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MELLON GIVES MILLIONS BACK TO OWN FIRMS

"Tax Refund" of U. S. Treasury Rich Gift to Scab Mines

Most to Tobacco Trust Congressman Charges Looting Increases

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The official list from the treasury department of those receiving tax refunds during the last fiscal year, ending June 30, is now available. It shows that Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has given to big corporations, most of them in New York and Pennsylvania, which is controlled by the Mellon political machine, the sum of \$142,393,567. It includes companies financially controlled by the Mellon family.

This Year More. The list for the present fiscal year will not be made public before this time next year, but Representative Garner of Texas two weeks ago declared on the floor of the house that millions were this year being given to coal and mining companies controlled by the Mellon family, and that the steel trust, with which Mellon is also connected through his banking relations, will get \$15,000,000 refunds, and, if present claims are allowed by Mellon, will get \$30,000,000 more.

Ten More Than Million. Ten refunds on the last fiscal year list amounted to more than \$1,000,000 each, with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of Winston-Salem, N. C., receiving the largest amount—\$6,213,808. The American Tobacco Company and subsidiaries (Continued on Page Five)

NORRIS APPROVES TRUST DAM BILL

Says Plan to Let West Give Contracts O. K.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—"Progressive" Senator Norris of Nebraska today declared himself satisfied with the Boulder Dam Bill in its present form. The senator professed not to be alarmed over the fact that Roy West, agent of the power trust, will, as secretary of the interior, allot contracts and decide whether the power magnates or the government shall own the power plant.

Bill Adopted. The bill has been submitted to President Coolidge for his signature with an amendment, adopted by the senate, giving the secretary of the interior the power to decide whether the government or the private power interests shall build and operate the proposed power plant to generate 1,000,000 horsepower. This is, in effect, a victory for the power trust.

The amendment was passed after repeated threats from the White House that Coolidge would veto any measure definitely providing for public ownership and operation.

Capitalist Conflict. The Boulder Dam bill was originally agitated for as a project to protect the Imperial Valley and other southern sections of California from the floods of the Colorado River by the construction of a dam impounding 20,000,000 acre-feet of water. To this were added projects for a canal irrigating the southern part of California and Arizona, and the construction of a power plant for the generation of hydro-electric energy.

The petty bourgeoisie of California, especially realtors who own (Continued on Page Three)

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.

The moral of which is: travel light. Unburden yourselves at once of all the greetings and donations you collect. Bring them or send them to the office of the Daily Worker, 26 Union Sq.

Duncan Dancers to Appear for "Daily"



Four Isadora Duncan dancers, detained at Ellis Island by immigration officials, were allowed to come ashore after posting bonds of \$500 each. In the picture are Tamara Semenovna, Marie Missorsky, Elena Terenteff and Lilia Dicovsky. They will appear with the rest of the Duncan troupe at the great Fifth Anniversary celebration of the Daily Worker, on January 5, at Manhattan Opera House, 34th St., west of 8th Avenue.

Many Unusual Features In Birthday Edition of "Daily"

TO SHOW GREAT MINE FILM HERE

"Shanghai Document" on Bill Also Sunday

When the mine explosion in Mather, Pa., wiped out the entire working population of the town, a strict police ban and constant guarding were instituted, to prevent "unpleasant publicity," for one thing. How it was accomplished is not known, but in the remarkable film called the "Miners' Strike" the Mather mine disaster is shown in all its tragic action. Despite police surveillance, the actual scenes are shown here, of the mine disaster from which not one of the hundred ninety-seven miners came thru alive.

The special performance of the Miners' Strike film, combined with the Shanghai Document, depicting the revolutionary struggle in China, will be given next Sunday, December 30, at 2 p. m., at the Czechoslovak Workers House, 347 E. 72nd Street.

All workers and workers' organizations are urged to see these remarkable motion pictures. Admission will be fifty cents and the proceeds are to go for the benefit of the textile workers. The performance is being given under the auspices of local New York Workers international Relief, 799 Broadway.

Weisbord Will Speak at Forum of Workers School Sunday Night

Albert Weisbord, secretary-treasurer of the new National Textile Union and leader of the Passaic strike, will be the speaker at the Workers School Forum, 26-28 Union Sq., 5th floor this Sunday evening, Dec. 30th at 8 p. m., on the subject "Textile Industry and the New Unionism."

Weisbord, who is known throughout the country as a strike organizer and leader, who played a prominent part in organizing textile workers in Passaic and New Bedford and who is one of the leaders in the launching of the new Textile Union, will analyze the textile industry, the crisis in that industry, changes within it, the effect of the industrialization of the South.

PAINTS USSR LEADERS 50 Portraits To Be Exhibited Here Soon

"Agrojoint," an organization to collect funds for equipping Jewish agricultural colonists in the U.S.S.R., will soon place on exhibition and sale in New York, 50 oil paintings of leaders in the U.S.S.R., and scenes of the Jewish colonists at their daily tasks, in Crimea, Ukraine, and other parts of the country, the work of Frank Horowitz, sent by Agrojoint on a three months' tour of the Soviet Union to get them.

Among the portraits is one of Simolovich, the navigator of the Krassin, and one of its aviator, Chukovsky. These two were painted by Horowitz at the time the Krassin heroes were being interviewed by newspaper men on their arrival in Moscow. Horowitz works rapidly, and got the portraits during

The fifth anniversary edition of the Daily Worker will be the greatest working class newspaper ever issued in the English language. This statement can be made categorically in view of the material which it is planned to include in the special edition.

One-half million copies of this special edition, which will appear January 5, will be distributed to workers throughout the country. Every industrial section of the country will be covered in the greatest mass distribution that the Daily Worker has ever conducted. Already many cities have ordered their quotas and special distribution squads are being appointed.

Articles by Communist Leaders. The anniversary edition will contain articles by all the leaders of the Workers (Communist) Party—Jay Lovestone, William Z. Foster, Ben Gitlow, Bertram D. Wolfe, William W. Weinstone, Max Bedacht, Alexander Bittelman, Robert Minor and many others. The issue will also include articles by the various district organizers of the Party, telling of the part the "Daily" is playing in the struggles of the workers in their parts of the country.

Among the special feature articles will be a history of the Daily Worker from the day it was founded until the present time by A. G. Richman, illustrated by Fred Ellis; "The 'Daily' Teaches Political Action," by Vern Smith; an interview with Fred Ellis telling of his early days as a stockyards worker and a sign painter by A. B. Magil; an interview with Alexander Trachtenberg on the New York Call and the part it played, by Sol Auerbach; an article on the Soviet press by A. G. Richman; "The Red International," by Harrison George; "The Situation in the Anthracite," by Pat Toohy; and many other feature articles.

Special Drawings. Three of the foremost working class artists in this country, Fred Ellis, William Gropper and Jacob Burck, will have special drawings in the anniversary edition, including some of Gropper's drawings of the Soviet Union. Interesting cartoons from the foreign Communist press will also be included.

In addition, the special edition will contain greetings from the Communist Parties of the Soviet Union, of Germany, France, England, Czechoslovakia, Canada, Mexico and many other countries.

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

Painted Lunacharsky Horowitz also painted and Agrojoint will exhibit, portraits of Lunacharsky, Kameneva (wife of Kamenev, and president of the Society for Friendly Relations with Russia), Smedovich and Maraschin, of the Commissariat for Agriculture, and two musicians, Hippolite Ivanov, the old composer, and the young pianist, Oborin, who won the international prize for piano composition in Warsaw, recently. Horowitz brot back a sketch, but not an oil painting, of Kalenin.

Horowitz states that the Jewish colonists are doing very well. He was particularly impressed by the readiness the Russians near the un-

HOOVER COMING TO DIVIDE LOOT

Will Give Imperialist Advice, Patronage

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—A fierce discussion rages among senators and representatives in this city as to the best way to employ President-elect Hoover's forthcoming visit to the capital.

Hoover will arrive in time to boss the Bolivia-Paraguay decision, but it is generally accepted that his trip to Washington is for the purpose, among others, of compromising the patronage tangle, many senators openly threatening to sabotage administration bills if their right to have their friends appointed to public office is overlooked.

Hoover Tightens the Patronage. Hoover is said to be committed to the plan of having the party machinery provide the list of those who shall enjoy the spoils of office as their reward for heavy political campaigning for the republican party.

Opponents of the McNary-Haughen farm bill threaten a filibuster in the senate if Hoover consents to bring the bill up in this session. Among these are Senator Borah, who declares that he will permit nothing to go ahead of the Kellogg treaties.

President Coolidge admits that he advised Hoover to return. It is considered that Coolidge felt the situation was getting out of hand.

TALKS ON NEGRO IN LOS ANGELES

Hall to Address Many Meetings

By I. BROOKS LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Otto Hall, field organizer of the Workers (Communist) Party, who recently returned from Soviet Russia, where he made a study of racial problems, is scheduled to address several mass meetings in Los Angeles on "Negro Problems and their Solutions."

On Friday evening, January 4, at the A. M. E. Zion Church, at Pico and Paloma, he will speak on "Soviet Russia and Racial Questions." He will also address the Negro Open Forum, Sunday afternoon and in the evening of the same day, he will speak at the Civil Liberties Union Open Forum.

Arrangements for other meetings are in progress and according to (Continued on Page Five)

Labor Conference on War Danger Jan. 12

Plans for rallying New York labor on a mass scale to the struggle against American imperialism will be formulated at the first labor conference to fight the war danger and the new offensive of American imperialism of the New York branch of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, to be held at the Labor Temple, 14th St. and Second Ave., Jan. 12, at 8 p. m.

Robert Minor, editor of the Daily Worker; Robert W. Dunn, noted economist and author, and George Pershing, who as a soldier witnessed the brutal oppression of workers in Hawaii by American imperialism, will be among the speakers.

SOCIALISTS OF GERMANY CALL FOR BIG ARMY

Convention Platform Says Arming Need Not Be Secret

Is Pacifist Camouflage Gesture Covers Troops Shooting Strikers

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—Chiefs of the German social democratic party today announced that a program of building battleships and creating a German army would be approved, in a platform they are submitting to the party convention in March.

