

# MINERS' BLACK FRIDAY

## Zeigler Miners "Guilty" in Klan Frame-up

### The Agreement Made on "Black Friday"

THE full text of the shameful agreement drawn up by Lewis and the operators against the striking miners in the anthracite field is as follows:

This agreement, made this twelfth day of February, 1926, between Districts 1, 7 and 9, United Mine Workers of America, parties of the first part, and the anthracite operators, parties of the second part, covering wages and conditions of employment in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania, witnesseth:

1—Work shall be resumed at once under the terms of the expired contract, which, subject to modification as hereinafter provided, shall be in force and effect until Aug. 31, 1930.

2—At any time after Jan. 1, 1927, but not oftener than once in any year, either party may, in writing, propose modification in the wage scales of said contract. The parties agree within fifteen days after receipt of such written proposals to start conferences in the usual manner in an effort to agree upon such modifications.

3—If within thirty days after starting such negotiations the parties have not agreed, all issues in controversy shall be referred to a board of two men with full power and without reservation or restrictions, and the parties agree to abide by any decision or decisions of such board, either on the merits of the controversy or as to procedure to be followed. Such board shall be appointed as follows:

The operators shall name three men and the miners shall name three men. The operators shall select one man from the miners' list and the miners shall select one man from the operators' list, and the two men so approved shall constitute said board. Unless agreed, the men named by the parties shall not be connected with the United Mine Workers of America or the business of mining coal. The board shall be obliged, within ninety days after appointment, to arrive at a decision on all issues in controversy, and to that end shall formulate their own rules and methods of procedure and may enlarge the board to an odd number, in which event a majority vote shall be binding.

4—The demands of the operators and the mine workers on the question of co-operation and efficiency are referred to the board of conciliation, exclusive of the umpire, which shall work out a reciprocal program of co-operation and efficiency.

5—The board of conciliation shall proceed to equalize wages, etc., in accordance with clause 12 of the agreement, dated Sept. 19, 1923.

6—Except as modified herein, the terms and provisions of the award of the anthracite coal strike commission and subsequent agreements made in modification thereof or supplemental thereto, as well as the rulings and decisions of the board of conciliation, are hereby ratified, confirmed and continued during the term of this contract, ending Aug. 31, 1930.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto, thru their accredited representatives, have caused this agreement to be properly executed, the day and year first above written:

On behalf of the anthracite operators: W. W. INGLIS, GEORGE HADESTY, J. B. WARRINGER, E. H. SUENDER, THOMAS THOMAS, ANDREW M. FINE.  
On behalf of Districts 1, 7 and 9, United Mine Workers of America: JOHN L. LEWIS, PHILIP MURRAY, THOMAS KENNEDY, C. J. GOLDEN, RINALDO CAPPELLINI, ANDREW MATTEY.

Attest: JAMES A. GORMAN, Secretary. ALVAH MARKLE, Chairman.

### RELIEF STILL BADLY NEEDED

Despite the fact that the anthracite coal strike has apparently been settled, the general grievance committee of the miners, in general meeting assembled in Wilkes-Barre on February 13, decided to open food relief stations in co-operation with the International Workers' Aid.

Accordingly a committee was immediately elected, consisting of 15 miners, representing 15 different locals, of which D. A. Edmunds, chairman of the grievance committees, will act as secretary. The first food station will be opened Monday, February 15.

There is much actual suffering among the families of this district. Many have absolutely no means of procuring the bare necessities of life. It will take several weeks before all the mines are working and pay day comes only once in two weeks. It will, therefore, be at least a month before any cash comes into the individual family. In the meantime the most needy cases will have to be taken care of. Many are at starvation point. They will need support for at least the next two weeks.

Make out your contributions to the Miners' I. W. A. and send to D. A. Edmunds, 523 Market St., Kingston, Pa., or direct to the national office of the International Workers' Aid, 1553 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

### TO ALL ANTHRACITE MINERS!

Open Letter to the Tri-District Convention

Six months ago we anthracite miners mobilized at the Tri-District Convention in Scranton and endorsed the demands for—

- 1) A ten percent increase in wages with \$1.00 per day for day men;
- 2) No arbitration or conciliation boards;
- 3) The check-off in the anthracite.

After lengthy conferences the operators turned down these demands and we entered into the strike to enforce them with all the enthusiasm born of the conviction of the justice of our demands. John L. Lewis and the whole administration supported our demands and we miners (Continued on page 5).

SOLD! FIVE YEARS AND NO WAGE INCREASE!



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### Defend the Zeigler Miners!

STATEMENT OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY OF AMERICA

Eight out of the thirteen defendants in the framed-up trial of the Zeigler miners have been convicted and face sentences ranging from one to fourteen years in prison. The conviction was based upon the fraudulent charge of assault upon D. B. Cobb, sub-district vice-president of the United Mine Workers, who is one of the most corrupt officials in the American labor movement.

