

"INVESTIGATION" TO FRAME UP HEROIC VESTRIS SEAMEN

"Let 'Black Gang' Die; Save the Rich Passengers!"

Hoover to Push Nicaragua Canal During His Tour

NEGRO SEAMEN RELATE HORROR OF SUPPRESSION

"Get Back You S—
of a B—," Yelled
- Captain

"Got to Keep Mum"

Officer Used Gun to
Terrorize Crew

An unbelievable tale of the incompetency of the officers of the Lamport and Holt liner Vestris, and a description of the treatment of the Negro crew as if they were animals to be caged and sent to the bottom of the sea, were stories told to two reporters, Dunjee and Harlow, of the Negro Champion, by rescued members of the crew.

At first the Negro seamen refused to talk, saying that they had been ordered to say nothing about the disaster or to give any statements. But later, after the reporters had convinced them that they were not spies, some members of the crew talked freely.

Licorish a Hero.
H. Williams, Negro seaman from Barbadoes, gave Dunjee a vivid account of the fearless actions of many of the crew, especially of Lionel Licorish, Negro quartermaster on board the Vestris. Licorish, seeing the great number drowning, jumped into the sea from the crowded life boat he was in, and struggled with the raging sea until he secured oars, and then swam to a boat. He succeeded in saving 20 persons. Williams also told how those in the boat in which he was, succeeded in picking up one woman and five men. After wrapping the woman in their coats and landing her safely on the Myriam, this woman thanked them by referring to them as "niggers."

"Below, You Black Dog."
The most vivid story of all was told by Joshua Ford, fireman for the last five years, to Harlow. He said:
"When we left Hoboken, coal port on starboard side was partly open and ship had 3-feet of water in bilge. After leaving port, ship took bad list to starboard side and quartermaster told me that she would not answer her helm. On Sunday starboard boilers were out of commission on account of water in fire-room. When I went on deck I found passengers getting ready to take to the boats. The captain and officers at no time gave orders to lower away. In fact it seemed as if the officers were dazed."

"While on deck I saw a friend of mine, Miss Henrietta Cubbins of Brooklyn (one of those rescued and in St. Vincent's Hospital) who had fallen and had hurt her hip. I picked her up and was about to place her in a boat when the chief reefer engineer rushed up to me with an axe in his hand and shouted, 'Go below you black dog.' In my opinion, captain and officers were incompetent. The crew acted coolly and efficiently, but owing to the dried out condition of life boats, it was impossible to do more."

An equally vivid story was told by Donald Holder, fireman:
"Came off watch Sunday 12 o'clock. Ship had bad list to starboard. Boiler room was full of water. After I came off watch Engine Storekeeper and Oiler Hardie told us that everybody must get in the alleyway and assist bailing out the water which was pouring in through the starboard coal port. Went on watch Monday, had no rest since Saturday night. The chief engineer told us to try and get up steam."

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Weinstone Calls on Workers to Volunteer for W. I. R. Tag Days

William W. Weinstone, organizer of District 2, Workers (Communist) Party, yesterday issued a call for workers to volunteer today and tomorrow to aid in the Tag Days of the Workers International Relief. The call follows:
"All Party members who can possibly do so, should consider it their duty to participate in the Tag Days, today and tomorrow, for the purpose of raising money and building up the membership of the Workers International Relief. All the Party members should be present."

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Heroic Negro Seaman



Lionel Licorish, Negro member of the Vestris crew, who saved the lives of 20 people in one of the most notable exhibitions of courage and self-sacrifice ever witnessed at sea.

SOCIALIST MAKES OPEN SHOP LEGAL

Schlesinger Is Signing
Fake Dress Boss Pact

The utter degeneration of the so-called International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union into a mere racketeering outfit for a few was definitely shown when the Schlessinger clique in control are practically ready to sign an agreement with the Dress Manufacturers' Association, which openly legalizes the open shop in the dress industry. And that the agreement will be concluded in the greatest of hurries is the certain belief of nearly everyone acquainted with the situation. This is because of the huge mass meeting of dressmakers held by the left wing union in Cooper Union, where the workers' unanimous vote

FAKER BROUGHT INTO SILK STRIKE

Muste, U.T.W. Man, in
"Impartial" Role

(Special to the Daily Worker)
PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 16.—As the membership of the Associated Silk Workers Union, whether on strike or working, express more emphatically their adherence to the real strike committee, and condemn the officialdom for attempting to dissolve it, the desperate fear of the officials made itself shown yesterday when they invited A. J. Muste to come into the situation. Muste, notorious among militant workers as a reactionary who fraudulently poses as an "impartial" in labor disputes, is Brookwood Labor College dean.

Muste showed his real intention on arriving by delivering an insulting speech to the strikers' mass meeting this morning. He unloaded himself of the following gems of "impartiality": "You damn fools! Why don't you use horse sense? You yourselves are responsible for your condition. If you had any sense in those wooden heads of yours you would act differently!" Strikers Enraged.
To the storm of angry cries that arose from the strikers, in which they charged Hoelscher, chief official, with taking strikebreaking steps, his impartial mustiness replied: "I am not prepared to charge Hoelscher with taking strikebreaking steps." And to Gertrude Mueller, left wing leader, who pointed out that it was the officialdom who dissolved the highest body in the midst of a strike, Muste sneered: "And I am not yet prepared to call your acts strikebreaking."

More than to workers in other
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Deny Aid to Aged British Unemployed

LONDON, (By Mail).—Over 35,000 insured jobless workers over 65 years have been forced off the unemployed register since last year. 5,000 members for local New York Workers International Relief. Join today and urge others to join. Help make the Tag Days today and tomorrow successful so that we can continue relief work among textile workers, miners, etc.

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PARTY STATEMENT

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY OF AMERICA:
DEAR COMRADES:

The Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party of America has informed the Communist International of the expulsion of James P. Cannon, Martin Abern and Max Schachtman as Trotskyists. The Central Executive Committee herewith presents to the membership of the Party a cablegram decision which it has just received from the Communist International relative to this matter:

"The political secretariat confirms energetic measures taken against leaders of the Trotskyist opposition and calls on all workers who formerly supported this opposition to repudiate it publicly and definitely."

We welcome the endorsement of the action of the Executive Committee by the Communist International. The Central Executive Committee is certain that every Party member will rally behind the Party and the Communist International against the attack of any Trotskyites who may still be in our Party and the enemies of the Party who are already outside our ranks. The district committees have been informed of the action of the Central Executive Committee, and we are confident that they will protect the interest of the Party in a truly Communist spirit.

For the Party and the Comintern!
Against the social democratic Trotskyism!
CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY.

DEMONSTRATE AT WAR MOVE SEEN MINER'S FUNERAL IN RADIO MERGER

Coal Diggers to Defy
Pittston Terror

(Special to the Daily Worker)
PITTSSTON, Pa., Nov. 16.—Thousands of coal diggers aroused to mass fury at the shooting Wednesday of their comrades by the paid henchmen of the coal operators and the Lewis-Boylan machine will today turn the funeral of Jacob Loyack into a demonstration against the terror of their bosses and their boss-tools, the city officials.

The funeral demonstration, which will be carried out this morning at 9 o'clock, will take place despite any orders or threats which the little dictator of Pittston, Mayor Gillespie, may issue. Thousands of miners here, steeled through years of struggle against their enslaving bosses, and against just such boss-servants as Gillespie, will not be held back from honoring their comrade, fallen in the battle for their freedom. Nor will they be stopped by the veiled opposition of the treacherous McGarry crew which it was learned today has united with the Lewis-Boylan machine in a complete sell-out.

Machine Shows Hand.
In the meantime, under the order of the Boylan machine efforts have been made to secure the release of the murderer who shot down Jacob Loyack and seriously wounded his brother Mike, now lying in the hospital. It is understood that these treacherous officials are now working with the police whom they serve to have the murderer released under habeas corpus proceedings.
The McGarry machine has completely sold out to the Boylan crew, following a secret conference held last night at the office of Sheriff McCluskey, which lasted over three hours. At this conference were present John Boylan, head of the Lewis machine, John Knetz, district board member and International board member Davis. For McGarry
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THREATEN WORKERS WITH LOSS OF CHILDREN

Young Participants in Armistice Day Parade Freed After Imprisonment

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—The three young revolutionists who were arrested when the Communist demonstration in front of the War Department buildings was broken up by police, came up for trial yesterday in the Juvenile Court. With threats of permanent separation from their parents and even imprisonment in the House of Correction, the quivering little judge suspended their sentences.
All three in rendering their testimony openly defied the right of the court to stop them from manifesting protests against the imprisonment of John Porter and imperialist war. Porter is a young textile strike leader and vice-president of the New Bedford Textile Workers Union.
Helen Colodney, one of the young

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SWIFT PASSAGE FOR WAR SHIPS BEHIND PROJECT

Military, Diplomatic,
Banking Forces Active
in Undertaking

See British Opposition
Nicaraguan Politicians
"Agreeable"

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—Plans for war, necessitating the swift transfer of battleships thru a Nicaraguan Canal are the motives behind president Hoover's visit to Nicaragua, a high official of the state department disclosed today.

Military, diplomatic and banking forces have already been operating to clear the way for the immediate construction of inter-ocean canal, and it is believed that the entire project will be completed and the quick route between the Atlantic and Pacific opened for naval vessels within five years.

Lavish expenditures are envisaged by the government and no cost will be spared to hasten the construction work.

Nicaragua that the American marines invaded that country and the supervision of the presidential elections was assumed, the state department official asserted.

The expedition against Sandino which while not yet successful has cost so heavily in human life, had for its object the clearing away of

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BELMONT COUNTY MINERS VOTE RED

Women, Children Were
Jailed There

(Special to the Daily Worker)
BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, Nov. 16.—Belmont County showed 302 votes counted in for the Workers (Communist) Party ticket. Many votes were thrown out for "technical" reasons. How many votes were actually stolen is not known.

But 302 votes for the Red ticket in Belmont County means something!
Who does not remember Belmont County and St. Clairsville, where coal operator "justice" jailed women pickets, jammed them into vile, infested cells, separated them from their children; a county in which the prosecutor openly boasted: "We have had to forget what we learned about the constitution and free speech in the schools." This is Belmont County.

Communists Lead on All Fronts.
And the coal miners of Belmont County, after following the leadership of the Communist Party throughout the past 19 months of their struggle against the coal barons on one hand and the traitors at the head of the reactionary U. M. W. A. on the other, showed by their vote cast for the candidates of the Communist Party on Nov. 6 that they will follow the Party on the political field as well.

At Wheeling Creek, where the Party representative applied for
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W. I. R. Tag Days, today and tomorrow. Give generously to the fullest extent possible for the destitute strikers in New Bedford and the miners.

Try to Frame Crew, Ignore Company Crime



"Workers have no right to be alive if even one precious bourgeois is dead!" This was the judgment in the minds of government officials even before they started their so-called investigation of the Vestris disaster. The purpose of the "investigation" is to frame the surviving members of the crew and to completely whitewash Lamport & Holt, owners of the rotten vessel, and the U. S. Shipping Board inspectors of criminal guilt in the disaster which cost 113 lives. Photo shows U. S. District Attorney Tuttle questioning members of the crew.

Why Should They Die?

Out of the welter of charges and counter-charges surrounding the sinking of the Vestris there is one charge which should make the blood of every worker, and more especially every Negro worker, boil with fighting anger. Capitalist dailies flash it in screaming headlines across their pages: "Call Vestris Crew To Tell Why They Live."

The Daily Worker, defender of the working class and of the oppressed Negro race, emphatically asserts that such an attack on the exploited and oppressed is a class attack, a part of the class struggle which went on before and during the sinking of the Vestris and is thus continued. It is an attack on the working class as a whole and on the Negroes as a race.

Slaves of the international shipping trust, blacklisted if they organize, subjected to the foulest conditions, whipped by hunger into long hours of under-paid labor on rotten tubs unfit for sea, required to bow and scrape before socially useless parasites and pot-bellied exploiters who give never a thought to the lives of the crew unless it be to report them for some "incivility," these workers are asked to lay aside their ideas of class struggle at a crucial hour when, unwarned of their peril, tied in the hell of the stove-hole, these workers as well as the parasite passengers, faced death.

All honor to those workers, white or black, who did not forget the class struggle in that hour! Any worker, white or black, who chose to save himself or another worker, rather than some idle parasite or sleek exploiter, did as he should have done. But now the capitalist government seeks to prosecute, to imprison these workers, for violation of the rules of capitalist society, the ethics of servility and slavery, the tradition that workers of the sea must die to allow idle parasites of a "superior" class to live.

