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FREE SPEECH ON TRIAL IN MICHIGAN

Anna Leisman of New York, who was released from a state prison a few weeks ago by Governor Smith, died ten days after the prison gates closed behind her.

It appears that the Mussolini Dictatorship of the brigands is not so cocky as it used to be. After Serrati came from Moscow and kicked out the yellow staff of the great Socialist daily Avanti...

Wisconsin, we are told, had a narrow escape from being left without a state militia. La Follette, the enfant terrible, came to the rescue of the armed forces of capitalism.

The Daugherty Detective Agency in New York expected to make a nice piece of change shipping colored scab miners from America to the Ruhr coal mines.

The official organ of the I. W. W. deserves much space to gloating over the resolution forced through at a meeting of the Minneapolis Trades Council...

We read that the Russian trade unions have telegraphed to the German shop committees offering to ship 3,000 tons of foodstuffs to the workers in the Ruhr.

DARK CLOUD BLACKS DETECTIVES' HOPE

NEW YORK.—George S. Daugherty is a former deputy police commissioner of New York City. Now he, with his brother, Harry V. Daugherty, runs a detective agency which maintains a private uniformed police and which advertises to do "industrial plant observations."

Several weeks ago Harry V. went to Europe. When he came back he brought with him a money-making scheme, the biggest strike breaking project ever essayed by a member of the gentry which has coined millions in that gentle trade...

According to Daugherty, it was found that not more than a handful of Negro miners could be found who were willing to dig German coal for France, even at wages equivalent to \$7 a day and with board and lodging thrown in.

Word was received here from Washington just about the time Daugherty gave out that statement to the effect that the government would take a "thumbs down" attitude if the project were brought before it.

Information is received guaranteeing delivery to the workers. The Russian unions are appealing to their membership to help their German comrades and thus help to repay the workers of the world for their support of the Russian revolution.

J. W. Hays, secretary-treasurer of the International Typographical Union, in reply to Gen. Dawes' Washington's Birthday speech before the Union League Club of Chicago indignantly denies the insinuations of the general that the labor movement has any relation to Bolshevism.

FINK MORROW TO TESTIFY

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Sunday, March 18.—The star witness for the prosecution is expected to take the stand tomorrow after Morris Wolf, Department of Justice agent steps out of the witness box.

Francis Ashworth, alias Morrow, alias Day, alias Operative K-97, the dirty sewer rat who attended the Bridgeman convention in the dual capacity of delegate and paid hireling of the William J. Burns Detective Agency is the witness.

When Ashworth was arrested one of the Department of Justice agents in "frisking" him, produced a Roman Catholic medal from one of the stool pigeon's pockets. "What is this?" asked the government agent.

After this little piece of by play, the stool pigeon was taken to the County jail with the rest of the prisoners and locked up.

His actions, however, were suspicious and the communists were convinced that he was a "plant" and left him severely alone. He informed them that he was offered his freedom on condition that he would sign a paper absolving the government agents from blame for beating him.

VOICE OF LABOR DRIVE IN FULL SWING

The campaign to line up ten thousand new readers for the Voice of Labor opened with a bang on March 15. Even before the date on which the drive officially opened the volume of subscriptions which normally flows into the office of the Voice of Labor steadily increased.

Now is the time for the rebels who want to see the Voice of Labor increase its circulation and grow in power to get behind this drive. Send for subscription blanks to Voice of Labor, 2517 Fullerton Ave., Chicago, Ill., and see page 3 for advertisement about premiums.

First few Days of Drive for Subscriptions Show Good Results.

City Organizer of W. P. of Cleveland, Ohio, has the distinction of sending in the first subscription, followed up by M. Grazzini, Cicero, Ill. with 7 new subs.

Peter Carlson of Rockford, Ill. writes: "It is not much I am doing for the Voice by selling 10 copies a week. I am to solicit subscribers instead. I assess myself \$10 to be paid to the Voice of Labor if I do not get 50 new readers before May 2nd 1923."

Young Workers League from Monessen, Pa. sends 5 dollars for the start and writes: "Please credit this to the Young Workers League of Monessen, Pa. as we wish to enter the race for the Red Silk Banner you speak of in your letter."

DONATIONS POUR IN FOR LABOR DEFENSE BAZAAR

While the attorneys for the Labor Defense Council are battling in St. Joseph, Mich. to defend William Z. Foster and his co-defendants against the efforts of the prosecution to send them to jail for ten years and to crush the communist movement in America the members of the Labor Defense Council of Chicago and the progressives in the labor movement are planning a four day bazaar to raise funds in order to carry on the fight for the right of the workers to peacefully assemble for a discussion of their problems and the right to advocate their political and economic theories.

The bazaar will be held in the Follets Hus, 2733 Hirsch Blvd. on March 29, 30, 31 and April 1st. Labor unions, Workers Party branches and individual members are urged to contribute suitable articles for use at the bazaar. Donations of money are welcome; in fact anything that can be turned into cash will be very acceptable to the committee.

SWABECK LECTURES ON EUROPEAN COLLAPSE

Speaking in Asland Auditorium, Ashland Blvd. and Van Buren St., on Sunday evening, March 18, on the invasion of the Ruhr by the French imperialists, Arne Swabek, recently arrived from Germany, after attending the second congress of the Red International of Trade Unions, declared that French imperialism was determined to reduce Germany to the level of a vassal state and that France now replaced the former German empire as England's chief foe.

