

The following statement, setting aside the period of May 10 to 20th as National Negro Week, in which to dramatize the struggles of the Negro Workers and Farmers, and calling upon the whole Party to mobilize for the Negro work, has been issued by the National Negro Department of the Central Committee, Communist Party of the U. S. A., over the signature of Cyril Briggs, acting director.

The Negro workers and farmers in the United States constitute the most exploited section of the American working class. Victims of

white ruling class terrorism, lynch-murder, race hatred, police brutality and a system of bold-faced robbery on the part of the white planters of the south, coupled with a humiliating social, political and economic status, they are leaving the southern agrarian districts in increasing numbers for the cities and industrial employment. With this movement there is developing a numerous Negro proletariat, capable of giving leadership to the oppressed Negroes of the world.

and, in addition, are oppressed as Negroes, as a racial minority, thus suffering a double exploitation.

Communist Party Champion of Oppressed.

The Communist Party of the U. S. A., as the Party equally of the black and white workers, as the historic champion of the most oppressed sections of the working class, has pledged itself to fight the battle of the Negro workers and farmers. Tricked by politicians, betrayed by their own bourgeois leaders to their class enemies, burned and tortured by white mobs of planters and business men, fed with soft meaningless phrases by liberals and the yellow socialists, both black and white, double-crossed by the American Federation of Labor, which has refused to organize them or segregates them into Jim-Crow unions, these Negro

workers and farmers must be organized as part and parcel of the great revolutionary army which will overthrow the capitalist system in the (Continued on Page Two)

CONFERENCE FRIDAY.

The District Negro Department of the Communist Party urges upon the Section Negro Directors and unit representatives as well as union fraction secretaries to be present at the conference to take up immediate tasks confronting the Party in mobilizing the Negro workers. The conference will take place on Friday evening, 8 o'clock at 26-28 Union Square.

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JUDGE FIXES TRIAL OF 'DAILY' IN JUNE TO SUIT HILLOUIT

'Socialist' United Hebrew Trades and A. F. of L. Chiefs Join to Break Strike of the Cafeteria Workers

COMMUNISTS IN U. S. JOIN IN WORLD PLANS FOR HUGE MAY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS

Socialists Sabotaging May First; Second International for Capitalist 'Peace'

Revolutionary Labor Rallies for Solidarity With Southern Mill Strikers.

Hundreds of mass demonstrations, arranged by the Communist Party and the left wing unions and other workers' organizations cooperating with them, will celebrate this year's May Day in militant manner.

The meetings will be demonstrations centering around the unified support of the militant Southern textile strikers, on the one hand, and mobilizations for the Cleveland Trade Union Unity Convention, which will launch the new revolutionary trade union center in this country.

Left wing unions and other workers' organizations are lining up behind the slogans of the May Day demonstrations enthusiastically, and each day sees more thousands of workers pledging their support to these demonstrations and the struggles they symbolize.

WOMEN WORKERS READY TO MEET

Elect Shop Delegates to Conference

The earnestness with which the Left wing, militant unions have been going about organizing the industries where women are employed in great numbers, textile, needle trades, shoe workers, cafeteria and food as well as the wives of the miners have already in the short period of their efforts, produced living results in the new industrial unions in the textile and needle trade industries which have mass women memberships together with that of the men workers.

Police Threats Expected. The capitalist press will soon begin its campaign of slander against the May Day celebrations, detailing the names of millionaires and capitalist officials whom the police and dicks will ostentatiously protect from "anarchists and terrorists" on May Day. The police in Cleveland have started as early as their colleagues in Europe, with threats against the organizers of the demonstrations, and those of the rest of the country will follow suit soon.

Memorable May Day For Europe.

May Day this year is destined to be a memorable one for the masses in Europe. Information already at hand from Poland, France, Italy and other countries indicates that the social-democrats and, of course, the fascists, are cooperating fully with their respective governments to

Communist Party Urges Support of Young Workers' League Convention

The Communist Party of the United States of America appeals to all workers to actively assist the Young Workers' (Communist) League of America in carrying through a successful convention.

In view of the rapidly increasing danger of war the work among the youth is ever more important. The Young Workers form the great bulk of the armed forces. The Communist Party must organize the youth under its banner for work among armed forces.

The rationalization of industries makes the youth an increasingly important factor in the struggles of the workers. The youth in the Southern Textile Strikes constitute one of the most militant leading forces in the strike. In the past struggles of the new unions, needle, textile and miners, the youth has played an important part and will play a still more important role in the future.

The Fifth National Convention of the Communist Youth will adopt measures for organizing the Young Workers for the struggle against capitalism. The adult workers should do all in their power to help the development of the Communist Youth Movement so that it can lead the millions of young workers in their struggles against rationalization, against war, against the capitalist system, for Communism.

The Fifth National Convention of the Young Workers (Communist) League will open with a mass demonstration and concert at the Central Opera House, on Friday, April 26th, at 8 p. m. The Communist Party of the United States of America calls upon all workers to demonstrate their solidarity with our Communist Youth League.

STRIKE DRAPER TEXTILE MILL; PICKET LORAY

Strikers Guarding Beal in Gastonia Jail From Lynchers

Dawson Arrested at Mill Workers Rallied to Get More Funds for Food

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 24.—The Osage Mill and the American Mill No. 2 were struck here today, bringing the total on strike in the Piedmont section to 7,000.

GASTONIA, N. C., April 24.—Although the Manville-Jenckes armed scabs and gunmen still occupy the mills, the strikers still picket them. The picket line last night was once more broken up by a bayonet charge of the thugs, but is reformed today.

Ellen Dawson, organizer for the National Textile Workers' Union, was arrested last night for leading the picket line. She had been out of jail only a day since her release on heavy bonds after arrest on a framed-up federal charge of irregularities in her naturalization. She has already been released a second time on \$50 bail. The bail in both cases was furnished by the International Labor Defense.

