

### AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

JOHN SPARGO, writing in the Outlook, declares that socialism is obsolete. Spargo made his living for many years telling quite the reverse, but the outbreak of the European war became his John Bull spirit and he arose one of the champions of democracy, representative by the British Empire. John had his price of course. He was on the payroll of the British government before the United States entered the war and no doubt he drew more than one salary from then on.

SPARGO'S article shows light on the insincerity of socialist parties. He tells of his visit to Sweden in 1920. While in Sweden he was asked Premier Branting's opinion as to how he intended to do to realize the socialist ideal. "Nothing at all," replied Branting. That gentleman favored a program of maintaining the Swedish rate of exchange and in general a program that any wise man would support willingly. In fact the king was one of Branting's strongest supporters, a fact which was taken by prominent leaders of the American socialist party as an indication that there was a split in the ranks of the open monarchy, a goodly number of them being ready to join the social democracy.

It is undoubtedly true that Branting and every other socialist who has succeeded in gaining power in Europe since he did nothing to advance the socialist ideal. In fact, they were the most willing agents of capitalism. Witness Ramsay MacDonald in England and the late Austrian and Czechoslovak socialists. But Spargo does not mention Russia where the socialist party has ruled for seven years and where the "and work for a Communist society" slogan both in England and in Austria, has been a failure. In Russia, we reply that Communism never existed. In Russia, but that the workers have all power in their hands and are advancing toward the Communist goal ideologically as well as industrially.

SOCIALIST parties are obsolete but not socialism. It is not socialism that is a paradox, it is true that socialist parties have tried to play the role of executioners of socialism while the Communist parties are successfully playing the role of the executioners of socialist parties and deliverers of socialism. The capitalist system in Europe is bankrupt and could not maintain itself for long if the assistance rendered to it by the socialist parties of Europe and the American capitalists. Spargo may console himself with the fact that socialists will not be realized in America before the carcass is turned into dust. In the meantime he intends to live the life of a prostitute.

J. A. LOCHRAY, editor of the Mid-West News, and a former boss of a farmer-labor party, later a La Follette booster and still later a Vin Coolidge booster, can't sink any lower; is now trying to terrorize the capitalists into believing that they are confronted with an immediate danger which must be met by an appropriate expenditure of cash given to worthy persons like the aforementioned Lochray. This fakery has turned his rag into a red herring bait almost exclusively. So far he has not grown poorer by the chase. Formerly the Mid-West News came out weekly; now it hurls the eye only once a month. Let us hope he makes it a year.

THE CINCINNATI INQUIRER recently published a dispatch from the Chicago Tribune's correspondent which states that the Communist International has ordered a revolution to take place in the Balkans in the month of March. The story does not give the exact hour or minute on which the onslaught is to be made but it gets very close to it. It will take place in the second or third week in March. It is also interesting to note that the main object of the revolution is to "beat the hunch between Trotsky and former chief." The assumption is that Trotsky is added to power.

### Results of Membership Meetings

**SOUTH BEND, IND.**—By mistake the Workers Party of South Bend, Indiana called a meeting of the Central Committee instead of a general membership meeting. But after listening to Comrade Minor speak for the minority and Comrade Swaback for the majority, the City Central Committee voted unanimously, eight to nothing, to support the majority. The committee met January 2.

**OHIO, IND.**—On Saturday, January 3, Gary's general membership meeting, after listening to Comrade Kruse for the minority and Comrade Swaback for the majority, voted 10 to 6 to support the majority.

## MINERS URGE SUPPORT FOR LABOR DEFENSE

### Protest Michigan Rule As Suppression

That the white terror of the capitalist dictatorship is rousing the workers to a realization of the threat against every worker existing in the "criminal syndicalist" laws, is seen by the first resolutions beginning to come in protesting against the action of the Michigan state supreme court in sustaining the conviction of C. E. Ruthenberg, and opening the way for imprisonment of William Z. Foster, William F. Dunne and the other Michigan defendants.

Illustrative of the rising protest is the resolution, printed below, from the United Mine Workers of America, Local No. 2175, at Christopher, Illinois. It is to be noted that these coal miners call upon labor to support the Labor Defense Council, 166 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, in the fight against the capitalist terror. The resolution is as follows:

**Resolution Against "Criminal Syndicalist" Laws**

WHEREAS, the many state "criminal syndicalist" laws and "sedition" laws are unconstitutional and infringe upon the workers and their organizations;

WHEREAS, the state supreme court of Michigan has upheld the conviction of C. E. Ruthenberg, and opening the way for imprisonment of William Z. Foster, William F. Dunne and the other Michigan defendants;

WHEREAS, Assistant Prosecutors Henry Brokaw and others of the class legislate on a maximum sentence of ten years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000, not only without an opinion, but on the law and the fact;

WHEREAS, the sustaining of Ruthenberg's conviction by the United States supreme court will mean also the retroactive in part of the federal law of William Z. Foster, Wm. F. Dunne and 25 other well-known leaders in the ranks of the labor movement, and would also encourage big-brothered government of all kind and every kind of organizations which dare oppose the capitalist class;

WHEREAS, the solidarity of the entire working class is essential to its welfare and progress; that those in the forefront of the struggle must especially have the support of all workers, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we protest against and condemn the action of the Michigan supreme court, recall our support of the Labor Defense Council in this case and call upon all labor bodies and working class bodies to take the same stand. That we petition the governor of the state of Michigan to pardon the defendants in the event that the United States supreme court sustains the conviction, it being our view that such action on the part of the federal supreme court would be a nullification of the constitution in the interest of instruments of capitalist suppression of the workers, and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the governor of the state of Michigan and the labor press.

Leon Gremling, Recording Secy.  
Ed Johnson, President Secretary.

**400 Jobless Per Week**

SKATTEL—Unemployed workers are flooding into Skattel at the rate of fifty a day in the week government. An order is going in for operation.

Are you Record to the Open Forum Sunday Night?



"WORK OR PAY!"

## MINERS DIE IN BLOW UP OF UNSAFE POCKET

### Coal Mine Was Old and Gaseous

(Special to the Daily Worker)

W. FRANKFORT, Ill., Jan. 4.—One coal miner is dead, another is dying, and several were severely injured here when a fall of coal in some old and unsafe workings of Mine No. 19 of the Industrial Coal Company caused an explosion.

The workings of the mine were filled with gas. The safety lamps were directly violated when the men were allowed to work in a mine in which there was a danger of the coal falling at any time.

**Falling Coal Releases Gas.**

The falling coal released a pocket of gas, which rushed into the eyes of the men who were on their way to work, being ignited when it came into contact with the lamps of the miners.

Beveridge McKelvey, a lad of 21 years of age, was badly burned and died yesterday in the hospital here. Ben Polanski is not expected to live. Two other victims, N. W. Malone and W. T. Wade, were so badly burned that the face and head that the men will be disfigured for life.

The Illinois law requires that the mine be thoroughly inspected before the men are allowed to enter, and if gas is found in the mine, the men must be kept out of the workings. This law was evidently violated, according to the news dispatches.

The United States department of labor, in a recently issued report, declares that many of these accidents are avoidable. If the coal operator would use the most scientific methods of laying excessive coal dust and of reinforcing the sides of the entries so that the coal will not fall, that the operators have not done, the department of labor admits, and hence avoidable mine accidents greatly increased in 1924.

## NEW GERMAN CABINET TO BE DICTATORSHIP

### Von Seeckt Is Hope of Reactionaries

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The social democracy, which ruled Germany after the revolution that sent the Kaiser hurrying to Holland no longer cares any more for the new government. It is true Ebert still remains, but he is looked the least of the Hohenzollerns.

Two the fellows polled over 2,000,000 votes in the last elections, when Ebert called on Marx to form a cabinet he picked the most conservative collection that appeared on any government list.

The new cabinet formed by Marx is a party affair and because of its nature will not include the socialists. A majority it is proposed to equip it with dictatorial powers.

## SAN FRANCISCO POLICE FORCED TO FREE 2 MEMBERS MOONEY'S UNION

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Unable to secure any evidence to connect them with the attempted shooting of W. H. Jamison, open shop iron workers officer, the police have released Earl Parente and Hubert Hansen of the molders' union. Parente was recently beaten up in a street fight by unknown associates, supposed to be gunmen hired by open shop employers, against whose matters union men have declared a strike.

## 'NATIONALIZATION OF CHILDREN AND BOLSHEVISM, TOO!'

### Capitalist Arguments on 20th Amendment

NEW YORK.—Child marriages and child labor held the floor at the public hearing of the New York state commission to examine laws relating to child welfare. Sen. Benjamin A. Van Sledright, a director of the federal amendment on child labor, presided.

