

SAVE-THE-UNION FORCES LEAD OUT NEW THOUSANDS

SOCIALIST PARTY MEET SLANDERS THE SOVIET UNION

Supports the Imperialist League of Nations

The socialist party, at the closing session of its national convention, meeting here yesterday at Finnish Socialist Hall, 2056 Fifth Ave., expressed its solidarity with the Menshevik and counter-revolutionary movements throughout the world by unanimously passing a resolution condemning as "brutal" the treatment accorded to counter-revolutionaries in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, and demanding their release from prison.

A resolution, sponsored by the Rev. Norman Thomas, was also passed, advocating the entry of America into the League of Nations. The resolution asked that the League be made "more democratic." A previous resolution, supported by Morris Hillquit, urging that the United States join the League without reservations, was turned down in favor of the one offered by the preacher.

Detective Agencies. A motion calling for federal control of detective agencies was defeated after heated discussion.

The convention passed a resolution asking that the United States recognize the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. The resolution merely asks political recognition on the part of the capitalist government, but expresses no unity of interest of the working classes of the two countries.

Thomas in Robes of Debs. In his speech of acceptance of the socialist nomination for president on Monday, Rev. Thomas, who was formerly pastor of the aristocratic Brick Presbyterian church in New York and who has been socialist party candidate for governor and mayor of New York, referred to himself as being "in the line of apostolic succession from Debs."

"Today we cannot risk world convulsions," he declared. "We are too interdependent. Our task is to bring a better world into being without revolutionary and catastrophic war. It is true that there is in the world today every promise of convulsion, but it is also true that there is no promise that out of convulsion would come anything better."

A proposal was made at Monday's session that "existing progressive and labor organizations in sympathy with the aims and methods of the socialist party may join the party as a body." It was decided to lower all dues to \$1 a year.

Morris Hillquit made a proposal at this session that the socialist party membership include all those who vote the socialist ticket at elections, as well as those paying dues. He said that the party's dues-paying membership was at present 10,000.

LARGE VOTE CAST AT CLOAK POLLS

Elect Delegates to the Boston Convention

Long before the polls closed at 9 p. m. in the elections for delegates to the convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union yesterday it was recognized as far more than a mere casting of votes. Thousands of registered and non-registered cloak and dressmakers participated in the Joint Board elections as a demonstration of protest against the union-wrecking campaign of the right wing officials of the International.

The workers participated in the voting despite the fact that the right wing here tried to use all means in their power to stop them. They called upon police assistance in trying to halt the distribution of circulars in the market. Three workers were arrested, and were later fined \$1 in the Jefferson Market Court. They are Lil Gordon, Celia Feller and Clara Gabel.

One of the chief strong arm men of the Sigman forces also tried to halt the voting at the Joint Board offices by coming to the headquarters of the Joint Board with several detectives. This did not help, however. Complete shop crews came to the three polling places and cast votes in a block. Many of these shops are registered with the Sigman right wing dual union. After voting for the left wing slate they went to the Joint Board offices and paid up their dues, so that the Joint Board will be able to have sufficient funds available to continue its fight.

Where Cook Died



One worker, a cook, is known to have perished and four persons are missing, as the result of a fire which burned out the Iroquois Hotel, above, at Atlantic City. These seashore hotels, resorts of the wealthy, subject their workers to the most openly brutal exploitation.

STEEL WORKERS FACE LONG TERMS

Court Confirms 10 Year Sentence

WOODLAWN, Pa., April 17.—The superior court of Pennsylvania today handed down a decision confirming the convictions of four local steel workers on seditious charges arising out of a raid, November 11, 1925.

Peter Muselin, Milan Resetar, Thomas Zima and Steve Brattich, victims of a deliberate "frame-up" in the lower courts and now out on bail, as a result of the decision by the superior court faced with rearrest and a sentence of 10 years' imprisonment. This is the penalty which may be meted out to them under the Pennsylvania anti-sedition law, one of the most vicious on the statute books.

The four steel workers at the time employees of the Jones and Laughlin Steels Mills were taken in a raid at the home of Thomas Zima who with six friends was celebrating a birthday party. The raid is known to have

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900 ANTHRACITE MINERS STRIKE

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WILKES-BARRE, April 17.—Nine hundred miners of the No. 2 and 3 mines of the Kingston Coal Company went on strike yesterday after the company refused to reinstate a miner who had been discharged for his union activity. When the company refused to take back the union member, Local 1159 voted to strike.

MORE FAT CONTRACTS

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The senate this afternoon enacted a federal "good road" bill for the years 1930 and 1931. The bill sponsored by Senator Phillips (R) of Colorado, carried authorization for the expenditure of \$165,000,000 in the two years.

BAKING CZARS PAY \$18

For That Wage Women Exhaust Selves

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

I want to thank you for the many copies of THE DAILY WORKER which I have received free when you distributed them at the National Biscuit Co. work. I certainly enjoyed reading all the articles you printed on the National Biscuit Co. And I hope that you will continue giving us this paper. I am glad that someone is finally taking an interest in our conditions as they certainly are bad enough. I am sending you a few facts about myself and a few of the things that I have learned since I am working here and I hope that you will print them.

I am employed at the National Biscuit Co. for the past two years, I started to work for \$14 a week, but now I am making \$18.00. My hours are supposed to be from 8:10 to 5 p. m. but many times I work until 5:25 without getting paid for overtime unless we work after 5:30 or

Mill Committees Call Huge Textile Strike Meeting

58 PLANTS SHUT DOWN AS TIE-UP STOPS MACHINES

Batty's Attempt to Halt Rally Fails

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 17.—With an announcement to the press condemning the mass meeting called for tomorrow afternoon by the Textile Mill Committees as "Communist," the reactionary officialdom of the New Bedford Textile Council today took the first steps toward betraying the 23,000 unorganized textile workers who, to a man, walked out of the mills Monday morning. They walked out in support of the 7,000 members of the unions who voted overwhelmingly to strike against a ten per cent wage cut.

The announcement came after the failure of the attempt of William Batty, secretary of the Council, to frighten the Textile Mill Committee leaders into calling off the mass meeting. Batty, with a squad of henchmen, had entered the offices of the mill committees and threatened Fred Beal, organizer, with violence if the meeting tomorrow was not called off. Beal declared that the Textile Mill committees were here to stay in New Bedford in the interest of the tens of thousands of unorganized workers and would fight bitterly against Batty if he attempted a betrayal similar to the one he perpetrated in the strike of the Lawrence dye house workers.

The sentiment of the workers is such as to confirm the opinion that the meeting tomorrow afternoon, in Bristol Arena, would be jammed to the doors. The committee announced as some of the speakers, Gus Deak, president of the Passaic textile unions, Dawson, of Passaic, James Reid, and the leaders of the New England Mill Committees.

The strike itself is one of the most brilliant demonstrations of working class solidarity ever witnessed in this country, in the memory of the oldest of textile workers here. Even the capitalist press admits that of the 58 plants owned by the 27 mills, only two failed to shut their gates completely at 8 o'clock Monday morning. Even these two shut down a few hours after an obvious attempt to fool the workers gathered outside the gates by starting the looms with the aid of mill officials. The attempt was laughed at by the workers.

The thousands of textile workers came to the mill gates about 7 in the morning, gathered in a large crowd and then permitted those who left their tools Saturday to go in to the plant to get them. After gathering their tools most of the workers went home, since the union officialdom had made no plan nor given any instructions for picketing.

In discussion the workers, organized as well as unorganized, are bitter.

CHICAGO TRAIN HELD UP

CHICAGO, April 17.—A lone bandit who last night held up the Overland Limited, crack train on the North-western Lines, and robbed a dozen passengers of cash and jewelry valued at several thousands of dollars, was the object of a city-wide search today.

Troupe Tours Country for Relief of Striking Coal Miners



L. Nelson Watkins Casey Renat Moxie Krempasky Thomas Oakes Emil Lair

The Miners National Relief Troupe who are touring the country for the coal strikers' relief, are shown here in a characteristic act. They will appear at 8:30 p. m., Thursday, at St. Luke's Hall, 125 W. 130 St.

MINERS' RELIEF TROUPE IN CITY

Programs Include Native Songs and Dances

The National Miners' Entertainment Quintet which is touring the country to help raise money for miners' relief is now in New York for two weeks. It will perform at various entertainments, dances and concerts.

The troupe is composed of Thomas Oakes and Moxie Krempasky of Belle Valley, O., the former a popular song writer and the latter a artist on the banjo, violin, mandolin and trap drums, as well as a rope skipper and dancer; L. Nelson Watkins and Emil Lair of Buffalo, O., black-face comedian and accordionist, respectively, and Casey Renat, accordionist and pianist.

Their program includes native mining camp songs and dances, as well as humorous dialogues and a burlesque on interpretative and aesthetic dancing by Krempasky. "I haven't been working for two years," said Casey, "and I have a wife and three kids at home. We decided that since we couldn't work we might as well find some way of helping our families and comrades," he continued.

Among other engagements they are scheduled to appear at the Young Workers' (Communist) League Spring Dance Saturday.

The Pennsylvania-Ohio, Miners Relief Committee, 799 Broadway, is now making engagements for the quintet. All funds are sent to relieve the striking miners.

NEWARK TAXI MEN FORCED TO RETURN

A. F. of L. Aids Bosses in Fight on Union

NEWARK, N. J., April 17.—Aided by American Federation of Labor officials here, the Yellow Cab Co. and the Brown and White Co., have succeeded in crushing the attempt of over 500 striking taxi drivers to form a union.