Speaking of the international labor movement Swabek declared that the Second and Amsterdam Internationals again betrayed the German workers as they betrayed the workers of the world in 1914.

There is no solution for the troubles of Europe, Swabek said, short of a Workers' Republic, with the establishment of workers' dictatorship until the new communist society is safely transformed from the present robber system.

Comrade Swabek will deliver the last lecture of the series in the same hall on next Sunday, March 25, at 8 P. M. His subject will be "Decline of World Capitalism."

Comrade D. Lederman of Chicago dropped in at the office, anxious to make his initial deposit of 4 new subscribers, exclaiming: "It is a single to sell subscriptions for the Voice of Labor. The workers I am coming in contact with, are more than anxious to subscribe. They know the Voice of Labor and they say it is the best labor paper in this section of the country."

W. B. Ridgway of Palmyra, Ill. sends in one and says: "Your paper is the best labor paper I have ever read."

The drive is on. Next week we shall publish more letters in response to the appeal for new readers. It remains with many of the Workers' Party branches to get in line, and start the ball rolling.

TICKETS FOR SOVIET FILM IN GREAT DEMAND

Tickets for the showing of the film "Russia Through the Shadows" are going so fast that the committee has issued a statement advising those who intend to see the celebrated movie to purchase their tickets at once.

The picture will be shown in Orchestra Hall on Wed. March 28 twice daily, at 7 P. M. and at 9.30. For address of ticket offices see advertisement on page five.

SOCIALIST PARTY TO DISCUSS "REWARD AND PUNISH" POLICY

There are two motions relating to the Conference for Progressive Political Action on the agenda of the national convention of the Socialist Party to be held in New York on April 29, one calling for continued affiliation with that body and another for withdrawal and the return of the S. P. to its former policy of splendid isolation.

PROSECUTION OBJECTS TO HAVING NAME OF THOMAS JEFFERSON MENTIONED TO JURY; REVOLUTIONARY FATHERS NOT POPULAR WITH CAPITALISTIC TOUTS

What promises to be one of the most important trials ever staged in the United States opened in Saint Joseph, Mich., on March 12, when William Z. Foster, labor organizer, Secretary of the Trade Union Educational League and editor of the Labor Herald, was charged with violating the Criminal Syndicalism Law of the State of Michigan in assembling with the Communist Party of America in Bridgeman on or about August 21.

The Voice of Labor hereby publishes a report of the proceedings day by day as written by competent observers. The capitalist press as usual has tried to throw dust in the eyes of the public by making it appear that a difference existed between the defendants and their counsel.

Gray proceeded with the examination of the juror along a new line, asking, "You know that in Hungary the communists gained power without any violence, the Karoli government surrendering to the Soviets there in 1919, but later the aristocracy and the capitalists, with the help of the Rumanian army, made war on the Soviets and overthrew them; and in Finland the socialists elected a clear majority of parliament, but their government was later overthrown by the capitalists by force of arms; and in this country the socialists elected their members to the New York legislature who were excluded by their political opponents, knowing these things, would you be prejudiced against Wm. Z. Foster if it appeared that he and the communists generally said that the struggle of the workers and farmers against the capitalist system could not be won without the use of force, although they did not advocate any acts of force or violence at this time, but merely made the historical forecast that force would be necessary?"

The prosecution again objected to the form of the question, claiming that Mr. Gray was asking if the juror would be prejudiced if the defendant had done the very thing that he was charged with. In answer Gray drew a clear distinction between the advocacy of the use of force now or in the immediate future and stating an opinion of what was likely to happen at end of a period of time through historical developments.

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FARMER LABOR PARTY MOVES FOR LABOR UNITY

The New Majority published the following in its issue of March 17:

John Fitzpatrick, member of the National Committee of the Farmer-Labor Party, representing Illinois, has initiated a motion that a national convention of the party be held in Chicago, beginning July 3, and authorizing the national secretary, "to invite all labor, farm and political groups to come with authority to participate in forming a program for unity of political effort by the workers."

National Secretary Jay G. Brown has sent the motion out to the members of the national committee of the party to vote by referendum. Towan Bennett, national committeeman from Connecticut, seconded the motion, which reads as follows:

That the National Convention of the Farmer-Labor Party recently voted by the National Committee be held in Chicago, Illinois, beginning July 3, 1923, and remain in session till the business of the convention shall have been completed. Also, that the National Secretary be authorized to invite all labor, farm and political groups to send representatives to the said National Convention of the Farmer-Labor Party with the authority to take such steps as may be necessary to bring about complete unity of the political forces of the entire working class.

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NEEDLE TRADES GROUP PLAN ENTERTAINMENT

The National Provisional Committee of the Needle Trades is routing an organizer through the country for the purpose of solidifying the needle trades groups in the different cities. She will appear before the locals of the different international unions to speak on the question of amalgamation and the program of the Trade Union Educational League generally.

The program of amalgamation of the needle trades is now ready for distribution and is being translated into five different languages.

All this costs money and in order to raise their share the Chicago group of the needle trades is giving a dance and entertainment at the Workers' Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Blvd., March 24 at 6 P. M.