The old arguments for and against the amendment were dug out with the familiar cry of Bolshevism. James P. Holland, president New York State Federation of Labor, and John J. Connelley, secretary New York City Central Trades and Labor Assembly, spoke in favor of the amendment.

Charges that even worse results than the 18th amendment brought about would result from the 20th, were made by William McCarrall, a director of the New York board of trade and transportation. Mrs. E. S. Shemway of the New York committee for protection of our homes and children agreed with McCarrall that the amendment would mean "nationalization" of children.

"Limitation of immigration will increase the number of child workers," according to George W. Aker, chairman New York child labor committee, who has argued against McCarrall. Already he claimed, reports from 35 cities show an increase of 20 per cent in child labor and nine cities report an increase of 50 per cent. He said it was ridiculous to claim that a measure endorsed by Pres. Coolidge, Harding and Lodge could be in any way Bolshevistic.

Mrs. P. Louis Slade, president New York state league of women voters, said opponents of the child labor amendment were moved by business considerations.

"A baby marriage bill which would make five days delay after obtaining the compulsory consent proposed to combat the child marriages permissible in New York. Those favoring the bill say that children are married under 16 in the state to enable them to quit school and go to work."

## Unemployment Worse in Canada Than for Three Years

OTTAWA, Can.—Unemployment in Canada is reported to be at its lowest level since 1923 nearly all the time, and for 1924 more than 1,000,000 men, and for 1923 more than 1,200,000 men, according to the Dominion bureau of statistics shows.

## FRENCH BID ON DEBT NOT ACCEPTABLE

### Infinitesimal Interest and 90 Years to Pay

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Administration officials today envisioned a long and tedious period of negotiation over the funding of the \$4,000,000,000 French war debt.

If the Clemenceau note, now reported en route to Washington, bears out the summaries of it that have been called in press dispatches from Paris, it is considered a foregone conclusion here that the terms proposed by France will prove wholly unacceptable to the United States. These terms are understood to be:

1. A moratorium of ten years.
2. An interest rate of one-half of one per cent.
3. Payments to be made over a period of 90 years.

Such terms would mark a radical departure from the basic agreements provided in other debt settlements, and undoubtedly would lead to much opposition in congress, which must, in the end, approve any bargain made by the American debt funding commission.

The state department announced today that at the meeting of the allied finance ministers at Paris next Tuesday, the United States would be represented by Ambassador Frank B. Rowley, at London, Ambassador Myron T. Herrick at Paris, in addition to Col. James A. Logan, the customary "unofficial observer" at European gatherings.

Lead the presence of three such distinguished American diplomats at this conference be misinterpreted, officials at the department reiterated that under no circumstances would they engage in a discussion of American war debts.

## PETTY BOURGEOIS FIGHT FOR PLACE WITH PLUTES ON NEW GERMAN CABINET

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Germany on Monday will have a new legislative body in session without a cabinet to direct the government's policies. This situation was made evident when Chancellor Marx again reported to President Ebert that he could not form a new cabinet.

The reason, he said, was that the centrist party is insisting on a coalition which would include the socialists, Marx said, refused to listen to any coalition. Marx has announced the plan to make the new cabinet even more conservative than the old.

*Your Policy Must Be  
—Buy a Policy—*

## 'GERMAN 'DEMOCRACY' IN LAST PHASE; 22 PARTIES CONTESTED RECENT ELECTION; END IN SIGHT

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BERLIN, Dec. 16 (By Mail).—The elections are over. The old cabinet has gone. Today or tomorrow the social-democratic president of the bourgeois republic will ask Marx (clerical center) or Stresemann (people's party), or some other agent of the heavy industry, to form a new cabinet. The triumphant tones of the social-democracy, 2,750,000 workers and peasants voting for the Communist Party is still in existence—to the poignant disappointment of the whole bourgeoisie, but particularly of the social-democracy. 2,750,000 workers and peasants voting for the Communist Party and its open revolutionary program.

The Communist Party will live and grow; it cannot be crushed—not even by a war error as it is at present raging in Germany. The 30 million voters who are at present raging received another valuable lesson in bourgeois democracy. The stabilized German republic is still writing in agony. No problem has been solved by this election, no contradiction eliminated.

## RUTH FISCHER IS ARRESTED IN AUSTRIA

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Ruth Fischer, leading figure in the German anti-Soviet plot, was arrested in Vienna on Saturday morning on a charge of crossing into Austria on a false passport and of registering under a fictitious name.

Comrade Fischer is a native of Austria and has made frequent trips to her native country previously without molestation. It is freely stated here that she is being held in connection with the investigation of the British government which has an economic embargo on Austria that is now being broken by a cordon of Balkan states for hostile action against Soviet Russia.

The proposed Balkan Federation of Soviet Republics as against the proposed Balkan Federation of capitalist powers has taken a strong hold in the Balkans and England has taken the lead in organizing the hour-geopolite to resist the Sovietization of the wretched capitalism of Europe.

## DELEGATES FIGHT UNSEATING REDS IN FEDERATION

### Military Training Camps Are Denounced

The mere talk of expelling Communists from the Chicago Federation of Labor met quick and severe opposition in the federated meeting yesterday. Only one delegate, who started the discussion, had the temerity to vote in favor of the proposal. Every one else who was talked down by the support of the citizens military training camps given by the federation's delegates to the A. F. of L. convention was hotly denounced by a great many delegates, among them ex-servicemen of the delegate body.

Upon the report of the executive council, Delegate Swaback of the Painters' union spoke in vigorous protest of the action of the federation's delegate to the 21st Pan-American convention of the A. F. of L., particularly in his support of the resolution making the labor union officials recruiting agents for the citizens' military training camps.

Denunciations Unreeling for Army Swaback denounced the leaders of the A. F. of L. as the willing hand maids of capitalist imperialism helping the capitalists prepare for an "other world war." We face, he declared, another great war or profound business depression, and the leaders of the American Federation were busy collaborating with the capitalists to lead the workers again into the trenches, instead of building up the membership of the unions which were waiting afield.

He cited the \$250 of the so-called "retail campaign" where tens of thousands of dollars had been spent with no organization to show for it. Delegate Arnold, also from the Painters' Union, expressed surprise that Thomas S. Kennedy, the delegate from the Chicago federation to the "Pan-American" had dared to support a scheme of making the union recruiting grounds and the union departments a view of the pronounced plan to make the new cabinet even more conservative than the old.

## MINNESOTA PRINTERS WANT STATE OWNED PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Minnesota typographical unions are combining to have the legislature provide for a state-owned printing plant. Several legislatures are expected to back the measure, which is modeled on the Kansas law.

## PORTUGUESE CABINET DECIDES TO RECOGNIZE SOVIET RUSSIA

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LISBON, Portugal, Jan. 4.—The cabinet has decided formally to recognize Russia as a Soviet republic.

### FRENCH REFUSE TO TALK CASH; ASKS QUESTION

#### U. S. Demands Return of Blood Money

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
PARIS, Jan. 4.—The French government will never pay a franc of its war debt to the United States if it can possibly avoid doing so.  
This is the only conclusion drawn from the statement of a high official of the French foreign office who has declared that he did not see any reason why France should pay the bills for a "common war".  
France must pay, at least if England is successful in her present intrigues at Washington.

It appears that France has made an offer to liquidate its debt to the United States. But considering the attitude of the French government, it is tantamount to repudiation.

First France wants ten years' moratorium, a rather lengthy breathing spell during which anything is liable to happen in France.

Secondly, the payments would be spread over an eighty year period, the first payments being rather less than the sum of \$25,000,000 annually during the next twenty years.

St. Louis Ambassador Herrick would not admit that official overtures were made by France to the United States government.

May Turn Over Territory.  
Washington knows quite well that France cannot pay and the present situation is with this in mind.

The French Government to mention territorial possessions in lieu of cash. France has some territories which are more valuable to the United States than the money she would have to pay.

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### RAIL UNIONS BACK OUT OF THIRD PARTY MOVEMENT AND ADVOCATE ANCIENT "REWARD AND PUNISH"

By LAURENCE TODD  
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Recommendations of the 15 associated railroad labor organizations refuse also to join in the convention called by a conference for progressive political action for Feb. 21 in Chicago to organize a new political party have been forwarded to the presidents of these organizations by their respective boards.

The report is signed by H. E. Willis of the Locomotive Engineers, Edward Keenan, manager of Laborers' union, weekly national paper, and R. M. Jewell, president railways employees department of the American Federation of Labor.