Beal Arrested. Fred Beal, N.T.W.U. organizer, was brought to the Gastonia jail last night after being arrested. In Charlotte at the office of the attorney for the union, Tom Jimmison. Constant rumors of plans by the mill owners' thugs to lynch Beal on arrival here led to great throngs of strikers surrounding the jail to protect him and the organization of an armed guard of strikers to watch the jail during the night.

Beal is in jail on a warrant sworn out by the scab, Troy Jones, who is charging abduction because his wife, Violet Jones, a striker, went with a delegation of three other strikers to tour the industrial cities of the North and West to speak at mass meetings and raise money for strike relief. Jones also sues the union for \$5,000 for the same "offense" and the local authorities pretend to take these charges seriously although Violet Jones has repudiated entirely the statement that she was led away from her husband by Beal or the union, and has denounced him in vigorous terms in a telegram to the N.T.W.U. local here.

A large strike meeting yesterday afternoon was addressed by the women pickets who had been arrested and released, Chairman Holloway, Strike Committee Chairman Stroud, Organizers Vera Bush and Ellen Dawson, and Representatives of the International Labor Defense Paul Crouch and Carl Reeve.

By GEORGE PERSHING GASTONIA, N. C., April 24.—One of the union demands of the Loray mill local of the National Textile Workers Union is the abolition of the present "hank-clock" system of determining the wages of the weavers and spinners. The hank-clock works similar to an automobile speedometer and can be adjusted to measure more than the standard "hank" of 840 (Continued on Page Five)

Only Flowers For Widow of Crash Victim

Yesterday, four days after the Western Union building tragedy which hurled four workers to their deaths from a scaffold on the 22nd floor of its skyscraper, under construction, not a single move had been made by the bureaucratic officials of the unions to which the killed workers belonged to obtain compensation for their stricken and destitute families.

Ralph Stabile, official in charge of Local No. 749 of the Building Workers' Union, to which Antonio Coiro belonged, evaded all questions put to him on the subject yesterday, claiming a sudden excessive piling up of work. Meanwhile, Coiro's wife and eight-year-old son wait bitterly for news.

Only Flowers From Union. And Mrs. Sigrid Romning, widow of Otto Romning, a bricklayer killed together with Coiro and the two others, revealed yesterday that the interest of the union officials in the murder of her husband had swayed them to send a bouquet of flowers to his funeral, accompanied with a short stereotyped Western Union telegram. This is true irony, that the same company which, through insistence on a vicious speed-up, murdered Otto Romning, should be the medium through which the union reaction should send a consolatory message to his widow! But compensation? Mrs. Romning, a woman of forty, knew no more than had Mrs. Coiro. Advance company agents had been to her little apartment at 648 72nd St., Brooklyn, to ease the way for a cheap "settlement." But not a word from Local No. 1 of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union, (Continued on Page Five)

Down with discrimination against the foreign-born, women and youth workers. Demonstrate your solidarity on May Day.

STRIKERS FIGHT SHOE INJUNCTION

Stop Griffen Trick to Keep Temporary Writ

The injunction of the Griffen & White Shoe Company against the Independent Shoe Workers was argued yesterday before Judge Mitchell May in the Brooklyn Supreme Court. Decision was reserved until today.

The union's attorney was Jacques Buitenkap. The union presented 20 affidavits, proving that there was no disturbances and the pickets kept within the law.

The company attorney asked for a postponement of the case on the ground that they had not served the union officially, but the union frustrated this attempt to perpetuate the temporary injunction by having (Continued on Page Five)

Workers! Join huge May Day demonstration at Bronx Coliseum, 177th St. and Bronx River.

SEAMAN KILLED NORFOLK, Va. (By Mail).—Luis Porier, a Chilean seaman was killed in a fall down the hatch of the freighter Condor, while on the high sea, it was learned when the Condor docked here.

RIGHT WINGERS IN BAKERS LOCAL 500 RAISE FAKE ISSUE

Use Boss Tactics, Bring in 'Red' Charge

Two More Shops Fall 18 Cafeterias Are Now Unionized

The Socialist Party officialdom, aroused by the progress being made by the Hotel, Restaurant and Cafeteria Union strikers, called a hurried conference yesterday of the officials of the United Hebrew Trades, the Central Trades and Labor Council and some local bodies for the purpose of considering ways and means of smashing the strike.

An indication of the re-actionary character of the plans adopted at the conference is contained in a statement signed by the officials of Bakers' Local No. 500 which is affiliated with the United Hebrew Trades and which was a participant in the conference.

Rights Would Break Strike. The right wing officialdom of this local tries to excuse its participation in this shameful conference (Continued on Page Five)

REALTORS WAR IN 'MODEL' HOUSING

Chrystie-Forsyth Plan Is a Fake

The real estate deal which some property owners are trying to make with the city under the cover of a "model" housing scheme on Chrystie and Forsyth Sts., was pushed further when this group of real estate speculators parading under the name of the Chrystie-Forsyth Property Owners' Association produced 130 signatures of those willing to sell the property at 25 per cent above the assessment value.

The project was first proposed two years ago, but was dropped when a group headed by Libby, large property owners in that section and owner of the Libby Hotel at Forsyth and Delancy Sts., held out for higher prices. This group, represented by the East Side Chamber of Commerce, is interested primarily in cashing in on the project for further widening Allen St., where it owns much property which it would like to get rid of.

Money Sharks. When Peter Cappel, one of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, pushed the Forsyth-Chrystie proposition last Thursday against the will of the other group in the chamber, he was "fired." Cappel is a large real estate dealer and heads the jewelry exchange at 72 Bowersy.

