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GALA OPENING OF WORKERS' CENTER ON UNION SQ.

PICKETS FINED FOR PROTESTING NICARAGUA WAR

To Raise Fines Against Demonstrators

WASHINGTON, April 18 (FP).—When fines of \$5 each were levied on some 70 of the pickets of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League, in police court yesterday because they had marched around the White House grounds in the rain Saturday in protest against the American conquest of Nicaragua, district government spokesmen told the court that the limit for fines for the offense of parading without a permit would be raised to \$100 "before nightfall." They had decided that a mere change in police regulations, without any special act of congress, would be sufficient. President Coolidge, who absolutely controls the district commissioners and the police administration will thus have raised a new wall between himself and public protests against official policies.

107 Arrested. The right of the district police commissioner or district commissioners to fix the amount of penalty for violation of police regulations has never been tested in the courts, because the \$5 limit did not seem to warrant an appeal. However, if \$100 fine is imposed it is probable that a test case will be taken by someone to the federal supreme court.

While the pickets were leaving for their homes in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and elsewhere, new protests against the war waged upon the Nicaraguan people were voiced on the floor of the senate. Blaine of Wisconsin offered a resolution demanding of Secretary Wilbur a detailed accounting as to the extra cost to the navy of the sending of warships and marines to Nicaragua, and keeping them there, as compared with the cost of maintaining the fleet and marines in normal conditions at their home stations.

FOSTER, TOOHEY TO SPEAK MONDAY

Report on Pittsburgh Mine Conference

For the first time, New York workers will have the opportunity of hearing the story of the historic miners' conference held at Pittsburgh from one of the most active and militant mine leaders, Pat Toohey, National Secretary, Save the Union Committee. The events leading up to the conference, the betrayal of the corrupt United Mine Workers officialdom and the heroic strike of the coal diggers will be told by Toohey, who is coming to New York from the strike area for the purpose of addressing New York workers at the Manhattan Lyceum, 68 East 4th St., on Monday night, April 23rd, at 8 p. m.

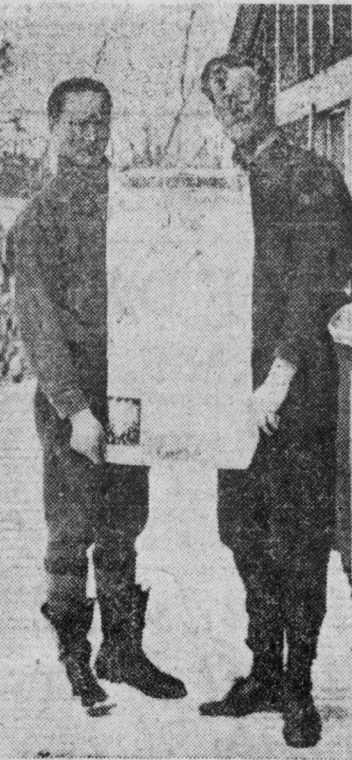
William Z. Foster, National Secretary of the T. U. E. L., will present the causes and events leading up to the miners' strike and the Pittsburgh conference—the most important event in the American labor movement for the past twenty years and will also analyze the present situation in the coal fields and show the significance of the combine to the entire labor movement.

The meeting is being held under the auspices of the local New York Trade Union Educational League. A charge of 25 cents admission will be made to help defray the traveling expenses of nationally prominent speakers—and the balance of the proceeds will be divided between the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee and the Joint Defense Committee. The funds will be used in behalf of the militant, struggling mine workers and the equally militant needle workers of this city.

Confiscation in U. S.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The anti-alien land law of Washington was again upheld by the supreme court yesterday, when it summarily rejected the appeal of S. Kataano, a Japanese, against confiscation of land by state authorities.

Lumberjacks' Press



Carl Norberg and Neil Haapala are shown above displaying a wall newspaper published in the lumber camp at Escanaber, Mich. This paper includes articles about their conditions.

WOODSMEN HOLD PROTEST MEET

\$1.75 for Cord of Wood Called Famine Wage

EBEN JUNCTION, Mich., April 18.—Over 100 lumberjacks of this neighborhood met here Sunday to lay plans for organization to fight for better conditions. The present wage of \$1.75 per cord is absolutely a starvation wage; it takes two men working all day to make five cords.

It was unanimously decided to put in a demand for \$2.25 per cord. A committee of lumberjacks was elected at this meeting to investigate the situation and prepare a future meeting.

CLOAK CHAIRMEN MEET SATURDAY

Over 4,000 Votes Cast at Elections

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

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

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

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

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

Heavy Vote Pooled. One of the heaviest vote totals ever rolled up at an election in the cloak-makers' union was pooled Tuesday, it (Continued on Page Two)

MINERS' COURAGE UNEQUALLED IN LABOR HISTORY

Face Guns, Clubs, and Bombs Undaunted

(Special to The Daily Worker) PITTSBURGH, April 18.—Evidence of the rising numbers and power of the unorganized mine workers now on strike in Pennsylvania and West Virginia was had today from practically every section as operators threatened to evict employees from company owned houses, while others offered pay increases in order to induce the striking workers back to the pits.

That the operators in some sections are hard-hit was demonstrated today when the Coal Company in Ledeburg offered the striking employees a 20-cent advance on the ton provided that they immediately returned to work. The offer was refused.

The company called a meeting on company property and threatened to evict the miners from the company houses unless they went back to work under the proposed wage readjustment. The Town of Burgess ordered Organizer Joe Formani of the Save the Union Committee to leave town immediately, but this order was ignored.

400 men, women and children marched upon the Pitt Gas mine in Fayette County Tuesday morning. State Troopers attacked them with (Continued on Page Two)

6 TO 12 YEARS IS BONITA SENTENCE

Penitentiary, Hard Labor For Worker

(Special to The Daily Worker) WILKES-BARRE, April 18.—A six to twelve year sentence to solitary confinement and hard labor in the penitentiary was today meted out to Sam Bonita, young Pittston mine worker and leader of local 1703, against whom a jury early this week brought in a verdict of manslaughter in a "framed-up" case in which the officials of the Lewis-Cappellini machine co-operated with the police officers.

Sentence was imposed upon Bonita by Judge McLean, whose vicious hatred of the militant miner and the working class generally was shown in the bitterness with which he delivered the decision. Although the jury had recommended "extreme clemency," Judge McLean ordered the maximum prison term and in a vicious attack on Bonita, declared that he would make an example of him to stop the carrying of guns in the district.

In addition, Bonita was fined \$1,000, again the extreme penalty (Continued on Page Two)

ADMITS HALL, MILLS KILLING

EL RENO, Okla., Apr. 18.—Elwin F. Allen, who was arrested here on a burglary charge, has confessed that he committed the Hall-Mills murders in New Jersey. He said he was given \$5,000 and an automobile for the killings.

'BUT DON'T LET ME WITHOUT PAPER'

Miner, 13 Months on Strike, Penniless, Sends Plea to Daily

"I AM now in my 13th month, on strike. I have been unable to secure a job anywhere. I only received \$23 from the U. M. W. A. since I've been striking. Less than \$2 a month. Therefore it is impossible for me to renew my subscription until I am able to secure a job. I would like for you to keep me on the list. I will pay for my subscription just as soon as I possibly can. But don't let me without a paper."

—L. R. This is but one of hundreds of such letters from striking miners which come to our office daily. Of course we are sending the DAILY WORKER to this militant striker. Thousands of DAILY WORKERS are being sent to strikers free of charge. It is costing us over \$500

Hold Textile Mass Meeting Despite Threats

MILL COMMITTEE SUPPORTS UNION DESPITE FAKERS

Will Organize 27,000 Non-Union Men

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 18.—The first mass gathering to be held in New Bedford for the 30,000 organized and unorganized textile workers, who are in the 4th day of a general strike against 58 mills for trying to cut wages 10 per cent, was successfully held here this afternoon by the Textile Mill Committees, in spite of frantic efforts made by the officialdom of the Textile Council to halt the meeting.

Bristol Arena, one of the largest halls in the city, was crowded to capacity by the strikers despite the public statements issued by the leaders of the American Federation of Textile Operatives, warning against attendance of the meeting.

Pledging their organizational and financial support to the Textile Council despite its refusal of aid, yet definitely announcing their intention of organizing the 27,000 unorganized workers in New Bedford into mill committees, the leaders of the mill committee movement at the meeting declared that the union officialdom was powerless to stop the unorganized workers from forming their own organization as long as the Textile Council had no intentions to do so. The seven locals of the American Federation of Textile Operatives in New Bedford has a membership of only 8,000 out of the 30,000 textile strikers.

