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HOOVER COMING TO PLAN DRIVE AGAINST BRITISH

Will Tell Reparations Delegates What to Do

Morrow Is an Adviser

Morgan Man Almost Sure in State Post

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—In addition to pushing the agrarian bill and the Kellogg pact when Hoover arrives here on January 7 for a ten-day business stay after his Latin-American cruise, he will also help to instruct the delegates to the approaching conference on German reparations, it was learned here today.

It is said that Coolidge sent a special invitation to Hoover to attend all the conferences in Washington on the projects which face the United States imperialists. The matter of reparations and war debts is only one of the many points at which the Franco-British entente and the United States government clash, and it is extremely important for American interests that the conference be prepared for carefully. Hoover was a member of the American debts commission and had much to do with the framing of the Dawes plan.

Send Hoover's Friends. It is suggested on authoritative sources that either Owen D. Young, of the General Electric, or Henry M. Robinson, a close friend of Hoover or both will be members of the new Dawes commission. It is generally believed that Dwight Morrow, ambassador to Mexico and formerly of J. P. Morgan and Company, will be the third member of the commission and this almost makes it a certainty that he will be Hoover's secretary of state. Morrow, as a member of the Morgan banking firm, had much to do with the framing of the reparations conference tallies well with his subsequent appointment as secretary of state.

Another reason for Hoover's sudden change of plan to leave Mexico City and Havana out of his imperialist itinerary and come directly to Washington, without stopping over in Florida, is believed to be the present situation on the Bolivian-Paraguayan matter and the desire to have an immediate and complete report of Hoover's trip to Latin America.

Other reasons assigned for Hoover's change of plan is ascribed to his desire to put the fake McNary-Haugen bill thru and the report that some of the party chiefs are putting up some trouble in the matter of appointments to the new cabinet.

WHALEN REVIVES GANGSTER SQUAD

Will Use 'Strong-Arm' on Striking Labor

The police "strong-arm" squad, officially out of existence since Mayor Gaynor's administration, was yesterday restored as an active functioning body by Commissioner of Police Whalen.

The new squad, known as the "lump squad" will work hand in hand with the other police gangster bodies in squelching strikes, assaulting workers fighting for better conditions. These include the notorious "bomb" and "industrial" squads. The resuscitation of the strong-arm squad by Commissioner Whalen is in thorough accord with his statement a few days ago that "there is more law in the end of a night-stick than in the whole Penal Code."

Six Gangster Squads. As an advance, however, over the brutality of the old strong-arm squad which was abolished several years ago, the new arrangements calls for six strong-arm squads, one each for Brooklyn, Queens, Richmond and the Bronx, and two for Manhattan. These, in conjunction with the "industrial" squad, used

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Christmas "Charity" to Keep Jobless Faithful to Bosses



This is Zero's Tub at 12 St. Marks Place where Urban Ledoux, plays the game for the bosses by handing out Christmas dinners to what he calls the "down-and-outers." The jobless were so hard hit in this "pr-or-per-ous" Christmas that quite a number were forced to accept this bit of double-faced charity.

Cities Speed Preparations for 'Daily' Birthday Fete

RED POETS IN BIG NIGHT TOMORROW

Noted Bards to Read; Dance to Follow

Who's who among the revolutionary poets who are going to do their stuff at the big International Red Poets' Night and Dance Bacchanal tomorrow night at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St.?

Here's the all-star line-up (in alphabetical order):

D. Burluk, Russian poet and painter; Martin Feinstein, contributor to the "Nation," Daily Worker and the Second American Caravan; Joseph Freeman, poet and critic, formerly an editor of the New Masses and the Liberator, co-author with Scott Nearing of "Dollar Diplomacy."

Michael Gold. Michael Gold, poet, playwright, short-story writer, editor of the New Masses, one of the directors of the New Playwrights Theatre. His new book, "120 Million," will be published soon by International Publishers.

David Gordon, contributor to the Daily Worker and the New Masses; author of the poem, "America," for which he spent 30 days in the Tombs and the State Reformatory, Langston Hughes, famous Negro poet, author of two books of verse, Aaron Kurtz, Yiddish proletarian poet, contributor to the Freiheit and The Hammer, author of three books of poetry and a full-length play.

H. Leivick, one of the foremost contemporary Yiddish poets and playwrights, contributor to the Freiheit and The Hammer, author of two volumes of poetry, of "Shop," "Rags," "The Golem" and other famous plays. A. B. Magill, contributor to the Daily Worker and the New Masses.

Moishe Nadir. Moishe Nadir, internationally famous Yiddish poet, playwright and satirist, contributor to the Freiheit and The Hammer, A. Pomerantz, contributor to the Freiheit and The Hammer.

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ABANDONS OPPOSITION Baraz, Leading Furrier, Backs the CEC

Jay Lovestone, executive secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, has received the following letter: Dear Comrade Lovestone: In view of my former association in the Party, I wish to make the following statement of my position.

Things are humming in the U. S. A. North, South, East and West are preparing to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Daily Worker, central organ of the Workers (Communist) Party and the only English language paper that fights for the workers.

The entire class-conscious working class in this country must be mobilized behind the campaign for greetings and donations, it is pointed out, in order to keep the Daily Worker alive. The "Daily" depends on your contributions, fellow-workers, to enable it to continue to fight the enemies of the working class.

KEEP THE DAILY WORKER ALIVE AND FIGHTING!

NEW YORK CITY. Less than ten days remain to the big celebration of the fifth birthday of the Daily Worker in Manhattan Opera House, Eighth Ave. and 34th St., Saturday evening, January 5.

Members of the Workers (Communist) Party and other workers have only a little over a week left to send their greetings and donations and secure greetings and donations from their shopmates, friends and the organizations to which they belong. Get on the job at once!

DETROIT. Preparations for the Detroit celebration on Jan. 6 are going ahead full steam. A mass banquet, with an elaborate musical program and speakers of national prominence will be held at 1343 Ferry St.

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LOIRE MINERS CALL WALKOUT

Demand Higher Pay; Others Joining

ST. ETIENNE, France, Dec. 26.—Coal miners in the Loire fields declared a strike, effective today, unless the mine owners meet their demands in full for higher wages.

The strike here is a part of the general movement for strikes in other French coal fields, due to low wages, and the higher cost of living.

The committee of Loire mine owners, thru their President Piguet, is attempting to bluff the miners and workers generally into believing that, due to overproduction of coal in Europe and the resulting lower profits, it would be impossible to raise wages.

This excuse for keeping the workers on low wages does not work for it is a known fact that the disorganization in the British industry is partly due to profitable sale of European coal in Britain and that French coal finds plenty of markets.

Piguet also attempted to refute the fact of the spreading restlessness among the French miners by declaring that the Loire strike was not a result of strikes in other coal regions.

CALL ISSUED TO YOUNG WORKERS

All Must Attend Party Member Meet Tonight

The following communication was yesterday issued to all Young Workers League members of the city by Will Herberg, district organizer of the Young Workers (Communist) League:

"It is necessary for all League members to become thoroughly acquainted with the important political problems facing the Party at the present moment and with the line of the Communist International in this country. The necessity for a vigorous struggle against the right danger and Trotskyism makes the maximum of political and ideological clarity especially important.

"For this reason all meetings of whatever sort are called off for tonight. All League members are expected to be present at the Party meeting.

"A special section will be maintained for League members who are not Party members with a special League committee in charge. A check-up will be taken."

Ask Workers to Turn in 'Daily' Greetings, Donations at Once

Many workers are walking around with greetings and donations for the fifth anniversary of the Daily Worker in their pockets. By remaining in their pockets these greetings and donations do the Daily Worker absolutely no good.

MINE MILITANT, CORBISHLEY, IS FREED FROM JAIL

Greets Labor Defense, Urges Support of the Drive for Funds

Donates His Allowance

Victim of Notorious Zeigler Frame-up

Henry Corbishley, militant miner from Zeigler, Ill., has been released from the Southern Illinois Penitentiary on parole, according to information received by the International Labor Defense. Immediately upon his release he wired the International Labor Defense greetings to all his comrades and urging all workers to support the I. L. D. Christmas Drive for funds which has been extended into the first two weeks of January.

The I. L. D. has made the following reply: "Henry Corbishley—The International Labor Defense and all militant workers congratulate you upon your release. Send you proletarian greetings and welcome you back into their ranks."

(Signed) "Alfred Wagenknecht, executive secretary."

Corbishley, in his last letter from prison, donated his monthly allowance to the I. L. D. Christmas Drive. The letter states in part: "I shall never forget how the workers came to our assistance. A man only needs to fall into prison to see the need of such an organization as the I. L. D. There is not one reason why every worker should not join. I am indeed proud to be one of the founders, not because of the benefits I have derived from it, but because of the inability of the poor individual worker to adequately defend himself."

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PROTEST MEET AGAINST FASCIST

Suppress Paper Which Denounces Balbo

The hand of Mussolini has again reached out to persecute the Italian workers in this country. His agent is Italo Balbo, one of the chief murderers of the fascist militia, and their minister of aviation. In protest against his activities, the International Labor Defense and the Anti-Fascist Alliance have arranged a mass protest meeting for Thursday, January 3, at Irving Plaza, 15th Street and Irving Plaza.

The U. S. Government has complied with the wishes of the fascists to the extent of suppressing an edition of Il Martello, Italian anarchist weekly, and prescribing that all other issues must be submitted to the post office solicitor at Washington before mailing.

The speakers at the meeting will be Vanni Montana, of Il Lavatore, Carlo Tresca, of Il Martello and the Anti-Fascist Alliance, Norman Taktinsky, of the I. L. D., William Weinstein, of the Workers (Communist) Party, and T. De Fazio, chairman, of the Anti-Fascist Alliance.

Workers School Will Postpone Many Classes During Coming Week

Due to the fact that change and postponements necessitated because of the New York membership meeting of the Workers, Party, and New Year, the Workers School wishes to announce the following concerning its courses:

1. All classes are called off for tonight due to the New York membership meeting of the Workers Party.

Ryan Asks Boss Subsidy for Bureaucracy

Represents the Local Unions Affiliated with the American Federation of Labor in Greater New York and Vicinity

Central Trades and Labor Council of GREATER NEW YORK AND VICINITY

142 EAST 84th STREET NEW YORK CITY Telephone, Butherford 9114

To Our Patrons: Are you aware of the important and beneficial service being rendered by the membership of Labor Unions in America, in their efforts to combat the communistic agitators, who are endeavoring to arouse discontent, by spreading amongst the foreign-born workers residing in this country, the idea, that there exists an irreconcilable conflict between Capital and Labor? Such is not the case but these agitators are opposed to the conservative and constructive policies of the American Federation of Labor, which under the able leadership of President Green, are in striking contrast with the solution for industrial ills, as proposed by the advocates of Communistic Theories.

The Central Trades and Labor Council is the representative body of the American Federation of Labor in this district, its membership of affiliated unions, numbers several hundreds of thousands, who, are employed in the various industries in the district; therefore it devolves upon us to carry out the policies of the American Federation of Labor by advocating collective bargaining as the most practical means of adjusting working conditions and thereby establishing industrial peace.

The work of our organization covers an extensive area, we come in contact with numbers of foreign-born residents, who have to be impressed with the necessity of becoming good citizens and loyal to respect America with its opportunities and institutions. Therefore the services rendered by our organization, is advantageous to employer and employee as well.

Funds are needed for this work and it is only through the co-operation given us by firms, who advertise in our publication can we add to the income we receive from dues paid, by our affiliated unions; therefore we take this opportunity to acknowledge our appreciation to our many patrons and trust we shall always merit your approval.

Very truly yours, Joseph P. Ryan, Secretary-Treasurer

President of Council Competes with 'Dicks'

An appeal to the open shop laboring employers of New York to subsidize further the campaign of the Central Trades and Labor Council against Communists and militant workers in the trade unions has been issued by Joseph P. Ryan, over his signature as president of the Council.

Wants Ads. The form in which the subsidy is solicited is that of advertisements in the Council's "hold-up sheet," called also "The Central Trades and Labor Council," a thick, semi-annual magazine, issued not for general circulation but only for those who advertise in it and for the delegates to the council and other privileged persons. It contains only advertisements and extracts from the labor laws.

