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# MERGER SPEEDED AT JOBLESS PARLEY

## People's Candidate Wins Hamtramck Election

### Labor Party Forces Win In Seattle

#### Commonwealth Federation to Investigate Moves in Other States

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau)  
 DETROIT, Mich., April 7.—Mary Zuk, militant leader of last year's meat strike, was elected yesterday to the City Council of Hamtramck on the People's Ticket with 5,832 votes, in the most hotly contested campaign in the history of the city. Mrs. Zuk is the first labor candidate to be elected in Wayne County and the first woman to win a council seat.

The militant leader of the meat strike was fifth of five candidates to be elected; but she polled more than a thousand votes more than the highest defeated candidate. There were more than 14,000 votes cast.

The election of Mrs. Zuk was part of a leftward swing that was also shown in the defeat of the reactionary Mayor Lewandowski by Rudolph Tenenewicz. The latter polled 7,637 to Lewandowski's 6,476. Among the three incumbent council members defeated was Joseph Mitchell, sponsor of the anti-strike leaflet ordinance.

"My election is a victory of the people of Hamtramck. It is a victory for the Farmer-Labor Party of which the People's League is part. I urge you all to join the People's League," Mrs. Zuk said.

The People's League of Hamtramck consists of several workers organizations, including the Communist Party.

The election of Mrs. Zuk had apparently caused a panic in reactionary circles. It was announced in the Detroit Times as the major upset of the election. In working class circles, her victory was hailed as a step toward the formation of a successful Farmer-Labor Party in Wayne County.

At the victory mass meeting, George Kristalski, representing the Communist Party, was very active in the election campaign of Mrs. Zuk. However, it refused to support Tenenewicz for Mayor, despite his endorsement by the People's League.

Many workers of the nearby Dodge plant poured into the mass meeting, openly wearing their badges. Mrs. Zuk was endorsed by the Automotive Industrial Workers Association in the Dodge plant. Her victory is viewed as a blow against the Chrysler Corporation, which owns the Dodge plant.

**Sugar Urges Labor Party**  
 Commenting on the election victory, Maurice Sugar, provisional chairman of the Farmer-Labor Party of Wayne County, appealed to all workers' organizations to send delegates to a conference for the formation of a Farmer-Labor Party Sunday morning, April 13, at St. Andrew's Hall, 31 East Congress.

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
 SEATTLE, Wash., April 7.—In a sweeping victory for the Farmer-Labor forces, the Washington Commonwealth Federation convention instructed the executive board to elect committees to investigate independent political movements in other states. The decision followed

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### SOLDIERS SLAY FOUR IN CUBA

#### Bullet-Riddled Bodies of Father and Sons Found After Raid on 'Young Cuba' Center

### FIFTH WOUNDED

#### Latest Barnett-Batista Murders Coincide With Opening of Congress in Havana

HAVANA, April 7.—Four more shocking political murders were today chalked up against the Wall Street-controlled regime of Cuba headed by President Jose Barnett and Colonel Fulgencio Batista, chief of staff.

Bullet-riddled bodies of four men, a father and three sons, were found dead in a cemetery near Guanabacoa today a few hours after they were arrested by Batista's soldiers in a raid on the headquarters of the anti-imperialist "Young Cuba" organization.

The men whose bodies were found dead in the road were Antonio Mesa and his sons Antonio, 29; Alberto, 27; and Jose, 20.

**The Official Pretext**  
 At first, Cuban police refused all information. Then it was belatedly announced that the four men were being brought to prison after their arrest at the "Young Cuba" headquarters.

The official pretext for the murder is that a "speeding motor car" opened fire on police and prisoners. All the prisoners were shot dead as they "jumped from the police car," stated the police version.

The official story is no different from hundreds of other cases when political prisoners were savagely murdered "while attempting to escape." As usual, it was announced

### Coast Plot To Kill I.S.U. Leader Bared

#### Hunter Is Arrested for Conspiracy to Murder King

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
 SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—A plot to murder Earl King, secretary of the Marine Firemen's Union, and other progressive leaders of the sailors' union was exposed here with the arrest last night of Ivan Hunter, representative of the International Seaman's Union, on charges of conspiracy to commit murder.

Through the use of a man named Walker, alias O'Neill, Hunter contracted to pay \$500 cash for the murder of King, with Harry Lundeborg, secretary of the Sailors' Union, and A. V. Quittenon, assistant secretary of that union, next in line.

Walker was commissioned to hire two gangsters to do the job, the money to be split three ways. Walker told King of the plot several days ago and plans were laid to trap Hunter, with the aid of several reputable citizens.

"Heat Is On"  
 Yesterday Hunter told Walker that the "heat is off" King and Lundeborg, since both are subpoenaed as witnesses in the Federal injunction hearing filed by ship-owners to abolish hiring halls.

If the two disappeared at this time, a Federal investigation might result. This Hunter wanted to avoid. Walker then told Hunter that the latter must talk to the gunman himself to postpone action. Whereupon, Walker got Policeman Heeg to impersonate the gunman and the two met Hunter on a downtown corner.

Hunter told Heeg to lay off King until after the injunction hearing. "After that," Hunter stated, "if this fellow King falls to show up, that's your business." Heeg immediately arrested Hunter.

**Released in Bond**  
 The Hearst press here immediately set up a cry today that the arrest was a red frame-up, hinting that it was a Bridges plot to discredit the International Seaman's Union international officials. Hunter was released on \$250 bond, and indicated that pressure had been brought to bear on authorities by the employers to clear Hunter who has been working closely with the ship-owners.

Walker is held on a technical charge of conspiracy to commit murder, but before the exposure of a notarized statement that he was hired by Hunter to murder King and Lundeborg. This statement is now held by King.

The striking seamen in New York tightened their picket lines against attempts of the shipping companies to use Naval Reserve members as scabs on a dozen striking vessels in port, and entered into a legal battle against the corrupt officials of the International Seaman's Union, in the Supreme Court sessions here. Strikers Contend Injunction Threat

An application for an injunction to restrain the "insurgent" seamen from picketing the waterfront, and using the official name of the union, was opposed by attorneys for the seamen. Appearing with lawyers Adlynsky and Blinks, was Congressman Vito Marcantonio.

The second court case was opened yesterday afternoon when rank and file firemen here contested the constitution of the union, which, they claim, was not accepted or voted upon by the membership. Attorney William L. Standard is the legal representative for the firemen.

**Seamen Here Endorse Strike**  
 Meetings of the Sailors and Firemen's Union here Monday night unanimously endorsed the strike and called on the executive officials of the union to cooperate.

### Tornado Leaves Death and Ruin

GAINESVILLE AREA WHERE MORE THAN 100 WERE KILLED



### Disease Wracks Stricken Area As Tornado Death Toll Mounts

With the death toll from the southern tornadoes which devastated a forty-mile strip in six southern states, reported last night at 422, more bodies were being dug out of wrecked towns and still more victims were dying in hospitals.

The bodies of the dead were being carried to improvised morgues in Gainesville and Tupelo, and authorities, fearing the spread of typhoid fever and diphtheria, ordered that they should be buried as quickly as possible. Mass funeral services began in both communities today. It was believed that scores of bodies would be buried in common graves.

Despite the existence of an unusual emergency, the Jim-Crow discrimination against Negroes, prevalent in both communities, continued in full force. The death-rate of Negroes in the stricken areas, was believed unusually high, as they were discriminated against in the distribution of hospital space and of medical aid.

National Guardsmen patrolled the devastated towns under strict orders to shoot all "looters." Although no shootings have as yet been reported, fourteen arrests were made of persons taking food from stores.

**51 Die in Factory**  
 GAINESVILLE, Ga., April 7.—The casualties here totalled 184, as disease and fire took an even more frightful toll than the tornado itself.

The most frightful center of death was the two-story plant of the Cooper mill, where 31 of the 85 workers, mostly girls, were known

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### Plea for Unity Is Acclaimed By Alliance

#### Farmer-Labor Party Call Is Issued by Lasser

By Marguerite Young  
 (Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—Unification of all unemployed organizations now assembled here was foreshadowed today when the opening session of the Workers Alliance of America convention applauded their leaders' recommendations for unity.

The unity proposal was vigorously put forward by David Lasser, National Chairman, and by the formal report of the National Executive Board. Privately leaders of several groups indicated opposition was expected, but they fully anticipated approval by the convention of seating representatives of the National Unemployed Councils, National Unemployed League, American Workers Union and others.

As the keynote of the convention, Lasser also energetically urged the formation of a national Farmer-Labor Party, and the mobilization of a mass march on Washington this summer, should the immediate needs of the unemployed continue to be denied. Tumultuous applause, with whistling and shouts that reverberated in the Department of Labor auditorium, greeted each of these points—unity, a Farmer-Labor Party and on mass march.

**Thomas Speaks**  
 Norman Thomas of the Socialist Party, addressing the delegates on the relief crisis, likewise raised the Farmer-Labor Party slogan. Again the applause broke as Thomas proceeded.

"Set yourselves the task of building a Farmer-Labor Party. Thomas gave it as his conviction, however, that such a party, "a solidly built" one, would have a chance on a national scale only after 1936. In his prepared speech, Thomas concluded on this question:

"I like to believe that when the right time comes the Workers Alliance can be counted on to help build a mass Farmer-Labor Party. I am not in favor of such a party until and until it actually does include large elements of organized workers and farmers. I am in favor, of course, now and at all times of a type of political agitation and organization which will bring home to the masses of the dispossessed the real cause of their woes and the real nature of their hopes. In this great service the Workers Alliance plays an essential role. More power to it."

Departing from his text, Thomas at one point declared: "I am not indicting the (Roosevelt) administration, but the profit system. And again, "You cannot solve unemployment and keep capitalism."

**Discusses Political Needs**  
 Lasser emphasized the acute necessity for a Farmer-Labor Party even more strongly, saying the Alliance of working people for security and freedom "must be not only economic but political." The text of his speech continued:

"I say that we must be done with electing capitalist politicians to wield power over us and then us crawling to them for favors. The time has come when we must form a mighty political alliance of the working masses—a Farmer-Labor Party will in every community and on the national scene give expression to our political power."

"Mother" Ella Reeve Bloor is

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### Street Sales Push Sunday Paper Drive

In the drive for 150,000 Sunday Worker circulation by June 12, the burden of street circulation falls upon the Red Builders.

Here is a picture of one of New York's many Red Builders, men and women who go out into the streets in any weather, to build their own working class newspaper.

Harry Koenig is his name. He is a dressmaker by trade. He works hard during the week, yet two or three times during that period he rides down to the Daily Worker office, gets a bundle and sells in his spare time. He is especially active for the Daily Worker during special drives.

On Saturday he tackles the job of disposing of 80 papers himself. He has chosen two spots for sales, 57th Street and Broadway and Steinway Hall. With the slogan, "Here's your Sunday Worker, get your copy of America's family newspaper," he sets out every week. His territory is not in a working class district. As a result he has built sales to middle class people, college boys and girls, small business men. He sticks on his job until every paper is gone, sometimes as late as 2 a.m.

The 50,000 increase needs just 1,600 more Harry Koenigs scattered through the country. Let's have more Red Builders of his kind!

### Labor Party Florida Issue Mayor Claims Report Lost

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
 ORLANDO, Fla., April 7.—Rank and file delegates to the thirty-sixth annual convention of the Florida Federation of Labor forced the question of a Farmer-Labor Party to the floor of the convention here today, and nipped in the bud a plan of E. A. Pynchon, Florida WPA Administrator, hatched with high labor officials, to capture the State Federation at the opening session yesterday.

Led by the Tampa delegation of 22, which includes the cigarmakers' representatives, the fight was directed also against Wendell C. Heaton, State federation president, who also is State Industrial Commissioner by appointment of Governor Dave Shoats.

The convention was under way but a few minutes when a large steamer reading "Thumbs down on Pynchon—he put the pinch on organized labor" was hung on one wall of the lounge room of the San Juan hotel. It met with the hearty approval of the 170 regular delegates and the 67 WPA delegates, who were finally seated with a voice, but without a note.

**Fight Centers on WPA**  
 The attempt to "steal" the labor convention from organized labor centered around these sixty-odd delegates. A new anti-labor WPA union, which promises to be heard from again elsewhere in the country, was introduced at the convention. State Administrator Pynchon had his district relief administrators form "Government company

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### Second Chicago Conference To Map Final May Day Plan

(Daily Worker Midwest Bureau)  
 CHICAGO, Ill., April 7.—Following the first successful May Day conference called jointly by the Socialist and Communist Parties and trade unions last week, a second call has been issued by the United Labor May Day committee set up at that conference, for another and larger conference to be held Sunday, April 19, at the Capital Building.

Present at the conference were delegates from the Women's Auxiliary of the Hosiery Workers Union, Mallory's Radio Accessory Local, from the Young Women's Christian Association, as well as official observers from the Molders Union, the Socialist and Communist Parties. The latter two were represented by Forrest Rogers of the Socialist Party and Andrew Remes, district organizer of the Communist Party.

"4. For independent political action of the working class."

**Plan Meeting**  
 INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 7.—At the initiative of the Indianapolis Local 145 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America a conference was held here last Sunday to consider the united celebration of May Day.

Present at the conference were delegates from the Women's Auxiliary of the Hosiery Workers Union, Mallory's Radio Accessory Local, from the Young Women's Christian Association, as well as official observers from the Molders Union, the Socialist and Communist Parties. The latter two were represented by Forrest Rogers of the Socialist Party and Andrew Remes, district organizer of the Communist Party.

### Fascists Aim At Railroad Fight Taxes

ADDIS ABABA, April 7.—Emperor Haile Selassie today called every able-bodied man in Ethiopia to the colors for intensified struggle against the invasion of Italian fascists.

In a statement yesterday, Selassie vowed that the war for Ethiopia's independence would be continued to the end and that he would never surrender to the Italian army.

LONDON, April 7.—An intensified drive against the Addis Ababa-Jibouti Railroad from the South was today believed imminent by General Rodolfo Graziani, Italian commander-in-chief in southern Ethiopia.

It is expected that Jijiga and Harrar will be the immediate objectives of Graziani's thrust northward.

The repercussions of the brutal bombing of Addis Ababa last Saturday was made known today as Fulvio Suvich, Fascist under-secretary of foreign affairs, promised Sir Eric Drummond, British Ambassador to Rome, that no more undefended towns would be attacked from the air.

It was recalled that the Fascist government has made similar promises after every such bombing.

The pretext offered for the Addis Ababa attack was that an Italian plane met an Ethiopian plane and followed it back to the airport in the Ethiopian capital. It was not explained how it came that a squadron of five planes attacked Addis Ababa rather than one and why no mention of any such "attack" by an Ethiopian plane was made even in the Italian reports before. It is well known that the Ethiopian planes number but a handful and are very antiquated machines, whereas the Italian planes are up-to-date bombers.

One report today had it that Foreign Minister Anthony Eden of Great Britain will protest the use of poison gas by the Italian forces in Ethiopia at the meeting of the League Committee of Thirteen tomorrow. The protest would be based on the Geneva Protocol of 1925, which bound its signatories, including Italy, to forego the use of poison gas in warfare.

### Manufacturers 51 Girl Workers Die As Shop Collapses in Gainesville

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The U. S. Chamber of Commerce today told a heartbreaking story of the struggles of the poor little rich men of the country.

Appearing before the House Ways and Means Committee to oppose the projected tax on undivided corporate profits, Fred H. Clausen, Horicon, Wis., manufacturer, representing the Chamber, declared that New Deal taxes are already "running business ragged."

Tears glistened in the eyes of the Republican committee members. With touching delicacy the Democratic members refrained from making any mention of the huge profits the large corporations have raked in under the New Deal. And they decided it would be better not to say anything about the fact that two-thirds of the tax burden is now saddled on the masses of the people.

Clausen said that the proposed tax would "favor the well established, full financed corporations at the expense of the smaller industries struggling for a place in the sun."

He was preceded by Acting Budget Director Daniel W. Bell, who testified for the proposed tax. Bell estimated the national debt would touch \$34,500,000,000 July 1 if all veterans apply for their bonus bonds.

### Food Cost Rises

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(FP)—Foods purchased by wage earners and low salaried workers rose in cost 1.8 per cent in the three-month period between Oct. 15, 1935 and Jan. 15, 1936, the Department of Labor reports. The average price for food, clothing, rent, fuel and light, house furnishings, and miscellaneous was 0.7 per cent.

### SCAB ADMITS \$100,000 THEFT

Michael Kilgallen, one of the horde of ex-convicts used as strike-breakers by the anti-union Realty Advisory Board in the building service strike, admitted yesterday that he had robbed Mrs. Kurt Simon, 888 Park Avenue, of a fur coat and jewelry worth \$100,000, while acting as a strikebreaker there.

If convicted, Kilgallen is subject to a life term, as police contend that he is a fourth offender.

Kilgallen was apprehended during the arrest of John Andrea, 340 Brook Avenue, the Bronx, who was found in possession of Mrs. Simon's pearl necklaces. He had purchased them from Kilgallen, who was booked on the charge of burglary at the East Sixty-seventh Street police station.

### Eleven Dead As Air Liner Is Wrecked

UNIONTOWN, Pa., April 7 (UP).—A luxurious Transcontinental and Western air passenger plane crashed in fog into a mountain ridge near here today, killing 11 of the 14 persons aboard.