"After reviewing the action of the national committee on Dec. 12, when 13 votes were cast against the constitution of the party, the action of the committee to refuse a long list of arguments was advised. Among them were: That the so-called party was not the result of the action of a convention, but was the expression of opinion of those who attended the conference, and that the railroad labor organizations as such could not and would not become parties in the formation of a political party; that therefore it was the duty of the committee, inasmuch as the organizations were the backbone of the conference and had contributed most to its support, to expect good behavior and avoid the expense of party expenditures of money, time and energy."

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### ARNOLD SOMMERLING



### "Labor Lieutenant" of Bosses Helps Create Chaos Among Workers

By J. LOUIS ENGDHAL

TODAY, the anti-Communist, William Green, the new head of the American Federation of Labor, joins the camp of the war on child labor. Green is no more than a camp follower in this great struggle. He is even the brand of camp follower ready to desert to the enemy when occasion demands.

Green belongs to the democratic party of the southern chattel owners, before the Civil War, and now the party of the Southern cotton-mill owners, the worst exploiters of child labor.

Green is now the head of the American Federation of Labor, just as he was formerly secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America. But he was never a leader of the working class. He always labored in the rear. He was dragged into championing whatever labor measures he supported thru the pressure from the masses from underneath. That kind of a champion always deserts at the first opportunity.

That kind of a misleader, a "labor lieutenant" of the capitalist class, always fights the class, the class-conscious workers. Green is one of the worst red baiters in the whole labor movement. He makes war on the Communists, who alone wage a real war against child labor; not only for immediate relief, but for its complete extinction thru the abolition of capitalism.

Now the state legislatures are meeting over the country to consider the child labor amendment to the constitution—the proposed 20th amendment—the propagandists of the enemy are more active than ever.

Flow of literature, urging the exploitation of children, are being sent out, for instance, by the National Committee for the Rejection of the 20th Amendment.

It is significant that one of the special letters mailed out contains two pieces of propaganda.

One of these is a reproduction of an editorial from the subversive spokesman of the capitalist class, the New York Evening Post. It is an argument for child labor.

The other reproduces not only the top of our first page of Monday, Dec. 1, with its headline, "Communists Fight Child Labor," but also the entire article appearing in that issue under the headline "The Issue of Child Labor—Big War on Exploitation of Children Starts."

This National Committee for Rejection of the 20th Amendment recognizes its class foe in the Communists, with their party, the Workers (Communist) Party, and their daily, the DAILY WORKER.

This "Committee," in pitting the propaganda for child labor in the New York Evening Post against the propaganda against child labor in the DAILY WORKER, shows the class-conscious working class position of the Communist movement.

Green recognizes no classes. For him there is no working class; no capitalist class. He is an opportunist who epitomizes the position of the class collaborator, when he says:

"Children are employed in industry and commerce... it is a challenge to the ideals of our republic and to the humanitarian spirit of our nation."

### CIRCULATION OF 500,000 SHOWS PRADA'S GROWTH

#### Go Forward with Slogan "Into the Masses!"

By ERIC VERNEY  
(Special to the Daily Worker)  
MOSCOW, Jan. 4.—The circulation of the circulation of 500,000 copies.  
This record-breaking achievement is a landmark in the history of the world revolutionary press, especially as the circulation last January stood at not more than 125,000.

During the current year, daily sales reached the following figures:

January	125,234
February	170,442
March	207,143
April	272,112
May	312,546

These remarkable figures speak for themselves.

Pravda in 1912.  
We can only realize the full significance of these figures when we compare them with those of 1912. When the Pravda, following in the wake of the liberal Bolshevik organs, saw light as a mass workers' daily. Twelve years ago the circulation of Pravda was about 30,000 copies. But in spite of this comparatively meagre start, it had already become a mass paper, serving the wide interests of the working class.

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### AS WE SEE IT

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### DELEGATES FIGHT UNSEATING REDS IN FEDERATION

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ed stand the Chicago Federation had always taken against war.

A peculiar reason was then advanced by another delegate that the resolution regarding the military organization in recruiting cannon fodder was all right, because "it took the military training camps out of the hands of the militarists." How this magic trick was accomplished with out the militarists knowing it, he failed to state, nor did he make clear why trade unionists should be more willing to be led into the trenches by their officials than by militarists, as long as they get killed for imperialism in either case.

But this delegate held a bad opinion of Communists. He wanted them expelled. "They ought to be kicked out," he shouted. The El Paso convention was a fine, peaceful convention. There were no scenes in either case.

Victor Koehler, delegate from the Photo Engravers, took a decidedly different view of Communists than Delegate Diehl. "The Communists had as much right as anyone to express their opinions in the unions. Furthermore, they told the truth."

Delegate Frank Communista. Jack Johnston, ex-Koehler declared, had taken this line a long time and told the truth. He had stuck by Johnston and would stick by him. Communists are not the kind of people who want to throw them out or the destructive element, he asserted. "If Koehler says they are the destructive element, he is wrong. It is better that the Communists had better be left alone. He said nothing if they were expelled they would only be martyrs."

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John Fitzpatrick in a long speech denouncing the Communists, claimed that they were "leaver enough to sit on the fence when it comes to war," he said, "foolish the fool." That is why they picked up militarism. How the delegates were fooled, he didn't say. But he disagreed with Diehl on expelling them. "Don't get that sort of stuff about expelling machinery," he said. "We won't question any man's right to represent his organization. The local unions are responsible for their delegates."

Much argument among the delegates brought out by comment that if Communists were wrong, they should be met upon the issues, and not expelled for being Communists. The report carried.

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### LAME DUCK DEMOCRAT QUAKES AT PARTY AND PRAISES CAL COOLIDGE

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The Democratic caucus in Congress, denounced as "ridiculous," "useless" and "irresponsible," was held Saturday by Senator Nathan B. Dial, democrat, of South Carolina. He attacked the party and derided "like sheep gone astray" by coalitions of "Boothers" and "Communists." He praised President Coolidge as a "better democrat" than the two colleagues, and paid high tribute to the president's leadership.

### 'DEMOCRACY' IN GERMANY ON ITS LAST LEGS

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disty and the junkers the German parliament, the "Weimar" party have also made gains.

The fascist party (national socialist) has made a catastrophic defeat, having lost 15 of their 22 seats. Dweidel-Dum 15 Dweidel-Dum.

In reality, however, no problem has been affected, no problem solved. With the announcement of election results, the political class of every party, from the extreme right to the extreme "left" of the Communist party, took their pads and pencils and began to add and subtract. Social democratic party delegates, plus center equal or so much, but such a "left bloc" would, for it has no effective majority.

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### The Arrest of Jacques Sadoul on His Return to Paris



Jacques Sadoul is the most popular leader of the French workers. He served as an officer in the French army on the western front in the early part of the war. Then, in 1917, he was sent on military commission to Russia and was attached to the French embassy at Leningrad while Kerensky still reigned. When the Bolsheviks overthrew Kerensky and the Soviets became the governmental expression of the workers and peasants of Russia, Sadoul threw in his lot with the proletarian revolution and became a citizen of Soviet Russia.

The French militarists court-martialed him in his absence and sentenced him to death. But as he was in Soviet Russia and beyond their clutches, his life was safe. Recently, however, he voluntarily entered France as a Russian citizen attached to the staff of Leonid Kravich, the first Soviet ambassador to France. At once upon his arrival and in disregard of both his Russian citizenship and diplomatic immunity, he was seized and imprisoned at await execution. All working-class France immediately arose demanding his amnesty. The picture shows Sadoul being dragged thru the streets of Paris.

### PUBLIC OFFICIALS CONTROLLED BY EASTERN KY. COAL BARONS DRENCH SOIL WITH MINERS' BLOOD

HAZARD, Ky., Jan. 4.—The eastern Kentucky coal operators directly control the public officials, the schools, the stores and elections. Miners are kept down like dogs so they dispense the coal operators.

An arrest of a typical miner in 1923 by Perry Westwood, who was recently killed by a fall of slate in a mine, shows "Christmas wasn't very much here. The great and noble John Smith took the lives of three thousand men on Jan. 2. Smith's cousin had been killed at Glouster when a wagon and the coal bucket Parker and Taylor Davidson, deputy sheriff, were passing Carleton's store and in the hall of the coal company's sixth street and began firing, for no reason, at the coal operators, on his wall. A "mine operator," a hired gunner, said he had seen the detective agencies, but he did not repeat the offense.

Robert Roberts, the present circuit judge of Perry county, Ky., elected this coal operators' support, was deeply in debt at the time of his election. Within a year after his election, Roberts built a home costing \$2,000. His salary is only \$1,000 a year.