This conviction, affecting as it does the most militant and progressive leaders of the miners in Southern Illinois, comes right upon the heels of the shameful betrayal of the strike of the anthracite miners by John L. Lewis and the official machine. The frame-up is a part of the great conspiracy to wreck the United Mine Workers of America as an organization fighting for the improvement of the conditions of the miners, and its transformation into a servile instrument of the bloated

coal operators. Railroad Progressives to Jail. The leaders of the Miners' Union, with their reasonable policies, have done worse than nothing to defend the interests of the miners. They have worked hand in hand with the operators to sell out the rank and file of the union. They have betrayed the demands of the anthracite miners. Now they have succeeded, in conspiracy with the ku klux klan and the coal operators, in railroad to jail eight of the most active progressives in the Illinois union.

The men who are financing the prosecution of the Zeigler miners are the men in control of the notorious Farrington machine. The most active leaders in the prosecution were D. B. Cobb, sub-district vice-president and Lon Fox, the sub-district president; Farrington had assured them of his support from the beginning.

Miners Fight Coal Barons. The crime of the defendants was that they insisted upon the Zeigler miners getting a decent wage by setting a correct weight on the coal they mined. The officials of the

union upheld the Bell and Zoller Mining company, as against the miners. They carried on a fight against the menace of the ku klux klan, and the officials joined with the klan against the rank and file progressives. The miners of Zeigler insisted upon their rights to vote for the progressive officials and for militant policies to fight the boss, and the machine steadily stole their elections.

The conviction of these eight miners is of the gravest concern to the American working class as a whole, and to the organized workers in particular. The entire labor movement of America is on trial and not only the Zeigler miners. Their fight is the fight of all the workers of this country.

Defend Zeigler Miners! The miners of this country must intensify their fight for the progressive movement in the union. The workers of the entire country must come to the aid of the defendants. The International Labor Defense, a non-partisan working class organization which has been in charge of the case for the defendants (Continued on page 4.)

### ANTHRACITE STRIKERS REPUDIATE BETRAYAL OF THEIR DEMANDS BY JOHN L. LEWIS AT PHILADELPHIA

(Special to The Daily Worker)

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 14—The date of the Philadelphia betrayal of the striking miners by John L. Lewis will always be known in these regions as "BLACK FRIDAY."

On that date, Friday, February 12, the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, when patriotic spellbinders were indulging in extravagant praise of the "freedom" enjoyed by the inhabitants of the United States, the head of the United Mine Workers of America, who should defend the interests of the membership of that union, signed the pact that is designed to make the 158,000 anthracite coal miners slaves of the corporations for the next five years.

The strikers were stunned; they could not for a time believe it possible for even Lewis to so completely surrender everything they fought for so long. They could not believe that the same man who, at the tri-district convention in this city, when the demands of the strike were formulated and who said the demands were all too inadequate, could so ignominiously betray them.

Then, when the full meaning of black Friday dawned upon them they perceived that the betrayal was deliberate and well-timed. The long drawn-out strike and the refusal of Lewis and Cappelini to call out the maintenance men and make the strike general was being repudiated in the anthracite fields. The demands originally advocated by the progressive miners and the Communists in the strike region were becoming the demands of the rank and file. The general grievance committee meeting in Wilkes-Barre had gone on record to pull out the maintenance men, thereby making the strike effective.

The coal barons knew such a move would defeat them; would beat them to their knees before the solidarity of the miners. Rather than permit the union to get beyond his control Lewis capitulated to every demand of the operators. Like others of his type in the labor movement he will destroy the unions rather than permit them to become effective instruments against the employers. All these things are now fully understood by the miners, and with the few remaining days until the tri-district conference is called for Tuesday they are rallying to endeavor to repudiate the agreement and rebuke the infamy of such arch-traitors as John L. Lewis and Rinaldo Cappelini.

Condemn Settlement.

Delegates to the general grievance committee of District No. 1 of the United Mine Workers of America, representing some thirty local unions with approximately 15,000 members, meeting in Wilkes-Barre last night, unanimously condemned the betrayal of "Black Friday" and denounced the mine workers officials for their conspiracy with the operators to drive the strikers back into the black holes beneath the earth to slave for wages so meagre that even Lewis himself admits their utter insufficiency to maintain a decent standard of living.

Sentiments expressed by every delegate taking the floor showed bitter resentment against the sell-out of the miners and a determination to fight to the last ditch against the ratification of the Philadelphia agreement. All of them referred to the fact that the five and a half months' struggle of the miners has resulted in their

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### JURY FINDS 8 MINERS GUILTY IN 10-DAY TRIAL

Argue Motion for New Trial on March 26

(Special to The Daily Worker)

COURT HOUSE, Benton, Ill., Feb. 14—Eight out of the 13 defendants in the now famous Zeigler trial were convicted by verdict of the jury on the frame-up charge of "assault to murder D. B. Cobb," the sub-district vice-president of the United Mine Workers' Union of Franklin county.

Five of the defendants, Matt Cernovich, Charles Corbushly, Markon Soyat, William Bartash and Pete Blazin, were found not guilty and immediately released.