Behind the demand that the seamen should die in order that parasites should be saved, lie the grim facts of the class struggle. The capitalist class wants the workers to live and to slave for them and, at the end, to die for them. Workers everywhere will glory that the Vestris crew, if they had to choose, refused to die that parasites might live.

Stand by the Vestris crew!
Stand by the class struggle!

GERMAN CRUISER WILL BE BUILT

Socialists Back War
Minister

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—The Reichstag today rejected by a vote of 255 to 203 the demagogic social-democrat motion to halt construction of 10,000-ton armored cruisers. Eight deputies abstained from voting.

During the day's debate the Communists made it clear that the motion served the purpose of the social-democrats in distracting attention from the Communist endeavor to stop building entirely.
A Communist motion of misconfidence in the cabinet was defeated by a rising vote.

Another Communist motion of misconfidence in minister of defense, Wilhelm Groener, the nationalist militarist, was defeated by 392 to 65, five deputies abstaining. The social-democrats supported the minister.

Before the vote today, former Admiral Brueninghaus supported construction of the cruiser before the Reichstag, pointing out that "while at present there is no menace, Poland might conceivably in the future attempt to annex East Prussia, in which case the cruiser program would be necessary."

The Fascist Fraud.
"Il Nuovo Mondo" contends that the union fights them because they discharged a fascist. The facts in the case are that the man discharged was suspected by the union members three years ago of being a fascist and so reported to the management of the paper. An investigation was held and the management decided the man was not a fascist, or so at least they told the rest of the workers. The management further denounced the workers for charging the man with having fascist sympathies.

The Question of Wages.
The paper has been trying for years to get a reduction in wages, on the plea that it was in financial difficulties. The printers did everything they could to aid the paper but refused to violate union rules or work for scab wages. For instance the printers had loaned the firm 20 per cent of their wages for the past nine weeks. They also contributed to certain sustaining funds and bought bonds that they knew were worthless, only in order to aid the paper. But that was not sufficient. The socialist outfit wanted a scab shop, preferably under the guise of still maintaining a union shop. The work-

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COMPANY WIRED CAPTAIN CAREY TO DELAY S. O. S.

Officials Are Trying to
Shift Blame for
Wreck to Crew

Intimidate the Sailors
Guilt of Government
Is Definite

While a so-called "investigation" into the causes for the sinking of the Vestris took the form yesterday of seeking to frame up members of the heroic crew, new and startling information which the "investigators" could not hold back, disclosed that the officials of the Lamport & Holt steamship company had sent a wireless message to the captain of the Vestris early Sunday ordering him to delay sending out the S. O. S. call which would have saved those on board.

These revelations came out in the hearing at the office of U. S. District Attorney Tuttle in the Post Office Building. Evidence disclosed indicated definitely that there was in existence the copy of a message which the company officials wireless to Capt. Carey long before he sent out his S. O. S., instructing him to delay his summons for aid in order to save salvage costs. At the same time, the Lamport & Holt officials evidently instructed Captain Carey to get in touch with the Voltaira, another liner owned by the company, for assistance in order to save the costs of rescue work.

Four members of the crew of the sunken liner appeared in yesterday's hearing. They were intimidated, browbeaten, by the same investigator who the day before had been so congenial to the stories of the wealthy passengers who survived the disaster.

The purpose of the "investigators" was obviously to frame up the workers who manned the Vestris and to exonerate the Lamport and Holt officials and both the United States and British shipping authorities, who by their combined activities and criminal negligence in allowing the rotten old hulk that the Vestris has been proven to be, to leave port, are chiefly responsible for the disaster and the accompanying tremendous loss of life.

Start Official Frame-up.
The first steps in this frame-up procedure were taken two days ago when Negro members of the crew of the ill-fated ship were imprisoned and virtually held incommunicado in the Seamen's Church Institute, 25 South St. Yesterday the vicious legal machinery of the capitalist class was definitely geared for action.

The members of the crew who were called before the investigating board yesterday upheld the charges that were made immediately upon their arrival after they had kept themselves alive in rotten lifeboats until rescue came. The overwhelming mass of evidence against the Lamport and Holt Company and against the United States and British shipping authorities remained substantially and basically the same. These facts were:

1. That the Vestris was old, rotten, unfitted for the rigorous trip on the Atlantic. Rust had eaten into the plates, rendering the vessel completely unseaworthy.
2. That the Lamport and Holt officials had known this before the ship had left England, and had deliberately and criminally failed to rebuild the corroded parts, but had covered the Vestris with a new coat of paint to hide the rottenness of the vessel.
3. That government shipping authorities, both of the United States and Great Britain, had inspected this rotten hulk before the fatal voyage, and, knowing its condition, had allowed it to make the trip.
4. That Captain Carey, commodore of the entire Lamport and Holt fleet, had ignored the demands of his crew and of the passengers that he send out calls for aid immediately after the list to the starboard was discovered after leaving port.
5. That the officials of the United States navy had kept the giant dirigible, the Los Angeles from going to the rescue of the Vestris after the S. O. S. calls had been received, because of the expense involved in such a course of action.

Obvious Frame-up.
These facts, although in the possession of U. S. Attorney Tuttle and the U. S. government, were completely ignored when the investigation was begun yesterday. in

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CAPITALIST NEWSPAPER EDITORS INSIST NEGRO SEAMEN OF "VESTRIS" HAVE NO RIGHT TO LIVE

"Vestris Crew Called to Tell Why They Live."

This black, large type headline in the New York Telegram, pierced the hearts of seamen like a knife. The seamen must die, they must excuse themselves for living. Passengers must live, they are the exalted King Neptune of the sea.

The docks yesterday were a sullen curse hurled at the bourgeoisie. The seamen's working class consciousness is rallying to the Negro Vestris crew held under guard at the Seamen's Church Institute, while the bourgeoisie class consciousness is rallying in the newspaper columns of their newspapers. The newspapers print only their news and thrust burning slurs at the Negro seamen.

The New York Telegram, thru its staff writer at the hearing now being carried out by the United States prosecutor, summons the "men of the sunken Vestris" to "deny if they will, that as seamen they were bunglers and as men they were cowards."

"Jesus Christ!" said a time-honored seaman on South Street, "if I were one of that crew, I'd shove every damn passenger into the sea."

The Telegram further states that the crew "thus far have given almost nothing of their own defense, both because of their own reticence and because the charges made against them by the passengers were overwhelming." The Negro crew is to come to its defense. The white passengers have made charges.

The Telegram, further, forgets to mention that the men are reticent because there are spotters all about them, and that they have been terrorized by company agents and "dicks" and must keep mum. The Telegram also forgets to mention that when three Negro seamen gave their story twice to reporters, the newspapers did not print them!

Metropolitan newspapers did not print stories given to their reporters by Gerald Burton, John Morris and Joe Boxhill, Negro members of the Vestris crew at Norfolk Naval Hospital, where they had been brought by the battleship Wyoming, a Daily Worker correspondent discovered yesterday.

Later, the seamen wrote out their

own story and gave it to representatives of these newspapers, but not a word of it appeared.

\$1,000 for Officers.

Instead the metropolitan newspapers accepted the story submitted by leading officers of the Wyoming, who were paid \$1,000 for the garbled version of the "steal."

According to the capitalist newspapers, the crew will also have to explain why "more than half the passengers perished" and the greater part of them came out alive.

"Hail the captain!" shout the bourgeois defenders of their integrity. He was a hero. He went down with the ship. He carried out the tradition of the sea.

"After he yelled at members of

the crew, get back to your hole, you black s— of b—," reply the seamen.

"The captain?" And curses which cannot be reproduced are the answers of the seamen.

You Are Charged!

The bourgeois reporters are only too anxious to make good copy out of their brother passengers. What could be more sensational than charging that "Negroes on lifeboats fought off those who pleaded for assistance with their oars."

"They stole equipment from the passengers," "the crew was clumsy." To these charges "Johnson and Adams and their shipmates must reply," says the Telegram.

The crew must also explain why

so many of them survived while the passengers perished.

If there ever was a calling for blood, the bourgeois press is now calling for the blood of the Negro seamen of the Vestris.

For according to the press, which is somewhat afraid of that rich crew which runs the L. & H., the captain has been absolved by going down with his ship, so now the blame must be fastened on the Negro crew of the Vestris.

The Soul Mystery.

The New York Evening Post takes great pains to prove what a fine and noble spirit has Captain Carey. How well he carried the burden of sea tradition upon his experienced

shoulders! True, he failed to save the passengers and for this he should be blamed, but he has paid, says the Post editorial writer and the "mystery of his soul" will remain a mystery.

Not a word of his duty to his crew. He was only a culprit insofar as he allowed the passengers to perish!

Seamen at the waterfront know better. Never before have they expressed such condemnation and hatred of the bourgeois press as they do now in excited groups on South Street.

Heroes.

While the report of the actual conditions on the Vestris given by the

Negro seamen Morris and Burton at the Norfolk Naval Hospital was suppressed, their heroism was so great that even the Wyoming officers could not omit mention of it in their \$1,000 story to the press.

They risked their own lives in order to save two women passengers, swimming for hours in the water and supporting them, an act which to many seamen appears to be short of foolhardiness.

From other accounts, the heroism of the crew shines like a beacon, in face of the reproaches now being heaped at them by the passengers, some of whom they rescued.

The newspapers say very little of this, now that the men are to be tried for living.

"Dicks" Intimidate Crew of Vestris to Keep Company and U.S. Negligence Covered

DISASTER PROBE HELD UNDER EYES OF DETECTIVES

Radio Man on Ship Browbeaten

(By Federated Press)

If the true story of the wreck of the Lampert and Holt (lousy and hungry) liner Vestris is ever told, it will be no fault of the shipping company. A youth just out of the wireless school sat in the witness chair at the hearing of the disaster being conducted in New York and for one hour insisted he remembered little or nothing of messages he had sent out, of the timing of the messages or of the condition of the vessel.

His hesitation in answering questions and his agitated glances toward the back of the courtroom finally brought the charge that an agent, presumably of the steamship line, was prompting his answers by signals. Cut off from his prompter, the lad's answers grew dimmer and dimmer until he was signed off by the impatient government attorney.

Intimidate Workers.

In private conversation, the 18-year-old wireless operator had told the United States attorney that a message had been sent the day before the disaster, "We may need aid." On the stand he denied knowledge of any such message.

Another witness, an assistant pantryman with a camera, told an irrefutable story in the pictures he had taken. At 9 a. m. of the day the Vestris sank with 110 men, women and children, the ship was tilted over at a 35-degree angle. But no radio appeal for help had been sent. At 10 a. m. vessels were told that help might be needed and at 11 a. m. the S. O. S. was flashed, but the nearest vessel with radio equipment was nearly 400 miles away.

Business First Always!

Her masts scarcely hidden under the horizon, the Montosa of the Porto Rico Line was passing. Within an hour of the S. O. S., and two hours before the Vestris went to the bottom, she could have been at the scene. The American owners of the line, in the interests of economy, had removed the radio equipment from the Montosa in 1920.

From terrorized seamen of the Vestris, under the scrutiny of Lampert and Holt agents in the courtroom, came reluctant admission that the Vestris had collided in New York harbor before her last voyage.

From them also came descriptions of the open coal port, of seas that washed in, of 50 seamen trying to bail the ocean out of the Vestris with buckets.

Vestris sailors had been ordered not to speak to reporters, had been herded into the Seamen's Church Institute under the eyes of vigilant detectives and had received instructions to forget as much as possible in the courtroom. If they hope for jobs at sea again, when thousands of sailors are jobless in New York harbor, they were told not to aid the official inquiry.

Grim Tale of Company Murder



Photo shows corpses of passengers and crew of the Lampert & Holt death-ship "Vestris," being brought to port after they had been picked up from the sea.

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First Issue of Workers Pictorial Out Tomorrow

Louis Gibarti, representative of the German section of the Workers International Relief, has arranged for the distribution of an English edition of The Workers Pictorial, published in Germany, which will be on the newsstands tomorrow. The principal feature of the pictorial, which is in tabloid form, is an interesting account of the great exploit of the Krassin in rescuing the victims of the ill-fated Italia. The article is graphically illustrated with very fine pictures of the dramatic incidents of the exploit.

There are also some excellent photos of Sandino and his army of heroes who are struggling against the domination of Nicaragua by American marines sent to protect the further interests of American imperialists.

Shoe Workers Meet

All shoe workers, especially last- and wood-healers, of Williamsburg section are invited to a very important educational meeting which will be held tomorrow at 10 a. m. Vienna Mansion, 105 Montrose Street.