The plane's hostess, Nellie H. Granger, was the only one of the occupants who was able to make her way from the scene of the crash. Despite injuries, she stumbled in a snowstorm along mountain trails to reach a farmhouse and report that only two of the passengers and one of the crew besides herself had survived.

She summoned ambulances and then returned to the wrecked plane to do what she could for the two who still were alive.

She said one of those still alive when she left the wreckage was a woman. The only woman listed as a passenger was Mrs. Meyer Eisenstein, wife of the mayor of Newark, N. J.

### Fritz Heckert Dies

MOSCOW, April 7.—With profound sorrow, the Executive Committee of the Communist International today announced the death of one of the boldest and most self-sacrificing fighters in the cause of the working class, Fritz Heckert.

Comrade Heckert was one of the founders of the Communist Party of Germany, a member of the Political Bureau and Central Committee of the German Communist Party.

At the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International, Comrade Heckert was elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International.

Heckert spoke at a meeting last night in commemoration of the coming fiftieth birthday of Ernst Thaelmann, imprisoned leader of the German working class.

An extraordinary commission consisting of Wilhelm Pieck, chairman, Erroll, Florin, Losovsky and Manulsky was formed to take charge of the funeral arrangements.

The funeral of Comrade Heckert will be held on Thursday in the Red Square.

### 100 Pickets Patrol Office Of Ridder Protesting 40,000 Lay-offs In WPA

Mass picketing of the WPA headquarters on Eighth Avenue, in protest against the lay-off of 40,000 WPA workers was resumed yesterday as 100 pickets patrolled Ridder's office with the slogans "Get Rid of Ridder," and "Stop WPA lay-offs."



# Flood Relief Conference Is Endorsed

## Croatian and Slovak Organizations to Elect Delegates

(Daily Worker Pittsburgh Bureau)  
**PITTSBURGH, April 7.**—Endorsement by two of the largest fraternal organizations in Western Pennsylvania marked a steadily growing response of the people to the call to a conference on flood relief for stricken areas early this week despite a conspiracy of silence on the part of the capitalist press.

Both the Croatian Fraternal Union and the National Slovak Society, with memberships of 70,000 and 50,000 respectively, have endorsed the conference, scheduled for Sunday, April 13 in Mayfair Hotel, Pittsburgh, it was announced by the arrangements committee today.

The majority of the members of these two societies dwell in the steel and mining towns of Western Pennsylvania.

The Croatian Fraternal Union is sending letters to all lodges suggesting that delegates be elected to attend the meeting.

A list of more than thirty leading officials in the trade union and fraternal fields, headed by Burgess Richard Lawry, West Homestead, and Congressman Matt Dunn, are sponsors of the call to a Western Pennsylvania Conference on Flood Relief, which will demand full compensation to all flood sufferers.

Newspapers and radio commentators have adopted a general policy of soft-peddaling all talk of flood rehabilitation and are diverting their space and time to propaganda for flood control exclusively.

Proposed four-point program for the conference includes:

- 1.—Full compensation by government agencies for all flood losses to workers, farmers, and small businessmen.
- 2.—Reconstruction to be carried on at union wages and under union conditions.
- 3.—Direct relief to all sufferers as long as needed.
- 4.—An adequate flood control program at federal expense, also carried out at union wages.

A central body meeting of the Y. W. C. A. will consider endorsement of the conference at this week's meeting.

# Fish Praises Fascist Hearst In Detroit

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau)  
**DETROIT, April 7.**—Praising Hearst and calling for an increase in armaments, Representative Hamilton Fish, guest speaker at Detroit's military demonstration on Army Day, devoted most of his talk to Red-baiting attacks on all progressive ideas and movements.

"William Randolph Hearst has taken a leading position in fighting such propaganda and educating the people as to the menace of this subversive teaching," Fish said, referring to anti-war agitation in the United States.

One of the events on Army Day was presentation of a book called "Iams" by Fish to the leader of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Prominently seated at the Army Day dinner were executives of the largest automobile corporations.

# Industrial Union Asked by Workers In Furniture Shop

(Times News Service)  
**BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 7.**—An industrial union affiliated with the general labor movement, is the goal which organized furniture workers in Bloomington have set for themselves. After unfortunate experiences with division into a number of craft unions, they have reluctantly formed an independent union outside the A. F. of L. But they still hope to return to it, if they may do so in one union.

Recounting how furniture workers have been organized, only to drop out again, Clarence L. Martin, secretary of the National Furniture Workers, claims this is because "the craft organizations have had them divided into carpenters and joiners, finishers, upholsterers, engineers and federal unions, and in some places also electricians, plumbers, etc."

"The manufacturers are never slow to grasp the opportunity to play one group against the other, with the inevitable results," he declares.

Some 850 employees of Showers Bros. at Bloomington, were organized into the craft unions three years ago, according to Martin. But these unions failed to make a national drive for higher wages for furniture workers, and the Bloomington workers, getting only \$13.50 to \$20 a week, began to drop out.

A nucleus of about 50 loyal unionists who remained "decided to form an organization that would be interested in the furniture rather than in the building trades," Martin says. "We now have over 600 members in Bloomington and have organized two other locals in other towns."

"We do not as a matter of choice want to be completely separated from the labor movement of the nation, but we have been forced to it," he declares.

# GAINESVILLE AFTER TORNADO KILLED SCORES AND LEFT HUNDREDS HOMELESS



The terrific force of the tornado which swept six Southern States and took hundreds of lives may be seen in this air photo (top) taken soon after the storm struck Gainesville, Ga. Fire scorched the city after the force of the wind was spent. Hundreds of families were made homeless as shown in the lower picture taken in Acworth, Ga., which was directly in the path of the tornado.

# Disease Takes Toll in Southern Tornado Area

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dead and the bodies of 15 more were believed still in the ruins. The handful of survivors told the harrowing tale of the wild panic that piled screaming and dying girls into the pit of the staircase where their bodies were consumed by fire. The girls had been working at their sewing machines, when the storm hit. There was an instant rush for the stairs which collapsed, throwing the girls into the pit.

**TUPELO, Miss., April 7.**—At least 206 were reported dead here, partly as a result of insufficient medical attention.

Scenes in the emergency hospitals were appalling. In vacant stores, physicians sterilized, stitched and dressed wounds of hundreds for whom there was no room in the hospitals. Only the most critically injured, some 25 or 30, could be given adequate medical attention.

# Immigration Chief Asked to Witness Anti-Deportation Play

Rudolph Reimer, Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island, was invited yesterday to attend the premiere of "Haven of Refuge," an anti-deportation play, which will be shown Friday evening at Webster Hall, under the auspices of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born.

The Rittler to the Commissioner stated, in part: "In a way the Immigration Service will be on trial in this play. We would like to have your opinion as to whether or not it receives a fair hearing."

# Merger Is Speeded at Parley Of Unemployed Organizations

scheduled to speak to the convention tomorrow. There was emphatic confirmation of the deepening desire for unity in a reinforced struggle against the Roosevelt smash-relief program and for permanent social security legislation in the convention scene. Delegates from the four corners of the country clasped hands and spoke warmly of the fight that lies ahead. Massed in the lobby of the Auditorium, they compared notes on the tellingly similar situation they are up against all over the country.

# CCC Delegates Cites Roosevelt Retreat

Reciting the record of Roosevelt retreat before the united front of reaction especially the manufacturers and bankers and Chambers of Commerce, the Board said: "We cannot afford to retreat one inch. . . . Our strategy must be to take the offensive. The discontinuance of direct Federal relief should have provoked a nation-wide uprising on the part of the unemployed. Because the Federal government was able to accomplish that without serious resistance, it advanced a step further by issuing an order of discharge of 700,000 WPA workers."

# Ben Golden Will Speak On Melvin Case Over WEVD, 8:45 Tonight

The case of Murray Melvin, twenty-three-old vice president of the Allied Printing Helpers Union, sentenced on Monday to the State penitentiary for strike activity will be discussed at 8:45 p. m. tonight over Station WEVD by Ben Golden, head of the regional labor board. Announcement of the Golden address came from the Melvin Defense Committee at 430 Sixth Avenue. Frank Cremonesi, president of the Helpers Union, is the acting secretary of the committee.

# G. M. Group Aids Browder Radio Fund

Here is a letter to the Browder Radio Fund that speaks for itself: "Dear Comrades: 'On time as usual and back to par. This is the third weekly collection with \$4, \$3 and \$4 for the first, second and third weeks. This brings our total to \$11. 'We intend to continue the same way in the following weeks until Comrade Browder has got his time on the air. Until then, 'Comradely yours, 'G. M. and FRIENDS, Brooklyn.'"

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| Received yesterday:                           |                   |
| J. K. Chicago, Ill.                           | \$1.00            |
| M. Cardale, Pa.                               | .25               |
| C. P. Neffs, Ohio                             | .25               |
| From an affair in Easton, Mich.               | 11.00             |
| L. W. N.Y.C.                                  | 1.00              |
| Avenue St. John Group, N.Y.C.                 | 2.00              |
| Unit-38, Sec. 17, Div. 2, N.Y.C.              | 2.00              |
| G. M. and Friends, Bklyn, N.Y.                | 1.00              |
| D. E. Lansdowne, Pa.                          | 2.00              |
| Maynard Unit, District 1, Boston              | 5.00              |
| Polish Chamber of Labor, Central Falls, R. I. | 1.00              |
| I.C.L. Unit 115, N.Y.C.                       | 1.00              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                  | <b>\$40.00</b>    |
| Previously Received                           | 1,282.17          |
| <b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>                          | <b>\$1,322.17</b> |

# Vote Questioned

A yes and no vote, taken at first on the Farmer-Labor Party issue, evidently proved a danger signal to the reactionary officials. A standing vote finally indicated 28 votes for overriding the resolutions committee report, which meant endorsing the Farmer-Labor Party, against 65 votes in favor of the committee report. There were charges that several among the fraternal delegates and visitors standing on the floor were counted among those voting for the committee report.

Delegate W. M. Treichel of Dayton, Ohio, asked for a roll call and although he was supported by many the request was overruled by Heaton.

# Labor Party Florida Issue

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unions" of political job-holders within the relief administration. Formation of these so-called labor locals, to which President Heaton, in his official capacity, granted "temporary permits" as acting charters, is directly tied up with the non-payment of the prevailing wage scale to skilled workers.

# International Law Body Acts

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)  
**PARIS, April 7.**—Humanite today published a statement by the International Juridical Association, which denounces the tortures to which political prisoners are subjected by the Vargas government of Brazil.

# Benson Proposes Bill to Protect Rights of Labor

**WASHINGTON, April 7 (UP).**—Senator Elmer Benson, Farmer-Labor, Minnesota, today proposed a constitutional amendment which would give Congress specific power to control industry and provide for management of natural resources, banking, transportation and public utilities by commissions. Labor would be represented on the commission.

The amendment, referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, would be known as the "Farmer and Worker's Rights Amendment."

# Brazil Press Contradicts Self on Barron

## Papers Arriving in New York Show Weakness of Police Story

Brazilian papers arriving in New York City give further evidence that the police cooked up the story of Victor Barron's "suicide" and his supposed "betrayal" of Luis Carlos Prestes.

A significant note added to show the imperialist cynicism of American imperialism's agents in Brazil, is contained in the March 7 issue of the "Brazilian-American," published in Rio de Janeiro in the English language.

## Press Praises Murder

This magazine runs an editorial praising the Rio police, entitled "Well Done," and says of Barron: "Barron, after a month's cross-examination, very early this morning gave the police a definite clue to Prestes' hideout. Barron jumped to his death through a third-story window after giving away Prestes."

## Four Police Versions

1. The police state—in the Brazilian press—that already in February, they had located Prestes as living in the suburb of Meyer.
2. The police state—in the Brazilian press—that they had discovered where Prestes lived through a man who recognized Prestes on the street.
3. The police boast—in the Brazilian press—that they had even the "pass word," which, when they gave it at the door of Prestes's home, caused Prestes to readily open the door to them.

## Labor Party Florida Issue

The American embassy officials had frequent access to Barron during the five weeks he was tortured, is exposed in the "Dalro da Noite" of March 6, which, in relating how kind the police were, states: "They gave him [Barron] comfortable quarters, furnished him the best food, and gave him relative freedom, allowing him to communicate frequently with the authorities of the North American government."

## Chermont in Danger of Death

The character of the Vargas regime can be reckoned by the fact that the Brazilian Senator Abel Chermont, who revealed facts of the terror in the full session of the Brazilian Senate, has been imprisoned and is in grave danger of being murdered by the police, says the Juridical Association.

## Norman Thomas Announces Defeat Of the Old Guard

The Socialist primaries have resulted in a defeat for the Old Guard throughout the state, according to a statement issued yesterday by Norman Thomas.

## Labor Unions Demand Restoration of Rights To People of Brazil

Passage of resolutions demanding the revocation of the terrorist, National Security Act of Brazil, and restoration of full democratic and civil rights to the people of Brazil, by trade unions in various parts of the country, was announced yesterday by the International Labor Defense.

# May Day Calendar

**CLEVELAND.**—A sponsoring committee of trade unionists is calling a conference to prepare a United May Day.

**MARQUETTE, Mich.**—A United May Day is assured by the agreement between the I.W.W. and the Communist Party.

**SEATTLE.**—A conference to prepare a United May Day will be held here on April 10, with trade unionists, project workers, Socialists and Communists unitedly participating.

**PHILADELPHIA.**—Under the auspices of the United Workers Organizations, work is going forward for a United May Day, in spite of Old Guard Socialist opposition.

**TACOMA, Wash.**—Invited by a joint letter of both Socialist and Communist Parties, the trade unions here are expected to send delegates to a conference on Saturday, April 18, at 2 P.M. at Valhalla Hall, 1214 1/2 "K" Street, for a United May Day demonstration.

**NEW YORK CITY.**—Intensive work for a 100 per cent turnout on May Day is following the preparatory conference where 1,010 delegates met to plan a United May Day, supported by both Socialist and Communist Parties.

**ROCHESTER, N. Y.**—The militant, Socialists and the Communists are now working together for a United May Day. Their Joint Committee is busy contacting trade unions and friendly organizations with an appeal for a United Front May Day demonstration.

**INDIANAPOLIS.**—Under auspices of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union, Local 145, a conference to prepare a May Day hall celebration was held April 5. Trade unions and both the Socialist and Communist parties, as well as the Y.W.C.A., were represented. The celebration will be at Amalgamated Hall.

**BOSTON.**—Under auspices of the Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, a conference was held to prepare May Day's demonstration on Boston Common at noon May First. The Socialist Party Old Guard prevented a United May Day, but the Communist Party is supporting the demonstration and is calling for unity.

# Hamtramck Elects People's Candidate

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a heated debate on acceding to the request of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party for co-operation on a national scale.

Virtually the entire A. F. of L. delegation present was united for a Farmer-Labor Party at the next Federation convention on July Fourth.

An outstanding achievement of the convention occurred with the smashing of red-baiting and the removal of constitutional bars to affiliation by the Communist Party. Known Communists participated actively in the convention in spite of expulsion threats that had been made earlier.

**Strong Cheered**  
The four hundred delegates rose to their feet and cheered wildly to acclaim Anna Louise Strong, associate editor of the Moscow Daily News and known among progressives as "Seattle's favorite daughter."

Doctor Gifford Telford, Canadian Commonwealth Federation head, drew enthusiastic applause for his strong plea for an all-inclusive unity.

# Ben Golden Will Speak On Melvin Case Over WEVD, 8:45 Tonight

The case of Murray Melvin, twenty-three-old vice president of the Allied Printing Helpers Union, sentenced on Monday to the State penitentiary for strike activity will be discussed at 8:45 p. m. tonight over Station WEVD by Ben Golden, head of the regional labor board.

# Vote Questioned

A yes and no vote, taken at first on the Farmer-Labor Party issue, evidently proved a danger signal to the reactionary officials. A standing vote finally indicated 28 votes for overriding the resolutions committee report, which meant endorsing the Farmer-Labor Party, against 65 votes in favor of the committee report. There were charges that several among the fraternal delegates and visitors standing on the floor were counted among those voting for the committee report.

Delegate W. M. Treichel of Dayton, Ohio, asked for a roll call and although he was supported by many the request was overruled by Heaton.



### 291 Delegates At Scottsboro Conference

#### Represent 214 Organizations; Pledge Support to Defense of Boys

Two hundred ninety-one delegates representing 214 organizations with a total membership of 794,806 pledged their support in defense of the nine Scottsboro boys Saturday afternoon when the Greater New York Scottsboro Conference was held at Hotel Delano.

Among the organizations represented were nineteen A. F. of L. unions; eleven church organizations; the Workers Alliance; the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.; the American League Against War and Fascism; the Workers Circle; the League for Industrial Democracy; the International Labor Defense; the International Workers Order; Women's Council; six Workers Clubs; Methodist Federation for Social Service; Sick and Death Benefit.

Political parties represented were the Socialist Party, with thirty-two delegates representing eighteen branches; the Communist Party of New York, with ten delegates representing sections and the New York District. Miscellaneous delegates numbered twenty-two.