DAUGHERTY SECURED INDICTMENT OF TWELVE CLEVELAND SHOPMEN

CLEVELAND.—The department of justice in its efforts to crush the shopmen's strike by enforcing the Daugherty injunction has secured the indictment of 12 shopmen by a federal grand jury and the issuance of warrants for their arrest. The shopmen indicted are Adam Drylie, head of the Cleveland special strike committee; E. J. O'Hern, John Campbell, William Mickelson, P. E. Montgomery, Barney Grohowski, William Hanrahan, John Mason, Herbert Schmidt, Archie Wilson, Albert Ong and "John Doe," described as a boiler-maker, whose name is unknown to the grand jurors. It is asserted that they hindered the Nickel Plate, the Pennsylvania, Big Four, Wheeling & Lake Erie, and Lake Erie & Western railroads from operating their lines. One of the charges alleges that "on Aug. 25 Meickison put a quantity of lye into the shoe of Harry C. Wilson, a Pennsylvania employe."

THE DRIVE IS ON. SEND IN A SUBSCRIPTION.

Health School Conducted by Dr. P. L. Clark.

Treatment of Cancer. Mortality from cancer is steadily increasing...

It has been clearly shown that the disease we call cancer is the result of a poisoned acid condition...

Recurrences of the disease occur shortly after removal, especially on the breast and uterus...

Surgical statistics are greatly influenced by the character of cases on which the operations are performed...

Some day the medical profession will understand that all disease comes from a depraved systemic condition...

Is it any wonder then that the people are breaking down their bodily resistance until they become subject to that disease...

The aim should be to eliminate the toxic poisons from the body at the earliest possible moment...

The second necessity is to restore the normal alkalinity of the body as quickly as possible...

Sodium is the chief salt of the fluids of the body as sodium chloride is found to exist in the blood...

Doctors Ross and Buckley, in their treatment of cancer, administer the salts of potassium...

Cleaning Better Than Knifing. So if you suspect you have cancer, keep away from the surgeons...

It has been clearly shown then that in cancer operations there is almost always a recurrence of the disease.

This is the logical result for the poisoned condition of the body which originally caused the abnormal breaking down of the tissues...

Poisoned blood will not furnish the healing qualities to the wound resulting from the operation...

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COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL URGES UNITED FRONT AGAINST PERSECUTION OF RADICALS

C. E. RUTENBERG, 799 Broadway, New York City.

Sent today following cable to I. W. W., Chicago, give widest publicity: Communist International greets brave members your organization fighting against capitalism and government oppression on Pacific coast.

The recent Portland and Sacramento convictions and wholesale arrests in San Pedro California do honor to the courageous I. W. W. The appeal of I. W. W. of that region for a united front of all workers is to be commended.

The Communist International has called upon all militant workers everywhere to unite in the struggle against capitalism and oppression. There should be a united front of all class conscious working class organizations in America against all exploitation and persecution and we note with pleasure the splendid efforts of the Workers Party towards this end.

Fraternal greetings to all revolutionary workers in American jails. Long live the unity and class solidarity of the American working class.

COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL

The Workers Party of America stands with the Communist International in its appeal to the workers of the United States to form a united front against persecution of the workers and against the whole capitalist system of exploitation.

The Workers Party has upon numerous occasions shown its willingness to form a united front with all workers who are ready for the struggle against Capitalism. It is now prepared to work with and fight with the members of the I. W. W., who, like the Communists, are oppressed and persecuted by the capitalist government.

The Workers Party is, with the Communist International, in its admiration for the valiant fighters against capitalism in the I. W. W. The Communist International expresses its admiration and solidarity with these workers in spite of the fact that officially the I. W. W. in its last national convention lined up against Communism and the Communist International, thus betraying the revolution.

The national convention of the I. W. W. expelled those members who were for affiliation with the Red International of Labor Unions. This convention lined up with the yellow "Forward" in its attack on the

Friends of Soviet Russia, which is fighting for the only Workers Republic in securing for the workers and peasants of Russia whom International Capitalism is trying to starve into submission.

The policy of dual unionism, of drawing the militants out of the existing trade unions, is not the policy of the Communist International nor of the Workers Party, although both are fighting for industrial unionism through amalgamation of trade unions.

The Communist International and the Workers Party is for the militant fighters in the ranks of the I. W. W. in spite of reactionary measures of the national convention of the I. W. W. The militant fighters who have been the backbone of the I. W. W. cannot be far these things because no revolutionist can support such betrayals.

Therefore the Communist International expresses its sympathy and solidarity with the fighting of the I. W. W. who are victims of the ruling class. The Workers Party shares that sympathy and as a fraternal organization of the Communist International is prepared to demonstrate its sympathy in action through a united front with the persecuted members of the I. W. W.

DEBS' STAND ON UNITED FRONT ASKED BY ENGDahl

Eugene V. Debs, who is now campaigning for the Socialist Party in the municipal campaign in Chicago, is called upon to make a declaration on the question of a united working class political front, in a letter addressed to him by J. Louis Engdahl, editor of 'The Worker.'

Dear Comrade Debs:—I have just received the Saturday, March 10th, issue of 'The Chicago Socialist,' and have just completed reading, with great interest, your speech on the second page. Under the sub-head, 'Co-operate With Other Parties,' I find the following statement of yours: 'I am in favor of co-operation with other parties that represent the workers, but the Socialist Party must preserve its identity as the uncompromising working class party.'