Move for New Trial.

The attorneys for the defense, Ferguson, Morgan, White and Ward, immediately made a motion for a new trial, hearings upon which have been granted for March 29. Those convicted were: Henry Corbushly, leader of the progressive miners of Zeigler, Frank Corbushly his brother, Stanley Parez, Ignatz Simich, Martin Simich, Mike Karadich, Eddie Maliski and Steve Meanovich.

The convictions followed a ten-day trial during which the defense completely exposed that it was a frame-up against the miners on trial, many of whom were not even on the scene when all the trouble took place at the meeting of the Zeigler local union.

To Get Rid of Progressives.

The entire struggle arose out of the fact that the Zeigler miners had elected a progressive leadership for their union which had begun to lead a real fight against the ku klux, the thievery of the coal operators, and for the adoption of progressive and militant policies by the whole union. They tried to change from the defensive to the offensive the drive which is being made by the coal operators to drive

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### Fight Just Beginning

Statement of the Trade Union Educational League.

THIS latest betrayal of the miners by the Lewis administration brings out more clearly than ever the class-collaboration policy and imperialistic role of the bureaucracy. The position of the striking miners was becoming stronger. The strike had attained world attention, the British unions were demanding from their leaders that Welsh anthracite be not transported to America.

Gradually the entire American labor movement was being drawn into the struggle. Tens of thousands of dollars had been sent to the striking miners. The joint grievance committee in conjunction with the international Workers' Aid were setting up relief stations to take care of the miners and their families. Relief committees were being organized in every large industrial center. These preparations would have in a very (Continued on page 6)



IDLE GERMANS PROVE FAILURE OF DAWES PLAN

Social-Democrat Leaders Bargain for Places

(Special to The Daily Worker) BERLIN, Feb. 14.—The utter failure of the Dawes plan is shown in the alarming growth in the number of unemployed. So serious is the situation that the reichstag has increased the out-of-work allowance by 30 per cent. The total entirely without work of any kind is officially announced as 2,000,000. Part time workers number 2,500,000.

As many more who receive unemployment doles are looking vainly for jobs in the industrial cities of the country. In addition there are the "white collar" workers whose total brings the proportion of unemployed up to an eighth of the entire population. In other words, one out of every eight persons have no way of making a living. This is a larger percentage than in England.

The distress among the workers places the social-democrats in a difficult situation for they were among the staunchest supporters of the Dawes plan. Instead of organizing the proletariat for the overthrow of the Hindenburg government, as the Communists are, the social-democratic leaders waste their time bargaining for political positions with Luther, the head of the coalition cabinet.

The new finance minister, Dr. Peter Reinhold, is not at all dismayed by the misery among the workers. He is confident that his program, which includes an increase tax on brandy, will enable Germany to survive the crisis. He proposes a 50 per cent cut in the levy on mergers, believing that in this way the trustification of industry and finance will be expedited. His plan, as might be expected, entirely ignores the workers.

Little Entente Balks at Soviet Recognition

VIENNA, Feb. 14.—The foreign ministers of the Little Entente, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia, and Roumania, meeting at Tomisvar, have agreed not to recognize the Soviet Union at this time. Dr. Benes, of Czechoslovakia, objected to the recognition because it would enable the Soviets to establish consulates throughout his country. It is reported that a second conference of the ministers will be held in May.

The Balkan pact, which would unite Greece, Bulgaria, and Serbia, was approved and the hope expressed that the two latter nations would take part. This alignment was a product of the Locarno pact and all these negotiations represent the effort to establish a solid European bloc against the Soviet Union.

The foreign ministers, who are each responsible for the very large armies maintained to prevent a labor revolution in their own countries, hypocritically complained of the size of the Russian armed forces and alleged that the Soviets were the bar to general disarmament. Jon Druca, foreign minister for Roumania, created a sensation by his declaration that as his own government was liable to be overthrown at any moment, the decisions reached would not be binding so far as his country was concerned.