Among the unions which sent delegates were the Retail Dry Goods Clerks; Knitgoods; American Federation of Teachers; Pocketbook Workers; Upholsterers; Bakers; Curtain and Drapery; Milk Drivers, Local 129; Shrimakers Joint Board; Local 21 of L. G. W. U.; Window Cleaners Local 2; Cooks and Confectioners local 325 and A. C. W. A. local 50.

The union delegates enthusiastically endorsed the call of the conference for participation of all trade unions in the campaign to free the Scottsboro boys. Several of the delegates took the floor to point out the significance of the persecution of the Negroes in the labor struggle, citing the determination of the ruling class to prevent unity of Negroes and whites in the fight for better conditions.

As a result of the discussion in which the trade unionists took an active part, a decision was made by the conference to augment the New York Scottsboro Committee by the addition of representatives of all trade unions at the conference, and that the chairman of any committee organized in a neighborhood to work in the Scottsboro campaign automatically become a member of the New York Scottsboro Committee.

Reinhold Niebuhr, of the Union Theological Seminary was chairman. Speakers were Roy Wilkins, of the N. A. A. C. P. on "The Tragedy of the Scottsboro Boys"; Harry W. Laidler, League for Industrial Democracy, on "White Collar Workers Support the Scottsboro Boys"; Michael Walsh, chairman of the New York Scottsboro Committee, on "What You and Your Organization Must Do"; Margaret DiMaggio, Local 80, ILGWU, on "Labor Unites for the Scottsboro Boys," and James Ford, of the Communist Party, whose subject was "Carry on Till the Scottsboro Boys Are Free."

Among the resolutions endorsed by the delegates were demands upon Governor Graves of Alabama for the release of Haywood Patterson, the dismissal of remaining indictments against the other boys, and an investigation of the shooting of Ozle Powell.

It was announced that the Scottsboro Committee has obtained a permit for a Tag Day, April 17 and 18, and all organizations are urged to get collection cans and all necessary materials from the Scottsboro Committee, Room 1106, 112 East Nineteenth Street.

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## Suppressed Mayor's Report Indicates Harlem's Need For a Farmer-Labor Party

Statement of the Harlem Division and New York District, Communist Party

First of all we want to congratulate the Daily Worker, the central organ of the Communist Party, for its steadfastness on problems that affect the Negro people and for the vigilance which made it possible to place before the people of Harlem long before any other paper the suppressed report published Monday on conditions in Harlem Hospital.

The Daily Worker should be spread in the home of every worker to arouse and mobilize the masses against conditions in Harlem.

A year ago when Mayor LaGuardia appointed his Commission to Investigate Conditions in Harlem we declared that it was to the advantage of Mayor LaGuardia and his capitalist friends to hide the fact that starvation and misery are caused by capitalists and that the city administration with its police department was a tool for maintaining the oppression of the Negro people.

Whitewashing Foreseen

We knew that LaGuardia intended to whitewash the city administration; and we later found out that a nefarious scheme was being hatched to indict and send to prison Communists "for murder and for inciting" the March 19 outbreak. But LaGuardia and his friends figured without the masses of the people of Harlem and the sincerity of many people on the commission which he appointed. The masses did not stand for any whitewashing nor for the indictment of Communists.

The report of Mayor LaGuardia's Commission did not fit so well into his plans. That is why the report on Harlem Hospital was suppressed. The report is not a complete one. It does not reveal all the terrible health conditions existing in Harlem. Neither do the recommendations of the commission fully meet the situation for remedying conditions in Harlem Hospital. Nevertheless we must say that this report can serve as a basis for forcing better conditions for health in Harlem. We congratulate the members of the commission.

Although the report is not complete it reveals the terrible conditions of disease and pestilence which stalk throughout Harlem; it reveals the alarmingly high death rate of the Negro population in the heart of a city that boasts of being the most progressive and liberal city at least in America.

On many points this report shows what the Communist Party stated a year ago: "The tuberculosis and syphilis statistics show that tuberculosis is approximately five times and syphilis nine times higher among Negroes than among whites, and that it is universally recognized by medical authorities that these death-reaping diseases are due almost entirely to impoverished living conditions and inadequate medical care..." and that, "pneumonia takes twice the number of Negro lives as white,

which depends in large measure upon exposure, malnutrition and congested living quarters."

Shown Sufferings

Our statement then further shows the suffering of expectant Negro mothers and Negro children due to inadequate hospitalization and criminal medical neglect in the Harlem Hospital. We pointed out that these conditions grew out of a whole system and policy of jim-crowism, discrimination and segregation. We showed how Negro doctors, nurses and other workers as well as patients were discriminated against in Harlem Hospital and in other hospitals throughout the city. We showed that these conditions as well as criminal overcrowding in Harlem Hospital were due to a policy of various city administrations, past and present.

Conditions in Harlem have not been materially remedied. The report on Harlem Hospital is only a partial report of the actual conditions that produced March the 19th. The full report of the Mayor's Commission has now been in LaGuardia's hands more than seven days and has not yet seen the light. The people are still suffering. The people of Harlem should immediately flood LaGuardia with telegrams demanding action from him on the recommendations of the commission. Broad delegations of trade union, fraternal, civic and other organizations of the people of Harlem should be organized to make similar demands. A broad conference should be immediately organized to arouse the people to the seriousness of conditions, and support from organizations outside of Harlem should be secured for all these actions.

Conditions in Harlem can be remedied only by united action on the part of all the people of Harlem. It calls for independent political action. It calls for pooling the vote in Harlem for action on the recommendations of the Mayor's Commission. This action is indispensable because the old parties, their bosses and the machines, have failed the Negro people. Now is the time for Democrats and Republicans, together with Communists and Socialists, to forge a unified People's Labor Party in Harlem, composed of trade unions, unemployed, fraternal, civic and other organizations of the people of Harlem.

A Farmer-Labor Party program is the only program that meets the needs of the moment and around which a great mass movement can be built that will defeat our enemies and make it possible to remedy conditions in Harlem.

Harlem Division, Communist Party,  
JAMES W. FORD, Division Organizer,  
New York District, Communist Party,  
I. AMTER, District Organizer.

### Attack on WPA Unions Seen in Grower Report

New grounds for further speeding up and brow-beating of W.P.A. workers are contained in a report of Captain Roy W. Grower, assistant administrator in charge of engineering.

The report, submitted to W.P.A. Administrator V. F. Ridder, comes at a time when a drive has been launched against all workers for union activities under the pretext of "shirking" and "agitation."

Tucked away in the report was the conclusion that "apparent" incompetency of supervisors in lower

echelons was due to incompetence or lethargy of those "higher up."

Grower's report further concluded that W.P.A. workers were only sixty to seventy per cent efficient compared to workers in private industry, and hailed the power to discharge "incompetent, lazy and intentionally rebellious employees," which permits arbitrary dismissal.

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### Teacher Union Gives Support To Feld Bill

#### Asks Equal Hours in Vocational and High Schools

Support for the Feld Bill to equalize teaching hours in vocational and high schools was announced yesterday by the Teachers' Union.

President Charles J. Hendley of the union pointed out that requirements for regular high school teachers, but that despite this the task demanded of them was heavier. Salary schedules are the same for both vocational and regular teachers.

The executive board and the delegate assembly of the union announced yesterday that they unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Erling Tholfsen for teacher member of the retirement board.

Tholfsen has a distinguished record as a teacher, is chairman of the salary committee and secretary of the teachers' interest committee at James Madison High School, where he has taught for the last eight years. He was captain of the United States chess team in the 1928 Olympic Games. But he is best known for his advocacy of the interests of classroom teachers.

Two out of the three members of the retirement board are supervisors. The two candidates for teacher member of the board, opposing Tholfsen, are both superintendents. The Teachers' Union feels that inasmuch as classroom teachers make up ninety-five per cent of the teaching force, they should be represented on the board.

### Pickets Prevent Entrance of Scabs At Mounting Plant

A strong picket line met attempts of bosses of the Consolidated Mounting and Finishing Company to rush scabs into the plant yesterday morning. Only three got through.

A crowd of more than one hundred pickets, augmented by a group of sympathizers kept the plant closed tight in spite of the presence of five police squad cars.

The strikers, members of the International Printing Pressmen's Union, Mounting and Finishing Division, went on strike last week for improved conditions.

The strikers are being led by Frank Cosmo and F. Gasco. The company is located at 516 West Thirty-fourth Street.

### New School Planned In Krumbein's Honor

#### Celebration of Thaelmann's Birthday Will Be Combined with Welcome to Communist Leader Here on His Release from Prison

On Friday, April 17, thousands of New York workers will gather at the Bronx Coliseum, 177th Street and West Farms Road, to honor Ernst Thaelmann, heroic leader of the German working class on his fiftieth birthday.

Thaelmann had been held in Moabit prison for three years by the Nazi government, during which time every effort has been made by the fascist torturers to break his invincible spirit. The Nazis have been preparing for years to bring Thaelmann to trial before the infamous Peoples' Court, on charges of treason, collecting false evidence and preparing a frame-up case. During this time Thaelmann has remained unshaken because of his firm faith in the solidarity of the German workers and the working class of the entire world.

The mass meeting at the Coliseum will be another pledge of solidarity of the New York workers and an affirmation of their firm determination to continue to do everything in their power to bring about Thaelmann's release.

The meeting will at the same time be a tremendous mass demonstration of greeting to Charles Krumbein, former organizer of the New York District of the Communist Party, who will be released from Lewisburg Penitentiary on that date, after serving a fourteen months sentence because of his working class activity.

In a statement issued by the New York District of the Communist Party yesterday, the New York workers and its organizations, which appreciate the devoted service Krumbein has rendered the working class, were called upon to unite in presenting Krumbein with an appropriate gift on his release.

The gift planned by the Communist Party is a school for training future Party leaders, a school to be named in his honor.

Several organizations have already indicated that they will bring their contributions to this gift to Krumbein to the mass meeting at the Coliseum on April 17. The organizations at the Workers' Cooperative Colony have already raised \$75, the sum necessary to pay for one student at the school, and is engaged in raising more funds for additional students. The Morning Freiheit has pledged to adopt one student.

Marilyn Miller Dies

Marilyn Miller, 37, dancing star of some of Broadway's most successful musical shows, died yesterday in Doctor's Hospital.

### Picket Lines At Majestic Are Growing

#### Agreement Renewal, End of Wage Cut Are Demanded

More than two hundred workers are striking against the Majestic Metal Specialties Company, with picket lines growing daily. The strikers are members of the International Association of Machinists, Lodge 1548.

The workers are demanding a renewal of a former agreement with the company; against a wage cut of eighteen per cent; and against a lengthening of working hours from forty to forty-four, according to Doris Corey, recording secretary of the lodge.

An article, appearing in the April 3 issue of the Jewish Day, has aroused the strikers, who claim that the writer was influenced by Kaden, owner of the Majestic Metal Company. Strikers state that the article was a slander on their union, and wrongly presented Kaden as a sympathetic employer.

### Conference to Protest Closing of Home Relief Bureau Called Tonight

An emergency conference to protest closing of Home Relief Bureau No. 70 has been called for tonight at 8:30 o'clock in Borough Park Casino, 3819 Fourteenth Avenue.

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# Harvey Gives Peace League Hall Permit

## Queens Borough President Reverses Decision

George U. Harvey, president of the Borough of Queens, New York, yesterday reversed his previous decision to bar the use of the Jamaica Town Hall to the American League Against War and Fascism. Harvey told a delegation representing the American League that he would permit the League to use the hall.

Harvey publicly supported the action of one of his assistants who had flatly refused the Jamaica Branch a permit. The action stirred resentment among the members, friends, and sympathizers of the organization.

The borough president was quoted as having said in his rejection of the League's application, "I understand that the American League Against War and Fascism is Communist in character. I will not under any circumstances tolerate the use of any one of our public buildings by Communists."

Harvey changed his mind when he was interviewed by a delegation representing the American League. Among the members of the delegation were Reverend Wayne White, Dr. Lurie, chairman of the Jamaica Branch, and James Waterman, representing the National Bureau of the League.

The first proposal made by Harvey was to grant a permit for the meeting to any one of the ministers who were members of the American League. The committee refused this offer, and Harvey finally conceded its demand for a permit in the name of the organization.

### WPA Concerts

Reserving seats are now on sale for the Sunday evening concert of the Federated Music Project at the Manhattan Theatre, Broadway at 53rd Street. The next concert is scheduled for April 12, when Miss Antonia Britton will conduct the New York Civic Orchestra.

# SOVIETS PLAN DEFENSE AGAINST GAS ATTACKS



(Faded Pictures) New chemicals and contraptions to neutralize the effects of poison gas dropped from enemy bombing planes are being tested by the Soviet Union. Here's a battleship deck crew, garbed in special airtight suits, spreading chemicals on the deck to counteract heavy poison fumes as they settle down.

# Geoghan Strikebreaking At May's Is Condemned

## Women Shoppers Demand Todd Investigate Anti-Labor Activities of Brooklyn's District Attorney

An extension of the investigation of the Brooklyn District Attorney's office by Special Prosecutor Hiram Todd, to include the "strikebreaking activities" of District Attorney William F. X. Geoghan is demanded by the League of Women Shoppers, in a statement issued yesterday, commending the report of the Citizens Committee appointed by Mayor F. H. La Guardia, on the anti-labor policies of the Mayor's Department Store, 510 Fulton Street, Brooklyn. It was the complaint of the

League of Women Shoppers to the Mayor that led to the creation of the committee, which condemned the store and the officials in Brooklyn after an exhaustive investigation.

### Tie-up with Byck

"It is pertinent to state," the Women Shoppers organization stated in its comment yesterday, "the well-known fact that Abraham Kartzman, the lawyer (for the Mayor's store) is the henchman and close associate of Leo P. Byck, alleged slot-machine czar, whose too friendly relations with the district attorney's office the Todd committee is now investigating. He shares offices with Byck and has represented him for years in the slot machine cases. This connection and experience have given him a peculiar facility in dealing with the police, the magistrates' courts, and, last but not least, the district attorney's office."

The League emphasized the investigations which it made in an impartial manner, the "sweatshop conditions" which it found existing at the store, the unwarranted arrests of pickets and the arrest of its own members for appearing on the picket line in protest against the store's policies.

### Magistrates Scored

The experiences with the magistrates' courts leads the League to make a challenging indictment of the conduct of these courts: "To all of our members, almost all defendants in a police court for the first time on any charge, it came as a shock to see how lacking in decorum has been the procedure

in these courts under some of our magistrates. The sleaziest testimony of the police and the bullying tactics of Kartzman were tolerated by the court while the credible testimony of decent citizens was totally disregarded.

Knowing that the magistrates court is the poor man's court, where primary justice must be dispensed at first hand by impartial authority and where civil liberties are first safeguarded, the open air of indifference to truth and justice in which many of these labor cases have been tried is such as to bring down the esteem in which it is desirable that our courts should be held."

Referring to the high character of the Citizens Committee appointed by the Mayor and headed by Rev. John Howard Melish, the League pointed out that District Attorney Geoghan, already in disrepute because of alleged corruption in the Drukman case, used the Grand Jury to try to offset the report of the Citizens Committee.

### Geoghan Uses Grand Jury

On this point, the League stated: "This report of the Citizens Committee, achieved with the most painstaking care by a group of representative and reputable Brooklyn citizens who cannot be accused of being under any 'radical' influence, follows a presentation made last week by the Kings County December Grand Jury, which paints admirable working conditions in the May store and lays all this long-drawn out strife at the doorstep of a few 'misguided' and 'subversive' elements. The Grand Jury presentation, in the light of the findings of the Mayor's committee, seems to us however, itself most subversive of truth.

### In Employer's Interest

"This Grand Jury, guided by a discredited district attorney's office, itself under investigation, which has up to now shown notable activity in the employer's interests in this strike, seems to have had little occasion for its presentation other than a hasty attempt to offset the report of the Mayor's own investigating committee. It goes a long way out of the course prescribed for it to inquire into crimes committed or trailable in the county and to present them to the court to make a one-sided investigation of working conditions in May's, to exonerate the strikers and to throw doubt upon all their supporters.

"It conducted a star chamber expert hearing, it deliberately aims to prejudice the public against the strikers in this case, and to intimidate other unions who may take the same course in an effort to better their course. In its attack on the magistrates who have lent themselves to union-breaking activity and to convey a threat to those who have not fallen into line in this policy.

"In guiding this presentation, the district attorney's office discharges that office by turning it into a strikebreaking agency. This office, already discredited in its handling of crime cases, is further discredited in its handling of labor cases. The Todd investigation should be extended to include this aspect of the district attorney's activity."

### To Open New Offices

Williamsburg Section of the Communist Party will open new headquarters on Bridge Plaza Square, 234 Broadway, with a party Saturday. Carl Brodsky will be master of ceremonies; Rose Wortis and Sam Nassin are to be guests of honor. The Bunin Puppets will perform.

# Bag Workers Win Strike For Closed Shop

## Building Union Asks Assessment for Locked Out Workers

The "forgotten men of industry," the workers in the used burlap bag industry, who work under the vilest of conditions for the lowest of wages, topped events on New York's labor front yesterday by winning the union (closed) shop in the settlement of their general strike.

Three hundred workers in about 30 shops have been on strike for three weeks in the New York area against the anti-union conditions and the 36-a-week wages prevailing in the industry. While their demand for a \$15-a-week minimum wage was not met in the settlement terms, union recognition and the closed shop were won for the first time in the industry. The strike has been conducted by the United Textile Workers.