John Linsley, congressman from the fourth Kentucky district, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment in a federal court for illegal liquor deals. He was elected because he had the backing of the coal operators.

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### HOUSE OF MORGAN TENDER TOWARDS ITALIAN DICTATOR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The administration is avoiding all mention of the fact that Italy is in the same situation as France—unable to pay knowledge her war debt.

Tenderness for Italy is not officially declared. Hughes-Mellon regime has shown a warm friendliness for Mussolini that is not to be withdrawn.

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### MUNICIPAL WORKERS TO BE TAXED FOR SIX YEARS BACK INCOME

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Employees of states and municipalities, working on public utilities who were previously regarded as exempt from federal income taxes, must pay back taxes from 1919, according to a ruling of the internal revenue bureau, has announced.

Employees affected include those working for public water, works, street railways and other public utilities.

### ITALIAN RIOTS SPREAD; BLACK SHIRTS GO WILD

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
ROME, Italy, Jan. 4.—Serious rioting occurred in many towns throughout Italy, with death and wounded being reported from Perugia, Tarantina, Urbino, Verona, Livorno, Gallaria, Naples, Pano, Bergamo, Comano, Mantova, Messina, Torino, Palermo, and other towns. In clashes between the workers and the fascists, a systematic campaign of the fascists to terrorize the opposition and the Communists, marked by fires which broke out here and in other cities.

In Rome, mounted police rode thru the streets, disarming all workers, and breaking up antifascist demonstrations. The police searched many homes. A strict censorship has been imposed by Mussolini on all outgoing news, and it is difficult to judge the gravity of the situation.

In Pisa the fascist attacked the Messagers printing by destroying it and burning the supply of paper. The Communist Italian newspaper "Unita," has been suppressed.

### EIGHT JURORS IN PARDON PLEA FOR FORD AND SUHR

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### WANTS LAW TO PUNISH RISQUE FACTS

Musk's Tall How Bad  
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(Special to the Daily Worker)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Legislation designed to protect the memory of presidents of the United States against "malicious defamation" of "slanders" was introduced in the house yesterday by Representative Reid, republican of Illinois.

Along with this, Reid introduced a resolution calling for a congressional investigation to determine the "truth or falsity" of some recent allegations now appearing in a weekly magazine's series of articles on Woodrow Wilson, written by a woman friend.

The articles' representative Reid (1910-14) demagogue of Wilson and the republican party as well, were written by Mrs. Mary Allen Halbert Peck.

The passage of which particular objection was found was one in which Mrs. Peck alleged she had been present in 1915 by a man who "described himself as a representative of the republican party, and who offered \$25,000 to the republican party to assist in a 'pretentious enterprise which had as its objective the impeachment of President Wilson'."

Reid's resolution would have a committee of five members of the house conduct the inquiry and examine the papers of Mrs. Peck for evidence of the alleged attempt to bribe her.

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DIXIE VICTIMIZES NEGRO MOTHERS IN CHILD BIRTH  
High Death Rate Is Due to Neglect

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—How colored mothers die of childbirth, while white mothers in the same region—in a higher economic grade—are saved, is shown by Federal census data for 1923.

In 1923 the death rate for white mothers at childbirth in Kentucky and Maryland, was 6.6 per 1,000. In Mississippi it was 5.8 in Virginia 6, in South Carolina 7.4, and in North Carolina 6.7. But for colored mothers the death rate in Kentucky was 15.4 per 1,000, in South Carolina 12.2, in Mississippi 10.9, in Virginia 10.8, in North Carolina 10.7, and in Maryland 8.3. The colored mothers had as a rule no money to secure good medical care.

Of all the states, Utah showed the lowest death rate, which was 6, while South Carolina had the highest at 9.7 per 1,000. For the 30 states represented in the registration, area, the average rate was 6.7 for 1923, compared with 6.6 for 1922, 6.8 for 1921 and 6.1 for 1920.

### ANOTHER PROBE OF POWER TRUSTS ABOUT DUE

Resolution to Investigate is Introduced  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1, Sen. Norris has called upon the senate to authorize the federal trade commission to investigate the history of the power trusts. Feeling is growing that the Muscle Shoals debate is a blind on the part of the power trust to hide the monopoly activities elsewhere, particularly in coal power plants.

When his resolution referring to the trade in international financial powers and control since 1914, Sen. Edges of New Jersey also offered. Sen. Edges of New Jersey also offered. Sen. Edges of New Jersey also offered.

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Your Policy Must Be Buy a Policy

# Discussion of Farmer Party's immediate tasks

## FARMER-LABORISM IN MASSACHUSETTS

By BANNEY MASS.

I'm going over carefully the "catechism" conducted jointly by Comrades Lovett and Foster in the issue of the DAILY WORKER. I was particularly interested in their strenuous efforts to overawe the majority by showing the tremendous sentiment for a farmer-labor party in this country.

They began by stating "Now for some outstanding facts showing the strong undercurrent of sentiment for the building of an independent political party in the ranks of the mass party." No. 2, under the question they quote: "In the conference for progressive political action of Massachusetts, the minority demand for the farmer-labor party as against a fraudulent liberal party was clear cut. Had our central executive committee given the members in Massachusetts any guidance instead of an overdose of phrases in a tape worn manifesto, the party could have established an effective bloc against LaFollette and could have established our leadership amongst an untold mass of workers in the Bay State."

One in Friesco would imagine from this product of Communist propaganda that the textile workers (and incidentally there were no textile farmers present) wanted a class farmer-labor party even more strongly than the southwesters. But not one who was on the spot as I happened to be. The explanation is simple and the facts are as follows: disconnected from any blind faith in telegraphic catchwords.

The committee of progressive political action recently held a conference in Boston in which some comrades succeeded in getting elected from sympathetic fraternal organizations, and one or two from the locals of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. At a meeting of the party delegates, the committee wanted to know just what our progressive political action would be in the coming year. Comrade Ballam suddenly supplied a lapse of memory as to what the policy of our party was in this situation of this kind, and sent a telegram to the national office asking for this information.

## THE C. E. C. IS CORRECT

By HEINZ SCHROETER.

The Workers Party is now in a lively discussion over the immediate tasks of our party. Shall we raise the slogan of a (class) farmer-labor party or not? The majority say "no." What are the conditions that justify the use of a farmer-labor slogan? The conditions in existence or not? I say the conditions are not in existence, politically. Even the minority states that "the LaFollette movement had developed in definite form." It is true that the progressive character of its leadership over the farmer-labor forces which stood for a class party. Then why do we not raise the slogan of a farmer-labor party automatically separate the farmer-labor forces from the LaFollette movement? The minority states that it is "the political alliance of the union, bourgeoisie and petty bourgeoisie will make the slogan of a farmer-labor party a wedge between the working masses and their treacherous leaders." Note that the slogan will make a wedge between the working masses and their treacherous leaders, and destroy the LaFollette illusion in the working masses. Comrades Ruthenberg, Lovett, Bedacht, Engel and Gidlow approach their proposal and see how good a following they will get. It is the history of the party that will follow them (not taking into consideration the farmer-laborists in only party). These few who have arrived at such a political maturity, as to recognize that the LaFollette movement is a petty-bourgeois movement, also recognize the existence of class conditions in the mass party. Then will Ruthenberg & Co. be able to put their slogan, with these elements, in competition with our party? It is true that the progressive decline of capitalism will cause a more class separation of the petty-bourgeoisie even in the LaFollette movement, but there are no indications at present or in the immediate future that any such class conditions exist in the LaFollette movement. The bourgeoisie will have the chance to show his betrayal to the working class. His reprisals against the workers are sufficient to create a separate mass movement.

## THE RIGHT TO LEADERSHIP; WHAT IS A COMMUNIST PARTY?

By MORRIS CHILKOVSKY.

The Communist Party is part of the working class, namely, the most advanced, intelligent, self-sacrificing, and therefore, most revolutionary part. The Communist Party differs from the general mass of the workers in that it takes a general view of the whole historical march of the working class, and at all turns and events it defends the interests of the working class and not the leader of the working class.

The Communist Party is the organized political lever by means of which the most advanced part of the working class leads the proletarian and semi-proletarian mass.

The Communist Party is to the working class, what the leader is to the body. If separated, they cease to function.

The class war is not a casual episode. It is war as any other war.

The Communist Party is the general staff which guides the proletarian and semi-proletarian battalions in their struggle against capitalism.

Strategy and tactics.