A bare promise by the lawyers for the companies that they will "arbitrate the grievances" of the men after they return to their jobs caused their leaders to issue the order to call off the strike.

Indignation spread among the men as soon as the announcement of the calling off of the strike had been made.

The position of the companies was also strengthened by the refusal of the A. F. of L. organization, the Teamsters' International, to grant a charter to the striking cabmen. Only until they had returned to work, they were told by the A. F. of L. representative, would they be taken into the organization.

Although recognition of their union was the fundamental demand of the strikers, no mention of it was made by the companies' lawyers. The men also demanded an increase in percentage from 33 per cent to 40 per cent and freedom from responsibility for losses of passengers.

The strike started 12 days ago. Monday the bosses obtained an injunction aimed to prevent picketing.

C. E. C. URGES SUPPORT FOR WORKERS' CENTER

The Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party, in a statement issued yesterday, appeals to all units of District 2, to all Party sympathizers and to the revolutionary workers of New York to lend all possible support to the drive for \$30,000 to finance the acquisition of the new Workers Center at 26-28 Union Square.

The statement follows: "The undertaking to establish a Workers Center in the New York district is one of the outstanding events in the life of the Workers (Communist) Party. The Workers Party, New York district, has in the course of the past years gone thru great mass struggles which have added considerable prestige and influence to the Party as a whole.

Led At Passaic. "The New York district was the leader in the Passaic struggle of the textile workers whose battle for the establishment of a union shook the entire country. The New York district was in the leadership of the fight for freedom for Sacco and Vanzetti and its mass demonstrations in Union Square aroused the attention of hundreds of thousands of workers and was the pride of workers in all cities of the entire country. New York has been the battleground of the needle trades workers whose fight against company-unionism, against the bureaucratic cliques and

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UNEMPLOYED TO VOICE PROTEST

Mass Meeting Planned by Council

The second mass meeting of unemployed workers to be held this week in New York is scheduled for this afternoon at Union Square, under the auspices of the New York Council of the Unemployed.

Other meetings will be held tomorrow at 11 a. m. at 101 W. 27th St. and at 8 p. m. at 138th St. and St. Ann's Ave. and a third at Rutgers Square Saturday afternoon. Demands for relief and plans for further organization among unemployed workers will be made.

MINER ASKS FOR "DAILY"

Coal, Textile Strikers Need Subscriptions

"I am one of the 100,000 miners who are going out on strike," writes a Pennsylvania miner, signing the initials S. R., to THE DAILY WORKER. "I am going to fight against the bosses and against John L. Lewis and his

gang of fakery who have refused to organize us. A friend of mine gave me a few copies of THE DAILY WORKER the other day. I think it is a wonderful paper and a real friend of the miners. The fight is going to be pretty tough and it would help a great deal if I could get the paper every day. I know a lot of others who feel the same. Could you have the paper sent to me free of charge as I have no money?"

What will be the answer of the readers of THE DAILY WORKER to this miner's plea? More than 100,000 unorganized miners have joined the 300,000 that have been on strike for more than a year. 30,000 textile workers in Massachusetts have walked out to fight against wages. They all need THE DAILY

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BIG MINE STRIKE BLAZES TRAIL OF MASS PICKETING

Sentiment Spreads in Face of Terrorism

(Special To The DAILY WORKER.) PITTSBURGH, April 17.—One of the greatest organizational efforts in the history of the American labor movement is now going on as section after section in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia adds its hundreds to the rising total of miners on strike. 15,000 Strike Monday.

Fifteen thousand miners took their tools out of the pits on Monday according to an official statement issued by the Save the Union Committee today. The walkout covers Somerset, Westmoreland, Fayette, Greene, Arnold and Washington counties of western Pennsylvania and the northern part of West Va. The strike is spreading everywhere. Armed forces of the states are growing more provocative and brutal.

Attempts of the press to minimize the extent of the strike have failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the rank and file leaders in unorganized fields. It is evident that one of the greatest union drives in recent years is started in the bituminous fields.

Lewis Machine Desperate. Officials of the Lewis machine are everywhere sabotaging the strike in an attempt to prevent the miners from responding to the call of the Save-the-Union Committee. On the other hand the leaders of the Save-the-Union Committee is energetically giving direction to the strike.

In a statement issued today by John Brophy, John Watts, Pat Tooney, executive officers of the Save the Union Committee, the miners are urged to spread the strike, to establish a union, raise wages and improve working conditions. The call reads:

"Miners, now is the time to act! Let's stand together solidly—bring the entire mining industry to a halt—make the strike 100 per cent complete—empty the mines!"

Mass picketing has increased tremendously throughout the strike area since the call for the strike in the unorganized territory was issued. Hundreds of miners are now marching.

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BAKERS SUPPORT MAY DAY MEETING

Militants Call on Union Endorsement

The progressives of the A. F. of L. Bakers' Union, at their meeting last week, responded to the appeal for support for the Madison Square Garden May Day meeting by buying a bloc of tickets, and taking another bloc to sell. Leaflets are being taken by the progressives of all the trade unions to distribute at union meetings. These workers have pledged themselves to try to secure endorsements of the meeting from their unions, to obtain donations for helping to cover the expenses of the meeting and to draw the membership of the unions to attend.

The bakers must demonstrate solidarity in their fight against the big trusts! They must join actively in the general fight with all other unions against the offensive of the bosses and of the yellow leaders. At Madison Square Garden on May Day, all workers will join in one huge demonstration of international solidarity!

Shachtman Will Give China Lecture Tonight

"Bleeding China," an illustrated lecture by Max Shachtman, editor of the Labor Defender, will be given at the Jewish Workers' Club, 1472 Boston Road, Bronx, tonight at 8 p. m. The lecture will be illustrated with the latest pictures from China shown for the first time and is to be held under the auspices of the Sacco-Vanzetti and West Bronx branches of the International Labor Defense.

OF INTEREST TO UNEMPLOYED. WASHINGTON, April 17.—River and harbor allotments totalling many millions of dollars were announced today by the war department.

THE DAILY WORKER. 33 FIRST STREET New York City. Enclosed find \$..... to help you send the Daily Worker to the following striking areas for months. RATE: \$6.00 12 months \$3.50 6 months \$2.00 3 months \$1.50 2 months \$1.00 1 month Name Address City

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

JAPANESE RUSH MORE MARINES TO NORTH CHINA

Anti-Imperialist Protest Spreads in Amoy

TOKIO, April 17.—In addition to a large fleet which has already been despatched to Amoy and ports in north China, the Japanese cabinet decided today to order marines landed at Tsingtao. The question of despatching additional marines from Japan to Tsingtao will be taken up tomorrow. The question of reinforcements is being taken up in connection with the widespread agitation against Japanese encroachments in Shantung.

AMOY, April 17.—The strikes and boycotts which were launched here after the arrest of four Korean nationalists by the Japanese consular police have spread thruout Fukien province in spite of the arrest of many of the strike leaders.

The Chinese naval authorities are cooperating with the Japanese and American marines in an effort to break the boycott. Altho the demonstrations were originally launched against Japan, they have taken on the character of protest against all of the powers, including the United States and Great Britain. Foreign trade has been hard hit as a result of the boycott.

WILL PICKET AT POLISH CONSUL

Detroit Workers Plan Demonstration

DETROIT, Mich., April 17.—In spite of the stormy weather scores of Detroit workers turned out for the protest demonstration before the Polish consulate here arranged for last Saturday. The demonstration was postponed until April 21, however.

The Hromade persecutions taking place in Vilna have aroused the national elements resident in Detroit whose homeland is under the Polish fascist heel more than any other of the terrorist acts of Pilsudski.

With an added week for agitation and fair weather the workers of Detroit should be able to stage a monster demonstration.

Every worker should be there at 10:30 a. m. April 21, at 80 E. Garfield Street, between John R and Woodward.

MILL COMMITTEES CALL HUGE MEET

58 Mill Shut Down by Strike of 30,000

(Continued from Page One) terly critical of the way in which the strike has been handled by the Council officials. No meetings were called even for the union membership on the first day of the strike. No machinery was organized for consolidating the ranks of the strikers, by preparing them for the inevitable strike-breaking activities of the employers. These are complaints to be heard on all sides.

The only remarks made by the union leadership on its attitude toward the great masses of unorganized workers were made by Batty when he learned of the unanimous response to the strike call. He said, "Our position is strong in every quarter, we are receiving support from the non-union workers."

This is looked upon by the workers as a declaration that he has no intention of organizing the 23,000 unorganized textile operatives.

Mill Committees Form The speed with which mill committees are being formed in among all the strikers insures the unity of the union and non-union men, in their joint fight for the restoration of the wage cut. The slogans raised by the Textile Mill Committees, who in leaflets are criticizing the union leadership for refusing to put forward demands as an answer to the wage cut proposal of the employers, are: (1) A 20 per cent wage increase; (2) The 8 hour day and the 5 day week; (3) Elimination of the speed-up system.

To Spread Strike. No one here doubts the fact that the mill barons will immediately begin to rally all the powerful strike-breaking forces at their command. And yet the workers point out that the Textile Council is doing nothing in the way of safeguarding the solidarity of the strikers ranks. Announcements made by the mill committees show that immediate attempts will be made to organize picket lines, and that steps will be taken to spread the strike to other centers of New England, where over 100,000 workers have recently suffered wage slashes.

MANCHESTER, N. H., April 17.—

Ford Won't Give Up Rubber Empire in Brazil



Henry Ford, who is believed to have gone to England to arrange for the purchase of raw rubber on a large scale, has announced that he won't give up his plans for "developing" his huge rubber plantations in Brazil. A Brazilian senator recently announced that he would furnish evidence of a striking nature concerning the cession of Ford's rubber empire.

