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DEFENSE COUNSEL, PRISONERS AND WITNESSES READY FOR TRIAL NEXT WEEK TO FIGHT ELECTRIC CHAIR

Defendants Show Keen Interest in Mass Protest Rallies and Growing Textile Struggles

Murdock Returns From Union Tour of Georgia and South Carolina Reports Great Gains

With the trial of 23 Gastonia textile leaders exactly one week off, activities on all fronts for their defense are being intensified. The tour of Amy Schechter and Vera Bush, two of the women defendants charged with murder, will wind up in Chicago Aug. 22, when they will return to Charlotte to face trial.

The campaign for funds to defend the arrested and protest petitions is gaining momentum, and the Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Committee announces that its machinery will be running full speed during the ten-day drive arranged for Aug. 24 to Sept. 3.

In addition, the European and South American countries are initiating big drives and strikes, demonstrating their solidarity. The anniversary of Sacco and Vanzetti's legal murder will be the occasion for scores of Gastonia protest meetings throughout the world. "We have too many martyrs already! We don't want splendid corpses! We need live, militant leaders!" are the slogans echoed all along the Bush-Schechter tour.

The headquarters of the legal counsel for the textile defendants, provided by the International Labor Defense, is buzzing with activity, making final preparations for the trial.

Although the workers complain that Solicitor Carpenter (prosecuting attorney) has been personally visiting prospective witnesses and threatening them, the lawyer's office is constantly visited by textile workers offering to testify in behalf of their leaders.

The 13 defenders for whom Carpenter declares nothing short of a death sentence will be acceptable to the Manville-Jencks attorneys who will represent the state in this trial, follow with keen interest news of the mass protest demonstrations in their behalf.

These organizers, most of whom are under 20 years old snatched forcibly out of the front ranks of the struggle for better wages and conditions, and the fight to beat the stretchout, look forward with the utmost enthusiasm to hear the latest developments in the preparations for the Charlotte Conference, Oct. 12, and the strengthening of the National Textile Workers Union, their center for the great offensive against the mill barons.

These boys who have been among the leaders of the Loray strike, impatient to return to the fight, declare that their fate lies, to a great degree, (Continued on Page Five)

CONTINUE PLANS TO GREET FLIERS

USSR Fliers Reception Meets This Week

As the crew of the Land of the Soviets, forced down near Chita, Siberia, is to resume its Moscow to New York flight immediately, the Friends of the Soviet Union under whose auspices a great working class reception is being prepared for the four intrepid airmen who are bringing greetings and expressions of solidarity from the workers and peasants of the U. S. S. R. to the workers and farmers of the United States is pushing its plans for the welcoming ceremony.

The executive of the ways and means committee announces a special meeting of the Workmen's Circle and the Independent Workmen's Circle branch representatives who attended the Irving Plaza conference last Tuesday for tonight, 6:30 p. m., at 175 Fifth Ave., room 304, the F. S. U. headquarters. Delegates from W. C. and I. W. C. branches which did not take part in that conference are also invited.

Postpone Needle Fraction Meeting

The general fraction meeting of all needle trades comrades (cloak, dress, amalgamated, furriers, cap and millinery) is postponed to this coming Thursday, Aug. 22, at 8 p. m., at the same place. The district expects all needle comrades to attend this meeting. New York District Committee, Communist Party, U.S.A. William W. Weinstein, Dist. Org.

Speed Up in Gastonia Drive with Trial of 23 Workers Only Week Off

Arrange Tag Days, Collections, Mass Meets in Joint Defense, Relief Campaign

Sacco Memorials to be Great Gastonia Rallies; Workers Hail Bush, Schechter

With only one week remaining before the most tremendous trial in the history of the American labor movement at Charlotte, N. C., intensive activities are being carried on by American workers, rallied by the Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Committee, to make an overwhelming success of the defense and relief campaign Aug. 24 to Sept. 2.

Tag days, house-to-house collections, united front campaigns and mass meetings are taking place everywhere to save the 23 members of the National Textile Workers Union from death or long prison terms.

Sends Day's Wages. Indicating the vast stir on behalf of the Gastonia prisoners is the letter received from Stanley Szablak,

of 102 Franklin St., Clinton, Mass., who writes to the Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Committee, 80 E. 11th St., N. Y. C., the following: I have heard from newspapers that your organization is taking the leading part in the defense of the Gastonia workers and labor leaders. I think that every worker, who can only hear and see what is going on, should help with money, or with other means to help all defendants to be freed. As a worker I am sending to your committee my one day's earnings, amounting to \$4.

Workers of New York will make a mass house-to-house collection campaign next Saturday and Sunday. Unions and working class or (Continued on Page Two)

SINCLAIR ASKS TO "ARBITRATE" TO BE RELEASED N. J. CAR DISPUTE

Rich Friends Say Oil Swindler "Ill" Union Fakers Scheme Sell-Out

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Harry F. Sinclair, millionaire oil swindler, who is toying with pills in the district jail dispensary for jury shadowing in connection with the teapot dome scandal, has filed application for commutation of sentence on the grounds of "ill health."