A. F. L. FAT BOYS SIGH FOR NEW ORLEANS MEET

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 16.—Hundreds of fat boys gather here Monday, to frolic thru another convention of the American Federation of Labor. This time in the Creole City.

This year less than any other, will the ample-seated gentlemen be compelled to suffer irritations from left wingers and other militants, who still believe that the function of the convention is to rally the working class for organization and better working standards.

This is because militant workers throughout the country are now convinced that the A. F. of L. not only refuses to organize the unorganized, but considers as its chief function the smashing of strikes that develop out of attempts to organize. The unorganized workers are laying the foundations of mighty unions outside the A. F. of L. in many industries. The miners, textile workers and needle trades workers have already established functioning unions, nation-wide in scope and jurisdiction.

Indeed the fakers are congratulating themselves that they will have a session so undisturbed by any serious working class issue that they will be able to devote all their energies to sampling the tropic delights of the city which their leaders so fortuitously picked upon for the convention.

The city fathers, the chamber of commerce, have shown themselves enthusiastic over the projected influx of labor fakers. Plans for draping the city in American flags and bunting have been projected and the triumphal arch with smoking torches which is used in this city to celebrate the gatherings of the American Red Men, Shriners, Elks, etc., is to be brought out to grace the present occasion.

Following the arrival of the fakers at the Union Station, it is expected that they will form some kind of automobile cortege down Canal Street.

It is the section beyond Canal Street, however, which is disturbing the dreams of the fat boys. The segregated quarter stretches alluringly from Iberville St. to beyond Esplanade and it is the quaint public edifices of the old Creole quarter which the fat boys are resolving to take to their hearts. The fat boys love architecture; they are promising to visit every architectural gem in the Quartier.

Besides there is Spanish Fort to the northeast of the city and the steamer Sidney runs nightly up the Mississippi and wiles away the southern hours upstream. And across the river is Gretna. The fat boys have them all listed in their little books and they will see them all.

But there are some things the fat boys will not see in New Orleans, tho

TRIBUNAL JAILS REVOLUTIONISTS

Communists Continue Activities

(Red Aid Press Service.)

BERLIN (By Mail).—On Oct. 31 there stood before the special tribunal three Communists, Cajani, Tarozza and Collina, on the charge of belonging to the Communist Party and spreading seditious propaganda. The police had found some packages of revolutionary literature in a small printing shop in Bologna.

The special tribunal sentenced Raphael Cajani to 7 years and 10 months in prison, Louis Collina to 4 years and Marius Tarozza to 3 years and 10 months in prison. The accused further are to be under the surveillance of the police for three years after they have served their sentences.

On Nov. 10 the tribunal is to handle the process against the two revolutionaries, Francisco Rossi and Enrico Grandi, who are charged with having taken part in re-organizing the Communist Party.

Ruhr Metal Workers Oust Reformists; Are Taking Leadership

(Wireless to the Daily Worker.)

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—Negotiations were resumed today in Dusseldorf on the metal conflict in the Ruhr with no results. The proceedings were secret although they involved the fate of thousands of workers.

The resistance of the workers against the reformist leaders is growing. The reformists have been thrown out at Dortmund, Bochum and Gelsenkirchen. A fighting committee was elected by the workers to take leadership in Duisburg and Dusseldorf.

5,000 members from local New York Workers International Relief. Join today and urge others to join. Help make the Tag Days today and tomorrow successful so that we can continue relief work among textile workers, miners, etc.

Mexican Sheep-Herder Victim of the Fury of White Mob's Chivalry

FARMINGTON, N. M., Nov. 16.—White chivalry in the South has another notch on its bloody gallow. Rafael Benavides, a sheep-herder, alleged to have attacked a 60-year-old woman, Mary Lewis, was dragged from his bed here yesterday by a masked band and lynched.

Three men arrived at the hospital quietly. "We want Benavides," the leader said. Nurses made no resistance.

The Mexican, too weak to stand, was bundled into an automobile and driven rapidly to a forsaken ranch two miles away. A rope was tossed over the limb of a locust tree and he was swung into the air. At the time of the lynching nearly 100 men had gathered.

To Lecture on Negro Question at Workers School Open Forum

"The Negro Question as a World Problem" will be the subject of discussion at the Workers School Forum, 26-28 Union Square, 5th floor, tomorrow evening, at 8 p. m. Otto Hall, field organizer of the American Negro Labor Congress, who has just returned from a three years' visit to the Soviet Union will be the speaker of the evening.

The important developments that have taken place in the Negro race the past decades, such as the migration of the American Negro to the North, the industrialization of the South, will be taken up.

On Sunday, Nov. 25, Bertram D. Wolfe, director of the Workers School, will discuss "American Varieties of Trotskyism."

Swedish Communists Protest Trade Union Funds to 'Socialists'

(Wireless to the Daily Worker.)

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 16.—The Swedish trade unions resolved today, in the face of strong protest from the Communists, to present the social-democratic party with 50,000 crowns.

Recently the Railwaymen's Union Committee gave the social-democratic party 15,000 crowns from the treasury against the will of the Communists. Members of the unions are protesting.

GOLD ENDORSES W. I. R. TAG DAYS TODAY, SUNDAY

Weisbord Also Urges Workers to Aid

The relief work of the Workers International Relief received the praise and endorsement of two of the outstanding leaders of the left-wing unions in the needle trades and textile industries yesterday. Ben Gold, for the furriers, and Albert Weisbord, secretary of the new National Textile Workers Union, gave their endorsement of the W. I. R. and urged all class-conscious workers to become members and to participate in the drive for funds and membership, starting with Tag Days today and tomorrow.

"It is essential that workers build up and support their own centralized and efficient relief organizations," said Ben Gold. "Not only during strikes, but between such crises, there are destitute workers, blacklisted by the bosses because they are militant and revolutionary, or who, through their loyalty to the left wing and their activities in strikes or organizational work, have suffered and are badly in need of help. We must build up the W. I. R. so that it can give such workers and their families the aid required."

Albert Weisbord praised the relief work done by the W. I. R. in New Bedford. "In answer to the bosses' attempt to starve, jail and freeze the striking textile workers into submission to wage reductions and the speed-up system, the W. I. R. has answered with food, clothing and defense," Weisbord said. "Every militant worker should join the W. I. R. and help build up a strong relief organization. All who can should participate in the Tag Days today and tomorrow."

Volunteers must report to Local New York, W. I. R., 799 Broadway, Room 226, immediately.

Weinstone Calls on Workers to Volunteer for W. I. R. Tag Days

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forces are being mobilized to bring the maximum results, not only for the Tag Days, but in the drive beginning with these Tag Days for a large membership. The situation in New Bedford requires that we continue relief work, and we cannot shirk the responsibilities we have incurred in the mining field. Thousands of workers have been victimized and 50,000 are unemployed there, and our relief work must continue unabated.

"We are building one centralized, efficient relief organization. Trade unions, workers' organizations, and individual workers must be propagandized and urged to join the W. I. R. Our goal is 5,000 dues paying members for local New York, W. I. R. Every unit should have a committee, not only for the Tag Days, but to function during this drive to get members."

Olgin Will Speak at Opening of the New Bronx Worker Center

A gala occasion will mark the opening of the Bronx Workers Center at 1330 Wilkins Ave. (Freeman St. station) tomorrow evening at 8 p. m.

Moissaye J. Olgin will be the principal speaker. He will give the first lecture at the Open Forum. His topic will be "Immediate Tasks Facing American Labor."

Young Workers Hold Downtown Forum

The Downtown Unit, No. 1, of the Young Workers (Communist) League is starting its Open Forums, to be held every Sunday evening at 8 p. m. Tomorrow a lecture on "The Results of the Election Campaign and What it Meant to the Youth" will be given by H. Gordon, member of the district executive committee. The forums are held at 60 St. Mark's Place. Admission is free.

Every Party member and class-conscious worker who is free to help in Tag Days today and tomorrow should report immediately to Room 226, 799 Broadway.

They Say He's Guilty!



The only thing Harry Bowles, one of the Vestris crew, is guilty of is contracting pneumonia as a result of having risked his life as a slave on a leaky old liner at \$45 dollars and rotten food a month. But the federal "investigator" will try their best to find Bowles and his fellow-workers guilty of all sorts of crimes in connection with the disaster. Photo shows Bowles being taken in an ambulance to a hospital. Workers must fight this brazen attempt to make scape-goats of their fellow-workers who are among the most exploited section of the working class.

SOVIET NEGRO COLONY Revolutionary Message to U.S. Negroes

Otto Hall, national field organizer for the Negro department of the Workers (Communist) Party, who has recently returned from the Soviet Union, dropped in to the Daily Worker to tell of a visit he made to a Negro colony in the Caucasus, as well as to announce a tour he is making throughout the country.

Hall has spent three years in the Soviet Union, studying the problem of the nationalist movement of oppressed races and colonial peoples under imperialism. Upon one of his trips to the south he came across a Negro colony which has been in Russia for over 300 years. They are now a part of the Caucasian Soviet Republic, a small autonomous republic on the Black Sea.

Negro Peasants.

There are 600 Negro families there, of whom about 50 are still almost purely Negro—the rest having intermarried with the neighboring whites. They are peasants, growing the staple crop of that region—tobacco, and produce some of the finest tobacco grown anywhere in the world.

Since the Russian Revolution they enjoy full participation in the government. Several members of the colony are high officials, some of them chairmen of the district and village soviets, and some members of the central committee of the All-Union Communist Party. Before the Revolution this colony was in a comparatively low state of culture, and this was particularly true of the masses. These had no schools, hospitals, or any of the modern conveniences known to more advanced countries.

Came From Africa.

The tribe originally came from northern Africa, says Hall, from where they were brought by the Turks, who used them as mercenaries in their attempts at the military subjugation of the native people. Later these slave soldiers turned against the Turks and helped to drive them out. Since the climate was congenial and the cultural level of the native people was such the same as theirs, the tribe remained there.

When Hall visited them, members

of the colony were surprised to know that there were Negroes in the United States. They knew that Negroes were to be found in Africa, since this was traditional knowledge, handed down by word of mouth from one generation to another. When he told them of the segregation and terrorism to which American Negroes were subjected, they were emphatic in their expression of sympathy. Their spokesman requested Hall to give the following message to their fellow-Negroes in America: "The only way to lift the oppression under which the American Negroes suffer is by the establishment of a proletarian government in the United States."

Hall will speak in the chief cities of each district of the Workers Party—in all, about 40 to 50 cities. His first meeting is to be in Baltimore on Sunday, Nov. 23, and then he will go southwest to Southern California, north to Seattle and back east to New York. The speaking and organizing tour he is making will take about two months and will be under the auspices of the Negro department of the Workers (Communist) Party.

HAVANA, Nov. 15 (UP).—The United Fruit liner Ulua docked today from New York after one of the roughest trips in the ship's history. A number of the passengers were slightly injured when the vessel was tossed about on gigantic waves during a 90-mile gale encountered off Cape Hatteras Monday.

W. I. R. Tag Days Today and Tomorrow. Give generously to the fullest extent possible for the destitute strikers in New Bedford and the miners.

SOCIALIST MAKES OPEN SHOP LEGAL WITH AGREEMENT

Schlesinger Is Signing Fake Dress Boss Pact

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sanctioned immediate preparations for a general strike in the trade. Boasting in the Jewish socialist press that he is making "demands" on the bosses, Schlesinger nevertheless fails to admit that as a "Union" his organization fails to prohibit the bosses' association from publishing advertisements which call for members, "whether they keep open shops or union shops." Thus Schlesinger will have an agreement with an "association" which will include in its membership frankly open shop bosses.

The fly in the Schlesinger ointment, however, is that neither the association he will sign with, can sign for more than a clique of fakers who represent no employers, nor his fake union can keep the workers from following the call of the left wing for a general strike in the dress manufacturing trade, when that call is issued. The association consists of a few racketeers who are agents and errand boys for the big jobbers.

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PORTES GIL IS AUTHOR OF PLAN TO BIND LABOR

All Power in Hands of Capitalists, State

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Nov. 16.—A judicial hierarchy controlled by the large industrialists and financiers and selected and sanctioned by the government is disclosed by a fuller perusal of the so-called labor reform legislation issued by President-elect Emilio Portes Gil yesterday. The actual purpose of this plan is to weave a net of legality around the revolutionary efforts of the Mexican workers.

Under an appearance of liberal legislation involving the eight-hour day law, prohibiting child labor, and promising equal wages for men and women workers, such as capitalism often throws to the workers, the government has placed before the Mexican congress one of the most skillfully constructed codes for enslavement yet devised.