HAITI WORKERS HIT LAND LAW

Imperialist Attempt to Dispossess Peasants

By HENRY C. ROSEMOND. (First Advisor of Haitian Patriotic Union in America).

In all the cities of Haiti, especially Port au Prince, mass protest meetings are being held against the new demand of the government of Washington presented by John H. Russell, the so-called high commissioner of the United States in Haiti.

The demand is a new law authorizing the Americans to dispossess the Haitian peasants who haven't any identification papers as owners and state certificates, mentioning the date, the quantity, the price, from their lands.

In a way of speaking, no Haitian in the republic of Haiti has any of the papers that the new law or any other law of that kind would require.

If this law goes through in Haiti, it will be an addition to the misery of that country. The Haitian peasants are now working for extremely small salaries. Three hundred Haitians at the American Sugar Company in Port-au-Prince are working at 30 cents a day. In the civil service there are Americans in every department.

The American engineers get from \$200 to \$500 a month and the Haitian engineers who have just as much experience or more experience than most of the Americans in Haiti get \$40 to \$75 a month. Most of the Haitian engineers were educated in France, Germany, England and a few in the United States.

It is reported that the idea of this new law is to get the peasants out of their native lands because they do not want to sell them to the agents of Wall Street in Haiti, who desire to start new rubber and sugar cane plantations in the mountains of the south of Haiti—especially the mountains of Petionville, the coolest state in the east of Haiti.

The Haitian people are calling on all the American workers and the workers of other nations to help them to protest against these daily crimes that are committed in Haiti, and especially this coming imposition on the Haitian peasants by the American Wall Street imperialists, which is a short road to further enslavement of the Haitian republic by the United States.

SENATE STALLS ON INJUNCTIONS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (FP).—No report on anti-injunction legislation has yet been filed by the subcommittee of the senate judiciary committee which conducted hearings in February and March on the Shipstead bill. Senators Norris, Blaine and Walsh of Montana comprise the subcommittee.

Under the agreement reached last December between the Norris progressive group and the administration republicans in the senate, whereby the latter were enabled to organize the senate, anti-injunction legislation was made one of the three main issues to be brought to a rollcall before adjournment.

With the first repercussions of the general strike of 30,000 New Bedford textile workers making itself felt here by unrest among the workers in the Amoskeag Mills, the company officials have decided to do all possible to prevent similar action by their workers.

The treasurer of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, F. C. Du Maine has announced that he will "sit" in at the meetings of the "workers' congress" which will be held Saturday night. The mill owners are even afraid to trust their company union when their recent 10 per cent wage cut is discussed. He will therefore attend to give the "tone" to the discussion of trade problems. The meeting is not one of all the workers but of about 200 delegates of the 10,000 workers employed by the company. These are mainly self-elected straw bosses and petty foremen.

Berlin Glove Workers Strike for Pay Raise

BERLIN, April 17.—Two thousand workers in the fabric-glove manufacturing went on strike in Chemnitz, when the manufacturers refused to grant their demands for a 10 per cent increase in wages.

Many thousands of textile workers and machinists are striking in the city of Chemnitz for the past few weeks.

ITALIAN FASCISTS ACTIVE IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO (By mail).—The Italian anti-fascist newspaper "Fanfulia" published in Rio De Janeiro was raided by a band of Italian fascists and much material and machinery destroyed. Nobody was arrested.

During the recent election of the Executive Committee of the Italian Benefit organization of the Employees of the Press, Italian fascists, led by the first secretary of the Italian embassy, invaded the meeting place by force, took possession of the hall, drove their opponents out in the meeting with clubs and guns and "elected" their own candidates.

Part of the local press is attacking the Italian embassy as openly fostering acts which disregard Brazilian sovereignty.

HOUSE IS SPLIT ON FLOOD CRAFT

Mississippi Contracts Will Total \$395,000,000

WASHINGTON, April 17.—With charges of another "Teapot Dome" being widely circulated, the house today took up the \$325,000,000 Jones Reid flood control bill with prospects of a final vote being reached Saturday.

The senate passed the bill 69 to 0. President Coolidge, according to Rep. Madden of Illinois, is insistent upon the secretary of war being given authority to control the letting of contracts. Flowage rights or actual purchase of 4,000,000 acres of land for floodways are involved.

Rep. Frear says that 70 per cent of the land is owned by corporate interests and that the possibilities of graft in the sale of land to the government would cause another "Teapot Dome."

Methods of spending the millions to be appropriated by congress for flood relief were discussed in private recently at the White House at a breakfast attended by Mayor William H. Thompson, of Chicago, and other interested persons from Illinois.

USSR GOLD WILL STAY IN BREMEN

BERLIN, April 17.—The \$5,201,000 Soviet gold bullion which is being brought to Germany from New York where the United States Government refused it official admission is due in Bremen today. Officials of the Soviet state bank said it would be deposited in a Berlin bank pending orders from Moscow.

While the gold was in New York the Bank of France filed suit in the American federal court seeking possession of the bullion.

The Graduate School

WICHITA, Kan., April 17.—I. B. Walston, former chief of police; C. C. Dehner, former city commissioner and Chester A. Conner, city election commissioner, were arrested yesterday charged with conspiracy to violate the Volstead Act. Others arrested include the former assistant chief of police and a former policeman.

WILBUR REPORT FAKES FIGURES ON NICARAGUA

Underestimates Number of Natives Murdered

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The American marine occupation of Nicaragua has cost the United States Government \$1,662,222 "over normal expenses," Secretary of the Navy Wilbur reported to the senate this afternoon.

Wilbur also reported that 21 American marines were killed, 45 marines wounded, 8 Nicaraguan National Guards killed and four wounded in the fighting there to date. He added that 202 Nicaraguan natives were "known to have been killed," along with "two women and one child, who were slain accidentally." He said the native casualties were believed much higher.

That Secretary of Navy Wilbur considerably underestimated the number of Nicaraguans killed by American troops is indicated by reports from Washington based on marine figures as well as by reports direct from Nicaragua. More than 300 Nicaraguan men, women and children were reported to have been killed by marine planes in the bombardment of Ocotal last year.

Statements made by General Sandino also indicate that the number of marines killed in engagements with Nicaraguan nationalist troops is considerably larger than that given by Secretary of Navy Wilbur.

Articles written by an American marine aviator and a newspaperman who accompanied him in the bombardment of Chinendaga indicate that the number of women and children killed by marine bombs is more likely to be three hundred than the three cited by Wilbur. American marine planes have practically wiped out a number of towns in the interior.

Just how large the cost of the Nicaraguan war has actually been is not indicated by Wilbur's figures which indicate "the above normal expenses."

"Jim Crow" Plans Made for G. O. P. Convention

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—Plans for the segregation of Negro delegates who will attend the Republican national convention in Kansas City in June are being carried out. In letters transmitted to members of Republican national committee containing contracts for accommodations for their delegations, Charles F. Curry, secretary of the local committee on housing arrangements, advised the national committeemen that the contracts he enclosed did not include arrangements for the accommodation of "Negro delegates."

HOTEL EXPLORER DIES Elsworth M. Statler, unfamous exploiter of labor, hotel man, head of the Statler chain of hotels, died this morning. Executives of the Pennsylvania Hotel confirmed reports of his death, but refused details.

Advertisement for Santal Midy medicine, featuring a circular logo and text: "Night Bladder Weakness or Pains Relieved Safely with Santal Midy Sold by All Druggists."

Advertisement for Genuine Health Foods, featuring a circular logo and text: "This is the Store Mentioned in Mito Hastings' Article Largest Assortment of Genuine Health Foods At Lowest Prices WE FEATURE Sun-Dried Unsulphured Fruits, Battle Creek Sanitarium Health Foods, Whole Grain Products, Washington and Madison Sanitarium Foods and all kinds of Special Dietetic and Therapeutic Foods. It Will Pay You to Visit Our New Store Health Foods Distributors West Norwood, N. J. New York Store: 161 E. 34th St. Bet. Lex. & 3 Av. Telephone: LEXington 6926. Indorsed by Mito Hastings."

Advertisement for May Day Button, featuring a circular logo and text: "EVERY WORKER MUST WEAR A MAY DAY BUTTON! Every worker must show his solidarity on May Day by wearing the May Day Button! To wear a May Day Button means: PROTEST AGAINST AMERICAN IMPERIALISM! SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET UNION! STRUGGLE AGAINST THE WAR DANGER! SUPPORT OF THE STRIKING MINERS! WORLD-WIDE PROLETARIAN SOLIDARITY! Every Party unit—Spread the buttons! Every Party member—See that your friends and fellow-workers wear the May Day Button! Every progressive and militant labor organization—See that all your members wear the May Day Button! Every militant worker—See that you wear the May Day Button! Buttons sell at: 1 to 100 7 cents. 100 or more 5 cents. Order from: National Office, Workers Party, 43 East 125th St., N. Y. C."

Mussolini Launches New Series of "Red Raids"



The bomb which exploded at Milan (above) and which killed fourteen is believed to have been planted by Mussolini agents to furnish a basis for a new series of red raids. With wages lowered, unemployment doubled in less than a year and prices steadily rising unrest is growing in Italy. King Victor Emanuel (above) arrived in Milan shortly after the bomb explosion.

WAR ON PAY CUT IN BRITISH MILLS

Workers Fight Increase in Number of Hours

MANCHESTER, Eng., April 17.—Representatives of eight unions of the textile workers' federation are meeting with the employers to discuss the wage reduction again demanded by the textile manufacturers' association. The mill owners also demand that 48 hours a week be worked irrespective of clearing time which adds a number of hours to the week's work.