The facts show that the Socialist Party position is in direct conflict with yours. The Socialist Party delegates at the Cleveland Conference for Progressive Political Action, spoke and voted for the exclusion of delegates of the Workers' Party. The same situation developed in the recent New York Conference of the American Labor Party, which is reported on the first issue of the 'Chicago Socialist' that I have before me. The closing statement is as follows:

'The application of the Workers' Party was denied by a vote of 330 to 85. This follows on the action of the Cleveland Conference for Progressive Political Action, which also rejected the application of the Workers' Party, which seems to have a few friends as it has members.'

Let me make just two corrections in this report: The vote was not 330 to 85, but 152 to 58, showing that more than 25 per cent of the union delegates were in favor of seating the Workers' Party delegates;—the official figures of both the Socialist Party and the Workers' Party will show that the Workers' Party has by far the larger membership.

May I also add that the tactics adopted at Cleveland and New York have been carried out at St. Louis, Mo., and Washington, D. C., the only exception to the general rule being a special congressional election in San Francisco, where all working class political forces were able to get together and work together.

I, therefore, put the question to you, 'Are you in favor of the Socialist Party position at Cleveland and New York, St. Louis and Washington, D. C., especially in New York, where the Workers' Party was excluded, and such a non-working class element as the Single Tax Party admitted?' I feel that in justice to yourself you should make a public declaration on this question at the present time.

Fraternally yours, J. LOUIS ENGDahl, Editor, 'The Worker.'

DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT at WORKERS' LYCEUM 2733 Hirsch Boulevard Saturday Eve., March 24, 8 o'clock Music by Dave Peyton's Orchestra. Admission 35c Auspices Needle Trades Section of Trade Union Educational League

YELLOW SOCIALIST EDITOR FLYED BY H. M. WICKS

Malicious Charge Must Be Proven or Character Assassin Must Take Consequences

(Since the Bailin exposures of the methods of detective agencies received nation wide publicity through the taking of depositions by Frank P. Walsh for use in the communist trial at St. Joseph, Mich., the intellectual twister who edits the Chicago Socialist and who from behind the cloak of anonymity hurls poison gas at his political adversaries never missed an opportunity to discredit the Workers' Party or any of its individual members.)

The issue of March 10 an article appears in which the statement is made that H. M. Wicks is long under suspicion as a provocateur. H. M. Wicks, who is now labor editor of the Worker, is not the kind of a man to let a vile slander like this go unchallenged and the following letter speaks eloquently for itself.

Editor Chicago Socialist, 1501 Warren Ave., Chicago, Ill. Sir:—

In your issue of March 10, page 1, column 2, you refer to me as "H. M. Wicks, long under suspicion as provocateur."

This was obviously for the purpose of discrediting me in my own home city of Chicago, where I enjoy a prestige in the labor movement that far surpasses that of any member of the decrepit and acrimonious Socialist aggregation, for which you speak. Like the yellow cur that you obviously are, you merely indulged in cowardly innuendo, without stating in what circles I am alleged to be under suspicion.

My standing in the Chicago labor movement was not obtained by trying to pillage union treasuries to start doubtful newspaper ventures, but by fighting the battles of the rank and file and as a member of the rank and file, during which time I enjoyed the almost unanimous confidence of my fellow unionists.

I can readily understand why you endeavor to slander me and thereby cast suspicion upon my character, considering the many times I have exposed your own treachery to the working class of Chicago. You are to this day stinging under the lash I applied to you in my own union, Chicago Typographical Union No. 16, when you tried to pillage the treasury of one thousand dollars to launch a yellow socialist daily in Chicago.

In my charges against you I never indulged in innuendo, but stated the plain facts—facts that I can prove and have proved. Now I insist that you state where and when and in what circles in the labor movement I was ever under suspicion of being a provocateur.

I am going to give you just one chance to redeem your slander before I take further action against you. I demand that you publish this letter in full as a reply to your attack, which was certainly injurious to the character of any person in the labor movement, or I will personally take the case before the trade union movement in Chicago and insist that you defend your action before a labor court, composed of neutral persons, selected from the unions affiliated with the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Furthermore, since this attack upon my integrity is harmful to my character and tends to hold me up to the contumely of the labor movement, at least that portion that reads your publication, I have placed the case in the hands of my Chicago attorney with instructions to take action by instituting criminal libel charges against you and your associates responsible for the publication of the Chicago Socialist.

I am also sending a copy of this letter to the Voice of Labor, a publication in the city of Chicago, enjoying the staunch support of many sections of the trade union movement.

You may be able to get away with vilification of some of your enemies, but when you impugn my motives in the labor movement and attack my character you have got to make good your charges or take the consequences. I am ready, willing and anxious to lay before any court or any body of workers every act of my life in the labor movement. Can you do the same?

Now, you liar, make good your deliberate mendacity or take the consequences. With the utmost contempt, H. M. Wicks.

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WORKERS PARTY STATES ITS DEFENCE POLICY

Claims Right to Meet at Bridgeman and Will Stand On That Right

In order to refute malicious statements issued by the capitalists as to the defence policy of the Communists now on trial in Michigan, the Workers' Party issued the following statement:

Statement by the Workers' Party of America. The Workers' Party of America strongly protests against the newspapers' persistent, gross misrepresentation of the policy of the defense in the trial of the Communist workers in Michigan for violation of the State anti-Syndicalist law.

This is positively untrue. Nothing of the sort happened at Bridgeman, Michigan. The defense will not contend anything of the kind. In view of the fact that several of our active members are involved in this case, the Workers' party completely repudiates the charge that private detectives or government agents had anything to do with the proceedings, programs, or meetings at Bridgeman.