The East Side Chamber of Commerce, which has its headquarters in the Libby Hotel, won the first battle in the drive to make as much money as possible out of "model" housing by having the Allen St. proposition put on the calendar of the City Board of Estimates. Allen St., the filthy and dark alley of tenements known as one of the worst slum streets in the world, has long ceased to be profitable to the land- (Continued on Page Five)

Green, Head of A. F. of L., Invited to Bless Launching of New Wall Street Cruiser

'Harmony Banquet' Arranged to Softsoap Exploitation of Navy Yard Workers.

Among the agents of Wall Street who are scheduled to be on hand to bless the launching of the newest of Wall Street's war cruisers, the Pensacola, at Brooklyn Navy Yard at 10:30 a. m. today, will be William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Over \$16,000,000 was spent to build the Pensacola, the second of the series of eight "treaty" cruisers being constructed by the Navy Department in its haste to prepare the coming imperialist war. Among the death-dealing equipment on the Pensacola will be ten 8-inch guns, two airplane catapults, and an airplane crane.

The launching of the Pensacola follows the launching of the 10,000 ton cruiser, Salt Lake City, by only two weeks. It comes at the same time that Hugh Gibson, American ambassador at the Geneva arms conference, pretends to shout for "reduced armaments."

Besides the labor-betrayer, Green, Secretary of the Navy, Charles Francis Adams, Secretary of Labor

Davis, Mayor Walker, and other Tammany and republican politicians will attend the launching at the invitation of the Navy Department. "Harmony Banquet." Immediately after the launching of the cruiser, a "harmony banquet" will be given by the Metal Trades Council, for which the exploited, low paid workers at the Navy Yard have been virtually intimidated into paying \$3 apiece to attend.

Navy yard workers state that this is done, with the connivance of the labor misleaders of the A. F. of L. and its Metal Trades Department, in order to make it appear that the workers "take pride" in the launching of the war vessel.

As is usual at these banquets, an array of government officials, no (Continued on Page Two)

Landlords Make Workers Pay Because of Their Dark Skins

Foster Racial Prejudice to Better Exploit Cubans, Porto Ricans and Negroes

(This is the fourteenth of a series of articles appearing exclusively in the Daily Worker exposing the conditions under which workers are forced to live. Previous articles described conditions in Negro Harlem. The present article continues the exposure of conditions in Lower Harlem, where many Latin-American workers live.)

YOU cannot definitely set off Lower Harlem as a section exclusively inhabited by Latin-Americans. From 100th Street up as far as 115th, from First Avenue to Seventh Avenue, you will find the homes of many Latin-American workers. You will also find the homes of many Negro, Italian, Jewish and East Indian workers.

HOUSE REJECTS FARM 'CO-OPS'

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Administration forces defeated, with machine-like precision, proposed amendments to the administration farm bill as voting started in the House today.

The first four amendments offered by democrats and opponents of the measure were shouted down viva voce. One test vote showed 101 to 31 against the Larsen amendment of breaking his campaign pledges to the farmers.

Throughout the debate the congressmen showed a strong disinclination for record votes. All concerned know that the farm bill under discussion is a fraud against the farmers, and a breach of all promises for farm relief made by the republican party leaders, including Hoover, during the election campaign, and therefore dislike to have themselves in a position where the farmer voters at home can see how they voted.

Senator Smith W. Brookhart, of Iowa, leading campaigner for Herbert Hoover in the farm belt, broke with the President in a speech to the senate today, urging that Congress disregard Hoover and prepare to pass "a real farm bill" over his expected veto. Brookhart accused (Continued on Page Two)

'SOCIALIST' GETS TAMMANY PALS TO SPEED CASE

'Daily' and Freiheit Exposed Hillquit's \$150,000 Swindle

Minor, Olgin in Court Rosalsky in Attack on Daily Worker

Yielding to the request of Morris Hillquit, corporation lawyer and socialist party boss, that the criminal libel trial of the editors of the Daily Worker and the Freiheit start promptly in order to permit him to leave for Europe, June 10, Judge Otto Rosalsky, sitting in Part 9, General Sessions of the Criminal Court yesterday, set the trial for June 3.

The decision of the judge, who is notorious for his anti-labor activities, particularly in the big cloak-makers' strike in 1926, came after private conferences between him, Hillquit and the district attorney. The district attorney, thru whose office Hillquit originally secured the grand jury indictments against the editors of the two militant dailies, was particularly solicitous about not "inconveniencing" the well-known shareholder in the Burns Coal Company and member of the executive of the Second (Yellow) International.

Minor, Olgin in Court. Both Robert Minor, editor of the Daily Worker, and Moissaye J. Olgin, editor of the Freiheit, appeared in court yesterday, where they were represented by Attorney Louis B. Boudin. The call to appear in court came without warning, Hillquit evidently hoping to rush the trial thru before the defense attorneys had a chance to prepare their case. Though he did not quite succeed in this, Judge Rosalsky showed his usual consideration for enemies of the workers by arranging the trial to suit Hillquit's convenience.

Rosalsky also launched a tirade against the Daily Worker and pulled out carefully-preserved clippings in which the "Daily" had exposed him as a vicious tool of the bosses.

Hillquit and Tammany. The indictment of the editors of the two fighting labor dailies on charges of criminal libels was secured by Hillquit after the Daily Worker and the Freiheit had revealed that he and several "socialist" associates had swindled the cloak and dressmakers out of \$150,000. Because of his influence with the office of the Tammany District Attorney, Hillquit was able to secure a secret grand jury indictment without a public hearing—an unprecedented procedure in criminal libel cases.

TRY TO THROTTLE MOONEY MEETING. PITTSBURGH. (By Mail).—When students of the University of Pittsburgh gathered for a meeting called by the Liberal Club to demand the unconditional release of Mooney and Billings, they found Wm. Dafaunbaugh, assistant to the dean of men, posted at the door and refusing them admission.