With influential friends pulling the strings, he stands good chances of getting his request granted. Although Sinclair has been fawned upon by specially retained servants ever since his "sentence" last May, his friends claim he is underweight because of prison restrictions. The joke was bitterly denounced by the real prisoners at the district jail who suffer the only hardships inflicted.

Sinclair is now serving a six months' term on the specific charge of employing jury-shadowers. The earlier sentence was for contempt of senate arising out of his refusal to answer questions to the court. Actually, of course, both sentences were merely formal.

POGROMON KOVNO TERROR PROGRAM

Shoot, Beat Workers; Death for Militants

KOVNO, Lithuania, Aug. 18.—The bloody dictatorship headed by Premier Voldemaras and President Smetona is now concentrating its terror against the Jewish workers; bands of armed fascists roam the streets of the capital, seeking an opportunity to repeat the pogrom of Aug. 9, in which hundreds of working class Jews were shot and brutally beaten. The police are in open alliance with the anti-Semitic terrorists, saying that they have "no orders to prevent a pogrom" when appealed to for protection.

The government has issued strict orders to all newspapers forbidding any mention whatsoever of the attacks, which are bound up with the savage repressions visited upon all militant workers. The editor of Die Yiddische Stimme, Kovno Jewish Daily, has been sentenced to a month's imprisonment because his (Continued on Page Five)

Negro Seaman, 64, Delegate to Stirring Conference Here

"New Union Will Be Hard to Stop"; Is Moved By Story of Gastonia Struggle

Wilbur Upshaw, a 64-year-old Negro seaman, was one of the delegates at the Atlantic Coast conference held here Saturday and Sunday at the International Seamen's Club.

Vigorous and enthusiastic, Upshaw took an active part in the conference and served on several committees. "How long I've been in the game?"

SEAMEN'S MEET 2nd TRADE UNION LAY BASIS FOR FIGHTING UNION UNITY MEET HERE TOMORROW NIGHT

72 Delegates Attend From Ports on East Coast Unorganized Workers Will Send Many Delegates

Build Ship Committees To Elect to Cleveland Foster, Others Among Speakers

When the two-day Atlantic Coast Conference of the Marine Workers League ended at the International Seamen's Club, 28 South St., last night, the basis had been laid for a new militant industrial union of marine workers.

Seventy-two delegates, including nine Negro workers from Houston, Tex., New Orleans, Philadelphia, Chester, Baltimore and Norfolk, attended the conference and gave first-hand reports from the ships and took an active part in the discussion. Five of the delegates came directly from ship committees.

With the election of a new national committee of 21, the first task decided upon was preparations for a series of conferences, especially on the Pacific Coast, Great Lakes and the Gulf region, in preparation for a national convention to organize a new industrial marine workers' union.

The keynote of the conference was struck by William Z. Foster, national secretary of the Trade Union Educational League, who urged that the new marine workers' union be "built from the bottom up through ship committees." Foster, who greeted the conference when it opened Saturday evening, emphasized the importance of building up a powerful marine transport workers' union, not only as a weapon for (Continued on Page Two)

TEXTILE OWNERS PLOT A "TRUCE" SUGAR HEADS TO CONTINUE FIGHT

Seek More Wage Cuts; Arbitrate Wednesday But House Anxious to Talk "Enforcement"

MANCHESTER, August 18.—Pressing home its victory in which it was aided by the labor government against the 55,000 textile workers, mill owners are expected to take action to organize a "permanent truce against strikes and lock-outs" at arbitration proceedings which began Wednesday.

The action, with another which will seek "to improve conditions in the British cotton industry in view of foreign competition," will be considered toward the end of the conference. By stressing foreign competition, of course, the manufacturers' organizations will be given further excuses to lay the basis for even greater wage slashes than the 12 1/2 per cent cut they will enforce.

The boasted "impartial" chairman of the board will be the tory justice, Rigby Swift, former member of the house of commons.

Ramsay MacDonald will continue his good services to the employers by arguing for a subsidy to insure larger profits, he hinted last night in a speech "welcoming the end of the strike."

"The strike is by no means ended," argue rank and file committees of the Minority Movement and the Communist Party, which call on the workers to resist the surrender by the reformist leaders of the trade union congress and the labor government.

Scandinavia Toilers Demand Freedom for Gastonia Prisoners

GENEVA, Ohio, Aug. 18.—Scandinavian workers assembled here in a convention to raise their voices for the release of the Gastonia class war prisoners. They adopted a resolution, which reads in part: "We, Scandinavian workers from Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Akron, Youngstown, Erie and Jamestown assembled at Geneva, Ohio on a educational convention, emphatically voice our protest against the brutality of the Gastonia police and state militia against the textile strikers.

"We demand the immediate release of the framed up strikers now on trial. We further demand the immediate withdrawal of the state militia and hired thugs of the textile owners. "Be it resolved that this resolution be sent to the governor of North Carolina and the press."