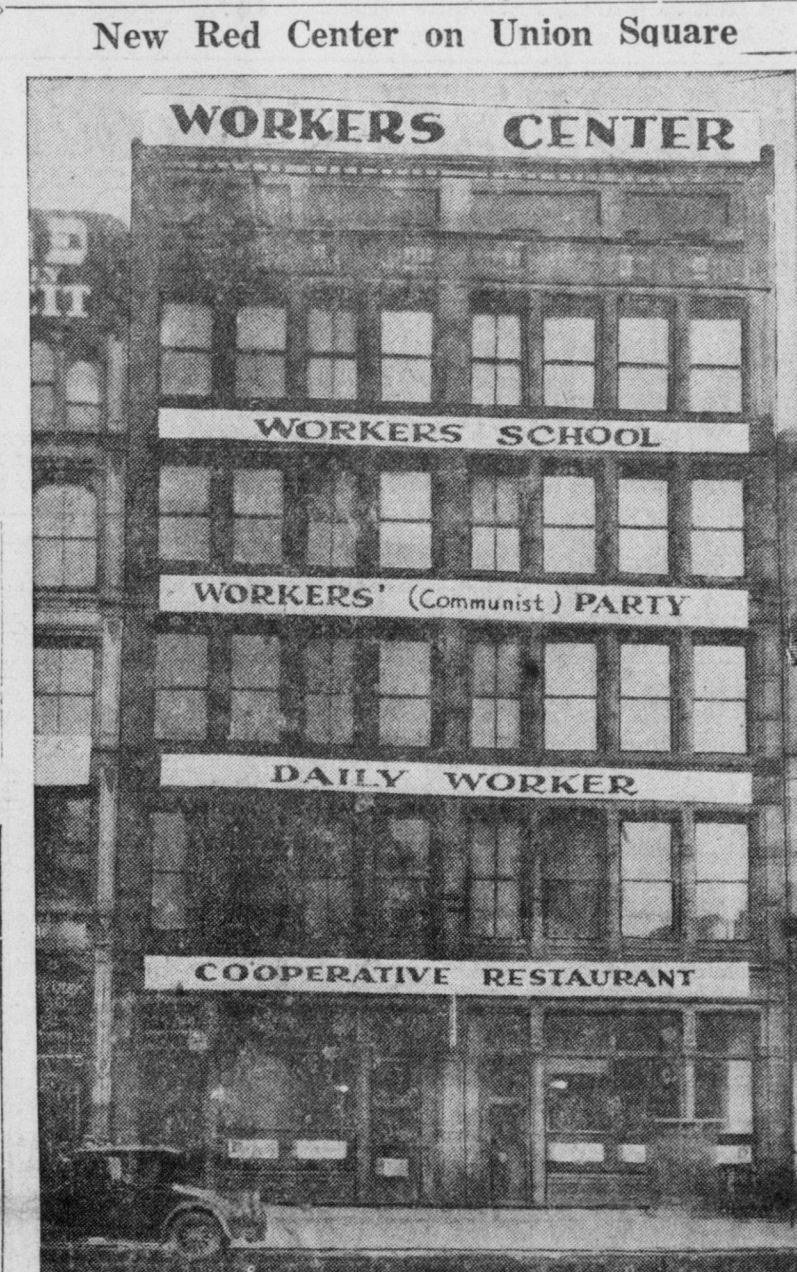
"No Secret Negotiations."

Demands were made by the Textile Mill Committee at the mass meeting that all negotiations and discussions be carried on with the bosses for ending the strike, should be reported to the membership. "No secret negotiations," was the slogan issued. The speakers declared their intention of immediately organizing picket lines, which union leaders have consistently refused to do. They also demanded that the unions back them up in their plans for extending the walkout to other sections of New England where, over 100,000 textile workers have had their wages reduced by 10 per cent in the last few months.

W. L. Murdoch, secretary-organizer of the Textile Mill Committee told how Secretary Batty of the Textile Council had come up to the offices of the mill committees at 954 Purchase Street, yesterday and "invited" the leaders of the mill committees to leave (Continued on Page Three)

Mine Relief Committee Put Out of Cooper Union

Two representatives of the Emergency Committee for Strikers' Relief were threatened with ejection Tuesday evening at Cooper Union following a lecture by Dr. John B. Watson. They had attempted to distribute slips calling for volunteers to aid the miners' relief drive here.



Six story building at Nos. 29 and 28 Union Square, to be the new home of the New York district of the Workers (Communist) Party, The DAILY WORKER, central organ of the Party, the Workers School, the Hungarian Communist daily, Uj Elore, the "Proletcos" cooperative restaurant and other institutions. The gala opening is to be with a monster banquet Friday, April 27. A fund of \$30,000 must be raised with which title can be taken to the Workers Center. (Freiheit building shown on left.)

HOLD AFFAIR FOR MASS PICKETING MINERS TONIGHT

Variety Team and Play to Feature

The famous team of Greenlee and Dreyton, recently returned from a three years' tour of Europe and South America, will feature the Concert and Variety entertainment to be given tonight at 8:30, at St. Lukes Hall, 125 W. 130th St. by the Negro Committee of Miners Relief, of which Harold Williams is organizer. Greenlee and Dreyton will present their latest laugh-baiting attraction, "Black Beaux and Belles."

"What Price Coal?" Borci Freedman's well-known one-act play, will also be on the bill of entertainment, as well as other variety acts, including dancing and singing. Tickets at 75 cents each may be procured at the office of the Negro Committee for Miners Relief, 200 W. 135th St., New York City, or at the office of the Miners Relief Committee 799 Broadway, Room 236.

WILL SPUR ALL PARTY ACTIVITY, SAYS WEINSTONE

Many to Attend Red Banquet April 27

In the working class streets, in the shops and in the working class halls throughout the New York district the Workers (Communist) Party members and sympathizers are swinging into line in the \$30,000 campaign for the new Workers Center on Union Square, reports from all sections last night showed.

The miners are on strike. The New England textile workers are conducting a strike which calls up the heroic traditions of Passaic. Between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 skilled and unskilled workers of all trades are walking the streets and highways of the United States in search of jobs, shelter and food. The aim of the campaign for \$30,000 to finance the occupation of the new Workers Center is to provide the revolutionary workers of the New York district facilities adequate to the tasks of the immediate future.

To House Daily Worker

The building which is the goal of the campaign is at 28-28 Union Sq. It is to be the new home of the DAILY WORKER, official organ of the Workers Party; the New York district organization of the Party; the Workers School; the Young Workers (Communist) League; Uj Elore, Hungarian language Communist daily; the Young Pioneers; the Workers Book Shop and the Co-operative Restaurant (Proletcos, Inc.).

The opening of the Workers Center will be celebrated with a "Red Banquet" the evening of Friday, Apr. 27, at which the speakers will include Jay Lovestone, William Z. Foster, Robert Minor, editor Daily Worker, Bertram D. Wolfe and William W. Weinstone. Tickets are now on sale at the Workers Center and at the Workers Party district office at 108 E. 14th St., the district office announces.

Bronx Shows Way

The Bronx is showing the way in the great drive. Though Section 5, the Bronx, started work only a few days ago the section, subsection and unit functionaries have mobilized the membership so effectively that this section has already jumped into the lead.

Branch 3 of this section, at a meeting addressed by John Di Santo, collected \$85 and pledged \$150 more. Some of the members contributed as much as \$25 and this branch intends to far surpass its quota.

Branch 4 contributed \$30 in cash and pledged \$175; Branch 2, where donations were also as high as \$25, collected \$62 in cash and pledged \$98; Branch 5: \$42 in cash, \$98 in pledges; Branch 1: \$40 in cash, \$83 in pledges.

Banquet To Be High Point.

Section 5 is bending all efforts towards making the best showing in the district at the Red Banquet, which will mark the high point of the drive and which will be attended by hundreds of militant workers of this city and vicinity. The amounts collected in the campaign will be announced at the banquet and all sections, subsections and units are making special efforts to make as good a showing as possible.

In addition to the Bronx, Brownsville and Long Island City have been particularly active. Brownsville yesterday made a new contribution of \$108, collected as follows: FD 1, \$43; 1B 1, \$21; and 1B 2, \$44. This brings the total of Brownsville to more than half of its quota of \$500, which from present indications will be surpassed.

Quotas Announced

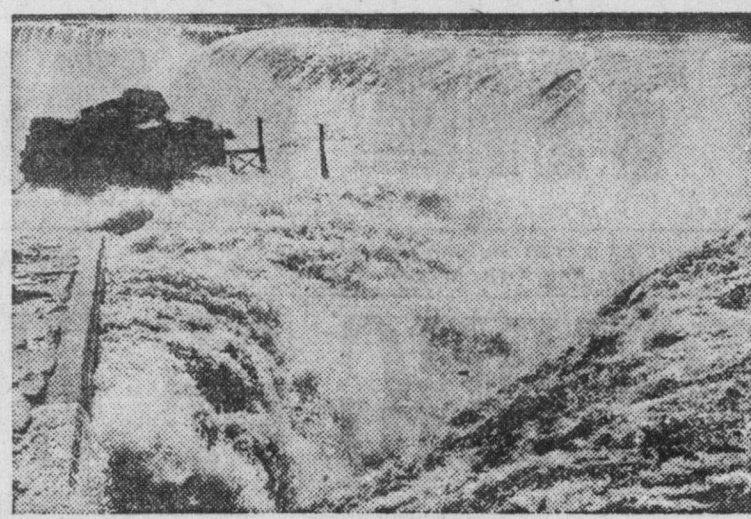
Unit 1F, Long Island City, has handed in its second contribution of \$59, bringing its total to \$99. This unit has promised to contribute \$51 more next week.

Archie Merson, a member-at-large, contributed \$5. Section 1 has assigned various quotas to its units and active work has already been begun. Though this section has been late to start the members feel confident that in a short while they will be battling the other sections for the leadership. The quotas for the units are: Subsection 1AC: 1F, \$160; 3F, \$180; 4F, \$180; (Continued on Page Two)

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# 13 WORKERS DIE IN CO. SHACK FIRE; YELLOW "SOCIALIST" LEADERS CHOSEN; NEWS IN PICTURES



Fire in a shack owned by the Blair Limestone Co., Pittsburgh, a subsidiary of the Jones and Laughlin open shop coal company, killed 13 workers during a wedding feast. Photo at extreme left shows remains of fire-trap where workers died. Second photo shows the national executive committee at the putrescent socialist party's convention, which rejected the class struggle and nominated Rev. Norman Thomas as its presidential candidate. Left to right, standing, are William R. Snow, of Illinois; Morris Hillquit, New York, and William H. Henry, of Indiana. Seated, left to right, James D. Graham, of Montana; James O'Neal, of New York, and Joseph W. Sharts, of Ohio. Next to left photo is a view of a broken dam at Wilder, Vt., which threatened to flood many farms. At extreme right is Mrs. Isabell Allen, of Kansas City, Mo., who has petitioned the federal government for \$200,000 because her son died after drinking whiskey which she charges was officially poisoned.