Students Hold Meeting. The large crowd of students then (Continued on Page Five)

Communists, Led Out for Execution at Tsinan, China, Overpower Guards, Escape

FAMINE SPREADS AS MILITARISTS MANEUVER MEN

U. S. Consul Asks Food of China Go to Whites

TSINAN-FU, Shantung Province, China, April 24.—“Red raids” by the Chinese authorities which took over this city on its evacuation by the Japanese are meeting with resistance.

Saturday eighteen Communists who had been arrested and were being led out to execution suddenly overpowered their guards, and with the help of a sudden attack by a group of workers in the “audience” shot the guards and retired into hiding, where they have already started a new wave of propaganda posters and leaflets. The posters call for a workers’ and peasants’ uprising against the military chieftains.

Troops Looting.
A large part of Shantung province is occupied by 10,000 or 12,000 remnants of General Chang Tsung-chang’s army, who are looting villages and small towns. The Nationalist General Liu, who recently defeated Chang seems content with re-occupying the commercial city of Chefoo.

Tsinan-fu, a railroad town in the interior of Shantung is held by the advance guard of General Feng Yu-hsiang’s army, which seems disposed to march on toward Tsingtau, into territory recently evacuated by Japan, and insecurely held by troops still loyal to the Nanking government of Chiang Kai-shek.

Famine Area Grows.
HANKOW, China, April 24.—Chaos reigns in China with uncertainty as to which groups are foes and which friends, with frequent and sudden changes of allegiance by subordinate generals, and unexplained and menacing movements of troops by Chiang Kai-shek and Feng Yu-hsiang.

In Hunan province, outside of the areas held in the South by the Communists, organized in local Soviets, troops from the defeated Hankow Kwangsi armies formerly holding Hankow, are plundering and burning.

Frank L. Lockhart, U. S. Consul General at Hankow, reported to the American department of State yesterday that he had “asked” the Nanking government to send relief to Taoyuan for foreigners there. He did not request any relief campaign for the Chinese peasants, dying like flies. The famine has spread in the wake of destructive armies from the northern area into Hunan province.

On May Day—long live the alliance of the working class and the poor farmers!

SCHEINMANN REMOVED.
(Wireless By “Imprecor”)
MOSCOW, April 23.—The Central Executive Committee of the Soviet Government has decided to remove Aaron Scheinmann from his posts as member of the Council of Labor and Defense, vice-minister of the People’s Commissariat of Finance, and president of the State Bank. George Platikov has been appointed in his place to the presidency of the State Bank.

SECRET BATTLE OVER “IM ALONE.”

MONTREAL, April 24 (U.P.).—An Ottawa dispatch to the Montreal Star today indicated that American and Canadian correspondence arising from the sinking of the schooner “Im Alone by U. S. coast guards will not be made public until tomorrow.

On May Day—mobilize for the struggle against colonial oppression! Long live the revolutionary struggle for the liberation of the oppressed peoples!

May Day Edition of Daily Worker for Textile Strikers

From a comrade who knows the real meaning of May Day, as it should be made to live in the hearts of the working class, we have received the following note:
“Comrades:
“Enclosed is \$7.10 to pay for special bundles of the Daily Worker for free distribution among the fighting workers in the Southern strike area.
“I want to send these papers to our comrades for the First of May.
“Long Live International May Day!
Comradely, K. PILLERIS.”

This worker living in Centerville, Maryland, knows the true meaning of May Day and the importance of the Daily Worker to the Southern strikers. He knows that the May Day edition of the Daily Worker will be especially valuable to the Southern workers.

He remembers that one of the strikers coming to New York from Gastonia had said to comrades on the Daily Worker that he had never heard of May Day until he came here. Many of the workers in the strike area will celebrate their first May Day this year, fully conscious of what it means.

Fellow workers, send in funds plentifully to make possible the sending of tens of thousands of Daily Workers to the Southern strikers on May Day. A bundle of 1,000 costs \$6.

Send in Your Contribution

I am sending you..... to be used for sending bundles of the Daily Worker for free distribution among the textile strikers in the South.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Outwardly a Palace; Hell-hole for the Seamen Inside

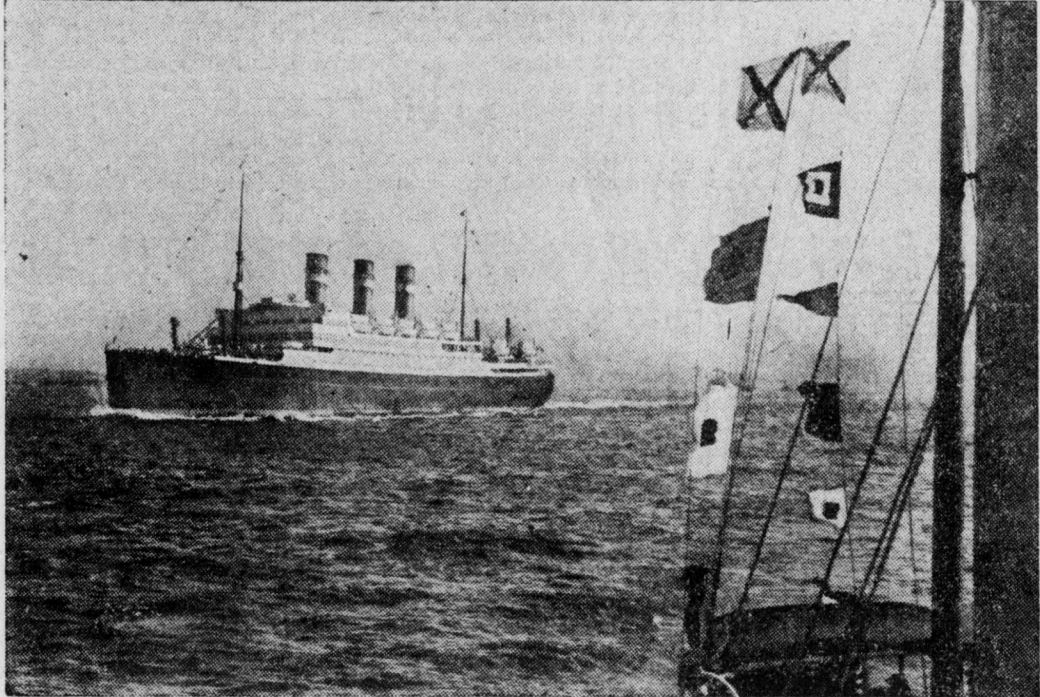


Photo shows palatial-appearing new Holland-American liner, Statendam, pulling into New York Harbor. The luxury is for the wealthy passengers and the officers; the ship is a hell-hole for the seamen who slave on her.