The employers make these demands after the textile workers had threatened a general strike against the proposal of the manufacturers that wages be cut 12 1/2 per cent and hours be increased to 52 1/2 a week.

Even the employers' press here is of the opinion that the workers will fight against any attempt to lower their working standards, no matter what the action of the reformist leaders of their unions. Every time a mill owner tried to install lower standards it was met by an immediate strike without waiting for union sanction.

LINER TOWED TO SAFETY. BOSTON, April 17.—The Eastern Steamship Company's liner, New York, which ran aground on a sand bar in the entrance to the Cape Cod Canal, was towed safely into the harbor here yesterday. The 400 passengers were removed.

Advertisement for The Trotsky Opposition, featuring a circular logo and text: "The TROTSKY OPPOSITION Its significance for AMERICAN WORKERS By Bertram D. Wolfe. A keen analysis of the role of the Opposition in the Russian Party, and a cutting expose of its counter-revolutionary supporters in America. To spread this important pamphlet we have reduced its price below cost. 100 pages NOW ONLY 35 cents. Order Today From WORKERS LIBRARY PUBLISHERS 39 E. 125 St., New York"

TRY TO BAR RED FIGHTERS AS MAY ELECTION NEARS

Move by Hindenburg to Cripple Party

LONDON, April 17.—The German government contemplates the issuance of an order forbidding active participation in the May general election by the Communist "red front fighters" on the ground it is an organization of "violence," according to word received here today from Berlin.

This move on the part of the Hindenburg regime to cripple the Communist Party in the election campaign will meet with a strong protest on the part of the workers.

No attempt has been made to bar the Steel Helmets, semi-military fascist organization from the coming elections.

FASCISTS MURDER THREE IN JAPAN

Try Thousand Workers as Radicals

TOKIO, April 17.—Three members of the Minseitō Party, opposition party in the Diet, were killed today when a number of members were attacked by seven members of the reactionary organization known as the National Association for the Preservation of Peace. Four other members of the Minseitō Party were severely injured.

With the approach of the opening of the Diet, the fascists have become extremely active. A member of the Labor-Farmer Party, who returned to Tokio after a speaking tour, was attacked by the fascists and severely beaten.

Trials of more than a thousand radicals who were arrested in the recent "red raids" are now in progress in Tokio, Osaka and other centers. An attempt will be made to cast all members of proletarian parties from the Diet when that body opens on April 21.

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PLUMBERS' HELPER, SWINDLED OUT OF PAY, REALIZES UNION IS ONLY PROTECTION FOR MEN

(By a Worker Correspondent) Working as a helper on new work for over two years, I have realized many times the way we are treated, the dirty deals we get and yet we can't seem to do a damn thing to better these conditions.

helpers get is miserable, four bucks. One in fifty gets any more than that. When work is scarce we have to live on air. Who could save on what we get? When you ask the boss for more, out you go! As an individual, you can't expect, and you don't get anything out of him. But in organization there is strength. We must keep up the fight for organization until we succeed.

all, we are only individuals and have no one to back us up. That occurred to me working for one boss about three months on various small jobs. He put me on a big job. After keeping me about two weeks there he thought I was slow and, on a Saturday morning, handed me the pay and told me to take off my overalls and say goodbye. I looked into the pay envelope and there was only twenty bucks there so I went over to see him and told him that I had worked for an hour already and asked him to let me

finish out the day or else pay me right now. He started cursing me and he wouldn't do one or the other so I told him what was on my mind and left without getting paid for even an hour. If there had been a Plumbers' Helpers' Union fully organized and recognized, the helpers in the trade would be protected against being swindled out of their pay by the bosses who prey on them like that.

Worker Correspondent Tells of Slavery at National Biscuit Company Plant

GIRLS AND WOMEN, VICTIMS OF BIG BAKING COMPANY

Speed-up Inhuman; \$18 a Week Common Wage

(Continued from Page One) not only is true with me, but with all the others. The Chute. Many girls work on a machine called the chute and in order to keep up with this machine the girls have to work at a very high speed until about nine-thirty when we get our relief period. Many of us do not have time to eat our breakfast in the morning as we have to rush to work. Therefore by nine-thirty we have to eat something so that we can continue working for the rest of the morning. We have 15 minutes for this relief period and some girls work on the third floor and the lunchroom is on the ninth floor and by the time we get up stairs it takes about 3 minutes if the elevator is not slow. Otherwise it takes us longer and by the time we can get a sandwich, if we are fortunate enough to get there on time to get it, and a glass of tea, we only have about five minutes left to gulp down our food and rush back to work. Many times we do not get a chance to finish and we have to leave it as the forelady watches when we come and go. And also they have trained the relief girls so that she snatches on us if we don't get down on time.

Lewis' Lies Fail to Oust John Brophy

(By a Worker Correspondent.) PITTSBURGH, Pa. (By Mail).—An effort to oust John Brophy as secretary at the business meeting and banquet of the Union Labor College failed despite the false charges brought against him by some students who had been banded by local labor fakers.

The Lewis-Fagan machine control the Central Labor Union thru regularly packing the elections of that body. Being too cowardly to prefer charges against Brophy in the Miners' Union, they used the machine-controlled Central Labor Union to further their ends. About a month ago they withdrew their endorsement of the Union Labor College because Brophy was its secretary. This action was taken without giving Brophy an opportunity to reply to the lies and slander of the reactionaries.

Most of the students were of the opinion that the action of the C. L. U. in withdrawing their endorsement because of the fight in the Miners' Union was too raw and decided to take no action against Brophy and to continue the college again next fall without the endorsement of the Central Labor Union if necessary. —M.

DOWN WITH LEWIS HENCHMEN, OHIO MINER DEMANDS

Says "Machine" Chiefs Come Drunk to Picket

(By a Worker Correspondent) DUNCANWOOD, Ohio. (By Mail).—I am a United Mine Worker who has been out on strike in this field for over one year, the same as all the other brothers. And I am sending you a little letter to help open the eyes of the poor miner and his family, who are, after all, the real sufferers in this struggle. And I ask you to print it in some part of your paper where everyone will be bound to see it.

Picket Daily. I have been on the picket line at the different mining camps nearly every day since the operators commenced to open the Rockyville mine near Salena, Ohio. I have seen our board members doing things that make me sick at heart. But I did not want to voice my feelings, thinking things might get better. But now I think the striking miners should all rise up and resent the actions of these so-called United Mine Workers of America officials, who to my mind are nothing but a lot of strikebreakers, running loose and wild, helping to sap the funds from the treasury.

PHILADELPHIA UNEMPLOYED TO HOLD MEETING

Conference Called for April 27

(By a Worker Correspondent.) PHILADELPHIA. (By Mail).—Unemployment is steadily growing in the United States. Today there are over five million unemployed in the most wealthy and industrially developed country in the world. While depression in industry and introduction of efficiency puts out more and more workers on the street, the capitalist officials with their servants, the so-called labor leaders, do nothing to make somehow easier the miserable conditions of unemployed.

Meanwhile the Council of Unemployed is working out plans of opening kitchens, it has also arranged a number of mass meetings throughout the city of Philadelphia. April 18, 2 p. m. in Kensington, 152 Lehigh Avenue; April 20, 2 p. m. in West Philadelphia, hall to be announced; April 20, 2 p. m. in South Philadelphia at N. W. corner 8th and Ritner; April 25, 2 p. m. in North Philadelphia at 531 N. 7th Street.

DRAMA "The Outsider," With Lionel Atwill, Back on Broadway

THE story of bone-setting vs. skilled surgery forms the central theme of "The Outsider" by Dorothy Brandon, which has been revived at the Ambassador Theatre. The play was last seen here four seasons back with the same star.

With a superior cast headed by Lionel Atwill and Isobel Esлом, the play develops into one of the most important productions of the current season. The only pity is that it was not opened a little earlier in the season, so it could get the full attention that it rightly deserves. Those who did not see the play when first presented here four years ago, should now avail themselves of the opportunity.

The plot concerns Lalage Sturdee, superbly played by Miss Esлом, who condemned to be a cripple to the end of her days by the medical profession, who claim she cannot be cured, is finally brot back to health by a healer not registered as a regular doctor. The part of the healer is played in masterly fashion by Mr. Atwill. Two-thirds of the play undertakes to prove the superiority of mechanical therapy over surgery. The remaining third is devoted to the love affair between the cripple and the dynamic healer who manages to cure the girl in time for the final curtain.

BOY SCOUTS AND FLEET ASSEMBLE FOR "NAVY WEEK"

San Francisco Police Guard Paraders

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—In connection with the National Boy Scout Convention being held here, a huge parade of 10,000 Boy Scouts, flanked by army officers, police and city officials, proceeded down Market Street and held a demonstration in the Civic Square, where eight months ago the police broke up a Sacco-Vanzetti demonstration and arrested 125 workers. In the present demonstration, the police played the role of guardians for these boys whom employers and preachers are trying to bring up to be priests and strikebreakers.

Patriotic and militarist slogans such as "One Country—One Enemy," marked the parade. And at the same time the entire United States battlefleet is assembled in San Francisco Bay, and thousands of sailors are pouring into the city for a "Navy Week" celebration, which is part of the preparations for war in the Pacific. The fleet gathered in San Francisco Bay is preparing to leave for the Hawaiian Islands and "points west" for naval maneuvers.



MYRNA LOY. In "The Crimson City," Anthony Coldey's film melodrama of the China coast, showing at the Broadway Theatre this week.