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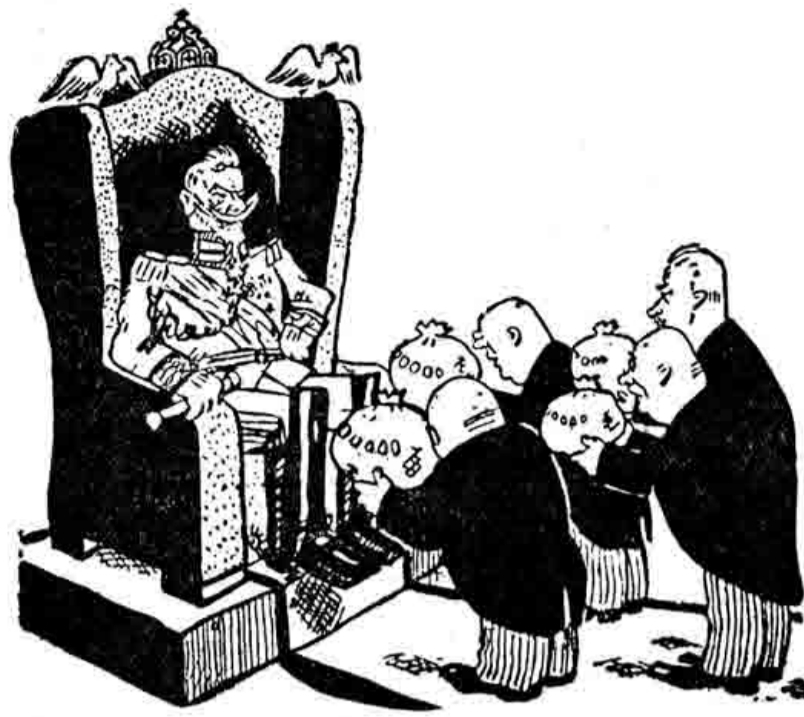
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Indemnity for the Ex-Kaiser



—From the Rote Fahne, official organ of the German Communist Party. The "democratic" government of the German "republic," with the aid of the socialists, is indemnifying the ex-kaiser, returning to him "his" property which has temporarily been taken away from him by the revolution. The once Russian czar received his just deserts from the revolution, but the Communists are in power there. The Communists are not in power in Germany.

"REWARDING FRIENDS, PUNISHING ENEMIES" POLICY AIDS THE UNION-HATING BOSSES; FORM LABOR PARTY!

By ARNE SWABECK.

By official endorsement the Chicago Federation of Labor has now placed itself in support of the Tribune-Crowe-Small candidate for the coming republican party primaries for United States senator from Illinois. It is a strange combination indeed.

The Tribune, the special mouthpiece of the big industrial corporations, edited by James Patten, the wheat gambler and McCormick, the king of the harvester trust, the one Chicago daily which is the most outspoken against labor; constantly vilifying and slandering the unions and the publicity agent of the notorious "citizens' committee." The State's Attorney Robert Crowe, who in company with Dudley Taylor takes upon himself to raid union headquarters, arrest union officials and union pickets, put them through third degree methods and use the power of his office to attempt to destroy the unions. Len Small, the governor of Illinois convicted for a million dollar graft from public funds while holding the office of state treasurer, now presiding at the "steal" works in Springfield. The special candidate of this combination has obtained the official endorsement of the Chicago central labor body.

Candidate of Union Smashers. While politics may make strange bedfellows what other results could be expected from a policy of "rewarding friends and punishing enemies" so ardently sponsored by the present trade union officials.

What is the difference between McKinley and Frank L. Smith, the two contending candidates in the coming republican party primaries? Both are members of the same party, controlled by the same labor-hating, strike-breaking and union-smashing corporations. Both are pledged to uphold the same platform and serve the same interests which are the mainstay of the exploitation and suppression of labor. To appear "good" or "bad" on minor issues at certain times does not change their hide or alter their fundamental policies. They are both tools of the republican party and of the capitalist system.

When the Chicago Federation of Labor still supported the modest efforts made toward independent political action by the workers many delegates would loudly proclaim their disgust with any attempt to make it a tail end to the two old capitalist parties and declare their adherence to the building of a labor party. Yet the federation has now by its last official action completely reverted to the old time worn political policy of the American Federation of Labor bureaucracy. This despite the many bitter experiences of so-called good capitalist politicians placed in office and continuing to use the government as an instrument of oppression of the workers.

Reward "Good" Men. For instance, in 1922, the Chicago Labor Committee on Injunctions, created by Sam Gompers, made endorsements of a number of so-called "good" judges on the two old capitalist tickets, some of whom were elected and have since succeeded in establishing a black injunction record for themselves. The women's eight-hour bill has been constantly sabotaged by the so-called friends of labor in the Illinois state legislature. And surely none of them can be depended upon to oppose the proposed state constabulary bill whenever the big corporations get ready to use pressure to put it thru.

At the last republican party nomination convention Len Small heading the Illinois delegation helped to put over the strike-breaker Coolidge and "Hell'n Maria" Dawes. When Samuel Gompers appeared asking for consideration for a labor's bill of particulars to be inserted in the party's platform he was given a cold shoulder. Labor's demands, of course, were ignored. The republican party L. Smith, the state chairman of the republican party, despite any labor endorsement will remain loyal to his has no intention whatever to deviate from its distinct line of maintenance

of the capitalist dictatorship. Frank party platform. Whether the United States government is dominated by the republican or democratic makes no difference whatever. It is an instrument of oppression of the workers directly aiming to break up the trade unions. In 1919, under the Wilson administration, the Anderson injunction was handed down against the miners on strike. In 1922, under the Harding administration, the coal operators were invited to open up their mines, during the strike with scab labor under government protection. The same year the infamous Daugherty injunction was issued against the striking railroad shopcrafts prohibiting any and all legitimate trade union activities. No protests were heard from the so-called labor friends amongst the capitalist politicians.