The letter by Ryan, sent to all advertisers, without regard to their attitude towards union labor, and to all heavy advertisers in New York who have not yet come across, openly promises an alliance of the labor-baiting employers for the purpose of attacking Communism. It promises also to "Americanize" the foreign born workers in New York, and make them safe and docile slaves of American industrialists.

Gangster Program. Ryan does not explain in detail that he services of Green and the A. F. of L. bureaucracy, which he calls "the membership of labor unions in America," consists in such campaigns of terrorism against the rank and file of these unions, and against all militant workers, as have covered the coal fields of Pennsylvania and Illinois with blood, and have strewn the streets of New York with the victims of right wing gangsterism. He does not take the trouble to inform the "patrons" that Green's "conservative and constructive" policies are those of unprincipled American imperialism's battle cruisers, the "B. & O. Plan" of class collaboration, are Ryan's own management of the traction strike so that in every case the traction workers are sold out, and get worse treatment at the end of the dispute than ever before.

Against Class Struggle. Ryan addresses his letter to "Our Patrons," and says to the bosses: "Are you aware of the important and beneficial service being rendered by the membership of labor unions in America, in their efforts to combat the Communistic agitators, who are endeavoring to arouse discontent, by spreading amongst the foreign-born workers residing in this country, the idea that there exists

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NEEDLE TRADES CONVENTIONS TO BEGIN TOMORROW

Garment Union Sessions Open Then; Furriers Start Saturday

Both Vote on Merger

Forecasts a Crowded Lincoln Arena

Just one day stands between the opening of the first of the two needle trades convention which are to amalgamate into a national union of needle trades workers. Tomorrow evening, delegates representing cloak and dressmakers all over the country will gather to open their convention in the New Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Avenue. Delegates from American and Canadian locals, sent here by fur workers will open their convention on Saturday in Irving Plaza Hall, 15th St. and Irving Plaza.

That this is a historic moment for the thousands of workers in the industry can be seen by the enthusiasm with which the announcement for the gigantic mass rally Sunday at 1 p. m. was received by the rank and file in the garment district. This mass meeting is scheduled to be held in a place seating about 12,000—Lincoln Arena, 66th St. and Broadway.

Leaders of the cloak dress and fur workers will come to the mass meeting Sunday and will there report to the workers of the decisions the conventions have made on the question of amalgamating both organizations. Yesterday saw the arrival of most of the delegates from out of town localities, where there are local organizations of both unions. These local organizations extend across the continent and even across the border into Canada. The balance of the delegates are expected to come into town today.

Workers Will Attend. Not only delegates are coming, but large groups of workers from both trades are organizing expeditions to attend the convention in a body. To provide out of town delegates with lodgings, the offices of the National Organization Committee of the Cloak and Dressmakers and the National Executive Committee of the Furriers have issued an appeal to all workers who can volunteer lodging for one or more delegates. If so, the appeal asks, notification should be made at the offices of either union, cloakmakers at 16 W. 21st St. and furriers at 22 E. 22nd St.

An official celebration of the fact that the conventions will mark a turning point of immense significance to the labor movement will be a banquet attended by all the delegates. The banquet will be held Sunday evening after the mass meeting is concluded, and will be at the New Star Casino. All rank and file workers are invited.

2 PENN UNIONS ELECT LEFT WING

Tailors, Bakers' Union Poll Big Votes

(Special to the Daily Worker) PITTSBURGH, Dec. 26.—At a special meeting held this week by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, Local 86, Pittsburgh, all the candidates of and those supported by the left wing were elected practically without opposition.

A few years ago the socialists had put up candidates against the progressives and left wing, but most of these became businessmen and left the trade, so that the progressives had no hard job in making a clean sweep.

Only one socialist was elected to the executive board, S. Samuels. This is considered a heavy defeat for them, as the entire local was once controlled by the socialists.

The following officers were elected: President, H. Pittler; vice-president, M. Rosen; finance secretary and business agent, Louis Cohen; recording secretary, H. Friedman; treasurer, A. Slavkin. Elections for officers were also

\$25,000 Dry Prize Is Wasted, Say Sleuths

Prohibition enforcement officials today in terms "useless" the \$25,000 Durant prize essay on prohibition enforcement of Major Chester P. Mills. The award committee announced another plan which won the \$5,000 school prize for Malcolm D. Almack, 15, high school student of Palo Alto, Calif. It provides a scheme of education.

PARTY MEET TONIGHT N. Y. Communists at New Star Casino

The New York District Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party has called a city membership meeting for tonight at the New Star Casino, 105 E. 107th St., near Park Ave. (Take East Side subway to 110th or 103rd St., or 3rd Ave. "L" to 106th St.)

Jay Lovestone has been selected by the Central Executive Committee as its representative, and Alexander Bittelman will present the viewpoint of the Minority. Only members of the New York City organization of the Workers (Communist) Party will be allowed to vote, and admission will be by membership card. The doors of the hall will be opened at 7 p. m. All members are expected to be on time, so the meeting can begin promptly at 8 p. m.



# CLEANSE PARTY OF CANNON-TROTSKY CONSPIRACY

## STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY

The Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party has come into possession of a whole series of documents, letters, statements, telegrams and other material revealing a national and international conspiracy on the part of the Trotsky-Cannon group to split the American section of the Communist International.

The Political Committee has not yet completed making a study of these documents, but it has already been clearly established that the Trotskyist-Cannon group is working in the United States as an integral part of the international Trotsky outfit to disrupt and destroy the Communist International. The documents at hand show connections with and instructions from Urbahn, one of the leading Trotskyites in Germany. The material already examined establishes beyond a doubt the working together between Cannon and Eastman and the beginning of the working together between Cannon and Lore.

The material further exposes the international connections of the Cannon group, including the so-called "Lenin Bund" in Germany, the French "Against the Stream" group, the exiled Radek, groups in Czechoslovakia, Austria and even in China.

### International Conspiracy.

The documentary evidence at hand, insofar as it has already been analyzed, shows that the policy of Cannon has been to organize a conspiracy of secret supporters of Trotskyism within the Party in order to fight against the Central Executive Committee of the Party

from inside, in order to undermine the prestige of the Communist International, to cause doubts as to its correct Communist line and integrity.

The Cannon group, which claims to be the champion of proletarianization against the leadership of "intellectuals," is today organizing clubs of professionals and even groups of businessmen to support its counter-revolutionary activities against our Party, against the Comintern and the Soviet Union. The material in our possession exposes the chain extending from Mr. Cannon thru Max Eastman to Mr. Frederick M. Sard, director of the Schuber Week, who together with Edgar M. Prochnik, the minister of the Austrian government at Washington, was recently received by President Coolidge.

The Central Executive Committee has discovered that a number of Party members who have either not yet indicated their position on Trotskyism or even have outwardly expressed disagreement with it, have actually been serving as agents of the Cannon-Trotsky group in the various sections of the Party.

On the basis of this information showing certain Party members as agents of the "Militant" (paper published by the renegade Cannon) and supporters of Trotskyism, the Political Committee made the following decisions:

- (District 1, Boston). To expel from the Party Kraska, a member of the Boston District Executive Committee, as a supporter of the Cannon-Trotsky group and as an agent for the "Militant."
- (District 3, Philadelphia). To remove from all Party offices and to suspend from the Party, Markizon, organizer of the Party unit in Wilmington, Delaware. Markizon is one of the active supporters of

the "Militant" and is carrying out the destructive instructions of Cannon in Wilmington.

3. (District 7, Detroit): To remove from all Party offices and to suspend from the Party pending further investigation, Wm. Reynolds, member of the Central Executive Committee, who as a member of the Opposition closely connected with Cannon refused to give any answer to the demand of the Central Committee that he should make a clear-cut statement against Trotskyism, and who has been in correspondence with Cannon since his expulsion.

4. (District 8, Chicago): To remove from all Party offices and suspend from the Party, Joe Gierenti, who called upon Cannon to keep up his fight against the Party and organize a new Party.

5. To uphold the action of the Chicago District Committee in expelling from the Party John Edwards on the ground of his being an out-and-out supporter of Trotskyism.

6. (District 13, California): To remove from all Party offices and suspend from the Party, William Schneiderman, member of the California District Executive Committee and California Young Workers League district organizer; as a supporter of Trotskyism and active agent of the "Militant."

The Central Committee also made the following decisions:

- To uphold the action of the Seattle District Executive Committee in suspending from the Party, Oliver Carlson, on the ground of utter disregard and violation of the most elementary tenets of Party discipline and to instruct a special sub-committee of two to investigate further the material involving Carlson as a supporter of Trotskyism. Further action to be taken upon completion of this investigation.

8. In regard to Comrade Mink, the Central Executive Committee decided to remove him from all Party offices and to continue the investigation. Final action to be taken upon completion of the investigation.

### Out With Renegades!

Comrades, the Trotsky-Cannon splitters of the Party must be expelled, must be defeated, must be destroyed. There is no room for Trotskyists in the ranks of a Communist Party. Those who are enemies of the line of the Communist International, those who are seeking to spread the poisonous, counter-revolutionary, Menshevik propaganda of Trotskyism, should not be tolerated in our ranks regardless of how much they resort to the subterfuge of leftist phraseology as a cover for their social democratic deeds.

The Central Executive Committee will make public all further findings of the material that has come into its possession showing the criminal effort being made by the Trotsky-Cannon group to split the Party and the Comintern.

The Central Executive Committee has been forced to use the iron broom of disciplinary measures to cleanse the Party of these destructive anti-Communist elements.

The Central Committee calls upon the entire Party membership to close its ranks under the leadership of the CEC, to wipe out all vestiges of Trotsky supporters and Trotskyism in the Party ranks.

For the Party and the Communist International!  
For the unity of all Communist forces against the Trotskyist splitters!

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,  
WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY.

## CITIES ARRANGE "DAILY" FETES

### Prepare Fifth Birthday Celebrations

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tional discussions of the Daily Worker took place.

Special distribution squads are also being appointed to distribute 25,000 copies of the anniversary edition of the "Daily" to the auto workers at Ford's, General Motors and the other big plants in this city.

### PHILADELPHIA

A concert and mass meeting will be held January 11 at Labor Institute, Eighth and Locust Sts. Jacob Fischerman, pianist, who has just returned from the Soviet Union, will play "October," "1927" and other new Soviet compositions which caused a sensation when they were recently played in New York. Robert Minor, Michael Gold and others will speak. Many miners from the anthracite region are planning to attend this celebration. Fifteen thousand copies of the anniversary edition of the Daily Worker will be distributed at Philadelphia shops and factories.

### LOS ANGELES

The fifth anniversary of the Daily Worker will be celebrated with a concert at Music Arts Hall, 233 S. Broadway, on Jan. 13. An elaborate program is being arranged. Workers in this city are now actively engaged in securing greetings.

### OAKLAND, CAL.

A concert and banquet will be held January 12 at Fraternity Hall, 708 Peralta St., at which the entire progressive labor movement will be represented. Special distribution of the anniversary edition of the "Daily" is also being arranged.

### SAN FRANCISCO

A big Daily Worker birthday party will be held here January 22 at 1212 Market St. The birthday party will include a dinner, musicale and professional entertainment features. The campaign for greetings and subscriptions is proceeding with great enthusiasm. Every member of the Workers Party has been assigned a number of sympathizers to canvass for greetings and subscriptions. Special open-air meetings are also being held at which workers are being drawn into the Daily Worker campaign.

### ROCKFORD, ILL.

The anniversary of the Daily Worker will be celebrated at a mass meeting Jan. 13 at Columbus Italian Athletic Club, 320 Kent St. The program will include music by the Red Star Orchestra, a revolutionary play, and prominent speakers. The Young Workers League is vigorously supporting the campaign for greetings and subscriptions. Organizations are being visited and leaflets distributed.

### CHICAGO

A huge fifth anniversary celebration is being arranged for Jan. 20 in Chicago's largest hall, Ashland Auditorium, Ashland and Van Buren Sts. The event will also be a joint Lenin Memorial meeting. Thirty thousand copies of the anniversary edition will be distributed in Chicago's industrial districts.