This militarist campaign, fitting in perfectly with the plotting of Hindenburg and the Nationalists for a revival of German imperialism and the needs of German industrialists for troops to fight strikers, will be camouflaged by a great deal of pacifist talk, but the kernel of it is that "Germany must maintain her army as a safeguard to self-determination."

For Open Militarization.

The platform proposes that the German government openly and publicly carry on a large military establishment, with open Reichstag control and responsibility for army and navy contracts, instead of, as at present, maintaining armies and munitions factories in secret.

The socialist platform is in favor of what they call a "non-partisan" army, that is, a disciplined force, loyal to the present capitalist system, without too many workers in (Continued on Page Five)

DON BASIN IS DEVELOPING

Rapid Growth in Coal Fields

(Special to the Daily Worker) KHARKOV, U. S. S. R., (By Mail)—Rapid development and construction in the coal fields of the Don Basin, one of the main industrial centers of the Soviet Union, is at present taking place.

Seventeen new shafts, completely mechanized and electrified, containing all possible safety measures, are now in the construction. In addition 14 old shafts are being completely rehauled and reequipped. All these undertakings are being carried out by Soviet engineers with the exception of a few shafts which are being constructed under the supervision of the German firm, "Tissen."

Over 28 million rubles will be assigned for the enlarging of old shafts and the construction of new ones during the current year as against 27 million in 1927.

In the near future the Soviet trust "Donugol" intends to start the construction of a series of new shafts, similar to the most powerful shafts in Europe and in America. They will yield about 15,000 tons of coal per year. The best scientific specialists from Germany and America, besides Soviet specialists and the Institute "Hyproshakhta," will be invited to aid in the preparation of plans and in the construction of these shafts.

Anti-Hoover Meeting at Irving Plaza Hall Next Friday Evening

The anti-Hoover demonstration arranged for Friday, Jan. 4, at 8 p. m., at Irving Plaza Hall, 15th St. and Irving Place, will prove a rallying call to the workers to attend the meeting to denounce the imperialist war excursion of Hoover, who is scheduled to return to the U. S. during the first week in January.

The workers of New York are urged to turn out in a mass protest demonstration against the war plans of the imperialist Wall Street administration. Speakers at the protest meeting will be: George Pershing, Scott Nearing and Robert Minor. Robert Dunn will be chairman.

An expose will be made of the imperialist maneuvers behind the Bolivia-Paraguay hostilities and the negotiations of the Pan-American conference. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the New York branch of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, 799 Broadway.

The Workers (Communist) Party is the party of the class struggle.

Forced Aged to Slave



Grover A. Whalen, new police commissioner of New York, whose last act at the Wanamaker store, where he is a million-dollar executive, before he was given "leave of absence" was to order the old workers, retired on meagre pensions, to slave without pay during the Christmas rush. He enforced this order by means of a subtle threat of discontinuing their pensions which are all they have to exist on.

AGED SLAVED IN WHALEN REGIME

Wanamaker's Oily Chief Intimidated Workers

For a Christmas present, Grover A. Whalen, \$100,000-a-year general manager of the Wanamaker store on 4th Ave. and Astor Place, received an extra job as commissioner of the graft-fat New York police from his Tammany associates while on "official" leave of absence from the labor-baiting firm; but for the thousands of workers employed at Wanamaker's, Christmas meant only intolerable long hours, a speed-up made more intense because they are constantly on their feet, 10 and 12 and even 14 hours a day, all under the close surveillance of store detectives.

Exploiting the Aged.

Whalen's terrorism extends beyond the portals of the store. A short time before the Christmas period he sent letters out to all the workers who had sold their entire lives for a miserable weekly dole to Wanamakers, and were now "retired" on an even more miserable pension, kindly "asking" them to report to the store during the rush weeks to accommodate the increased number of purchasers. Evidently, the tone of the letter was threatening, because all of the retired workers had reported, (with the exception of a few who could not move their feet anymore after a lifetime of toil) and had slaved during the Christmas period without pay. A bonus, or commission on their petty sales, was all they received. Many of these old workers were still in the store, although the holiday rush had somewhat abated, and expected to continue to toil gratis for a few more weeks, not daring to refuse or protest for fear that their pensions, \$7 or \$8 per week, all they had to exist on now, after 50 years or so of toil here, would be discontinued. And all this had been carried out under the supervision of Grover Whalen, whose task now is, presumably, to exterminate those who live off the toil of others.

The Open Shop Tradition.

The reporter tried to speak to (Continued on Page Two)

CLOAK, DRESSMAKERS OPEN CONVENTION TONIGHT; FUR WORKERS BEGIN TOMORROW

Both Unions to Amalgamate; Will Launch One Needle Trades Workers' Union

Workers in Both Trades Enthusiastic, Prepare for Giant Rally in Lincoln Arena Sunday

The convention of the first of the two needle trades unions who are to amalgamate—the Cloak and Dressmakers' Union—begins tonight in New Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave. The Fur Workers' Union starts its convention tomorrow

RECEIVERSHIP ON LABOR BANK

B. of L. E. Securities Company in Court

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27 (UP).—Earl B. Breeding, Philadelphia attorney and Louis A. Weiss, of New York, today were named as receivers for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' Securities Corporation of New York and Pennsylvania. Breeding and Weiss were previously named receivers for the New York company by Judge Julian Mack of New York City.

The securities company of the B. of L. E. is part of the huge system of "labor banking" started by the machine bureaucracy which controlled the union, as a substitute for a militant action by labor unionists and as a means of tying up the treasury which might be otherwise used as strike funds.

Thirty Million Debacle.

After the death of Grand Chief Stone, who started the scheme, investigation showed that the whole structure was bankrupt, and that \$30,000,000 of the workers' money and union funds had disappeared.

A scandal rocked the last B. of L. E. convention, and the machine was able to cover itself by promising to save some of the money thru a new and heavy assessment upon the membership. Different sections of the labor banking, insurance, and realty schemes of the B. of L. E. have crashed recently, and the securities company is only the latest.

Students in Workers School, Take Note!

Notice to all students of the New York Workers School:

- 1. The class in "Social Aspects of American Literature," Joseph Freeman, instructor, will have its session tonight at 8:30 p. m.
2. The class in "Communist Party Organization," Bert Miller, instructor, will have its session (for this week only) tonight at 8:30 p. m.
3. The class in "Critical Periods in Human History," Max Bedacht, instructor, class in "Program of the C. I.," Wm. W. Weinstone, instructor, class in "Marxism-Leninism," Max Bedacht, instructor, will have their sessions postponed until after New Year. They have their next session the first Saturday, the first Friday and the first Thursday, respectively after New Year.
4. The class in "Fundamentals of Communism," Rebecca Grecht, instructor, will not have a session tonight. The next session will be held Friday, Jan. 4th at 7 p. m.

RED POETRY AND JAZZ

Many Bards, Dance Bacchanal Tonight

Poetry, music the dance—all the seven arts and a few more will be in their glory tonight at the big International Red Poets' Night and Dance Bacchanal in Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St.

The outstanding revolutionary poets in the country, representing many nationalities, will read from their latest work. English, Russian, Yiddish, Hungarian, Jugo-Slav, Italian, Spanish and Chinese, are only a few of the languages that will be heard.

Negro Jazz Band.

After the poetry readings, John C. Smith's Negro Syncopators will make it lively for everybody until the early hours of the morning. If the poetry puts you to sleep, the music will be sure to wake you up.

Among the poets who will read are Michael Gold, Joseph Freeman, Robert Wolf, Henry Reich, Jr., Lola Ridge, David Gordon, A. B. Magil, Martin Russak, Herman Spector, Edwin Rolfe, Lengston Hughes,

Adolf Wolff, Moïse Nadir, H. Leivick, Aaron Kurtz, A. Pomerantz, D. Brulink, H. T. Tsiang, J. Sigzorch and William Weinberg.

Chinese Poet's First Book.

Red Poets' Night will also mark the appearance of the first book by H. T. Tsiang, called "Poems of the Chinese Revolution." Tsiang wrote his first poem for the second Red Poets' Night and has since contributed frequently to the Daily Worker and the New Masses.

M. J. Olgin, editor of The Hammer, will be chairman of the evening.

A feature of the program will be the singing of revolutionary songs in four languages by Harrison George, of the Daily Worker. George will sing in English, Spanish, Italian and Chinese. The festivities will start at 8 o'clock. Buy your tickets in advance to make sure of getting in. They are on sale at the office of the Daily Worker, 26 Union Square.

Freiheit Chorus Will Give Yiddish Premier of Mendelssohn on Sat.

The first performance in Yiddish of Mendelssohn's celebrated oratorio "Walpurgis Night" will be given at the concert of the Freiheit Singing Society at Carnegie Hall, 57th St. and 7th Ave. tomorrow night. Workers of New York, to whom this opportunity presents an obtain tickets in advance at the Freiheit office, 30 Union Sq.

Accompanying the chorus will be a symphony orchestra conducted by Lazar Weiner.

Gain of 250,000 in British Unemployed

LONDON (By Mail).—In the week ended Dec. 3, 500,000 workers were unemployed in England, or 250,000 more than a year ago.

THE 'DAILY' FIGHTS FOR OUR CLASS;" GARY STEEL WORKER SENDS BIRTHDAY DONATION

On the shores of Lake Michigan, across the way from Chicago, rises the city of Gary, Ind., a belching swarm of steel mills, sprung up at the command of Judge Elbert H. Gary, late president of the open-shop United States Steel Corporation and named in honor of its lord and master.

Workers, representing 24 nationalities, work in the mills of Gary and vicinity, slaves of the U. S. Steel Corp., living for the most part in company-owned homes, thinking company-made thoughts, swallowed up by body and soul by the great steel Moloch.

skilled, get \$3.40 or \$4 a day and work 10, 11 and 12 hours, despite the fact that the eight-hour day is supposed to be officially in force. When Judge Gary died he was eulogized in the press, pulpit and schools. Judge Gary was a great man, Judge Gary was a good man, Judge Gary was a god-fearing man. When Judge Gary died he left more

than \$12,900,000 in personal property in New York State alone. . . . But all is not meek submission among the steel workers of Gary. Rebellion smolders in the smoke-filled air. The Daily Worker, reaching a worker here and there, is passed along to other workers. It is read, it is pondered over, it becomes the fighting banner of the

steel workers in their struggles against the hellish oppression of their masters.