The season of the American Laboratory Theatre will close Saturday evening, May 5. "The Bridal Veil," by A. Schnitzler; "Dr. Knock," by Jules Romains and "Maritime," by Jean Jacques Bernard will continue in the repertory until the close of the season.

Then, of course, we continue working at the same speed until lunch hour which starts at ten minutes after twelve and ends at one. Fifty minutes we have for this lunch period and by the time we wash our hands and go upstairs and wait in a line of about a hundred people we don't get to eat until about 12:25 or 12:30. The lunches they serve are of the cheapest kind of food possible to imagine. There is a fifteen cent lunch plate consisting of pork chops served from a great big enormous pot by a not too clean or concerned person handling them with his hands and slopping them on our plate, some potatoes that have more water in them than anything else, or we get frankfurters and sauerkraut. They also have the thirty cent plate which is not much different.

During the summer months no fresh vegetables who soever are served. But most of the food consists of canned stuff such as tomatoes, herring, canned peas, canned corn and lima bean soup. Also the same meat that is served during the winter months. Soup, or I should say an excuse for such, is served for five cents a plate to us. We get coffee for two cents a cup and it is hard to tell the difference whether it is black mud or coffee. Also milk, which is served at the same price, and tastes more like white water than milk. As we eat a man comes around with a sloppy rag with not to clean hands and wipes the table, very often getting this dirty cloth, which he wipes the table with, into our food.

It certainly is lucky for the few who can afford to go out of the building to eat. But girls making \$14.00 a week can not do it. Of course it is quite different with that of our department heads, superintendents, foreladies, and foremen or any one wearing a white uniform. They sit at different tables and do not have to wait in a long line as we do, but are served and their food is not the same as ours either, but much better and cleaner.

I often wondered why so many girls faint during the day, but on analyzing the food they eat and the pace at which they have to work, I certainly can understand it very well. Not only do we have to be contented with the rotten food they serve us and being constantly watched by the foremen and foreladies and the fear that for the slightest mistake we would lose our jobs, but also are afraid of the enormous rats which we have running around on our floor. And many times it happens that the rats jump on top of the girls; a case like this happened just recently and the girl almost fainted of fright.

Accidents, in general, certainly happen often enough. I personally noticed a girl, who works at the chute, and has to clean her paste-pot every day. In order to do this she has to remove the pot from the machine, and in order to take it away she has to crawl underneath the belt and carry the pot which is clumsy, heavy and at the same time very slippery. Well, it had to happen, she fell and the pot injured her finger very badly. The boss on inquiring the next day just how and what happened, what caused the accident, etc., made a remark that she must be careful of the pot. Meaning, of course, that the pot is breakable. That almost set my blood boiling as it proved that a human being

means nothing to them—it is only the machine that counts with them. Injuries. On the third floor we hear almost daily of girls working at the depositing machine getting their fingers caught. I have also heard of one case where a baker fell through the oven and was killed instantly, but the company hushed it up and informed his son that his father died of heart failure. Whether the other workers knew or didn't know just what happened they were told to keep quiet or lose their jobs. And then people always believe the company more than the worker.

No matter what happens in our factory the machines have to be working and the speed kept up until towards the end of the day when they are slowed down. Even then it is hard to keep up as we are all tired out from the day's work. The forelady or foreman which happens to be in charge of a certain section remarks if you can't keep up you will have to go up to the desk which means explaining the reason or being fired, if it does not suit them. The girls all dread this, therefore every bit of our energy is used up in order to avoid End of the Day.

At the end of the day we can hardly walk being so tired out and some of us have to walk five and six flights of stairs as the elevator takes the girls from the ninth floor. Then going home in the over-stuffed and crowded subway. Many of us don't get home until seven o'clock or after, and about all we are fit to do after a day like this, is to eat supper and if we are not too tired to go to some movie and then go to bed. —N. N.

ILLINOIS YOUNG MINERS ACTIVE

Save-Union Forces Draw in New Sections

BELLEVEILLE, Ill., April 12 (By Mail).—The conference of the Save-the-Union Committee in District 12 unanimously went on record for the organizing of three young miners' conferences in this district.

The motion brot out a great deal of discussion from the delegates. It was the general opinion in the conference that the young miners had not been sufficiently drawn into the fight of the Save-the-Union movement. The speakers pointed out how the Lewis machine consciously tries to keep the ranks of the miners divided and that it was necessary that the Save-the-Union committee take steps to win over the young miners.

Make Plans. The young miners present at the conference held a special meeting and there laid down plans for the young miners' conferences. It was decided that these conferences are to be held in West Frankfort, Belleville and Springfield during the early part of May.

STUDENTS AID MINERS. MADISON, Wis., April 17. — Two large bundles of clothing were shipped to the striking miners by the students of the Experimental College of Wisconsin University. The clothes were collected among the students who show strong sympathy with the Pennsylvania miners.

Men, you who have been on the picket line that board members who are in charge, such as Dave Young always have a few picked men who hang around them. They are the ones who can get all and anything they want, while other men and their families are on the verge of starvation. Is that right? I don't think so.

When Dave Young, the board member goes on his "parties," and he has many of them, and says that he is paying for them out of his own pockets, do the men believe him? I don't.

Why is it that when these board members are needed they can't be found? Why are they in hiding when they ought to be out on the lines along with the strikers? Is it right for these men to go out on the lines drunk when they ought to be sober? Brothers, I ask all of you to get awake and look around you and see how the men who are paying to work for us are making fools of us. If our men will only keep their eyes on these self-styled gods, they will learn why we have not got farther with this strike. Men, it is time for us to get next to ourselves and get rid of the henchmen of the Lewis machine. —OHIO STRIKER.

3 DIE AT CROSSING. NEW LONDON, Conn., April 17.—Three persons were killed Sunday at the New Haven and Hartford Railroad at the Maple Ave. grade crossing. They were riding in an automobile when struck by a train.

1928 Elections Coolidge Program

Two pamphlets by Jay Lovestone The various capitalist parties are soaked in oil—Coolidge chooses not to run—But what about the workers? How will they vote this Election Year?

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Alien Servant Beaten NEW ORLEANS, April 17.—Mrs. Mabel Arico, wife of an automobile salesman, was found guilty yesterday in the criminal court of charges by Johanna Lamo, a foreign-born servant girl, who told how she was held a virtual prisoner in the Arico home, beaten and refused food. —P. R. T.

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31ST WEEK DRACULA 45 W. 46 St. Evs. 1.50 Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2.50 "See It and Creep."—Eve. Post. ERLANGER W. 44 St. Evs. 8.30 Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2.30 GEO. M. COHAN (HIMSELF) AND HIS COMEDIANS IN THE MERRY MALONES HUDSON Theatre, West 44th Street. Evs. 8.30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2.30 THE ABSOLUTE HIT OF THE TOWN WHISPERING FRIENDS BY GEORGE M. COHAN. The Theatre Guild production of Sil-Vara's "Playing at Love," scheduled to open this week, has been postponed until next season.

KEITH-ALBEE FIRST TIME AT POPULAR PRICES PAUL PEJOS' "THE LAST MOMENT" National Theatre, 41 St. W. of B'way Evs. 8.30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2.30 "The Trial of Mary Dugan" By Bayard Veiller, with Ann Harding-Jick Cherryman 8AM HARRIS Theatre, 42d, W. of B'way. Evs. 8.30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. LOVELY LADY with Wilda Bennett & Guy Robertson.

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"No 40-Hour Week," Says Rochester Boss Association to the Amalgamated

MEANWHILE OPEN SHOP FIRMS ORDER 40-HOUR SCHEDULE

Workers Demand Hillman Put Up Fight

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 17.—The belief of the membership of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers here that their national officials, who have been carrying on negotiations with the Clothing Manufacturers' Exchange for a new agreement, intend to give up the membership's demand for the 40-hour week, is strengthened by the announcement yesterday by the leaders of the employers' association also that "no 40-hour week will be introduced in Rochester."

This statement, which appeared in a men's clothing journal, has not met with a counter-statement from the Amalgamated officials, declaring an intention to fight for the 40-hour week.

The workers here are convinced that the 40-hour week is obtainable, citing a significant fact: Several days ago two of the largest men's clothing manufacturers in the country, Keller, Huernann, Thompson and Michaels Stern and Company, one an open shop and the other having an agreement with the United Garment Workers, announced the installation of the 40-hour week in the plants. The workers here point out that the Amalgamated officials have surrendered just as the bosses revealed the fact that they would be compelled to institute the 40-hour week.

The bosses' association representatives in their statement say that one of the reasons for installation of the 40-hour week in the plants of the two independent companies is that they believed that the negotiations of the Clothiers' Exchange with the Amalgamated would result in a general adoption of the 40-hour week, therefore taking steps to install it first in order to prevent the workers from leaving their jobs. The employers' spokesmen now declare that the two firms made a mistake, there will be no 40-hour week in Rochester. An Empty Boast.

The Amalgamated officialdom, for months past, have been boasting of the improvements in standards they were affecting without strikes and militant opposition to the employers, notwithstanding the fact that the bosses are installing inhuman speed-up methods and firing indiscriminately those unable to keep up.

T. U. E. L. Statement.
In view of the coming membership meeting of the Coat Operators' Local 5 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union the tailors section of the Trade Union Educational League has issued a statement to the membership in which they call upon the workers to reject the decision of the executive board removing J. Ostrinsky from membership on the board.

The right wing officials of the local who had previously sought the support of the membership on the basis of opposition to the piece-work policies of the Hillman administration in the union, had made a "united front" with several progressives, thus securing their maintenance in office when the local elections took place. As soon as they assumed office the reactionary officials abandoned the fight on the piece-work system. Ostrinsky, a militant member on the Executive Board, remained as an important obstacle. When they finally decided to expel him the few so-called progressives also voted for Ostrinsky's removal.