## Coal Miners in Illinois Spreading Strike at Call of Save-the-Union Forces

### GALA OPENING FOR WORKERS CENTER IN UNION SQUARE

Activity in \$30,000 Drive Pushed

(Continued from Page One) 6F. \$210; 7F. \$160; Night Workers, \$400; 1S Night Workers, \$100. Sub-section 1D: 1F, \$250; 2F, \$200; 3F, \$180; 1I, \$450. The quota that must be raised by Section 1 is \$2,800.

**Tune Is Short**  
Various workingclass leaders of this city have pointed out the importance of the Workers Center to the revolutionary movement, and are urging all class-conscious workers to take an active part in the drive. Only a short time remains before the entire \$30,000 must be paid if the workers are to call this center their own. The banquet, which is only a little over a week away, must also be made a demonstration of workingclass strength, it is pointed out, and nearly the entire sum should be collected by that time as the drive will end a few days later.

**Heart of the Movement**  
With the establishment of District 2, Workers (Communist) Party in the new Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square, the Party will take a great step forward in its penetration into the mass activity of the American workingclass, declared William W. Weinstein, district organizer, yesterday.

"The site for our new home has been chosen," Weinstein said, "with an eye to the political development of the revolutionary movement. Union Square has during the last few years become the heart of this movement, from which all militant workingclass activity radiates. It is only necessary to point to the Sacco-Vanzetti demonstrations to make it clear that Union Square can now with justice be called Red Square.

**A Stronghold**  
"The coming of the workers (Communist) Party to Union Square means its emergence more completely than ever before into the economic and political arena of the workers of this city and vicinity. It means the establishment of a mighty stronghold of the revolutionary movement within the territory of both our friends and our enemies.

"Among our comrades we will have the Freiheit, organ of the revolutionary Jewish workers, and among our friends a number of militant unions in the vicinity. Among our enemies will be the new Tammany Hall at 17th St. and Union Square and the moth-eaten Rand School at 7 E. 15th St. The notorious, yellow Jewish Daily Forward, if reports are true, is also coming to Union Square.

**Expect New Members**  
"We expect an influx of new members when we move to Union Square. The part the Workers Party is playing in every struggle of the American workers is beginning to bear fruit. Greater and greater masses of workers are realizing that the only political party that fights for their interests in a revolutionary way is the Workers Party.

"The socialist party is now openly admitting what it has practised for the past few years and is abandoning even formal recognition of the class struggle. Its flimsy mask has been removed and it is now revealed as a completely middle-class party. The Workers Party has therefore a great task to perform. And our coming to Union Square will enable us to perform this task as it should and must be performed and to direct or influence every phase of workingclass activity.

**Center of Workers' Activity**  
"At the opening and the closing of shops and factories," Weinstein continued, "there are more workers passing the neighborhood of Union Square a minute than any other point in the city, statistics show. The place where the greatest number of workers are is the place where the Workers Party must be. The Workers Center will

### DETROIT SPEEDS UP WORK ON SPECIAL MAY DAY EDITION OF DAILY

Fifteen thousand copies of the special May Day edition of The DAILY WORKER will be distributed in Detroit and vicinity, on May First, according to an announcement just made by Sara Victor, the DAILY WORKER agent in the Michigan district, to the Business Office of the paper.

All arrangements for carrying this distribution to a successful conclusion are now being perfected by the Michigan workers.

Scores of greetings, which will be a feature of the special issue have been collected, and all labor and fraternal organizations, as well as individual sympathizers, have been informed of the importance of their being represented in this edition of the press.

The securing of advertisements and the writing and sending of special articles for the May Day edition of The WORKER is being rushed, as the workers understand the

necessity of hurrying all material to the office of the paper with all possible haste. The early receipt of greetings, ads and articles will considerably reduce the cost of publishing this issue.

Realizing that the edition of The DAILY WORKER on May Day is an event of significance in the history of American labor journalism, the Michigan workers are lending all possible assistance in the job of making their own edition of their own English labor daily an outstanding success.

### Swells to Sip Tea and Rescue Seamen's Souls

Coal-passers who heave coal in the hot and stinking rooms of freighters will undoubtedly be very pleased to know that none other than Sir T. Ashley Sparkes has arranged a benefit bridge and tea in their behalf aboard the Berengaria next Monday afternoon.

Seamen, it should be understood, will not attend the tea. They will amuse themselves by swabbing decks while Mrs. William B. Leeds, Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt, Mrs. Arthur Osogood Choate and other friends of the poor and oppressed sip tea in their behalf.

The bridge party will be held under the auspices of the Rockefeller-subsidized Seamen's Church Institute, which specializes in making the sea safe for ship-owners.

### MINERS' COURAGE WILL WIN STRIKE

Cannot Be Beaten Back by Terrorism

(Continued from Page One) tear gas bombs and arrested 35 men. They were arraigned in court and ordered to pay fines which the miners refused. The judge knowing that the jails could not hold the great number of pickets who would persist on the lines, was forced to dismiss all 35.

**Troopers Vicious**  
This morning when 500 pickets reported at the mine in the Brownsville region, troopers rode into the crowd, clubbing right and left. One woman who was hit by a horse and clubbed on the head fell unconscious on the roadside. 3 pickets are still missing.

**Mass Picketing Wins**  
Bentleyville, Pa., April 18.—Since mass picketing began at the Aene and Gibson Mine, Monday morning, production has fallen down 50 percent. 500 men and women have picketed the mine morning and evening ever since Martin Volentik and 5 other striking miners appeared on the line with great bandages on their heads as a result of clubbing received from State Troopers.

Yesterday, tear gas bombs were hurled by State Troopers from the right, while coal and iron police threw them from the left infuriating the pickets who returned a volley of stones. Troopers rode down the crowd chasing them over the hills until they reached town. It took the cops 2 hours to do the job.

be the gathering point of all militant workers of this vicinity, the center of all revolutionary activity.

"But first we must make the Workers Center our own. And it will not be our own unless all class-conscious workers join in raising the \$30,000 necessary to purchase and finance the building. The time is short and the task is great but it must be done if the revolutionary movement is to grow, if the workers are to fight effectively against the united front of the capitalist class and its agents within the ranks of labor."

### WORKERS' CHORUS WILL SING MAY 1

Proletarian Songs on Lithuanian Program

Three choruses of Lithuanian workers, the "Aida" and "Lyra" of Brooklyn and the "Setyna" of Newark, will combine as one chorus to sing working class songs in Madison Square Garden at the meeting called for May First by the Workers (Communist) Party, and endorsed by other working class organizations of Greater New York.

It is expected that all the Lithuanian workers of the district will forego organizing duplicate meetings and join in the united deconstruction at the "largest hall in the world."

The program of the combined chorus is evidence of its solidarity with the working class on this proletarian holiday. The program consists of: "The International," "Jura" by J. Valentis and "Rusiy Brangi," arranged by J. Valentis.

With fascism raging in their native land, which is being used by the imperialists as a base for hostile operations against the Soviet Union—the bulwark of the working class—the Lithuanian workers are especially interested in demonstrating against imperialism and for the defense of the Soviet Union. With their fellow-workers in Lithuania continually facing the danger of military aggression on the part of Poland, which will never relinquish its imperialist designs on that small country, and with the old imperialism of Germany on the other border gradually revivifying after the severe blow of the world war, the Lithuanian workers in America are interested in making the huge May Day meeting a demonstration against war.

### The Workers' Eyes

PITTSBURGH, April 18.—The toll that speeding up industry, is taking in the lives of the workers was set forth vividly last night by Lewis H. Carris, managing director of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, speaking over the radio. He said that there are 100,000 totally blind in the United States and approximately 6,000,000 in the entire world.

## COMMUNARD HELPS FRENCH PARTY

Antoine Gay, Living in the U. S. S. R., Sends Fifty Rubles

PARIS, (By Mail).—Antoine Gay, a survivor of the Paris Commune of 1871, now living in Moscow on a Soviet government pension, has contributed 50 rubles to the election campaign of the French Communist Party. In a letter to L'Humanite, central organ of the Communist Party of France, Gay, who is 84 years old, recalls his experiences in France and denounces the betrayals of the social-patriots. With the words "Moscow-the-Red" in large letters on the dateline, the old Communard's letter states:

"One year ago I was in France—a pauper. At 83, after having borne the burden of a ruined life, with ten years of hard labor in a French prison, where I had been condemned by the French bourgeois Republic for being a Communard, I was living in Marseilles, leading a miserable existence. The comrades, although very poor, were

doing their best to make life more tolerable for me.

"And then the Soviet Government, wishing to honor the Paris Commune of 1871, adopted me. I am enjoying in Moscow quiet days and my good fortune is such that I am asking myself if this marvelous end of my life is not indeed a dream.

"THE comfort that is being afforded us old folks in these old palaces of the nobles has enabled me to save, after paying for my needs, the sum of 50 rubles, which I am forwarding to the Communist Party of France as my part of the subscription to defray the expenses of the election campaign taking place this year. That makes 600 francs. How great is my satisfaction in being able to help my good French comrades in their struggles on the eve of the elections.

