artistic aim: to portray the life and struggles of the proletariat, the sufferings and inner turmoil of all "the lowly and despised." And not for nothing did Lenin, who detested empty phrases, call Gorky "proletarian writer." (To be continued)

## Functionaries Meeting Prepares for May Day Celebration

The struggle of the miners, the imperialist invasion of Nicaragua and the unemployment situation were the chief issues emphasized at the meeting of the functionaries of the New York District of the Workers' (Communist) Party, held on Friday evening, March 23rd, at 108 East 14th Street. W. W. Weinstein, reporting for the District, pointed out that around these issues the greatest mobilization must be made in preparation for the Madison Square Garden meeting and for demonstrating the solidarity of Labor on this international working-class holiday.

### Report by Weinstein.

Weinstein pointed out that the revolt of the rank and file against the destructive activities of the Lewis machine would be registered in the mass conference on April 1st, and that this conference would take steps to strengthen the strike and to enable the miners to take control of their own union.

On the question of unemployment, Weinstein emphasized that the unemployment insurance bill must be put in the forefront of the demands of the unemployed and that this bill must secure the support of the entire labor movement.

On the question of the struggle against the imperialist invasion of Nicaragua, the report pointed out that Party members must intensify their activities still further, and must support the campaign for sending medical supplies and bandages to the army of Sandino. In view of the increasing attacks of the imperialists upon the Soviet Union as shown at Geneva, the Party membership must understand better the program and tactics of the Party regarding the war danger so that they may be able to fulfill their tasks better. May 1st must voice the need for international solidarity of the entire working-class against the attempts of the imperialists to form a united front against the Soviet Union and against the preparations for new world slaughter.

That these tasks may be fulfilled, the report pointed out that greater

discipline and centralization and strengthening of the Party units and Party membership is necessary. It was pointed out that the district has done well in the DAILY WORKER drive, in which over \$3500 has been raised and 30,000 copies of the DAILY WORKER distributed each week, 20,000 of which have been paid for by the units. Emphasis was laid upon the preparations for the election campaign, in which we may put forward our ticket but at the same time continue the agitation for the establishment of a Labor Party.

### Distribute Daily Worker.

The discussion which followed was participated in by twenty functionaries who pointed out the accomplishments in the various sections of the city. The Harlem and Downtown sections pointed out that they were distributing the DAILY WORKER regularly before the I. R. T. National Biscuit Company, and similar big plants; that this was in preparation for the establishment of shop papers, and that the workers welcomed the distribution of the DAILY WORKER and showed a very friendly attitude to the efforts of the Party to establish shop papers and to fight the employers in these big industrial plants. Long Island particularly pointed out that the establishment of a shop paper in the Rolls Royce plant, the distribution of the DAILY WORKER and the attention to the industrial plants in Long Island have re-vitalized the section.

Bert Miller, the organization secretary, stressed the necessity for attention to the detailed organizational problems, for greater control by the units of their membership, for better reports by the units to the district, and general strengthening of the Party apparatus. The functionaries urged that the Madison Square Garden meeting can be made a huge success on May Day by attempting to reach new workers and attracting them to the meeting. They also reported that they were undertaking the distribution of 200,000 of the special 32-page edition of the DAILY WORKER.

## Labor Prisoners Welcome Books

It will come as a real pleasure to laborers contributing to the defense comforts of class war prisoners or how greatly their donations to the International Labor Defense contribute to make life bearable behind prison bars.

Small items like tobacco, candy, shaving cream, new books to read, all these are now being had by labor prisoners where prison regulations permit. Claude Merritt, member of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, in San Quentin prison with Tom Mooney, Warren Billings and other workers, writes in a recent letter published in the "Labor Defender":

"Your letter and check for \$5.00 was received. I must express my gratitude for the workers' remembrance of those who are behind prison

bars. "The contribution has increased its usefulness; certain items have improved our commissary list; items which are sorely needed by the prisoners.

"There seems to be considerable interest among the members of the Oakland branch of the I. L. D., which the fellows here are glad to see. Numerous workers have recently visited the labor prisoners, and I have received letters from several who have our interest at heart. That sort of action is the greatest bolus of cheer which the prisoners have. The I. L. D. is not so bad!

"With best wishes to every one in the I. L. D. movement, "Yours onward,  
—CLAUDE MERRITT."