Betrayal Arouses Workers.
The membership is much aroused

Workers Party Activities

May Day Tickets.
Tickets for the May Day celebration at Madison Square Garden are now ready at the district office for distribution, and can also be obtained through section organizers. Comrades who can dispose of tickets are urged to get them at once.

To Unit Organizers.
Unit organizers should call for collection lists for the Workers Center Building fund at 25-28 E. Union Square or 108 E. 14th St.

Unemployed Comrades.
The Party calls upon all unemployed comrades to respond for work of first rate revolutionary character. During the next few weeks special tasks in connection with addressing and organizing unemployed forces in the present campaign, will demand the efforts of all comrades who can be secured.

Report at the local district office immediately.
The response to this work must be larger than for any previous task.
Bert Miller, Organization Secretary.

Meeting For \$50,000 Drive.
All units, sections and subsections are to call special membership meetings this week to take up plans for raising \$50,000 for the new Workers Center in Union Square.

Spanish Fraction Meeting.
The Spanish Fraction will meet today at 8:30 p. m. at 143 E. 103rd St.

Course For New Members.
Another course for new members of the Party is being given at the Workers School, 108 E. 14th St., on Thursdays at 8:30 p. m. No fee is charged.

Literature Agents Attention.
The April "Communist" is out. Get your bundles and other literature at 108 E. 14th St. All the latest numbers of Inprocur are also to be obtained there.

SE 3F.
SE 3F will meet tomorrow, April 17, at 6:15 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

Section 1 Special Meetings.
All unit organizers of Section 1 should call special meetings this week to take up the May Day celebration, DAILY WORKER greetings and distribution, and also the new Workers Center.

1F 1F Meets.
A special meeting of 1F 1F will be held today at 6:30 p. m. at 60 St. Marks Place for the purpose of discussing the building fund drive.

Section 1 Unit Organizers.
All unit organizers of Section 1 will meet tomorrow at 80 St. Marks Place. A report will be made on the reorganization of the section. Every organizer must bring along the list of his members to check off the assignments. Financial secretaries of the section must prepare a complete financial statement of the units showing the amount owed for dues and rent.

over this betrayal of the alleged progressives. The issue used by the right wingers in expelling Ostrinsky is that he had participated in the publication of a pamphlet which denounced piece-work. This pamphlet was issued by the Trade Union Educational League. The statement of the League, after condemning especially the action taken by the so-called progressive participants in the united front declares:

"It is evident that Brother Ostrinsky was expelled because he would be a hindrance in the capitulation of the 'united front' on the question of piece work."

"The members of Local 5 cannot and will not be misled by these fellows. The tailors will fight against piece work even though it may be advocated by so-called progressives. Let all the tailors, members of Local 5, rally to the meeting of the local which will be held on Wednesday, April 25, and reject the decision of the executive board."

ARBEITER BUND, Manhattan & Bronx; German Workers' Club.
Meets every 4th Thursday in the month at Labor Temple, 243 E. 84th Street. New members accepted at regular meetings. German and English Library. Sunday lectures. Social entertainments. All German-speaking workers are welcome.

BUTCHERS' UNION
Local 174, A. M. C. & B. W. of N. A. Office and Headquarters: Labor Temple, 243 E. 84 St., Room 12 Regular meetings every 1st and 3rd Sunday, 10 A. M. Employment Bureau open every day at 6 P. M.

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Meeting of Greek Fraction.
The Greek language fraction will meet tomorrow at 8:30 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

Section 3 Industrial Organizers.
Industrial organizers of Section 3 will meet on Friday, April 20, at 101 W. 27th St. at 6:30 p. m.

Branch 4, Section 7 Meet.
A special meeting of Branch 4, Section 7, will be held today at 8:30 p. m. at 1940 Benson Ave., Brooklyn.

1F, 7F of IAC.
1F, 7F of IAC will hold special meetings today at p. m. to take up important matters.

A package party and entertainment will be given by Branch 24 (Harlem) this Saturday, April 21, at 143 East 110th St. One of many features will be a scene from Eugene O'Neill's "Hairy Ape" staged by a professional actor. Admission is 25 cents.

Downtown Workers League.
The third of the series of social-educational evenings arranged by the Downtown Section of the Young Workers League, will be held Sunday, April 22nd, 8 p. m. at 60 St. Marks Place. The topic for discussion will be "Youth and Politics." After the discussion there will be dancing. Admission is free. Every young worker and student is welcome.

Unit 2F D1 will hold a special meeting this evening at 126 East 16th St. Old comrades who have not as yet received their 1928 cards must get them at this meeting or their names will be reported to the district. All comrades are requested to be present as business of importance will be transacted.

Important Notice on Banquet.
All outstanding banquet tickets must be paid for not later than Monday, April 23. Comrades desiring banquet tickets, which are limited in number, should procure them at 108 East 14th Street or at 26-28 Union Square. Reservations for places must be made in advance in order to secure accommodations.

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A visit to the fortress of St. Peter and Paul in Leningrad is included in the tours to Soviet Russia this summer.

The World Tourists, Inc., 69 Fifth Ave., New York, have made special arrangements with the Soviet authorities which will make this year's series of tours extremely interesting. "Palaces and Fountains," Leningrad's beautiful park, built especially for the private pleasure of the Romanoffs, is another one of the many spots that the groups will visit.

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

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BONITA DEFENSE COMMITTEE MEET SCORES FRAME-UP

Plans Country-Wide Movement

WILKES-BARRE, April 17.—The first of a series of mass meetings to protest against the verdict of the jury which found Sam Bonita guilty of manslaughter was held Sunday afternoon at 206 Oliver St., Luzerne, Pa.

The meeting which was arranged on very short notice immediately after the verdict became known, was nevertheless well attended and the several hundred workers present listened attentively while speakers representing the Defense Committee related the story of the shooting and expressed their opposition to the verdict of the jury.

Powers Haggood, national chairman of the Defense Committee, Stanley Dziensiewski, secretary, spoke in English while Eusepji Oswald spoke in Italian.

A resolution declaring that those present protest against the verdict of the jury and demand immediate freedom and complete vindication was unanimously adopted by those in the audience. Those present also contributed liberally to a collection which was taken up for the defense.

The Defense Committee in a special meeting held earlier in the day decided to take steps to secure a new trial and to enter upon an intensive campaign of agitation thruout the entire country as a means of arousing public sentiment in support of the demand for the liberation of Bonita. The committee expects that meetings will be arranged in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and other large cities thruout the country in addition to the towns in this vicinity.

"Marshals" Summoned

Seven summonses returnable today were issued by Chief Magistrate McAdoo yesterday in the "loan shark" investigation for persons alleged to have represented themselves falsely as city marshals.

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Non-Partisan School Bazaar.

All Women's Council members must call at the central office, 799 Broadway to get tickets for the Non-Partisan School Bazaar and credentials for collecting articles. The time is short and there must be no delays now.

Workers School Students' Council.

An important meeting of the Students' Council and Friends of the Workers School will be held today at 8:30 p. m. at 108 E. 14th St., Room 45. One of the subjects to be discussed will be the moving of the Workers School to the new building at 26-28 Union Square.

Nearing To Lecture in Yonkers.

Scott Nearing will lecture on "What Is Happening Today in China and Soviet Russia" at the Workers Cooperative Center, 252 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, on Friday, April 20, at 8 p. m. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Workers International Relief, and the proceeds will go for miners' relief.

Freiheit Gesang Ferein.

The Fifth Jubilee Concert of the Freiheit Gesang Ferein of New York and Paterson will be held Saturday, May 12, at Carnegie Hall.

Hungarian Actors' Concert.

The Hungarian Actors' and Artists' Union will hold its annual concert, on Sunday, April 22, at 3:15 p. m. at Yorkville Casino. On the program will be the famous Hungarian composer, Elizabeth Biro, of the Roxy Theatre; Charles De Thomas, concert pianist, and other prominent Hungarian artists.

Flatbush Women's Council.

A meeting of the Flatbush Women's Council will be held at 8 p. m. today at 1321 Nostrand Ave. Important business is to be taken up and members must be present.

Nearing Imperialism Courses.

Scott Nearing will give the sixth lecture in his two courses at the Workers School on Saturday. "Modern Imperialism" will be given at 2 o'clock and "Development of American Imperialism" at 4 o'clock.

"Rebel Poets Night."

"Rebel Poets Night" will be held at the Labor Temple, 14th St. and Second Ave., Tuesday evening, May 1 at 8:15. The program will be under the supervision of Anton Ramotka, director of the Labor Temple Poetry Forum.

Release Five Pickets in Housewreckers' Strike

John Lasek and Lazar Chull, striking housewreckers who were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct while on picket duty, were yesterday released in West Side Night Court. Disorderly conduct charges against Mike Polovchik, Jack Dunas and Stephen Wilk, housewrecker pickets arrested Saturday, were also dismissed in Harlem Court. The boss contractors are resorting to coercive measures, with the aid of the police, strike leaders declared yesterday. Many boss contractors are angling for settlement with the strikers, it was reported.

MILITANT BRONX HOUSEWIVES AID FRUIT STRIKERS

5 Women and 2 Clerks Arrested at Meeting

Five members of the United Council of Workingclass Housewives were arrested yesterday while speaking at a mass meeting of striking fruit clerks, in front of 345 Allerton Ave. and 172 Bathgate Ave., where non-union markets are located. Police arrested two striking fruit clerks at the same time, including Julius Linder, secretary of the strike committee.