### JOBLESS MEET IN UNION SQUARE

Over 300 hundred unemployed workers assembled in Union Square under the auspices of the New York Council of the Unemployed yesterday afternoon to protest the city's neglect of the unemployed, enthusiastically endorsed the plan of unemployment insurance proposed by the council. The workers also cheered the Workers (Communist) Party which John Di Santo, secretary of the council, pointed out, endorses heartily this plan for relief of unemployed workers. Beside Di Santo other speakers were Louis Baum of the Photographers' Union; George Powers, of the Iron Workers Union, and J. J. Padrog, of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union.

Three more unemployed mass meetings will be held today, one at 11 a. m. at 101 W. 27th st., one at 8 p. m. at 133th St. and St. Ann's Ave, the Bronx, and the other at Pitkin Ave. and Bristol St., Brooklyn. The last meeting of the week will be held Sat. afternoon at Rutgers Sq.

### MINERS RESPOND TO PICKET CALL

Illinois Districts Refuse To Scab

(Special to The Daily Worker) WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., April 18.—Mine districts in southern Illinois are responding to the call of the Save-the-Union forces to picket the mines signed up by the reactionary Fishwick machine.

Over six hundred miners marched near here in a demonstration against the order to go back to work. The southern Illinois district of the Save-the-Union Committee, of which Gerry Allard is secretary, has issued thousands of circulars calling upon the miners not scab on their Penn-Ohio brothers.

The circular reads in part: "Once more the coal operators are attempting to attract us in their fatal web. Again the coal miners of Illinois are being brazenly betrayed by the reactionary Lewis-Fishwick machine.

Brothers! Mine Workers of Illinois! Refuse to scab on your Pennsylvania and Ohio brothers! The hour has struck when the coal miners of America are no longer going to be misled by the corrupted officialdom of our union.

Our Pennsylvania, and Ohio brothers have struck for 13 long dreary-months of hardship in the face of the most inhuman brutality of the coal barons.

Mine workers of Illinois! Fight for a general STRIKE and don't return to work until we have won a general agreement! !

- Fight AGAINST:
  - Ware Cuts
  - Arbitration
  - Separate Agreements
  - Fight FOR:
    - The Jacksonville Scale
    - National Agreement For All Miners
    - Six Hour Day and Five Day Week
    - Nationalization of Coal Mines.
    - Miners! Take Control Of Your Union Infested By The Darlings Of The Coal Operators.
    - Your Fate Lies In Your Own Action!
    - Save the Union Committee, Southern Ill. Section, Gerry Allard, Sec'y.

### Pilsudski's Moral Senses Badly Shocked

Maciejewski, the official Polish hangman, was one of Pilsudski's favorite officers of state. He served Pilsudski long and faithfully. But unfortunately Maciejewski shocked the tender moral sensibilities of Marshal Pilsudski by drinking to excess and accumulating debts.

Yesterday the Ministry of Justice announced that Maciejewski had been dismissed and that his place would be taken by his assistant.

Pilsudski also exhibited his moral delicacy by announcing that hereafter all gallows in all prison yards will be removed as "offensive to public opinion." Every person murdered by Pilsudski will hereafter be provided with a gallows erected especially for him.

### CLOAK COMMITTEE OF 50 WILL MEET

4,000 Vote at Election of Delegates

(Continued from Page One) was indicated as the complete returns of the elections for delegates to the convention of the union came in. More than 4,000 workers came to vote in order to protest against the program carried on by the right wing Sigman forces in the union which has resulted in the shattering of a once powerful organization.

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

**Delegates Chosen.**  
The following were elected from Operators' Local 2: J. Borachovich, I. Brauner, J. H. Cohen, I. Goldman, F. Herbst, M. Levine, I. Lipnik, J. Silkowitz, J. Stenzer and A. Weiss.

Local 9 will be represented by the following delegates: W. Greenberg, S. Hapenwasser, Ph. Herman, A. Zierlin, Mania Perlman, Nat Kaplan, and Rose Kaplan.

**Dressmakers' Local 22 delegates** chosen were Alex Cohen, Paul Halpern, Abr. Lupin, J. Portnoy, I. Weissberg, Rose Wortis, Emma Yaninsky, and Charles S. Zimmerman.

The delegates chosen from Pressers' Local 35 are S. Bissoff, I. Goretzky, H. Turk, N. Tuchman, H. Koretz, E. Kudrentsky, H. Kessler, and S. Schreiber. Louis Hyman, manager of the Joint Board, was chosen to represent the Joint Board.

### Bonita Sentence Is 12 Years Hard Labor

(Continued from Page One) prescribed by law. He is also charged with the costs of the trial. He will serve in the Eastern Penitentiary at Philadelphia.

**Fail to Appeal**  
Every one at the court was surprised to find that defense counsel failed to make a motion for further action or appeal. No reason was given.

The Bonita-Boleski-Mendola Defense Committee will carry on the fight for Bonita's freedom, it was announced.

### MASS PICKETING WINS BACK MANY SIGNED UP PITS

Oust Lewis Officials; Take Control

By ALBERT GLOTZER. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 18.—

Despite the attempts of the officialdom of the United Mine Workers of America in Illinois to minimize the work of the Save-the-Union Committee, events continue to prove that the movement to oust the corrupt officialdom grows both in numbers and influence.

The officials in Illinois are now carrying on the separate agreement policy. Local agreements are signed and a handful of miners sent back to work. To these workers going back on the job the officials inform them that it is useless to carry on a national strike, that the union is going to smash and that is why they should continue to work and get all they can while it lasts. This is the policy of the so-called "progressives" of the Hindmarsh (Springfield sub-district president) type. There are other reasons why a few mines are signed up.

**Salary Hounds.**  
When it is understood that the officials draw their salaries from the miners' dues, and when the miners are out of work they do not pay dues, then the problem is a simple one. A few mines signed up means the continuation of the officials.

But the Save-the-Union Movement has taken Illinois by storm. The miners here will remember the betrayals during the wildcat strikes, the repeated sell-outs by the Lewis machine. To them separate agreements mean destruction of the union and worsening of their conditions. They are not so ready to lose their union which they gave their lives to build. The militant history of the United Mine Workers of America is still in their minds and they stand ready to fight on.

The machine publishes big headline announcements in the newspapers of mines signed up. This is done to destroy the moral of the miners. To the district office of the Save-the-Union Committee, telegrams come in daily of the growth of the miners' movement. In Pochahantas where the mine was signed up, a wire came into the district office that the men refuse to work.

**Natural Agreement or Nothing!**  
They are for a national agreement or nothing.

From the West Frankfort district the news comes that hundreds of pickets are at the Old Ben mine and that the work is successful. In Belleville where the officials come to the mine at morning to help the operators against the miners, and where deputy sheriffs are employed to use force, the picketing is increasing daily. Out of 9,000 miners in the Belleville district only 700 are working. In Springfield the spirit of the miners increases daily and they too are picketing the two mines working. The same is taking place in Auburn.

### Official Efforts Fail to Raise R. R. Wages

RICHMOND, Va., April 18.—Despite the sled-length efforts of the union officials toward collaboration in the interest of efficiency and against militant union action, contained in their recent brief, the board of arbitration has rejected their request for an adjustment of the Chesapeake & Ohio shop craft employees' wages.

The request of the employes was for an upward adjustment of \$1.5 a day for all journeymen mechanics, their apprentices and helpers except freight car mechanics for whom an adjustment of \$1.66 a day was asked, and for coach cleaners for whom a daily wage of \$4.70 was sought.







# JOHNSON AND JOHNSON GAUZE WORKERS DRIVEN LONG HOURS IN HEAT OF 125 DEGREES

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., (By Mail).—The workers in the gauze department of the Johnson and Johnson factory here are compelled to work in great heat, the temperature sometimes being as high as 120 or 125 degrees. The workers cannot go out and take a rest during working hours. One worker in this department is working on 12 machines. Most sicknesses happen in

this department. The workers are thin and very ill looking. And in spite of these hard conditions the highest wages in this department are only 45 cents per hour.  
 In the mill-room anyone would say are the worst conditions and the hardest work in the factory. As you enter the door you feel as though some one has slapped you in the face. The terrible bad smell from all kinds of chemicals in this room, and especially

the smell of glue, undermines the health of the workers. The glue is mixed by great cylinders, and the dust is so thick that the workers look as though they had been covered with snow. The work is so figured out on every worker that he has to run when he wants to go into the men's room. The workers here are the most exploited. The plaster is mixed in this room.  
 After the mixers come the calendar workers. Our lot here

is perhaps yet harder than the ones in the mixing room. The speed-up here is inhuman. Here the plaster is rolled on great cylinders and this work has to be done very accurately. The cylinder must have a steady speed. If the workers in the mill-room have to run in the men's room, the calendar workers have no time at all to go to the men's room.  
 —KIVIOTIS

## "Organize to End Johnson Slavery," Brunswick Factory Correspondents Say

### RED CROSS FIRM SLASHES WAGES OF MACHINISTS

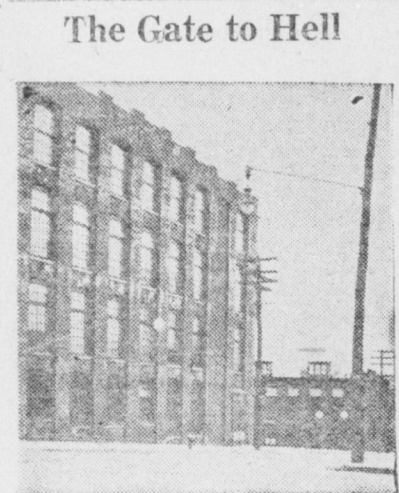
#### Speed-up Is Slow Death to New Jersey Workers

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., (By Mail).—First I want to say a few words about the machinists in the Johnson and Johnson medical supply factory here in New Brunswick. The management of the factory decided to lay off a number of them. They did it in such a tricky way that they did not tell the workers they were going to be laid off. But they transferred the workers to different departments and put them to common labor. Naturally their meager wages were cut still more, and if anyone dared to kick he was simply told, "If you don't like it, you can go."