Worker Sends Greetings.

And so it is not surprising that the fifth anniversary of the Daily Worker means something—means a great deal to those workers of Gary who have learned to fight against their oppressors. One such worker writes:

"I am J. K. (name omitted to protect worker—Ed.), steel worker of Gary, and I am sending \$1 for the fifth birthday of the Daily Worker. Only the Daily Worker is the paper that fights for our class, and for this reason I am sending \$1 to greet the Daily Worker on its birthday on Jan. 5.

"Long Life to 'Daily'!"

"Long life, to the Daily Worker and may it continue to fight for our class and to free the workers of the whole world."

Other workers in the Gary mills are also preparing to send greetings and donations. These ruthlessly exploited workers appreciate the way the "Daily" is fighting for

them and their class.

Workers in other industries, the Daily Worker, which always fights for you, now needs your help. A big batch of birthday greetings and donations will help keep the "Daily" on Red Square and help it grow into a mightier weapon of the American workers. Rush those greetings at once!

DAILY "SPECIAL" TO BE UNUSUAL

Many Features in 5th Birthday Number

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ico and other countries; greetings from the leaders of the Communist International; greetings from the Communist press of various countries; an unusually elaborate foreign page; special Workers Correspondence; book reviews; poems; a humor department, and many other features.

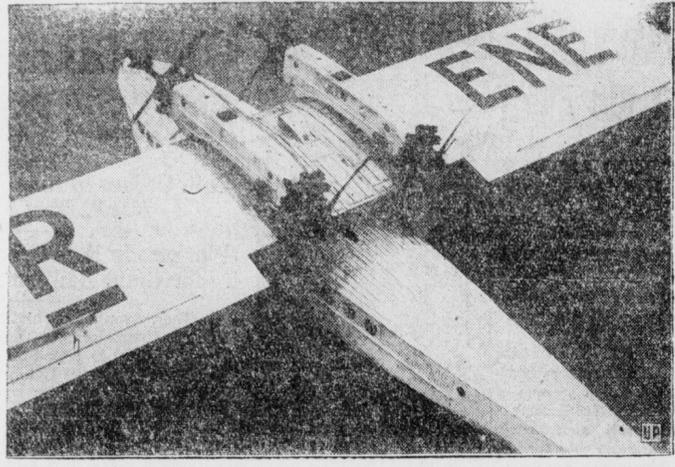
Send Greetings!

But—

To make all this possible, greetings, thousands of them, from the workers and working class organizations of this country must come in at once. The Daily Worker must have this help, not only to issue the special anniversary edition, but to keep alive.

Rush your greetings to the business office of the Daily Worker, 26 Union Square!

4 Motors, 24 Airmen to Carry Destruction in Future War



Flying ships of gigantic proportions are being built by the German firm of Dornier. Here is a "Super-Whale" equipped with four motors and made to carry a crew of 24 people. It can fly at 126 miles an hour. When war comes this plane can be turned into a war transport plane, and the German imperialists are training aviators and airmen for this purpose.

The Fight Against Zausnerism in the Painters' Union

(By WILLIAM W. WEINSTONE)

The conditions of the thousands of painters in New York City grow steadily worse. Under the leadership of arch reactionaries, the number of unorganized continues to grow, the standards won after decades of struggle against the bosses are being continually undermined, unlimited speed-up, unemployment, denial of hard-won union conditions, is the common lot of the masses of painters. The Master Bosses' Association holds the whip hand over the painters.

This condition is the product of the offensive of the bosses against the union, and the class collaboration policies and corruption of the reactionary union leadership. In the painters' union of New York, this system of class collaboration and corruption has been developed into a system of Brindellism—known in the painters' union as "Zausnerism."

are also being fooled by this illusion.

These so-called progressives are appealing to the left wing to maintain the united front against the return of Zausner or a Zausner candidate to office. This appeal, we must state, has hit the mark despite the fact that the left wing workers ought to know well enough that Shapiro as a candidate is just as dangerous to the interests of the workers as McNamara. The spectre of Zausner has caused some of the left wing to hesitate and has resulted in the withdrawal of the left wing candidate from the election fight. This action was an absolute mistake.

Those workers who believe that there is a difference between Shapiro and McNamara fail to see the situation. Shapiro may speak against Zausner, but his entire record is soaked through and through with Zausnerism.

Why United Front.

Those left wing workers who regard the united front of all progressive forces as a necessity in the Painters' Union should ask themselves the fundamental question: "For what was the united front formed?" Was it established to throw one faker out so that another faker could get into office, or was the united front established to clean out Zausnerism and Brindellism from the Painters' Union and establish a real progressive and militant class struggle policy?

election will only mean the continuation of Zausnerism. Such a faker may make a thousand promises,—but his record shows that he means oppression of the workers.

The way to bring the master himself back to direct control of the organization is to elect and keep in office the pupil. The experience of the workers in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers brings this out very clearly. The united front with fake progressives has meant demoralization for the workers and has meant the consolidation of the forces of the Beckermans and Hillmans. The painters themselves can relate similar experiences. The price which the left wing pays for such unity is too clear to be paid again.

Question of Tactics.

Occasionally some special situation may dictate the formation of a bloc with some rather unsure elements who indicate a willingness to struggle but the conditions must be carefully examined and the bloc organized so that leadership is surely in the hands of reliable and tested workers and the bloc continued only as long as it serves the interests of struggle against the bosses. Such conditions however do not exist at the present time in the painters' union.

whole policy of fight against all elements of Zausnerism.

Time to Fight Now.

The left wing should have pointed out all along that the united front would prove its worth only if it is directed against all agents of Zausnerism and that those who fight for class struggle policies must fight against all agents of class collaboration and corruption, whatever be their names or their pretenses.

The time is ripe now for the left wingers to call upon all workers in the present election to fight against Shapiro and McNamara. They must not be fooled by the slogan that the election of McNamara means the return of Zausner. Both Shapiro and McNamara are flesh of the flesh and bone of the bone of Brindellism and Zausnerism.

The left wing should point out to all honest progressive workers, to the masses as a whole, that the election of Shapiro or McNamara means only further consolidation of the reactionaries and the continuation of the present union-wrecking policies.

Both candidates are typical bureaucrats, representatives of Brindellism and Zausnerism in the painters' union. Shapiro, who is now running as an anti-Zausner candidate, was associated with the arch corruptionist, Zausner, for many years. He has gone through the entire school of Zausnerism and is a class collaborationist and corruptionist of the purest water. His administration has been wholly against the interests of the workers.

McNamara is one of the leading lights of the Zausner clique, a bureaucrat to whom the ideas of class struggle are anathema and for whom working with the bosses against the workers is the highest ideal he has achieved in the painters' union. Between Shapiro and McNamara there is really no fundamental difference. Both are against the organization of the unorganized, against militant struggle; both are the tools of the bosses to intensify speed-up and keep the workers in oppression. The fight between them has no practical significance for the workers. The election of either is a victory for the bosses and a defeat for the workers.

Shapiro's Smoke Screen.

Shapiro is a reactionary who is now trying to make the workers believe that he has broken with his past and is attempting to use the hatred of the workers for Zausner for his own advantage. McNamara is an open reactionary and the known candidate of the Zausner clique.

Shapiro has succeeded in getting endorsements of his candidature from many of the locals through the support of so-called progressives who were associated with the left wing workers and Communists in ousting Zausner from office about two years ago. Those so-called progressives, whether or not they are fooling themselves, are surely deceiving the workers by declaring that it is necessary to elect Shapiro, for, with Shapiro in office, there are more chances to fight successfully against Zausnerism and prevent the return of Zausner."

Zausner as Scarecrow.

By spreading this illusion they are trying to rally the workers behind Shapiro. Some well-mentioned left wingers, who are known to the workers for their aggressive fight in the interests of the rank and file,

Corruption Corrupts.

Corruption grows like weeds in the soil of class-collaboration. Corruption and class-collaboration are twin brothers. The united front of left wingers and progressives must be formed on a program that will wipe out class corruption. But even such programs are mere scraps of paper if hand in hand with a fighting program there do not go men to carry out the program, men whose honesty and reliability have been tested in struggle, and whose record is the best guarantee that the program will be carried out.

The united front of left wingers and progressives must have as spokesman and leaders men who are devoted to the masses, left wingers who will fight militantly and aggressively for the program. Any other united front becomes in the long run a means of demoralizing the left wing and hinders the mobilization of the workers, or where it is made with fake progressives is a means of bolstering up the waning influence of such fakers. It tends to dim the clarity of the left wing and prevents the development of a movement of struggle against the bosses and their agents—the reactionaries of all stripes.

Lesson of Experience.

In the painters' union as a whole in New York there have been too many united fronts that have limited themselves to mere election struggle and which stopped short of fighting the entire battle against Brindellism and Zausnerism. A fight against Zausner is not enough. Such fights must be developed along the entire line against Zausnerism or else they degenerate the left wing and disappoint the workers with consequent harm to the left wing and with demoralization of the workers.

Shapiro is a fake progressive. His

It has not always understood that the real basis of the united front is the masses and that its real purpose is to win the masses for struggle. The writer has pointed out repeatedly that the united front against the Zausner machine was tending to weaken the left wing and place the left wing in a wrong light before the masses because it was not developing into an instrument of struggle along the entire line of a fight against Zausnerism and Brindellism and because the left wing was not fighting energetically enough against the tendency of some of those who call themselves progressives to utilize the united front to become mere office-holders with policies and purposes little different from that of the reactionary officials.