The machinery by which the Mexican government is preparing to secure the obedience of its workers includes an elaborate system of councils for each ship, for a central labor council and for a national labor council. There is also a supreme labor court. It is significant that the proposed legislation specifically states that judges of this court "enjoy the same consideration and emoluments as magistrates of the supreme court."

President's Appointees. The supreme labor court will be made up of five magistrates named by the president of the republic.

Class collaboration between the workers and the capitalists is a feature of the system of councils in the shops projected in the Gil plan. All power, however, is carefully limited to the capitalists.

Every industry will have its own economic council, made up of representatives of employers and employees, which shall cooperate with the industry in the adoption of new methods, maintain order and discipline, intervene in differences and safeguard contracts between workmen and employers.

This body will also be charged with seeing that the decisions of boards of arbitration and conciliation are strictly complied with. It cannot, however, intervene in the financial administration of plants nor meddle with contracts between employers and employees.

The proposal further provides that the Central Labor Council will be charged with study of labor conditions, including the cost of living, thus limiting its powers practically to study and investigation.

The purposes of workers' syndicates is defined with great exactitude by the plan. It states that a syndicate is composed to make contracts with employers, but these contracts cannot endure for more than three years nor less than one. Contracts are mutually binding on employe and employers. Municipal, State and National Labor Courts are empowered to enforce contracts.

It is further stated that plants may suspend without violating their contracts when excess production makes further operation unprofitable or for lack of raw materials or when there are acts of nature, such as epidemics, earthquakes or fires.

Public service employes may not declare a strike except on ten days' notice. If the finding of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration is against the strikers, their contract may be annulled if the employer wishes.

Each municipal board of conciliation and arbitration will consist of a judge named by the governor of the state, three representatives of the employes. Judges must be Mexicans by birth. There will be six labor tribunals in various parts of the country to enforce the finding of the arbitration boards.

SOCIALIST PAPER IMPORTS SCABS

Continued from Page One. ers would not consent to such a swindle, and told the management so.

Discharged Worker. Looking around for an opportunity to fight the union and break the union laws, the socialist management hit upon the idea of firing the worker who was formerly suspected of fascist sympathies. When the man was fired the union demanded his reinstatement with pay for lost time, as it is compelled to do according to its laws. After agreeing to reinstatement, and giving the man a fake check for his back pay amounting to \$104.78, the management ordered the bank to stop the check. When the man, who had been on strike and returned on the settlement of the case learned of the swindle against the worker, they protested and were locked out.

Printing Council Slow. The Allied Printing Trades Council is slow to recommend that other crafts refuse to work in the scab shop manned by so-called socialists. They claim that their organizer is out of town and cannot act. Meanwhile the men are still out and have earned the lockout into a strike.

Jury in Oil Magnate's Perjury Trial



Photo shows the 12 men and women who constitute the jury in the trial of Col. Robert W. Stewart, who is on trial for perjury in connection with the so-called oil investigation of the special senate committee. The evidence against Stewart is so complete that these loyal servants of the capitalist class may be compelled to convict one of their chiefs, provided bribery (already a factor in the trial) doesn't make them change their minds.

ATTEMPT TO FRAME UP HEROIC NEGRO SEAMEN

Continued from Page One. attempt to fasten the blame for the disaster on the ill-treated, half-starved and persecuted members of the crew, both Negro and white.

The obviousness of the frame-up which the U. S. government plans to perpetrate was indicated in the behavior of Tuttle. Two days ago he was sympathetic with his witnesses, all of whom were passengers on the Vestris. He allowed them to tell their own stories, occasionally interposing a quiet question.

Yesterday, however, when the workers aboard the Vestris appeared before him, he was a vicious, belligerent prosecutor. He put questions in a sharp staccato voice and paced beside the rail of the witness stand. He became exasperated when the workers gave evidence against the company, and subjected each of the workers to a severe cross-examination.

Lifeboats Leaked. The workers told Tuttle, on examination, that the lifeboats began filling with water as soon as they were lowered over the side of the sinking Vestris. This testimony, coupled with the previous charges that the lifeboats had been old and rotten, added to the huge pile of evidence against the Lampert and Holt Company. But Tuttle did not take much cognizance of this, preferring to flaunt in the workers' faces the charge of cowardice, conducting the investigation on the vicious premise that the workers should have drowned themselves to save the wealthy passengers aboard.

British Jingoism Aid. Continued verification of the fact that the capitalist courts intend to whitewash the official incompetence and criminal negligence and to frame-up the Negro and white workers of the crew of the Vestris was shown when Tuttle read into the record a letter from Sir Harry Armstrong, British consul-general here, pledging the "co-operation of the British government in obtaining the facts of the inquiry."

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Will Expose Muste. Left wing workers are staunchly determined to expose Muste and his efforts, although they will under no circumstances fail to grasp any honorable attempt to unite the union. The workers' sentiment on the reinstatement of the strike committee to all its functions as leaders of the strike is unalterable. Left wing spokesmen say that they will demand of Muste an account of whom he represents. They will particularly want to know whether he represents the A. F. of L. United Textile Workers Union. If he represents himself, the left wingers will demand that an outsider whom they will choose attend any "unity conferences."

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DEMONSTRATE AT MINER'S FUNERAL

Coal Diggers to Defy Pittston Terror

Continued from Page One. there were present McGarry himself, Hogan, his secretary, and Frank Licata, member of the grievance committee.

A Vile Sell-Out. The gang sought to keep the deliberations hidden, but it is an open secret that the two cliques have come together and that McGarry is selling out not only the strike but also the fight against the contractor system, has been promised an important job. In addition he has been assigned the task of spreading propaganda against the new National Miners' Union. A news item undoubtedly inspired by the meeting appeared in one of the local papers today stating that already Communists from the new union and from New York City are in Pittston to make trouble. This is the part which McGarry is to carry out: first, to fight the growing sentiment of the coal miners for the new union and secondly, to blame his sell-out of the strike and the abandonment of the fight against the contractor system on the coal diggers, the militants, the left wing and the Communists. He has already been privately instructing his followers to spread the word that the National Union should keep out and thus not bring in the "Red" issue.

Miners, Rise To the Fight! The fight of the anthracite miners is one fight, against the contractor system and the coal barons, against the murderous Lewis-Boylan machine, against the cowardly treacherous trickery of McGarry. They are all of one gang, playing the game of the enemy. Demonstrate your solidarity at the funeral of your fallen comrade who gave his life in your fight! Fifteen thousand miners at the funeral. Defy the little henchman of the coal barons, Mayor Gillespie. Attend in one mass body. Oust the Boylan-McGarry traitors. Smash the murder machine. Join your own real union, the National Miners' Union.

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POLITICIANS IN BRITISH HOUSE UTILIZE PACTS

Baldwin Hopes for More U. S. Money

LONDON, Nov. 16.—An attempt to make internal political use out of the Franco-British naval pact and bring the commons on record as declaring that it endangered the peace of Europe and the good relations between Britain and the United States yesterday failed and developed into a political attack on Lloyd George, who has himself been capitalizing the situation.

Liberals, laborites and conservatives are using the pact as an occasion for pre-election tiffs, while as far as can be judged from the debate in the commons the naval pact itself is in effect tacitly operative, although Baldwin has declared that it no longer exists in "fact."

Answering Lloyd George's charge that the pact had led the United States to declare for a policy of additional cruisers, Baldwin said that relations could be improved by more intimate contact between American and British financiers. Recalling conversations between the heads of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the governor of the Bank of England, which led to the flow of American capital into Europe, Baldwin declared that if this policy were resumed relations would improve.

Indications are that the British government will continue its armament construction with increasing speed.

French Angry. PARIS, Nov. 15 (UP).—The proximity of President Coolidge's naval speech and that of Prime Minister Baldwin, coupled with reports that the United States senate will urge a fifteen cruiser program and that Herbert Hoover plans to call a new naval conference, has stirred the French press to an increasingly acrimonious tone.

The newspapers are reviving all the old bones of international contention with the United States—dusting off and refurbishing reparations, debts, United States' attitude toward the Franco-British naval accord and naval strengths.

Echo de Paris says: "Coolidge's phrases signify an inevitable armaments race between America and Great Britain." Many sections of the French press were inclined to express their wish that Baldwin had been more forceful in responding to Coolidge in his house of commons speech.

Chicago Defense Meet to Hear Tallentire

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 16.—The Chicago International Labor Defense has arranged a meeting which will be addressed by Norman Tallentire, assistant secretary of the I. L. D. The meeting will be held at the Workers' Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Boulevard, tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. and the address will discuss "Boss Justice in the Textile Strike Zone." Other matters that will be discussed include the annual christmas drive of the I. L. D. and the Annual defenseazaar arranged for Dec. 14-16 at Wicker Park Hall.

MEXICAN LABOR IN FIRST STEP TOWARDS UNITY

Call for Workers' and Peasants' Assembly

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 7. (By Mail).—The current issue of "El Machete," organ of the Communist Party of Mexico, publishes the text of a call issued by a number of labor organizations as a step toward the convocation of a National Workers' and Peasants' Assembly. These organizations have founded a committee composed of their representatives and representatives of those organizations which afterward adhere to the policy of the committee. The entire group will issue the final call convoking the assembly.

As a basis of propaganda for the assembly, the preparatory committee puts forth the following demands: "To fight: "Against employers closing down enterprises and against part time work.

"Against the reduction of wages, and for a progressive increase of wages.

"For a reduction of the hours of labor in all industries, particularly those injurious to workers' health.

"For collective agreements.

"For a solution of the problem of unemployment.

"For possession of the land by the peasants; and against all restrictions against it.

"For abolition of the white guards.

"Against the disarming of the agrarians.

"The activities of the Committee," its manifesto states further, "will be of a strictly trade union character, exclusively economic. It is absolutely forbidden to develop activities that by their nature may be classified as political."

The Committee states that it represents 200,000 workers. It condemns the activities of two individuals, Rosendo Salazar and Rodolfo Sanchez for trying to create an independent trade union group without themselves having any trade union basis. The Committee declares that anyone who, living outside the trade unions, tries to lead the movement, can lead it only to delusions and dangers.

Therefore the Committee "recommends the abstention" from such work of the elements they mention in condemnation, and call for unity of all trade union organizations of the country, regardless of other distinction.

The signatures of the call are as follows: General Workers Confederation; (CGT); the National Peasants' League; the Confederation of Transport and Communications; the Labor Confederation of Jalisco; the Workers' and Peasants' League of Coahuila; the Labor Federation of Tamaulipas; and the Confederation of Workers' and Peasants' Trade Unions of Nayarit.

Will Fly to Imperialist Stamping-Grounds



"The Spirit of Canton," like the "Spirit of St. Louis," would be more appropriately named "The Spirit of U. S. Imperialism." Photo shows the plane and the crew, from left to right, Jack Byrne, Tien Lai-huang and D. Starr. They will attempt to fly from Roosevelt Field, N. Y., to Canton, China.

WAR MOVE SEEN IN RADIO MERGER

Morgan Bankers Match British Interests

Continued from Page One. to the Postal Telegraph as well as Western Union intensified the coming competition.

War Speculation. Both Western Union and Radio Corporation stock have made remarkable advances on the New York stock exchange in the last two weeks. Radio reached 296 yesterday afternoon, a new high and up 21.2 points for the day and Western Union touched 189 1/2.

Newcomb Carlton, president of Western Union, told the United Press exclusively today that "an effort is being made to find a basis to meet the competition" of the British merger, although "the obstacles of the White Act are fully appreciated."

At no time since the invention of the electric telegraph and the submarine cable has there been so much excitement and interest in the world-wide communication situation as today.

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NEGRO SEAMEN RELATE HORROR OF SUPPRESSION

"Black Gang" Told to Get Back

Continued from Page One. which was impossible. At that time you could see the rolling checks on portside.

"We came on deck but were ordered below again by the chief but we could not go below on account of water in the stokehold. Captain at no time gave us any orders. One passenger asked the captain what about the crew. Carey said, 'Damn the black s--- of b---'."

"I saw one colored passenger trying to get into a boat with his wife and child. One of the junior officers ordered him out waving a pistol at him. The passenger was not saved but the officer was.

"Two men and I cut away No. 7 boat, starboard side, and pulled away from ship. We immediately picked up three passengers and the carpenter's mate and chief officer. We were picked up Tuesday morning by ship 'American Shipper.' At no time did officers give any orders. Crew had to look out for themselves."

The Vestris, owned by Lampert & Holt, better known as the Loose & Hungry Line, just ran true to form. Sailors getting \$45 a month, sleeping in vermin-infested berths without blankets, proved themselves heroes.