**The Packing Room**  
 The conditions in the packing room are deplorable. There is no limit to the speed up. The foreman does not even speak to the workers, only in case a good "present" is brought to him. He very eagerly accepts "small" presents. But at the same time he speeds up his chasers (section foremen) and they, in turn, speed up by so much more the other workers. He looks like the German kaiser when you ask him for something. He acts as if he would hit you when you say anything to him. He ought to be done away with like the German workers did away with their ruler. The dust in the packing room is so thick, that the workers can hardly see each other. There is not enough ventilation. A majority of the workers are young workers and they all look so pale and sick as though they would have just come from the hospital after a long illness. The wages here, considering the terrible speed up, are not what they ought to be. The workers in this department ought to be the first ones to organize and demand better conditions and higher wages for their labor.

In the wash-room, as in the other departments, the conditions are far from being even half way what they ought to be. Here the wet gauze is poured out of big tubs. The workers must work bare footed in this department. It is one of the hardest jobs in the factory, and one which ruins the health of the workers. Here the bosses are no more generous than in the other departments as far as wages are concerned. The pay of the workers varies from 40 to 45 cents per hour.  
**The Store-house**  
 All raw material that is necessary for manufacture is kept in the store-house. The workers with big hand trucks come here to get the material they want. The workers here work like mules, pulling big loads all over the factory. The workers all complain about the conditions and the hard work they have to do. Just imagine what we could accomplish if we were organized, and could come to the boss and speak to him in the name of our organization and demand better conditions.  
 Wherever there is no machine to speed up the worker, there is the boss, and his chasers. In many departments each five workers have one chaser. If any one of us workers makes a mistake or is compelled to slow down a bit, those workers that have worked in the factory for a long time are behind you in a minute, and we are chased like slaves. The average age of the workers is from 25 to 30 years. Many of the workers complain about the conditions, and about the wages. The way it is now, those workers that do easy work get higher wages than those that do the hard work. Many of the workers have hopes to become an old employee and then they will also have an easy job. But this hope is only a dream. A big majority of us do not live long enough to have an easy job. We sooner get into the sanitarium, than to an easy job. And this illusion is keeping the workers from a real spirit of solidarity.

**Organize!**  
 The workers ought to think for themselves. We should not live in hopes but in realities. We don't want the great wealth of Mr. Johnson. We don't even want the tenth part of his wealth, which he has gathered thru our hard labor. But we should have decent wages and humane working conditions. We should have our own organization to take up our grievances and speak to the boss in the name of all workers. We should have a mini-



**The Gate to Hell**  
 One end of the employment of the Johnson and Johnson medical supply factory at New Brunswick, N. J. Hundreds of jobless men and women daily crowd this narrow street, driven by starvation to seek the indescribably savage conditions of employment in this shop. Directly across the street is Rutgers College where the boys loll on the steps and lawns.

### PHILADELPHIA'S JOBLESS STARVE

#### "Food" Filched From Garbage-Cans

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 PHILADELPHIA, Pa., (By Mail).—Employment is on the decline in Pennsylvania and other states according to the Federal Reserve Bank reports. This again proves that the workers' conditions are worse, with no relief in sight. According to reports from more than 800 establishments employing more than 265,000 workers, the hours of labor and wages declined in March, contrary to the usual pick-up at this time of year.  
**Mill Towns Show Decrease.**  
 The following report is given: York, Scranton, Sunbury, Wilkes-Barre and a few other smaller towns report slight gains. Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Williamsport, Pottsville, Johnstown, Hazleton, Newcastle, Reading, Lebanon all report declines. Delaware also reports declines.  
 In the fact of this proof of the worsening of the workers' conditions, the "prosperity" howlers and union officialdom try to make us believe that everything is all right. Is that so?

**Unemployment, Starvation.**  
 Here in Kensington it is not an uncommon sight to see workers picking food out of garbage cans. We have no relief stations. Old men and women pleading at doors for food, mill workers moving their miserable belongings after being thrown out for rent owed to the landlord; park benches filled with able-bodied men not able to get work, are all everyday sights. The social service director at one of the leading hospitals in Philadelphia has stated that the increase in sickness due to undernourishment is alarming. The school children here in Kensington are ragged, with hardly any shoes on their feet, and hungry with no relief in sight.  
 At present, thanks to the capitalist propaganda, no mass action has been taken, but if this army of poverty wakes up the demand for justice will be loud. It is a depressing sight to see this mass of oppressed working slaves under the delusion that these conditions "must be." When they realize that they have the power to change them and decide to take the means of production into their own hands they will receive what is their right, the full product of their toil.  
 — W. C. P.

### Naval Medical Officer Quits Wall Street's War

BALTIMORE, April 18 (FP).—Disgusted and ashamed, as an American, after four months of hospital and field service in Nicaragua, Dr. Edgar E. Evans has resigned his commission as lieutenant in the navy medical corps.  
 Dr. Evans, just returned, says all officers and marines who have been in Nicaragua some time look forward to a two years' campaign, and not to withdrawal after this year's election. Malaria, dysentery and skin diseases are rife, and 30 to 40 marines have been killed. Few liked their job, once its financial motive was clear.  
 num of 85 cents per hour, and equal pay for adult and young worker, new or old employee. We should have a five day week and 8 hour day.  
 We can accomplish all this when we all stick together and organize.  
 JOHNSON AND JOHNSON EMPLOYEES.

### FLESH DROPS OFF SEAMAN'S HANDS FROM DECK WORK

#### Red Star Line Gives Seamen Left-over Food

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 I have just finished a six weeks' trip on the Manchuria of the Red Star Line, the Panama-Pacific Line, and, I have to report one of the most discontented crews with which I have shipped.  
**Navy Discipline.**  
 The Manchuria sails from New York to San Francisco and the reasons for the discontented workers are almost as many as the miles covered in the voyage. Navy discipline is the rule, and that is the first blow at civilian workers.  
 Possibly if the passengers knew that the water in the steward's quarters is shut off from 10 every night until 7 in the morning they would not think that the sanitary conditions among those handling their food is all that it might be. The water is again cut off from the sleeping quarters from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. daily.  
 All the men in the steward's department must report names and numbers to the second steward at 6 every morning or take the alternative of losing, "being logged" 2 days' pay. Any member of the crew caught on the forward deck is "logged" for 4 days, while failure to report for boat drill on either of the two weekly occasions means the loss of a week's pay.  
**Food Is Official.**  
 The food served to the steward's gangs is the remains from the tables of the passengers and is sometimes revolting. When San Francisco was reached and there were no passengers, we received no food but mashed potatoes, bread and coffee of a sort. Enough of food, isn't it?  
 A day's work was about 14 hours. That's that.  
 My job was washing pots and pans, attending boilers, cleaning out boilers, washing down galleys, scrubbing tables and a few more choice chores. Money was \$50 a month and because of the soap combination I was forced to use, the flesh literally fell from my hands. The ship's doctor, when I reported to him, laughed at me, indeed laughed the condition of my hands away as of no importance in his scheme of things.  
**Dermatitis.**  
 When I reached New York a skin specialist told me that I was in possession of a bad case of dermatitis for which he is now treating me. In the meanwhile, of course, I cannot work and this is the price I am paying because of the horrible condition of another calling in which the worker seems to be unable to have any voice.  
 I might add that there are eight washing bowls for 35 stewards. There are only 2 showers for the same number of men. In the showers there is no hot water.  
 —BRITISH.

**Medals Already**  
 BERLIN, April 18.—Medals have been cast and distributed here to commemorate the trans-Atlantic flight of the Bremen.

### Bay District Picnic

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—San Francisco, Berkeley and Oakland Workers (Communist) Party units are holding their annual picnic Sunday at East Shore Park. For the past 20 years the latter part of April has been a rallying time for all the militant and class-conscious workers. This year dancing will begin at one o'clock. For the comrades leaving San Francisco: take the Key Route Ferry, then San Pablo car to San Paolo Ave., then street car to the gate.

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### Club Women and Children Mass Picketing Mine

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
 VAN VOORHIS, Pa., (By Mail).—I send this from the striking coal fields. We held a mass picketing at Bentleyville at 3 p. m. on April 16, at Mine No. 10. As soon as we reached a point where the scabs started to join our line, three state cops and yellow dogs began to club men, women and children. They struck us over the head and drove us from the public road.  
 On the same day the Lewis machine held a secret meeting at Church St. with the state cops and yellow dogs to help them break the picket line.  
 Board member Fred Galek said we do not want to call the scabs out, we do not want to agree with them. He said that 50 scabs were at my house and wanted to join the union. He said I sent them back skipping.  
 But we appeal to all miners to fight the rotten Lewis machine. We call the whole working class to an April First. We have out 85 per cent of western Pennsylvania and we will reach 100 per cent.  
 Nobody can stop us, not the sheriff of Washington County or anybody else, for how to fight we now know.  
 —L.