Every resolution, every decision, every document, every statement that was adopted at Bridgeman was written and adopted by the Communists present. It is true that a government stoopigee was present at the convention as a delegate. This spy, a Mr. Morrow, alias Ashworth, did not write a word of any document, was on no sub-committee and did not even utter a word during the entire proceedings of the convention.

It must be made plain, however, that it is not a special privilege of the Communist organization to have a spy in their midst. Government and private spies and stoopigees infest the labor unions and labor organizations. The Communists are fully aware of the plans of the capitalists and their government to plant spies in all labor organizations.

The Communist workers on trial will wage only one kind of defense. The Communists will take full responsibility for everything that was done at the Bridgeman convention. Throughout the trials the defendants will maintain that they had a full right to assemble and to discuss the problems and struggles of the working class. The defendants will fight for the right of all workers, Communists included, to the freedom of speech and assembly.

This and this only will be the defense policy of the Communists. The Workers' Party of America urgently requests that the press give the fullest possible publicity to the above statement and once for all discontinue the campaign of misrepresentation in the trials of the workers now going on in Michigan.

C. E. RUTENBERG, Executive Secretary, Workers' Party of America.

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Miner Urges Support of Workers' Party Press. Monongah, W. Virginia. Editor, Voice of Labor:— I am sending you enclosed ten dollars, four of which goes to the Voice for subscriptions and the balance to the Labor Defense Council.

Yows and Yipsels. Editor Voice of Labor:— In their debate with the West Side Y. W. L. on March 8, the Y. P. S. L. stated they were neither left, right nor center, and that they support all working class movement, regardless of their respective affiliations.

VERBLIN EXONERATED; CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE DECLARED UNFOUNDED

Albert Verblin, a member of the Workers' Party, was expelled from the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of Chicago a few years ago on charge of being an industrial spy.

Report of the Workers' Party Investigation Committee on the Verblin Case.

To the Central Executive Committee February 1, 1923. Comrades:—The following is the committee's report on the Verblin case.

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The Committee's Recommendations.

The investigations of the Workers' Party Investigation Committee have been carefully made and we now recommend to the Executive Committee to dismiss and publicly clear Verblin of this charge.

(Signed: Wm. Weinstein, Sec'y. Edward Lindgren, M. Obermimer, Elmer A. Allison, Chairman.

PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCIES BREEDERS OF CRIME

ST. PAUL.—"Private detectives are to assistance to the police departments in preventing crime, or apprehending criminals," Lewis Harthill, former Minneapolis chief of police, told a subcommittee of the state legislature, considering a bill to require the registration of the persons employed by private detective agencies.

Not only do the private agencies render no assistance to the police, but in many instances they shelter criminals and hamper bonafide officers in the detection of them.

The bill was introduced in the house of representatives by Otto D. Neller-moe, representative from Minneapolis, and a member of the General Drivers' Union.

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DISTRICT 26 OF U. M. OF A. REFUTES LEWIS FALSEHOODS

John Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, in reply to a request from Dist. 26 for a statement on their decision to apply for affiliation to the U. M. of A., denounced Dist. 26 in the strongest terms and forbade them on pain of expulsion from going ahead with their plan for affiliation.

Mr. John Lewis, President United Mine Workers of America, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Bearing in mind the fact that District No. 26 Executive Board, at its meeting February 1st, by motion complied with the decision of the International Executive regarding our application for membership in the Red Labor Union International and the further fact that the statements as set forth in the memorandum conveying the decision of the International Executive Board, and upon which the Executive Board has founded its decisions, are in some cases absolutely untrue and in other cases are a direct condemnation of the most militant and useful members of the U. M. W. of A., we submit the following observations:

Upon examination of your committee's findings, District No. 26 Executive Board desires to point out that the Red International of Labor Unions is not out for the purpose of destroying the Trade Union Movement, and the International Executive Board was utterly unable to quote anything from the R. L. U. program even remotely hinting at such a proposition.

That the O. B. U. went through "its major developments in the year of 1918" is peculiar, in view of the fact that the O. B. U. was not organized until the summer of 1919, and in any case the O. B. U. has not any connection whatever with the Red International and therefore, cannot be cited against our affiliates.

Militants and Spits.

We note that the International Executive Board has recommended, in the event of us not complying with their decision, that the autonomy of District No. 26 be suspended. Remembering Kansas and District No. 18, and how these Districts were split into fragments, we are prepared to retreat from almost any position rather than give anybody the opportunity to smash our solidarity.

The fundamental policy of the Trade Unions is the direct action of the revolutionary masses and of their organizations against Capital. All conquests of the workers are in direct proportion to the degree of revolutionary pressure they have exerted. By direct action it is understood every form of immediate pressure of the workers upon the employers and the state, such as boycott, strikes, street uprisings, demonstrations, seizure of factories, violent resistance against the removal of goods from factories and stores, and other revolutionary activity leading the working class to the overthrow of Capitalism and consolidating the working class in the struggle for Socialism.

Militants Extolled.

This section describes events in the past which have arisen out of the oppressive economic conditions in which the workers found themselves and in which they shall find themselves in the future. Does the Executive Board not remember Logan and Herrin? We hail with delight the march of the United Mine Workers into Logan County, and the gallant attempt they made to free their brothers from thugs and gunmen of the Capitalist class. With joy we hail the mine workers of Herrin who rose in their might and wiped that district clear of the gun-funkies of Capitalism.