The women and the strikers were released on \$50 bail each for hearings today at the Eighth District Magistrate Court. Over 1,000 workingclass women in the Bronx have pledged their support to the strike of the fruit clerks, who are fighting for union recognition, higher wages and lower hours.

UNION CARPENTER DIES.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p. m., for George Miller, a member of Carpenters Union Local 2090, who died after a short illness, yesterday, at his residence, 40-37 195th St., Auburndale, Flushing, L. I.

Striking Miner Asks For Free "Daily" Sub

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The Miners Are Coming Out!

That section of the Western Pennsylvania coal fields which John L. Lewis has purposely kept unorganized,—the four counties of Westmoreland, Fayette, Greene and Somerset—is today a battleground of great importance to the United Mine Workers' Union. Lewis deliberately broke up the organization which a large section of these miners spontaneously formed in the 1922 strike—exactly because these mines are of strategic importance to the fight to unionize the entire mass coal miners of the United States. Nor does anyone fail to understand the reason Lewis did so. In these counties the coal of the quality required for making coke for the Steel Trust mills is to be found. As a deliberate service to the interests of the Frick estate and the Steel Trust, Lewis destroyed the organization which arose among the rank and file of these miners and excluded them from the settlement.

Among these miners none were more important than those in the Fayette county coke regions around Brownsville; and none were more faithfully handled and vilely betrayed by Lewis. But the indomitable courage and fighting will of these workers around Brownsville is now being shown in action. They are responding to the strike call.

The Washington county miners were equally betrayed by Lewis in 1922, and these workers are showing the stuff they are made of by resisting all efforts to disperse their picket lines by state troopers. The mere fact that these miners are responding to the call to strike proves the strength of the Save-the-Union movement.

Lewis and his Fagans are busily at work trying to break this strike in the usual style. But these miners at least know John L. Lewis and cannot be deceived by him again. False reports of the most sinister character, intended to demoralize the strike in the unorganized fields, have failed to hold these miners back.

The boycott of the entire mining situation by the capitalist press and by the big news agencies, leaves the strike movement to its own news resources to disclose the extent to which the mine workers are walking out. The news boycott, however, is itself eloquent proof that the news is not "good news" for the capitalist press. Reports that have been received indicate a tremendous sweep of the walkout in Western Pennsylvania, Illinois, and some other sections, while from some sections it is as yet difficult to get the news in detail because of the silence of the capitalist press.

But all indications received are that the Mine Workers are making good. The movement has the accumulating power of an avalanche.

Socialist Party Is Not Neutral

The former pastor of the Brick Presbyterian church who is now the dauntless leader of the revolutionary hosts of the socialist party as its candidate for president, puts himself before the world in a Christ-like pose—just as one would expect of the Reverend Doctor Norman Thomas. In accepting what he called the "apostolic succession" as the nominal leader of the counter-revolutionary, anti-labor party, the gentle follower of Jesus, Hillquit and Sigman expressed his trepidation at the thought of world convulsions and sighed for a better world "without revolutionary and catastrophic woe."

This at a "socialist" convention!

But all the while, this gentle parson was casting his clerical robes around the gunmen of the Sigman gang in New York and Chicago, the Lewis gang in the Miners' Union, around the police thugs and strike-breakers, are now in active warfare against the working class on a thousand fronts in the United States. The socialist party is in fact supporting the most reactionary of the trade union bureaucracy in its war against the workers in the unions and in the miners' strike. The Reverend Thomas and the party which chooses him to lead it in the coming campaign are not neutral in the class struggle, but are active partisans.

When the socialist party convention struck out from its constitution all reference to the class struggle, it was an inevitable and necessary act for that party. When the socialist party becomes, as it has become, a mobilizing agency for breaking strikes, crippling the trade unions and preventing the formation of a labor party in the United States, an agency for holding the working class back from class struggle and from reaching class consciousness,—then the only way that party can conceal its actions in the class struggle is to deny that there is a class struggle.

With the praying parson as the bearer of its yellow banner, with the cold-blooded careerist, lawyer Morris Hillquit, as its actual leader, and with Jim Maurer, whipped and tamed by Hillquit and trained to be himself a willing servant and executor of the orders of the reactionary Hillquit and Berger—the socialist party strains to recover every possible force so as to throw itself more actively than ever into the class struggle on the side of reaction against the working class.

The class struggle does not cease, your reverence, when you and your party lie to the working class by denying the existence of that struggle.

The working class will better understand the role of the socialist party of treason to the workers and of sycophantic service to the capitalist class, because of the very fact that the last convention of the party flung undisguised to the breezes the yellow banner from the hands of an anti-Marxian, counter-revolutionary, clerical-tongued, puppet for the reactionary gangsters of the labor bureaucracy.

But the "line of apostolic succession" is not from Debs. It is from Gompers,—what there is of it.

"AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES—"

By Fred Ellis

Y. W. L. Scores N.Y. Paper as Capitalist Tool

In answer to an editorial in the April 12th Bronx Home News, criticizing the Lower Bronx section of the Young Workers' (Communist) League, with headquarters at 715 E. 138 Street, for protesting against police interference at their anti-militarism street corner meeting last week the League has sent the following statement to the editor of the Bronx Home News.

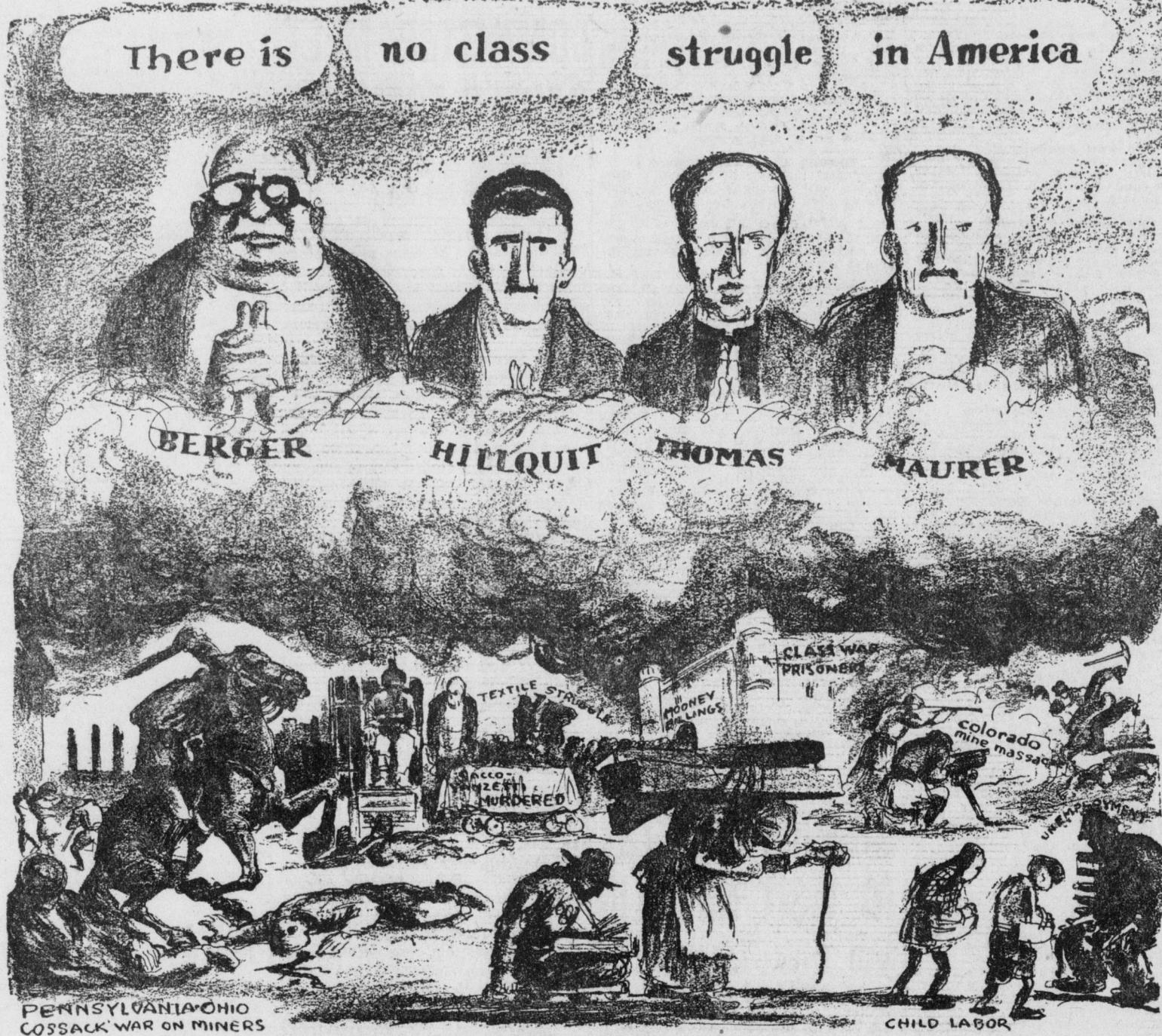
"To the Editor of the Bronx Home News:
Your editorial of April 12th, entitled "The Young Workers' Protest," makes it necessary for us to give reply. The Young Workers Communist League would be neglecting its historical duty if it did not answer this bit of misleading of the working class youth.

"Your entire attitude is a patronizing one. You attempt to 'laugh it off.' But if we are an organization whose efforts are to be 'laughed off,' if we are the sort of an organization about which no policeman would give 'the proverbial three whoops in hades,' then why, when we demonstrate in front of the Brooklyn Navy Yard against intervention in Nicaragua, are we clubbed and arrested?"