**'DAUGHTERS' CLAP, LOBBIES SMILE**  
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### UNEMPLOYED FED IN LOS ANGELES; COPS RAID HALL

#### Mexicans Look for Organization

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 LOS ANGELES, Calif., (By Mail).—A big mass meeting of, for and by the unemployed workers was held the other day at the International Welfare Association, Inc., whose hall is at 107 Marchessault St.  
**Communist Views.**  
 Frank Cassidy, a Proletarian Party leader, delivered a very interesting speech on unemployment. A lively discussion, during which the viewpoints of the Workers (Communist) Party were ably presented, followed.  
 A Communist introduced a resolution demanding the five-day week and the six-hour day without reduction in pay, so as to give unemployment to the 4,000,000 toilers now out of work. After some arguments, the resolution was unanimously passed.  
 The hall was crammed full and many workers had to be turned away for lack of sitting and standing space.  
 The International Brotherhood Welfare Association hall was raided by the vagrancy squad twice recently. Red squad artists are not idle either. One dick said he would arrest everybody found around the premises, including voters and taxpayers. An afternoon paper characterized the action of the cops as an outrage. Since then the boys have been left fairly well alone.  
**Feed Starving Men.**  
 One of the objects of this organization is to feed as many unemployed as possible. In the Brotherhood hall working class talk goes with the stew pot. The cops don't like that, therefore raids.  
 The DAILY WORKER finds its way into the International Brotherhood Welfare Association Hall which is also a receiving station for El Machete, the organ of the Mexican Communist Party. The Mexican element is particularly strong in this section. The ground for organization work has been prepared. The exploited Mexicans must be led up from wage slavery and unemployment out of the jungles of capitalism.  
 —L. P. RINDEL.

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### Pemberton Planning Four Productions Next Season

BROCK PEMBERTON, who has made no productions this season, has begun work on four plays which will constitute the backbone of his program for next season. The first production will reach New York in August and the others will follow so that all four will have had a Broadway showing by the end of October. "Goin' Home," an after-the-war drama by Ransom Rideout, will be his first production. Originally called "Deep River," this play won the first prize in the recent nation-wide contest conducted by the Drama League of America and Longmans Green & Co. The judges were N. E. Reed, of that publishing firm, Walter Prichard Eaton and Mr. Pemberton. Previous to that, the play was awarded a special prize in a California contest held by the Pasadena Community Playhouse and was performed by the Berkeley Little Theatre. Since its acceptance by Mr. Pemberton it has been considerably revised by the author.  
 The second offering will be a melodrama by Paul Osborn titled "The Ledge." This is based on a short story by Roland Holt "On the Plinth" published some time ago.  
 "With Headlines" is the tentative title of another play by Mr. Osborn included in the program. This play was originally slated for presentation this season.  
 "Colonel's Ladies," a paraphrase of Kipling's suggestion that there is no sub-cuticle difference between the Colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady, is the fourth of the quartet. This comedy, also originally slated for this season, was withheld because the services of a woman star were not available. The author, Fannie Heaslip Lea, is a well known writer of short stories. This is her first play to be accepted.  
 Mr. Pemberton will be remembered for his productions here of Pirandello's plays. His staging of "Six Characters in Search of an Author," some seasons back was the first of Pirandello's plays to prove successful.

**Freethinkers Incorporate.**  
 The Freethinkers of America, through their secretary, J. T. Talton, announces their intention of filing with the appellate division of the supreme court a petition for a mandamus order to compel Supreme Court Justice Jeremiah T. Mahoney to sign a certificate of incorporation.

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# TAMMANY LOSES FIGHT FOR QUEENS

## Patten, Connolly Man, Gets Presidency

Bernard M. Patten, commissioner of public markets, was yesterday elected borough president of Queens to succeed Maurice E. Connolly, who resigned while under fire in the \$29,500,000 sewer graft scandal.

Patten's selection by the four democratic aldermen of Queens was a serious blow against Tammany Hall which, immediately upon Connolly's resignation, laid plans to supplant the powerful personal machine which Connolly had built up during the 16 years of his rule.

The perpetuation of the corrupt Connolly machine was made especially easy by the existing law which permits the aldermen of the borough to choose a president in the event of a vacancy. That the Tammany crowd was simply outwitted is suggested by the fact that Channing Leidy, secretary to the Queens borough president, has been summoned to appear before the grand jury to explain his statements that "money is being used to influence the election."

Patten, the new borough president, lined up with the Hylan-Hearst forces in their anti-Tammany fight.

# 3 MORE SUSPENDED IN AMALGAMATED

CHICAGO, April 18. — Three progressive members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Local 39 of Chicago, were suspended from membership in the organization by the right wing executive board of the local. At a local meeting held later the decision of the executive board was railroaded thru over the protests of the membership.

Just as the three workers announced their candidacy in the elections for Joint Board delegates held recently the followers of Hillman in control of the local demanded that they sign a statement repudiating and condemning an article in the Chicago Needle Worker, a periodical opposed to the reactionary policies pursued by the union leadership. In spite of the fact that the writer of the article was known to have been neither of the three involved, they were accused of having written it.

M. Berson, I. Sunkin, and B. Goldstein, the three progressives, refused to sign the statement demanded, declaring that while they had nothing to do with its publication, it expressed opinions they were heartily in accord with. The article had condemned the manner in which the elections last December were carried thru, declaring them a farce.

# Workers' Schools, Joint Defense Plan Bazaar

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

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

**CARPENTERS GET RAISE.**  
PEORIA, Ill., April 18.—The Carpenters' Union gained a raise in wages of 2-1-2 cents per hour. This makes their wage \$1.15 an hour.

# 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 thru 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 26-28 E. Union Square or 108 E. 14th St.

## Section 1 Unit Organizers.

All unit organizers of Section 1 will meet today at 60 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.

## Meeting of Greek Fraction.

The Greek language fraction will meet today at 8:30 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

## Section 3 Industrial Organizers.

Industrial organizers of Section 3 will meet tomorrow at 101 W. 27th St. at 6:30 p. m.

A package party and entertainment will be given by Branch 4A (Harlem) this Saturday, April 21, at 143 East 194th 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.

## Important Notice on Banquets.

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. Reservation for places must be made in advance in order to secure accommodations.

## FD3, Subsection 2A.

A meeting of FD3, Subsection 2A, will be held tomorrow at 6 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

## Industrial Organizers.

All industrial organizers, women work directors, and DAILY WORKER and literature agents are asked to meet at 6:30 p. m. tomorrow at 60 St. Marks Place to take up important matters.

## Morning Int'l. Branch.

The Morning International Branch will meet at 103 E. 14th St. tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. Plans for the Party Drive Fund and the distribution of THE DAILY WORKER will be made.

## Section 7 Dance.

A dance will be held by Section 7, tonight at 8 p. m. at 715 40th St., Brooklyn.

## New Course for Party Members.

A new course for new Party members will begin tomorrow night at the Workers School, 108 E. 14th St. No fee is charged.

## Cooperative Unit.

Branch 6, Section 5 will hold a special business meeting Wednesday, Apr. 18, in the auditorium of the Opera-

tive Colony, 2700 Bronx Park, East. Comrade Yokobloff, section organizer, will report.

## Unit 4, Section A.

To celebrate their accomplishment in leading the section in the number of new Party members obtained during the Lenin-Ruthenberg drive, Unit A of Section 4, New York, will hold a surprise and package party this Saturday evening, April 21st, at the section headquarters, 143 East 103rd St., at 8 o'clock.

An excellent program has been arranged. Every Party member and sympathizer is invited.

## Newark Jewish Fraction.

A very important meeting of the Jewish Fraction of Newark will be held tomorrow at 8 p. m. at the Workers Progressive Center, 93 Mercer St. All comrades must attend without fail.

## 2C and 2D Meet.

A joint membership meeting of Subsections 2C and 2D will be held today at 101 W. 27th St. at 6 p. m.

## FD3, Subsection 2E.

George Powers will lead the discussion on "The 1928 Elections," at a meeting of FD3, Subsection 2E, at 143 E. 16th St., Monday at 6 p. m.

# Where Tickets For May Day Are on Sale

Tickets for the May Day demonstration at Madison Square Garden are obtainable at the following stations:

## Downtown.

District Office, Workers Party, 108 E. 14th St.

Freiheit, 30 Union Square.

Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square.

Jewish Workers University, 126 E. 16th St.

Sollins Restaurant, 216 E. 14th St.

Rational Restaurant, 199 Second Ave.

Gidakin's Bookstore, 302 E. Broadway.

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Yankovitch's Bookstore, 179 East Broadway.

Jewish Workers' Club, 25 2nd Ave.

Workers' Club, 101 W. 27th St.

International Labor Defense, 799 Broadway.

No-Tip Barber Shop, 77 Fifth Ave.

## Harlem.

Unity Cooperative, 1800 7th Ave.

Health Food Restaurant, 1600 Madison Ave.

143 E. 103rd St.

Hungarian Workers' Home, 350 E. 81st St.

Scientific Vegetarian Restaurant, 1606 Madison Ave.

## Bronx.

2075 Clinton Ave., Bronx.

715 E. 128th St.

Cooperative Colony, 2700 Bronx Park East.

Rappoport & Cutler, Bookstore, 1310 So. Boulevard.

Slimovitch's Stationery Store, 494 E. 167th St.

Jewish Workers' Club, 1472 Boston Road.

## Brooklyn.

23 Graham Ave., Brooklyn.

46 Ten Eyck St.

Workers Center, 1689 Pitkin Ave.

East New York Workers' Club, 604 Sutter Ave.

857 Popkinson Ave.

Finish Workers' Home, 764 40th St.

Workers School, 1373 43rd St.

Max Snow's Drugstore, 4224 13th Ave., cor. 43rd.