The Bosses and "Sanctity."

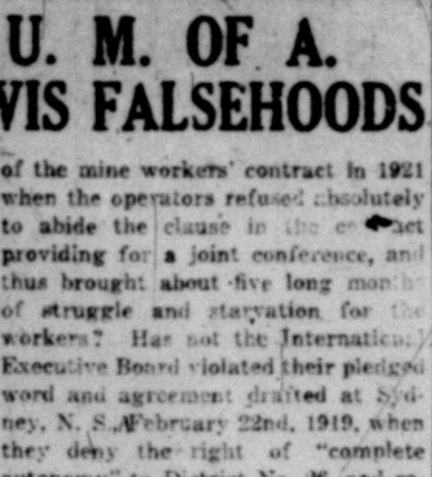
The "sanctity of contracts" has become of late years a vanishing quantity. Where is the mine worker who in his every-day toil does not find his employer continually interpreting the contract to his own financial advantage, if not openly violating it? Where was the "sanctity" of the mine workers' contract in 1921 when the operators refused absolutely to abide the clause in the contract providing for a joint conference, and thus brought about five long months of struggle and starvation for the workers? Has not the International Executive Board violated their pledged word and agreement drafted at Sydney, N. S., February 22nd, 1919, when they deny the right of "complete autonomy" to District No. 26, and refuse the miners of Nova Scotia the right to strengthen their economic position by linking up with the workers of the world?

Penalties—For Whom?

The difference between the United Mine Workers and the Red Labor Union International in respect to contracts, consists in the former specifically providing penalties against the workers when violating their agreements and no penalties for the violation of agreements by the operators, while the latter holds the threat of punishment continually over the heads of the operators for the violation of agreements and seeks to interpret agreements in the workers' favour.

On behalf of District No. 26, U. M. W. of A., I am

J. B. McLACHLIN, Secretary, District No. 26, U. M. W. of A.



THE POOR FISH SAYS:

I see where organized labor, represented by Samuel Gompers, has united with organized capital, represented by Julius Barnes. They are going to join the League of Nations, now the public must unite with the common people or they will both be defeated.

"The Scab City"

CHICAGO.—The Scab City is a title to be proud of and one which many American cities ought to strive to earn for themselves, in the opinion of the Chicago Journal of Commerce.

A bodily scab is not a repulsive temporary incrustation that soon drops off a healthy body, the Journal maintains, but the symbol of American freedom.

"Los Angeles," the Journal reports, "has accepted and adopted the title, 'the scab city,' and is proud of it, although it was first applied to it as a derisive and offensive epithet."

"Students of words will approve the California city's acceptance of the descriptive word much used in union nomenclature as a happy thought. A scab is a healthy growth over a wound. The workman who takes a scab's place covers a wound to industry, and the fact that he does so is a healthy sign of the liberty of action that is America's finest heritage from the fathers of the republic."

"Many other American cities might well become scabs and thereby vindicate American principles of industrial freedom, while gaining enormously in wealth and general prosperity."

Clothing Workers Victorious

BALTIMORE.—The 4,000 clothing workers on strike here have won their fight in short order. They have been granted wage increase of 10%, better sanitary shop conditions, and a 44-hour week. The city authorities have promised an immediate investigation to compel observance in the shops of the Maryland anti-sweat shop law.

The Roll of Honor

This is the first installment of the list of branches that have inscribed their names on the Roll of Honor in the Day's Pay Drive of the Labor Defense Council. We will publish each week a list of branches who have gone over the top until the entire party is on the roll.

Table listing various branches and their contributions to the Roll of Honor. Includes categories like SOUTH SLAVIC, ENGLISH, FINNISH, RUSSIAN, and UKRAINIAN.

The Movement in Great Britain

By LIAM O'FLAHERTY.

The British Labor Party in its efforts to "down the Communists" has overreached itself. The boomerang with which it intended to quash the agitators, has recoiled on its own head.

The employer's attack on the building workers has caused a strike of 15,000 in the North, according to today's "Daily Herald." The attack has been threatening a long time and the workers should be ready for it, but as usual it is likely that it will be spasmodic.

This week the Communist Party disclosed the fact that in spite of the Labor Party attempts the communists are strongly entrenched within that party. Even in London several branches of the Labor Party are completely in control of the communists and the president of one of the most important unions in the country—The Distributive Workers—is a member of the Communist Party.

Will the next move of the labor fakirs, when they cannot oust the communists, be to split the Labor Party? Many think that that will happen. In fact in one town where the communists controlled the local trades council, the reformists, who have been abusing the reds as disorganizationists, have set up a separate organization. Palme Dutt, writing in the Workers' Weekly, prophesies that McDonald had the deliberate intention

of clearing the Labor Party of all radical elements in order to hand it over to the possession of the bosses.

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The London busmen, too, in spite of the treachery of their leaders, prevented a reduction in wages. The employers, seeing the men's solidarity, postponed the reduction for twelve months.

Thus the spirit of resistance and even aggression is beginning to make headway all through the country. The membership of the Communist Party is increasing apace. Good results have been achieved since the reorganization of the party. With its affiliated organizations, it is beginning to have a strong influence in all branches of working class activity.