Celebrations of the Daily Worker's fifth anniversary are also being arranged in Youngstown, O., Pittsburgh, Boston and other cities. Details will be announced later.

## Catholic Cardinals to Get Triple Salaries

ROME, Dec. 26.—Pope Pius has declared in favor of raising the salaries of cardinals to three times what they are getting now. The Catholic Church represents "order and the established system of society," says the announcement, and it is desired that the cardinals of the church be able to keep up proper standards when interviewed by business leaders.

## Ambassador to Dictatorship Returns



United States ambassador to Rivera's dictatorship in Spain, Ogden H. Hammond of New Jersey and his spouse return. Spanish dollars have played a role in the bloody terror of the dictator of Venezuela, Gomez. Yankee oil interests also have a great influence in Venezuela—so Hammond holds an important job of Wall Street.

## Working Women to See 'Singing Jailbirds' at Provincetown Saturday

Militant working women of New York will have the opportunity to meet with their fellow-workers at the benefit performance of Upton Sinclair's "Singing Jailbirds," to be held at the Provincetown Playhouse, 133 Macdougall St., this Saturday night. The proceeds of the performance will go to the New York Working Women's Federation.

Sinclair's play, which has been effectively staged by the New Playwrights group, is evoking enthusiastic demonstrations, according to the producers of the play. It is not an unusual sight to see audiences rise and sing the "Internationale" at the conclusion of the performance.

Working women, who desire to see a genuine working class play and at the same time help the New York Federation do the important work it is doing, may secure tickets at Room 202, Workers Center, 26 Union Square, or at the box office of the theatre.

## CRASH KILLS 1, INJURES 5.

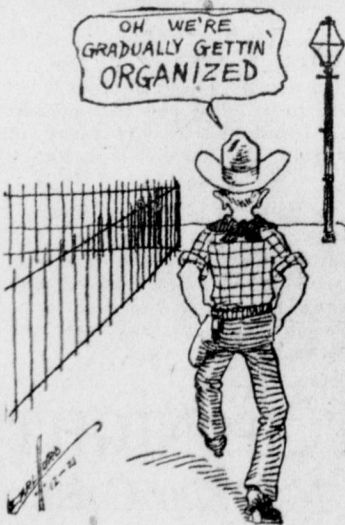
PALMER, Mass., Dec. 26 (U.P.)—One man, who was on his honeymoon, was killed, his bride of a few days was probably fatally injured, and four other persons were hurt in an automobile collision today in North Wilbraham, near here.

## 5 DROWNED IN AUTO.

BATHURST, New Brunswick, Dec. 26 (U.P.)—Five persons were drowned today when their automobile broke through the ice while crossing from Little Lameque to the Shippegan Mainland.

The Communist Party is the party of the liberation of the Negro race from all white oppression.

## Worries! Worries!



A well known proletarian writer trying to write poetry for Red Poets and edit a proletarian magazine at the same time. In order to get peace of mind he has taken to walking the streets in the lonely hours, where our eagle-eyed cartoonist caught this back view of him. The poet shown above will appear together with many other outstanding revolutionary poets at the third annual International Red Poets Night and Dance Bacchanal tomorrow at 8 p. m. at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 14th Street.

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### Will Use 'Strong-Arm' on Striking Labor

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mainly for the terrorization and subjugation of striking workers, and the bomb squad, used for breaking up meetings of workers engaged in all radical activities, give the lie to Whalen's statement on Tuesday that the police will "hold a neutral attitude in all labor disputes."

In addition to the official revival of the strong-arm squad, Whalen also announced that the work of the stool-pigeon women's bureau of the police department will be intensified, under the direction of the notorious Lieutenant Patty Sheridan. Under the new plan the women's bureau will work hand in hand with the strong-arm squad.

Recruit Notorious Thug. "Johnnie" Broderick, boss of the industrial squad until Whalen merged it a few days ago, and chief strike-breaker of the New York business interests, will probably be another of the leaders of the new strong-arm squad.

Beats Empty Barrel. In spite of the intensive efforts, however, of Whalen's police force to create the impression that the corrupt Tammany police machine is functioning more effectively under his orders by making a wholesale roundup of petty offenders who are arrested during the past few days were allowed to go free for lack of evidence against them. The arrest of a gang of bootleggers and the confiscation of their \$100,000 cargo of liquor was the only semblance of activity he had to offer to the public.

All workers of Harlem and throughout the city are urged to come to this dance, the first of its kind ever given by the Harlem Young Workers League.

## RED POETS IN BIG NIGHT TOMORROW

### Noted Bards to Read; Dance to Follow

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Hammer, Henry Reich, Jr., contributor to the Daily Worker and to many magazines, author of a book of verse.

Lola Ridge, leading American poet, author of "The Ghetto" and "Red Flag." Edwin Rolfe, contributor to the Daily Worker and the New Masses. Martin Russak, contributor to the New Masses. J. Sigorich, contributor to Radnik, Jugoslav Communist daily. Herman Spector, contributor to the Daily Worker, New Masses, transition and The Exile. Included in the Second American Caravan.

### Chinese Poet.

H. T. Tsiang, Chinese poet, contributor to the Daily Worker and the New Masses. His first volume of verse, "Poems of the Chinese Revolution," which has been praised by Upton Sinclair, will appear at Red Poets' Night. William Weinberg, contributor to Uj Elore, Hungarian Communist Daily.

Robert Wolf, contributor to the Daily Worker and the New Masses, author of a volume of verse, "After Disillusion," a novel, "Springboard," and of an experimental movie scenario, "Looney," which appeared in the Nation several years ago. Adolf Wolff, contributor to the Daily Worker, author of two volumes of verse.

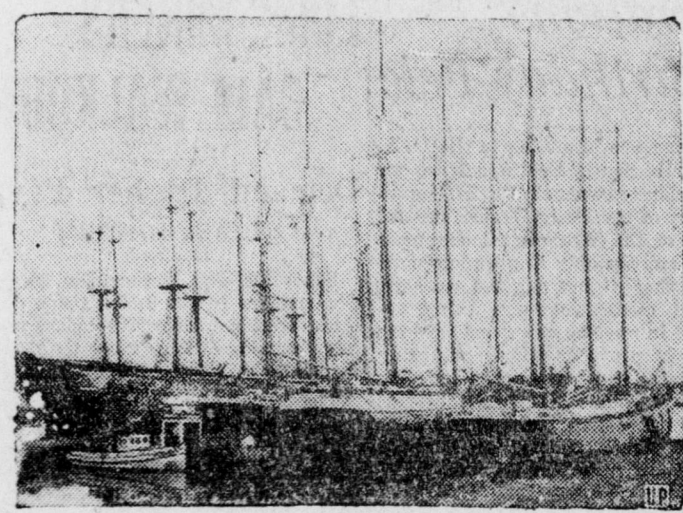
### Revolutionary Songs.

In addition to the poets, Harrison George, of the Daily Worker, will sing revolutionary songs in four languages, English, Spanish, Italian and Chinese. George was formerly an editor of Industrial Solidarity, organ of the I. W. W., and served two years in Fort Leavenworth for "seditious conspiracy." He recently returned from the Soviet Union.

M. J. Olgin, editor of The Hammer, will be chairman of the evening and give an introductory talk on proletarian literature. A big Dance Bacchanal will follow the readings, with music furnished by John C. Smith's Negro Syncopators. Get your ticket at once at the office of the Daily Worker, 26 Union Square.

What you see above is not a golf-bag, dear reader, but a bundle of manuscripts being tenderly lifted by one of the Red Poets who will appear at the third annual International Red Poets Night tomorrow evening. A strong-arm squad has been engaged to prevent this poet from carrying out this threat to read all of the manuscripts in the bundle.

## Chiefly for Passengers' Benefit



A new type of life-boat, invented by a German scientist. Upper, "The Sea Gull" boat, inflatable, collapsible, being lowered into the sea by a regular crane from the S. S. Cleveland; lower, the crew of the life-boat pulling a man in from the water to prove that the boat will not capsize. Most liners, however, will carry none of them because of the additional expense and it is pretty safe to say that freighters would not think of safeguarding the crew in this fashion.

## RYAN ASKS FOR BOSS SUBSIDY

### Letter to Advertisers Competes With 'Dicks'

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The Daily Worker reporter went around to three or four of Ryan's different offices, and found just that: palatial offices, but no Ryan to say what else he meant to do to "always merit the approval" of New York's employers.

Finally a stenographer in the International Longshoremen's Association main office, where Ryan is an official, gave the information that the president was out of town, whereabouts unknown, until Monday.

## Pittsburgh Workers Party Membership to Meet Saturday Night

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 26.—The city membership meeting of the Workers (Communist) Party, to discuss the pre-convention issues before the Party, will be held this Saturday night at 8 p. m. sharp, at the International Socialist Lyceum, 805 James St., N. S.

Representatives of the Central Executive Committee of the Party and of the Minority will report. After the reports discussion will take place and a vote will be taken on the resolutions presented. Admission will be by card only, and only members in good standing will vote.

### JAIL ITALIAN WORKERS.

GORIZIA, Italy, Dec. 26.—Three workers were sentenced to enforced domicile today on the fake charge of having committed acts against the security of the state. They took part in anti-national propaganda.

The Workers (Communist) Party fights for the enactment of the 40-hour, 5-day week.

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# FOR COMINTERN DECISIONS WITH NO RESERVATIONS

## C. E. C. Plenum Rejects Attitude of Reservations to the Decisions of the Comintern

Statement of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party.

In view of the increasing war danger and the growing attacks on our Party by all its enemies, it becomes especially imperative for our Party to be an organic section of the World Communist Party—the Communist International—in every sense of the word.

The World Party of Communism will be able to fight the imperialist war and transform it into a civil war only if there is one common analysis, one common estimation of the world situation, one common line and perspective for the Communist International and all its sections.

On this basis, the Central Executive Committee Plenum discussed the relations of the Party to the Comintern, the necessity for unreserved acceptance and full execution of all Communist International decisions, to fight against the Right danger and Trotskyism and for the mobilization of the Party to combat the war danger.

### Question of Reservations.

The question of certain comrades continuing to maintain reservations towards Comintern decisions was given considerable attention by the Plenum. The policy of the Political Committee that all Communist International decisions and especially the theses of the Sixth World Congress of the Comintern should be accepted and endorsed by the Party without reservations, received overwhelming endorsement by the Plenum.

The basic policies of the Communist International have been laid down in the Theses on the International Situation, which was adopted by the World Congress unanimously. Only one small sector of the Congress, the Minority of the American Delegation, registered its disagreement on fundamental questions in the Theses. Comrade Johnstone introduced, in the name of Dunne, Gomez, Siskind, Shachno Epstein, Bittelmann and Johnstone (Comrade Foster later expressing his full agreement with the declaration), the following declaration:

"The Minority of the Delegation of the C. P. of U. S. A. agrees with and has voted for the theses of Comrade Bukharin but registers its disagreement with the section on the U. S. A.—paragraph 49—for the following reasons:

"a) The section fails to emphasize sufficiently the growing contradictions confronting American imperialism, the increasing radicalization of the masses and the increasing prospects for mass struggles and the failure of the Majority of the Central Committee to see these new developments and adopt policies in accord with them."

The problems of the contradictions and perspectives of American imperialism, the questions of the prospects for mass struggles in the United States and "local" American issues, are fundamental issues for the whole Communist International. If the Sixth World Congress Theses on the International Situation fail to maintain the correct analysis and give the correct perspective on these problems, then the main line of the theses cannot be correct, then the World Congress of the Comintern failed to give the proper guidance to the various sections, and especially to the American Section of the Comintern.

