

UNION TEACHERS OF MANY LANDS MEET AT VIENNA

Russian Delegates Give Report on Schools

By DOROTHY GARY, Fed. Press. VIENNA (FP)—Union teachers from 18 countries attended the 4th congress of the Education Workers International, which met last summer in Vienna. Many delegates had come without passports because their governments, being aggressively opposed to unionism, had refused them permission to attend.

BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES NEW "WAVE OF TERROR" AGAINST THE WORKERS, WHOLESALe ARRESTS MADE

BULGARIA, Oct. 18.—The bourgeois press recently reported that in Bulgaria a new "conspiracy" had been revealed, that arrests had taken place and that the innocent people among the arrested had been released again.

In truth, however, these arrests were only a pretext in order to strengthen the white terror in Bulgaria. Even the newspaper Slavo had to admit that the so-called "conspiracy" had been a perfectly harmless affair.

The semi-official and official press, however, still reports that a Bolshevik center in Vienna had maintained connections with the robber gangs in Bulgaria. This report, together with the "conspiracy" serve as occasions for two campaigns of the government, first for wholesale arrests in the towns and second for punishment expeditions into the villages.

Send Murder Squads. The latter were actually nothing else but troops for wholesale murder. In the province of Trojanski 15 villages were terrorized. The cattle were driven away, the fields were destroyed, and a terrible bloodbath created among the peasants. Over 100 people were executed and everywhere the dead bodies can be found, carelessly buried. Apart from these punishment exhibitions the fairy tale of the robber gangs is utilized for a campaign against the Roumanian emigrants from the Dobrudja. Twenty of these emigrants were already delivered to the Roumanian government by Liapchev, among them Joch Michailov and Dotchev, two untiring fighters for the independence of the Dobrudja, who were killed together with two of their comrades. In this way the Bulgarian government tries to gain the friendship of Great Britain, Roumania and Italy.

Wholesale Arrests. Meanwhile wholesale arrests take place in the town. Thus, for instance, the Viennese Social Democratic "Arbeiterzeitung" reports: "The arrests which took place some days ago on account of an alleged conspiracy of young workers and peasants, are now followed by further arrests of workers, trade union officials, journalists and intellectuals. The Social Democratic organ 'Narod,' reports that numerous protest telegrams have been received by the editors."

Issue Appeal. The Independent Trade Unions of Bulgaria have issued an appeal in the democratic paper Zname, in which they protest energetically against the terror and the mass arrests. They demand the liberation of the prisoners, the re-establishment of the right of free assembly for the trade unions, the abolition of white terror and the legalization of the labor movement.

FIGHT PROTOCOL PREVENTING USE OF POISON GAS

Militarists Launch Big Press Campaign

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(FP)—Concealing its identity behind the name of a professional publicity agent, a group of chemical warfare enthusiasts whose names are not disclosed has begun an attack on the Geneva protocol, now awaiting ratification by the senate, abolishing the use of poison gas in war.

Inquiry by the Federated Press brought from the publicity office the statement that the American Association for Chemical Defense is paying for this propaganda, and that among its members are some former officers of the Chemical Warfare Service. But the name of no officer of the association was forthcoming.

This press barrage carries quotations from John Thomas Taylor, legislative agent in Washington for the American Legion, and from General Pershing and the legion's legislative committee.

Pershing is quoted as telling Senator Fletcher that America must not give up the use of poison gas because "we cannot trust the other fellow." Taylor is credited with the declaration that: "We get back to the necessity of accepting any weapon which has been shown to be effective in war and to the necessity of acknowledging that all nations must be prepared to use this effective weapon."

Representative Burton of Ohio, close friend of President Coolidge, was one of the chief instigators and authors of the pending treaty, which Senator Borah says he will urge for ratification in the senate this winter.

"One of the chief causes of the world war was the fact that the nations of Europe were heavily armed," said Borah. "The possession of armaments is a temptation to use them."

Soviet Consults Akron University. AKRON, Oct. 18.—The Soviet government has approached the Akron University asking for material on programs and plans of study of the Akron institution. The Soviet government evidently is accumulating material from all possible sources in order to compose the best system for training the students in the schools and universities of the Soviet state.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF SPAIN IN CRISIS OVER COLLABORATION OF LEADERS WITH PRIMO DE RIVERA

MADRID.—(By Mail.)—All over Spain a secretly circulated pamphlet is being read, written by the socialist ex-deputy Indalecio Prieto, in which he explains his differences with the Socialist Party's central committee and accuses them of collaborating with the military dictatorship.

This position of the socialist Prieto, who is very popular among some elements of the working class and democrats, shows the actual crisis at present affecting the socialist party. Since 1923, the socialist party and the Union General de Trabajadores (General Workers' Union), have collaborated secretly and indirectly with the military directory. Lately, this collaboration has been done publicly.

The National Assembly. To create a substitute for parliament, Primo de Rivera has planned to convoke a "professional" as he calls it, national assembly. The presidents of chambers of commerce and industry, the leaders of the Union Patriótica (Primo de Rivera's own party), the Spanish catholic bishops, and forty members of the Union General de Trabajadores (Federation of Labor, as mentioned above), will be elected as representatives.