1940 Benson Ave.

Maderman's Bookstore, 8603 20th Ave.

2901 Brighton Beach Ave.

# GROCERY CLERKS SUPPORT STRIKE

## Vote 10% of Wages for Fruit Workers

Members of the Retail Grocery, Fruit and Dairy Clerks Union of Greater New York at a meeting Tuesday night, at Bronx Lyceum, 2690 Third Ave., voted to contribute 10 per cent of each week's wages to aid the strike of the fruit clerks.

Members of the Young Workers League, the United Council of Workingclass Housewives and Progressive Women, also spoke at the meeting, and pledged the full support of their organizations to the striking fruit clerks.

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

Union officials yesterday protested to Police Commissioner Warren against the action of the police in refusing to allow peaceful picketing and in mishandling pickets.

# N. Y. Students Hold Conference Tomorrow

Students from the thirty-one co-operating collegiate organizations will meet at the New School for Social Research, 465 W. 23d St., at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon, to begin a study of labor and industrial conditions. The conference will close Saturday night.

Among the speakers at the conference will be Scott Nearing, Harry Ward, Herman Oliphant, Robert Dunn and Powers Hapgood. Some topics of the addresses are: "The Coal Dilemma," "Wage Standards in the U. S.," "Injunctions," "Social Change and the New Social Order."

Plans are being made for the reception of 400, or more, students at the initial meeting tomorrow, when Professor Harry F. Ward of Union Theological Seminary speaks on "Principles upon which our economic order has been built."

The Vagabond Sport Club, which has successfully organized a soccer section, is now forming a baseball section. All interested are asked to communicate with Phil Milafsky, 97 Bay 18th St., Brooklyn.

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## Non-Partisan School Bazaar.

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## Nearing to Lecture in Yonkers.

Scott Nearing will lecture on "What Is Happening Today in China and Soviet Russia," at the Workers Cooperative Center, 257 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, tomorrow evening 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 Gezang Farel.

The Fifth Jubilee Concert of the Freiheit Gezang Farel 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 Star," a prominent Hungarian composer; Elizabeth Biro, of the Roxy Theatre; Charles De Thomas, concert pianist; and other prominent Hungarian artists.

## Nearing Imperialism Courses.

Scott Nearing will give the sixth lecture in his two courses at the workers school, 108 E. 14th St., 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.

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## Club Moves.

The Young Worker Social Culture Club, Inc., has moved from 123 Riverdale Ave. to 118 Bristol St., near Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn. The new clubrooms are open every night. A special meeting of the executive committee of the club will be held at the new headquarters.

## Women's Council to Meet.

Dr. Sophie Lock will address Bronx Council 8 of the United Council of Workingclass Housewives at 8 p. m. Friday at 1387 Washington Ave.

## Building Trades Workers.

Building trades workers are asked to report immediately for work on the new Workers Center at 26-28 Union Square.

## Sunday Open Forum.

Joseph Freeman will lecture this Sunday at the Workers School, 108 E. 14th St., on "Recent Aspects in American Literature."

## Dance for New Center

The Workers Youth Center of Brownsville has arranged an entertainment for April 29, the proceeds of which will be turned over toward the \$30,000 fund for the Workers Center at 26-28 Union Square.

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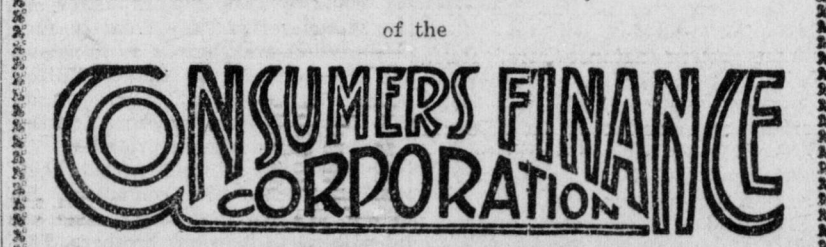
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## Workers' Center in Union Square

One of the events in the life of the working class of New York will take place when the Communist Party of the New York district throws open the doors of its new home in Union Square.

We can for the present speak only figuratively, perhaps, of unfurling the flag of Communism in the center of the section of New York around which the whole of the city's labor movement stirs. Union Square means much to the New York working class traditions and present customs. It is to Union Square that the biggest workers' demonstrations inevitably flow.

The workers will be proud of their new home—the new Red center at Union Square. The New York district organization and membership are to be congratulated for their courage and persistence which promise success in the drive to secure the new premises.

The Workers Center will provide better quarters for the district offices of the Workers (Communist) Party, for The DAILY WORKER, for the Workers School, for the Cooperative restaurant, "Proletos," the Young Workers League of the district, and the Hungarian Communist paper "Uj Elore," and it will at the same time become the long-needed rallying point in the center of the city for the militant working class which will make of this truly the "Workers' Center."

Nor must anyone think that this new center represents an extravagance. All of the institutions which will find their new home in this building are to obtain very economical arrangements, the aggregate of rents previously paid being the basis.

Greater opportunities will be accorded to The DAILY WORKER in particular. With better accommodations offered to The DAILY WORKER in this new home, in which will be located a splendid printing press, a much better paper can be given to our readers, with quicker and more complete service and reader contact with the labor movement, with relatively less expense.

The militant workers of New York, and the Workers (Communist) Party which alone can be and is their best expression, will be proud of their new home—and will use it for the class struggle. The DAILY WORKER appeals to the workers to put over in the quickest order the drive for the \$30,000 necessary to assure this building for their use—between now and the time when the whole city of New York will be at their disposal.

As has been said in Party meetings held preparatory to the acquisition of the new center, this building is not real estate, it is politics. It marks dramatically the arrival of a new stage in the growth of the great Communist movement.

## The Man in the Brown Derby

A few months ago the country rang with the shouts of political leaders of the smaller capitalists of Southern and Mid-western states against Al Smith, candidate for the democratic nomination for the presidency of the United States. The rage against Smith centered upon his identification as a Roman catholic, a "wet" and a man from the slums of New York, trained in Tammany Hall during its palmiest days as an organizer of crime and commercializer of prostitution, gambling, and police graft. Al Smith's brown derby hat, typifying the smart set of gangland, gambling, booze and night-life in general, as well as the sway of the Roman catholic church in that sphere of life of New York—this brown derby hat became the symbol of hatred.

What brought about the sudden change? Why is it that today Al Smith of the brown derby, Al Smith the Roman catholic, the "candidate of booze and Tammany," is sweeping the ku klux klan belt for the democratic nomination for president?

This is of course a victory of the backers of Al Smith. The backers of Al Smith for the presidency are not different from those forces that put him in as governor of New York.

We have pointed out before the almost perfect identity of Wall Street interests who control the Coolidge administration in Washington and the Smith administration in Albany. It goes without saying that the same financial kings who own the body and soul of Al Smith as governor of New York could easily accept Al Smith as president of the United States. It would be laughable to suggest that the difference between the two capitalist parties would be decisive for these financial overlords who habitually contribute campaign funds to both.

An editorial last Wednesday in the New York World, which has made itself an organ of Smith, says that Smith will not win "by harping on the oil scandals." This is significant, as the forces which back Smith in the New York governorship certainly do not want the oil scandals to overwhelm their other servant in the white house, Coolidge. The same editorial consistently opposes the idea that "the sins of the Harding regime must be visited on the successor of Calvin Coolidge," and declares the real issues to be "religious tolerance, personal liberty and social equality."

Of course everyone knows that the Roman catholic church, like the protestant churches, stands for reaction, suppression and exploitation of the working class and supports the ruling class in every instance. But Smith has a bigger master than the Pope at Rome. The governor of New York can have no Pope before Wall Street. Smith is a reactionary, obscurantist enemy of the working class. The church is secondary, the financial gods of Wall Street are what he represents in reality.

The oligarchy of finance capital which owns Coolidge and the republican party, and which would gladly take Smith and the democratic party as perfect substitutes, is the real power behind the movement that is now sweeping away the feeble and confused objections of the Southern and Mid-Western petty business class to the "tool of Rome, Booze and Wickedness," the man in the brown derby. The penetration of the South by Wall Street capital has made it possible.

It is only the working class whose political movement can formulate the issues in American life. It is because Al Smith represents the most dangerous class enemy, the capitalist class and the capitalist system of exploitation and oppression of the working class, that he should be hated and despised by the workers.

## WHEREVER COAL IS DUG



By Fred Ellis

## Urges Negroes Fight Fascist Organization

Editor, DAILY WORKER:

A group of Negroes, former members of the British West India regiment, have organized an association in New York known as the West Indian War Veterans under the patronage of Sir Harry Armstrong, British consul in New York. The association held a ceremony of presenting the colors on April 15.

It is difficult to see how these Negroes can reconcile their present status as an oppressed racial group and exploited colonial people with this militaristic display. These men should know that they were the victims of the last colonial imperialist war. They should ask themselves what benefit they have received, either in the West Indies or America.

The general economic depression that followed the world war brought destruction to agriculture in the Caribbean. The West Indies are still under the yoke of British and American imperialism. It is time for these befuddled colonial and American Negroes to wake up and dispel their illusions about capitalist governments. Sir Harry Armstrong is the paid agent of British imperialism, and it is part of his diplomatic role to patronize and encourage them to promote military organizations which his government could use in the next imperialist war. Negroes have nothing to gain in capitalist wars. Their place is by the side of the workers and the oppressed colonial people.

GEORGE PADMORE.

## Printers Get \$2 Raise

FRESNO, Cal., April 18.—News-paper printers have gained a \$2 raise per week in wages and secured the usual union-shop contract.