John H. Walker, in pleading for the endorsement of the Keeley Cure magazine of Dwight before the Chicago Federation of Labor, cited some interesting statistics on crimes which undoubtedly were correct. He stated that 47% of all individuals falling on the criminal road could be traced to the fact that their childhood had witnessed the loss of one or both parents and its resulting social neglect. The other 53% could be traced to heredity or "defective environments." Is this not a terrible indictment of the capitalist system and its rulers? If parents die society is not responsible for their children. Under the economic conditions of the system parents of working class families are mostly both compelled to work in factories to eke out a meager existence, the children, if not also in the fangs of dreadful factory slavery are left to care for themselves subject to the sensational, poisonous capitalist propaganda in their newspapers and movies.

Such are the conditions, the "defective environments," which are being upheld by the staunch supporters of the old capitalist parties be they Frank L. Smith or McKinley or anyone else. The policy of "rewarding friends and punishing enemies," amongst the agents of privilege, the so-called policy of political neutrality is in reality no neutrality but becomes outright support to the capitalist parties and thus support to the capitalist system regardless of "good" men and "bad" men. Need Labor Party. The class struggle presents a series of cold bitter facts which on so-called theory or policy of neutrality for the workers, and the trade unionists in particular is to recognize their class position and act politically as a class protecting their class interests. Despite the fact that the movement for a labor party has received temporary setbacks the policy to be pursued by the Chicago Federation of Labor should be as a first step to call a conference of all trade unions of the city for the purpose of discussing the possibility of uniting on a slate of labor candidates for the coming elections—candidates pledged to a labor platform and controlled by labor. Laundries Challenge Unions. SEATTLE—(FP)—Twenty-six laundry companies in Seattle have served notice that from now on they will operate open shop. This cancels the agreement with the unions which has been in existence nine years. The workers are considering strike action.

LABOR UNIONS UNIT OF POWER UNDER SOVIETS

Central Labor Bodies Decide Issues

By ESTHER LOWELL (Federated Press)

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—(FP)—"The central labor union is the unit of power in Soviet Russia like the bank is in the United States," says Scott Nearing, member teachers union and Federated Press correspondent who has returned from an extended trip thru Europe to lecture in this country. "If you want anything done, you go to the central labor union about it."

7,250,000 Workers Organized. Seven and a quarter million workers in Russia belong to trade unions, a gain of nearly a million last year. Nearing states that about 95% of all Russian industrial workers are union members and are second only to the cooperatives in being the largest organized group. The unions have more power because they are aggressive organizations. The unions have a large culture fund to carry on educational and social work among their members. These feature particularly impressed the German trade union delegation whose report on Russia Nearing brought over.

"The basic law of the land is the labor code," asserts Nearing. "Just as the property code is in the United States and other capitalist countries, it's as bad to work a man over eight hours in Soviet Russia as it is to steal or otherwise violate the property code here. You have to understand, as the British trade union delegation stresses in its report, that the working class is the ruling class in Russia before you can interpret what is going on there. Outside of Moscow and Leningrad in the smaller communities where the N. E. P. has little influence, the workers are almost 100% in control.

Protect Workers' Health. "Complete free health service is provided in Russia like fire protection here. You notify the proper authorities—turn in the alarm—when you are ill and need attention. Nurseries are provided as a matter of course for working mothers' children. There is a cooperative restaurant in every factory where wholesome nourishing food is supplied the workers." Cooperatives handled about 45% of all sales in Russia last year.

The contrast between Russian workers and Polish, German, Latvian, in fact almost all other European workers as to material well-being is obvious, Nearing notes. Russian workers are wearing whole warm well-made boots and other clothes whereas workers in other countries are clad in well-worn, shabby or ragged garments and shoes. Russian workers get enough good food to eat while other European workers are on slim and poor rations. The apparent apathy of the mass of German workers is due to their undernourishment, their hunger, Nearing says.

Europe's Workers Starving. In the spirit of the workers, the contrast between Russia and other countries is even more marked. "Everyone I talked to in Russia believes that they're going ahead—and you can see constructive activities on all sides. They're hopeful. Coming out of Russia into Germany is like coming from a bright spring day into a dark cellar." In Spain and Italy and Balkan countries the labor movement has been forced underground. Thousands of workers are in prisons in these countries for trade union activities, besides those in for political opposition. "Primo de Rivera is nearly as bad as Mussolini. The military dictatorship is everywhere evident in Spain. Each train has its military guards, armed."

For World Trade Union Unity. Among militant European workers the demand for world trade union unity is growing insistent. Nearing found. Unity papers are being started in Belgium and Germany and soon in Holland, France and Scandinavian countries. The pioneer English paper Trade Union Unity has many British trade union officials constantly contributing articles in support of its aim—world trade union unity.