In war we lay out strategic plans and tactics which are valid for the whole period of war, but which are important of that period. The most important task of strategy is to ascertain that main line of the war, by the working class movement, the line most advantageous for enabling the

and clear formulation of the immediate or ultimate aims of the struggle, and is issued by the leadership—in the case of the proletariat by its Party."

Comrade Stalin says further, "To campaign for a definite direction, or slogan of agitation with slogans of action is just as retarded action, which can be called catastrophic."

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Strategy and Tactics of Our Party

Let us see what has been our main strategic aim? It is this: To develop independent political action of the working masses under the leadership of the Workers (Communist) Party.

This is still our main strategic aim only our tactical means must be changed, because of the changed political situation.

The trouble with the comrades of the minority is this: They have not the correct tactical means, with our strategic aim. To them the farmer-labor party has been a means to an end. At a certain period under given conditions our farmer-labor party was correct, but not now.

Political Action and the United Front

In some circles the minority has proposed the farmer-labor party as the all-inclusive phase of political action. This is wrong. If we Communists are limited to a farmer-labor party, we are abandoning our political action.

This conception is wrong in that it is a misunderstanding of the Communist political activity and also to the misunderstanding of the political action for the Communist Party does not merely mean itself, but it is limited to a farmer-labor party. It is a misunderstanding of the political action, a fight against the bourgeoisie in political action, a fight against the bourgeoisie in political action, a fight against the bourgeoisie in political action.

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By HERBERT BENJAMIN.

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tactics and strategy and the comrades who do the active industrial work, do not side with you, Comrade Foster, they side with the minority. This letter is merely to put you right, Comrade Foster—and to call out to you a few facts that are pertinent and very striking. As long as the American question is to be decided by the Communist International once more, it will be good also that the Communist International should know the lines in the American party and recognize that it is not merely a struggle on through the party, owing to the divergence of opinion, as to what constitutes Communist work on the political and industrial fields.

We should like to hear your side, Comrade Foster. We of the minority stand by the above, fraternally yours, Israel Amter.

## English Branch of Washington, D. C., Is For Majority Thesis

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 1. (By Mail)—The English Branch of the Workers (Communist) Party, after a long discussion on Dec. 29 and continued the discussion January 1. At the conclusion a vote was taken, resulting in 8 votes for the C. E. C. majority thesis and 6 votes for the thesis of the minority. Several members did not vote.

The leaders of the minority were Comrades Foster, Lovett, and Comrade Macintosh led the majority. A general discussion followed the chief speakers.

## Yonkers Hungarian Branch Is Unanimous For Majority Thesis

At the last meeting, held on Dec. 30, the Yonkers Hungarian Branch No. 16 discussed the C. E. C. and also the minority thesis and decided unanimously in favor of the majority thesis.

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Remember These Dates.

THE entire New York organization is expected to assemble in the following order: All affiliated and sympathetic organizations are requested not to arrange conflicting dates.

Jan. 11, Sunday afternoon and evening, DAILY WORKER Jubilee, New Star Casino.

Feb. 1, Sunday afternoon, Lenin Memorial, Madison Square Garden.

Feb. 11-14, Defense Bazaar, The Lyceum, 65th street.

March 15, Sunday afternoon and evening, Press Pages and Party Commune Celebration, Madison Square Garden.

## OPEN LETTER TO COMRADE FOSTER

By ISRAEL AMTER.

COMRADE FOSTER—You and your group in the party maintain that you represent the industrial workers of New York. You declare that you do not want to be merged with the leaders in the Central Trades and Labor Council and that "it is not so important as the C. T. L. C. and it reveals complete ignorance of the present of our industrial workers." When Comrade Zimmerman, industrial organizer for the eastern United States, told us that we can get the floor at a central body only when we are strong, then he demonstrates that we are not the core of a Communist.

You are justly ashamed of this type of comrades who are supporting your political policy and reputation as the industrial workers of New York. But the local and district leaders, and the local comrades who are doing the militant work among the masses, do not side with you. They are in rebellion against your policy of eternally negotiating with the local and national leadership of the unions, and considering it Communist to build up our leadership across and to capture offices in the unions. They consider Communist to be merely a tool of the bourgeoisie to get resolutions not to accept and to capture offices in the unions. They consider Communist to be merely a tool of the bourgeoisie to get resolutions not to accept and to capture offices in the unions.

The overwhelming majority of the comrades who helped to form the Communist Party in the United States, who have a training in Communist tactics and strategy, and who are doing the active industrial work, do not side with you. They are in rebellion against your policy of eternally negotiating with the local and national leadership of the unions, and considering it Communist to build up our leadership across and to capture offices in the unions. They consider Communist to be merely a tool of the bourgeoisie to get resolutions not to accept and to capture offices in the unions.

## CENTRAL BUREAU OF ESTHONIAN SECTION IS WITH THE MINORITY

The Central Bureau of the Esthonian section of the Workers (Communist) Party, at its meeting held on Dec. 23, 1924, after discussing the thesis presented by the majority and the minority of the Central Executive Committee, adopted the following resolution:

The Esthonian Bureau of the Workers (Communist) Party agrees with the minority thesis of the C. E. C., which aims at the unity of the workers and the proletariat in a political party, under the slogan of a "farmer-labor party."

The reasons that impelled the Esthonian Bureau to adopt the minority thesis are as follows:

1. In our opinion, it is necessary to carry a campaign under the slogan of a "farmer-labor party." We understand that if we organize such a party, it will be the best means of bringing the organized and the unorganized workers and the poor farmers into political action. This will increase their class consciousness and also make it possible later to draw the best elements into the Workers (Communist) Party. The winning over of these revolutionary elements by the Workers (Communist) Party will help to make the party a strong and well-organized party capable of leading the class struggle in the United States.

2. You have declared and will declare that your group in the party contains the active trade unionists. It is true that the group directing the industrial workers, which you have extracted from the groups and the individual comrades down and local, and you will admit that they do not agree with you either on the political or the industrial front. It is not possible for them to follow you on the manner in which you conduct the industrial struggle, which you have extracted from the groups and the individual comrades down and local, and you will admit that they do not agree with you either on the political or the industrial front. It is not possible for them to follow you on the manner in which you conduct the industrial struggle, which you have extracted from the groups and the individual comrades down and local, and you will admit that they do not agree with you either on the political or the industrial front.

# CONNELLSVILLE COAL DIGGERS WIN PAY RAISE

## Non-Union Operators Forced to Cave In

(By The Federated Press)

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 4.—The determination with which union miners have fought the wage cutting movement has at last produced tangible results. Eight of the largest independent operators in the Connellsville coal section of Pennsylvania have found it impossible to maintain the low 1924 wage scale and after conferring with their employers are restoring the scale in effect Sept. 1, 1920.

Upward Tendency.

This break in the ranks of the non-union operators is expected to improve the position of the union miners in the Pittsburgh region and may produce an upward tendency in wages in the non-union fields of West Virginia.

The Independent Connellsville operators reduced wages in May and June to the level of Nov. 1917, the reductions in tonnage rates and in most day rates amounting to from 20 to 40 per cent to 33 per cent. The previous scale, known as the Frick scale was put into effect in August, 1922. This balance the union settlement and prevented the non-union strikers in that region from resorting to a rush to join the union.

Below Union Rate.

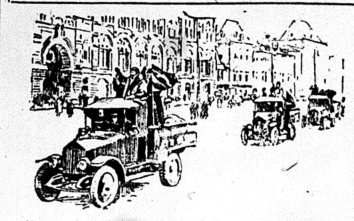
The present increase means a change from \$5.00 to \$5.25 a day for drivers and pit helpers and an increase from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per 100 barrels of 26 lbs. net netting rate. This balance the restorer rate is equal to \$2.40 a net netting rate below the union rate in the Pittsburgh district. According to Black Diamond this difference is more than equalized by the more exacting work and the thickness of the vein.

The companies making the change are the Detroit Coal & Coke Co., Hecla Coal & Coke Co., Republic Iron & Steel, Buckeye Coal, Tupper Hill, Col. Thompson Consolidated, American Coal Eastern Co. and the Olive & Snyder Steel Co. The Frick Coal Co., U. S. Steel subsidiary in that region did not reduce wages but rather made that move but gradually shut down operations.

Advance Necessary.

This restoration of minimum wages to the highest level signifies that a real advance to non-union operators is not permanently maintained a low wage scale unless they can force similar reductions in the union fields. Steel subsidiaries in that region did not reduce wages but rather made that move but gradually shut down operations.

# SOVIET MOTOR INDUSTRY BOOMS



Motor trucks, built for the Russian Soviet government at their "Amo" auto factory, near Moscow, recently completed a trial journey of 2,000 miles, in the course of which they touched Moscow, Leningrad, Pakov, Vitebsk, Smolensk, Moscow.