FEDERALS BOMB CITY; WOUND 24

Move From All Sides on Mexican “Rebels”

NOGALES, Sonora, Mex., April 24.—(U. P.).—Letters received here today said that 24 men and women were wounded Sunday when Federal airplanes bombed Nagoza in Southern Sonora.

The communication said all the injured were removed to Hermosillo, capital of the state, for treatment. A federal plane circled Nagoza today and dropped two bombs without causing any damage.

MEXICO CITY, April 24.—What little information on troop movements was released by the government today indicated that the general enveloping movement of the federal forces continues. The main strength of the clerical insurrectionists seems to be concentrated at Masiaca, where 7,000 men are entrenched. Their morale is reported bad, and many desert every day.

Masiaca, in Southern Sonora, is on the main line railroad from San Blas, Sinaloa, where General Calles has his headquarters, to Guaymas, a west coast seaport, and from there north to Nogales and the American border. A federal warship lies in Guaymas bay and has the road under range of its guns. The “rebels” defeated at Masiaca, would have to leave the railroad and most of their rolling stock south of Guaymas and march across country to resume their retreat. The federal army vanguard is at the outskirts of Masiaca.

Other “rebel” forces are at Agua Prieta, on the border, and the defense of Pulpite Pass over which the federal general Almazan with 10,000 is trying to march, is directed from Agua Prieta.

A small force of several hundred “rebels” is reported attempting to slip past Almazan’s army and cut his only railroad communications with Ouidad Juarez, Chihuahua. If this expedition fails, and Almazan forces Pulpite Pass, the main rebel body in Southern Sonora will be in a hopeless position.

Plan Made to Fight Use of Pulque Drink by Mexicans

MEXICO CITY, April 22.—The federal government has just announced plans for a wide propaganda campaign against alcoholism in Mexico, where a large part of the population degenerates due to the consumption of the native alcoholic drink, “pulque,” the fermented juice of the maguey plant.

In a message addressed to all federal and state officials, labor leaders and educators, Portes Gil proposes that sports shall be promoted in the schools and in the agricultural and labor centers; that the dissemination of anti-alcoholic information will be compulsory in all public and private schools; that pictures will be placed in all schools and theatres showing the evils of alcoholism; and that leagues of women against alcoholism shall be formed.

No compulsory or repressive measures against the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages were proposed because the principal alcoholic product of the country, and the most detrimental, the “pulque,” is so strongly entrenched in the habits of the peasants and in the economic interests of a large part of the population, that any immediate repressive measures against pulque might cause widespread unemployment and economic difficulties. It is estimated that about a million acres of agricultural land is planted with maguey and gives employment to a million and a half persons. This industry pays about ten million rubles in taxes. There are in Mexico City alone 2,000 shops selling pulque.

Demonstrate your solidarity with the striking miners, textile, food and shoe workers on May Day, and against the treacherous socialist party and the capitalist flunkies of the A. F. of L.

LENIN A Story of the Civil Wars in the U.S.S.R. By A. A. AROSEV

A. Arosev fought through the Revolution and the Civil Wars and has written many stories of those critical times when the workers’ and peasants’ republic was born in pain and blood. His short story, “The Soldiers,” was printed earlier in The Daily Worker. The following story, though fiction, is completely authentic as an intimate, characteristic picture of the great leader of the proletarian revolution.

FROM the telegraph room, where Hughes’ and Morse’s were clicking, Lenin passed to his small study. He sat down on the armchair and wrote on a little square of paper, in clear, tiny, rounded letters:
“Felix Edmundovich, I consent. Make final arrangements with Yakov Mikhailovich. It is necessary: (1) To perform the entire operation in the shortest time possible. (2) To arrange the details with the military authorities. (3) To pass it tomorrow through the Politbureau.
“With Communist greetings,
Lenin.”

He pressed a button. The secretary entered, a young workman with a simple, stern face. Lenin sealed the note himself and gave it to the secretary. Then through another door he walked out to the telephone booth. He spoke with Arzamas. One could only hear:
“What? Hello! The center of the city is still in our hands? In ours? Hosholtz is there? I hear, I hear. The center still holds out? From the workers are armed? Hello! From what side? From Laishevo? Well. Call up again in about two hours. Good-by.”

And again he passed through his study into the telegraph room where Hughes’ and Morse’s were clicking. . . .
And at Laishevo they were already hanging people “for bolshevism,” shooting them down, drowning, flogging, cutting off ears. . . .
And in Kazan, in what had been

LABORITES STAB GENERAL STRIKE

House of Commons Has Pre-Election Debate

LONDON, April 24.—The general election campaign burst into a furious debate in the House of Commons tonight a few hours after Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin had announced that election day would be May 30. The speaker was forced to appeal for order a number of times.

The debate started with a discussion of unemployment. Soon it became a hot dispute between Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Minister of Labor, and J. R. Clynes, Laborite, on the responsibility for the general strike of 1926.