The opinion of some left wingers was so strongly for the continuation of the united front with these progressives favoring Shapiro against McNamara that the writer must admit that even he himself at one time was for at least a short moment under the impression that the time was not appropriate, as those left wingers claimed, for putting up a third left wing independent candidate. This only proves that the left wing has exposed Zausner but did not completely enough bring out before the masses the real issues of struggle—for the

AGED SLAVED IN WHALEN REGIME

Wanamaker's Oily Chief Intimidated Workers

(Continued from Page One)

several of the girls he saw working in the store as soon as he entered yesterday. They answered questions willingly enough when I pretended to discuss a purchase, but no sooner did he touch the conditions of their work, their eyes would look beyond apprehensively, and they would go dumb. Invariably a slick police dick would be around. They have done their job of terrorizing the workers here thoroughly, in the best accepted traditions of the open-shop concern.

It was only after the reporter crossed the "Bridge of Progress" (so that the reporter was able to speak to someone. It was in the . . . department (It will not be named, because the Wanamaker dicks would immediately discover her identity and fire her) that the Daily Worker reporter finally found one who was willing to talk about the conditions of the workers. A tall girl, dressed primly to conform with the rules of the store, told how horribly they had been rushed during the pre-Christmas period.

Overtime Without Pay.

Although the store officially opened at 9 a. m., all employees were forced during this period to be at their posts no later than 7 a. m. and to work until at least a half-past eleven and even twelve at night arranging the wares in attractive piles for the petty-bourgeoisie which does its shopping there, and rearranging them when they are knocked out from the days work, late at night.

The truck drivers and the whole delivery department were forced to work even greater hours and at a greater speed-up, bringing goods to the homes for the purchasers.

"It's lucky we're in this corner,"

DNEIPROSTROY - CENTER OF THE SOVIET UNION

(Special to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, U. S. S. R. (By Mail).

—The Council of Labor and Defense discussing the estimates of the cost of the Dneipr Hydraulic Electric Station (Dneiprostroy), set the total cost at 172,453,000 rubles (about \$86,221,000) and not to exceed 180,973,000 rubles.

The total expenditure for the project, which will change the face of the territory surrounding Dneiprostroy for a radius of 200 miles, including the construction of bridges and railroad lines, medical and sanitary measures, anti-malaria precautions on the Samara river, and technical assistance and advice is fixed at 195,973,000 rubles. The technical assistance and advice from abroad alone will cost 6,800,000 rubles.

Dneiprostroy is expected to be working at full force by 1933, working only partially until then as its turbines are installed. It will alter the whole face of the surrounding region and create new industries.

she said, "otherwise some detective would be snooping around." And so the reporter held one of the many articles on the counter in his hand, to make any passing snoop believe they were discussing some momentous purchase. The reporter asked her about the wages the girls received, and only here did she show the slightest trace of hesitation. Finally she answered. She had been working at Wanamakers for three years, and had had her wages raised "many times" until now received \$16 a week. Bonus? Sometimes on good weeks it amounts to three dollars. Usually about one, or at the most, two."

It was this girl who revealed to the secret of the pensioned workers, who the reporter had noticed and wondered at the age workers here and there, with lined faces and with stooped shoulders, going about their work, slowly and painfully, and he asked her if Wanamakers

BRITISH PLANES RUSHED TO KABUL

Take Heavy Transfers From Iraq

NEW DELHI, India, Dec. 27.—It is reported here that because of the winter weather, King Amamullah will remove his government to Kandahar and will launch a strong offensive against the revolting tribes in the spring.

Two more British, heavy-powered army planes, capable of carrying two pilots and 20 soldiers, have arrived at Karachi, on the India border. It is reported that these will fly to Kabul to aid in the evacuation of the foreign legations.

There is very little news from Kabul and the latest authentic reports indicate that all is quiet. The steady stream of reports, scares and rumors dispatched from here by the British press agents, and the rush of British planes to "rescue" foreigners from the "rebels" only adds to the belief that Britain is engaged in a campaign against the Afghan government, as well as against the sultan of Nedj in Arabia and against the Persians, where revolts have simultaneously broken out.

With few exceptions there is a characteristic peculiar to Wanamaker girls that the reporter noticed while there. They are all forced through a mold, squeaked dry, forced to assume a prim, puritanical countenance, and become perfectly "proper." For Wanamaker's you must know, is a "respectable" store, as distinguished from, let us say, Woolworth's which, incidentally, pays the same miserable wages. Wanamaker's employes are taken fresh from school, or from the streets, and immediately shut into a superficial atmosphere as rigid as a whole-bone corset (our patrons first, you know), and allowed to fade away under the burden of a wage as low, in some cases, as \$10 a week, and never exceeding thirty. The latter of course, is only for "old, trusted, and faithful" employes, already putting on their crutches, and sagging bodily from old age.

Harlem Forum Will Expose U. S. Tyranny in Haiti Sunday at 3

The Haitian Patriotic Union has as its aim the emancipation of the working class in Latin America, and exposes the brutal oppression of American imperialism in Haiti.

The Harlem Educational Forum will hear a lecture on "Haiti and the U. S. from 1915 to 1928," by Jean G. Lamothe, acting president of the Haitian Patriotic Union in the U. S., this Sunday afternoon, Dec. 30, at 3 p. m., at 169 W. 133rd St.

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Huiswood to Speak on Negro Problems at the Bronx Forum Sunday

Otto Huiswood, head of the Negro department of the Workers (Communist) Party, will be the principal speaker at the Bronx Open Forum, 1330 Wilkins Ave., on Sunday at 8 p. m. The subject under discussion will be "Negro Problems in Industry."

"The Negro is becoming a greater factor in industry every day," states the announcement of the Forum, "both in the North and in the South. In fact he is becoming 'rationalized.' Huiswood will take up the various aspects of the Negro's problems in his talk."

TWO DROWN THROUGH ICE

FREEPORT, L. I., Dec. 27 (UP).—Wilson and Arthur Gregorovich, 9 and 13, risked their lives today to save their pet collie. All are dead.

"A Happy New Year," Department Store Lays Off 900 Girls

LONGER HOURS, LESS PAY AS XMAS PRESENT

Send in Correspondence for Fifth Anniversary Issue

"My most cordial greeting to the Daily Worker on its Fifth Anniversary. May the militant paper live to see its 50th birthday. It is the only weapon we workers have to expose the conditions of slavery the bosses impose on us." So writes a Worker Correspondent of the Daily Worker, G. Stohberg, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"Whenever the steel trust cuts our wages, speeds up still faster, and lays off a few hundred more workers, the only paper which will expose the bosses is the Daily Worker. I'm wise enough to send in correspondence from my mill to the Daily Worker." This is what one of the slaves of the billion dollar steel trust, who slaves in the Republic Steel and Iron Co. mills in Pittsburgh for less than \$22 a week, writes.

Look this page over. It's your page. In it, workers all over the country, from the fighting textile workers in New England, to the oppressed white and Negro slaves in the cotton fields of the South; from the oil workers in Bayonne, the slaves of Rockefeller, to the berry pickers and lumberjacks on the Pacific Coast bring to each other their message of solidarity.

Every day brings fresh wage cuts, greater speed-up to the workers of the United States. Every day brings more misery to the slaves who sweat so that the already swollen bosses may get fatter.

In its five years as the only English speaking daily of the working class, the Daily Worker has been a chief reliance of the workers, of struggle against the slavery imposed by the bosses. It is to the Worker Correspondent page of the Daily Worker that thousands of workers have turned, to expose the slavery in their

obliged to take inventory at stipulated periods of the year.

Rationalization also hit the office force. The girls in the office get, sometimes, as much as \$12 per week. The new managers told them to "speed up," or they'd be displaced by other girls at \$10 per week after the holidays. And it must be remembered that all the girls must dress well to hold their jobs, all on such meager wages.

Other department stores, in fact nearly all of them, followed in the footsteps of the newly organized Lit Brothers. And for all the department store employees—after Jan. 1, the deluge.

The big mail order house of Sears, Roebuck and Co., along with its subsidiary chain of retail department stores instituted some new pro-

shops, and to open the eyes of their fellow workers.

Workers, send in your worker correspondence to the Daily Worker for the Fifth Anniversary issue on Jan. 5. Here is a chance to spread the message of class struggle, to show up the slavery in your shop to the hundreds of thousands of workers who will read the special anniversary issue. Send in your worker correspondence now, so that it can appear on Jan. 5.

—THE DAILY WORKER.

Commerce Commission Warns Roads Policy Endangers Ownership

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A plea by the railroads in the O'Fallon test case, that higher valuations be granted, brot today an answer from Walter F. Fisher, council for the Interstate Commerce Commission, which endeavors to save the railroads from a policy which might, in the opinion of Fisher, endanger the present ownership.

Fischer's brief concluded that, "in road valuations based on present reproduction costs, expressed in terms of present-day dollars, would prove a terrible boomerang to the railroads in time of depression, and he said, "it is believed we are facing a period of deflation and of general price decline."

Fischer's brief concluded that, "in the opinion of the commission," rate-making under such swollen valuations would "destroy any effective regulation of railroad rates" and "discredit and perhaps destroy the whole system of private ownership and operation," as the rest of the capitalists would prefer to take over the roads thru their government.

ceures this Christmas season. They discovered that they could get boys of 18 years as shipping clerks for the sum of \$16. So they dispensed with the services of old "young" men who were getting \$22.00 per week at this hard work. They also decided that it was unnecessary to broach the sad tidings after New Year's day, they "laid off" the extra Christmas help on Friday, December 21. "A penny saved is a penny earned," said wise old Ben Franklin, and leave it to the big moguls of the mail order houses to save their pennies.

It may be hard for the poor workers, but look how much additional "net" profits it means to Sears, Roebuck and Co. That's the important thing, profits.

—C. RABIN.

ZARITSKY, CAP CZAR, IN TALK ABOUT MASSES

But His "Masses" Are Thugs and Bosses

(By a Worker Correspondent)

A few remarks to expose President Zaritsky of the Cap and Millinery Union. If there is still any doubt in the cap workers' minds that Zaritsky is as bad as Sigman or other grafters in the needle trades, he should have been at the lecture of Zaritsky at our local meeting on Dec. 4. Then he would surely make up his mind once and for all as to what kind of man Zaritsky is. The twaddle I had to hear; I envied those who failed to show up for the meeting. He began: "Do you know why the Communists last longer than the I. W. W.? Because they get money from Moscow. The left wing in the cap unions cannot get any following," continued this faker.