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PHILA. POLICE HAVE HANDS FULL OF GRAFT

(By a Worker Correspondent)
PHILADELPHIA, (By Mail).—A new duty, that of tearing down posters tacked up by the Workers (Communist) Party, was imposed on the already "overburdened" police of this city during the last election campaign.

The bulls, who between cracking their night-sticks on strikers caught in the heinous act of picketing, breaking up out-door meetings of class-conscious workers, and juggling speakers for failure to shout "glory for Morgan," had plenty to do as it was. And when it is remembered that Philadelphia's "finest" are compelled to spend much of their time collecting commissions from the rum ring, it can be seen that the bulls have their hands full of graft.

But the speed-up has hit even them. Two comrades who were posted to "Vote Communist" and "Foster really placar-is to pole and fences one night recently were held up by a pair of dicks, who had been shadowing them in an expensive motor car. The tools of the hooch trust snatched the remaining posters, and ordered the workers to "beat it." When it was protested the Workers Party was a legal one, a bona fide political party, having as much right to advertise their cause as the demogogues and republicans and socialists, whose bills, plastered all over town, are never touched by the police, the ferocity of the legal yeggs became uglier.

"We Got Orders."
"We got orders to rip 'em down, see," one of them snarled. He had no answer ready for the question, "How is it you don't have orders to remove the images of capitalist ward-healers plastered all over the poles? Instead he began to put the two suspects thru a third degree.

"Who puts up the money for these things?" he wished to know.
"Not Du Pont and not Raskob, nor J. P. Morgan either."
"Wise guy, eh? Any more cracks out of you and we'll give you the works."

The placards were subjected to a close examination; from top to bottom and from left to right roved the wolfish eyes of the law.
"Kaiserism."
"What this mean?" he yapped on coming to the slogan, "Against Imperialist Wars"—the nearest his soggy brain could come to understanding the explanation given was, "Uh, huh—Kaiserism."

"Down with Race Oppression," stumped him worse. "Say, are you guys mixed up with the fellows who was burnin' the crosses around here last summer?" he demanded suspiciously, pictures of Reds and Ku Kluxers befuddled for a moment in his boozey mind. Bursting into loud guffaws, the workers were in imminent danger of being clubbed by a crackpot all but foaming at the mouth for fury; but in the end, not seeing their way clear to framing "these goddam Bolsheviks" the doctory defenders of "law and order," hopped into their high-priced car, and were off to the rum agency or police station as it is sometimes called in jest, barking in parting, "Don't let us catch you around here again." On retracing their steps, the workers discovered that every last one of the posters they had put up had been torn down by the dicks.

The Higher Up.
It is altogether in line with the new status of the bulls that they carry out orders issued from the office of Max Boo-Boo Hoff, millionaire bootlegger and real boss of the civil machinery, with so much zeal. For they are no mere tools of a capitalist caste; thanks to an underworld government lousy with graft, they have achieved some monetary standing of their own, and along with it, the shekel-swing slant on the working class.

The grand jury "probe" started by job-hunting political hacks has brought to "light" the fact that Philadelphia is and has been for years under liquor law.

On Booze Payroll.
It has been proven in open court that the police department to a man is on the regular payroll of the booze band. Books "confiscated" by federal agents in "raids" on racket headquarters reveal that millions in protection money were "slipped" to cops in the space of a year and each member of the force had a price dependent upon rank and grade. One dick profited to the tune of nearly half a million before the jury got after him. Another cleaned up so much velvet in a few months spent with a special prohibition "enforcement" squad that he was enabled to retire, buy up two hotels and a cafe, in the heart of the city, and settled down to enjoy life. A common patrolman, yet to be called "by the inquisitors," has purchased outright a \$60,000 country estate on his weekly wage of \$30 from the municipality. The chief of detectives was well on his way to becoming a millionaire when the district attorney, out of jealousy, spiked him. For a police captain to bank \$500 at a crack was nothing in the pre-probe days. (Now they keep it in a sock until Judge Lewis and District Attorney Monaghan having written all the publicity they need, allow the "investigation" to blow over). Practically all bulls and dicks have bloated bankrolls, own houses in exclusive residential districts, and "do to work" in Packards.

Grafters Unsuspected.
As for the men higher up, their salaries are simply colossal. Bar a few captains and one inspector, they are expected. Some dozen cops, who are content with a bribe of five or ten "bushels" now and then, have

been suspended—cheap jacks of that sort are a disgrace to go-getting racketeers and deserve to "get the street."
But the big boys proper, the magistrate, judges, congressmen and other "fixers" in high places, those who shake down a hundred smacks where a heatpounder rakes in one, sit tight and try to keep a straight face while the political clown-show roars thru the headlines. There is Congressman Golder, for instance, a known partner of Jay Boo-Boo, whose name bobs up daily in connection with the infantile proceedings and is daily suppressed in the capitalist sheets.

A Timely "Stroke."
At least two other congressmen sit on the board of directors of the hooch trust, which does a five million dollar trade in poison spirits annually and is linked up with Chicago gangdom and the New York hoodlums. Senator Vane was floored by a "paralytic stroke" on the eve of the "probe," and has been confined to his Atlantic City bed ever since, poor soul. That "stroke" was timely, to put it mildly.

Meanwhile Hoff, in publicly daring the district attorney to "get" him, exhibits the mock "injury" for what it is, a "plant" to swindle the workers. Had it been possible for a working class jury to really investigate the present racketeer-government, indictments against every local job-holder would have been returned at the first sitting, and the whole pirate crew flung into the "clink" en masse. But capitalism and corruption go hand in glove; the state of conditions that obtains here is only a miniature of the national scene.

City History Club Is Peeved With "Gods of the Lightning"

THE first protest against "Gods of the Lightning," which has several characters who intimate that all is not right in the judicial circles of the realm, has been received. It is from the City History Club of New York, of which Mrs. A. Barton Hepburn is president.

The honorary vice-presidents are, among others, John H. Finley, Otto H. Kahn, William Fellows Morgan, Frank A. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Jacob A. Riis and George W. Wickesham. The letter from Mrs. Hepburn is as follows:

"Messrs. Hamilton MacFadden and Kellogg Gary,
The Little Theatre,
238 W. 44th St., N. Y. C.
Gentlemen:
At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City History Club which was held November 8th, the following resolution was passed:

It was moved by Mrs. Wyatt, seconded by Dr. Peterson that the President be authorized to write to the management of the play "Gods of the Lightning" expressing disapproval of the offensive and disloyal utterings permitted to be spoken in the text. This motion was unanimously carried."

As a patriotic organization we offer this protest to the disrespect to our Constitution and flag.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) EMILY E. HEPBURN,
(Mrs. A. Barton Hepburn,
President.)

Mr. MacFadden, in replying to Mrs. Hepburn, intimates that the matter isn't so serious and that a research into some of the utterances which attended the birth of these somewhat United States might be interesting to those who feel that the speeches in the play are offensive. His letter follows:

"My dear Mrs. Hepburn:
I have received your letter of November 9th.

In reply, both Mr. Gary and I would like to say that we have produced "Gods of the Lightning" because we know it to be one of the most important pieces of dramatic writing we have ever been privileged to read. It is not the province of a theatrical producer to question the opinions of characters within an author's play except on the ground that such expressions are not motivated dramatically. We believe that the dialogue in "Gods of the Lightning" is unusually well motivated. As producers, we should welcome suggestions to where we can find equally stirring dramatic speech.

In closing, may I step out of my role of producer and suggest that the History Club of New York might find interesting a perusal of some of the more important utterances that brought about the birth of this country.

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed)
HAMILTON MacFADDEN."

COTTON CROP
WASHINGTON, Nov. 15. — In Arkansas picking and ginning of cotton were somewhat delayed by showers the first part of the week, but good progress was made thereafter, a government report states. In all other sections where picking had not been completed, from the Mississippi Valley eastward, the weather was generally favorable and gathering the outstanding crop made satisfactory progress. Late bolls are reported as opening rather slowly in parts of northern Alabama.

IN SHAW'S "MAJOR BARBARA"



Winifred Lenihan, who will play an important role in the Theatre Guild production of Bernard Shaw's "Major Barbara," which will open at the Guild Theatre Monday night.

Sovkino Film Continues at Little Carnegie Playhouse

Due to the remarkable success enjoyed during the past two weeks of its run at the Little Carnegie Playhouse, "Ten Days That Shook the World," the Sovkino film directed by S. M. Eisenstein will be held over for a third week. The UFA feature, "Feeding the Angels" is also being held over.

The Cameo Theatre is continuing for a second week "Mata Hari: The Red Dancer." The film, which deals with the life of the famous spy of the World War, created quite a sensation when first shown in Europe.

Prof. Ivan Pavlov's "Mechanics of the Brain," in which he analyzes animal and human behavior, will be shown the coming week at the Fifth Avenue Playhouse.

The Roxy will show two features beginning today: "Napoleon's Barber," from the play by Arthur Cat-sar, with Otto Matieson, Frank Reichler and Henel Ware in the cast, and a comedy with Clark and McCullough.

"Eva and the Grasshopper," from the UFA studios, will have its first American showing at the 55th Street Playhouse beginning today. On the same bill will be a new issue of "Soviet News Reel," Charlie Chaplin in "The Vagabond," and Chick Meehans in "Great Moments in Football."

PHILHARMONIC

Following a week on the road, the Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra returns in time to celebrate the centenary of the death of Franz Schubert this week. Although Wilhelm Mengelberg has placed the Schubert C major symphony on the program for tomorrow afternoon, the official memorial program is that arranged for Wednesday afternoon and Friday evening at Carnegie Hall at which concerts the Atterberg Symphony, which won the International prize in the Schubert Centennial Contest, will have its world premiere. A feature of the program will be an address on Schubert by Dr. John Erskine. Balance of program includes other Schubert works: the Overture, Entree-cue and Ballet Music from "Rosamunde," and the "Unfinished" Symphony.

Tomorrow afternoon at Carnegie Hall, in addition to the Schubert Symphony, the program will contain the Sinfonia Overture of J. C. Bach, and the Bruch Scottish Fantasy, played by Scipione Gaudi, concertmaster of the orchestra.

Next Sunday afternoon Mr. Mengelberg and his men will be heard at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

The second of Walter Damrosch's Children's Concerts will be given next Saturday morning at Carnegie Hall.

WYOMING CLERKS WIN

CASPER, Wyo. (By Mail).—Retail clerks union, 202, has forced local merchants to sign a new wage agreement.

Another film by the same organization is titled "26 Commissars," end will be directed by V. Meierhold.

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NEW SOVIET FILMS

Tolstoy's "The Living Corpse" and Gorki's Famous Story New Being Screened

THE latest news from the Moscow film studios has it that Maxim Gorki has at last given his consent to Sovkino to film his book, "The Story of the Book Clasp." Alexandra Khokhlova, one of the best directors of the Sovkino, will wield the megaphone.

Of the other new films, already released or almost completed, the press department of the Soviet film makers are kind enough to give the following details to the readers of our dramatic columns:

Late this month will be released a big sporting film, "Spartakiade," "shot" during the competition in Moscow.

"Ten Deaths" Started.
Director U. Taritch (author of "Wings of a Slave," "Ivan the Terrible," "Bulyat Batiz" and "Captain's Daughter") is producing a new film, "Ten Deaths." It is based on the history of the Russian Revolution and shows the revolutionary struggle of the Russian and Polish workers against the Tsarist autocracy.

Sovkino has also started work on a film based on the story of the proletarian writer, "The Quiet Don," by M. Sholokhova, which is very popular among the workers. The movie houses report great success of "Exploits in the Ice" (frescuing expedition of "Krasin and Malygina" for the "Italia"), photographed by the authors with the expedition.

Director O. Preobrazhenskaya, director of the film "Women of Ryzan" and "The Bright City," is screening the picture "Agitation Car," picturing the participation of artists in the Civil War.

"Unwanted Hostility."
B. Urtsev, director and author of the children's films, "The Torn Sleeve," has been commissioned by Sovkino to get out the film "Unwanted Hostility" for the 10th International Women's Day. The theme of the picture is the promoting of workwomen to responsible positions and the "unwanted" competition between men and women workers.

In carrying out the campaign against alcoholism, the Soviet cinema plays a particularly important role. Sovkino has demonstrated this point in "Alaram," where is portrayed that owing to drunkenness the worker's productivity of labor drops at the factory, and then how after an accident he goes insane.

A second film on this subject, "The Crooked Line," gives an example of the battles of a workers' club with a public house and the victory of the club when the club drew into its work the wives of workers.

Culture in the Village.

That the fight for a new culture is not limited to the town, but is also carried on in the village, is shown in the film "Tanka of the Eating House." The film shows the struggle of the village social organizations against the Kulaks, and the fight of the village social workers for a new Tea-House to replace the village public-house.