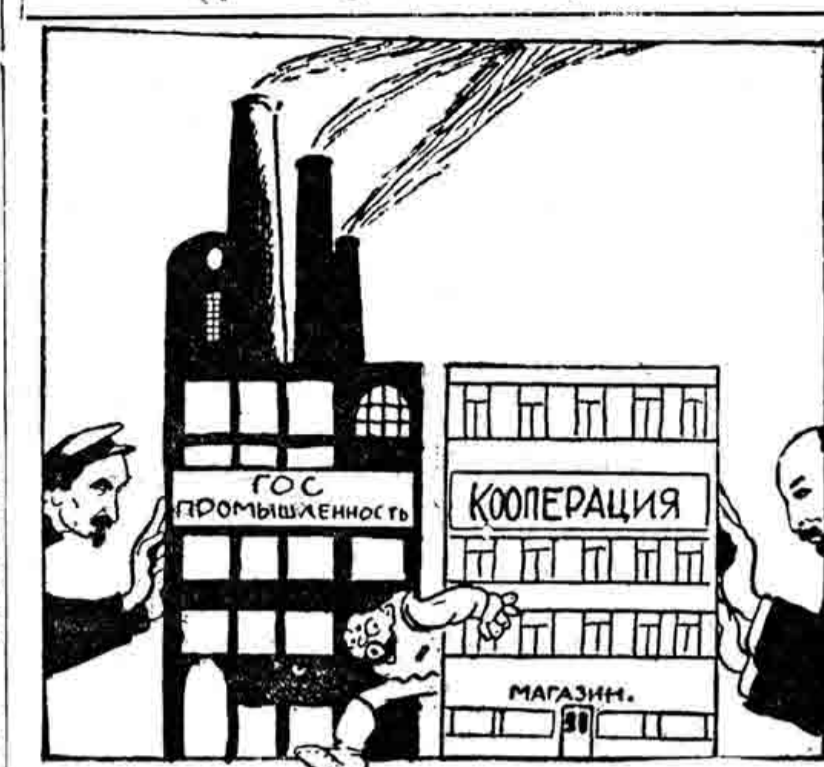
Airplanes Will Spray Weevil Infested Areas

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—The agriculture department will be given \$250,000 for experiments with airplanes to devise efficient means of spraying poisons on large areas of boll weevil infested cotton in the South, under the Ransdell bill, referred to the senate appropriations committee today. Senator Ransdell declared airplanes apparently offered the main hope of keeping down the ravages of the weevil. These cause an annual loss to cotton planters of tens of millions of dollars. "Efficient types of planes, which can thoroughly spray arsenical and other types of poisons over large areas are what we need," said Ransdell.

SICK AND DEATH BENEFIT SOCIETIES

Frauen-Kranken-Unterstützungs Verein Fortschritt Meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday, Winter Park Hall, 2040 W. North Avenue. Secretary.

Squeezing Out the Nepman



Direct trade between the state industries and the co-operatives in Soviet Russia is urged by the chief of the state industries, Comrade Djerjinski (shown at the left) and the chief of the co-operatives, Comrade Khinchuk (shown at the right). The nepman, the middleman and profiteers will be squeezed out by this plan.

JEWISH COLONIZATION IN SOVIET RUSSIA PROCEEDS MORE RAPIDLY THAN IN ZIONIST-RUN PALESTINE

By WILLIAM KRUSE (Special Moscow Correspondent of The Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Feb. 14.—Jewish colonization, after 40 years of Zionist effort and eight years of Balfour's "freedom," shows very poor results in Palestine as compared with the similar movement in Soviet Russia. The Zionist organization reported to the high commissioner representing the league of nations (according to information published in Moscow), that of the 84,000 Jews in Palestine in 1922, 15,000 or 18%, were engaged in agriculture. During the last year about 10,000 dessiatins of new land were taken up by Jewish farmers, making 75,000 in all under Jewish ownership.

Colonists Increase. In Soviet Russia, on the other hand, during the last year alone, 5,468 families of new colonists were settled upon 84,850 dessiatins of new land opened to them. While the expenses of buying land and colonizing in Palestine came to 270 roubles per dessiatin, in Russia the expenses were only 35 roubles per dessiatin. The settlement by districts was as follows:

Table with 3 columns: District, No. Families, Dessiatins. Includes Ukraine, White Russia, Gomel Gubernia, Crimea, and Half Funds from America.

Somewhat more than half of the money required for this work came from the American Jewish colonization organ, to be exact, 1,600,000 rubles out of a total of 2,810,000. It is interesting to note that 100,000 contributed by the government came from funds raised thru the sale of

Your Union Meeting

Third Monday, Feb. 15, 1926.

- List of local and place meetings including Bardenheer, Bridge and Structural Iron Work, Boot and Shoe, Butchers, Carpenters, etc.

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BIMBA CASE IS SECOND SCOPES TRIAL IN U.S.

I. L. D. to Push Case to Highest Court

(Special to The Daily Worker) BROCKTON, Feb. 14.—The arrest of Anthony Bimba, associate editor of the Communist daily Laise, under the 229 year old blasphemy law is creating a sensation around Massachusetts such as the Dayton Scopes case created. The newspapers have been carrying the story of the arrest and of his trials and mass meetings that he has addressed in streamer headlines on the front page with stenographic reports of his speeches.