Yellow Socialists Silent.
In answer to this, the Labor Party speakers either said nothing, or tried to excuse themselves from the “guilt” of supporting the strike or pointed to their record of betrayal to prove that they were not “guilty” of starting the general strike, which would, had reactionary leaders not called it off, have saved the miners from their present unemployment and misery.

Only the Communists in England defend the general strike on principle.

WON'T VOTE NOT TO BOMB CITIES

Geneva Conference for Use of Planes

GENEVA, Switzerland, April 24 (U.P.).—The preparatory disarmament commission, by a vote of 23 to 5, rejected today a proposal by Count Von Bernstorff of Germany to prohibit bombing by airplanes.

Minister Hugh R. Wilson, in explaining the negative vote of the United States, said that the moment had not yet come to settle the problem. In introducing the proposal, Bernstorff submitted opinions of experts that in any great city, such as New York, London, Paris or Berlin, 500,000 of the civil population could be killed within two hours by an attack with gas and incendiary bombs.

Long Live the First of May—the day of solidarity of the revolutionary workers of all countries! Down tools on May Day!

Four Die, When Planes Crash In Mid-Air In California



Four naval aviators were killed when two planes crashed in mid-air in California. Photo shows wreckage of planes.

TO CRUSH IMPERIALISM BRITISH PARTIES MAKE GESTURE

Sandino Sends Greetings to Barbusse

“Our struggle will soon become international in its scope, with the united action of the masses of the imperialist countries who, together with the masses of the colonial and semi-colonial countries, will crush the common enemy, World Imperialism,” declares Augusto Sandino, leader of the Nicaraguan Army of Independence, in a letter of greeting to Henri Barbusse, chairman of the League Against Imperialism.

Sandino expresses his confidence in his cause “which passes over the question of race and nationality.” His letter, just made public by the United States Section of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League, follows:
“General Headquarters
Army of Independence of Nicaragua.
El Chipoton, Nic.,
January 19, 1929.
“Henri Barbusse,
“144 Rue Montmartre
“Paris, France.

“I had the honor to receive your encouraging message of July of last year in which you took the pleasure to greet, in the name of the revolutionary intellectuals of France and Europe, the Army of Independence of Nicaragua and give your adherence to the cause of the independence of Nicaragua. It is with great honor that I take the liberty to greet you and the men and women on whose behalf you speak. We adhere, together with you, to the anti-imperialist cause for which you and the fighters of this continent struggle against the oppressors of the people.

“Will Crush Imperialism.”
“As well expressed by you, our cause ‘passes over the questions of race and nationality; it is the cause of the oppressed, the exploited, the peoples against the dominators.’ In fact, we never believed we are alone in the struggle for the liberation of Nicaragua. While at present this struggle takes on a national character, it will soon become international in its scope with the united action of the masses of the imperialist countries who, together with the masses of the colonial and semi-

colonial countries, will crush the common enemy: World Imperialism.

“The Army of Liberation as well as myself are cognizant of the fact that other nations are now in the struggle against World Imperialism. We also know of the intense activity displayed by you for the freedom of the oppressed and all this induces us to foretell that the final victory of humanity over all oppressions is surely to come.

Nicaraguan Masses Unite.
“As to the Nicaraguan masses, in spite of the impostors and agents of Yankee imperialism in our own country, they are coming to the realization that they must face American imperialism in a solid, united mass.

“It is with pride and honor that I communicate to you the splendid spirit of our army fighting Yankee invaders and the Nicaraguan traitors. At this very moment our attention is centered around the battlefield; this being the main reason for depriving myself the pleasure of continuing my letter to you. I hope I will continue to receive your esteemed letters with the promise on my part to follow this with more extensive information.

“In my name as well as in the name of the Army of Independence of Nicaragua, I cordially greet you and all fighters for the freedom of this continent.
With fraternal embraces,
(Signed) Augusto Sandino.
“Land and Liberty!”

75 FISHERMEN DEAD IN WRECK
TOKIO, Japan, April 24.—The Japanese steamship Toyo Kuni Maru sank within a few minutes after striking rocks off Cape Hakodate, with a loss of 75 persons, mostly poor fishermen bound for Kamschatka to fish for crabs this summer.

On May Day—fight for social insurance against unemployment, sickness and old age; for the organization of the unorganized; for militant, fighting unions. Long live the Cleveland Trade Union Unity Convention!

All Get Together With Words for “Peace”
LONDON, April 24.—The House of Commons today heard the usual expressions from the Conservatives, Liberals and Labor Parties on the latest disarmament fiasco. All agreed in public that disarmament would be a good thing.

But following the line of First Lord of the Admiralty the government spokesmen managed to interject the idea of a delay in consideration of any actual reductions. In order not to appear to the voters of England to be preparing a war on U. S. imperialism, all three of the above mentioned parties continued to carry on the fiction that Ambassador Gibson, in his speech at Geneva, proposing transfer of tonnage from category to category for the advantage of U. S. and France and against the interests of England, actually offered plans for a naval reduction.

Now Exchange of Notes.
Meanwhile it was understood that the cabinet discussed Gibson’s speech with a view to instructing Lord Cushendun at Geneva as to procedure in preparing for the next public move. Whether Britain should send a note to the United States was understood to be under discussion. It was believed that preliminary conversations already were in progress at Geneva, but authorities were non-committal.

Chamberlain pointed out that differences between England and the United States in regard to reduction of Laves concerned a formula for limitation of categories of ships alone, not the principle of relative strength of the two navies. Britain has insisted that parity of navies is “only just.”

Slogan for May Day—fight against the speed-up and for the winning of the eight-hour day. Long live the seven-hour day, and the six-hour day for young workers!

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SPEED-UP GROWS IN FACTORIES OF JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK; WAGE CUTS 5 TO 20 PERCENT MADE

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 JAMESTOWN, N. Y., (By Mail).—Here are some facts about the rotten conditions of the workers in this industrial city.

meeting, we had a story of the rotten conditions which prevail in the Jamestown factories, the speed up and bonus system. A thousand Dalles were distributed.