The idea of such assembly has from the very first brought opposition of all Spanish political parties, with the exception of the socialist party, who—controlling the Federation of Labor mentioned above—are willing to accept the forty seats offered by the U. G. T.

In order to have the approval of all the party sections, the leading socialist officials are travelling thruout Spain holding meetings and speaking in favor of the national assembly, with Primo de Rivera's government giving them full protection. The censorship has allowed the press to publish all the articles and speeches in favor of the assembly that come from the socialists at meetings and has forbidden the publication of anything against them.

Socialist Split. Indalecio Prieto has made public declarations against the policy of the socialist party. He is followed by many sections of the party and the Union General de Trabajadores, who are demanding a congress in order to clear up this question.

La Nacion, the organ of Primo de Rivera, is defending the head leaders of the socialist party and a few days ago it said in its columns the following words: "The socialists have faithfully collaborated with the directorate and there can be no fear of them."

In Prieto's letters to the socialist party central committee, he threatens to leave the official party if members of the party attend the assembly. To avoid this, the government will permit the party to hold a convention and favors a campaign of any kind which will mean the triumph of the central committee.

But it is also clear that if the convention is held, a split may appear and a new socialist-republican party with Prieto at its head may be formed.

The socialist party crisis favors the approach of the Communist Party to the masses. The workingclass is beginning to realize that the Communist Party criticism of the socialists is true.

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WORKERS AND PEASANTS WELCOME CANTON TROOPS; BUT BOURGEOIS CHINESE SEEK FOREIGN SHELTER

PEKING, Sept. 23.—(By Mail)—With regard to the situation in Hankow, it is reported that the workers, peasants and the middle classes are on the most friendly terms with the Canton troops. The possessing classes treat the Cantonese with reserve. Numerous bourgeois are transferring their residences to the foreign concessions.

The American and Japanese marine units have left Hankow. The British and French forces still remain.

The situation in Hankow itself is perfectly normal. Business is proceeding as usual.

According to orders of the Canton authorities, the entrance of foreign vessels into the harbor of Hankow without a previous examination is prohibited. Such ships may only then enter by daylight.

Foreign Ships Make Trouble. In consequence of various incidents between foreign warships and Canton troops, Tchang Kai Teh has addressed a request thru the local commissar for foreign affairs to all foreign consulates for the withdrawing of all foreign warships from the military zone around the towns of the Uhan district and their dispatch down stream.

Tchang points to the possibility of further differences and conflicts which could be avoided if the foreign ships would leave Hankow harbor. According to reports from foreign sources, the consulates are not prepared to fulfill the demand for Tchang. They declare that the presence of foreign warships is necessary for the protection of foreigners in case of disturbances.

4,000 Casualties. Further reports containing details of the bloodbath in Wenhien have arrived in Peking from Ichang. The number of casualties upon the Chinese side are estimated at 4,000. Twelve streets were reduced to ashes. Amongst the destroyed buildings were

many schools. The damage to property amounts to several million dollars.

The "Union for the Salvation of China" has held a meeting which adopted a resolution in support of the general demand for compensation for the victims and the punishment of the guilty. At the same time a decision was made to form a special union for the struggle against Great Britain and for the continuation of anti-British propaganda until a complete economic break with Great Britain has been achieved.

Twenty organizations in Shanghai have held a meeting which adopted a resolution in support of these general demands and pointing out the necessity of immediately abolishing the unequal treaties.

R. R. Men Oppose British. The All-Chinese railway men's Federation has published an appeal for a struggle against British imperialism declaring that Great Britain treats China like a colony.

The Canton government has decided to intensify the political work amongst the national troops. Feng Yuhsiang has been appointed as the representative of the Kuomintang for the national armies. Li Shi Tsien has been appointed head of the political department of the national army. A decision has been made to form political departments in the divisions, brigades, regiments, battalions and other military units.

Dutch Labor Protest Aids Troops' Mutiny

THE HAGUE, Oct. 18.—Demanding national disarmament such as Denmark has begun, more than 85,000 workers assembled in The Hague in the most imposing anti-war demonstration that Holland has ever witnessed.

This gathering had the effect of upholding the soldiers who recently mutinied in protest against the attempts of the Dutch imperialists to force a heavy increase in taxation of necessaries of life in order to increase the military and naval establishment.

Brief Labor News From Australia

SYDNEY.—(FP)—Following statements in the British press that there was an acute shortage of boiler-makers in New South Wales, a cable has been forwarded to John Hill, secretary British Boiler-makers union, pointing out that while there was fair work in Sydney the situation in the other states is not encouraging.

The New South Wales Labor government has sent a cable to England warning miners intending to immigrate that there is much unemployment.

MELBOURNE.—(FP)—During 1925, the tendency of wages was upwards, the net average increase for all workers being 65c per week. The greatest increase was in the Labor state of Queensland, where 184,696 workers received an average weekly increase of \$1.14. Working hours of men during the year averaged 46 hours per week (all workers), while for women the average number was 45 1/2 per week.

WELLINGTON.—(FP)—The New Zealand parliament has passed the family allowances bill, which provides for a bonus of 50c per week for each child in a family after the third child. The Labor party urged that the amount be \$1.25 per week, but the government contended it had too little money. The parents of approximately 60,000 children will benefit.

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