Despite many efforts of the Central Executive Committee since the World Congress, the Foster-Bittelmann Opposition refused to drop its reservations to these basic decisions of the Comintern Congress. Quite the contrary, it grasped every opportunity to reiterate its reservations and express its disagreement with the unanimously adopted Theses of the World Congress. The Foster-Bittelmann Opposition disagrees with some of the most important features of the analyses of the Comintern. Small wonder, therefore, that the Foster-Bittelmann group has maneuvered itself into the dubious position of being unable to accept any decisions of the Communist International since the World Congress without expressing some disagreement on certain points, without registering some reservations. The Foster-Bittelmann Opposition maintains reservations towards the Theses on the International Situation of the World Congress, refused to accept the September 7th decision of the Political Secretariat of the Comintern, which in accordance with the Congress decisions rejected the charge of the Central Executive Committee being a Right wing, and

refused to endorse the decision of the Political Secretariat against complete proportional representation and refused to vote for a motion to accept the last letter of the Political Secretariat of the Comintern of November 21, without any reservations.

In order to enable the entire Party membership to secure a proper understanding of the policy of the Central Executive Committee in its correct attitude towards the Party's relations with the Communist International, which is based on a full agreement with the analysis of the Comintern on the World Situation; and the whole system of the policies of reservations towards the decisions of the Communist International by the Foster-Bittelmann Opposition, which is based on a disagreement on essential points of the Comintern analysis on the International Situation, we herewith publish the various motions proposed on these questions at the last Plenum, held December 15-19, 1928.

### MOTIONS MADE AT PLENUM.

The following motion proposed by Comrade Gitlow, and adopted, raised the issue of reservations, calling for an unconditional acceptance of the Comintern Statutes:

"That we call to the attention of the Party membership the following paragraph from the constitution and the rules of the Communist International:

"Party questions may be discussed by the membership of the Party organizations until such time as the decision is taken upon them by competent Party committees. After the decision has been taken by the Congress of the Communist International and by the Congress of the respective sections or by leading committees of the Comintern and of its various sections, these decisions must be unreservedly carried out even if a section of the Party membership or its local Party organizations are in disagreement with it.

"That we call upon the Party membership in line with this clause of the Comintern rules to accept unreservedly the decisions of the Sixth Congress and carry them out."

This was adopted by a majority vote. Comrade Foster for the Opposition proposed the following counter motion:

"The statutes of the Communist International are obligatory upon any member without any reservations. We are carrying out the decisions of the C. I. Congress and we understand that all disputed questions in the American Party are referred by the E. C. C. I. to the Party convention."

The full session of the Central Executive Committee further adopted the following motion:

"That the Plenum of the Central Executive Committee accepts all decisions of the Sixth World Congress of the Comintern without reservations."

The Opposition refused to vote for this section and instead merely reiterated its support of their own motion cited above.

In regard to the last letter of the Communist International and the subsequent cabled decision of the Communist International rejecting the appeal of the Foster-Bittelmann Opposition for complete proportional representation, the Plenum decided upon a motion presented by Comrade Lovestone:

"... The Central Executive Committee accepts and endorses the letter in its entirety without reservations. The criticism of the Central Executive Committee's Oct. 2 statement is correct as well as the Comintern's reiteration of its rejection of the Opposition's charge that the Central Executive Committee is a Right Wing Central Executive Committee.

"2—The Central Executive Committee instructs the Political Committee to publish the letter of the Comintern in the Party press with a declaration of endorsement on the basis of the Central Executive Committee decision, immediately upon receipt of an official copy of the letter.

"3—The Central Executive Committee further declares that it also accepts and endorses without reservations the subsequent decision of the Communist International rejecting the Opposition's appeal for complete proportional representation, declaring that 'complete proportional representation is inadmissible.' At the same time the Central Executive Committee declares to the Comintern and the Party that it has been its position and that it is entirely in agreement with the Comintern proposal to give consideration to representation for minorities in the district and national conventions as well as in the leading bodies of the Party."

Against this proposal the Opposition put forth the following motion:

"Motion by Foster: 1. That we accept the Communist International letter. 2. It corrects the misinterpretation of the decision of the Sixth World Congress contained in the Central Committee Majority's statement of Oct. 2. 3. It emphasizes that 'the Right danger is the main danger for the American Party.' It states that 'the Workers (Communist) Party Congress must in-

vestigate the objective sources of the Right danger and the struggle against it, discussing all Party proposals from the standpoint of the Right danger inside the Party and the social reformist influence among the workers."

The Foster-Bittelmann Opposition thus failed to propose an endorsement of the Comintern decision on proportional representation. More than that, the Foster-Bittelmann Opposition refused to include in its motion, refused to vote for the following amendments to the above motions of Comrade Foster:

"Amendment by Weinstein to Foster's series of motions: That the part of the letter which declares that the charge that the Central Executive Committee is a Right wing is unfounded be included in the acceptance.

"Amendment by Minor: To the first sentence of Foster's motion which says 'we accept the C. I. letter,' we add the words: 'without reservations' and that we vote upon that sentence separately."

From the above it is obvious that the Foster-Bittelmann Opposition still have reservations towards the decisions of the Communist International on the American question.

In view of the growing resentment of the membership towards the Opposition's policy of permanent reservations towards Comintern decisions, the Opposition was compelled to resort to the following motions:

"Motions by Foster:

"We reiterate our endorsement of the Sixth Congress.

"2. We greet the efforts of the E. C. C. I. to urge our Party to discuss and clarify at its coming convention the disputed questions which we have brought forward at the Sixth World Congress."

Comrade Foster's motion, "we reiterate our endorsement of the Sixth Congress," means the reiteration of the endorsement of the World Congress Theses with reservations, means the reiteration of that peculiar endorsement which was expressed in Johnstone's statement made in the name of the whole Minority at the World Congress, and which expressed the Opposition's endorsement of the Communist International line by reiterating its disagreement.

The Opposition's policy of continuing to maintain reservations towards Comintern decisions was clearly revealed in its refusal to vote for the following straight-forward and unequivocal motions:

"That the Central Committee endorse without reservations the decisions of the Political Secretariat of the E. C. C. I. on September 7, 1928.

"2. That the Plenum rejects the reservations made to the Sixth World Congress resolution by Johnstone, in behalf of Johnstone, Foster, Bittelmann, Dunne, Siskind, Gomez and Sachno Epstein.

"3. That the Plenum endorse unreservedly the theses of the Sixth World Congress which estimate the world position of American imperialism, the perspectives of the class struggle in the United States, the degree of radicalization of the masses, and the possibilities of mass struggles."

Comrades, the Foster-Bittelmann Opposition policy of maintaining reservations towards Comintern decisions is wrong, and is against the best interests of the Comintern and the Party. The Central Committee accepts without reservations all decisions of the Comintern. Such policy of unreserved acceptance of the Comintern decisions which were reached after thorough examination of all viewpoints and with the participation of all sections of the Comintern, is a prerequisite for a successful fight against the Right danger, for a victorious struggle against Trotskyism, for the building of a mass Bolshevik Party in the United States. The Central Executive Committee feels confident that the membership of the Party will decisively reject the wrong and harmful line of the Opposition in maintaining reservations towards Comintern decisions. The Central Executive Committee is sure that the overwhelming majority of the Party's membership will render unqualified support to the correct, to the Communist policy of the Party's present leadership in accepting and endorsing all Comintern decisions without the slightest reservations.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,  
WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY OF AMERICA.

## Comintern Decision on Proportional Representation

On November 28 the Central Executive Committee issued the detailed Sixth National Convention Call. All arrangements included therein were adopted unanimously.

There was a disagreement over the question of proportional representation. The C. E. C. had decided that the following shall be the basis of minority representation: in every District Convention where a minority secures 40 per cent or more of the District delegation, such minorities shall receive one-third of the total delegation of the district to the National Convention.

The Opposition protested against this and demanded that there shall be complete proportional representation in every shop and street nucleus, in every section, subdistrict and district convention exactly along the lines of the proportional representation accorded in the elections to the Fifth National Convention of August, 1927. The Opposition appealed to the Communist International against the decision of the Central Executive Committee. In reply, the Communist International decided:

"Political Secretariat considers complete proportional

representation to the convention inadmissible. The Central Executive Committee should consider minorities in the districts and in the National Convention in the selection of delegates and the leading Party bodies."

The Comintern has rejected the appeal of the Opposition. The Plenum of the Central Executive Committee has accepted this decision of the Communist International without reservations. The Foster-Bittelmann Opposition, however, refused to vote for this motion to endorse this decision of the Communist International without reservations.

The Central Executive Committee herewith reaffirms its previous decision regarding minority representation and calls upon the membership to take into consideration minorities in the election of delegates to the District conventions and in the selection of delegates to the National Convention, as well as in the selection members of of leading bodies after the convention.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,  
WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY OF AMERICA.

## PEASANT SLAVE SALE

### Knock Off Farm Hands to High Bidders

ST. ETIENNE, France, Dec. 26.—An auction block exists today in France where farm laborers are sold off to the highest bidder. Little girl and boy shepherds and farm hands were brought to the auction block here today to be knocked off to the highest bidder.

The annual farm labor auction was held here in accordance with ancient custom. A dozen farm laborers and shepherds were put on the block. There were eight bidders for every one offered. Girl shepherds, hardly more than 13, brought 3,000 francs (\$117) each for a year's labor, plus two new dresses. Adult farm hands brought from 4,000 to 5,800 francs, with extra inducements.

Excited landlords bid vigorously against each other, sending prices skyward. The auction presented the usual colorful scene, mixed with peasant misery. From the highland pastures and farms of the Auvergne, the young shepherdesse, boy cattle herders and bearded farm hands came to step on the block. Medieval tradition brings this scene every year, on the day after Christmas.

Older than the abolished slave markets of the southern United States, the auction normally differs little from the scenes at the American slave markets. Excited landlords, little bags of coins in their hands, stand around talking excitedly, pinching the biceps of the farm hands as they size up the quality to the offerings.

The farmers buy the services of the laborer for one year, and pay in advance. The money is held by the auctioneer until the end of the year, when it is turned over to the laborer, minus a commission to the auctioneer.

In recent years, since the labor Detroit Workers Party Plans Member Meet This Saturday Evening

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 26.—The city membership meeting of the Workers (Communist) Party, which will be held here on Saturday night, Dec. 29, will be held at the Finnish Hall, 14th St. and McGraw Ave., the Detroit district office of the Party announced today.

Speakers representing the Central Executive Committee and the Minority will speak on the pre-convention issues before the Party.

shortage, all sorts of extra inducements have been made. The bidders today shouted offers of extra holidays, meat twice a day instead of once, an extra liter of wine a week, an extra dress or suit of clothes or even a share in the farm profits.

## I. R. T. SPOTTER BEATS A WORKER

### Strikes Man Suspected of Class Struggle

A man giving his name as "James Campbell," of 161st St. and River Ave., yesterday at 6:30 p. m. assaulted and beat up a worker, Thos. Finnigan of 301 W. 115th St., whom he suspected of talking about the working class organization to the I. R. T. attendant in charge of the ticket selling at the 161st St. station of the I. R. T.

Finnigan bought his ticket at the slot machine with the intention of riding down town to the Workers Center. He conversed quietly a few minutes with the I. R. T. employe there, and started up the staircase.

The thug, presumably an I. R. T. "spotter" or detective, who calls himself Campbell, suddenly, appeared from somewhere about the station, and without provocation beat Finnigan unmercifully, so that all of his teeth were loosened, and much blood ran down from his nose and cut lips over his clothing.

Police For Company

Three or four policemen attracted by the struggle or called beforehand by the detective pounced upon Finnigan. When he demanded that Campbell be arrested for assault and battery, they refused, and instead told Finnigan that he was drunk, that he was "interfering with progress."

Finnigan insisted that he was entitled to say "Good morning," "Merry Christmas" or speak on any subject, as long as he was not insulting, even with I. R. T. employes, but the police couldn't see it, and forced him to take the next train out of the station.

Finnigan appeared in the office of the Daily Worker, half an hour after the assault, covered with blood, and obviously perfectly sober.

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# Three Workers Injured When Rusty Iron Stairway Collapses on Queensboro Bridge

## MEN NARROWLY MISS DEATH ON THE THIRD RAIL

### City Knew Danger of Work Say Laborers

One laborer, an ironworker, was critically injured and two others were hurt yesterday morning when an iron stairway in the center of Queensboro Bridge, which was being taken down by workers, broke off at the base and fell twenty-five feet to lodge across the Brooklyn-bound elevated tracks.

Thomas Davis, 1281 E. 34th St., Brooklyn, suffered a fracture of the skull and multiple bruises and lacerations. He was taken to City Hospital.