He stood over all the workers with a time clock in his hand. If a man took a pinch of snuff, went to warm his glue, or went to the toilet, the efficiency man stopped his clock. This resulted in a lower piece rate and greater speed-up.

chine Corp., where a large part of the voting machines used in the U. S. are made, the straw bosses work Saturday afternoons and Sundays systematizing the speedup system for the workers there are really working piece work on day rate pay. One method was to take away the stools the workers used on stand-still jobs. The workers made an

organized protest and most of the stools were returned. This shows the value of organized resistance to these slave drivers.

Wage Cuts.
 At the Empire Case Goods Co. another sander has been obliged to leave, another victim of tuberculosis, the greed of the bosses.

lucky enough to find a new one, 38 cents an hour is the most he can expect from any factory in the city and the average is much less.

do away with piece work and speed-up.
 —JAMESTOWN WORKER.

Philadelphia Shoe Workers Set Up Shop Committees and Join Industrial Union

FIGHT AGAINST SPEEDUP, FINES, WILL BE MADE

Disgusted By Corrupt Protective Union

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 PHILADELPHIA (By Mail).—Inspired by the shoe workers of Lynn and Haverhill, the shoe and leather workers of Philadelphia have succeeded in setting up shop committees in many shops. In all shops in this section workers are responding to the call sent out by the Philadelphia Shoe Workers Industrial Union, 39 N. Tenth St., to join the Shoe and Leather Workers Industrial Union and organize into shop committees.

The necessity for a fight against the speed-up and the fine systems, and for higher wages and shorter hours is so great that even the Protective Union has sent in organizers to make a sham organizational campaign and betray the workers.

Slave Conditions.
 The conditions in the shoe and leather factories in Philadelphia are rapidly becoming unbearable. New methods of speeding up the workers are being introduced in every department of every factory. Wages are being cut and a method of bare-faced robbery is the system of special fines for so-called "spoiled work."

Jobless.
 The shoe workers of Lynn, Haverhill and New York have shown the way through organizations built up and led by workers in the factories, who have fought and won better conditions for the workers.

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Red Specialists End Sabotage By Enemies

This concluding part of a letter from a Soviet Union worker, now in training as a Red specialist at the Moscow Higher Technical School, concludes the series of letters published in the past two weeks, from worker and peasant correspondents of the Soviet Union. These workers and peasants are eager to hear from workers and peasants of the United States.

They wish to send letters to the American workers in reply to letters you send them. They wish to exchange letters with you on the conditions in the Soviet Union and in the American industries. Write them today. Send your letters to the worker correspondence department of the Daily Worker. We will forward them to the Soviet workers.

Do you wish to see another series of these letters from the Soviet workers? This is possible, but you must make it certain, by sending letters to the workers of the Soviet Union to encourage them into sending letters to the American workers.

The figures given below show the extent to which the labor youth have captured the higher institutions of learning. But before studying these figures it is necessary briefly to dwell upon the picture that the Moscow Higher Technical School represented in the past.

It was and is one of the largest higher institutions of learning. In 1928 the number of all the students of this school was 6500. The school had and has 4 faculties: mechanical, electro-technical, chemical and construction engineering.

It has a good reputation for having produced well-trained engineers in the course of its existence (about 100 years). Before the October revolution it trained the children of the bourgeoisie and the upper strata of the intelligentsia that was close to the bourgeoisie. The school enjoyed the patronage of the imperial house, hence it was called "imperial."

The first years of the revolution did not permit the working class immediately to fill this school with their children. That was prevented by the grave economic conditions in the country and the civil war. But as soon as the war ended the masses of the labor youth flocked to study. Already by 1927 the percentage of workers among the students there was 38.4, and of peasants, 8 per cent. In 1928 the percentage of workers was 43.1 and of peasants 9 per cent.

The increase in the percentage of workers and peasants is continuing further.

BACK TO 12 HR. DAY FOR SLAVES IN FISHER BODY

Organize Committee In Cleveland Shop

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 CLEVELAND, Ohio, (By Mail).—The Fisher Body slave pen in Cleveland boasts of squeezing from the workers a profit of 174 million dollars last year, as an inducement for the workers to buy General Motors stock. While the workers slave, Mr. Lawrence Fisher, one of the plump plutocrats of this auto body company, blossoms out into a "patron of the arts" and spends two million for paintings to adorn his walls.

To make these profits and beautiful paintings possible many thousands of workers toil 12 hours a day for 45 cents an hour under "gang-work" and speed-up conditions, that soon destroy the health of the workers. The 8-hour system was tried a few weeks, but finding their slaves could not make their board and keep the bosses generously increased, not the wages, but the hours.

So we are again working 12 hours a day; add to this an hour or two to get to the plant and go home at night and we find we are spending 15 to 16 hours a day for the parasites' profit.

But the workers are growing very restless and militant. A shop committee is organizing the workers in every department and aided by the tyranny of the bosses, we shall gather strength and unity and start a "slave rebellion" in Fisher Body of Cleveland that will include every worker in the plant.—FISHER BODY SLAVE NO.—

Mayo Corporation Rules Rochester Town In Minnesota

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 ROCHESTER, Minn., (By Mail).—In this city of the Mayo Clinic and Kohler Corporations the labor officials are reactionary. Union officials of the fighting type are scarce. The union meetings are like prayer meetings and fear of the corporations is stamped on every face. A few of the home guards, who by scabbing or by crooked means have worked into the favor of the bosses are trying to smother every militant note that is sounded, by yelling "Radicalism, Bolshevism."