Visitors from different parts of the country are flocking in to listen to a case that far surpasses that of the Scopes case in importance. The judge has issued his warning that the he knows this case will attract nationwide attention and visitors will come from different parts of the country to listen to the trial he will not make the same concessions to the visitors that were made in Dayton, Tenn. Newspaper Reporters Flock to Trial. Newspaper reporters from the big eastern and middle western dailies with their army of photographers were in and around the court room to gather material for their stories so that readers from far distant points might be able to read of how the trial is progressing.

The action of the Lithuanian nationalists and the clericals in framing up Bimba has caused many of the more progressive Lithuanian workers to line up with the International Labor Defense and other working class organizations that are fighting this case. The American Lithuanian Workers Literature Association, the Workmen's Circle No. 175, the Mothers' League of New England, The Lincoln Club, formed by a number of Lithuanian citizens are behind the Workers (Communist) Party and the International Labor Defense to push this case thru. Police Hard-up. In an interview Irving Hoffman, representing the International Labor Defense and who successfully defended a number of the striking Checker taxi-cab drivers, declared: "The court officials and police of Brockton must be hard put, in order to hang something on my client, when they dig up a corpse that has been buried for 229 years. "The law is undoubtedly on the statute books, but it is my personal opinion that we have advanced some since the day this statute was invoked. We will fight this case to a finish."

When Stanley Smith, the vice-president of the Lithuanian National Hall Association, in which the talk for which Bimba was arrested was held, was interviewed he declared: "It is all a dirty frame-up. Unless the Endaco witnesses perjure themselves, the court cannot find our speaker guilty. Endaco is the last man in the world who should talk about religion. The only thing he is interested in is getting control of the governing board of the Lithuanian National Hall."

Bimba's trial will be held February 24 and is being handled by the International Labor Defense.

That worker next door to you may not have anything to do tonight. Hand him this copy of the DAILY WORKER.

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Soviet Professor Invents New Light MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Feb. 14.—(Tass)—The Soviet professor Heckel has constructed a new electric lamp of 1,000,000,000 candles, without a reflector. The tests of the lamp by the Experimental Electro-Technical Laboratory have shown that, supplied with mirrors, the lamp could give light of a few milliards candles.



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LOCKOUT UNION AUTO SERVICE STATION WORKERS

Mechanics Insist on the Right to Organize

By a Worker Correspondent PITTSBURGH, Feb. 14. — Three large automobile service stations in Pittsburgh locked-out all mechanics belonging to the machinists' union.

Nash Fires Union Mechanics.

Following the election of officers for this newly formed local, the Nash agency fired the president, financial secretary and treasurer.

He was told by the manager that it was not three, but twenty-four men whom he fired out of twenty-eight.

This self-imposed "guardian" over the workers claimed his employees had no right to join the union without asking his permission.

Paige Company Follows Nash Lead.

The Paige agency notified its workers to bring in their union books inside a week or they would lose their jobs.

One of the Nash workers secured a job with the Oldsmobile, but when he reported for work he was told to bring in his union book and tear it up in front of the foreman.

Determined to Keep Union.

The locked-out men are fighting for the right to organize, and are determined to keep their organization and build it.

This Week's Prizes!

- Send in a story—make it short, give the facts, and a prize may be yours! No. 1—First prize will be a new book now on the press: "The Awakening of China," by James H. Dolsen.

Write—Rush—Order a Bundle of the issue in which your story appears!

MINERS' LOCAL UNION DENOUNCES SLANDER OF "PROGRESSIVE MINER" BY LEWIS HENCHMAN, FARRINGTON

By a Worker Correspondent. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 14.—The members of Local Union No. 494, United Mine Workers of America, at their regular meeting protested against the attack made on the Progressive Miner, the official organ of the Progressive Miners' Committee, which was made by Farrington in his official family sheet on Jan. 30.

In the discussion, following the reading of Farrington's letter, miner after miner took the floor and pointed out that they were not going to let Farrington tell them what to read and what not to read.

After the discussion, the following motion was adopted by a unanimous vote: "That this local union instructs its secretary to notify Farrington that we protest against the position and attack that he has taken relative to the "Progressive Miner," the official organ of the Progressive Miners' Committee."

A. C. W. OFFICIALS HELP BOSS FILL SHOP WITH NON-UNION MEN

By a Worker Correspondent. Fifteen back makers of the vest shop on the second floor of Alfred Decker and Cohn, tailoring shop at North and Lawndale, quit work on Friday, Feb. 12, because it was impossible for them to make a living on the low wages they were receiving.

The workers of this department have complained again and again to their shop chairman and to the union business agent about the cuts in wages with every readjustment of which there were a number within a short time.

The officials went even further than that. They permitted the boss to distort the clause in the union agreement which gives him the privilege to employ non-union help when the union cannot supply him with the help needed, and now non-union men are working there.