A demonstration in their honor was arranged for them on the Red Square in Moscow on their return. The band of the G. P. U. played "The International" and speeches were delivered by representatives of the "Amo" factory, the Communist Party, trade unions and government institutions.

The incident shows the enormous advance of Russian industry in the past few years. Several members of the Chicago Society for Technical Aid to Soviet Russia are working at the "Amo" factory.

# BRITISH BOSSES PLAN ATTACK ON LABOR UNIONS

## Preparing Ground For Big Offensive

(By Leland Olds)

(Federated Press Industrial Editor.)

Reduction of British labor costs to capture foreign markets in the face of cheap foreign competition is about to produce a strategy which may make or break the independent labor movement in a lower cost country. The employing class, faced with a continued upward tendency of wages, is looking for a lower cost country. The independent labor movement in the United States is being prepared for a major offensive.

Wages Went Up.

Wage changes in Great Britain in the months ended September 30, 1924, were pronounced upward. Increases affected 2,644,000 workers, bringing a rise of over \$250,000,000 a week in the country's total cost of production. Decreases during the same period affected only 655,000 workers, cutting approximately \$150,000,000 from the weekly wage bill.

During the same period in 1923 there were net reductions totaling approximately \$250,000,000 and the net wages of 3,160,000 workers and net increases of somewhat more than \$1,000,000,000 in the weekly wages of 1,200,000 workers.

The general character of the increases granted during 1924 is strikingly different from that of 1923. The industry of labor which records net increases and decreased by industries.

British Workers	Not affected	Net change per cent.	Inc.	Dec.
Total	2,644,000	1.21	1,000,000	1,644,000
Iron and steel	150,000	25.00	100,000	50,000
Coal mining	1,000,000	10.00	1,000,000	0
Textile	1,500,000	5.00	1,500,000	0
Food	100,000	10.00	100,000	0
Transportation	50,000	20.00	50,000	0
Other	804,000	1.50	804,000	0
Decreases	655,000	-1.50	0	655,000
Total	3,299,000	0.41	1,804,000	1,495,000

The program will include the latest Soviet Russian feature, "The Party and the Workers." It is a historical educational "Russia in Overall." The latter will prove of special interest to the steel workers of the district in that it shows their fellow steel workers of Soviet Russia on the job. Ticketing local headquarters, Room 305, 307 S. 5th St.

## Notice of Meetings of Postal Employees Unions

Chicago Post Office Clerks Local Union No. 1, National Federation of Post Office Clerks. Regular meetings held in the second Sunday of each month at 7:30 p. m. at the Carnegie Building, corner Lake and State Sts., St. Paul, president; Will H. Hill, financial secretary; William P. Solter, recording secretary.

Chicago Post Office Clerks Association, Local No. 6, National Federation of Post Office Clerks. Regular meetings held on the third Thursday evening of each month in the Rose Room of the Great Northern Hotel, West Jackson Blvd. and South Dearborn St. Frank Sweeney, president; F. Henderson, secretary.

Garfield Post Office Clerks Association, Local No. 13, National Federation of Letter Carriers. Regular meetings held on the second Saturday evening of each month at Fraternal Union Hall, 270 Adams St. George E. D. Ryan, president; George E. McDonald, secretary.

Chicago Post Office Workers Association, Branch No. 2, for messengers, workmen, armored guards, laborers and clerical conductors. Regular meetings held on the second Sunday of each month at the South Side Community House, 291 S. Wabash Ave. Edward J. D. Flynn, president; Joseph E. O'Brien, financial secretary; H. A. Gaudin, recording secretary.

National Federation of Post Office Clerks and Mechanics, Local No. 2. Regular meetings held on the first Friday evening of each month at Briggs House, Wells and Randolph Sts. John Hagley, president; W. J. Gallian, secretary.

## Unemployed Army

Included in this grand total of unemployed were 103,076 coal miners, growing for an all-around increase of 77,700 shipbuilders, 80,602 cotton mill workers, 20,052 woodworkers, 21,909 iron and steel workers, 70,412 building trades workers, 66,711 in the iron and steel industry, and 88,800 in distributive trades.

British industry like American industry came out of the war overproduced. To maintain prosperity on a capitalist basis must remain the old dominance in foreign markets. That old dominance was achieved, according to Frank Vanderlip, former president National City bank, through low wages as constituted a red ink overdraft on the physique of the British nation. The vital question is whether British labor will tolerate a similar overdraft today.

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Many Thousands Of Ex-Soldiers Are Denied Bonus (Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Fifteen thousand application for adjusted compensation by ex-soldiers have been returned unpaid because of technicalities by the U. S. Veterans Bureau who claim that the constant exposure of graft and corruption. Numerous investigations of the bureau have shown the denial of ex-servicemen have been denied compensation rightfully belonging to them. The bureau is now receiving 12,000 applications for compensation.

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# 500,000 CIRCULATION FOR PRAVDA

(Continued from page 1.)

had not only to struggle against the persecution of the capitalist bourgeoisie, but also against the machinations of the menshevik (Bunin L. S.). The paper was built up out of the pockets willingly acceded by the workers. These pockets were destined to be stepping stones towards the October revolution—and ultimately to the present 500,000 circulation.

The Party Grows.

The remarkable growth of the "C" O. P. (the Russians call their central organ) is partially explained by the lack of enrollment in the spring of last year. The central committee of the party now has over 200,000 workers to carry on its work. But it is also due to the increasing influence of the party among the broad masses, whose interest in the paper grows from day to day.

If we bear in mind that there are thousands of local party newspapers, and that the party has 100,000 members with 700,000 candidates for membership then it becomes evident that the 500,000 circulation of the central organ must include large numbers of non-party workers.

A Mass Organ

To underestimate the significance of the paper's growth, it must also be remembered that Russian conditions are such that a half-million sale of "Pravda" has more political significance than a million and a half circulation of the bourgeois yellow press. The latter is built up on an ostentatious and sensationalism, appealing to the popular mass psychology of the West.

"Pravda" has more policy, more reading, and in popular sections such as "Workers' Life," the revolutionary party of the Soviet Union, etc. contains abundant material on political, economic, and cultural problems. It is not only a political newspaper, but also a newspaper affecting the everyday life of the workers and peasants. Therefore it is not only a party newspaper, but a leading article appearing in the bourgeois press.

"Pravda" is a popular mass paper which is creating lines of Marxism and Leninism. Hence its success. The Russian revolutionary press, in

# UNIONS PROTEST GOVERNOR'S RANK DISCRIMINATION

## Pardons the Rich Killers, Holds I. W. W.

(By The Federated Press)

SEATTLE, Jan. 4.—Led by the "Common Front" and "Chauffeurs" Union, Washington labor bodies are vigorously protesting the pardon granted, without stated reasons to a soldier murderer who killed and robbed a union laborer in the garden granted in 1920. The pardoned man was one of Gov. Hart's last official acts. He also pardoned a man who had served only 15 months for killing a woman.

Labor feeling is especially strong because of Hart's arbitrary pardon of wealthy friends of the two slayers. The retiring governor has steadily refused to interest himself in the pardon of W. W.'s who have been in the penitentiary since 1917. His second degree pardon of the murderer is a gross violation of killing members of an American Legion which was battling the two doors of their labor hall in centralia. Seven jurors have since declared that the unpardoned workers should be free.

The Seattle Union Record points out that if these correspondents could have played so large a part in building up the 500,000 circulation. But still he considers this a first step. It has set the task of doubling the circulation by May 1st, 1925. A slogan for this campaign is "Shut sleepers and deeper into the mass."

An Example for U. S.

The letters "Pravda" extends far beyond the Soviet Union. It has been described as the "All-Russian School of Political Grammar," but it is no exaggeration to say that Pravda has become the leader and inspirer of the proletariat of the whole world.

We view its influence by the above quotation as the Soviet Union's leading article appearing in the bourgeois press.

"Pravda" is above all an example and model for the Communist press of the West.

## TWELVE WORKERS RAISE \$50 DOLLARS TO INSURE DAILY

The Armenian branch of the Workers Party of Boston has gone over the top 125 per cent by raising \$50 for the DAILY WORKER insurance fund from its twelve members. This was the New Year's greeting received Saturday by wire from Governor Eaton, the financial secretary.

## City's White Collar Clerks to Get Axe; But Not Higher-ups

Several hundred city employees will be discharged, it was announced yesterday by Alderman Ross Woodhull, chairman of the finance committee. The excuse given for firing the city employees is that the budget for the coming year will require a restricted payroll. The public works department will be the most affected, but other departments will feel the ax, it is announced.