### Lift Men's Assessment

At the same time, Local 22-B, Building Service Employees International Union, sent out a notice to all shop stewards of closed shops, calling their attention to the special assessment of \$3 per member voted by Councils 2, 3 and 9 for the benefit of the locked-out workers.

Appeal to pack the magistrates' court at Third Avenue and 161st Street, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, was issued by the strikers at the Marcus Shoe Co., 12 East Burnside Avenue. Eleven pickets were arrested before that store on Saturday night, under orders of the police that no picketing could be carried on.

### Dean Skene Criticized

Dean Skene of the School of Technology of the College of the City of New York was criticized in a statement yesterday by the Instructional Staff Association of City College for interfering with the rights of Sidney Eisenberger, of the Chemistry Department, over whom the dean has no jurisdiction. Skene attempted to interfere with Eisenberger's conduct of the presidency of the Engineering Alumni Association, it is charged.

The threat of dismissal against Saul Bernstein of the Biology Department was also challenged by the staff association. Teaching nine and one-half years at the college, Bernstein has been denied promotion to an instructorship to which he is entitled, the association stated.

### Walters' Symposium

The Committee for Trade Union Education of Waiters Local 1, Seventh Avenue and Twenty-seventh Street, announced an unusual effort at inter-union discussion in the symposium of active union members which will be held tonight at Irving Plaza Hall, Irving Plaza and Fifteenth Street.

"Why Industrial Unionism?" will be the question discussed. Among those who will participate are: Sam Spiegel, Sam Yaroff, Jack Friedman, Sam Spitzer, Henry Goloboff, Paul Dobell, Jack Schwartz and William Lipschutz.

# A LABOR PARTY IN NEW YORK

## AN EDITORIAL

ON MONDAY a young labor leader, Murray Melvin, received one of the stiffest sentences handed out by a New York court in a labor case in recent years.

Committed to the penitentiary by Judge Morris Koenig for an indeterminate period, the 23-year old printer's helper may be forced to remain in jail for three years.

On the very same day, a committee of unionists made public a call to local unions to attend a conference to discuss the formation of a Labor Party in New York.

Labor unionists in great number are beginning to see the iron-bound connection between the courts and their strike struggles. They are beginning to see clearly that so long as Democratic and Republican judges are on the bench, so long will the workers face injunctions, frame-ups and long jail sentences for exercising their rights to strike, organize and picket.

Labor in New York too long has been sold down the river by Tammany and Fusion politicians in their ranks.

The trade union conference on May 24 at the Music Box Hall is a sign that New York unionists, organized 750,000 strong, are waking up to the need for independent political action.

Every union in the city should send delegates to the conference. Labor should go forward to a clean break from Tammany and LaGuardia.

Forward to a Labor Party, a Labor Administration and a Labor Mayor in New York City!

# WHAT'S ON

## Wednesday

I. AMYER, N. Y. District Organizer of the Communist Party lectures on "Can America Keep Out of War?" Chairman, Alan Johnson at Peoples Center, 116 University Pl. (cor. 12th St.) 8:45 P.M.  
HARU MATSUI on "Workers in Japan" at 1297 Kings Highway Br. A.W.F., Brooklyn.  
PROFESSOR SCOTT WEAVER, eminent economist, lecturer and author, speaks on "Whither America?" at Followers of Nature Camp Center, 220 E. 14th St., April 8. Adm. 25c. Time: 8:30 P.M.  
BENEFIT PERFORMANCE of "Bitter Stream," Entire house of Civic Repertory for the benefit of Friends of Negro Liberation. Few choice tickets available.  
"The Soviet Union in Pictures," illustrated lecture by Susan Woodruff at Labor Temple, 243 E. 84th St., at 8:15 P.M. Adm. 10c. Ausp.: Yorkville Br. A.P.S.U.  
THEATRE party for HEALTH AND

## Thursday

PICTURE of Siam! Lecture by Siamer Consul and collaborator at 148 W. 23rd St. Ausp.: American Friends of Chinese People. Courtesy Board of Education.  
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# 10th Assembly Labor Party Club to Meet

## Open Forum Tonight at Youth House, 159 West 49 Street

A meeting of the newly-formed Labor Party Club of the Tenth Assembly District will be held tonight at the Youth House, 159 West 49th Street.

Following the meeting Amicus Most, a national organizer of the Socialist Party, will address an open forum on the subject, "What Standard of Living Can America Provide?"

The Tenth Assembly District organization which aided in the formation of the League for a Farmer-Labor Party in New York, is co-operating with the League in calling a conference of non-trade union organizations for June 12-13 to support the efforts of unionists in building a Labor Party.

Cooperating with the Tenth A. D. club in its appeal to civic, white collar and middle-class groups are the Knickerbocker Democrats.

HYGIENE on Monday evening, April 7th, for "Bitter Stream." Tickets now on sale at the office, 41 Union Square, 6th floor. VOLUNTEER actors, dancers, singers, wanted to participate in the May Day Pageant to be presented at the Bronx Coliseum on May 1, 8 P.M. Next rehearsal, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, 8 P.M. at Germania Hall, 188 Third Ave. (near 16th St.). For further information communicate with D. Silver, AL 4-3707.

NIIGHT of June 13th taken by the Young Communist League of Harlem. Organization please note.

### Registration Notices

REGISTRATION at the Workers School, 35 E. 12th St., for Spring Term is now going on. Descriptive catalogues obtainable upon request. Register now!  
SPRING TERM begins April 12th at Bogenville Workers School, 1855 Pitkin Ave. Bklyn. Registration now going on! Office open 6-9 p.m. and Saturdays 2-6 p.m.  
DOWNTOWN Music School Registration on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 11 A. M. - 1 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday, 8-9 P. M. Saturday 2:30-5 P. M. at 799 Broadway Room 224.

# SHIP ARRIVALS

## SHIPS IN YESTERDAY

| Ship and Line              | From                | Deck        |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| ANDANIA, Cunard White Star | Liverpool, Mar. 28  | W 14th St.  |
| LAUNIA, Cunard White Star  | Havre, Mar. 27      | W 14th St.  |
| LAFAYETTE, French          | Bermuda, Apr. 5     | W 49th St.  |
| SANTA MARIA, Grace         | Valparaiso, Mar. 31 | Morris St.  |
| GEORGIC, Cunard White Star | West Indies cruise  | Corla St.   |
| ORIENTE, N. Y. & Cuba Mail | Havana, Apr. 3      | Wall St.    |
| SAN JACINTO, Porto Rico    | San Juan, Apr. 2    | Maiden Lane |

## DUE TODAY

|                              |                       |                    |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| EUROPA, North German Lloyd   | Bremen, Apr. 2        | W 46th St.         |
| PARIS, French                | Havre, Apr. 1         | W 48th St.         |
| PRES. GARFIELD, Dollar       | Marseille, Mar. 25    | W 12th St. Jer. C. |
| EMP. OF AUSTRALIA, Can. Pac. | West Indies cruise    | W 18th St.         |
| GEORGIC, Cunard White Star   | West Indies cruise    | W 14th St.         |
| SANTA ELENA, Grace           | S. Francisco, Mar. 20 | W 21st St.         |
| QUEEN OF BERNUDA, Furness    | Bermuda, Apr. 6       | W 53th St.         |
| TOLOA, United Fruit          | Santa Marta, Apr. 2   | Morris St.         |
| CARABOBO, Red D              | La Guayra, Apr. 8     | Chambers St.       |

## DUE TOMORROW

|                         |                       |                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| SOUTHERN CROSS, Munson  | Buenos Aires, Mar. 21 | Montague St. Bkn. |
| PORT AMHERST, Red Cross | St. Johns, Apr. 4     | W 24th St.        |
| PLATANO, United Fruit   | Porto Cabello, Apr. 5 | Morris St.        |

# APRIL 17... A Red Letter Day!

To All New York Working Class Organizations To All Party Units

Dear Friends and Comrades: Charles Krumbeln, active leader of the workers' struggles in the United States, who spent fourteen months in the Federal Penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pa., because of his devotion to the working class, will be released from prison on Friday, April 17th.

Workers of New York will have a reason to rejoice on this occasion, as the release of Charles Krumbeln will mean a powerful addition to the leadership of the struggles taking place in New York; the struggles for unemployment relief and social insurance, strike struggles for betterment of conditions, for the right to organize; struggles against war and fascism; struggles for the elementary civil rights, against Jim-Crowism and discrimination. Charles Krumbeln will be a force in the welding of united front actions in New York and will add his skill and ability to the task confronting the working class of the United States, the task of organizing a broad people's front against war and fascism, a Farmer-Labor Party in the United States.

The New York District of the Communist Party has arranged for a mass meeting to greet Krumbeln on the day of his release, and to celebrate the 50th birthday of Ernst Thaelmann, imprisoned leader of the German working class, on Friday, April 17th, 1936, at 8 P.M. at the New York Coliseum, 1100 East 177th Street.

The thousands of New York workers assembled at the Coliseum on that night will be in itself a testimonial to Charles Krumbeln in appreciation of his past work and sacrifice. It will also be a demonstration of solidarity with Ernst Thaelmann, and a protest against his continued imprisonment in Nazi Germany. However, the New York District of the Communist Party is planning a gift to Charles Krumbeln that will be fit for such a leader, and such an occasion. We are planning to organize a school to train leaders who will be the Krumbelns and the Thaelmanns of the very near future. This school will bear the name of the Krumbeln Training School, and will be composed of forty workers who will have an opportunity to train in leadership of workers' struggles for a period of six weeks.

In order to be able to present Charles Krumbeln with this token of appreciation, we need the cooperation of all working class organizations in New York. We are sure your organization will want to contribute to this gift to Charles Krumbeln.

Fraternally yours, COMMUNIST PARTY, NEW YORK DISTRICT.

# AMUSEMENTS

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### SOVIET NEWS

A Chronicle of Progress in USSR  
Cameo 42 St. East 25 P. M.

# EASTER REVIEW

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● LILLIAN SHAPERO & Group in New Dances  
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# Bootlegging Miners Shot By Guards

## Jobless Spring Valley Workers Wounded in First Clash

HAZELTON, Pa., April 7 (FP).—The first blood was shed in the long-awaited outbreak between bootleg miners and coal operators, when two unemployed miners, trying to eke out a miserable existence by digging coal where the company had found it unprofitable to do so, were shot in the face by company guards, here recently.

# Rubber Union Organization Plans Pushed

By James Wallace (Special to the Daily Worker)

AKRON, O., April 7.—Goodyear strikers are continuing the work of the strike within the plant, now that they are back at work. In the face of company deceit and intimidation, the Goodyear union is carrying on a vigorous campaign to realize the terms of its strike settlement, and to organize completely the various departments of the factories of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

At the same time, threats of new sit-down strikes are coming from both the Goodrich and Firestone plants, where the companies have been continuing their campaign of rate-cuts and grueling speed-ups.

# Michigan Farm Union Leader Wins in Court

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau)

DETROIT, Mich., April 7.—A damage suit against Walter M. Nelson, attorney for the Michigan Farmers Union, and member of the provisional committee of the Wayne County Farmer-Labor Party was dismissed by Judge Jacobs yesterday on a sudden motion by two officials of the Michigan Milk Producers Association who charged that they were slandered.

Nelson was conceded a complete victory after evidence was presented for almost two weeks. The court room was packed daily with farmers from many nearby communities.

Suit was brought against Nelson by President Nathan P. Hull and vice-president Bernie F. Beach of the milk producers association. They charged that Nelson slandered them in 1934, when he made statements before Michigan farmers' meetings that the two officials did not serve the interests of the farmers who comprise the membership of the association. Each demanded \$50,000 damage.

# WHAT'S ON

- Philadelphia, Pa.**  
"The Life of a Soviet Citizen," 7:30. Instructed lecture by Burton Harris. Union, Wednesday, April 8, 8 P.M. at 1208 N. 7th St. Adm. 15c. Ruston-Hook, August. No. C. R. 1935.
- Pittsburgh, Pa.**  
Come to the big dance and entertainment where you will hear and see: Solo; Quartet; Duo by the "Dead Cow" a new play by the New Theatre Group. Dance to the tunes of the "Hobnob" by the "Hobnob" James on Saturday, April 11. Communist Party and Young Communist League.
- Chicago, Ill.**  
Spring festival and dance celebration. First anniversary. Conclude Child's Leadership in Dixie. Wicker Park Hall, 2044 W. North Ave., Sunday, April 12.
- Boston, Mass.**  
Contemporary Dance Group of Boston presents New Dance League recital. Secretary Theatre on April 15-17 at 8:30. Tickets, 50c, 25c, 15c and 10c.

# MUSSOLINI-HEARST-SHERRILL: THREE OF A KIND

NEW YORK AMERICAN—A Paper for People Who Think—

## MUSSOLINI ASKS WORLD TO UNITE AGAINST REDS

Grants Sherrill Private Audiences and is Anxious to Hear U. S. Stand Toward War

THE truth of the matter is that FRANCE IS PRECIPITATING WAR IN EUROPE, as Lloyd George said. France is dragging England into war. France is trying to involve the United States. France is allying herself with Communist Russia.

# Aluminum Union Urges Labor Party

## Paper Says Roosevelt Has Failed to Solve Crisis

Pointing out that neither the Republican nor the Democratic Parties have helped the working people of this country, an article on the front page of a recent issue of the Aluminum Worker, monthly paper sponsored by aluminum unions affiliated with the National Council of Aluminum Workers (A. F. of L.), urges the formation of a Farmer-Labor Party. The author of the article is Louis Petrigril.

# Ohio Socialists Rebuff Labor Party Pleas

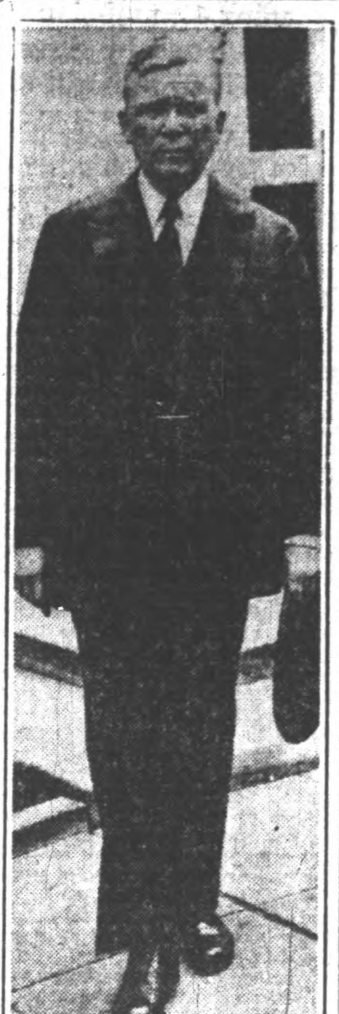
(Daily Worker Ohio Bureau)

AKRON, O., April 7.—After a clear-cut repudiation of the reactionary "Old Guard" of New York, the Ohio State convention of the Socialist Party concluded its session late Sunday with a refusal to act upon Communist Party proposals for unity in building a Farmer-Labor Party and in celebrating the First of May.

# Mooney's Prosecutor Admits Railroad Aid

## Fickert Threw Forces into Campaign After Car Strike

By MIRIAM ALLEN deFORD (By Federated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—Digging deep into the poisonous soil at the very roots of the frame-up against Tom Mooney, counsel for the famous labor prisoner at the San Francisco habeas corpus proceedings forced from former District Attorney Charles M. Fickert the admission that the United Railroads contributed to his campaign fund.



(Federated Pictures)

Lies and exaggerations used by state officials and their witnesses to frame Tom Mooney to a life term in San Quentin are being exposed by Defense Counsel Frank P. Walsh (above) and John Finerty, in Mooney's habeas corpus hearings at San Francisco.

# Nazis Seek Meta Berger School Recall

## Fascists Aid Attack of the Old Guard in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 7.—Taking their cue from the action of Mayor Hoan, right wing Socialist who removed Meta Berger from his campaign committee because of her strong anti-fascist stand, the Friends of New Germany, local Nazi outfit, has initiated a "popular" movement for the recall of Mrs. Berger from the School Board.

Gene Dennis, executive secretary of the Communist Party of Wisconsin, issued a statement yesterday, which pointed out that the local Nazi move against Mrs. Berger was the logical follow-up to the action of Mayor Hoan and his secretary Hauser, in removing her from the election campaign committee, and in repudiating Communist support in his battle for re-election against Sheriff Shinners, Hearst "Law and Order" candidate.

Having "saved" Italy from Communism, Mussolini, like Hitler, has now decided to "save" the world. The outthrust savior, as shown above, has acquired two talented apostles in William Randolph Hearst, the El Duce of rising American fascism, and Gen. Charles H. Sherrill, former ambassador to Turkey, now an American member of the International Olympics Committee.

On the left is Mussolini's statement, given to Sherrill and published exclusively in this country by the Hearst press. On the right is an editorial that appeared on page 1 of Sunday's N. Y. American (Hearst), warmly approving of Mussolini's call for a united front against the Soviet Union and Communism.

Sherrill, who made threats against the Jews on his return to this country from Germany several months ago, and his pal, Avery Brundage, chairman of the American Olympics Committee, are continuing to stooge for Hitler's sport carnival.