This is a lie, of course. The bosses, police, thugs and the courts to subjugate the workers, certainly these followers the left wing has not got. But take away these "masses" from Zaritsky, Sigman, Schlessinger and the other needle fakers, and see how long they would last. I do not agree with you, Zaritsky, when you said "Every doctrine can be carried through only when the membership are willing when the membership are willing to do it." You say "the only way to do it is by a vote." Well, how many votes did you get in Local 43 for your policy? None. Did you carry through their will? Certainly not, that is not in your line. You used the same methods as your fellow-grafter, Sigman; you expelled the whole local and had them thrown out of the shops. Of course, with the help of your "masses"—the bosses and thugs.

Why is it when you read a clause in our program that we are against piece-work you dodged that question? Because you wished to install the piece-work system. Your lecture indicated that we militant cap workers are a big factor in the labor movement, and that we strike you in the right place. Apparently you realize you cannot get rid of us. You are doomed to go. A. K.

FALL KILLS WORKER

MILWAUKEE (By Mail).—Richard Neubauer, a baker's helper, was killed in a fall down an elevator shaft at the Jaeger Baking Co.

Duncan Troupe to Dance at Daily Worker Celebration

Great interest has been aroused by the announcement that the famous Isadora Duncan dancers will appear at Manhattan Opera House, Eighth Ave. and 34th St., on Jan. 5, at the fifth birthday festival of the Daily Worker.

The appearance of the Duncan dancers is part of the general Duncan Dance Festival which will honor the memory of the great dancer. Tickets are already on sale for the dancers' appearance on Jan. 5 and from present indications a capacity attendance can be expected.

Dancers Already Here.

Irma Duncan, adopted daughter and favorite pupil of the late Isadora, who inherited the Isadora Duncan School of Moscow, has already arrived in New York, accompanied by 25 prize graduates of the famous institution. Irma Duncan will be both the featured star and the director of the performance.

Before her appearance Miss Duncan will be the guest of honor at three important luncheons and two large dinners, at which she will speak on the lifework of her illustrious foster mother. She will also open the Isadora Duncan Monument Campaign which is to be officially launched by a group of well-known American artists, authors, actors, dancers, etc.

Limited U. S. Tour.

The American tour of Miss Duncan and which was arranged through the courtesy of A. Lunachareky, of the Russian Commissar of Art and Education, will be limited to six weeks only. Following the Manhattan appearance the Duncan Dancers will play brief engagements in Chicago, Toronto, Boston, Washington, Philadelphia and Baltimore, after which they will return direct to Russia.

The Duncan performances here will be given with the support of a full symphonic orchestra and the opening program in each city will be one that was especially selected for American presentation by the late Isadora Duncan just previous to her death in Paris.

In New York City the opening

number of the performance will be "The International." Tickets are on sale at the office of the Daily Worker, 26 Union Square.

LABOR SPORTS

Metropolitan Workers' Soccer League Standing.

Division "A"	W.	L.	D.	Pts
Roy Roy F. C.	6	1	2	14
Hungarian Workers	4	1	1	9
Argentine F. C.	4	0	1	9
Martians F. C.	2	5	1	5
N. Y. Eagle	1	4	1	3
B. B. S. C.	1	3	0	2
Fordham F. C.	0	4	0	0

Division "B"	W.	L.	D.	Pts
Scandinavian Wks.	7	1	0	14
Prospect Unity	3	3	3	10
Amer. Hungarian	4	2	0	8
Falcon S. C.	3	4	2	8
Argentine F. C.	1	2	1	3
Freiheit F. C.	0	3	2	2
Hungarian Wrks	0	4	3	3
Harlem S. C.	0	0	3	3

Division "C"	W.	L.	D.	Pts
Spartacus S. C.	6	1	4	16
Harlem Progressive	5	1	4	14
Cooperative S. C.	4	3	1	11
Scandinavian Wks	4	1	1	9
Workers B. S. C.	2	1	2	6
Red Star S. C.	1	5	3	5
Vagabond S. C.	1	4	1	3
Freiheit S. C.	0	5	0	0

Standing of Brooklyn Workers' Soccer League.

W.	L.	D.	Pts
Freiheit S. C.	5	1	11
Spartacus	5	1	11
Red Star S. C.	2	2	6
Scandinavian Wks	0	3	3
Atlantic Park S. C.	1	3	2
Mohawk S. C.	0	1	0

BOOZE SMUGGLING GROWS

WASHINGTON (By Mail).—Government officials admit that smuggling of liquor from Canada has reached a volume of \$2,000,000 a month at least.

Are You in Jail Today?

SUPPOSE YOU WERE IN JAIL! The "arm of the law" (let's suppose) having taken you away from your working class work and your family, opened a heavy iron-grated door—gave you a shove—bang! goes the dungeon door—the lock clicks, and—

NOW YOU ARE IN JAIL! You rest your elbows upon cold steel bars, you take your head into your hands, and you think a little.

ONE YEAR — 5 YEARS — 20 YEARS — LIFE! You are sentenced, and whether little or much, it's had enough. But you have loyally performed your proletarian tasks and you take your medicine like the good militant you are.

AND YOU ARE IN JAIL! AND DAYS, MONTHS, YEARS PASS! And you think and wonder—"Do my comrades still think of me? Are they attempting to FREE me? Are the workers mobilizing to free all class war prisoners? Is my family provided for? Could not my comrades send me a few books to read?"

SUPPOSE YOU ARE IN JAIL! And not a comrade on the outside giving a thought or a dollar to help free you or support your family. HOW WOULD THAT MAKE YOU FEEL?

You Are Not in Jail Today!

Are You Giving a Thought and a Dollar to Those Who Are?

YOU ARE NOT IN JAIL! Thousands of your comrades are in jail, face jail—comrades who fought shoulder to shoulder with us against the enemy, the capitalist class; comrades engaged in the work of organizing the unorganized workers, who led strikes and struggles against our oppressors.

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Two Workers Are Killed When Gas Escapes from Leak in Pipe in Rooming House

ASPHYXIATED BY DEADLY FUMES IN A SQUALID ROOM

Other Tenant Discovers Both on Floor, Dead

Oscar Sundquist, 47 years old, and John Dahlquist, 45 years old, two Scandinavian workers employed as laborers in Manhattan, were found dead yesterday on the floor of the room at 300 E. 49th St., in which Sundquist lived. Dahlquist, a fellow-immigrant of Sundquist, had entered the room the night before. Both had been asphyxiated.

Both workers had been seen last at 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening. About 9 o'clock yesterday morning, Esther Sandell, another tenant in the same house where the two dead workers roomed, smelled gas in the hall. Calling the proprietor of the building upstairs, they traced the fumes to the door of Sundquist's room. It was after the door of the room had been forced open that the bodies of the two workers were found on the floor. Sandell said that their attitudes indicated that they had been overcome by the escaping gas while talking, and had succumbed before they could realize what the danger was.

Investigation revealed the fact that a gas pipe in one corner of the room had been thoroughly corroded through failure of the owner to repair it in time, and that the rust had gradually bored its way through the metal, leaving a small hole through which the gas had escaped.

If it had not been for the timely discovery of the fumes by Esther Sandell, all the people in the house might have been asphyxiated, observers said. The house is occupied entirely by workers and poor laborers employed in the vicinity.

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 the Italian Workers' Cooperative Hall, 22 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 1230 Wilkins Ave., on New Years 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, 27 Beacon St., Newark. Tickets are 50 cents including a free sub to the Young Worker for three months. All sympathetic organizations are asked to arrange affairs on the same date and to help us make this affair a success.

East N. Y. Y. W. L. Dance.
The East N. Y. section of the Young Workers (Communist) League will hold its first section dance on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the East New York Workers Center, 313 Hindsdale St. There will be entertainment and an excellent jazz band. All workers are invited to attend.

Unit 2F, Subsection 2C will meet January 2, at 6:30 p. m., in Madison Square Garden. Meetings will be resumed.

Lenin Memorial Meeting.
A Lenin Memorial Meeting will be held in Madison Square Garden Saturday, Feb. 3, at 8 p. m. All workers and sympathetic organizations please take note.

You are requested not to arrange any conflicting dates. The Lenin Memorial Meeting this year will be held in Madison Square Garden Saturday, Feb. 3, at 8 p. m. All workers and sympathetic organizations please take note.

Williamsburgh Y. W. L.
W. L. will meet 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 Saitzman, 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.

East New York, Y. W. L. Hike.
The East New York unit of the Young Workers (Communist) League will hold its second hike to the Jamaica woods on Sunday, Dec. 30. All 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 Workers' agents meeting will take place today at 6:30 p. m., at 101 West 27th Street.

Downtown Y. W. L. Forum.
The speaker for the Downtown Unit 1, Y. W. L. Forum held at 60 St. Marks Place this 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) 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 today at 1400 Boston Road, at 8:30 p. m.

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

Progressive Countermen Group.
The next fraction meeting of the Progressive Group of the Delicatessen Countermen's Union, Local 302, will be held at the Workers Center, 26 Union Square, today at 3 p. m.

Unit 1F, Subsection 2A.
Unit 1F, Subsection 2A will hold its regular meeting today at 6:30 p. m., at 26 Union Square, fifth floor. Important communications and other matters will be taken up and every member is urged to attend.

Upper Bronx Pioneers.
The Pioneer Sport Club of the Upper Bronx will have gym practice at the Metropolitan Y. M. C. A. on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. All Pioneers are asked to come on time.

Brownsville Workers Center.
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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.

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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. 13. Comrades who are qualified to take part in such drill, including the formation of pyramids, should report promptly at 10 o'clock Sunday at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St., and every Sunday thereafter.

Red Poets' Night Dec. 28.
The third annual International Red Poets' Night will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St. Tickets on sale at Daily Worker office, 26 Union Square.

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, 116th 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 tomorrow evening at Carnegie Hall.