Barely Missed Death. U. Cox, 2109 Gleason Ave., the Bronx, was attended at Reception Hospital and taken to City Hospital with lacerations of the forehead and severe body bruises. Joseph W. Esiger, 959 E. 32nd St., Brooklyn, was treated for a lacerated forehead and then taken home.

The iron stairway just missed landing on the third rail as it fell to the tracks, and the workers narrowly escaped death by electrocution. Two trains, which were on the bridge at the time, were stopped near the center, and their occupants, mostly workers on their way to factories and shops, were forced to walk back to the Manhattan side. All traffic on the Brooklyn-bound track was tied up, but the Manhattan-bound track was cleared of the wreckage in twenty minutes, and traffic continued.

Old, Rusty Iron. Davis, the iron worker who was so critically injured when the stairway fell, had to be lowered from the bridge to the ambulance waiting on the vehicular level with ropes.

After the accident, workers employed on other parts of the bridge stated that the stairway had been allowed to go unprepared for so long a time that it was a well-known fact among them that the man who ventured to work on it was "taking his life in his own hands."

## MINE MILITANT FREED FROM JAIL

### Corbishley Greets ILL Drive

(Continued from Page One) fend himself against the ruling class who are ready to imprison or execute those who dare to question their right to rob and exploit as they see fit.

Victim of Frame-Up. Corbishley was one of the 20 southern Illinois miners, a member of Local 992 of the United Mine Workers of America who were framed up on a charge of murder after a meeting at Zeigler, which was attacked by the Ku Klux Klan.

The local of which Corbishley was president was conducting a struggle against the corrupt, reactionary president of the Illinois Miners Union, Frank Farrington, and his supporters in Zeigler who belong to the Klan. The Farrington-Fishwick administration of District 12 sent their lawyer to help prosecute the miners.

Those who have served a year with Corbishley in the Southern Illinois Penitentiary are Steve Menoach, Ignatz Simich and Eddie Malick. Today they are supporters of the National Miners Union. The I. U. M. conducted the defense of these militant miners.

## Horthy Troops Halt March of Hungarian Coal Mine Strikers

BUDAPEST (By Mail).—The march on Budapest of 2,000 Hungarian coal miners who have been on strike in the district of Vorosvar for over a month was stopped by fascist troops and gendarmes and dispersed. Delegates of the miners who laid their grievances before the Hungarian minister of social welfare were told to return to work.

## Panicky Attempt to Keep AI in Papers

ALBANY, Dec. 26 (UP).—A petition was circulated among state capitol employes today asking for contributions to a fund for installation of a bronze tablet in the new \$9,000,000 state office building here in honor of Governor Alfred E. Smith.

No description of the proposed tablet was available.

U. S.-GERMAN SUIT ENDING. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP).—The suit of the United States government against the republic of Germany for many millions of dollars damages resulting from the explosion on Black Tom Island in New York Harbor June 20, 1916 is drawing to a close before the German-American claims commission here, and an award is expected within the next three or four months.

## Workers Party Activities

Italian Red Ball. A grand annual ball will be given by the New York Italian fraction of the Workers (Communist) Party for the benefit of Il Lavatore, the Italian Communist paper, on Saturday at 8 p. m. at Workers Cooperative Hall, 642 Hudson Ave., West N. Y.

Section 5 Dance. Section 5 of the Workers (Communist) Party will celebrate the establishing of the Bronx Workers Center at 1330 Wilkins Ave. on New Year's Eve with a concert and dance till daybreak. All Bronx workers are invited.

Newark Y. W. L. Dance. The Young Workers (Communist) League will hold its sixth annual dance on Jan. 5, at the Ukrainian Labor Hall, 57 Beacon St., Newark. Tickets are 50 cents including a free sub to the Young Worker for three months. All sympathetic organizations are asked not to arrange affairs on the same date and to help us make this affair a success.

Volunteers Needed. Volunteers are wanted for clerical work in connection with the Party's Negro work. The comrades in charge are head over heels in work, and unless volunteer help is gotten, important matters will be slowed up, if not altogether neglected. Phone Ida Dalles at the National Office, Harlem 1278.

East N. Y. Y. W. L. Dance. The Young Workers (Communist) League will hold its first section dance on Saturday at 8 p. m. at the East New York Workers Center, 313 Hindsdale St. There will be entertainment and a sports program. All workers are invited to attend.

Wanted, Athletic Volunteers. Volunteers are wanted to take part in the gymnastic drill which will take place at the Lenin Memorial Meeting in Madison Square Garden Sunday, Jan. 19. Comrades who are qualified to take part in such drill, including the formation of pyramids, should report promptly at 8 p. m. today at Manhattan Lyceum, 68 E. 4th St.

Unit 3F Subsection 2C will meet January 2, at 8 p. m. instead of Monday as usual. On January 7th and thereafter, the Monday meetings will be resumed.

Lenin Memorial Meet. The Lenin Memorial Meeting will be held in Madison Square Garden Saturday evening, January 19. All Party and sympathetic organizations please take note.

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.

Unit 5F, 3B. There will be a Party discussion. Members are urged to attend.

Downtown Y. W. L. Forum. The speaker for the Downtown Unit 1, Y. W. L. Forum, held at 60 St. Marks Pl. every Sunday 8:15 p. m. will be Herbert Zam, National Secretary of the Y. W. L., who will speak on "Youth in Industry." Dancing will follow the discussion. Admission Free.

Lower Bronx Y. W. L. Forum. The lower Bronx Unit of the Young Workers (Communist) League will hold its first open forum of the winter this Sunday at 8 p. m. Hyman Gordon will speak on "The War Danger and the Youth."

McKinley Square Y. W. L. The McKinley Square unit of the Young Workers (Communist) League will meet Friday of this week instead of Thursday because of the Party membership meeting on Thursday, at 1400 Boston Road, at 8:30 p. m. Watch the Daily for further announcements.

Upper Harlem Y. W. L. The upper Harlem unit of the Y. W. L. has arranged a gala inter-racial dance for this Saturday night at the Imperial Auditorium, 160 W. 129th St. John G. Smith and his Serenaders will supply the jazz. All are invited.

Williamsburgh Y. W. L. The Williamsburgh unit of the Y. W. L. will meet Friday this week.

## Starving, Takes Milk, Gets Jail in the City Ruled by Socialists

MILWAUKEE (By Mail).—William Hickey, 29, a starving and jobless worker from Minneapolis, was given 6 days in prison when he was caught stealing a bottle of milk. The socialist administration here boasts of "prosperity" for the workers in this city.

## Dry Leaders Attack Dry Essay Program

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. — A storm of criticism has greeted the dry enforcement plan of Chester P. Mills which won the \$25,000 prize offered by W. C. Durant, motor manufacturer. This criticism has been emitted with particular generosity by dry leaders who would starve to death if prohibition were enforced and their fat bribes eliminated. As a matter of fact all dry plans under capitalism are all wet.

REPORTS TO BOSS. ROME, Dec. 26 (UP). — Dino Grandi, under-secretary of foreign affairs, returned today from Turkey, and reported to Premier Mussolini. He held secret conferences with Turkish officials.

FLOAT GROUND STEAMER. ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 26 (UP).—The steamer Florence Luckenbach, which went aground on Clatsop Spit early Monday, was floated at 9:30 a. m., and was reported proceeding toward this port with two tugs standing by.

MORE "PROSPERITY." CHARLESTON, S. C. (By Mail). — One hundred Southern cotton mills have shut down because of over-production of narrow sheetings.

instead of today because of the Party membership meeting today at the New Star Casino at 105 E. 107th St.

The Y. W. L. of Williamsburgh will hold an open forum Sunday at 7:30 p. m. at 55 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn. Max Saltzman, member of the N. E. C. of the League, will speak on "Our Latin American Neighbors." The forum will be followed by dancing. A good jazz band will supply the music.

Brownsville Y. W. L. Due to the Party membership meeting, the unit meeting of the Brownsville Y. W. L. is postponed until Friday. All members of the unit should attend the membership meeting.

East New York, Y. W. L. Hike. The East New York unit of the Young Workers (Communist) League will hold its second section hike to Jamaica woods on Sunday, Dec. 30. Sports activities and plenty of fun are expected and all young workers and students are invited to join us on this tramp. All going meet at our headquarters at 31 Hindsdale St. at 7:30 Sunday morning.

"Daily" Agents, Sec. 3. The Daily Worker's agents meeting will take place on Friday at 6:30 p. m., at 101 W. 27th St. Bring with you a complete report of your activities also suggestions and plans to make the Daily Worker activities successful.

Y. W. L. Postpone Meet. The Young Workers (Communist) League calls its meeting off on Thursday because of the Party membership meeting. Meeting will be held on Friday at 154 Watkins St. at 8:30 p. m. All League members are urged to attend the Party membership meeting.

Unit 2F, Section 6. The regular membership meeting of Unit 2F, Section 6, called off today, on account of the Party's general meeting.

Lenin Memorial Meet. The Lenin Memorial Meeting will be held in Madison Square Garden Saturday evening, January 19. All Party and sympathetic organizations please take note.

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.

Unit 5F, 3B. There will be a Party discussion. Members are urged to attend.

Downtown Y. W. L. Forum. The speaker for the Downtown Unit 1, Y. W. L. Forum, held at 60 St. Marks Pl. every Sunday 8:15 p. m. will be Herbert Zam, National Secretary of the Y. W. L., who will speak on "Youth in Industry." Dancing will follow the discussion. Admission Free.

Lower Bronx Y. W. L. Forum. The lower Bronx Unit of the Young Workers (Communist) League will hold its first open forum of the winter this Sunday at 8 p. m. Hyman Gordon will speak on "The War Danger and the Youth."

McKinley Square Y. W. L. The McKinley Square unit of the Young Workers (Communist) League will meet Friday of this week instead of Thursday because of the Party membership meeting on Thursday, at 1400 Boston Road, at 8:30 p. m. Watch the Daily for further announcements.

Upper Harlem Y. W. L. The upper Harlem unit of the Y. W. L. has arranged a gala inter-racial dance for this Saturday night at the Imperial Auditorium, 160 W. 129th St. John G. Smith and his Serenaders will supply the jazz. All are invited.

Williamsburgh Y. W. L. The Williamsburgh unit of the Y. W. L. will meet Friday this week.

Unit 3F Subsection 2C will meet January 2, at 8 p. m. instead of Monday as usual. On January 7th and thereafter, the Monday meetings will be resumed.

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## USSR INDUSTRY LEADERS PLAN CONSTRUCTION

### Delegations Here for Purchases

Nearly a score of Soviet engineers and executives representing various industries in the U. S. S. R. have recently arrived in this country to make purchases of equipment and to study American technical achievements in their respective fields. All of the delegations have their headquarters at the Amtorg Trading Corporation. The delegation from the Sugar Trust (Sakharotrest), headed by Mr. U. Lubchenko, director of the Trust, and including five leading engineers and managers, expects to make arrangements with an American company to construct several sugar factories in the Soviet Union.

According to Mr. Lubchenko, the Soviet sugar industry plans to expend over \$225,000,000 on capital construction within the next five years of which \$32,000,000 will be spent this year. A considerable share of these allotments will be used abroad to purchase sugar factory equipment.

Mr. A. V. Popov, president, and Mr. K. Poroshin, construction manager of the Crimean Canning Trust, now visiting the United States, report a considerable expansion of the Soviet canning industry which now has an output of canned fish and vegetables of two and one half times the pre-war volume. Mr. Popov declared that three canneries projects will be prepared in the United States for his firm.

The Precision Machinery Trust of the Soviet Union is represented by a delegation of two including Mr. A. Bodrov, president of the trust. A delegation from the Soviet Agricultural Import Company (Selkhozimport) expects to place orders for agricultural machinery and implements.

The Soviet Grain Trust (Zemotrest), which has supervision over the organization of large state farms, has sent two more representatives to this country to study American methods of large-scale farming and also to order equipment for an experimental farm. Mr. Ilyichov, vice-president of the Zemotrest, who arrived about a month ago, reported that the organization will require 20,000 tractors within the next five years.