# Missouri Labor Party Nucleus Is Formed

(Daily Worker Missouri Bureau)

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 7.—The nucleus of a Missouri Farmer-Labor Party was formed here Saturday and Sunday in a militant "Right-to-Live" conference representing a cross section of the population. After a thorough discussion of the Farmer-Labor Party, it was endorsed unanimously by a rising vote, and all delegates registered voluntarily to constitute a committee to promote the Farmer-Labor movement in Missouri.

Inadequacy of relief measures under existing parties, permitting politicians to "play around" with such vital matters as old-age pensions, was repeatedly brought out during the meetings.

As an immediate demand, the conference passed resolutions calling for an emergency session of the state legislature to vote \$4,000,000 for a fund to keep the unemployed from starving, but the consensus of the delegates was that real social security and adequate relief will be obtained only through a Farmer-Labor Party and such measures as the Frazier-Lundeen and Marcantonio bills.

# Civil Liberties Union Fights Radio Censorship in Dakota

(Daily Worker Dakota Bureau)

Charges of censorship have been filed with the Federal Communications Commission by the American Civil Liberties Union against WDAY at Fargo, N. D., a supplementary outlet of the National Broadcasting Company, because of that station's cancellation of a scheduled speech by Walde McNutt, national organizer of the American League Against War and Fascism.

# Jobs Remain At Low Level In Auto Shops

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau)

DETROIT, Mich., April 7.—With automobile production now higher than any time in the history of the industry, there has been no noticeable increase in employment in the plants, a Daily Worker survey showed.

Many workers who were laid off during the slack period in January and February have not been called back. Plants at best operate five days a week. The Chrysler plants, which have had the greatest production increase, raised working time to nine hours per shift. Dismissal has spread through all departments since the extra hour is paid at straight time.

Production of 106,000 cars last week was little below the highest weeks in the industry's peak production in 1928-29, when there was a longer work-week. Claims of the Automobile Manufacturers Association recently that the industry employs today about as many workers as in 1929 is a false impression, as today few workers get above six months work in a season.

The manufacturers count people who are on the payroll for only a few weeks as employees. Wholesale firing and hiring several times during a season is a common practice and is also responsible for the "mounting" employment roll. In 1929 there was often a shortage of labor and most workers put in at least 10 months work a year.

# Tacoma Minister Fails to Defend Christian Party

(Daily Worker Tacoma Bureau)

TACOMA, Wash., April 7.—Nearly 1,000 persons who assembled here to hear a debate between Robert J. Peersall of the Socialist Party and the Rev. A. L. Cook, retired Methodist minister, were only slightly surprised when Dr. Cook failed to appear to defend William Dudley Peley's Silver Shirt Hitler "Christian" Party.

# Committee Asks Wallace To List Persons Paid \$10,000 AAA Money

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The Senate Agricultural Committee today favorably reported the Vandenberg resolution calling for the Secretary of Agriculture to furnish the Senate with names of all persons who received \$10,000 or more from AAA for crop or livestock reduction.

Secretary Henry A. Wallace earlier had announced several corporations which received up to \$1,000,000 for cooperating with AAA. The committee changed the figure in the resolution from \$1,000 to \$10,000. This was the sum originally specified in the Vandenberg resolution when it was introduced. The committee voted unanimously.

As amended at today's meeting it called upon the secretary to furnish the Senate "as soon as practical" the amount paid to each producer who received \$10,000 or more for each contract year, listing the recipients by name, county and state.

# Paterson Silk Workers Support Their Progressives

(Daily Worker Paterson Bureau)

PATERSON, N. J., April 7.—A regular membership meeting of the plain goods department of the American Federation of Silk Workers here, with the largest attendance of any recent session held by them, unanimously voted to support the executive board and defend progressive and democratic unionism in Paterson.

The local charter had been lifted and officials appointed by President McMahon of the United Textile Workers, parent body of the plain goods department, because the local membership voted down a dangerous and wage cutting contract recently.

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News Guild Sends Protests On AP Story

Letters on Strike Origin Sent to All Locals of the A. F. of L.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 7.—The Wisconsin News strikers took action over the weekend to defeat two underhanded maneuvers on the part of the Hearst publisher and his friends.

The meeting was in a private hotel room, and McCrea was offered bribes in various more or less delicate ways—a rescinding of his personal wage cut, a "little trip to New York to get the proper perspective," etc.

The other was an Associated Press story indicating erroneously that the strikers' demands had been met and the strike settled.

The National Labor Committee for Support of the American Newspaper Guild Strike Against the Milwaukee News has sent to every newspaper in the country a letter explaining the origin of the strike, the unfairness of Hearst publications, and enclosing letters of endorsement of the Guild's struggle from John L. Lewis and William Green, and others.

West Coast Union Ouster Goes to Court

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 7.—Tomorrow the right of Joseph Casey, personal representative of President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, to oust by mere proclamation all elected officers of the local Federated Trades will come up in court.

Meanwhile, on the eve of the court struggle, the members of the Federated Trades have just met for the eleventh successive week, as a progressive caucus instead of a Federation, because Casey's appointed officials refuse to permit a regular meeting.

The progressive caucus, while waging a bitter struggle for the abolition of Casey's restrictions has begun to carry on the work for which a city central body is designed. There is no one else to do it. At the last meeting, delegates approved a mass meeting for the repeal of the criminal syndicalist law. The meeting will be next Tuesday, 8 p. m. at Lincoln School. Speakers will include: A. C. Rogers of the Federated Trades, Attorney Carrey McWilliams of the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, Paul Richie, assemblyman of the Seventy-ninth District and David Wolk, Secretary of the Bill of Rights Society.

Art for Biro-Bidjan Will Be Exhibited By Icor in Boston

BOSTON, Mass., April 7.—An exhibition of American artists, contributed by more than one hundred artists as a foundation for a museum in Biro-Bidjan, will be exhibited here under the auspices of the Icor before its shipment to the Soviet Union.

The exhibition will open at the Fishland Room, Hotel Brunswick, on April 11, at 8 p. m. and will close April 23. A series of lectures by prominent speakers, and concerts by members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, will take place in conjunction with the exhibition.

Get Wage Rise

TOLEDO, April 7 (FP).—A strike at the Spicer Corp. manufacturers of automobile accessories, following failure to grant a five per cent wage increase which had been promised for March 1, was averted after the two unions in the Toledo plant voted to accept a minimum three per cent increase effective June 1. The Mechanics Educational Society of America at first held out for making the increase effective April 1, but conceded the point to avoid a split with the International Union of United Automobile Workers.

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Evidence in Tampa Leads Toward Bass

Flogging Commission Man of Ku Klux Klan Is Questioned by State Authorities About Activities on Night of Shoemaker Murder

ORLANDO, Fla., April 7.—Florida justice, moving with leaden feet, is nevertheless drawing nearer and nearer to Fred McLendon Bass, "flogging commission man" for the Ku Klux Klan, who played a leading role in the flogging and murder of Joseph A. Shoemaker in Tampa, Nov. 30, and in the kidnaping and murder of Frank Norman in Lakeland in April, 1934.

Florida authorities finally were forced to investigate Bass in connection with the Tampa triple flogging-murder case. In preparation for the first of the trials opening in Bartow next week Assistant State Attorney Huntley questioned Bass at length as to his whereabouts and activities on Nov. 30 last.

With Huntley in this new investigation of Orange County angles was Wallace Shafer, Assistant Polk County Solicitor at Bartow. Questioning of Bass in Orange County, definitely draws into the case one of the "higher-ups" said to have supervised the flogging, and who is certain to drag in others. All clues lead to Kligg Bass from this point on the trial is sure to lead to others in high places in Orange, Polk and Hillsborough counties.

The prosecution may start from scratch in Bartow, following the change of venue of the first trial against three Tampa policemen. The prosecution may place on trial the three vigilantes indicted with the former Tampa Chief of Police and his Klan cops. The three Orlando men are charged as principals in the kidnaping and second degree murder of Shoemaker and also of the kidnaping of Eugene F. Poulnot and Dr. Sam D. Rogers.

The men are Edward Spivey, James Dane and Arlie Gillian, believed to have been sent to "commission merchant" Bass to take the labor men from the police-Klanismers to the flogging. Bass is said to have been with the three indicted local Klansmen on the Plant City road where the victims were placed in their custody by the Tampa police-Klansmen.

The three Orlando men had KKK cards in their pockets when they were arrested here by Hillsborough County Sheriff Jerry McLeod and his men. Gillian boasted, Sheriff McLeod said, that he was a former State officer of the Klan.

Nye Assaults duPonts In Baltimore Rally BALTIMORE, Md., April 7.—Bitterly attacking American munition-makers as vicious racketeers, Senator Gerald P. Nye was the high spot of the neutrality meeting held in Baltimore by the Maryland branch of the League Against War and Fascism.

"The racketeering of the duPonts is more serious in its consequences upon America than that of the Al Capones or Baby-Face Nelsons today. No nation on earth is spending more money than we are in preparing for war. The United States is spending four times as much money for national defense now as it was spending in the year before the last war," Nye said.

The way of the Party of Lenin-Stalin is the way for the American workers and farmers out of misery into plenty, out of crisis into security, out of evils of capitalism into Socialism!

Fallacies of Lawson Credits Society Bared in Labor Party Call

DETROIT, April 7.—The Michigan District of the Communist Party has sent a letter to Thaddeus Dzierzawski, an officer of the Direct Credits Society, exposing the fallacies of Direct Credits and calling on all members of the society to join in building a Farmer-Labor Party.

The letter is a reply to one sent by Dzierzawski to the Daily Worker, asking for enlightenment. The Direct Credits Society was founded several years ago on principles similar to those of Major Douglas' social credit movement in England and Canada.

The Direct Credits Society claims membership in all 48 states, with its main strength in Michigan and Ohio. The letter of the Michigan Communist Party follows in part:

Letter to Dzierzawski Dear Friend: We have read your letter with great interest. We feel that in your letter you have expressed the state of mind of hundreds and thousands of people who are seeking a way out of the present conditions of life, which have become all but unbearable.

The Direct Credits Society is one of these organizations, but any critical examination of Mr. Lawson's theories reveal them to be of the kind that capitalize on the discontent of the people in order to lead them in the wrong direction. The popularity of Mr. Lawson's movement among some people can be explained by the fact that the program of the Direct Credits Society subjects the financiers to merciless criticism, denounces the present conditions of poverty and hunger and insecurity, and contrasts it with an imaginary perfect system of plenty and justice for all.

Formulas—"Abolish Interest" The whole trick is contained in the simple formula: Abolish in-

Strike Terror Must Stop, State Warned

Labor Party Group Will Meet With Socialists in Connecticut

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 7.—"Call a halt to the terrorizing of the Plainfield strikers by state police," warns a resolution passed unanimously by the executive committee of the Connecticut American Federation of Labor Committee for a Labor Party. The resolution was sent to Governor Wilbur Cross.

The resolution followed a report by a delegation of the 850 Plainfield strikers who walked out of Lawton Mills there on Jan. 13, to block a wage cut. The strikers told the Farmer-Labor Party Committee of brutal tactics of the men and proper advance to the women strikers by state police, attacks on the picket line and refusal to allow strikers use of the public streets.

A committee of three, headed by William E. Kuehnle, former president of Hartford Central Labor Union, was named to go to Plainfield and make further study of the situation.

Cities represented by trade unionists at the meeting, included New Haven, Hartford, Danbury, Waterbury, New Britain, Meriden, and the eastern section of Connecticut, where a Farmer-Labor Party has been set up. Among the reports heard was one from a committee headed by Dr. Willard Uphaus, executive secretary of the National Religion and Labor Foundation, and a member of the State Committee, who told of a meeting held between the state committee of the Socialist Party of Connecticut, and a committee representing the State Committee for a Farmer-Labor Party.

Committees representing both organizations will confer in the near future on the possibilities of joint action in various sections of the state. The Socialist Party will be represented by Carl Rhodin of Meriden and Harry Rosen of Hartford. The Farmer-Labor Party will be represented by Dr. Uphaus, Henry Rainey, Machinists Union, Hartford; and Albert Brown, of Jewett City, a member of the United Textile Workers.

Greetings were sent to the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party, which included an offer of assistance from the Connecticut Committee. A national Farmer-Labor Party conference is called.

Communists Pay Tribute To Dead Party Member

OMAHA, Neb., April 7.—Thomas P. Kelley, unemployed shoemaker and member of the Communist Party, was buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery a few days ago. Unemployed since 1932, he had lived at the Omaha Transient Shelter.

At the funeral home, a Communist burial service was held. William Simons, district organizer of the Communist Party, made a stirring speech, in which he said:

"Comrade Kelley, we hail you, because you dreamed of and worked for a new society, without classes, without war, without unemployment. You are no longer with us, but rest assured that we, your fellow members of the Communist Party, will carry on when you left off."

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just to enumerate. J. Pierpont Morgan or any of his partners would consider himself a pauper if he would have to live upon an income which he could get only by lending out money of his own at the highest legally permitted rate of interest of 48 per cent in the state of Illinois.

Lawson Division of Society From this false premise, Mr. Lawson proceeds to declare that society is divided into three main groups: Labor, Capital and Finance. Between capital and labor there is no argument; both are victimized by the financier. Hence, it is to the common interests of capital and labor to join forces in this fight. This "scientific theory" of Mr. Lawson, his division of society into three classes: Labor, Capital and Finance, is just sheer nonsense and ignorance, though, we would have to live upon an income which he could get only by lending out money of his own at the highest legally permitted rate of interest of 48 per cent in the state of Illinois.

Class War It is not the control of a "limited supply of money" by international financiers which accounts for these conditions, but the private ownership of the means of production by a class of capitalists. It is not interest charged on borrowed money which accounts for the enrichment of a few at the expense of the many, but the extraction of profit through the exploitation of the workers and small farmers. It is not a struggle of capital and labor against financiers, but a bitter class war between capitalists who include bankers, manufacturers, large real estate owners and large merchants on the one hand, and workers, poor farmers, and professionals, on the other.

From all of this it must be clear that Mr. Lawson's "solution" is no solution at all, for even granting that it would be possible within the existing frame-work of capitalist society to abolish interest, this would not abolish the dominant feature of capitalism—exploitation.

Opposes Working Class Organizations Rather than a "solution" Mr. Lawson has developed a most harmful and dangerous "theory" which directly prevents his followers from engaging in a real struggle against the forces which oppress and exploit them. Basing himself upon his "theory," it is quite logical that Mr. Lawson himself should emerge as a strikebreaker. Mr. Lawson claims that every working class organization, including Communist and Socialist Parties, the American Federation of Labor, all trade unions, etc., are controlled by the

YOUR HEALTH

By Medical Advisory Board

(The members of the Medical Advisory Board do not advertise.)

All questions to this column are answered directly. Correspondents are asked to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Fears in Childhood G. T. Chicago, Ill., writes: "I have a four and a half year old daughter who has what I call a fear mania. She is afraid of everything and everybody, and will not stay alone in a room, even with the lights on. She is terribly afraid of doctors. She always wakes up crying after sleeping two or three hours, and it takes me about ten minutes to calm her. When she heard about another child fainting from thirst, she became hysterical and cried for water. She drank five glasses that night. She will not play with other children because she is afraid of them. She cannot bear to see anyone hurt. What should I do? I want to prevent her growing up like this."

THERE are many reasons for children's fears. Children have very vivid imaginations, and if they have one deep-lying fear, they will have a tendency to continually look for circumstances which provoke that fear. Your child appears to have been a sensitive one from the very beginning, but we are certain that many things happened in her very early infancy which contributed toward that sensitivity and increased it.

It would be necessary to know whether this child slept in the same room with you, and in the same bed, whether she slept with the light on or not, whether she was picked up continually, whether there was a great deal of fuss about her when she was young, whether there were enthusiastic relatives who frightened her by rough handling, whether there was another child born when she was two or three years old, what the relationship is between the parents, and so forth.

It would be necessary to know how her questions about sex, pregnancy, etc., were answered, what the attitude of her mother and father towards animals is, and how they show their attitude in her presence. In the average way of bringing up a child there are many serious errors, and if a child is unduly sensitive, it may be affected by faulty stimulation in the way which you describe as having occurred in your child. In this letter it is impossible to deal with such a situation or to give you advice as to how to handle it.

You should go to a Child Guidance Clinic to have this problem investigated. You are wise in writing for advice when she is only four and a half years old because this is the time to treat her, when she is young and flexible.

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WEAF—660 Kc. WOR—710 Kc. WJZ—760 Kc. WABC—860 Kc. WEVD—1300 Kc.