BRAND SOVIET INVASION OF MANCHURIA AS A LIE; NANKING ATTACKS GO ON

Government Reports White Guardist and Nanking Inroads at Several Points in U.S.S.R.

Mobilization of Thousands of Nanking Gov't Troops Reported

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The Nanking Government has ordered 60,000 troops to the Manchurian-Siberian border, Chinese Minister C. C. Wu announced here tonight.

MOSCOW, Aug. 18.—Military preparedness of the youth of the Soviet Union against imperialist enemies will be stressed this week at a meeting here of 5,000 children from all parts of the country. The children, members of the "Pioneers," convened today. The convention, meeting at the moment of a grave crisis with China, will center on the necessity for defense against capitalist enemies. The government remains firm in its demands that China return the Chinese Eastern Railroad to Soviet control before negotiations for settlement of the present dispute are started but it officially denied reports that Soviet armies have invaded Manchuria.

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Aug. 18.—The Soviet government today denied categorically the lies spread by the Nanking government, while it cloaks its own outrages with an appeal to the Kellogg pact, that Soviet troops had in any way invaded China.

On the contrary, both white guardist and Nanking troops have repeatedly invaded Soviet territory, fired upon and killed and wounded Soviet citizens, and are at present concentrating on the frontier as powerful a force as can be mobilized. A concentration of twenty thousand troops under General Chang Hsueh-liang is the latest figure given by Nanking mobilization on the eastern front alone. "Recent days have witnessed an augmentation of attacks by white guardist and Nanking forces upon our frontier posts," the official statement says. "Raids and firing on our posts and peaceful population, of an exceptionally reckless character, occurred in the region of Manchuria Station, Lake Hanka and the village of Poltavsk, twenty-five miles from Pogranichnaya Station. "Our frontier posts offered the most determined resistance to raids. "The Chinese disseminate lying reports that the initiative in the skirmishes was taken by us. Thus they try to screen their own attacks. "The official report states that "our posts have limited themselves on all occasions to a firm and determined resistance to the raids and shootings proceeding from the Chinese and white guard bands."

BRITAIN REFUSES TO BACK DOWN ON U. S. YOUNG PLAN

Labor' Minister Issues Imperialist Blast

THE HAGUE, Aug. 18.—The reply of Phillip Snowden, British "labor" chancellor of the exchequer, to the efforts of France, Italy, Japan and Belgium to get him to accept American imperialism's Young reparations plan, is a categorical refusal.

Early yesterday morning Snowden handed his formal note of refusal to Premier Jaspard, of Belgium, who has been acting as go-between, and shortly afterwards it was communicated to the four other creditor nations who had been trying to maneuver Snowden into some sort of compromise on the question of England's share of the German war loot.

But Snowden, staunch defender of British imperialism, refused to back down on his demand for about \$10,000,000 more yearly than Britain would get under the present arrangements. A proposal was made by the four other creditor nations which they claim meets 80 per cent of the British demands, but Snowden, whose devotion to British imperialism has evoked peanans of praise from all capitalist quarters in England, declared that the proposal meets only 20 per cent of what England wants.

After Snowden had given his formal refusal to accept the proposal of the four other creditor nations (Continued on Page Two)

ANNOUNCE ANTI IMPERIAL TOUR TAMMANY CLOAK MEETING TODAY

Simons to Address U. S. Workers Fake Commission Holds First Session

The All America Anti-Imperialist League (U. S. Section) announces a national tour on the subject "The Struggle Against World Imperialism, The Frankfurt Congress and Latin America." The speaker will be William Simons, National Secretary of the U. S. Section of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League. Two days (Continued on Page Five)

Vivid Barbusse Tales Start in Daily Worker Tomorrow

"I Saw It Myself," Unforgettable Sketches of War and White Terror

"Etched in fire on my mind." This is what Henri Barbusse himself said of the intense, stark sketches he has gathered together in book form under the title of "I Saw It Myself."

Tomorrow the first instalment of these vivid stories will be printed in the Daily Worker. The book is divided into three parts: "The War," "The White Terror," and "The Rest." The first sketch, which the "Daily" will start publishing tomorrow, is called "Song of a Soldier." It is unforgettable. All True Stories. All the stories in "I Saw It Myself" are true. They were all either experienced by Barbusse himself or gathered from reliable eye-witnesses and authoritative documents. Some (Continued on Page Five)

NEW HOSPITAL TRUST. The New York City Hospital and Cornell Medical College filed plans here for a new east side medical center comprising 13 buildings to be erected at a cost of more than \$20,000,000. Work on the project, which is expected to take three years to complete, will begin at once. The buildings will cover three city blocks, extending from 68th to 71st Street, between York Avenue and Exterior Streets, on the East River, just north of the Rockefeller Institute for medical research. No poor patients will be admitted; only the extremely wealthy will be able to pay the high rates.