"For the same reason that the policeman in this particular case wanted to stop this regularly convoked, verbally permitted, meeting.

"Concerning our struggle against military training in the colleges, you say that discussion of that 'might reasonably be left to the colleges and their student bodies.' There are three answers to that. Firstly, we have in the Y. W. C. L. many students who themselves spring from the working-class. These, then, even according to your own argument have the 'reasonable' right to take a stand against the militarization of the youth in the schools and colleges. Secondly, as a young workers' organization many of our number would, in event of joining the armed forces, have to serve under those very students who are now being trained to officer us in attacks against young Nicaraguan farmers and workers and the youth of other foreign countries.

—"Young Workers Communist League Lower Bronx Section."



Socialist Party --- A Study in Bankruptcy

By JAY LOVESTONE.

Nationally the socialist party doesn't amount to a row of pins as an organization. Except for a few centers like Milwaukee and Reading, the socialist party has no local organizations. In these two cities, the organization is maintained on the same basis that the republican and democratic parties are kept up—government office patronage. In Milwaukee and Reading the socialist party is, practically speaking, an out-and-out third, petty bourgeois party. In New York, whatever organization there exists, subsists on the funds of the yellow Jewish Daily Forward and retired insurance agents, liberal bourgeois widows, and a handful of lawyers.

But ideologically, the socialist party still has some following. This is true nationally. Debs may be dead, but whatever is left of the following of Debs is still in the main going to the socialist party in election campaigns. Of course, as a distinct force of opposition in the everyday struggles of the workers, the socialist party is at most a minimum quantity. Not only are socialist party officials usually lined up on the side of the reactionary trade union bureaucracy but very often they are the pacesetters in the vicious moves made against the left wing and the militants in the labor movement. As a parliamentary force, however, the socialist party must still be somewhat reckoned with by the labor movement though its strength even in this field is steadily dwindling.

The present convention of the socialist party marks a further loss of even the slightest pretence at socialist character this party formerly used to make. We cite four outstanding events at this convention to make our point emphatic and conclusive. The Class Struggle—Unconstitutional Those of us who were once in the socialist party will recall the class struggle pledge that applicants for membership had to sign. In those days the socialist party at least made a gesture—empty as it was—at belief in this fundamental principle of Marxism. Today, the socialist party under the pretence of thorough Americanization, has already deleted from its constitution the section providing that only those who believe in the class struggle shall be eligible for membership. The American constitution framed by merchants, speculators and land barons, has become the source of inspiration for the American socialist party.

One recalls a significant parallel moment at the last convention of the United Mine Workers of America. For years the constitution of the United Mine Workers of America, particularly its preamble, smacked of socialist thought and showed definite imprint of socialist influence. At the convention of the United Mine Workers of America, held in Indianapolis in January, 1927, Lewis and his union-wrecking agents succeeded in deleting from the constitution and

preamble of the union, the sections referring to the class struggle and socialism. Lewis' machine also amended the constitution of the United Mine Workers to persecute workers engaged in coal digging.

Clearly, the vilest section of the corrupt trade union bureaucracy is setting the pace for and giving the leadership to the socialist party.

What Lewis and his henchmen did in 1927 to the constitution of the United Mine Workers of America, Hillquit, Berger, Thomas, Maurer and company did to the last remnant of socialist ideology in their party constitution a few days ago. We may confidently expect that the next time the socialist party convention meets, if there will be a next time for this corpse, it will decree decisive measures against workers who, by choice instead of by accident, came to this country.

Blind to Class Conflicts. The socialist party convention didn't say a word about the activities of its party in the present sharp class struggles. The socialist party has no program for such decisive battles of the workers as the 13-months miners' strike, the struggle wave of textile strikes, the struggle in the needle trades industry, the rising tide of discontent in the railway unions, and the movement for a genuine labor party. We must give the socialist party leadership credit for keeping quiet about its role in these struggles. Insofar as it did anything at all, it participated most valiantly on the side of reaction and against the workers.

All the socialist party convention could say about the most important strike in the history of the American labor movement, the present miners' strike, is to call upon the strikebreaking government, which has been issuing hundreds of injunctions and eviction orders against the miners, to nationalize the coal industry. That's Hillquit's solution. This is Maurer's pancea. Maurer has been significantly silent about the miners' struggle, though he is still president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, a body which one may natur-

ally expect to be vitally concerned with the coal diggers' strike. To ask for nationalization of the coal mines by the Coolidge government, by the Mellons, the Fishers, and the Schwabs, is to ask for support from a hangman. But this is the role of the socialist party today. Instead of exposing the government for what it is, Hillquit, Thomas, Berger, Maurer and their ilk are working overtime to strengthen the old and develop new illusions among the workers regarding the character of fraudulent American democracy.

Imperialism Endorsed. There was a time when even the opportunistic socialist party did not dare endorse the League of Nations. Now Mr. Hillquit feels that his party has made sufficient progress as a full fledged member of the camp of the enemies of the working class to hand out bouquets even to the League of Nations. The League of Nations is held up by the socialist party before the workers as a pancea. On this question, the socialist party is even far to the right of such weak-kneed, petty bourgeois politicians as Borah, Norris and Shipstead. The latter are opposed to the League of Nations. They see in the League of Nations an instrument of imperialist aggression. Hillquit sees in the League of Nations an agency of liberation of the colonial masses.

The extent to which the socialist party is today dominated by capitalist ideas is made painfully evident by the remarks of Hillquit anent the imperialist invasion of Nicaragua by Wall Street troops. To quote the New Leader, the mouthpiece of the decadent socialist party, "The highlight of the address came in his words on the Nicaraguan adventure:

"Of all the monstrosities perpetrated by our government, this is the most revolting. What is it that we are doing in Nicaragua? If it is war, it is unauthorized and unsanctioned by the people or congress. If it is not war—it is murder."

In this moment of highest excitement on the part of Mr. Hillquit, he unblushingly admits his organic kinship with Mr. Coolidge in Washing-

ton, and the strikebreaking marines in Nicaragua. Mr. Hillquit is not complaining against the imperialist aggrandizement of the American government. He is not seeking to mobilize masses of workers and exploited farmers against the Yankee imperialist domination of Latin America. All he is interested in, as a first class lawyer, is the legal sanction, the congressional authorization for this imperialist onslaught. It is not the murderous crime against the Nicaraguan masses that he is protesting against. This "brains" of the socialist party is vitally concerned with maintaining every legal fiction and camouflaging most effectively the outrages committed against the Nicaraguan people so that the American working class will not be aroused sufficiently against the Wall Street government.

Berger Shakes Hands with Kaiser. The whole farce of the socialist party convention came to a head in a very dramatic way. The New York press reports that for nearly four minutes the socialist party convention stood with bowed heads in a demonstration of the keenest appreciation of the successful westward trans-Atlantic flight by German monarchist agents. During the last imperialist war Kaiser Wilhelm II appealed to all his loyal subjects in Germany, China, United States and elsewhere, to rally to the banner of Prussian imperialism. This appeal did not fall on deaf ears, as far as Mr. Berger was concerned. Mr. Berger was opposed to America's entering the last war not because he was against American imperialism but because he was for German imperialism.

Just now, while the impending imperialist war is in the making, Kaiser Wilhelm II, who owes his head still being on his shoulders solely to the Bergers, Hillquits and Thomases of Germany, sent a cable of congratulation to Von Huenefeld, pilot of the Bremen. On the same day, the socialist party convention, which has re-elected Victor Berger as its national chairman, congratulated Von Huenefeld, who was piloting the plane flying the colors of the old German monarchist regime. Von Huenefeld is expected to be a nationalist candidate in the coming elections in Germany. Under these circumstances, Messrs. Hillquit and Berger must have kept clearly in their minds the congratulations to Von Huenefeld by the National German Officers' League, reading in part: "It fills us with grateful pride that the spirit of German officers conquered the ocean and received respect for the sacred colors of black, white and red in far away parts of the world."

If any honest workingman or woman still has any illusions about the character of the socialist party let him or her examine what happened at the last convention. There is no room today in the socialist party for any honest workingman who has the slightest bit of class consciousness or class pride in him.

Foreign Born Workers Have New Paper

The first issue of the "Foreign Born Worker" came out with the March-April number. The "Foreign Born Worker" is a mimeographed 8-page paper, published by the Council for the Protection of Foreign Born Workers, 39 Union Square, New York City, an organization which has rendered and intends to continue rendering signal service in fighting the numerous deportation bills in congress, bills born out of the 100 per cent American pay-trotic societies by the open shop bosses, for use as a club over the foreign born workers in case the latter show signs of not being satisfied with their servitude.

The current issue of the "Foreign Born Worker" is devoted to showing up the Aswell bill in the house, which provides for compulsory registration of all non-citizens; the Johnson bill, providing fresh excuses for the deportation of foreign born militant workers, and the Box bill, which would bring Latin American workers under the quota law. There are several well-written short editorials in the paper.

A feature living up to the title paper is "News Bits," containing paragraphs of interest to the foreign born workers. An article of particular interest is "The Foreign Born Worker in the Ford Industry." The sketches in the "Foreign Born Worker" are above the average.

Labor Libraries

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 17.—Valuable labor libraries are maintained at the University of Michigan here as well as at the University of Wisconsin, consisting of labor newspapers, original manuscripts, current bulletins of trade unions and many books.

Three "Leaders" of the Bankrupt Socialist Party



Leaders of the bankrupt Socialist party. Left to right are Norman Thomas, socialist presidential candidate. James H. Maurer, candidate for vice president, and Victor Berger.