- 5:30-WEAF—Twin City Foursome. Songs WOR—Jimmy Allen—Sketch WOR—Dance Orchestra WOR—Dick Tracy—Sketch WOR—Little Orphan Annie—Sketch WABC—The Goldbergs—Sketch 6:00-WEAF—Flying Time—Sketch WOR—Uncle Don WJZ—News; Animal News Club WABC—Buck Rogers—Sketch 6:15-WEAF—News; Gordon Orchestra WJZ—Mary Small, Songs WABC—Easy Aces—Sketch 6:30-WEAF—Press-Radio News WOR—Terry and Ted—Sketch WJZ—Press-Radio News WABC—Press-Radio News 6:45-WEAF—Dorothy Page, Songs WJZ—Learn and Live—William Slater, Headmaster, Adelphi Academy WABC—Eton Boys Quartet 6:45-WEAF—Billy and Betty—Sketch WOR—News; Sports Resume WJZ—Lowell Thomas, Commentator WABC—Renfrew of the Mounted 7:00-WEAF—Amos 'n' Andy—Sketch WOR—Easy Aces—Sketch WABC—Myrt and Marge—Sketch 7:15-WEAF—Dale Ezra—Sketch WOR—Alice Day, Sing WJZ—Army Hall Southern Rube WABC—Armda, Songs; Pierre Le Kroun, Tenor 7:30-WEAF—Buses of Power—Jouett Kreson, President, American Library League WOR—Gene Ranger—Sketch WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner—Sketch WABC—Kate Smith, Songs 7:45-WEAF—Our American Schools—Sketch WJZ—Al and Lee Reiser, Piano; Ralph Kirby, Baritone WABC—Boake Carter, Commentator 8:00-WEAF—One Man's Family—Sketch WOR—Gabriel Heatter, Commentator WJZ—Shadows Before—Sketch WABC—Cavalry of America WJZ—Under the Stars of the News—Byrle Oliver 8:15-WOR—Jimmy Matern—Sketch WJZ—University of the Air, Talk 8:30-WEAF—Wayne King Orchestra WOR—Variety Musicale WJZ—Benny Rubin, Comedian; Rhythm Girls Trio, Four Showmen, Songs; Anderson Orchestra WABC—George Burns and Gracie Allen, Comedians; Renard Orchestra; Milton Watson, Tenor WEVD—Studio Program 9:00-WEAF—Fred Allen, Comedian; Van Steeden Orchestra; Amateur Revue WOR—Sterling Male Chorus WJZ—Corn Cobs Pipe Club WABC—Lily Pons, Soprano; Koslanetz Orchestra WOR—Philosophy—Andrew F. Kelley 9:15-WOR—Wallenstein Sinfonietta; Harriet Van Emden, Soprano WJZ—The Man Who Kept His Promise—Sketch, With Warden Lewis E. Lewis WABC—Ray Noble Orchestra; Connie Boswell, Songs 10:00-WEAF—Your Hit Parade; Al Goodman Orchestra WOR—Discussion—Marital Problems WJZ—John Charles Thomas, Baritone; Concert Orchestra WABC—Ong Busters—Sketch, Caprice of Dago Pappo, G. W. WEVD—Aid Guild—Sketch 10:30-WOR—Kenney Orchestra WJZ—Variety Musicale WABC—March of Time—Drama WEVD—Pleading Musicale, Gwen Morrow, Soprano 10:45-WOR—Messner Orchestra WABC—The National Payday—Senator Arthur C. Pappo, of Kansas 11:00-WEAF—Duchin Orchestra WOR—News; Bester Orchestra WJZ—Variety Musicale WABC—Lyanan Orchestra 11:30-WEAF—News; Levant Orchestra WOR—Dance Music (To 1:30 A.M.) WJZ—Light Orchestra WABC—Bob Crosby Orchestra 11:45-WEAF—Jesse Crawford Organ 12:00-WEAF—Hines Orchestra WJZ—Shannon, Violin; Rines Orch. WEVD—Midnight Jamboose 12:30-WEAF—Lights Out—Sketch WJZ—Variety Musicale Orchestra WABC—Young Orchestra

WOMEN OF 1936

By Ann Rivington

THE spring time may give you a spring fever—or make you light headed. If you want your family to get through it without mishap, better see to it that they have lighter stomachs. After a winter of starchy and fatty foods, those poor stomachs are begging for a change. They want a few light and different dishes. Try salad—and salad.

"Cabbage cheese salad is one of the most attractive and nourishing, and it's easy on the pocketbook. Shred one and a half pounds of cabbage. Allow it to chill thoroughly until just before serving. Then add to the cabbage one cup of shredded carrot, one green pepper chopped fine (oh, the pretty color!) one cupful of canned or diced fresh tomatoes, three quarters of a cup of shredded, sharp American cheese. Add mayonnaise. Toss well together. Serve arranged on individual leaves of lettuce. This makes enough for six servings.

IF YOU have some cooked vegetables left over from the night before, why don't you combine them into a salad? Grate a half pound of raw cabbage. Add one medium sized, chopped onion. Mix this with a cup of cooked peas, a half cup of beets, a half cup of diced carrots—or any other vegetable you may have. Mix with French dressing one hour before serving.

"I think the little folks would enjoy this one—I call it Young Pioneer Carrot Salad. Shred two medium carrots, one banana and one medium sized apple. Add a half cup of raisins to this. Mix and use with or without dressing.

AND now, you know you can make your own salad dressing. For the French variety, take a half teaspoonful of sugar, a quarter teaspoonful each of salt and pepper. Mix well. Add three tablespoons of lemon juice or vinegar and one half cup of salad or olive oil. Beat mixture until thickened. So long as you stick to these proportions, you can make up a big quantity of the dressing at once, and it keeps. Add a slice of onion and a half of one clove of garlic.

And here is a mayonnaise dressing which is easy to make and a hundred percent fool proof. Beat together one teaspoonful of dry mustard, a few grains of pepper, one whole egg, two tablespoonsful of vinegar. Add a half cup of salad oil—very slowly at first, beating each addition until an emulsion begins to form. Then add oil in larger quantities until as thick as desired. Add salt and other seasoning last.

"LYNN HARRIS." I CAN prove Lynn's statement that the mayonnaise recipe is fool proof—I made it myself with great success when I was twelve years old, and I was pretty dumb about cooking, too. By the way, it beats up quicker in a deep dish of crock. And the addition of a half teaspoonful of sugar and a gold liberal swish of paprika helps if your taste agrees with mine.

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# A Letter to Mike Gold

THE following letter, by a young Illinois worker, has been awarded the second prize in Mike Gold's letter contest.

DEAR Comrade Mike:

When Comrade Stalin said that theory (and by that I am sure he meant all art: graphic, auditory, or written) was "generalized experience" he concretized in a phrase all that literature means to me. Literature, if it is to be a moving force, building new syntheses in a man's life, must awaken him to an understanding of life about him, must even show him the answer to his own problems. There is no such thing as "art for art's sake"; literature either brings to the reader a retrospective or a progressive reaction to life. In that sense my reading has brought me along the revolutionary road I've taken; his proved not only a fount for new ideas, but has served as a guide for action.

The pressure of a man's environment is a determining factor in his life—says the scientist. And so the loss of our half of my hearing at an early age set me deep into myself. And I read. . . Yes, I believe that at the tender age of fourteen to sixteen I was more influenced by the romantic literature. I swallowed Scott, Dumas, and Hugo. Hugo's "Tollers of the Sea," "Man Who Laughs," and "Les Miserables," still remain amongst my favorites. I have never lost my love of "Gulliver's Travels" or "Alice in Wonderland." And "Green Mansions" still remains as one of the books I love to display on street cars to craning necks of the passengers. In poetry I cared more for Byron, Shelley, and Keats. In drama, I went with a bang for Shakespeare's "Histories."

BUT Mike, somehow it is impossible to isolate one's self from the world. As my reading grew I saw the necessity to extend; to make it a forging tool in my own growth. Thus I found realism and Dostoyevsky. I picked up "Crime and Punishment" in the library one day and struggled, fought, groaned, and practically died all the way through it—but it still remains one of the half dozen "greatest" books I have ever read. The other books of that great Russian convinced me that he is the greatest novelist that ever lived. Who can match "The Idiot," "The Possessed," "Brothers Karamazov"?

But even he never reached the scope and tremendous panorama of history as Tolstoy does in "War and Peace," which gripped me through its whole 1,400 pages.

Realism has become my forte; and I remember the novels which I believe responsible for my becoming a Communist. They scathingly showed me the horrors and rottenness of capitalism. Turgenyev's "Fathers and Sons"; Hamson's "Growth of the Soil" and "Hunter"; Wassermann's "Goose Man"; Gissing's "Grub Street"; Zola's "Spring"; Dreiser's "Genius," "Jennie Gerhardt"; Wharton's "Ethan Frome" (only good book she ever wrote); Gorky's "Mother"; all amongst the greatest novels.

In drama, Ibsen is first. I have read practically all of his plays, but "Hedda Gabler," "Ghosts," "Doll's House," "Enemy of the People," are the best. Our own Eugene O'Neill is a great playwright (though his last play, "Days Without End," is trash) and I still believe that "Anna Christie" ranks with the best dramas written. "The Hairy Ape" and "Beyond the Horizon" are favorites of mine also.

SINCE I have been in the proletarian movement too short a time, my reading has been necessarily limited. Most of it has been theoretical. I have gained much out of the "Communist Manifesto," Marx's "Civil War in France," "Wage, Labor and Capital," "Value, Price and Profit"; Engel's "Socialism, Scientific and Utopian"; and Lenin's "Imperialism," "State and Revolution" and "What Is to Be Done?" are the best I've read. And say, Mike, have you ever read a more nail-biting, hair-raising piece of literature than the minutes of the Bolshevik Central Committee meetings just before and during the October Revolution?

I have read only a few of the other types of revolutionary literature. But among those I rank high (high in the same sense I hold Treiser, Hamson, and others), John Reed's "Ten Days That Shook the World"; Clifford Odets's plays; "Stevardore," which I saw and enjoyed (even though I could not hear it well); Marjens' "The Road." I remember how much I was impressed by Albert Maltz's great short story, "Man On a Road."

IT'S too bad that proletarian fiction is usually so high in price. I, at present, am doing full time work for the Young Communist League in this city of 100,000, and can hardly raise enough money to buy a meal, let alone a book. But I recall I raised the fifty cents necessary to buy the Soviet book "The Armored Train," in pamphlet form. Why couldn't all our novels, drama, etc., be issued in the pamphlet form to reach the millions of proletarians in America? John Strachey says, "Until the workers have won power and free access to the good things in life . . . we cannot expect them to appreciate our books; they are only 'for the intellectual middle class and individual worker intellectuals.'" I think he is far from right and completely non-dialectical in his approach. We can make American workers read our books, good ones, too, if we meet the price of their pocketbook.

I would like to see more fiction written about the day to day life of workers in their approach to Communism. The essence of our movement is found in the contacting of workers; bringing them to workers' classes, struggles at relief stations, fighting for proletarian interests in trade unions. Where is that great American novel which shows how a worker, through the channels we so well know, became a Communist. Yes, I believe it is necessary to not only show life objectively in all its degradations, as many proletarian writers so well do, but to portray positively the American workers' road to Communism.

I mentioned above that I am now carrying on full time work as a Communist, but I have just gotten a job in a large shipping department and will carry on my work, I hope, in the union. I believe that Soviet America is near at hand and the revolution and its ensuing days will witness a renaissance in art and literature that will sink into insignificance the most flowery days of culture under feudalism and capitalism. What's more, the great awakening in art will be lasting because it will come from a class that is lasting—without whom the civilized world cannot exist—the proletariat.

When that day comes, I will ask nothing better than to be a teacher of that new life. Like the Soviet teachers going to Northern Siberia, etc., to bring knowledge, I would wish to do the same pioneer work in places like the Illinois coal fields, the Kentucky mountains, in the heart of the Black Belt, where American capitalism has wrought its worst havoc. I will teach—and I will learn.

Comradely,  
MICHAEL HUGHES.

## LITTLE LEFTY



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Sweetheart of the Regiment!

# Dime Novel Robin Hood

By DEWITT GILPIN

"JESSE, BY JEROVAH."

That was the way the St. Joseph Gazette, using for the first time in its existence a scare-head, blared forth the news of the killing of Jesse James—an event which occurred 54 years ago this week. The death of Missouri's most famous outlaw created great excitement in the state. Workers and farmers and even capitalist newspapers joined in lamenting his death at the hands of a fellow bandit. The Seaboard Democrat, charging that Governor Crittenden had conspired with the killer and paid for Jesse's murder, screamed editorially in the following unrestrained manner:

"Tear the two bears from the flag of Missouri! Put thereon, in place of them, as more appropriate, a thief blowing out the brains of an unarmed victim, and a brazen harlot, naked to the waist and splashed to the brows in blood!"

I WAS born in a sleepy little town in Missouri which is alive with legends of the departed Jesse. Like all children of the poor I heard these tales when small. "Jesse James robbed the rich to help the poor," was the gist of the tales the loafers around the livery stables told me. These tales were innocent fabrications spun by men who regarded Jesse as something of a hero—as a poor man who beat the bankers at their game of robbery until a bullet in the back laid him low.

The most-told and time-worn story of Jesse's aid of the poor is the story of the widow's mortgage. Jesse and his men were fleeing from a posse and decided to spend the night in a lonely farm house occupied by a widow woman. The next morning at breakfast the widow told them her troubles—her mortgage was overdue and the sheriff was coming that day. "How much is the mortgage?" asked Jesse.

"Five hundred dollars," replied the weeping widow.

Jesse counted out the amount from a well-filled wallet. "Here," he said, "pay it off!" Jesse, however, had no intention of letting the money return to a bank. When he and his men left the house they hid themselves along the road and waited until the sheriff returned from the widow's farm. When he appeared they rode out with drawn guns. "Are you Sheriff Brown?" demanded Jesse.

"Yes," admitted the mortgage foreclosing sheriff.

"Then throw up your hands and give us your money!" His \$500 back in his wallet, Jesse then rode merrily on his way. This incident is alleged to have occurred in at least a hundred places in Missouri. Undoubtedly it didn't. But the idea of paying off a mortgage with a bank's own money so tickled the Missourians that the story is still repeated in every section of the state today.

JESSE JAMES was a product of the reconstruction days which followed the civil war in half-South, half-North Missouri. Not a wanted murderer nor a saint, he was simply a hard-up farmer who selected banditry as the easiest way to solve his economic problems. Not a working class hero, he belonged to that class and it protected him. For twenty years, with a price on his head and law officers of forty-eight states looking for him, he lived in Missouri. This would have been impossible without the support of a section of the workers and farmers. A man who neither gambled nor drank, he looted great sums of money which vanished—vanished, the poor of the state like to believe, into the hands of destitute farmers.

I have visited all the towns frequented by the outlaw in his day but it was in jail that, appropriately enough, I met a kinsman of Jesse's. Times have changed and this James had learned a better method of combating the banks of Wall Street and their oppression of the poor. He was behind bars because he had distributed leaflets on the streets of Kansas City—leaflets which called upon Negro and white workers to organize together for a May Day meeting.

JESSE JAMES, himself, held no brief for the slave owners in his state despite the fact that he fought with the South during the civil war. An aging copy of the Kansas City Star contains an account of the manner in which he stopped a lynching.

Shortly after the civil war Jesse was in hiding near Kansas City. Seeing a mob of men approach the house he supposed them to be looking for him. He had mounted his horse and was preparing to flee when the mob reached the barn and seized a Negro inside. They carried the Negro to a tree and prepared to lynch him. Enraged at the action, Jesse rode into the mob with both of his historic six-shooters ready for action. "What are you going to do with that boy," he demanded of them.

"Lynch him!" shouted the mob. "What has he done?" asked Jesse. "He shot a white boy," said the mob's leader, referring to a time when the Negro had shot a hoodlum in the leg because he had at-

tacked him. "Besides," continued the lynchers' spokesman, "the 'niggers' are getting too bold and we are going to make an example of this one!"

"No you're not!" said Jesse, waving his guns for emphasis. "If that boy has harmed a white man he must have a fair trial for it."

The crowd grew ugly at this and trouble loomed until someone in the crowd recognized the man on horseback. "That's Jesse James!" he cried. The lynch mob's courage collapsed like a pin-plucked balloon. The Negro was taken to Kansas City where he was given a trial and acquitted.

NO ONE can deny the fact that the poor of the state sheltered the outlaw and his gang. Pinkerton detectives sent to bring Jesse to justice met untimely ends before they ever set eyes on their man. The outlaws seemed better informed of the movements of these worthies than did their central offices. It was Pinkerton detectives who tossed a bomb into the house thought to contain Jesse and killed his brother and crippled his mother for life.

One of these detectives once tried to approach the home of Jesse's mother, disguised as a farm hand. When he neared the house he was stopped by a masked man who asked where he was going. "I'm out looking for work on a farm," lied the detective.

"You don't want any job," said the masked man with a chuckle. "You've got one already with that damn Pinkerton outfit!" The detective was searched and his gun taken. "I'm a poor man out of work," he protested.

"And you're looking for the James boys," added the masked man. "Well, here, take a look at one of them—Jesse James!" The outlaw then felt the hands of the detective and found them soft and smooth. "A hell of a farm laborer you are!" exploded Jesse. "A poor man, eh? You put some of Mr. Pinkerton's money in the bank at Liberty, didn't you? And you left your fine clothes at the hotel?" Shortly after this the Pinkerton



"HERE," SAID JESSE JAMES, "PAY IT OFF."

man was found dead—grim proof that even the hills of Missouri had eyes in those days.