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Congressman Charges Looting Increases

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of New York was next with \$4,270,059.

Others receiving more than \$1,000,000 were the Federal Shipbuilding Company, Kearney, N. J., \$3,654,239; estate of Margaret Olivia Sage, New York, \$1,618,939; Swift & Co., Chicago, \$1,496,631; the Texas Company, Houston, \$1,336,507; estate of Peter C. Brooks, Boston, \$1,368,826; United Fuel and Gas Company, Inc., Charleston, West Virginia, \$1,235,962; the estate of Vermer Zevala Reed, Denver, \$1,222,383.

Mellon's own Aluminum Company of America gets a refund of \$555,962.

The Texas Company, of Houston, lately took part in a merger of all the largest Southwestern Oil Companies, and is controlled by banking capital over which the Mellon family of Pittsburgh, in turn, acts as guardian.

Good to Mellon Firms.

Among the other companies favored during last year are the American Smelting and Refining Co., of New York (\$945,342), an enormous labor-hating concern controlled by the Mellon-Morgan financiers; the McClellin - Marshall Construction Co., of Pittsburgh (\$874,255), which is in the home of Mellon financial power; the estate of Henry Clay Frick of Pittsburgh (\$802,720)—property of the Frick family, which is Mellon's associate in scab coal mining throughout Pennsylvania, and followed the lead of Mellon's Pennsylvania Coal Co. in locking out the miners and bringing on the late strike. Other big coal mining companies which took their union-smashing labor policy from the Mellon interests and which are given big refunds of taxes, are the Berwin White Coal Mining Co. of Philadelphia (\$545,962), and the Paint Creek Coal Mining Co. of Cleveland (\$412,213).

The Southern California Edison Co. (Insult-controlled) is given \$337,569.

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The circular stairway on the Queensborough Bridge collapsed, injuring three persons. Traffic was tied up and passengers had to walk back to Manhattan. The collapse was due to faulty construction.

TALKS ON NEGRO IN LOS ANGELES

Hall to Address Many Meetings

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dications and the universal interest manifested both in the Negro section and among the white workers, the success of all these meetings is assured.

70,000 Negroes in City.
In this city there is a Negro population of about 70,000, the overwhelming majority of whom are workers. These Negro workers are largely employed in the lowest paid positions, such as street workers, garbage collectors, etc., and the white chauvinism of the A. F. of L. has been instrumental in keeping them outside of the ranks of organized labor. Not only do they find themselves, along with thousands of local white workers, victims of Coolidge "prosperity," but they are also confronted with special problems arising from chauvinism and racial prejudices.

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Advertising Boss Left Working Girls Stranded in West

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 (U.P.)—Claire Robbins, 19, and Josephine Burke, 17, advertising saleswomen who told police they were left without funds by their "crew manager," were turned over to the Illinois Vigilance Association today to await return to their homes.

Miss Robbins, 177 Stanton St., New York City, and Miss Burke, 317 River St., Burlington, Vt., said they had been employed by the National Advertising Company, New York City, and came west with William Lockwood, crew manager, two months ago.

They were taken to police headquarters last night by a motorist whom they asked to drive them east. The girls said Lockwood left them in Minneapolis with only 15 cents and that they had hiked to Chicago.

Pershing, Benjamin in Anti-Imperialist Meet in Philadelphia Friday

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 27.—The All America Anti-Imperialist League and the Workers (Communist) Party organization in this city will hold a protest mass meeting to demand the withdrawal of American forces from Nicaragua and "hands off Colombia."

The speakers will be Herbert Benjamin, district organizer of the Party, and George Pershing, formerly with the U. S. army in Hawaii, and cousin of "Black Jack" Pershing. The meeting will take place at Carpenters Hall, 715 N. Eutaw St., on Friday, Dec. 28, at 8 p. m.

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SOCIALISTS OF GERMANY CALL FOR BIG ARMY

Gesture Covers Troops Shooting Strikers

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it, and certainly without Communists.

In order to give a "socialistic" sound to their support of the bourgeoisie, the reactionary armed forces which the social democrats hope to present to the German capitalists, will have, according to the party platform, a system of what they call soldiers' "trade unions," something like American company unions, with a "welfare program."

Smoke Screen.

Part of the camouflage thrown over these militarist measures is the provision, included in the contract, that the army shall not be used during strikes. There is also a crafty effort to hold together the illusions of the working class with a provision that a revolution may be started against the government if it fails to resort to "arbitration" when threatened by war.

The Communist Party of Germany fights against the creation of an army and navy under control of the capitalists and their socialist assistants, which will, certainly, law or no law, be used against the workers in labor struggles.

The workers of Germany rally to the Red Front Fighters organization, which provides guards for meetings, prevents the fascists from breaking them up, and defends strikers.

acres of state diggings or else employ additional diggers. It is reported that unless these demands were not met by Friday the diggers would rush the fields.

BOSTON PARTY MEMBERS MEET

Meetings Thruout New England

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 27.—The Convention Arrangements Committee of the Boston district of the Workers (Communist) Party has planned the following discussion meetings in the district. Party members in these units will receive mail notices for these meetings and are asked to attend them without fail. The meetings follow.

New Bedford—Dec. 30, 1 p. m.; speakers, Robert Zelms for the C. E. C. and Sam Wiseman for the Opposition.

Fall River—Dec. 30, 7 p. m.; speakers, Robert Zelms for the C. E. C. and Wiseman for the Opposition.

Norwood—Jan. 1, 2 p. m.; speakers, Bail for the C. E. C. and Jack McCarthy for the Opposition.

Haverhill—January 7, 7:30 p. m.; speakers, Zelms for the C. E. C. and McCarthy for the Opposition.

Lynn—January 7, 7:30 p. m.; speakers, Harry J. Canter for the C. E. C. and Sam Wincur for the Opposition.

Maynard—January 7, 7:30 p. m.; speakers, Bail for the C. E. C. and Wiseman for the Opposition.

Springfield—January 8, 7:30 p. m.; speakers, Bail for the C. E. C. and Wiseman for the Opposition.

Peabody—January 8, 7:30 p. m.; speakers, Zelms for the C. E. C. and Wiseman for the Opposition.

Lumberjack Denies Charge of Murder

ROSEAU, Minn., Dec. 27 (U.P.)—George Ryan, 35-year-old lumberjack, will be charged with murder in connection with the death of Robert Lobdell, 30, St. Paul immigration inspector, authorities announced here today.

Ryan denied he was connected with the death of the inspector when arrested in a dense swamp after a 12-hour man-hunt. Ryan said he was just making "his way through the country." He was unarmed and did not resist arrest.

Lobdell was shot to death Tuesday on a boundary highway about five miles east of Roseau.

Moncada to Be Placed in Wall St. Job Jan. 1

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 27.—With American marines constantly ready, the puppet officials of the Nicaraguan government are preparing to inaugurate on Jan. 1 the government of Moncada, who owes his election to Washington's envoys, Admiral Sellers and General McCoy. Banquets and richly decorated parties are being extended to Moncada by Americans resident in Managua and by the native bourgeoisie.

WOMEN WORKERS WASHINGTON (By Mail)

One in every eleven women are employed in industry and business, the Women's Bureau reports.

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 to arrange any affair for that evening.

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A Compliment from the Enemy

A screaming, dull-witted bi-monthly organ of militarism, the "National Defense Magazine," published in its issue for November-December a sort of an appreciation of the activity of the Workers (Communist) Party, and particularly that of the Young Workers (Communist) League, among the armed forces of United States imperialism.

The magazine is the official publication of a long string of organizations, including Reserve Officers' Training Corps units and the "National Patriotic Association." The article on the work of the Communists carries the stupid and misleading title "Fruits of Pacifism" (No! gentlemen, the Communists are not pacifists!), but we reprint it as an acknowledgement of the growing effectiveness of Communist work in the armed forces.

"THE FRUITS OF PACIFISM"

"Communists are engaged in a nation-wide program of 'boring from within' in Citizens' Military Training Camps.

"The Young Workers (Communist) League of District No. 7, established a communist nucleus in the training camp at Camp Custer last summer and commenced the circulation of a nucleus paper, 'The Camp Custer Rookie,' Volume 1, Number 1, of which contained the following statement on page 4:

"The Young Workers (Communist) League is fighting against the militarization of the youth of this country to fight the bosses' wars. We aim to organize the youth of this country so as to know who their real enemies are. So that when war comes they will utilize their training not to kill other workers but to do like the Russian worker—establish a real government that will protect the interest of the workers and the farmers. The camp authorities will no doubt use various means to intimidate those who read and discuss 'The Rookie.' We urge all readers not to be cowed into submission. You have a right to read this paper."

"You may say that any boy of sound parentage in the training camps will not be susceptible to this literature and the arguments set forth by the Communists. It is well, however, to remember that even though the forces of Communism gain but one or two recruits out of every hundred boys that attend the training camps, if this number is gained in all camps it will mean just that many new workers for Communism. Slowly, but surely, Communist organizers are gaining new recruits throughout the country daily.

"In previous years Communists have been very secretive about their activities among the military forces of the nation and the training camps; now they are becoming bolder and bolder and openly defy military authorities, and invite arrest for their activities in the dissemination of Communist literature among military students and soldiers of the reg-

ular army. By so doing they are gradually battering down respect for military authority in the country and making headway with their program of 'boring from within.' It was through this means that the overthrow of the monarchial government of Russia was finally accomplished.

"Even though the danger in the United States may be exceedingly slight at this time, unless it is stamped out before making further headway, who may say how long it will before a successful majority has been obtained within the ranks of our armed forces, and that there may follow a duplication of the Russian Revolution when America will succumb to the barbaric and heathen forces of Communism."

The authoritative character of this voice of reaction—it carries in the same issue an article by an assistant secretary of war and another by an assistant chief of ordnance of the U. S. department of war—gives some weight to its acknowledgment that the Communist revolutionary work among the military forces has greatly increased.

Thanks.