Woodhull declares that the pay raises given the police and firemen last year increased the budget. The well-paid, politicians will get as high salaries as usual.

## Phone Operators Winning Strike in Six Illinois Towns

HARRISBURG, Ill. Jan. 4.—The strike of the telephone operators of the Murphy's Telephone company continued today, following the refusal of the company to grant the demand of the men that the chief operator must belong to the union. The 22 businesses have been closed and the wage scale for 1925 has been decided upon.

Telephone service in Harrisburg, Eldorado, Galatia, Raleigh, Carter Mills and Stone Point is entirely suspended.

## Emil Solberg Wanted

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## If They Worked for Nothing, O How Much Work There Would Be

LOWELL, Mass.—It is the claim of cotton manufacturers of Lowell that mills will operate at 90 per cent of capacity under the 10 per cent cut of production.

For two years 60 per cent of production has been shut down, world-wide. Now Lowell shops, world-wide, latest textile machinery builders are being shut down through January. Most of the cotton mills will fail.

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## Movies for Workers

The Pittsburgh, Pa. committee went out into the working class district and secured the splendid North Side Carnegie Music Hall for a showing of "Polikushka" on January 17th.

An International Workers Aid fund for the relief of European political prisoners.

"Polikushka" is a gripping film of the Moscow Art Theatre on so high a plane, every critic that has reviewed the film has called it a masterpiece and a national board of review is at one of the best forty films in America's present-day cinema. It is the suffering of ex-soldier labor (through the centuries) and is relieved in somber coloring only by the Russian slapstick comedy "Soldier Ivan's Miracle." Iran is a scamp who plays the part of an army and militia some questionable films to get out of it, but he does it through a highly questionable "miracle" that restores him to the arms of his fat sweetheart, Dunja, the dishwasher.

## Same Program in Chicago and Los Angeles

The same program will be run by the U. S. A. Committee at Philadelphia on Jan. 17th, 18th and 19th.

Fred Hinkeldey, who has booked new working class movie dates than any other man in this country, is helping in the arrangements in Chicago the Society for Technical Aid to Soviet Russia is running this program at Gattner's Independence Theater, Independence Blvd and Roosevelt Road, Jan. 15, continuing 6:30 to 11 p. m. In Dowell, Ill. "Polikushka" will be shown at the Rex Theatre, Jan. 11, together with a new labor film called "Prisoners for Progress."

"Russia and Germany" at Binghamton

"Russia and Germany, a Tale of Two Republics" will be shown January 9, at Binghamton, N. Y.

## American Marines Always Handy When Imperialism Calls

LONDON, Jan. 4.—American marines are reported to have been landed in Nanking, according to a dispatch printed in London today.

Rebellious troops were said to have been firing the city. We have been hearing the former leader, though paid huge sums by British-American forces, has been beaten in the recent campaign and is now being taken to and refused to pay the soldiers.

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Are You Going to the Open Forum Sunday Night?

## MINNEAPOLIS T. U. E. L. MEMBERS MUST BE AT MEETING TONIGHT

The Trade Union Educational League will hold a very important meeting Monday, Jan. 5, at 8 o'clock at the Minneapolis office of the Young Workers Party, 617 4th Ave. S.

The industrial program to be followed in Minneapolis will be featured. Every member of a trade union who is supporting the left wing should attend this meeting. Set this date aside for this meeting and be sure and attend.

An International picture day celebration will be held in Humboldt Hall (corner Western Ave. No. and Hennepin) Sunday, Jan. 11, starting at 7 p. m. and continuing until midnight. On the program will be dancing and singing. This meeting is being held under the auspices of the Young Workers League of America, Minneapolis branch.

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FAIRMONT, W. Va., Jan. 4.—Riding on a train for the first time in a year to his home, James Hinkeldey, a native of Fayette county, arrived here from Grafon and is a guest in the home of his niece, Mrs. Mary Smith. Hinkeldey has never eaten in a restaurant or seen a motion picture show but he proposes to visit both during his stay here.

He is not married, and, according to relatives, never had a sweetheart. He was "delighted" with his initial ride on a train and proposes to try it again.

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Amsterdams Nervous

It is amusing to observe the antics of the Amsterdammers when any of their number appears to be, by reason of wide rank and the pressure, driven over to the left enough to make some speeches with a class struggle, not to say a Communist, tone.

The executive of the Amsterdam International met at that city on December 1, while the cables were burning with the news from Moscow that the British labor delegation, visiting the Sixth All-Russian Congress of Labor Unions at Moscow, had imbibed of the Bolshevik atmosphere and were in both speech and writing hailing the Soviet government as the hope of the world and the citadel of working class emancipation.

The British delegation, it must be remembered, was headed by Purcell, who is also the president of the Amsterdam International, and who was leading the hurrab in Moscow for evering his eye in the land of proletarian dictatorship.

The remaining members of the Amsterdam organization, huddled under the wing (the right wing) of Josephine B. Undergost in the little seaport of Holland, looked at one another in amazement and consternation. "What bog had bitten Bireel? The British will bring ruin upon us all!" Thus we conceive the thoughts of the nervous reformists at the seduction of their president by the wily Bolshevik.

But, as Losovsky of the Profintern says, "Whenever there is a particularly dirty piece of business to do, the Amsterdammers assign Undergost to the job." Undergost is the most able reactionary of the three secretaries of the Amsterdam International. So, in his secretarial capacity, Undergost made up the press report which goes to all the world, telling of what the Amsterdam executive thinks of such goings on.

"With regard to the attitude of Purcell in Russia, it was pointed out in the discussions of the executive, that Purcell did not go to Russia as representative of the I. F. T. U. (Amsterdam International), and that therefore he is only personally responsible for his utterances in or about Russia."

Again, on page two we find the following disclaimer of any "official" conversations between Purcell and the Russian unions regarding the burning question of world unity of all labor unions.

"The president of the I. F. T. U., A. Purcell, who is at present in Russia as delegate of the delegation of British trade unions to that country, has on several occasions spoken of the relations between Amsterdam and Moscow, and in the press these speeches have been connected with the negotiations between the I. F. T. U. and the Russian trade unions. It is obvious that the negotiations with Moscow are conducted by the Amsterdam executive exclusively on the basis of the Vienna resolutions, and that no definite resolution can be taken before the meeting of the I. F. T. U. general council, which has been fixed for the beginning of February."

This does Undergost resent the fair fame of Amsterdam and wash his hands of responsibility for the Amsterdam president who appears afflicted with the virus of Moscow.

But the masses continue to go left.

Let the Scissors Talk

A stoolpigon carrying an Associated Press commission is making the rounds of Russia in search of begl color to embellish his lying campaign against the Soviet Republic. He has already painted the Ukraine and Georgia. He is now doing Kazan, in the Tartar Republic. It is interesting to note what makes his heart bleed, so instead of arguing with him we use the scissors:

"The granite and basalt monuments to Alexander II, and other historical figures of Russia, have been wrecked and replaced with harsh Communist figures of workmen. From all flagpoles the red flag of the revolution flies. To many it is only that grim reminder of the spiritual death of the city, which has been the Russian's possession since the days of Ivan the Terrible."

This is sad indeed! No doubt the American workers will weep salt tears when they learn that the brazen figures of Russian workers are substituted for the intestine face of the czar. But the worst is yet to come.

"The churches present an especially melancholy sight. They are in full process of decay. The clergy are too poor to repair them. Many of them have closed their doors. The once hallowed convents, Communist clubs or barracks. The very respondent visited the largest of the churches, the famous convent of the Virgin Mother, where mass was in progress. The priests and nuns were more numerous than in the congregation, which numbered exactly six persons."

The scissors are eloquent. Comment would be like painting a rummy's nose.

Hoover Is Cheerful

New Year's day finds the American people living better than at any other period in the history of this country, declares the retuned Herbert Hoover, in a booster interview to a news distributor agency. The people live longer and better and their living standards are going up so rapidly that within a short time every man's home will be his castle in the liberal sense as the workers are no longer satisfied with hall bedrooms in which a person cannot even change his mind without scratching the walls of his den. cell. The workers are demanding better housing and higher wages and they are getting them, according to the jolly Herbert.

This will be exciting news for the thousands of unemployed miners in Illinois, for the thousands of unemployed textile workers and for the hundreds of thousands all over the country willing to work, but who cannot work because the boss who owns the shops will not permit them.

This country is wealthy. On that point we are in perfect accord with Herbert Hoover. But the wealth of this country was built by the workers and we believe it belongs to the workers.