INDICATIONS are that the detective was murdered in cold blood but there is ample proof that Jesse was far from a coward—at times his bravery seemed so foolhardy that it caused his friends to celebrate it in song and story. For several years he lived on Woodland Avenue in Kansas City next door to a deputy sheriff who would have given his right eye to collect the \$5,000 reward offered for the outlaw, "dead or alive." The fact that the police never had a picture of the man they were seeking was the only thing that made possible such

bravado. When in Kansas City he once entered his horse in a show where it was ridden by a debutante of a first class family, winning the blue ribbon. On another occasion Jesse rode in a parade in St. Joseph headed by the chief of police. One of his favorite tricks while "taking it on the lam" was to pose as a sheriff hot after Jesse James. Another trait of the man which endeared him to the common people was his sense of humor. Once, after he had robbed a train, he handed the engineer a written account of the robbery and told him to give it to the first newspaper he came to. "The most daring on record—The southbound train on the Iron

Mountain railroad was stopped here this evening by five heavily armed men and robbed of . . . dollars. . . . There is a hell of an excitement in this part of the country."

THERE are those who attempt to paint Jesse as a religious man, a faithful reader of the bible, more sinned against than sinner. This story by his biographer, Robertus Love, contains ample proof that the outlaw did not hold the established church in awe.

Jesse was holding up a stage coach and found a minister among his victims. "I am a minister of the gospel," explained the man of God. "I beg of you to permit me to keep my watch."

"I recognized your calling from your cloth," said Jesse. "We don't really like to compel a parson to do our bidding but we are poor men for the time being, sir, and the world owes us a living. As to your watch, you really don't need it; your master, the Nazarene, never owned one. And the Good Book commands you when traveling to take along neither purse nor script, we purpose to put you in good standing with the Lord. Therefore, parson, shell out!"

HUNTED from town to town for years, it took a traitor's bullet to end the career of Jesse James. When a member of his band was tried in Kansas City it was almost necessary to declare martial law due to the hordes of Missouri farmers who crowded into the town. All of the employees of the Chicago and Alton railroad, which had suffered from Jesse's robberies, refused to testify against an associate of his. The owners of the railroad backed up their men and declared that such action would make Jesse mad and he would rob the trains more than ever.

Our family retains only one memory of Missouri's Robin Hood—a memory of a harassed and hunted man looking for a place to sleep. He came to our relative's house, asked for a room to sleep in and was given it. After several hours the lady of the house, a distant aunt of mine, went to the door of his room to see if he was resting comfortably. The instant she appeared at the door he leaped from the bed with his always-ready guns out and pointing at her. "I'm sorry, Mr. James," she apologized. "I thought you were asleep." "Madam," replied Jesse with a weary smile, "I was asleep."

## BOOKS IN REVIEW

By JOHN STANLEY

### Soviet Medicine

THE health of the worker should be in his own hands." This basic precept, laid down by the Commissariat of Public Health upon its establishment in 1918, explains not only the remarkable improvement in the health and hygiene of the Soviet people, but also—as the late Ivan P. Pavlov declared towards the end of his great career—the brilliant advances of "red, medicine" in the fields of research, experimentation and theory. Writing on this subject two years ago, N. I. Semashko, first Commissar of Public Health, said:

"As in all other branches of Soviet construction, practical work in the field of public health is conducted under the guidance of medical science. No branch of the public health service is without a scientific institute to guide its practical work. It is characteristic of Soviet science that it is linked with practice in the closest way, and devotes constant attention to all the needs and demands of socialist construction."

One of the American scientists present at the notable 15th International Physiological Congress held in Leningrad last August was Dr. W. Horsley Gantt, Director of the Conditioned Reflex Laboratory of the Johns Hopkins Medical School and translator of "The Nature of Human Conflicts," an important contribution to psychology by the physiologist, Professor A. R. Luria. Summing up his own impressions of this Congress Dr. Gantt wrote:

"Actually theories have become facts, maxims have created institutes, so that . . . one could not doubt that it is the most ardent desire of the [Soviet] government to found a civilization upon science."

From the world-famous All-Union Institute of Experimental Medicine in Moscow (now being reorganized to take care of a staff enlarged to include 3,500 persons who will direct the activities of 8,500 rooms for laboratories, clinics, beds, etc.) there has recently come a volume of first-rate importance for medical science. Its author, A. D. Speransky, is Director of the Department of Patho-Physiology at the Institute. His book, A Basis for the Theory of Medicine, is an impressive example of the ways in which numerous concrete problems of human disease can be clarified—and eventually solved—by the technique of collective experimental research involving a wide range of pathological phenomena and directed in accordance with long-term social planning.

### Problems—and a Point of View

DR. SPERANSKY and his associates set as their principal task the understanding of the role of the nervous system in disease. Medical scientists familiar with the classic researches of Sir Charles Sherrington, A. V. Hill, E. D. Adrian, W. B. Cannon, Robert S. Lillie—to say nothing of Pavlov—will realize the extraordinary difficulty of such an undertaking. So does Dr. Speransky, whose laboratories have been working on this problem for over ten years, in the course of which thousands of experiments were performed to show the connection between the nervous system on the one hand and on the other such pathological processes as tetanus, rabies, epilepsy, tuberculosis, malaria, diphtheria,

measles, and many types of epidemic and infectious diseases.

"Medicine," writes Dr. Speransky in the preface to the English edition of his work, "has gradually and almost imperceptibly ceased to treat its subject matter in a synthetic form, substituting instead a comprehensive and often profound analysis of details." From his dialectic viewpoint—which insists upon the necessity of treating all phenomena, natural as well as social, as mutually inter-related parts of a dynamic process—Dr. Speransky vigorously criticizes the tendency towards "specialization." This tendency has upon scientific work the same kind of effect as the craft union has upon labor organization: it "splits" the various subjects into scores and hundreds of artificially "independent" units, thus preventing that intimate fusion of energy, knowledge, practice and common aims from which alone socially valuable results could arise.

In "the search for the essential principles of union" between pathology, physiology, the nervous system and the environment Dr. Speransky has been able to throw much new light upon the origin and development of many human ailments and upon the ways in which the organism sets up its defenses against the attacks of invading disease bacteria. In one series of experiments performed on dogs the actual effects of freezing temperatures on the brain cortex led to a deeper understanding of the nature of epilepsy, thus preparing the way for a more adequate method in the treatment and cure of this dread affliction. Other experiments provide a new scientific basis for the interpretation of a large number of diseases. That among them are included rheumatism, typhus, dysentery, Parkinson's disease, many serious affections of the eye, ear, nose and throat, demonstrates the actual human significance of the elaborate and highly technical researches described in Dr. Speransky's monograph.

### "Disease" Not an Abstraction

QUOTING the famous motto of the older physicians, "There are no illnesses, there are only ill people," our Soviet medical scientist, with the impressive support of experimental proof, makes it clear that in every case of pathological disturbance the course of the disease will depend largely upon the condition of the system at the time. This condition, in turn, depends upon the correctness of environmental adjustment—and thus, once again, we see that "disease" is the product of so many internal symptoms of decay, is itself the symptom of an external, socially transmitted relation of cause and effect, this give-and-take of incessant struggle, prevails even in the field of infectious, microbe-transmitted diseases: the bacteria themselves change in the process of changing the internal state of their victim.

Dr. Speransky has written a book of great significance, which will require years properly to assimilate. C. P. Dutt's translation of it is excellent. Students will appreciate its 46 plates and its extensive Bibliography—but will regret the absence of an Index.

[A Basis for the Theory of Medicine, by A. D. Speransky, with the collaboration of A. A. Subkov. International Publishers, 417 pages, \$4.]

# Questions and Answers

Question: Do you consider the Wagner-Costigan Anti-Lynching Bill progressive enough to warrant demands for its passage? Do you know of any other measure in Congress at the present time which is more progressive, and which should get your attention?—L.L.

Answer: The Wagner-Costigan Anti-Lynching Bill is today the most progressive of some dozen similar measures which have been introduced in Congress.

This bill is endorsed and supported by the National Negro Congress, which met in Chicago last February and represented a million Negroes. The Congress resolution on this measure said, in part:

"The Negro Congress endorses and supports the Costigan-Wagner Federal anti-lynching bill and recommends that safeguards be incorporated to prevent the use of this measure against those whom it is intended to protect."

However, the Communist Party points out that the bill contains other serious weaknesses. It fails to provide a death penalty for those guilty of the lynching, although this is one of the most heinous forms of murder. The punishment provided in the bill is a \$5,000 fine, or imprisonment not exceeding five years. The legal representative of the victim is to receive a sum of \$2,000-\$5,000, recoverable in a federal court from the state in which the lynching occurs.

Lynching is the most spectacular expression of the national system of discrimination against the Negro people, and, if its roots are to be attacked, any anti-lynching measure should contain a bill of rights for Negroes insuring them the right to vote, sit on juries, hold public office and to share the fundamental rights and privileges of any other citizen. The Costigan-Wagner bill fails to provide the necessary bill of rights for the Negro people, and thus fails to attack the very basis of lynching. Such a provision would enable the arousing of a mass movement against the national system of discrimination and lynching as well.

Another weakness in the bill is the fact that it provides punishment only for state officers involved in the perpetration of a lynching. It does not cover cases in which lynchings occur before the accused reach the custody of state authorities. Thus the latter will be encouraged to connive with lynch mobs to carry out the lynchings before police officials "arrest" the intended victim. The bill should therefore contain provisions for the arrest and prosecution of all lynchings whether State or Federal officials on the one hand, or private citizens on the other.

The Communist Party supports the Wagner-Costigan anti-lynching measure, but at the same time points out its weaknesses and the need to correct them in order to make the struggle against lynching and for Negro rights as effective as possible.

Legislation alone will not bring the rights of the Negro people or the working class as a whole. The strongest force that can be relied upon in achieving the full equality of the Negro people and the freedom of the working class is the militant action and unity of Negro and white masses.

## LIFE and LITERATURE

STACK 'EM UP!

STACK up a big order of William Z. Foster's timely new pamphlet, Industrial Unionism, price five cents, which is bound to sell like hot-cakes! Trade unionists in every industry will eagerly buy this outstanding pamphlet which, in direct and lively language, and with a wealth of examples from actual A. P. of L. history, explains the weaknesses of the narrow craft unions which serve the bosses by helping them split their workers during strike struggles. In contrast, the author shows the tremendous advantages to labor of the industrial form of organization which opens wide the doors of the trade unions to the masses of unorganized workers and strengthens labor's power of collective bargaining. This pamphlet must reach the millions in shop and factory!



William Z. Foster

MAY DAY IS COMING!

WITH enthusiasm high over One United May Day, which is now assured in New York, Chicago and other large cities, every Branch and Unit should start immediate preparations for organizing the widest street sale of the May Day pamphlet, linking it up with such proven best-sellers as A Labor Party for the United States, The Townsend Plan, Industrial Unionism by William Z. Foster, and Why Communism? Every open-air meeting should be covered from now on by these pamphlets. Reach the millions with The History of May Day, price three cents, by Alexander Trachtenberg. Also ready now is the new "May First" song hit by Mark Severyn and Madge Kay, a stirring, catchy tune which will resound in a thousand working class neighborhoods. Price five cents. Get it! Practice! Sing it!

THE BIG BROADCAST OF 1936 IN PRINT!

EARL BROWDER'S brilliant radio broadcast on "The Communist Position in 1936" is now in pamphlet form together with the Communist Party's Call to the American people, "Sweep Away the Autocratic Power of the United States Supreme Court." This handsome pamphlet, price two cents, must reach the millions who listened in on the famous night of March 5 and who are still flooding Comrade Browder with letters demanding more information about a Farmer-Labor Party. By activating units and branches in the sale of "What Is Communism?" the New York District has already sold over 14,000 copies and is still going strong. Other districts, please copy!



Earl Browder

PRIZE SUGGESTION OF THE WEEK

"I believe that if the whole Party membership, in every city and town, would try to induce their local bookshops to carry a line of working class literature and pamphlets, many new outlets could be established. The demand is certainly there. We must fill it!"

S. SATIN, New York District.



# More Unions and Groups Join Move for Farmer-Labor Party

## PEORIA UNIONISTS, COMMONWEALTH FEDERATION AND HAMTRAMCK SWING INTO NATIONWIDE MOVEMENT

**THE only trouble about organizing a Farmer-Labor Party is that President Roosevelt already has beaten them to it," writes Raymond Clapper in a recent issue of the New York World Telegram. "The Democratic Party is the Farmer-Labor Party now."**

It is too bad that the delegates of Illinois trade unions, who met in Peoria over the week-end, did not have the benefit of Mr. Clapper's wisdom. Not knowing that the Democratic Party of Governor Horner—who has sent troops against strikers—is the Farmer-Labor Party now, they proceeded to organize the Illinois Labor Party.

In the state of Washington the convention of the Commonwealth Federation showed similar ignorance and did something which will hardly please the Demo-

cratic governor, Martin. The Farmer-Labor Party forces at this convention won a great victory when the delegates voted to investigate the movements for independent political action in other states, thus opening the way for cooperation on a national scale.

And now along comes Hamtramck, important industrial suburb of Detroit, and elects Mary Zuk, leader of last summer's historic meat strike, to the city council. Mrs. Zuk ran as the candidate of the People's League, which is affiliated with the movement which on April 19 will launch the Wayne County Farmer-Labor Party.

Evidently there are a lot of people in this country who think that the Democratic Party of the Roosevelts and Horners and Martins, the party of martial law in Indiana, the party whose power rests on the lynch-

rulers of the South, is most certainly not the Farmer-Labor Party.

Nor do they consider this party any real obstacle to aggressive Wall Street reaction, to the Liberty Leaguers and the fascist Hearsts, who on a national scale are using the Republican Party as their chief battering ram against the people's liberties.

That is why trade unions, farm organizations and other progressive groups in state after state are taking action for a real party of the common people, a Farmer-Labor Party.

The Illinois trade unions, the Washington Commonwealth Federation and the Hamtramck People's League are to be congratulated for taking these forward steps. They are part of a vigorous growing army,

a challenging movement of the American people that has sunk its roots in more than thirty states.

These developments, coming on the heels of many others, show how rightly the recent convention of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party gauged the situation when it decided actively to participate in furthering a national Farmer-Labor Party and to call a conference to explore the possibilities of a national ticket in 1936.

Will the Socialist Party, now that its left wing has won a decisive victory over the reactionary "Old Guard" in New York, continue to remain on the sidelines?

**Now is the time for all those who sincerely want to preserve and extend our liberties, for all who sincerely oppose war and fascism to act for a Farmer-Labor Party. In every community, in every state and on a national scale!**

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### Immediate Relief

THE President went fishing just as the flood was taking its highest toll. Now he returns as a tornado adds to the suffering of thousands of others.

When he left several days ago, he did so "knowing that the government was doing everything possible"—everything except provide relief for the hundreds of thousands of flood victims.

When the tornado hit the South on Monday, he "kept in touch with developments" from his yacht. But this is of small comfort to the orphans, the injured and the homeless.

Disasters like floods and tornadoes hit the poor people the hardest. The President cannot make anyone believe he has done his duty when the WPA is assigned to rebuild bridges and roads.

That is necessary. But of first importance is the question of immediate relief for the thousands of destitute. In addition, workers, farmers and small merchants must be compensated for their losses. It is up to the President, Congress and the local administrations in the stricken areas.

### Another Decision

THE Supreme Court has stripped Congress of still another power.

In its decision in the Securities and Exchange Commission case, the Court ruled, in effect, that Congress may pass a law to prevent fraudulent business practices, but that it cannot carry on the necessary investigation to put the law into effect.

As the various powers of Congress have passed before the Court in the NRA, the AAA and other cases, the black-robed justices have simply knocked them over like so many clay pigeons in a shooting gallery.

The majority decision in the SEC case is particularly outrageous. It mutters a lot of mumbo-jumbo about the "spirit" of the Constitution. But as Justice Cardozo declares in a dissenting opinion, the majority decision fails to "point us to the article or section" of the Constitution that is being defied.

Meanwhile, Mr. Roosevelt, who murdered something about the "horse-and-buggy decision" on the NRA, has since shut up like a clam. It is clear that the people cannot count on him to clip the unconstitutional powers that the Court wields over Congress. That is a job the people must take upon themselves, bringing the necessary pressure upon Congress and the White House to see it through.

### The May's Scandal

AFTER a painstaking investigation, the Citizens' Committee appointed by Mayor F. H. LaGuardia has sharply criticized the labor policies of the Mayor's Department store.

Sweatshop conditions are disclosed as existing there. The contentions of Local 1250, Department Store Employees, as to the scandalous exploitation of the workers are confirmed.

Misuse of the magistrates' courts, the police and the District Attorney's office is also revealed. The League of Women Shoppers promptly demands, on the basis of the report, that the investigation of Special Prosecutor Hiram Todd into the alleged corruption in the office of District Attorney William F. X. Geoghan be extended to include investigation of his strikebreaking activities.

The League emphasizes that Abraham

Kartzman, notorious lawyer for the Mayor's store, is an office partner of Leo Byk, slot machine czar, whose improper connections with the District Attorney's office are already under investigation.

It is high time that Todd act. Governor H. H. Lehman, when appealed to by the strikers on this matter, said he could do nothing. These further disclosures reveal such a scandal in the conduct of office by William F. X. Geoghan as call for action against this filthy strikebreaking mess.

### Where Will It End?

THE Nazi terror started with the Communists, continued with the Socialists, trade unionists, liberals, Jews, Catholics and Protestants.

Yesterday the Nazi plague reached the Association of German Hausfraus, a pre-Hitler organization.