In this town anyone with audacity to express an opinion of his own is called a "radical." A "Bolshevik" is one opposing the policy of the Mayo Bros. Corporation. The Mayo Corp. is bitterly anti-union. This is shown by the fact that M. Schwartz and Co. are given the building work of the corporation and a worse scabbering outfit than Schwartz would be hard to find.

It all depends on us fellow workers. Organize and fight the capitalist system. —WORKER.

THOUSANDS ARE DISPLACED IN ABERFOYLE MILL

Machinery Makes Men Jobless

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 CHESTER, Pa., (By Mail).—Rationalization, the installation of hundreds of thousands of dollars of new machinery, has displaced more than 2,000 workers in the four mills of the Aberfoyle Manufacturing Company here.

The Aberfoyle, Arasapha, Highland and Thurlow mills have had their forces cut by more than 50 per cent within the past year and a half. Added to this, the speed-up, and low-wages make this vast plant a slave-market. Worst of all is the company union here, the crassest example in existence of the fawning, bootlicking, tool of the bosses.

The company operates a large country club estate, under the "control" of the company union. Here the several thousand workers are invited to spend their Saturdays and Sundays playing ball or drinking soda water or watching movie-pictures instead of asking for a raise, or asking the company to lighten the speed-up.

Most of the toilers work only four days a week, and wages are pitiful, rarely reaching the fifteen dollar mark for the majority.

But the Aberfoyle ball is held annually, to blind the eyes of the workers and make them believe they are having a good time.

At the last ball, Mr. and Mrs. Lord, owners of the plant, led the march, and immediately afterward left for Bermuda to rest up from their labors.

And the rest of the workers went back the next morning to the stuffy, clattering looms to earn the magnificent sum of \$15 a week so that Mr. and Mrs. Lord can enjoy Bermuda.

"Before You're 25" Stupid Comedy at Maxine Elliott

HOPE WILLIAMS

A RATHER stupid but at times amusing comedy is now at the Maxine Elliott Theatre. It is titled "Before You're 25," and is the brain-child of Kenyon Nicholson, remembered mostly for his recent success "The Baker."

The name of the play is based upon a quotation that reads: "If a man isn't a socialist sometime before he is 25 he has no heart; if he is a socialist after he is 25 he has no head." And the peculiar part of it is the play has no reference to socialism or socialists. It concerns a pink liberal who publishes an alleged radical magazine called "The Torch" and lives with a woman without being legally married. When he is to become a father, all the excitement begins, due to the conservatism of his parents who demand a marriage ceremony.

After a great deal of intrigue the ceremony is performed by a Unitarian minister after the preachers of several other denominations refuse to act in the matter when they are told that the potential bride is pregnant. If anything, the play glorifies the Unitarian church, showing how "liberal" and broadminded (?) its preachers are. So the radical, or is it liberal writer, is respectably married and all is fine and dandy in the end. While some people may think that the play wants to take a rap at socialism, or radical ideas, I think that the playwright is not interested in that phase of the matter to any large degree.

He wanted to write a smart comedy with plenty of witty lines and has succeeded fairly well. At least the play keeps the audience on the alert most of the evening and that is more than can be said for many plays now on Broadway.

The cast is unusually good. The liberal (or radical), call him what you like, is played by Eric Dressler. Others in the cast include Josephine Hall, Mildred McCoy, Fritz Williams and Ernest Glendinning.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAYHOUSE.
 The Neighborhood Playhouse, in conjunction with the Cleveland Orchestra, of which Nikolai Sokoloff is conductor, will present two programs of major symphonic music for five performances.

These productions of symphonic music with stage and orchestra, which will be given at the Manhattan Opera House this Friday, Saturday and Sunday and on April 29 and 30, this year, include Richard Strauss' Symphonic Poem, "A Hero's Life" (Ein Heldenleben). Hubert Raddich, of the Royal Opera, Brussels, plays the role of the hero. Other roles will be played by Charles Weidman, Sophie Bernosh, Ruth Florenz, Bat-Ami, Paul de Pont, Benjamin Zemach and Felicia Sorel.

As the Folk Scene, Georges Enesco's "Rumanian Rhapsody, No. 1," will be played. A fantastic number, Charles Griffes' "The White Peacock," which the Neighborhood Playhouse presented in 1927 at the Playhouse in Grand St., will also be given.

PAY CO. UNION OR YOU'RE FIRED ON SOUTHERN RY.

Shopmen Are Speeded Up By Railway

(By a Worker Correspondent.)
 ST. LOUIS (By Mail).—I want to call your attention to the railway shop conditions in the railway shops here. When you apply for a job the first question asked you is, "Are you a union man? If you are, we don't want you."

If you pass this your life history is taken and if you ever attended a union meeting you are not wanted, for you would not do for the Shop Association.

Should you be hired, the following happens. You pay association dues, for if you were to rebel on this it would mean a reduction of forces would let you out.

Then the speed-up system is terrible and if an organizer should speak to you it would mean your job. What is needed on the Missouri, Pacific and Southern here are some aggressive organizers to put pep in the boys, to make them see that we are really the railway's slaves.

—SOUTHERN R.R. SLAVE.

NO JOB READY YET.
 WASHINGTON, April 24 (U.P.).—Reports that Henry P. Fletcher, American ambassador to Italy, expects to run for the United States Senate in Pennsylvania were given little credence by some members of the state delegation in Congress today. It was pointed out that there was no vacancy in sight as Senator David A. Reed has just been re-elected and William S. Vare's term does not expire for four years.

Make the May Day Demonstration a demonstration against the rule of the injunctions of the bosses!

SILK AND SLAVERY

Wilkes-Barre Workers Want a Union

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (By Mail).—I have lost my job trying to organize a union in the mill called the Leon Ferrenbach Silk Co. I got 17 fellows on the night shift to say they would join the union, but then the boss got wise and he canned me and couple more and the other fellows got scared out of it.

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