Viscount Cecil Thinks All Over Again, "War With U.S. Unthinkable"

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Viscount Cecil, who does not represent the general opinion of the Admiralty and war office here, today stretched himself comfortably in his armchair, and announced for publication that "War between America and England is unthinkable. See how well they get along on the Canadian border," said Cecil, who was the first British delegate to the League of Nations. "All that is necessary now, is to arrange some way in which they can get along equally well at sea," he continued.

Cecil declared that Britain "accepts the Kellogg treaties, which would create another League of Nations, rival to the one that is now controlled by England."

To Enslave More Jap Emigrants to Brazil

SAO PAULO, Brazil (By Mail).—The Japanese South American Plantation Company has advised the governor of the state of Para that a large Japanese emigration group will leave Japan next April to colonize in Para. The Japanese workers are enslaved on their arrival here. They receive meager wages and are forced to fall into debt to the company for food and shelter.

Seven Rhine Miners Suffocated by Gas

COLOGNE, Germany (By Mail).—Seven miners were suffocated by gas in a fire which broke out in a mine at Rheinhausen in the Rhineland.

DR. ABRAHAM MARKOFF SURGEON DENTIST

DR. L. HENDIN SURGEON DENTIST

DR. J. MINDEL SURGEON DENTIST

## MARTINS FERRY WORKERS DEFY POLICE TERROR

### Hold Meeting in Cold When Hall Is Closed

(Special to the Daily Worker) WASHINGTON, West Va., Dec. 26.—Defying police terrorism and braving zero weather over two hundred workers stood for hours in the streets just opposite the Hungarian Hall in Martins Ferry and listened to speakers denounce the action of the city officials who intimidated the owner of the hall so that he refused to open the doors for an anti-war meeting arranged by the Workers Party and the Anti-Imperialist League. The owner of the hall said that the police told him that if he allowed the Communists to meet in the hall his place would be padlocked for good.

The workers gathered around the hall and the meeting was held on the street. The police who were on duty at the hall sent in a call for extra forces. When the chief of police and his squad arrived they found George Pershing, cousin of the jingo General Pershing, speaking from a truck which was used as a platform for the speakers.

The chief was asked why he had suppressed the meeting despite the fact that the mayor had granted a permit. He stated that "You foreigners think you can run this city. As long as I am chief I'll see to it that no city official, no state officials, nor the government is criticized by anyone."

"Have you prohibited the meeting," he was asked. "No, but I want this understood. If the owner of the hall opens the doors for this meeting and any of the speakers criticize any city, state or government officials, I'll padlock his place up for good."

Pershing spoke on America's preparation for another world war, and denounced Hoover's South American tour of "good will" as an imperialist mission.

Following Pershing, Henderson of the Young Workers League spoke and called on the workers to follow the example of the workers of Russia during the last imperialist slaughter and turn the next imperialist war into a civil war against the exploiters and the capitalist government. Joseph Weber, sub-district organizer of the Workers Party, acted as chairman and ended the meeting with a fiery speech denouncing the city officials for their suppression of meetings of the Party. Weber was warned several times by the police during his speech. The crowd booted the officers and cheered Weber during his speech.

Weber was recently arrested in Bellaire, Ohio, where the city officials prohibited a meeting of the Anti-Imperialist League. Weber's arrest was due to "disorderly conduct" when he criticized the officials for refusing a permit for the meeting. His trial will be held next Friday and the Civil Liberties Union is handling the case.

Lenin's paper, "Iskra" (The Spark) was the starting point for the formation of an organized revolutionary party in Russia. The Daily Worker will be the rallying point for a mass party in the U. S. A.

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## Fraternal Organizations

### Office Workers

The Office Workers' Union has arranged a dance for Washington's birthday eve, Feb. 21, at Webster Manor. Sympathetic organizations are asked not to arrange any affair for that evening.

Women Theatre Party. The New York Working Women's Federation will have a theatre party at the Provincetown Theatre, 132 McDougal St., Saturday evening, Dec. 29, presenting Upton Sinclair's "Sinners in My Hands." All the proceeds will go to the building up of the Women's Federation. Tickets can be obtained at 25-28 Union Square.

Freiheit Singing Society. For the first time in New York the Freiheit Singing Society will present Mendelssohn's oratorio, "Walpurgis Night" with a symphony orchestra conducted by Lazar Weiner. The concert will take place Saturday, Dec. 29, at Carnegie Hall, 57th St. and 7th Ave. Tickets can be gotten at the Freiheit office, 20 Union Sq.

Women Theatre Party. A group of Jewish workers to see the regular weekly play in the Schwartz Art Theatre on 14th St. and 2nd Ave. on Friday evening, Feb. 8, at reduced prices if tickets are gotten in advance. The full price will be charged on the day of the performance. Tickets in advance may be gotten at the central office of the United Council of Working Women, 39 E. 13th St., Room 523, or phone Stuyvesant 0576.

Williamburg I. L. D. Dance. The Williamburg branch of the I. L. D. will sponsor a dance and concert on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at 56 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn, at 8 p. m. The funds collected at the dance will be donated to the class war prisoners. Admission will be 25 cents.

Negro Entertainment Dance. A Negro entertainment and dance has been arranged by Section 5 of the Workers (Communist) Party at 56 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn, for Saturday, Jan. 19, at 8 p. m. A dancing program is being prepared.

Negro Chorus Dance. The Negro Champion and the American Negro Labor Congress will have a joint dance and entertainment at the Renaissance Casino, 188th St. and 7th Ave. Other organizations are asked to observe date.

Spanish Club Dance. The Spanish Workers' Center is arranging a dance for Monday evening at 8 p. m. in its club rooms, 35 W. 112th St., Little America, music. A good time is promised to all. Start the new year right. Admission free. Girls are welcome. Admitted free of charge.

Dr. Liber To Lecture. Dr. Liber will lecture tomorrow at 8:30 p. m. at 227 Brighton Beach Ave. on "True and False Prevention." Tickets are under the auspices of Women's Council 17.

Young Defenders Meet. "Young Defenders" are having a lecture Sunday at 8 p. m., at 1400 Boston Road. The business meeting will be at 6 o'clock on the same evening.

Labor Temple. The Labor Temple will hold the following lectures this Sunday evening at 14th St. and Second Ave. 8 p. m. Dr. G. E. B. Jones on "The Book of the Month—Elizabeth and Essex" by Lytton Strachey.

Young Workers Social Culture Club. The Young Workers Social Culture Club will hold a package party and dance this Sunday evening at 118 Third St., near 14th St., Brooklyn. All young workers are welcome.

Workers Esperanto Group. The Workers Esperanto group will

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hold an important meeting tomorrow at 8 p. m. at 105 E. 14th St. All members should be present.

Yonkers Open Forum. The Yonkers Open Forum will be held this Sunday at 8 p. m. at the Workers Co-operative Center, 252 Warburton Ave. The topic for discussion will be "World Imperialism." All are welcome.

Brownsville Workers Center. The Workers Center of Brownsville will hold a ball this Saturday night at its clubhouse, 154 Watkins St., Brooklyn. A good time is promised to all.

Freiheit Sport Club. The Freiheit Sport Club has arranged a dance for Sunday, Dec. 30, at its club rooms, 230 E. 5th St. Dancing will start at 8 p. m.

Ferrer School Festival. The Ferrer Modern School will hold its January Festival on Jan. 12, 1929 at the N. Y. Labor Temple, 243 E. 84th St., dancing. The affair starts 8:15 p. m.

Bronx Open Forum. Otto Huiswood will speak at the Bronx Open Forum, 1330 Wilkins Ave., on "Problems of the Negro in Industry." Sunday, Dec. 30 at 8 p. m.

Brownsville Workers Center. The Workers Center of Brownsville will hold a ball this Saturday, Dec. 29, at 154 Watkins St., Brooklyn.

Wanted, Athletic Volunteers. Volunteers are wanted to take part in the gymnastic drill which will take place at the Lenin Memorial Meeting in Madison Square Garden Sunday, Jan. 19. Comrades who are qualified to take part in such drill, including the formation of pyramids, should report promptly at 8 p. m. today at Manhattan Lyceum, 68 E. 4th St., and every Sunday thereafter.

Red Poets' Night Dec. 28. The third annual International Red Poets' Night will be held Friday, Jan. 11, at Laurel Gardens, 16th St. and Park Ave. Keep this date open and come and have a good time.

Dance in Harlem. The New York Branch of the Anti-Imperialist League is arranging its first annual dance for Friday night, Jan. 11, at Laurel Gardens, 16th St. and Park Ave. Keep this date open and come and have a good time.

Freiheit Singing Society. The Freiheit Singing Society concert will be held next Saturday evening, Dec. 29, at Carnegie Hall.

Bronx Workers Center. All Bronx comrades will meet at the concert and dance of the Bronx Workers Center, Monday evening, Dec. 31, at 1330 Wilkins Ave. Dancing till day break. Come and bring your friends.

Freiheit Sport Club. The Freiheit Sport Club will have a dance Sunday, Dec. 30, 8 p. m. at its club rooms, 230 East 5th Street, N. Y. C. There will be a band for dancing and a sport exhibition composed of the best athletes. The club invites all interested workers to attend the entertainment.

Radio Workers, Attention! The Radio Workers Association will hold a unity social this Saturday, at Stuyvesant Casino, 9th St. and 2nd Ave.

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## BRITISH COAL MINERS STARVE; ONE MILLION HIT

### Unemployed Organize March on London

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Unemployed miners, numbering with their families 1,000,000 persons, are spending their Christmas here in extreme want and misery, in a condition below the starvation level.

The British government and its charity organizations have made a great public noise about sending the unemployed workers gifts and food, but, as was expected, all this talk has proven to be nothing but empty phrases, and altogether the government fund amounts to \$750,000, representing the absolutely inadequate amount of \$2.50 for each miner and nothing for wives and children.

At the same time the South Wales mine owners are cutting the subsistence wage of the workers even more, thus leaving them almost entirely penniless.

Organizers for the National Unemployed Workers Committee Movement are now busy in the mine sections organizing the unemployed miners for the National March on London. Not only Baldwin, but also MacDonald and the General Council of the Trade Union Congress are doing all they can to sabotage this march.

Worker Killed Bringing Xmas Gifts to Wealthy

Walter Pokorny, 20, of 168 Newell St., Brooklyn, driver of a delivery truck for the Stern Brothers Department Store in Manhattan, was killed yesterday when his machine collided with another car in Queens.

A free raffle, a snappy jazz band will be part of the variety of entertainment for the evening. Radio Workers, come and organize and have a good time.

M. Epstein to Lecture. This Friday, 8:30 p. m., M. Epstein, editor of the "Freiheit," will speak at the East Flatbush Workers Club, 1111 Rutland Road, on "How the Soviet solves the national problem." All welcome.

### CONVENTION DISCUSSION. Party Membership Meeting TONIGHT at NEW STAR CASINO, 105 E. 107th St. (between Lexington and Park Avenue) SPEAKERS: Jay Lovestone, Alexander Bittelman for the Central Executive Committee for the Minority of the Central Executive Committee

### Carl Brodsky No-Tip Barber Shops

### E. KARO

### SAM LESSER

### MARY WOLFE

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## New Needle Trades Industrial Union Will Make History

At the end of this week will occur in the trade union movement an event of nationwide—even world-wide importance. The simultaneous conventions of the Cloak and Dressmakers and the Fur Workers Unions, called in New York City, will at the same time make their decision on the question on immediate amalgamation of these two great unions.

But it is more than the amalgamation of two unions. It is the laying of the cornerstone of the new great industrial union of the Needle Trades.

The Cloak and Dressmakers Union and the Fur Workers Union, now entering the third year of a titanic struggle against the combined forces of their boss exploiters, their police oppressors and their A. F. of L. and socialist betrayers, now stand on the threshold of combining their power organizationally by laying a foundation which will, with correct policies, support the still greater structure of a mighty amalgamated needle trades industrial union of all workers in every branch.

We know that even after amalgamation (and that amalgamation will be decided upon in quite certainty) the struggle to build the union until it controls the industry will be a gigantic one. We are convinced, however, that nothing can stop these determined fighters from doing just that.