In order to build up their own Nazi Women's Association, the fascists banned all branches of the "Hausfraus" because they did not strictly confine all their conversation to the home. The official reason adds insult to injury although it well shows the Nazi conception of women as mere beasts of burden with no right to take part in the normal activities of civilized society.

It started with the Communists. . . .

### What Are You Going to Do, Mr. Mayor?

THE people of Harlem want to know what the Mayor is going to DO about the criminal health and hospital conditions revealed in the report of his own Commission—a report which he has SUPPRESSED SINCE LAST DECEMBER.

The Daily Worker did not publish the report Monday merely as a sensational newspaper scoop; it wanted to bring before the people of New York the almost unbelievable situation of health and hospitalization in Harlem. In almost the very words of the Harlem Communist Party immediately after March 19 the report places the blame for these conditions "squarely on the shoulders of the Mayor."

But while these criminal conditions continue, while the Negro people in Harlem are suffering from jim-crowism, unemployment, job-discrimination, hunger and police-terror, the Mayor "has no comment to make," and suppresses the Commission's final report—which has been in his hands since last Tuesday, a week ago.

Broad delegations of trade unionists, church members, civic and fraternal organizations, should demand action from the Mayor. Conferences and mass meetings should be held.

Mr. Mayor, what are you going to do?

### Mrs. Roosevelt and Brazil

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, wife of the "good neighbor" of Latin American feudal-fascist dictators, in a recent twittering of her column, "My Day," delights the world with the following social note:

"I had a small luncheon in honor of the wife of the President of Brazil, who is staying in Washington. She is most anxious to see what we are doing for children in this country."

From Brazil, a land with an infantile death rate among its starved millions of poor workers and peasants so appalling that it is concealed by the Brazilian government, this "touching" "anxiety" of Mrs. Vargas comes as an especial pearl.

From Brazil, whose police tortured to death the American youth, Victor Barron, and have the consummate effrontery to send his poor mother a bill for their expenses, Mrs. Vargas's solicitude for children is downright disgusting. An outrageous insult.

From Brazil, comes Mrs. Vargas to be "honored" by Mrs. Roosevelt, while Brazil's most illustrious men, such as Prestes and Chermont, are in prison and face death by torture as did young Barron.

We think it high time that the bluff of the Brazilian police, who have "invited investigation" as a defensive pose, be called. A delegation of non-diplomatic character and high standing should visit Brazil and report to the world on conditions they find there.

### Party Life

By CENTRAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT

An Open Letter to Buffalo Sub-District More Attention to Youth

DEAR Comrades: Congratulations on your very fine work on recruiting and building the Party. In the last two months our Party in this Sub-District has grown by 150 new members and today our membership is close to 500 as compared with 326 registered members in February.

We are particularly glad to note that 33 workers come from shops, 20 from A. F. of L. unions, over 50 per cent employed in industry, over 50 per cent native workers and 14 Negro workers.

We want particularly to greet the shock brigades, the Stakhanovites, Handov, Heron, Ray, Palermo, Fantazzo, Brown, Ols and Welsh, who as leading Party members and section organizers indicated by example that with special effort, with planned work, with increased activities among the masses we can bring new blood into our party, new forces, and can root our party deeper among the basic sections of the American workers.

At the same time, comrades, we cannot be satisfied with the fact that 53 per cent of these new recruits were brought into the party by eight comrades, nor can we overlook the fact that only three youths were recruited by the Party for the Young Communist League.

WE call upon the entire membership to take seriously the task of building the party. This is the task of the entire Party, the task of every member and not of eight or ten members only.

We ask you to check up on your recruiting work. What have you done? How many workers have you brought into the Party? How many shop mates, members of your union, Socialists, personal friends, etc., have you brought into the Party? Follow the example set by the eight comrades who have recruited 75 members in the last two months.

Become a shock brigadier! The failure of the Party to build the Y. C. L. to recruit and bring into the Young Communist League many young workers is serious. At no time has this been so important and necessary as it is today. With the growing danger of war, with the greater militarization of youth, with the ever-intensified attempts on the part of fascism to win the youth for its "cause" and turn working class youth against their own class brothers, we must now more than ever win the youth. We must make them part of the growing anti-fascist movement, the staunchest fighters against war. We must bring them into the ranks of the Communist movement. It is the task of the Party to help build the YCL.

Comrades, forward to 600 Party members by May 29th. Carry through your task recruiting 50 young workers into the YCL by the 29th!

Comradely yours, A. GUSS, Sub-District Organizer.

Recruiting Drive results in Sub-District No. 4 (Buffalo):

| Section Organizer     | Pledge | 2/15 | 3/1 |
|-----------------------|--------|------|-----|
| H. Handov, Syracuse   | 10     | 11   | 11  |
| R. Ols, Buffalo       | 5      | 7    | 7   |
| F. Heron, Erie        | 5      | 7    | 7   |
| C. Brooks, Binghamton | 5      | 7    | 7   |
| F. Heron, Erie        | 5      | 7    | 7   |
| TOTAL PLEDGED         | 30     | 39   | 39  |
| RECRUITED             | 26     |      |     |

### Join the Communist Party

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Please send me more information on the Communist Party.

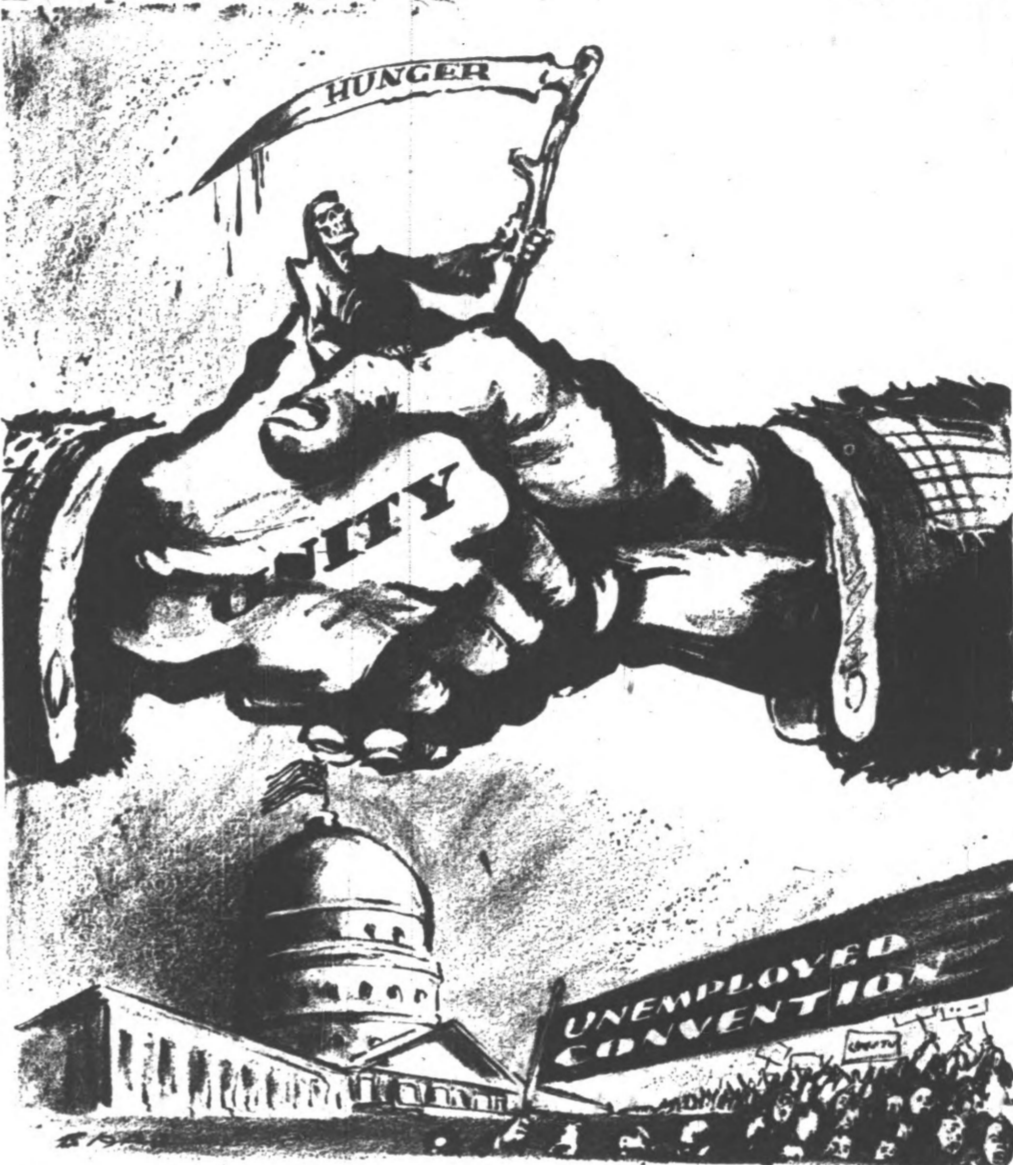
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### New Law Proposed For Labor Unions

WASHINGTON, April 7 (FP).—Enactment of a permanent federal labor law applicable to all cases that affect interstate commerce or "threaten the general welfare" is recommended in a pamphlet just published summarizing the studies of the Twentieth Century Fund. Declaring that there has been considerable confusion and overlapping among the existing national labor relations agencies, the study proposes legislation which would "guarantee to the workers freedom of association, self-organization and choice of representatives, and designed to encourage and sanction collective agreements with respect to hours, wages and working conditions."

### 'SHAKE!'



By Phil Bard

### World Front

By HARRY GANNES

Tokyo's Plots in South China Formosa and Fukien Province "Autonomy," Smuggling

SINCE the North is Japan's main avenue of penetration into China, its Southern maneuvers remain in obscurity. However, Japan has lost no opportunity to develop an "autonomy" movement in Fukien province, with a view to strengthening its war position in the South China sea in the event of war with the United States.

Hence we can present no more timely review of the Fukien situation than the following from our Shanghai correspondent, J. R. Barrett:

Fukien province in South China, opposite Formosa, is being furiously driven on the road to "autonomy" by that expert autonomy fabricator, Japan. The reports arriving from Fukien and appearing in the daily press and from reliable sources reveal a strong current of Japanese intrigues, bribes, intimidations, military and economic maneuvers which are all aiming at the severance of Fukien province—the establishment of a sister-state to the East Hoppel bogus regime under Yin Ju-keng in North China.

In the district of Chao-an, in the southern part of Fukien and dominating Swatow, the Japanese, towards the end of last year, starting in September, sent Formosans into the district to organize the farmers and to get in touch with the bandits and other notorious characters with the aim of forming a military and air base in addition to autonomy groups.

In Kulansu, opposite Amoy, a Society for the Advancement of Fukien Autonomy has been established with the aid of a "certain country," Japan.

In Amoy itself and then in Foochow more direct pressure is brought to bear on the provincial officials by the Japanese in an attempt to force them to declare "autonomy." It has been learned that now in Foochow and Amoy there are a number of Japanese military officers representing the Japanese Army.

In addition to political intrigues, pressure and actual military domination, Japan is concentrating to achieve a complete economic monopoly in the province. It is bankrupting the native industries and trade by smuggling and dumping.

Fukien has now become the happy hunting ground of Japanese and Formosan smugglers. Every line of legitimate business is greatly menaced by the extensive smuggling of goods from Formosa which pay no customs duty.

SMUGGLING is actually carried on with the direct cooperation of the Japanese Government, with Formosans and Japanese.

To further show that the smuggling trade is very widespread and is the death blow to the economy of the province of Fukien and other provinces, especially in North China, we quote one of the numerous daily reports that appear in the press:

"A special company, organized for the sole purpose of smuggling has been found in Anhui, Fukien. With a capital of \$300,000 the company has no less than 30 boats, 200 rifles, radio sets and other equipment.

"In January the company smuggled a total of 150,000 pounds of sugar, not to mention other commodities."

(Shun Pao, Shanghai daily, March 2, 1936.)

The economic situation of the province shows now the effects of such widespread undermining of its national economy. Bankruptcy stares native industry in the face and native legitimate trade is at a standstill.

In south China and especially in Fukien, Japan on the one hand, working with bandits and Chinese traitors for autonomy declarations, is carrying her dismemberment of China another step forward. The corrupt Chinese officialdom and militarists who are not actively working with Japan, are making no attempt or show of resistance. On the other hand Japan through these activities will come into sharper contradictions with other imperialist powers whose interests are menaced. Already Japan has come into conflict with American imperialism over the K. S.-China air line—China Clippet with its connecting China link at Amoy. But the sharpest conflicts will arise with Great Britain whose stronghold in South China and in Hongkong are directly threatened by Japan's increased naval and economic entrenchment in Fukien and in South China in general. With the further pursuance of her "continental policy" Japan is not only coming into conflict with the imperialist powers but with the Chinese people themselves.

### Letters From Our Readers

#### Make Suggestions to Enliven United May Day Parade

Perth Amboy, N. J.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

I believe the idea of making May Day a "humdinger" is excellent. May I suggest arranging the placards the way Burma Shavd advertises. You would have signs arranged in a column reading:

A Farmer-Labor Party Would Fight For Real Unemployment Insurance at the Bosses' Expense Against Discrimination of Negroes and Foreign Born and so forth.

A. L. Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Ditto for a United May Day. And now, may we offer a few suggestions:

1. Give the "Spirit of '76" full play, and, as much as possible, carry huge banners with the historical sayings of such men as Lincoln, Jefferson, Douglas, Farson, and so forth, on these banners, in bold print.

2. Banners exposing the Supreme Court and advocating a Farmer-Labor Party instead.

3. A huge cartoon in two sections; first, showing Hearst, Hitler, Hirohito and Mussolini absorbed in a heated crap game, with Morgan, duPont & Co. cutting in on the game; second, a Peoples' Front March descending on which Hearst, Hitler and Co. would shout, "Cheese it, boys! The guards are coming!" (guards in the sense of Guardians of Peace.)

P. C.

Editor, Daily Worker:

This year's United May Day will undoubtedly attract more workers to line the sidewalks to view the demonstration, than any previous occasion.

This will present a splendid opportunity to break down the prejudices

Readers are urged to write to the Daily Worker their opinions, impressions, experiences, whatever they feel will be of general interest. Suggestions and criticisms are welcome, and whenever possible are used for the improvement of the Daily Worker. Correspondents are asked to give their names and addresses. Except when signatures are authorized, only initials will be printed.

which so many workers, influenced and poisoned by the boss press, still harbor against the militant workers, and which prejudices in most cases are expressed by the famous "if you don't like this country, why don't you go back where you came from," and so forth.

I found from experience that the reading of the chapter entitled, "Who are the Americans?" in Browder's book "What is Communism?" (I have sold already fourteen copies and will sell more) is of tremendous value in breaking down the above-mentioned prejudices.

I therefore strongly suggest that this chapter of Browder's book be reprinted in an attractive leaflet form and distributed by the millions throughout the U. S. A. on May Day and thereafter.

A. T.

#### Governor Park Is 'Bothered' With a Relief Problem

St. Louis, Mo.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

Governor Park has time to address a luncheon given at the Scruggs Vandervoort, and Barney Department Store, in honor of the exhibition of Finnish art and handicraft work, but cannot find time to solve the problem of \$8 a month relief for a family of four which faces the unemployed of the State of Missouri after April 1st. He has steadily refused to call a special session of the Missouri Legislature to consider the starvation which faces the unemployed. He spoke highly of Finland and stated that "Finland isn't bothered with a relief problem, for which she can be very thankful." He did not mention a word about the unemployment problem in Missouri.

At this point, Coroline Drew, who

was among the spectators, on the outside of the restaurant, unexpectedly interrupted to demand of the Governor, "what he was going to do about the relief in Missouri. How did Governor Park expect the unemployed to live on \$8 a month per family? Why didn't he do something about relief in the United States?" While she was still speaking a detective rushed forward and pulled her into the elevator.

The Governor's speech, was being broadcast and every word that Miss Drew said was picked up by the microphone.

Outside the store pickets greeted the Governor with signs, one of which read, "Before Finnish art—finish the unemployment question."

A. B.

#### Dr. Payne, Psychologist, on Children in the U.S.S.R.

New York, N. Y.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

I appoint myself temporary reporter to relay a bit of information which might otherwise not have reached your ears.

Dr. Frank Payne, "eminent psychologist," head of the Vocational Bureau at City College, delivers weekly (or bi-weekly?) talks on WOR. Today, April 3rd, I tuned in on him. What was my astonishment to hear him talking about a "strange land" where there was "health, freedom and opportunity" everywhere, among all people. A land where the children were taken care of expertly—their food wants, their educational, psychological, vocational requirements. A country where parents were taught to respect children, as well as vice versa. A land without a lost generation such as are the youth of our country; where children are free and un-self-conscious, lacking that old bugaboo, the inferiority complex. A strange land where each person considers himself equal to the next.

At the end of his talk, Dr. Frank Payne announced the name of this "strange land" with these "strange people" to be—the U. S. S. R.

E. D.

### WHAT NEW YORK NEEDS

"Working people are awakening to the immediate need for a Farmer-Labor Party, organized by the trade unions. Such a Farmer-Labor Party can be successful in electing labor representatives to the legislative and executive offices of our city. A Farmer-Labor Party can curb the destruction of protective legislation which labor has won through years of effort, and can promote the demands of organized labor in New York."—From call for a New York trade union Labor Party conference May 24, issued by Trade Union Sponsoring Committee.