When leadership is required, the workers are showing a tendency to appeal to the communists. For instance, when three thousand miners in Durham struck against the orders of their officials for better conditions, and were summoned by the union for so doing, the men appealed to

CARPENTERS DEMAND WAGE INCREASE ON FIRST APRIL

Notice was sent to building contractors by President Harry Jensen of the Carpenters' District Council that starting April 1, the wages of carpenters will be \$1.25 an hour—an increase of 15 cents an hour.

The wage increase was decided upon after a secret ballot by the 21,000 members of the union. The result of the ballot was 11,980 for the increase and 159 against it.

The inside, or millmen, also voted on the question of increasing their wages from 90 cents to \$1.10 an hour, with a vote of 2,908 voting for the increase and 87 against.

Should the contractors refuse to grant the increase, the carpenters will strike. It is believed, however, the increase will be granted.

President Jensen has issued a statement, giving the reason for the increase.

Took Voluntary Cut.

"We took a voluntary wage cut January 1, last year," said he. "Most of the other building trades had taken cuts in accordance with the Landis wage agreement, to which we were not a party. To stimulate building in the expectation that wage reductions would be followed by lowering building costs, we took the cut of 15 cents an hour."

"We have taken a survey of the building situation and this is the result: "Because of increases in the price of building material and increased profits for builders, notwithstanding lowered wages, a two-story brick building that cost last July \$11,000 to build, exclusive of the cost of the lots, now costs \$13,000. A bungalow that cost \$7,000 to build last July now costs \$9,100.

The local communist party centre for help and appointed a committee of communists to fight their case.

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Workers Party News

Charles Krumben has been appointed national industrial organizer of the Workers' Party and Arne Swaback takes his place as organizer for Dist. 8.

The following communication was sent to all City Central Committees and Branch Secretaries in Dist. 8 by Comrade Swaback:

W. P. OF A.
DISTRICT NO. 8 OFFICE
Room 307, 166 W. Washington St.
March 15, 1923.

To all C. C. C. and Branch Secretaries Dear Comrades:

The District Executive Committee has decided to start a big circulation drive for the Voice of Labor, the official organ of our district, during the period from March 15 to May 2.

10,000 New Readers is the Goal.

All our members understand the importance of the press as a weapon in the class struggle, but we must make it effective. The field of our press must be extended to reach all workers with our message. Every party member can secure at least one new subscriber can secure at least one E. C. expects of every member. Remember that this is one of the activities that helps put our party on the map, however small the task may seem, because it draws all the workers we reach closer to us and encourages them to fight for our program.

We enclose to each branch three books with subscription cards, and to organize the drive in an efficient manner use the following methods:

1. Elect one comrade to take charge of the drive.
2. Detach the cards from the books and distribute to your members.
3. These cards, when subscriptions are secured, to be returned to the comrade in charge for him to forward to the Voice of Labor. When five subscriptions are secured the branch will receive its premium. If five subscriptions are secured by one comrade he is entitled to the premium. More subscription cards will be furnished you from the Voice of Labor office.

Your branch should keep a record of all subscriptions secured during this period for publication in the Voice of Labor.

Let us see what branch can get the largest amount of subscribers.

Fraternally yours,
A. Swaback,
Dist. Organizer.

COMING EVENTS.

A United Front mass meeting will be held on May 1 in the Ashland Auditorium.

On May 30 the Young Workers' League will hold a picnic in Cherraukers Grove.

On July 4 the Workers' Party will hold a picnic in Cherraukers Grove.

July 29 the Young Workers' League will hold a picnic in Cherraukers Grove.

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Y. W. L. Activities The Party Caucus

When your friends are talking about the wonderful time they had at the first annual symposium of the Y. W. L. of Chicago, do you want to say that you were there or will you be a back number and have to listen to what the other fellow tells you about it?

The only mistake that was made is that they did not rent a large enough hall. Northwest hall has been secured for the occasion. March 25 is the date. At 3:00 P. M. the first shot will be fired by one of the W. P. orators. Tallentire, the man with the reputation of organizing more F. S. R. posts than any other man in the country, says that he will try and be in Chicago on that date. Tallentire is one of the best speakers that you have ever heard. If you had to walk ten miles in a snow storm to hear him, you would not be a bit sorry for it.

Another item on the program, which will be very interesting and at the same time will give you some very important information, is the report of our delegate, to the Young Communist International. Martin Ahern will give this report and for those who have heard Comrade Ahern before, we need say no more, but for the benefit of others we must tell you that you will miss something if you do not hear this report.

The Yowlettes will prepare a supper that will make the Yowls sit up and take notice.

Last but not least comes the play, "From Office Boy to President." The hero of this little story, Oscar Sapp, from Cranberry Cross Roads, will give you more laughs per minute than all the comedians of the movie screen together. If Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd, or any of the rest of them see him play, they will turn green with envy. Come with a bouquet of cabbage, carrots, or Italian Forget-me-nots, garlic, because you will want to present the stars with a bouquet. The play will begin early in the evening, the remainder of the evening will be turned over to the dancers.

Comrades:—
The Illinois legislature has been debating for days on what is a rotten egg.

I move we send in this definition: A rotten egg is a business agent so far gone a stool pigeon won't touch him.

Gompers much better, his physician reports.
Sam must have heard there's a chance to convict Foster.

Bertrand Russell tells the British laborer: "learn to be lazy, idle and enjoy your idleness as does the Chinaman."