Workers Must Rally to the Defense of the Zeigler Miners

(Continued from page 1). Now, when victory is within our grasp; when the whole labor movement of America is aroused by our struggle; when organized labor is rallying to our support; when tens of thousands of dollars have already been raised to feed our families and remove the spectre of want and free our hands for a fight to the finish; at this moment, in the midst of the battle, John L. Lewis betrays the strike; John L. Lewis sells us out; John L. Lewis surrenders to the enemy.

Workers! Smash this conspiracy against the Zeigler miners and the American labor movement! Rally to the support of the International Labor Defense in this trial!

Demand the immediate end to the frame-up methods of the corrupt union officialdom! Central Executive Committee, Workers (Communist) Party of America. C. E. Ruthenberg, General Secretary.

CORRESPONDENTS' CLASS MEETS TONIGHT AT 8; TO DISCUSS NEWS STORY

The Chicago Worker Correspondents class meets tonight at 8 p. m. in the editorial room of THE DAILY WORKER, 1113 W. Washington Blvd. A brief review will be made of the mimeographed instruction papers given each student last week and the class will proceed to the next lesson which will treat of the different types of newspaper writing and stress particularly the most common type, the straight news story.

The New York class in Workers Correspondents meets tonight at 8 p. m. at the Workers School, 108 E. 14th street.

The Issues at Stake in Coal War

- The Lewis Surrender. 1. Work to be resumed at once with the same wages provided by the expired contract, which means defeat of miners economic demands. 2. After Jan. 1, 1927, the parties may propose modification in the wage scale in writing, and attempt to agree to the same, but the miners must continue work until 1930, irrespective of failure of the negotiations.

- Progressive Miners' Plan. 1. No compromise by arbitration or otherwise on the demands of the tri-district convention. One agreement to cover the whole coal mining industry. No government aid to operators. 2. Full recognition of the union, the wage increase demanded and better working conditions. A minimum wage not less than full union scale.

Don't waste your breath, put it on paper. BOSTON, Feb. 14.—A two weeks' strike against the Commonwealth Clothing Co. conducted by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers brought the company to terms with the union.

Shall Zeigler Miners Go to Jail?

Their crime lies in the fact that they stood by their fellow workers. Their prosecution is a part of the attempt to smash the miners' union, and is a direct challenge to the whole labor movement in this country. The International Labor Defense, which has been in charge of these cases from the beginning, intends to intensify the work for their release and will not rest until every one of the men indicted is free.

Open Letter to Anthracite Miners

(Continued from page 1) can fight. We miners must show them we can win. The whole labor movement will rally to our cause. The eyes of the workers of America are on the delegates at Scranton this Tuesday. Anthracite miners! All together! Let us fight for the tri-district demands. Down with the Lewis betrayal! Down with the proposed settlement! Down with the five-year contract! Anthracite miners! Let us make it a 100% strike! Pull out the maintenance men! Let us stick together and defeat the bosses and their bootlickers who sold us out.

HOW LEWIS EARNS PROMOTION



Union Painters' Art Exhibit Ends Tonight

The Second Annual Decorative Art Exhibition of Painters' Local Union No. 194 at the Garfield Hall, 10 South California Ave., closes tonight. The exhibition has been divided into seven groups: Painting in oil (landscapes and marine); flower paintings; sketches, designs, ornaments and decorations; decorative furniture; portrait and figure painting in any medium; water colors, cartoons, pen and ink and charcoal drawings; graining and marbling.

Strikebreaker Police Seek Wages from Boss

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Feb. 14.—New Britain police are trying to collect \$323.40 from Reginald Towers for "special protection" of his brickyard during the fall strike of clay workers. Towers claims that it is the city's duty to furnish police protection when he needs it.

Philadelphia Union Demands

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 14.—Dressmakers of Philadelphia in the International Ladies' Garment Workers voted approval of demands for 10 per cent increase in wages, joint board of sanitary control, cash security from contractors to insure enforcement of agreement and unemployment insurance.

The Fight Was Just Starting

(Continue from Page 1.) short time removed the fear of starvation and left the miners free to conduct the struggle against the coal operators knowing that their families were being taken care of by labor. THE strikers were developing an ugly mood, the demand for the withdrawal of the maintenance men was becoming general. The three grievance committees had amalgamated their forces, elected a joint secretary, invited the I. W. A. to organize and direct the relief work.

DISTRICT EIGHT CIRCUIT SCHOOL STARTS TONIGHT IN GARY, IND.

Tonight, the District 8 Circuit begins with the class in Gary, Ind., at 205 Eighteenth street; Tuesday the South Bend, Ind., class meets at Hungarian Workers' Hall, 1216 W. Colfax St., and Thursday the Milwaukee class at Miller Hall, 802 State St. All start at 8 p. m.

Wipe Your Brow and Rest Yourself The Lenin Drive Is Over But Don't Lay Down Your Tools! The Campaign Continues



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