# Expose Lewis Machine Murder Campaign

By GEORGE PAPCUN  
(Sec'y of the Tri-District Save-the-Union Committee).

The Cappellini machine in District one in order to stop the opposition and to break the morale and the fighting spirit of the miners, finds it necessary to get rid of fighters opposing them. For this purpose the machine officials use machine guns, pump-guns, rifles and revolvers. In case they do not succeed with this method they begin to direct forces so as to utilize the electric chair as in the case of Bonita, Moleski and Mendola. On January 19, the Cappellini machine in combination with the contractors and the Coal Operators killed Thomas Lillis. On February 18 Sam Greco, another staunch insurgent and a supporter of the Save-the-Union movement, was fired on and remained at the point of death for several weeks.

Not satisfied with these murders the Cappellini contractor and coal operator machine saw to it that Alex Campbell and Peter Reilly, leaders of the rank and file in 1703 and in district one should be eliminated.

Now they have again succeeded in their move to eliminate our brothers Bonita, Moleski and Mendola. Every conceivable means was used at the Bonita trial; stool-pigeons, fake witnesses, perjury; at no time in the history of the American Labor Movement has such an array of Labor officials come to testify against a brother trade unionist who was a member of the same union in an attempt to send him to the electric chair. International Board Members,

International Organizers, International Auditors, all testified and used every known means in the attempt to send Sam Bonita to the electric chair.

Bonita appeared to be on trial for the murder of Frank Agati, a contractor of the number 6 colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal Co., the personal body guard of President Cappellini of District 1 and the district organizer of district one of the United Mine Workers of America. But this is only the appearance. This shooting occurred as the result of the tactics the machine of the Mine Workers' Union, led by Cappellini, has been using against the rank and file for a number of years.

Bonita frankly stated that he had shot in self defense only after Frank Agati had attacked him and had pulled a gun and fired. Yet despite all the proof which the defense showed at the time of the trial, the state in combination with the other three opposing forces has succeeded in convicting Bonita in a frame-up case. Bonita's only crime was that he fought against the coal operators, contractors and the Cappellini murder machine; that he fought for the rank and file miners of District one and local union 1703. For this crime the machine tried to send him where he will be of no use to the miners.

State Gennies.  
It is a well known fact, Tom Lillis, Alex Campbell and Peter Reilly were killed and Sam Greco assaulted directly by the Lewis-Cappellini-contractor-coal operator machine. Yet he state has more or less deliberately refused to bring to so-called justice

these murderers, the now miners thruout district one and throughout the miners' union are wondering whether the officials of the state are actually trying to capture the murderers, and whether they are not actually protecting the murderers.

Progressives Assist.  
The Save-the-Union movement immediately after Bonita was arrested, got on the job. With the cooperation of the Local Union 1703 Defense Committee, the progressives proceeded to

organize the National Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee and to mobilize the workers thru district one and the tri-district and even the International union for the defense of Bonita-Moleski-Mendola. In spite of the sabotage of the Brennan, McGarry forces who deliberately did everything possible to demoralize and to break the united front movement for the defense of these three brothers our work has progressed.

The Save-the-Union movement with the Defense Committee fought and out-manuevered the deliberate attempts on the part of the so-called oppositionists to the Cappellini machine in district one who are no better than the Cappellini machine itself. The only reason that the Brennan forces led by Brennan, Harris and McGarry are fighting against the Cappellini machine is because they are out of office and the others are in office. They have in some cases acted as viciously as the Cappellini machine.

Real Traitors.  
At no time have the Brennan forces come out openly in favor of Bonita-Moleski and Mendola; in fact they were so treacherous as to attack and try to break up the committee which was mobilized to raise funds and to mobilize the workers for the defense of these three brothers. At one time during this period they openly attacked the committee, in spite of the fact that they themselves did nothing to help our brothers. The only force that sincerely worked for these brothers was the force led by the Save-the-Union Committee. Now that Bonita has been convicted

we have all the more reason to carry on the fight for his freedom and for the fight against all the enemies of the miners who have been exposed in the past struggles.

We must now not allow the same thing to happen to our other brothers as happened to Mooney and Billings and to other class war prisoners.

The movement for the freedom of Moleski and Mendola under the leadership of the Bonita-Moleski and Mendola Committee and the Save the Union Committee must go forward and be extended thruout the country. Brennan, Harris, McGarry and the other of their ilk must be shoved aside and crushed by the movement to bring freedom for Bonita-Moleski-Mendola.

No sabotage or treachery on the part of these so-called opposition leaders must stand in the way. Bonita, Moleski and Mendola must be free! This cry must be on the lips of the miners thruout the Miners' Union and the workers thruout the United States. The way that this will be done will be thru the taking of the Mine Workers Union out of the hands of Lewis, Cappellini, Fagan, Murray, and Kennedy who are directly responsible for the murders of our other brothers in district one and who are now trying to put Bonita-Moleski-Mendola out of the way. The Save-the-Union Committees thruout the country must make the Defense of Bonita-Moleski-Mendola the first order of business. All workers must immediately respond with aid to the Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee, 513 Coal Exchange Bldg., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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# Educational Work in the U. S. S. R. Trade Unions

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is taken from Robert W. Dunn's new book, "Soviet Trade Unions" to be published this week by the Vanguard Press, New York).

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Closely related to the trips to museums and trips to other cities, are the trips to the theatre. The unions, as we have indicated, have regular theatrical bureaus through which their members may purchase tickets at reduced prices—usually about fifty percent off. Visitors to Russia have remarked on the number of workers who crowd the opera

houses, "kinos" and theatres. This is due to the facilities provided by the cultural departments of the unions. The Leningrad unions alone, in one year, distributed nearly 2,500,000 such tickets to their members, representing, it is estimated, about forty percent of the seating capacity of all the theatres in the city.

Fighting Illiteracy.  
The majority of the Russian people were illiterate before the Revolution. The unions were one of the first agencies to begin the work of "liquidating" this illiteracy. They have made extraordinary progress. As late as 1922 there was still a million members in the unions of manual workers who could neither read nor write. In 1911, 50 percent of the mine workers, 50 percent of the wood workers and 80 percent of the agricultural workers, for example, were still illiterate. By 1926, these had been reduced to 4.0, 6.5 and 18.4 per cents respectively, the chief base of illiteracy still being among the seasonal elements in these unions. Seasonal workers come from villages and return to them at the end of the working season. They are more difficult to reach with schools

and union classes. In 1926, the metal workers had reduced their illiteracy to two percent, the chemical workers to six percent, the building workers to five percent, while some of the unions had entirely completed the task of eliminating illiteracy among their members.

Some Kult Figures.  
The essential statistical information concerning some of the Kult (Russian abbreviation for cultural-educational) enterprises we have just mentioned must be compressed into a few lines, while the numbers for each of the 23 industrial unions are

omitted. The figures are all for February 1, 1927:

Number of clubs in the country operated by the separate unions, 3,270; those run by inter-union bodies, 260; by several unions grouped together, 78. Out of this 3,608 some 3,480 reported on membership, giving a total membership of 1,153,513. This represents a gain of about 140,000 members over January, 1926.  
Circles in clubs numbered 22,812 and the 22,531 reporting had 583,430 members. Of the 22,812 about 2,500 were physical culture circles.  
(To Be Continued.)

# European Capitalist Press Lies About Conditions in United States

The National Office of the Workers (Communist) Party has just received a letter from its representative at the Communist International, J. Louis Engdahl, former editor of The DAILY WORKER, who is now in Moscow, U. S. S. R., in which he states:

"There is a great lack of material available for our European Communist press stating the actual facts concerning the conditions of the American working class. There is a vast mass of propaganda material pouring into Europe continually, that is exploited to the limit by the capitalists and social-democratic press, seeking to create the impression that

American workers enjoy excellent conditions, receive high wages and toil a short work-day, all as a result of class collaboration and "industrial peace" policies that have been put into effect through joint action of the workers' and employers' organizations. The effort is made to brighten this picture of "America" in comparison to the dark picture the capitalists seek to paint, through their press, regarding conditions in the Soviet Union. They have grown especially frantic in this respect within recent months because of the true story of the conditions within the first workers' republic being brought back to western Europe by the many workers' delegations, especially those that

participated in the tenth anniversary of the Soviet Union.  
"The extent of this propaganda for capitalist America and against the Soviet Union was recently impressed upon me by Marcel Cachin, the editor of L'Humanite, the central organ of the French Communist Party, during a visit to Paris; while I promised a series of articles on the most recent developments of the class struggle in America, I also suggested that the workers themselves in America be invited by the Communist press to write something concerning their problems, this American worker correspondence to be published in the European labor press. Cachin received this latter suggestion with

great enthusiasm. In discussing the question, it was felt that American workers had a multitude of subjects to write on: wages, cost of living, unemployment, social legislation, employers' organizations, class collaboration policies, company unions, strike-breaking methods, the speed-up and conveyor system at work, hours, short time work, vacations with and without pay, industrial accidents and the question of compensation, installment buying, housing conditions, and similar problems."  
Comrade Engdahl urges that the agitprop department of the Workers (Communist) Party, through cooperation with the Party press, gather this material to be placed at the dis-

posal of the European labor press.  
It is with this object in view that we publish this preliminary announcement of this campaign, inviting all workers to contribute to this correspondence. Write briefly a letter of from 300 to 500 words preferred. If workers feel they are not sufficiently developed in the use of the English language, they may write in the language with which they feel they are best equipped. Mail this Worker Correspondence to the Agitprop Department, National Office, Workers (Communist) Party of America, 43 E. 125th St., New York City.