But it out, Bert... we have a hard time now getting the comrades to come to meetings.

The bard of Milwaukee will now recite his tearful little ditty entitled: Burns Broods Over Bailin's Betrayal.
By Thurber Lewis.
Oodles and oodles it's costing me.
The mouth of that damn double-crosser.
I'll slice off his lips and cut them to bits
And serve 'em up cooked in a saucer.

Ain't a man gotta right to do business?
Outrageous, I call... that's what.
When you've plots to arrange to bring in the change,
It aint no damn fun gettin' caught!

Before that "rat" spilled the beans.
It used to be gravy for me.
I scoured all the magnates with red-raiding dog-nets,
And taked in the cash... Holy Gee!

When I pulled that job off on "the Street"
With the kind help of Lindy, the crook,
My client said yelled so, my bank-balance swelled so,
The bank had to get a new book.

What in hell's our country comin' to!
When bum lawyers and reds and detectives
Can use the judiciary to test the fiduciary
Of honest and upright detectives.

God damn that sucker Balanow!
He'll get his'n in time.
Ain't it good politics to run down the Bolsheviks?
Why listen to him? It's a crime!

But I'll get even with that bird...
I've already hooked him for one thing.
My lawyers have said he's restraining my trade.
That'll gettin ten years... and that's something.

It will take England 60 years to pay her debt to America. Wars are easy to conduct now. You can get them on the installment plan.

Since other labor leaders might emulate Snowden, Thomas, Clynes and McDonald with the "Kink," the Caucus deems it advisable to lay

NOTICE:

All matter intended for publication in the Voice of Labor should reach the editor not later than Thursday preceding the week of publication. For example, this issue is dated Friday March 23. We go to press, however on Monday, March 19. In order to give our printer time to set your copy it should be in the office not later than Thursday, March 15. Copy arriving on Monday (presaday), unless of exceptional importance, is not likely to appear in the current issue.

We also urge our correspondents to write on one side of the sheet and if possible use a typewriter.

All matter intended for publication should be addressed to the editor. Letters are welcome, but should be limited to about 300 words. No notice will be taken of anonymous contributions, but name and address will be omitted and nom de plume used on request.

—ED.

HOWAT IS GREETED BY PENN. MINERS Workers Party Urges Unity in Technical Aid

(Special to Workers' Party Press.)
CANNONSBURG, Pa., March 11.—Alexander Howat, the rebel leader, was greeted here today by a crowded meeting to which many were not able to gain admittance because of the inability of the hall to hold them. The meeting was held under the joint auspices of the Chartiers Valley Central Trades Assembly and the Cannonsburg Labor Defense Council in behalf of the Fayette County Miners' Relief and Labor Defense.

Before the meeting a gang of district officials of the United Mine Workers of America, Dist. 5, led by Fagan, Dist. Pres., and Tom Hughes, Dist. Board member tried to intimidate the committee from the Central Trade Council with threats of interruption if Howat spoke harshly of Lewis. Fagan declared that "as a red-blooded American and trade unionist" he would get up and voice his protest. The committee informed him that they were not accustomed to have their meetings interfered with and that any such attempt would be met with the necessary action.

S. Baker, president of the Central Labor Union, chairman, introduced Howat, who received an ovation when he arose to speak. He reaffirmed his stand against dual unionism and refuted any such charges against him. He pointed out that the expulsion of himself and the other officials of the Kansas district was a grave injustice without so much as a trial. He described the fight against the Kansas Industrial Slave Act and urged the necessity of an independent labor party to meet the capitalists on the political field as well as on the industrial field.

He pointed out the tremendous mistake made by the officialdom of the

U. M. W. of A. in leaving the Fayette and Somerset Counties out of the agreement and signing up with employers in fields where their mines were unionized while leaving out of the agreement miners employed in non-union fields belonging to the same employers. He ended his speech by appealing for a united front among the miners for a more powerful and militant United Mine Workers Union of America.

A resolution was immediately offered, demanding the reinstatement of Howat and other former officials of the Kansas District with all their former rights and privileges. Upon call for discussion Fagan jumped up and challenged Howat to debate him. This was for the purpose of creating a disturbance. Despite the ruling of the chair that discussion on the motion alone was in order, Fagan continued, but in spite of all his efforts at creating turmoil the meeting proceeded in an orderly manner. Howat accepted Fagan's challenge to debate him right there and then, but the owner of the hall intervened, saying that he did not rent the hall for that purpose. The resolution for Howat's reinstatement was thereupon put and carried unanimously.

Miners from a great stretch of surrounding territory as well as local workers were present. In all about twenty-five locals were represented. Many who hitherto sympathized with Lewis were convinced by the frankness of Howat's speech and disgusted with the antics of the Lewis henchmen. The frantic efforts of the Lewis hirelings to disrupt the meeting caused disgust among the audience. The Central Trades Assembly intends to pass a resolution of protest against the action of the district officials in attempting to disrupt organized labor in Cannonsburg.

Since it is an impossible condition that in one party two disciplines shall rule, the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party of America emphatically demands that all comrades cease carrying on this conflict.

All comrades who are active in the Technical Aid shall not forget for one instance that FIRST OF ALL THEY ARE PARTY MEMBERS AND FIRST OF ALL THEY MUST THEREFORE OBEY PARTY DISCIPLINE.

(Signed) C. E. Ruthenberg,
Exec. Sec'y.

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