Our certainty is rock-founded by the fact that despite all the predictions of the enemies of the left wing, and the pessimistic and cynical forecasts of immediate destruction made by certain cowardly "progressives," who stood by in awestricken dismay at the array of forces against the needle trades unions—these left wing unions have not only refused to be destroyed, but have maintained themselves in the center and have gained adhering locals who will launch an amalgamated organization this week.

Another reason for our great confidence in the success of the new union is the undeniable fact that the A. F. of L. craft unionism and its helplessness before growing capitalist trustification (even in the hitherto "impregnable" needle industry), has outlived its time.

And yet another reason is the knowledge that the needle trades workers have too inspiring a tradition of struggle to endure for long total annihilation of union conditions in their industry. And decent working stand-

ards cannot be gotten through the traitorous Schlesingers, Matthew Wolls and McGradys. That is definite. For, will the "union" that is built by the bosses, their money and their police ever make unpleasant demands from their godfathers? No! And those workers who do not know it as yet will know it soon; then they, too, will join for the fight to re-establish unionism in the industry.

It is the duty of the militant workers who are active in this big event to cast aside the narrow traditions of the past which, if they are not discarded, can only cripple and destroy the thing which they are here to build. Pedantic craft-union prejudices have throughout the struggle been a handicap to the progress of the needle trades workers. Craft union ideology must and will be thrown aside in this present action, if success for the workers is to be attained.

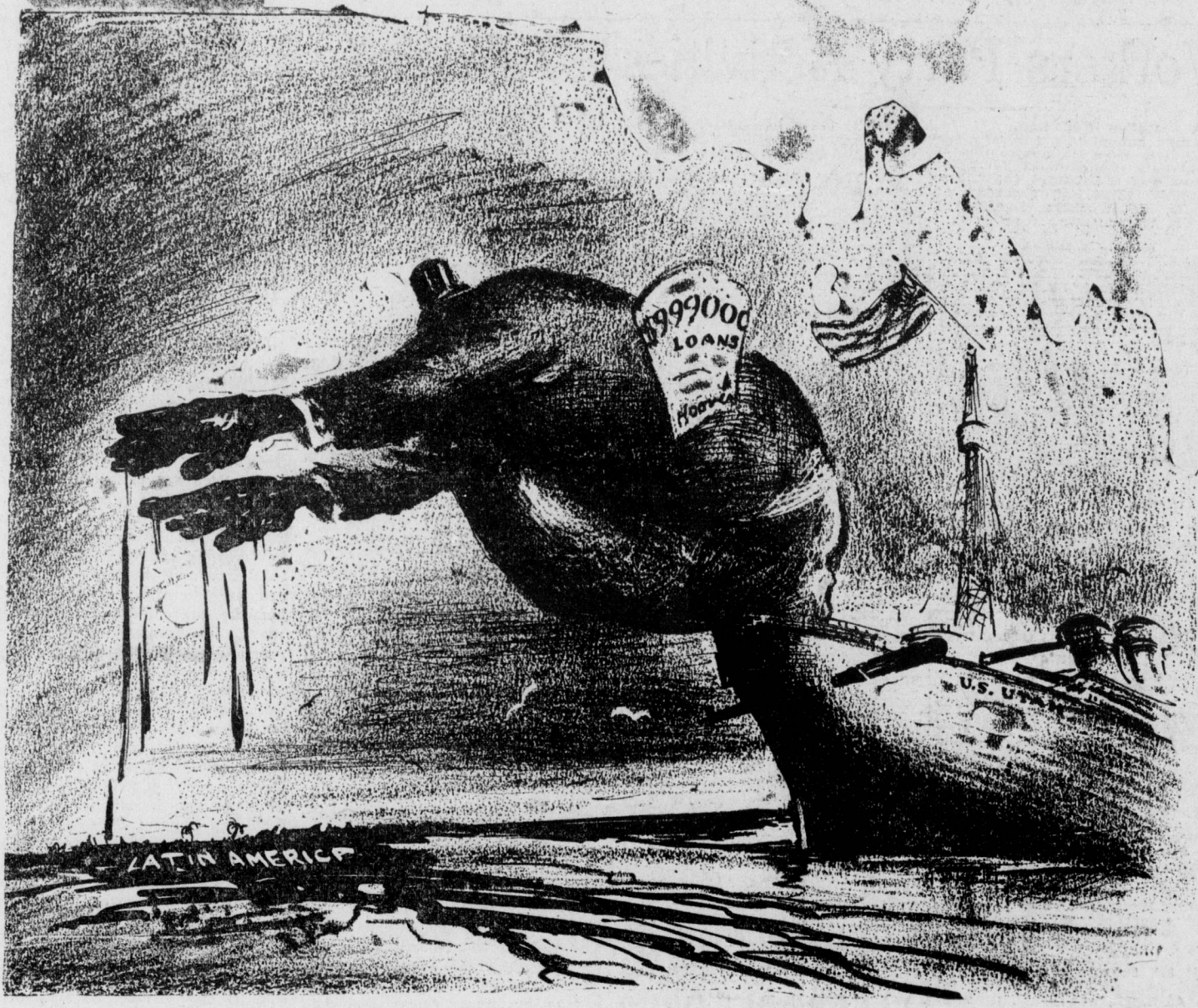
Nor is it possible for conscious and sincere workers to be content with an attitude bounded by national boundaries. The most urgent need—for successful struggle in this and all other countries—is to weave the unbreakable bond of solidarity between the workers of all countries of the world. If the needle trades union delegates are to accomplish their duty they must face with fearless, class-conscious eyes, the question of international relations. On the one hand is international class loyalty crystallized in the Red International of Labor Unions; on the other hand is international manipulation of the labor unions by the bosses and the imperialist governments through the yellow organization of treachery, the Amsterdam International.

The workers who assemble for this event in New York cannot evade the fact that they face a period of rapid preparation for imperialist world war. Their actions cannot but be influenced by, and in turn exert an influence upon, such a situation. These are not static times. One sixth of the world is in the possession of the working class, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics—the socialist Fatherland of all class-conscious workers of all countries is a beacon light for all workers who have eyes to see.

We are confident that the delegates assembled will have the courage and intelligence to serve the interests of the workers whom they represent. And if they have, they will make history—they will blaze a trail which many tens of thousands will follow.

We have presented some of the reasons for the inevitable growth to control of the new national needle trades union. The merging of strength in the common fight will soon prove this.

## BLOODY HANDS



By Fred Ellis

## Gompers Was A Protector of A.F.L. Grafters

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER  
Continued

Gompers always protected the grafters. He himself apparently did not take money from the employers, nor did he accept their many offers of political positions. He got his reward for his treason to the workers by being maintained as president of the A. F. of L., where he basked in friendly publicity and lived as a wealthy man. All the worst labor fakers gave him their active support. For years it was axiomatic that the more of a labor faker the more of a Gompersite. "Skinny" Madden, Sam Parks, Simon O'Donnell, Frank Feeny, Robert Brindell, Matthew Woll, George L. Berry, et al, were Gompers' bosom friends and co-workers. On their like his rule was based.

Whenever and wherever building trades fakers were exposed Gompers never failed to defend them to the last. Likewise in other industries. In the 1920 convention of the A. F. of L. Mahon, head of the Street Carriers Union, was accused correctly by the Detroit Federation of Labor of running an "open shop" sheet metal works in Detroit. But the charges were smothered and Mahon was whitewashed. Characteristically, Gompers, in his book, "Seventy Years of Life and Labor" (Vol. I, p. 340) thus defends the traitorous conduct of the steel workers' leaders Jarrett, Bishop, Wehe, Nutt, and others, in going over to the employers, saying:

"It was not that they were corrupted, but they were weaned away; the organization paid them very meager salaries, less indeed than that of a first class man in the industry."

Is graft diminishing in the building trades? This is a difficult question. Some factors appear to make against it in its old forms. The employers, becoming constantly more trustified, have less and less need of the trade union leaders' cooperation for the maintenance of hard and fast local monopolies of labor and material which exclude outside competition. And it is upon such illegitimate cooperation that the typical building trades graft system is largely based. Moreover, the growing strength of the employers, and the breaking down of the skilled trades through specialization tend to weaken the position of the building trades unions and to make it somewhat more difficult for the vernal officials to carry on their traditional policy of wholesale plunder.

But, whether increasing or decreasing, the building trades graft is practiced on a wide scale and it poisons and demoralizes the whole labor movement.

### Plundering the Workers.

In preceding chapters it has been shown how the all-too-plentiful labor fakers accept Judas favors from the capitalists and their political henchmen in return for betraying the interests of the workers. But see in the labor movement merely a personal advantage, do not content themselves even with such extensive forms of bribery and corruption. A very large part of their program is the direct plundering of the workers and their organizations. This plundering assumes innumerable forms, only the more important of which are herewith touched upon:

A universal method of robbing the workers is through extravagantly high salaries and expenses for union officials. These run from two to twenty times the common wage of the rank and file of the organizations concerned. The bureaucrats, by virtue of their iron-clad control of the unions, continue to screw up their salaries and expense accounts until they develop the incomes of capitalists. The practice is prevalent in all the unions, and its effect is a widespread demoralization. In many cases since our investigation was made, the salaries here quoted have been increased.

### To Be Continued

### "BECKY THATCHER" DIES.

HANNIBAL, Mo., Dec. 26 (U.P.)—"Becky Thatcher," Tom Sawyer's girl, is dead. Mrs. Laura Frazer, girlhood friend of Mark Twain, and original of his famous fiction character, "Becky" died here today at the age of 91.

### WORKER BURNED.

MILWAUKEE, (By Mail).—Arthur Wile, a worker at the Brooks Machine Co., was seriously burned when a machine on which he was at work short-circuited.

sabotage of service, and certain forms of soldiers and sailors' strikes should be applied.

(b) The most important slogan of action at the front is the slogan of fraternization. The purpose of fraternization is to unite the worker and peasant soldiers in the opposite lines of trenches against their officers. Experience in the last world war has shown that mass fraternization inevitably leads to class differentiation in the armies and to armed conflicts between soldiers and officers. The Communists in the army must organize fraternization and give it a clear political color, particularly in regard to the question of peace and the organization of the revolutionary forces in the army.

### To Be Continued

## The Struggle Against Imperialist War and the Tasks of the Communists

(Note:—This is the fourth installment of the thesis adopted by the Sixth World Congress of the Communist International at its recent sessions in Moscow, on "The Struggle Against Imperialist War and the Tasks of the Communists." Publication will be continued in the Daily Worker until completed.—Editor.)

### 2. The Struggle During Imperialist War.

18. The political program of the Communists in an imperialist war is the program worked out and applied by the Bolshevik Party under the leadership of Lenin in his heroic struggle against the last imperialist war. The main points of this program may be summarized as follows:

(a) The rejection of imperialist "national defense" in this war. To enlighten the workers and peasants as to its reactionary character. Strongly to combat all tendencies in the labor movement which openly, or covertly, justify this war.

(b) Defeatism, i. e., to work for the defeat of the home imperialist government in this war.

(c) Genuine internationalism, i. e., not "international" phrases and formal "agreements," but revolutionary defeatist work to be carried on by the proletariat in all the belligerent countries, for the overthrow of their home bourgeoisie.

(d) To transform the war between imperialist states into proletarian civil war against the bourgeoisie, for the purpose of establishing the dictatorship of the proletariat and Socialism—this transformation to be achieved by means of revolutionary mass action in the rear, and fraternization at the front.

(e) A "democratic" or "just" peace cannot result from an imperialist war without the overthrow of the bourgeoisie and the seizure of power by the proletariat in the most important belligerent states. Therefore, "peace" cannot be the central slogan during imperialist war; the central slogan must be "proletarian revolution." It is the bounden duty of Communists strongly to combat all peace phrasemongering; for at a certain moment in the war this can be utilized by the bourgeoisie as an extremely important ideological weapon to prevent the imperialist war from being transformed into civil war.

### United Front From Below.

Communists must not confine themselves merely to conducting propaganda in favor of this program; they must rouse the masses of the workers to fight for it by applying the tactics of the united proletarian front from below.