Of the many scientific films recently completed, the picture "Alcohol" is the outstanding. Its production was greatly aided by the participation of N. Semashko, People's Commissar for Health, and Prof. Fursikova. The picture portrays the experiments conducted by the Institute of Pathological Physiology and the Institute for the Study of Nerve Activity at the Communist Academy.

Tolstoy's "Living Corpse."
Based on the theme of the story by Leo Tolstoy "The Living Corpse," Mezhrapom-Film together with the German Cinema organization Promotes, is working on a film titled "The Lawful Marriage." It will be "shot" by V. Pudovkin, of "Mother" and "End of St. Petersburg" fame. The well-known actress Nata Vatchanzhe and Marie Yakobin play in this film. The well-known Austrian actor Gustav Deisel has been invited to accept the role of Karenina. The picture will be "shot" in Germany and USSR.

Another film by the same organization is titled "26 Commissars," end will be directed by V. Meierhold.

Mezhrapom - Film has also screened a series of scientific films, "Sheep-breeding in USSR," "Skin," "Mother and Child," "Elevator," "The Harmfulness of Metal-working," and others.

Ukrainian Films.
Ten groups of cinema workers are engaged in producing cultural films for VCFKU (the Ukrainian State Cinema). The following films are now being screened: "Colds and Illness," "Physical Culture and Sport," "Bird and Fishery Station" (near Kiev), "Along Turcomen to Bukhara With a Cinema Apparatus," "Tractor," "South Palmira" (Odessa), "Communa" (Life of collective farming), and "Culture of a Sugar Beet Root."

During the screening in the villages, the Soviet cinema expedition carries on a tremendous cultural work. For example, the group of A. Kurduma, during its two months work in the village of Bereznia (Kiev region) arranged a number of performances for the peasants accompanied with lectures and films.

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Music Notes

Mabel Murphy, coloratura soprano, will give her postponed recital Tuesday evening at Steinway Hall.

Grace Cornell will give her fourth program of dances at the Booth Theatre tomorrow night.

Dai Buell will appear in piano-forte recital at Town Hall Tuesday afternoon.

Frances Newsom, soprano will give her recital in Town Hall Wednesday evening.

Juan Pulido, Spanish baritone, makes his appearance at the Gallo Theatre tomorrow night.

Katherine Bacon will conclude her Schubert cycle with a Town Hall recital on Monday afternoon, the 100th anniversary of the death of the composer.

Inez Barbour, soprano, will include the following songs at her Town Hall concert on Thursday afternoon: "Bel Piacere," and "Piangero," by Handel; Zu Freien Im Majon, Bach; An Eine Aechelharfe, Hugo Wolf; "Schlechtes Wetter" and "Die Georgine," by Strauss; "Brautfahrt," Buys.

The French pianiste, Lucie Cafarelli, will give her recital at Town Hall on Monday evening, Nov. 23.

LECTURES AND FORUMS

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Tues. Eve., "La Locandiera," Le Gallienne, Brecher, Leysac, Crawley.
Wed. Mat., "The Cherry Orchard," Wed. Eve., "Hedda Gabler," Le Gallienne, Crawley, Leysac, Cameron, Hutchinson.
Thurs. Eve., "The Would-Be Gentleman," Brecher, Roberts, Cameron, Krueger.
Fri. Eve., "The Cherry Orchard," Sat. Mat., "Invitation au Voyage" (in English), Le Gallienne, Cameron, Beck, Mooney.
Sat. Eve., "Would-Be Gentleman," Premiere Mon. Eve., Nov. 25, "Peter Pan," Le Gallienne, Hutchinson, Brecher, Cameron, Ward, McCarthy.
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Case of Workers, Framed in Anti-Imperialist Rally on Wall St., in Court Wednesday

POLICE IN FAKE CHARGE AGAINST YOUTH MILITANT

Labor Defense Will Fight Frame-up

The case of Nathan Kaplan, fur worker, who is being framed on a charge of felonious assault in connection with an anti-imperialist demonstration in Wall Street, July 3, will come up before the grand jury next Wednesday morning.

Kaplan was one of 16 workers arrested when police attacked the anti-imperialist demonstration. Eight of the workers were given jail terms, while Kaplan was released on \$1,500 bail. Later when he appeared before Magistrate Simpson in First Criminal Court, he was held for the grand jury on new bail of \$1,500. The New York Section of the International Labor Defense, which defended all the workers arrested in the demonstration, furnished bail for Kaplan on both occasions.

Brazen Frame-Up

Witnesses of the police attack on the Wall Street demonstration declare that Kaplan is being made the victim of a brazen frame-up. A policeman brutally attacked the militant worker and smashed him in the face. The policeman's fist caught on Kaplan's teeth and a finger was cut. Kaplan was charged with hitting and assaulting the policeman and being in possession of a dangerous weapon. The witnesses for the policeman, all of them colleagues in the police department, contradicted themselves at the trial, while Kaplan's witnesses proved beyond a doubt that the worker was the one who had been attacked. The Tammany judge, determined to get a scapegoat, held Kaplan for the grand jury.

The New York Section of the International Labor Defense last night issued an appeal thru its secretary, Rose Baron, calling upon all workers themselves at the trial Kaplan. It points out that strong pressure will probably be brought to bear, to secure Kaplan's indictment and subsequent conviction, and unless the frame-up is smashed, this militant worker will be railroaded to a long jail term. Immediate funds are needed for his defense, the appeal states.

Kaplan will be defended by Jacques Buitenkant, representing the I. L. D., when he appears before the grand jury Wednesday.

Rockefeller, Oil King, Concealed Continental Bonds During Scandal

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (UP).—New testimony regarding a secret trust agreement under which Robert W. Stewart, oil magnate received and kept for six years \$750,000 in Continental Trading Company Liberty Bonds were placed before the Stewart perjury trial jury today.

It was in trying to trace these bonds that the Senate Teapot Dome Committee questioned Stewart, chairman of the Standard Oil of Indiana, eliciting from him answers which the government now contends were falsified under oath.

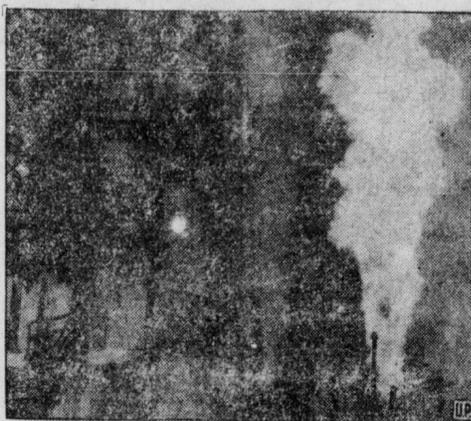
Roy Barnett, tax commissioner of Stewart's company, testified that Stewart in 1921 created a trust agreement for bonds which were to be given to him "as the profits of an oil deal to which he was not entitled." Barnett said Stewart did not mention that the bonds came from the Continental company, but swore him to secrecy. He said that in 1924 Stewart told him to cease cutting the coupons and reinvesting the proceeds because of the publicity over the senate oil investigation.

Child Burns Self to Death With Matches

BUFFALO, Nov. 15 (UP).—Playing with matches in her home cost four-year-old Angelina Sabia her life last night. Left alone by the mother for a few minutes, the youngster in some manner gained access to a box of matches.

The mother returned to find the child enveloped in flames. She extinguished the flames, but the child died in a hospital from burns.

Workers Imperilled in Huge Oil Blaze



The lives of hundreds of workers were endangered in a \$500,000 oil fire at Santa Fe Springs, Cal. Flames were at times 200 feet high.

BELMONT COUNTY NEW IMPERIALISM MINERS VOTE RED IN REICH DEBATE

Women, Children Were Jailed There

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admittance, after complying with all laws governing elections, he was refused admittance by the drunken election judges and clerks, with the statement, "No damn Communists will be allowed in here." And when the police appeared to investigate the disorder they were also denied admittance, but no action was taken by them other than Sheriff Hardesty giving the judges the assurance that if the Communists continued to give them trouble he would arrest them at once. At Yorkville, after a heated verbal battle, the Party representative was finally admitted.

Defeat Strikebreaker.
At Lansing, the scene of many arrests during the coal strike, the notorious strikebreaker, Sheriff Clyde Hardesty, tried to regain his prestige, lost due to his general strikebreaking policy followed thru-out the strike, by flooding the town with liquor and rallying to his support the bootleggers and sky-pilots alike, who were propagandizing for the support of the entire democratic ticket. But the workers refused to be fooled and defeated him by a large majority and 50 voted Communist, 12 voting for the socialist party.

The socialist decline was general throughout the county, the workers realizing the socialist party did not stand with the rank and file during the strike, but supported the reactionary leadership of the U. M. W. A.

Fascisti to Broadcast Propaganda Thru U. S.

ROME, Nov. 15.—Mussolini will broadcast his national fascist programs to the world thru one of the most powerful radio broadcasting stations in Europe. This station will be completed by Oct. 28, 1929, the anniversary of the fascist march on Rome.

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PUSH NICARAGUA CANAL IN COMING TOUR OF HOOVER

Swift Passage for Warships Planned

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the last obstacles to the American imperialist advance.

No opposition to the canal project is now expected from any group in Nicaragua, except the army of independence under General Augusto Sandino, which the United States forces have failed to destroy in a bloody campaign lasting over hundreds of miles of interior jungle and mountain.

Politicians Willing

The state department informant declares that both General Jose Maria Moncada, the successful candidate in the recent elections and Adolfo Benard, the conservative who was allowed to run as a foil against him, gave personal assurances of their willingness to support the American canal project during their visits at Washington in the past year.

Opposition to the project is expected from an entirely different source in the contentions of the governments of Honduras, and Salvador that Nicaragua violated their rights in granting the United States a naval base in the Gulf of Fonseca which is the common harbor of the three countries.

It is the belief of the state department that whether or not these countries carry their case before any international tribunal, they will receive encouragement from Great Britain which feels that the canal is an open move in the growing war danger between the two countries. Taken in conjunction with the Coolidge Armistice Day speech and the naval program, it is felt that danger of open conflict between the United States and Great Britain has been greatly hastened.

It will be a principle object of the Hoover expedition to conciliate the governments of these neighboring states in the plan to push the work of canal construction.

Male Singers Wanted by the New Playwrights

Male singers are wanted by the New Playwrights Theatre for its forthcoming production of Upton Sinclair's "Singing Jailbirds." Evening rehearsals and performances. Apply day or evening at the New Playwrights Theatre, 133 W. 14th St. Watkins 0588.

Labor Misleaders Withdraw Pickets "for Good Impression"

SEATTLE, Wash. (By Mail).—During the recent convention on the Seattle school teachers in Bellingham, the labor misleaders in charge of the Culinary Workers Union took off the pickets in front of Manning and West, where a strike was going on. This was done, the misleaders said, "to give the visiting teachers a good impression of Bellingham."

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Prisoner-Author



Upholders of capitalist law and morality like to spread the fiction that prisoners are the lowest forms of human beings. Robert Joyce Tasker, an inmate of San Quentin Penitentiary, has given the lie to this slander by writing a novel, "Grim Haven," that critic compares favorably with the best work of "respectable," law-abiding authors. Needless to say, it is not likely that Tasker will have to stay in San Quentin as long as his fellow-prisoner, Tom Mooney.

SHIFRIN BAZAAR OPEN IN B'KLYN

To Raise Funds for Framed Victim

Thursday night marked the opening of the Brownsville Bazaar at the Brownsville Workers Center, 154 Watkins St., Brooklyn, N. Y. This is one of a series of affairs which have been undertaken by the Shifrin Defense Committee to raise funds for the financing of Shifrin's fight for freedom.

Due to the vicious attack by the right wing bureaucracy, coupled with the "justice" of the Tammany courts, the struggle to prevent the railroad of Shifrin to jail is a costly process. Only the united support of all workers can stop these "friends of labor" from sending the militant worker, William Shifrin, to a living death.

The committee has made extensive provisions for the amusement of the thousands of workers who are expected at the bazaar in the four days. There will be good music, dancing, refreshments, contests, etc.

APPLETON, Wis. (By Mail).—High water has halted all construction work on the Fox River. Hundreds of workers have thus been made jobless.

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Saturday Evening December 15th

Workers Party Activities

Lenin Memorial Meet.

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You are requested not to arrange any conflicting dates. The Lenin Memorial Meeting this year will be a powerful demonstration against the imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union.
District Executive Committee, New York District.

District Women's Committee.