The New Year's resolution that Hoover would wish the toilers to make is, be thankful for being allowed to live in a country like this. We urge the workers to make a resolution that during the coming year they will redouble their efforts to perfect their economic organizations to fight for more of the products of their toil and to join the united political party of labor in America that aims to mobilize the workers for the political struggle against the master class for the overthrow of capitalism and the organization of the Workers' Soviet Republic of America.

That party is the Workers' (Communist) Party.

The New Suicide Squad

Dispatches tell of the arrest of Comrade Ruth Fischer, the German Communist Party, in Vienna. The dispatches state openly that the arrest was ordered by the British authorities and that it is part of a new drive against the Communist front eastern Europe and particularly in the Balkans.

Some days ago we stated that the four of Austria, the Chamberlain, British foreign minister, three European capitals, the Vatican was included for the very good reason that it insists on being declared in its own dirty work that is on foot was against Soviet Russia and the Communist International. The dispatches from Europe confirm our statement.

Central and eastern Europe has passed the artificial period of stability secured by liberal injections of allied gold into the veins of the amenable paper republics of these territories and the national economies are definitely on the down grade. In Egypt, India and Morocco there are great nationalistic movements. In China, Soviet Russia has seized the masses of these nations.

Great Britain, although France offers no opposition at present, has undertaken an impossible task—that of uniting totering European capitalism against Soviet Russia. These alliances are doomed because they are consummated because of the national rivalry and the disintegration of the working class they oppress. Such a coalition must wage war on Soviet Russia and Great Britain will find that this time she will not have her usual success in getting some other nation to do her fighting for her.

This is not the Europe of 1914 or even of 1918-19. Today the moment that any army leaves its home base for an offensive against Soviet Russia it has a hostile rear. In addition to that all the armies taken the initiative away from western imperialism, and they are their principal function. A war against Soviet Russia today is suicide for capitalism and Great Britain knows this so well that she sets up as shock troops little nations far removed from the center of British capitalism.

The new offensive against the Communists and Soviet Russia is testimony, not to the strength but to the weakness of the European exploiters and oppressors.

Calvin Coolidge is a republican. M. Vanderveide before the Senate is a socialist. Coolidge fears that he signs a bill appropriating \$110,000,000 for increasing the efficiency of the navy. Vanderveide makes the following statement: "We do not ignore the necessities of national defense. We are certain, by internationalist and anti-militarist and have war; but we recognize that the nation must have a military defense force."

Ransom MacDonald recently delivered a speech on gold. He regretted that the money was not so cheap today as it was in the past. He urged a movement to bring gold within reach of the masses. Why not automobiles and shares in biscuit factories, Mac?

The new republic of Mongolia is showing a tendency to follow in the footsteps of Soviet Russia. This is putting it mildly, judging from the fact that no employers of labor can vote in that country, and that the flag of the republic is red.

The American capitalist press, formerly enthusiastic supporters of Mussolini (with few exceptions), has received his latest decision to suppress the anti-fascist newspapers without any show of enthusiasm. Even Arthur Brisbane failed to rise to the occasion.

Concentrated Propaganda, Incorporated

VERY few realize the significance of recent organizational changes which have effected recently in our work with regard to the party press. For the first time serious efforts are being made to centralize the party's publishing program to bring into one organization the activity for the development of that territory and to make it possible to coordinate the efforts of our party—THE DAILY WORKER, The Workers' Monthly and the Workers' Party program.

The Plan and the Effort

The first step which made centralization possible was decided by a printing plant for THE DAILY WORKER and a building to house the plant and the national headquarters of the party. But before even this was done the outline of the plan was made for the complete centralization of the party's press. It was decided that the English language press must be made a unit from the standpoint of both administration and distribution.

It was not an easy task even to make the plans. Many obstacles stood in the way. Special interests of the various departments of the party had to be provided for. But the principle was established as long ago as last year and ever since the centralization of THE DAILY WORKER has been at that time to draft the party program.

It was at first decided to bring all of the three monthly magazines under the management of THE DAILY WORKER administration. But it later became apparent that the party was not strong enough to support three monthly magazines. It was therefore decided to merge the three into one larger magazine.

Why Centralization?

A YEAR ago the party press situation was a model of decentralization and confusion. We had a weekly Worker with its editorial and administrative departments in one city, a monthly Worker in another city, and the press work was done at still another. There were three monthly magazines under their own control, The Labor Herald, the Worker, and Soviet Russia Pictorial, all in separate editorial and business departments, and all making separate printing arrangements. There was the Literature Department also apart from the rest of the party's press. Thousands of dollars were being wasted every year in the payment of wages alone to party employees, when they were necessary merely to turn out the work were a needless drain upon the party's resources.

Combined with the extravagant and extravagant nature of the work was the most confusing and chaotic system of distribution imaginable. At the time the party's press was under the administration, competing with each other for the attention and activity of the party's workers. The party units and the individual workers were members, confused, discouraged and the most part inactive in one of the most important parts of the party's work.

First Fruits

THE WORKERS MONTHLY is in its third issue. Already it has done more work for the party than any of its predecessors. This is not to be taken as a reflection on the past work of the Workers' Monthly, The Labor Herald, the Worker, or Soviet Russia Pictorial, but as a reflection on the reason.

CENTRALIZING THE WORKERS MONTHLY has been the first big step in the general centralization of the party's press. The advantages

of the Communist movement, the distribution of the party's press has been a tremendous saving in space and in the cost of the printed propaganda which has been effected recently in our work with regard to the party press. For the first time serious efforts are being made to centralize the party's publishing program to bring into one organization the activity for the development of that territory and to make it possible to coordinate the efforts of our party—THE DAILY WORKER, The Workers' Monthly and the Workers' Party program.

It is not in this overhead economy that the greatest benefits of the centralization of the party's press will be realized. Nor even from the improvement of the quality in our monthly official organ that must result from the centralization of our press. The greatest advantage comes in the centralizing of work, work in the field distributing The Workers' Monthly and THE DAILY WORKER which is the strongest, longest step in advance.

One of the most important tasks which THE DAILY WORKER has been trying to accomplish has been the organization of agents to sell subscriptions and in other ways represent THE DAILY WORKER in the various territories. This work has been beginning in this direction, and it has already been accomplished. The organization of the party's press has been a further development of the central idea that the backbone of the party must be the organization of the party's press, and the widest possible distribution. The results so far have proven the correctness of this standpoint.

Two Ways for Progress

THE centralization of the party press is going to work two ways. First, the organization of the party press is going to work two ways, the organization and efficiency of the distribution machinery and secondly, the constant improvement of the circulation of the party's press. The circulation of THE WORKERS MONTHLY is already more than twice that of any of its predecessors. This was due largely to the centralization of the party's press.

It has been a concentration of sales effort. The party's press has been centralized in one place, and the widest possible distribution has been made. The results have been that THE WORKERS MONTHLY

Views of Our Readers on Many Subjects

THE SACCO-VANZETTI defense.—Albert Weisbord, Boston, Mass. "A Negro's War Experiences."

With all these things driven into the Negro's mind, wonder how the Negroes feel when a man like Charles Darrow—an ex-convict man—and various Catholics tell them about "the constitution." I notice the governor of Missouri has offered a reward for the capture of any member of the mob that hanged the Negro in Illinois. I have seen a picture of a Negro who burned his hair after dragging it out of the Negro district. Who is it not probable that anyone will claim the reward, and even if they do it will be a reward for a crime.

"The law of the south does not protect the Negro nor punish the whites for the same violence on the Negro. I have noticed that all congressmen as well as the gospel sharks are paying attention to the Negro. I wonder why somebody didn't do something to stop lynching, but I don't wonder any more. A little lynching party keeps race hatred stirred up, making it much easier for the capitalists to exploit both races. And the loss of

MUSIC LITERATURE DRAMA

abbreviations of the Italian forte piano, is also worthy of note. For the past two or three years Leo Sowerby has been in Rome. He has won a prize that enabled him to go there. Why the organization which paid his expenses should stipulate that he should not be a member of Rome, musically, is the most important question in Europe. A prize for a man to Paris or Munich or Vienna would seem more valuable. I wonder how long it will be before Rome seems to be that for a century or more the Paris conservatory has been sending young composers to the eternal home.

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There exists a musical apparatus, the Italian language, Italian musical terms and the names of Italian artists. They are understood in Japan and in Wyoming, and in all places in between. "Lullabies and Lullabies" is a simple-minded study of old man Trowbridge and a simple, interesting study of the one-eyed giant Humperdink's pretense to Hansel and Gretel upon the program.

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