Now as never before must the revolutionary Communist message be carried through at any cost to the workers and farmers who are to be cannon-fodder of the coming imperialist war. Now as never before the work among the young men of our class who are attracted to "vacation" military training camps must be multiplied to a huge scale. For the United States capitalist class, through its government at Washington, is now actually in the midst of bloody imperialist war in Latin-America and preparing at break-neck speed for war with Great Britain—world-war.

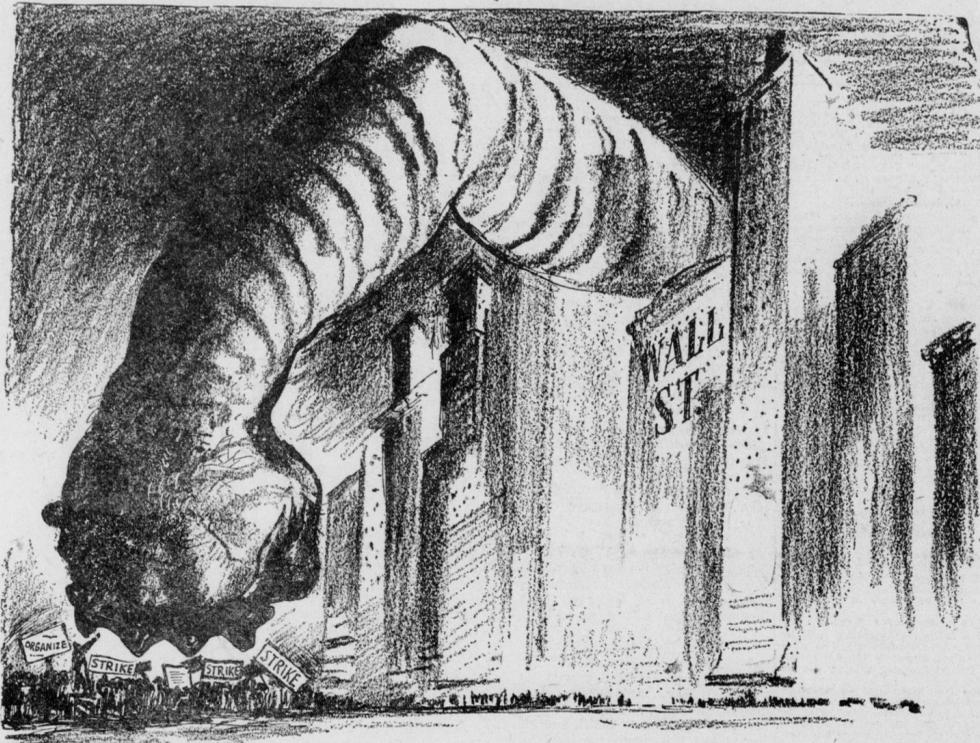
But pacifism has no part in the Communist work!

Pacifism is the poison of the capitalist class with which to facilitate their imperialist war-making.

Not pacifism, but the defeat of the "our own" imperialist robber-government, not pacifism but the defense of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics and of the colonial revolts against imperialist, not pacifism but the transformation of the imperialist war into civil war for the overthrow of the dictatorship of the criminal, imperialist capitalist class and the establishment of the dictatorship of the working class—this is what the Communists work for.

The armed masses upon which the Wall Street government depends for the bloody conquest of the world will one day listen to the voice of their own class cause, and these same masses will bring about the downfall of their own parasite ruling class.

THE STRONG-ARM SQUAD IS RESTORED



The Struggle Against Imperialist War and the Tasks of the Communists

(Note: The fifth installment of the Comintern thesis on "The Struggle Against Imperialist War and the Tasks of the Communists" is published in this issue. It was adopted at the 6th World Congress at its recent sessions in Moscow.—EDITOR.)

3. The Proletarian Civil War Against the Bourgeoisie.

24. The imperialist war of 1914-1928 was, in a number of countries in Eastern and Central Europe, transformed into civil war, which, in Russia, ended in the victory of the proletariat. The lessons of the October Revolution are of paramount importance in determining the attitude of the proletariat towards war.

They show: 1) that in their imperialist wars the bourgeoisie must place weapons in the hands of the workers, but that in critical military situations, defeats, etc., they lost command over the mass armies; 2) that a real and sustained struggle against this war implies that work must be carried on to revolutionize the masses of the soldiers, i.e., work in preparation for civil war, and 3) that the ground for civil war must be thoroughly prepared by the proletariat and the Party.

Civil War in Peace Time Also.

The civil wars in Germany in 1920 and 1923, in Bulgaria in 1923, in Estonia in 1924, and in Vienna in July 1927, prove that proletarian civil war may not only break out in times of bourgeois imperialist wars, but also in the present "normal conditions" of capitalism; for present-day capitalism intensifies the class struggle to an acute degree and at any moment may create an immediate revolutionary situation. The proletarian uprisings in Shanghai in March 1927 and in Canton in December 1927 contained important lessons for the proletariat, especially in the nationally oppressed colonial and semi-colonial countries. Events in Shanghai particularly show how proletarian uprisings can be utilized as a weapon in a national war against imperialism and its lackeys.

Lessons of Civil War.

All this makes it incumbent upon the Communists, primarily in connection with struggle against imperialist and counter-revolutionary wars, to put the question of proletarian civil war openly to the masses and to study the lessons of the above-mentioned uprisings.

25. These lessons are:

a) In regard to the necessary conditions precedent for rebellion. A revolutionary situation must prevail, i.e., the ruling class must be in a state of crisis, for example, as the result of military defeat. This misery and oppression of the masses must be intensified to an extraordinary degree, and the masses must be active and ready to overthrow the government by revolutionary mass action. A tried and tested Communist Party, having influence over the decisive masses of the proletariat, must exist.

Preparing for Rebellion.

b) In regard to the preparations for rebellion. The rebellion cannot be based solely on the Party; it must be based upon the broad masses of the working class. Of decisive importance is the preparatory work in the proletarian mass organizations, particularly in the trade unions; to secure their active participation in the work of preparing for the rebellion, and the creation of special organizations for rebellion, which shall unite the masses.

The question of rebellion must be put openly to the masses. The rebellion must be based on the rising revolutionary temper of the entire working population, particularly of the semi-proletarians and poor peasantry.

Work in Army.

Persistent and intensified work must be conducted for the purpose of disintegrating the bourgeois armies, which work, at the moment of the uprising, will assume the character of a struggle for the army.

Activities for organizing rebellion and military preparations must both occupy a prominent place in the work among the proletarian masses and among the toilers in the colonies and semi-colonies. The time for launching the rebellion will be determined by the state of maturity of the objective and subjective prerequisites for it. The time can be fixed definitely only if the closest contact exists between the Party and the masses of the revolutionary proletariat.

Art of Rebellion.

c) In regard to carrying out the rebellion. The rule must be: no playing with rebellion. The rebellion once launched must be vigorously prosecuted until the enemy is utterly crushed. Hesitation and lack of determination will cause the utter defeat of the revolutionary armed uprising. The main forces must be thrown against the main forces of the enemy.

Efforts must be made to secure the superiority of the proletarian forces at the decisive moment at the decisive place, and without delay the rebellion must be carried over the widest possible territory. There is an art in rebellion; but rebellion is not purely a military problem. Only a revolutionary Party can lead a rebellion. On the outbreak of the rebellion the Party must subordinate the whole of its activity to the requirements of the armed struggle.

B. The Proletariat Defends the Soviet Union Against the Imperialists.

26. Imperialist war against the Soviet Union is open, bourgeois, counter-revolutionary, class war against the proletariat. Its principal aim is to overthrow the proletarian dictatorship and to introduce a reign of white-guard terror against the working class and the toilers of all countries. The basis for the tactics of the proletariat in capitalist countries in the struggle against such a war is furnished by the Bolshevik program of struggle against the imperialist war, i.e., transform the war into civil war.

The methods and tasks of this struggle, prior to the outbreak of the war and during the war must, however, be adapted to the concrete conditions under which it was prepared for, and to its openly class character. The fact that, in this case, the "enemy" is not an imperialist power, but the proletarian dictatorship, introduces certain important modifications in anti-war tactics.

Propaganda Work.

27. The propaganda tasks in connection with imperialist war and the preparations for war against the Soviet Union, stated concretely, are as follows:

a) Pacifism is being transformed from a mere screen to conceal war preparations into one of the most important instruments for these preparations. Hence, it is necessary to intensify the campaign against pacifism and against its specific slogans; against the Soviet Union in the name of "civilization," and

"peace"; against "realistic pacifism," which regards the Soviet Union and proletarian and colonial revolutions as a menace to peace; against "radical" pacifism, which, under the mask of opposition to "all war," strives to discourage defense of the Soviet Union.

Counter-Revolutionary Socialists.

b) Social Democracy is passing to active counter-revolutionary preparation for war against the Soviet Union. Hence, it is necessary to intensify the campaign against the Social Democratic leaders of the Right as well as of the Left, and also against their Trotskyist and anarcho-syndicalist hangers-on. Above all, the slogans with which these will try to justify war against the Soviet Union such as: "Fight for democracy against dictatorship"; "degeneration"; "Kulakization"; "the Soviet system is approaching the Thermidor stage"; the legends they spread about "Red imperialism"; the slogan of "Neutrality" in the event of war, etc., must be exposed and discredited in the eyes of the masses.

Champions of World's Workers.

28. The international working class, and the toilers generally, look to the Soviet Union as their champion, and their attitude toward the Soviet Union is one of growing sympathy. Bearing this in mind, and also that the broad masses of the workers will understand much better than in 1917 that the next imperialist war against the Soviet Union will be open class war; that the masses of the toilers are now wiser from the experience they had of the first imperialist war and that the vanguard of the proletariat now has a strong revolutionary organization in the shape of the Communist International, it may be safely asserted that the opportunities for fighting against war are far greater now than they were in previous times, and consequently that there is every reason for adopting bolder tactics.