The District Women's Committee will meet tomorrow afternoon at 1 p. m. in the Workers' Center, in Room 302. All members of this committee must be present. Very important business to be transacted.

Yonkers Branch.

The Yonkers branch of the Workers' (Communist) Party will hold a spaghetti supper in celebration of the eleventh anniversary of the Russian Revolution tomorrow evening at 8 p. m. The supper will be given in the Workers Co-operative Center, 252 Warburton Ave., Yonkers.
A fine evening's entertainment has been arranged.

Upper Bronx No. 1—Y. W. C. L.

The Upper Bronx No. 1 Unit of the Y. W. C. L. will hold a camaraderie, a penny party, on Sunday, Nov. 25th, at 1400 Boston Rd., at 8:30 p. m. There will be games and songs. Admission is one penny. Everybody is asked to come and bring their friends!

Unit 2P 88SD.

This Tuesday, November 20, Unit 2P 88SD will hold an educational meeting on the subject "The Lessons of the Election Campaign." Comrade Chibulsky will lead the discussion. The meeting will start promptly at 6:15 p. m.

Section 6.

A special membership meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 19 at 8 p. m., at 56 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn. A comrade of the D. E. C. will be present. A report on the election drive will be given.

Branch 2, Section 8.

A membership meet of the unit will be held Monday, Nov. 19 at 8 p. m. in the new headquarters, 213 Hindsdale St.

Branch 3, Section 7.

An important business and educational meeting of Branch 3, Section 7, of the Workers' (Communist) Party will be held Monday, 8 p. m., at 744 40th St., Brooklyn. Koshal will lead a discussion on "The War Danger."

Party Units Attention!

The Spanish Fraction will hold its first ball on Saturday evening, Dec. 22, at Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave. Proceeds will go for the organization of Spanish speaking workers and for the support of the organ of the Spanish Bureau "Vida Obrera." Please, keep this date open and give this affair your greatest support.

Newark Y. W. L. Celebration

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RUHR WORKERS GROWING MORE REVOLUTIONARY

"Socialists" Turn to Industrialists

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—Thus far there has been no result in the negotiations now going on at Dusseldorf on the metal conflict in the Ruhr. But the negotiation basis of the employers is now definitely known.

The basis includes the lowering of the wage scale even below the one proposed in the arbitration award. The trade union leaders prefer to concede in the question of working hours and cling to arbitration. The Christian and reformist trade union leaders desire a speedy capitulation. It is evident that a movement is developing in which there will be a coalition between heavy industry and the social democracy.

The workers are becoming increasingly revolutionary. They are electing their own committees and are holding more demonstrations. At the meetings they insist on the old basis of a 15 pfennigs per hour wage increase and an 8-hour day.

The authorities have been forced to pay relief. The work of the International Workers Relief has increased and it now distributes 20,000 dinners per day. Both the bourgeois and social-democrat papers admit today that peace in the lockout district cannot last much longer.

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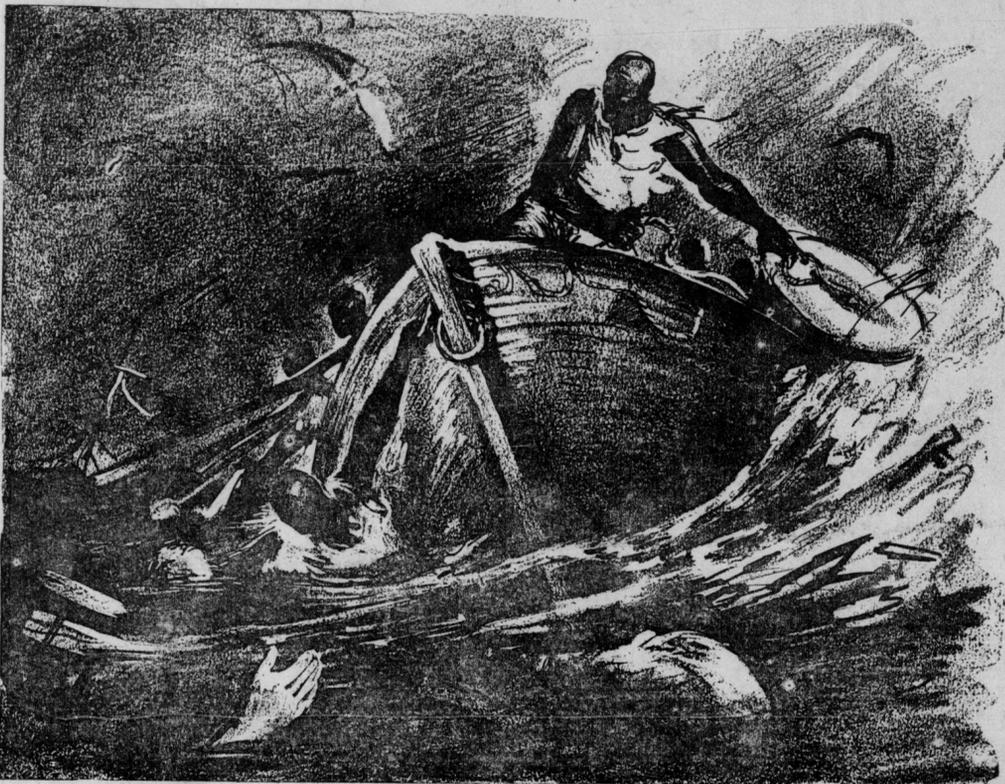
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"THEY CALLED US 'NIGGERS'"



By Fred Ellis

The Decision of E. C. C. I. on the Hamburg Case

mann at the head, both before and after the Essen Party Congress, conducted a correct political and organizational line, as has been proved by the May elections. This line enables the C. P. of Germany to extend and deepen its influence in the mass organizations of the proletariat and among the working class of the greatest industrial centers of Germany. The Presidium is convinced that the C. C. of the C. P. of Germany will continue also in the future to carry through this correct Leninist line.

The Presidium expresses its full political confidence in Comrade Thaelmann and resolves that he is obliged also in the future to fulfill all the functions in the Party and in the E. C. C. I. entrusted to him by the Essen Party Congress of the C. P. of Germany and by the VI World Congress of the Comintern.

The campaign for preparing the approaching Party Congress of the C. P. of Germany must be accompanied in all districts by an uninterrupted ideological fight against the Right tendencies within the C. P. of Germany and against the conciliatory tendencies towards the Right danger in order to guarantee the best execution of the line of the VI World Congress at the Party Congress and by the new C. C. It is a matter of course that the C. C. will conduct on the basis of inner-Party democracy a free discussion of all the questions on the agenda of the next Party Congress and of the decisions of the VI World Congress of the C. I. in all organizations of the Party.

The Presidium of the E. C. C. I. considers it of the utmost importance that the C. P. of Germany at the present moment concentrate all its forces upon successful carrying through of the campaign against the construction of the armored cruiser and for the exposure of the armored cruiser socialists in the eyes of the working class. The Presidium of the E. C. C. I., therefore, appeals to all members of the C. P. of Germany to close their ranks, to work with redoubled energy at the successful carrying through of the armored cruiser campaign and to increase and extend the preparedness of the Party to mobilize the working masses for the defensive struggle for their vital interests against the offensive of capital.

Decision of the Presidium of the E. C. C. I. on the Request of the Vassilkov-Turjanski Group for Readmittance.

(Adopted September 26, 1928.)

The Presidium of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, which on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Comintern dealt with the request for readmittance, addressed to the VI Congress of the Comintern, of the Vassilkov-Turjanski Group, expelled from the Comintern by the Ninth Plenum of the E. C. C. I., which group designates itself the "Central Committee of the Communist Party of Western Ukraine," states that this request for readmittance has been submitted by people who broke with the Comintern seven months ago, and who since then have conducted an anti-Soviet campaign under the fascist dictatorship of Pilsudski, have allied themselves with the international Trotskyist Opposition and have attempted by all means to undermine the confidence of the Ukrainian toiling masses in the Soviet Union and in the Soviet Ukraine, in the Polish working class and its leader the C. P. of Poland, and thereby actually have played the role of agents of fascism.

The Presidium of the E. C. C. I. states that the declaration submitted by the Vassilkov group, upon whom the whole Party and the toiling masses of Western Ukraine have turned their back, does not contain the least trace of an abandonment of such a Party splitting and anti-Soviet activity, be it even in the acknowledged admission of the errors committed. The Presidium of the E. C. C. I. has no reason to consider the request for readmittance of the Vassilkov group other than as a manoeuvre on the part of cunning political intriguers, who in the past year solemnly condemned four times the nationalist deviations of the small Shamski group of the C. P. of Ukraine and afterwards adopted these deviations as their political slogans, who adopted dozens of resolutions against Trotskyism and after their expulsion from the Comintern have allied themselves with the Trotskyist Opposition.

The Presidium of the E. C. C. I. can have no confidence in the assertions of the Vassilkov group regarding their fundamental agreement with the policy of the C. P. S. U. and the C. P. of Ukraine. The E. C. C. I. possesses letters of Vassilkov to Canadian comrades which prove the contrary.

The Presidium of the E. C. C. I. has no reason to trust the promises of the Vassilkov group that they will submit to all decisions of the C. I., as long as this group, in spite of the decision of the Comintern regarding their expulsion, continues to exist as an organization which hides behind Communist flags and fights against the C. P. of Poland and the C. P. of Western Ukraine.

In view of all these circumstances the Presidium of the E. C. C. I. decides to reject the request for readmittance of the Vassilkov group.

Importing "Socialist" Scabs

To those aware of the socialist party's long record of perfidy, duplicity, gangsterism and every form of treachery against the working class the exposure of the Italian socialist daily "Il Nuovo Mondo" as a scab-herding institution is no surprise. The arguments presented for its scabbery are unique. The management of the publication wanted to cut wages in the composing room. Devious methods were used to achieve its aim, but the workers refused to violate union rules or the wage scale. Hence the "socialist" management deliberately violated the union agreement by discharging a man without observance of the union procedure, which stipulates that workers in union composing rooms can be discharged only on certain well-defined grounds.

The result was a strike or lock-out, depending upon the interpretation of the dispute. Anyway the men are out on the street and the "socialist" management is importing "socialist" scabs from Buffalo and other points who will work for less than the union scale.

The "socialist" paper tried to conceal its fight against the union by claiming that the discharged worker was a fascist sympathizer and accusing the membership and officials of Typographical Union No. 261 of shielding fascists.

In fact it would be difficult to distinguish the actions of the so-called socialists in charge of the paper from the familiar fascist attacks against the working class.

The facts in the case are that the discharged man worked on the paper for more than three years and was one time suspected by his co-workers of fascist tendencies. An investigation exonerated him and he continued working there until the management wanted to replace the union crew with a bunch of scabs that would work below the scale, work without extra pay for overtime and on Sundays and legal holidays. The workers, loyal to their union, refused to become scabs at the demand of the yellow socialist partyite management.

Not only does this Italian socialist sheet import scabs, but it has the audacity to refer to such miserable rats as "heroes," just as Mussolini in Italy refers to his fascist bandits as "heroes."

Mussolini claims fascism saved Italy; the "socialist" leaders claim scabbery will save "Il Nuovo Mondo." There is some truth in the parallel. The fascists saved Italy for capitalism. The "socialist" scabs try to save "Il Nuovo Mondo" for capitalism. The fascists saved Italy from workers victory, from Bolshevism. The scabs try to save "Il Nuovo Mondo" from trade union conditions.

While pretending to fight fascism, the Italian "socialist" publication in reality embraces some of the most vicious features of fascism.

Surely Rosa Luxemburg was right when she referred to such enemies of the labor movement as "stinking carrion."

Arkansas Bars the Dictionary

In the state of Senator Robinson, late candidate for vice-president on the democratic ticket with Al Smith, use of the dictionary in public schools is prohibited by law. The

law is the recent anti-evolution act passed by the legislature and ratified by the vote of the sovereign "people." The law not only forbids the teaching that man descended from ape-like ancestors, from lower animal forms, but prohibits teachers from so much as defining the meaning of evolution.

Here is the frightful manner in which Webster's dictionary, for instance, mocks the jay-bird lawyers, the corner store grocers, the doctors, the well-to-do farmers, the preachers and middle-class yokelry that make up the legislature of that benighted state:

"The theory (of evolution) which involves also the descent of man from the lower animals, is based on facts abundantly disclosed by every branch of biological study."

What do these defenders of the faith care about facts disclosed by biological study? Does not the holy bible say that man was made as the center of the universe in the image of god and that everything else, including the sun, the moon, the stars, the planets were of secondary consideration and solely for the benefit of a biped created in the image of god? It would, of course, be blasphemy to inquire as to which particular member of the state legislature is the replica of god.