19. "Transform the imperialist war into civil war" means primarily, revolutionary mass action. The Communists resolutely repudiate all so-called "means" of combating war that hamper the development of revolutionary mass action. Consequently, they repudiate individual actions that have no connection with revolutionary mass actions or that fail to contribute to their development.

### Oppose "Against War" Slogan.

Communists combat the propaganda in favor of the "against the war" prescriptions that are recommended by the petty bourgeois elements in the labor movement. Prescriptions like "refusal to bear

arms," "refusal to shoot," etc., are still circulated widely among the masses today, and many workers seriously believe in their efficacy. As a matter of fact, these prescriptions are meaningless and harmful.

The Communists must tell the workers that the struggle against war is not a single and simultaneous act, and that revolutionary mass action on the part of the workers and poor peasants, in the rear and at the front, for the armed overthrow of the bourgeoisie, is the only proper means of combating war, to which all other means must be directed. While combating the above-mentioned prescriptions for individual action, which can only hinder mass action, the Communists must at the same time rouse the workers to display a spirit of revolutionary heroism in the struggle against imperialist wars.

### General Strike Against War.

20. The Communists' attitude towards the question of the general strike against war is determined by the same point of view, viz., the transformation of imperialist war into civil war. Already in 1907, Lenin, in opposing Herve, repudiated the general strike slogan as a "panacea" to be applied regardless of the concrete situation and divorced from the general class struggle of the proletariat. In 1922, on the basis of experiences in the world war, he formulated his position still more definitely. In his instructions to the delegation to the Hague Peace Congress, he said:

"It is impossible to 'reply' to war with a general strike, just as it is impossible to reply to war with 'revolution,' in the simple and literal sense of the word."

This holds good to this day. But while Communists repudiate the slogan of "reply to war with a general strike," and warn the workers against harboring such illusions, which can only injure the real struggle against war, they do not by any means abandon the weapon of the general strike in the struggle against war, and sharply condemn any suggestion to do so as an opportunist deviation.

Side by side with other revolutionary mass actions (demonstrations, strikes in munition works, transport strikes, etc.), the general strike—as the supreme form of the mass strike movement—is an extremely important weapon, and as a transition to the armed uprising it constitutes a stage in the transformation of imperialist war into civil war. This transformation, however, does not depend upon the will of the Party alone. It presupposes the existence of a revolutionary situation, the capacity of the proletariat for mass action, etc.

### Part of Revolutionary Mass Action.

These conditions do not as a rule prevail at the very beginning of the war; they develop in the course of the war. But even in war time the general strike does not come like a bolt from heaven. It comes on the rising tide of revolutionary mass action (demonstrations, partial strikes, etc.) and as a result of the persistent preparation, which the Communists must make, and which may entail heavy sacrifices.

Of course, a general strike in war time will lead to revolutionary results much more rapidly than in peace time; but it is by no means easier to prepare for and organize it in war time than in peace time. On the contrary, in war time the bourgeoisie will take determined

counter-measures to prevent it. They will call the strikers to the colors, militarize the factories, etc. Communists, therefore, cannot, in war time, confine themselves to abstract general strike propaganda.

As in peace time, they must carry on daily revolutionary work in the factories and trade unions. They must champion the economic demands of the workers and link up these demands with anti-war propaganda; organize revolutionary factory councils; capture the subordinate trade union organizations; eliminate the social-patriotic elements from these organizations, and, when they have been captured, elect new executives parallel with the reformist executives, and despite the will of the latter, organize, lead and extend partial strikes, etc.

The general strike must not be an abstract watchword. It must be the aim and outcome of our general practical activity. That being the case, the revolutionary proletariat must be ready, in the event of a general strike, firmly to steer a course toward transforming the strike into an armed rebellion, if conditions are propitious for that.

### Oppose "Boycott War" Slogan.

21. From the same standpoint of the transformation of imperialist war into civil war, the Communists take their stand with regard to the slogan of refusal of military service (boycott of war) advocated by certain "radical" pacifists and left social democrats. The Communists fight against this slogan for the following reasons:

(a) The idea that imperialist war can be rendered impossible by a call for the refusal of military service, by calling upon those liable for military service to refuse to answer the call for mobilization is as illusory as the idea of "replying to war with a general strike." Propaganda in favor of this prescription merely serves to weaken the genuine revolutionary struggle against war.

### Work in Army Necessary.

(a) Even if a "mass boycott" were at least partially successful, the result would be that the most determined and class-conscious workers would remain outside the army. Systematic revolutionary work in the army—one of the most vital tasks in the struggle against war—would then be impossible.

Lenin was absolutely right, therefore, when in 1922, on the basis of experience of the world war, he wrote: "Boycott the war" is a stupid phrase. The Communists must participate in every reactionary war."

But Lenin's instructions regarding the Communists' attitude toward the boycott (the refusal of military service) as a means of combating war, does not mean that the Communists must urge the masses of workers to join the bourgeois armies. It means that the Communists, while strongly combating the harmful and illusory boycott slogan, must agitate for revolutionary work and organization in the bourgeois army, for the arming of the proletariat and for the transformation of imperialist war into civil war.

### Turn Weapons Against Bourgeoisie.

Therefore, when the question of joining the bourgeois army or refusal of military service (boycott) is raised, the Communists must advise the workers and poor peasants to reject the refusal of the military service slogan, to avail themselves of the opportunity to learn the use

of arms, to carry on revolutionary work in the army and, at the proper moment, to turn their weapons against the bourgeoisie.

In the event of a big mass movement arising at the moment of the outbreak of war in favor of refusing military service, the Communists must join that movement to give it a revolutionary character; they must put forward concrete demands and slogans of action in the direction of revolutionary mass action against imperialist war and utilize the movement as much as possible for the purpose of revolutionizing the masses. But even in such an event, the Communists must combat the boycott ideology and the pacifist boycott slogan.

### They must speak out quite frankly about the inadequacy of refusal of military service as a means of combating war, and make it clear to the masses that the only correct way of combating the imperialist war is to transform it into civil war.

Strenuous propaganda must be conducted urging the necessity for carrying on revolutionary work in the bourgeois armies.

### Develop Civil War.

If the general situation is favorable for it, Communists must utilize such mass movements for the formation of guerrilla forces, and for the immediate development of civil war. This applies especially to countries where strong national-revolutionary movements exist. In such countries the Communists, on the declaration of war—especially war against the Soviet Union—or in the course of the war, if the situation is favorable, must issue the slogan of national-revolutionary rebellion against the imperialist and for the immediate formation of national-revolutionary guerrilla forces.

### Oppose Voluntary Recruiting.

22. In countries where the system of compulsory military service does not exist, the government, at the beginning of the war, will launch a wide recruiting campaign for volunteers, and, if it deems it necessary, will introduce compulsory military service. In such countries, also, the Communist Parties must set themselves the aim of transforming the imperialist war into civil war.

But in pursuing this aim the Communists must also fight against the bourgeois recruiting campaign for volunteers and against the introduction of compulsory military service. Under no circumstances, however, must they foster the illusion that the war can be prevented or stopped by refusing to join the army or by opposing the introduction of compulsory military service and that, therefore, revolutionary work in the army is superfluous. It must be made clear to the masses that the struggle against conscription is only of secondary importance compared with the fight against the imperialist war itself. Revolutionary work in the army must be organized and openly advocated.

### Revolutionary Work at Front.

23. An extremely important point in the matter of transforming imperialist war into civil war is revolutionary work at the front. In this, the Communists must not confine themselves merely to propaganda, but must issue definite slogans of action corresponding to the concrete situation.

(a) In connection with the economic demands and complaints of the soldiers, collective refusal, or

## Teaching Communism in Central Asia

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TASHKENT, Uzbek, U. S. S. R., (FP).—I never saw a school in my life that gave me quite such an unexpected thrill as the one I discovered just by chance as I plodded my way through the dark fifth of Old Town, the native city of Tashkent. Picture all about, Asia as she has been for centuries: a couple of hundred thousand people set down in their native mud, no lights in the narrow street which runs between earthen walls.

Suddenly the narrow alley of mud, lit only by stray candles carried by wiser passersby than we, widens and brightens a trifle as the glow from wind-lights touches it. A very ancient mosque, explains my interpreter, in which a school is established in some of the rooms.

"Let's go in," I suggest, and we wander into a class room, containing about twenty-five boys of ages from thirteen to sixteen. They are sitting by twos and threes in the old-style long desks with benches, and facing a blackboard on which a boy of fifteen is giving a demonstration.

But where is the teacher? I go no adult and proceed to ask. The boys explain that the teacher comes in the day time to give instruction for six hours. This group I have stumbled upon have gathered not for instruction but for "collective study," which the class manages by itself without a teacher. I ask if they have no place at home to study and they answer that at home each must work alone and perhaps cannot understand his lesson, but here together all can help each other and someone is sure to understand.

They are, I learn, the fifth grade class of a regular Seven Grade ordinary school of the city of Tashkent. (Ed. note: The Uzbek nation is in the Soviet Union). To my query whether girls are also in their school and if so why none of them is allowed out at night, since I see only boys, I am told that of course there are girls in the school now, but none of them has reached fifth grade since it is only three or four years since girls began to go to school at all. Hence none of the girls has yet faced the problem of night study,

since classes below the fifth do not practise it. How they will solve this in the future the boys do not know; they understand as well as I do that it is still a terribly shocking thing for girls to be abroad at night in Central Asia, when even grown women are supposed to be in the women's quarters by sundown.

I ask the boys what they expect to be when they finish school. There is no general agreement, but the nearest ones say "engineer" and "doctor." They tell me that "to build a new Central Asia one needs most of all engineers and expert agriculturists, but since they are city boys they are not so interested in agriculture. Also doctors are much needed for all the new sanitation that must be learned."

I go into the next room; here the boys seem a younger group, but are also Fifth Grade. One small lad not over thirteen is demonstrating a prism and its properties; it is a geometry lesson. Another goes to the board to work out a problem in decimals which a third boy reads aloud to him. All the class write down this problem together and work over it; comparing their result with the one on the board. One boy arises; he is just beginning decimals and doesn't understand why you add 4.3 and 5 by putting the 5 under the 4 and not under the 3. Another boy rises and explains.

All this in perfect order, under the "starosta" or leader chosen by the class itself as chairman. And these are Fifth Grade boys! Running their own school! I remark smiling that if they work six hours a day and three in the evening, they are working longer than the eight-hour day of the workers. They smile in return and one of them replies that they do not do this every night in the week, and besides, it is not for pay but for learning.

AS we came to the tram car, we saw also the new Uzbek Theatre, the first dramas given in the Uzbek language. Mohammedanism proscribes theatres, and dramas are accursed, but as my interpreter remarked: "Curses have ceased to fretten since the movies came." He added that when the new Uzbek The-

atre goes travelling even to the darkest villages, in spite of all the censurings of the mullahs, the whole population turns out to see it. Also there is a flood of new national literature, dramas, poems, novels, some of the best of which have been translated into Russian and even German.

At the other extreme of the scale from these primary schools may be taken the Communist University that I visited the same day. Here also the method is that of "self-teaching." Seventeen nationalities are taught here. For those who can read Russian fluently there is no lecture system at all; the teacher meets the class, outlines the subject, the varying points of view, gives lists of reading. Thereafter there is the "reading hour," in which the pupils read the required reading in the same room with the teacher, going up to him with questions.

After ten days comes the "consultation," in which groups of five at a time meet the teacher for an hour each for general discussion. Following this the whole class, of not more than twenty-five, meets with the teacher, and each group of five chooses a speaker, who gives a talk of twenty minutes on the subject. Discussion follows, summed up after two or three days of this, by a thirty minute talk from the teacher.

Least these methods seem too remarkable for application in Central Asia, let it be added that here are serious evils noted also in the university, and mentioned to me by the rector. Chief among these is "dogmatism." How can you teach Communism which demands the whole of natural science plus the social sciences, to people in whose languages there has not been published a single book on evolution. To people into whose minds the scientific conception of life has never entered. Who belong to the same Central Asia in which a ruler once said, when asked for vital statistics: "Allah knows who is born, and Allah knows when each dies; and how should man pry into the secrets of Allah!"