Greater Anti-War Possibilities.

a) The possibilities of preventing war against the Soviet Union by intensifying class struggles to the point of revolutionary governments are much greater at the present time than the possibilities for such action were in 1914. An example of revolutionary action was given by the British workers in 1920, when, by forming Councils of Action, they forced their government to abandon their intention of declaring war against the Soviet Union.

b) The conditions favorable for transforming a war against the Soviet Union into civil war against the bourgeoisie will be much more speedily created for the proletariat than in an ordinary imperialist war.

c) Therefore, although the Communists in capitalist countries must reject the phrase "Reply to war by general strike," and have no illusions whatever about the efficacy of such phrases, nevertheless, in the event of war against the Soviet Union becoming imminent, they must take into consideration the increased opportunities for employing the weapon of mass strikes and the general strike, prior to the outbreak of war and during the mobilization.

Aid of Oppressed Nationalities.

d) In the event of an attack upon the Soviet Union the Communists in oppressed nations, as well as those in imperialist countries, must exert all their efforts to rouse rebellion or wars of national liberation among the national minorities in Europe and in the colonies and semi-colonial countries against the imperialist enemies of the Soviet State.

29. In view of the fact that the

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Salary Graft By Fakers of Brotherhoods

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The railroad unions, especially the four Brotherhoods, are the most lavish in the over-payment of their officials. The late Warren S. Stone of the B. of L. E. was the star in this respect. He received \$25,000 salary, and about as much more for expenses, as head of his union, in addition to \$25,000 yearly as chairman of the Board of Directors of the General American Radio Corporation, and perhaps various other salaries for his numerous jobs. At the 1924 convention of the B. of L. E. Stone is said to have declared that he was indifferent as to whether or not the union kept him even at this price. He displayed a contract from a New York bank guaranteeing him, should he accept, a salary of \$50,000 per year for 10 years. Stone had two "assistants" at \$15,000 per year and expenses. There were also nine other "assistants" at \$9,500 and expenses per year. (In connection with the big bank scandal at the 1927, B. of L. E. convention the salary of the head of the union was set at \$15,000.)

W. G. Lee, head of the B. of R. T., gets the same salary as a justice of the United States Supreme Court, \$14,000 per year, not to speak of lavish expense accounts and salaries coming from his various industrial interests. The B. of R. T. secretary's salary is \$10,000. Other officials of this reactionary union are paid accordingly. Similar conditions prevail in the O. R. C., the president receiving \$12,000. In "The Labor Herald," Oct. 1924, C. R. Hedlund writes as follows of the upper bureaucracy in the B. of L. F. and E.:

"The locomotive fireman, who earns his living about as laboriously as any human being on earth, who fires some of the largest engines in freight services for the entirely inadequate sum of \$5.43 per day, nevertheless pays his Grand Lodge officials the following salaries: To the president \$12,000 per year; to nine different vice-presidents \$7,000 per year each; to the secretary, \$10,000 per year, to one so-called 'legislative representative' stationed at Washington, D. C., \$7,000 per year; to the editor of the union magazine, \$7,000 per year; to the medical examiner, who looks over applications for insurance, \$9,000 per year. This makes a total of \$118,000 for 15 officials!"

To the foregoing salaries must be added the usual huge expense accounts, which often run more than the salaries. The constant tendency is to raise official salaries. This was the case even when the wages of the railroad workers were being slashed on all sides. The unions of the lesser skilled and less strategically situated workers exhibit the same tendencies to over-pay their officials. Thus the head of the Maintenance of Way Workers receives \$500 more per year than a United States senator. Fitzgerald of the Railway Clerks gets \$10,000. Ryan of the Railway Carmen gets \$8,000, etc. As against these fabulous salaries, the average yearly wage of railroad workers in 1926, figured on a full time basis and discounting unemployment, was only \$1,656.

Over-Paid Miners' Officials.

In the United Mine Workers the parasitic system of extravagantly paid union officials is firmly established. Never did this manifest itself more shamefully than at the 1927 convention. With the union miners suffering widespread unemployment, which had reduced their annual incomes to not more than \$1,200, and with the union confronting a life and death struggle with the employers, Lewis and his crew made the raising of the officials' salaries one of the central issues of the convention.

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state certainly does not imply that the Soviet State has become reconciled with capitalism, as the social democratic and their Trotskyist allies declare in order to discredit the Soviet States in the eyes of the international proletariat. This policy is able; that in the process of a proletarian dictatorship. It is merely another—and under present conditions—a more advantageous form of fighting capitalism; a form which the U. S. S. R. has consistently employed since the October revolution.

No Illusions About Peace.

32. The proletariat in the Soviet Union harbors no illusions as to the possibility of a durable peace with the imperialists. The proletariat knows that the imperialist attack against the Soviet Union is inevitable; that in the process of a proletarian world revolution wars between proletarian and bourgeois states, wars for the emancipation of the world from capitalism, will necessarily and inevitably arise.

Therefore, the primary duty of the proletariat, as the fighter for socialism, is to make all the necessary political, economic and military preparations for these wars, to strengthen its Red Army—that mighty weapon of the proletariat—and to train the masses of the toilers in the art of war. There is a glaring contradiction between the imperialists' policy of piling up armaments and their hypocritical talk about peace.

There is no such contradiction, however, between the Soviet government's preparations for defense and for revolutionary war and a consistent peace policy. Revolutionary war of the proletarian dictatorship is but a continuation of revolutionary peace policy "by other means."

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LEWIS IS RE-ELECTED "UNANIMOUSLY"

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"The fact that the re-election of President Lewis was by unanimous vote is a demonstration of the confidence which the membership has in his leadership." . . . "This is the first time in more than twenty years that a president of the United Mine Workers of America has been re-elected without opposition."

The above remarks were spewed from the mouth of Ellis Searles, editor of Lewis' private mouthpiece, to the capitalist press a few days ago. Little does the "public" know of the true state of things, however, that is responsible for such statements being issued. Neither are they aware that men of the type of Lewis and his "Man-Friday" (Searles) have an abundant faith in the gullibility of the "headline-reading public" and because of this, these fakers get away with all kinds of political trickery, for statements to the press such as the one above can only be for the purpose of political expediency.

The Miners' Election (U. M. W. A.)

After reading Searles' statement in the press, one kicked out miner (one expelled from the U. M. W. A. for being a progressive and opposing Lewis), asked with rightful indignation: "Who he elected him when we were all kicked out of the union?" Of course, none of us could answer him except to say that there are still a number of fakers who are yet on the payroll and who will remain there as long as there is any money to divide, and that each one of these has proved in the past to be quite capable of casting one vote for each pound of flesh he carries, and in this manner quite a large number of votes are secured. Of course, they are aware that we are all living in an age that demands efficiency, so they dispense with the old routine method of marking individual ballots, and instead employ the quicker and surer method of marking only the return sheets, of which they can secure the amount desired, and so Lewis was elected!

No Opposition! Why?

But with all the expulsions and charter revocations, done by Lewis to make sure that the recent coal strike would not be lost by the operators and won by the valiant men of the picks, there was still an opposition left even tho it was a cor-

rupt and crooked as Lewis himself in the eyes of the vast army of miners in the United States. This opposition was John H. Walker, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, a former official of District 12, U. M. W. A., and aspirant to the office of International President of the union before Lewis was even known outside of his own balliwick and only known there for the reactionary tendencies which now are his chief stock in trade.

For this election, in which Lewis was elected "unanimously," Walker announced his candidacy and was nominated, but was ruled off the ballot by Lewis, because "he was not employed at the trade." Walker, if the laws of fakers mean anything even among themselves, has as much of a right to become president of the U. M. W. A., as Lewis has to remain so, because he is as much of a miner (?) as Lewis is, prizes his membership in the U. M. W. A. as much as Lewis does, and because of that pays his dues into it as regularly as Lewis does and last, but not least, he is as capable of as much reaction and corruption in organizational matters as is the incumbent president, John L. Lewis. Yet, in spite of the above-mentioned qualifications, Walker was ruled off the ballot, Lewis was unopposed and, with the able assistance of his army of organizers, "John L." was elected unanimously.

District Elections

In the various districts considerable opposition shows itself, but no hope is held out for the miners even if every one of the opponents are elected. From reports coming in to the office of the National Miners Union, the opposition generally consists of the office seeking variety who, if elected to office, would be as bad as the gang they are to replace, or they are the weak element that believes the U. M. W. A. needs only to wash its face and then everything would be hunky-dory.

They seem to forget that the old union has changed from the secret variety into the open-faced kind of company union with the bosses exercising more and more control as the days go by.

We have district elections being contested. In Illinois, the so-called opposition is claiming the complete rout of the Fishwick machine, while Fishwick is claiming the election for

the entire machine by substantial majorities and we know how they have done things in the past, and even in the recent past, with the referendum vote to put over the reduction of wages, so we can expect to hear soon that the elections have been stolen again in Illinois.

In the Pittsburgh district there was no election because Fagan and his gang were also unopposed. Of course opposition here was impossible because there is no more U. M. W. A. in the Pittsburgh district than there is Knights of Labor, but rumor has it that a very heavy vote was cast for the International officials in the district, but this is to leave the impression that there is still a large membership in the district but there isn't.

Alex Howat Back in U.M.W.A.

In Kansas there is a different picture than prevails elsewhere, for the erstwhile Howat has been reinstated and was also unopposed for the office of president of District 14, Kansas. What a gloomy position he must find himself in now! Howat the fighter, expelled for his opposition to Lewis and the Industrial Court (no strike) law of ex-Governor Allen, hounded all over the country by Lewis and his agents, denied the right to enter Canada while on a tour with the writer, framed up by character assassins working for Lewis, and now, when all the fighters have been kicked out of the U. M. W. A. he has been reinstated.

That he has been reinstated because of a change of heart by Lewis, not even Howat himself can believe, but there must be a motive for the act and I am of the opinion that Howat cannot see that far ahead. He was nominated by a majority of the local unions in Kansas, but the same has been true in other elections ever since he was expelled and each time he was ruled off the ballot.

This time however, he has been visited by John P. White, ex-national president of the U. M. W. A., ex-labor adviser to the government's fuel administrator during the war, later a scab rubber manufacturer and now a special representative of International President John M. Lewis in the south-west fields where he was instrumental in getting the wage cut to \$5 a day.

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