One thing is certain, the prohibition of the dictionary in Arkansas will not affect those engaged in publishing such books. The dictionary was never used there, anyway, if the utterances of Senator Robinson or the columns of Arkansas newspapers are any indication of the cultural poverty of that state.

In Arkansas and many other southern states there are vast sections of the population that vegetate in the most frightful feudal conditions. For them the night of the dark ages, when superstition ruled supreme, has never been dispelled. Though their bodies are catapulted into the twentieth century their minds dwell in the thirteenth. This deplorable condition is a reflex of class conditions existing in that part of the country. The masses of Negroes and poor whites are slaves chained to a miserable strip of land—veritable serfs. In only a few centers of population is there any indication of a break in the system that has prevailed for a half century or more.

But in spite of the depravity of the ruling class, in spite of the legalized ignorance that pervades that country, there are a few people who challenge all attempts to keep a whole state in the densest ignorance. To be sure most of those who protest are incapable of effective leadership in a fight against such laws.

Now that the Workers (Communist) Party has invaded and made its impress upon the South, it is also essential that special attention be paid to such places as Arkansas. Within a reasonably short time schools will be established in such states that will not merely teach organic evolution, but also social evolution or social science, which can be nothing other than the science of social revolution, or Marxism-Leninism—in a word, Communism.

The prerequisite for the abolition of such laws is the overthrow of the ruling class responsible for them. That can be achieved only through the workers of such places as Arkansas becoming a part of the general revolutionary labor movement—not by futile individual protest and pleas based upon so-called freedom of thought.

N. Y. Workers School Branches Out

With the Central School now in full swing, the Workers School is beginning to open branches in the various sections of the city as well as in the New Jersey cities for those that find it inconvenient to come to the Central School, located at 26-28 Union Square.

One of the largest branches of the Workers School this year will be the Brownsville Branch, situated at 154 Watkins St., Brooklyn. The fall term of this branch will begin Monday, Nov. 26. Among the courses scheduled to be given are "Fundamentals of Communism," Victor Cibulsky, instructor, Mondays from 8 to 9 p. m.; "History of the United States," Jim Cork, instructor, Mondays from 9 to 10 p. m.; elementary English, Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 9 p. m.; intermediate English, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 10 p. m.; "Public Speaking," the night to be arranged with the students. In addition an Open Forum will be held at the Brownsville Branch of the Workers School every Sunday evening at 8:30. Registration is now going on at 154 Watkins St., Brooklyn every evening from 7 to 10.

Branches Start Classes. The Co-operative Branch of the Workers School has already started several of its classes and will be adding a few more within the next weeks. Five English classes are now going on, with Sonya Gins-

burgh, Sonia Walday and Sylvia Daniels as the instructors. Its classes in elementary, intermediate and advanced English are being given on Monday and Wednesday evenings and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the course in Public Speaking with V. I. Jerome as the instructor will begin this Sunday, Nov. 18, at 10:30 a. m., the course to be given on 12 consecutive Sunday mornings. In the following week courses in the "Fundamentals of the Class Struggle" will start with S. Milgrom as the instructor. Later on classes in other subjects will be organized. All comrades living in the United Workers Co-operative houses or in the Bronx territory neighboring in that vicinity, who are interested in the study of the working class movement or in learning English, should register without delay at the office of the Co-operative branch of the Workers School, located at 2700 Bronx Park East.

Preparations are now being made to start a branch of the Workers School in the upper Bronx section, with headquarters at 1330 Wilkins Ave., Bronx, classes to begin the first week of December. There will be classes in elementary English, one in intermediate English, a class in history and a class in the Fundamentals of Communism. Vera Bush will be the instructor in this last named course. An Open Forum

will be conducted by this section every Sunday evening, beginning this Sunday, Nov. 18, with M. J. Olgin lecturing on "Problems Facing the American Labor Movement."

Within a few weeks a "Fundamentals of Communism" course will begin in Negro Harlem, especially for the Negro workers living in that neighborhood. In addition, the Workers School has organized English classes in co-operation with the various Women's Councils, with various foreign-language speaking workers clubs, with trade union locals, etc.

Force Labor Fakers' Hands in Organizing the Timber Workers

LA GRANDE, Ore., (By Mail).—Militants in the Oregon labor movement have forced the state federation of misleaders to make a gesture at organizing the timber workers. The misleaders have long been charged with conniving with the lumber bosses in the organization of company unions.

SHALE PRODUCTION GROWS. TORONTO (By Mail).—Recent modifications in refining methods have increased the production of oil shale in the maritime provinces.

Pan-American Workers' Common Interest

Translated by HARRISON GEORGE. (From "The Latin-American Worker.")

IN almost all the countries of Latin America, the workers most difficult to organize in trade unions are, without doubt, those who work in the enterprises belonging to the imperialist powers, especially the Yankee and English imperialists.

The North American capitalists have brought to Latin America, in addition to their factories, a long experience and great practice in the matter of fighting and destroying the labor movement.

The Yankee enterprises in Central and South America are real independent governments, with their own police, and an enormous and perfect system of espionage. No person outside of the personnel, neither the local authorities, nor with greater reason the representatives of labor organizations, is able to enter these feudal holdings.

Workers Efforts Strangled. The workers are treated like animals, and the slightest attempt on the part of the workers to organize, is ferociously strangled by the company with the aid of our authorities.

They have also introduced, with great cleverness, a division among the workers, by means of greater or less privileges, dividing the labor aristocracy and the exploited mass. In a word, they have introduced all the refinements that the sharks of Wall Street use against their workers in the United States.

But the workers and peasants of Latin America are not only victims of direct exploitation by the United States capitalists.

Puppet Governments. Yankee imperialism, with its policy of peaceful and violent penetration, with its factories and armies, methodically and day by day, cuts into the liberty of the peoples of the Caribbean and of South America. Almost all the oppressed and exploited masses of our countries find themselves in the clutches of the governments imposed upon them by the North American capitalists and which, as a consequence, work in complete accord with those capitalists.

If follows, then, that our working and peasant classes suffer the double and terrible blows of imperialist reaction and that of tyrannical and feudal governments.

Are we alone in this fight? Are the proletarians of Latin America the only ones who struggle against the imperialist monster? No! They have within their reach a great and loyal ally in the shape of the revolutionary proletariat of the United States itself.

The struggle begun, and certainly unequal, between the Colossus of Wall Street and the oppressed people of Latin America, there appears at times among the working class elements less advanced in understanding, a certain desperation, a state of mind that leads to mistaken conclusions and prejudices that by right belong to our petty bourgeois, concerning the role played by the North American proletariat in our anti-imperialist crusade.

U. S. Workers Not Foes. We refer to the false conception of grouping in one and indivisible whole the Yankee bourgeoisie and the workers of that country as common enemies of the workers of Latin America.

For our liberal intellectuals and the petty bourgeoisie there exists no difference; they do not see, or do not want to see, that in the United States there exists a class differentiation as profoundly marked and with interests so antagonistic as in the rest of the world. It is quite true that the revolu-

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tionary movement among the workers of the United States is not as powerful as could be desired. Yet it is also true that there exists already a considerable nucleus of class conscious workers who fight heroically against their own bourgeoisie and for the unification of the world proletariat.

U. S. Workers Also Exploited. The backwardness of the trade union movement is due in great part, and this may possibly be the decisive factor, to the perfect and brutal methods of fighting that the most powerful bourgeoisie in the world uses against its working class.

North America is known as the country of the electric chair, as the country where, with no exaggeration on our part, strike movements are suffocated with machine gun fire and even with asphyxiating gas!

Added to this is the division the Yankee capitalists introduce among the workers, creating a category more privileged than the others, binding them in a certain degree, as participants in the profits of the undertakings. But it is clear that these privileged elements are only a small minority. The others, making up millions, are as exploited and suffer as much as their brothers of other lands.

Happenings in Hamburg Organization

Decision of the Presidium of the E. C. C. I.

Moscow, 8th October 1928.

The Presidium of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, in its session of October 6, adopted the following resolutions:

The Presidium of the Executive Committee of the Communist International has very thoroughly examined the facts in connection with the former Pol-Secretary of the Hamburg Party organization Wittdorf and declares as follows:

1. The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Germany was correct in proceeding with all severity against embezzlement of Party funds by Wittdorf and in expelling Wittdorf from the Party on account of this crime.

2. Comrade Thaelmann, who without reservation is in favor of the severe measures which the C. C. has adopted in the case of embezzlement in the Hamburg organization, committed a serious mistake by not at once informing the C. C. when he learned of the embezzlement by Wittdorf. The Presidium, however, declares that this omission on the part of Comrade Thaelmann did not spring from a desire to protect Wittdorf, but was solely the result of his endeavor to select the time and form of Wittdorf's disciplinary punishment in such a way that the public settlement of the whole affair should take place with as least damage as possible to the Party and should not be made use of by the bourgeoisie and the social democracy in order to place obstacles in the carrying out of the C. P. of Germany and the Comintern of the extremely important campaign against the class enemies of the proletariat.

3. At the same time the Presidium of the E. C. C. I. regrets to state that the C. C. of the C. P. of Germany has published the resolution with regard to the condemnation of Comrade Thaelmann in a situation which is very difficult for the Party, as the Party is in the midst of a broad campaign against the Armed-Cruiser social democrats, without having attempted to submit this resolution previously to the E. C. C. I. and the active Party functionaries, and finally without taking into account how the Party members would react to such a step on the part of the C. C. The Presidium of the E. C. C. I. is of the opinion that the C. C. of the C. P. of Germany has thereby committed a very serious mistake, which offered the class enemies of the proletariat the possibility to undermine the campaign of the C. P. of Germany against the social democracy on the occasion of the construction of the armored cruiser by a campaign of calumnies against Comrade Thaelmann, against the C. P. of Germany and against the Comintern and to weaken the position of the proletariat in its struggle against imperialism.

Such a big mistake was only possible because the majority of the members of the C. C., who were not sufficiently informed, allowed themselves without due reflection, to be led astray by the political opponents within the C. C. Instead of focussing their attention, in the spirit of the decisions of the VI World Congress, upon the fight against the Right danger and the conciliatory tendencies towards these Right dangers within the Party, these comrades made use of the Wittdorf case in their fractional group fight against Comrade Thaelmann, one of the chief representatives of the line of the VI World Congress. At the same time they endeavored to bring about a change

are oppressed by the same imperialism and because, also, they have an affinity of language.

The conference has been able to demonstrate that the title, "Latin American Trade Union Confederation" is, for the present, more popular and comprehensible for the workers than "Pan American Confederation," because it accents, from the beginning, the exact anti-imperialist character of our aims.

T. U. E. L. Represented. These objective conditions, concrete and historically imposed, makes us believe that as a form of organization for the present, in a Latin American Confederation and more (why not?) toward the supreme ideal of the oppressed, a World Trade Union Confederation.

In our conference were representatives of the North American workers from the fighting Trade Union Educational League of the United States; our committee is in permanent relations with it, and they will come, we have no doubt, to our great Trade Union Assembly of Montevideo, from where will issue the organization of the workers that will carry on a fight to the death against the magnates of Wall Street, extending, at the same time, its fraternal hand to the exploited and oppressed workers of the United States.

No pessimism, then! More confidence in the North American working class, effective solidarity, joint action! These are the guarantees of triumph!

in the Party leadership and in this way to prevent the carrying through in the C. P. of Germany of the political course adopted by the VI World Congress of the C. I. (A crass example of a fractional attitude was offered by the action of Comrade Hausen, the representative of the Right, and partly by Comrade Gerhard at the Plenary meeting of the C. C. of September 26.)

Proceeding from this situation, and in view of the fact that most of the members of the C. C. of the C. P. of Germany already recognized the full seriousness of the error committed by the C. C., the Presidium of the E. C. C. I. considers it necessary to propose to the C. C. of the C. P. of Germany the following: The meaning of this decision of the Presidium of the E. C. C. I. is to be made clear to all the members of the Party, but without permitting an aggravation of the inner Party relations.

The Presidium of the E. C. C. I. therefore proposes to the C. C. of the C. P. of Germany:

That it adopt measures in order to liquidate all fractional groups in the Party and to attract all the best forces of the Party who adhere to the decisions of the Comintern and of the Essen Party Congress to responsible Party work;

That it make certain changes in the composition of the leading organs of the C. C. (Pol-Bureau, Secretariat, reduction of the "Rote Fahne"); these changes, however, to be made within the limits of necessity in order to establish guarantees against the possibility of the adoption of such decisions as are harmful to the Party.

The Presidium of the E. C. C. I. states that the C. C. of the C. P. of Germany, with Comrade Thael-