

MAY DAY

Celebrate International Holiday on May 1st in CARMENS' HALL JIM CANNON Back From Red Russia Will Be Principal Speaker

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AS WE SEE IT

Repeal Law.

The Cossack

Williamson County.

Berrien County.

A bill was recently introduced in the Michigan legislature to repeal the state criminal syndicalism law. Owing to the fact that William Z. Foster was on trial at the time of its introduction consideration was postponed until after the trial. It will come up for a public hearing on April 24. This bill should be actively supported by the labor movement and similar bills introduced in every state in the union where these vicious measures are on the statute books.

The state constabulary bill will come to a vote in the Illinois legislature this week. The supporters of the Cossack are taking every possible precaution to insure its passage. It is generally agreed that the vote will be a close one. The passage of this measure will place another weapon in the hands of the employers to use against the workers. The labor movement of Illinois has lobbied against the bill, but we believe the opposition should not be confined to lobbying. Mass demonstrations should be held and the dangers of this bill pointed out to the workers. Publicity would arouse the fighting spirit of labor and give it a valuable lesson in class government.

The plunderbund are intent on getting some victims to glut their revenge on the Herrin miners. Failure of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce to convict the union men of Williamson county for their heroic defense of their right to work and non-interference from scabs did not mean that all hope for punishment was abandoned. Investigations have been ordered and a federal prosecution is now talked of. We believe, however, that the new attempt will fail as well as the old.

The citizens of Berrien county are growing more disgusted daily with the prosecution of the communists. The taxpayers see hordes of evil looking fiends parading around the county smoking fine cigars and living in luxury. Stoolpigeons as a rule are poorly paid, but this case is an important one and they must be treated well until the communist trials are over. The exposition of communism given by Ruthenberg on the witness stand and the explanation of American industrial conditions by Foster made a very good impression on the people of the county.

STOOLPIGEONS PLANT "EVIDENCE"

WORKERS PARTY INVITED TO FARMER-LABOR CONVENTION

An official invitation has been received by the Workers' Party, urging it to send delegates to the National Convention of the Farmer-Labor Party to be held in Chicago, beginning July 3. "to take such steps as may be necessary to bring about complete unity of the political forces of the entire working class."

The invitation states that "an earnest effort is being made by the Farmer-Labor Party to bring together the various groups and organizations—industrial, agricultural and political with a view to trying to work out a method for uniting the workers of hand and brain, of farm and factory, on the political field—a method that will be acceptable and secure the allegiance of the great body of workers in the country."

It is declared that "in sending delegates your organization commits itself to nothing. If plans can be worked out that will meet the approval of your organization, time will be saved if authority is had to express such approval and join officially in

such further steps as may appear proper and feasible."

The invitation is signed by Jay G. Brown, national secretary of the Farmer-Labor Party, of which John H. Walker is the national chairman. The National Executive Committee consists of William H. Johnston, M. Toscan Bennett, William Kohn, John Fitzpatrick, H. Ross Breck, Max S.

Hayes and John C. Kennedy. Johnston was the chairman of the Cleveland Conference for Progressive Political Action that refused admission to the Workers' Party delegates. The invitation is now being considered by the Central Executive Committee of the Workers' Party.

Agents of Wm. J. Burns Place Documents in Ruthenberg's Portfolio and Then Use It As Evidence.

(Latest News From St. Joe.)

Desperate at their failure to convict William Z. Foster, the Burns-directed prosecution attempted to "get" C. E. Ruthenberg by means of the often used "plant."

Stool pigeon Shanahan testified on the witness stand that he found a copy of the Program and Constitution of the Communist Party of America in Ruthenberg's baggage, when the latter was arrested in Bridgeman.

But this trick of the tools of "jury fixer" Burns will not succeed. The more they expose their hand as frameup artists the more, will they disgust the jury. As we go to press Link Morrow is ready to go on the witness stand. (We publish the story of the trial day by day. Do not miss our next issue. It will carry more sensational news of the great communist trial.—Ed.)

By THOMAS J. O'FLAHERTY
SAINT JOSEPH, Mich., April 19.—Prosecutor Gore opened the case for the State this afternoon with a long harangue picturing the terror planned in the bosom of the Bridgeman Woods by the communists and dwelt with emotion on the possible fate of this country if the twelve good men and true who formed the jury did not after carefully analyzing the evidence presented by the state find the defendant C. E. Ruthenberg guilty of violating the criminal syndicalism law of the State of Michigan, for assembling with the Communist Party of America.

As soon as the jury was selected a flock of stoolpigeons appeared. A ruling of the court prevented them from occupying the same prominent position in the court room that they did in the Foster case, so they hurriedly scurried away from the courtroom.

Frank P. Walsh opened the case for the defense. He went into a history of the communist movement dwelling particularly on the period when the left wing developed in the Socialist Party of America and finally split away from it forming the Communist Party of America.

He showed how the Communist Party was organized openly in Chicago in 1919 and functioned openly as any political party until the nationwide raids of 1920 resulted in the arrests of thousands of members and finding that the government would not allow them to carry on their work openly as they wished the members of the Communist Party were obliged to meet secretly in order to advocate their theories as they had a right to under the constitution.

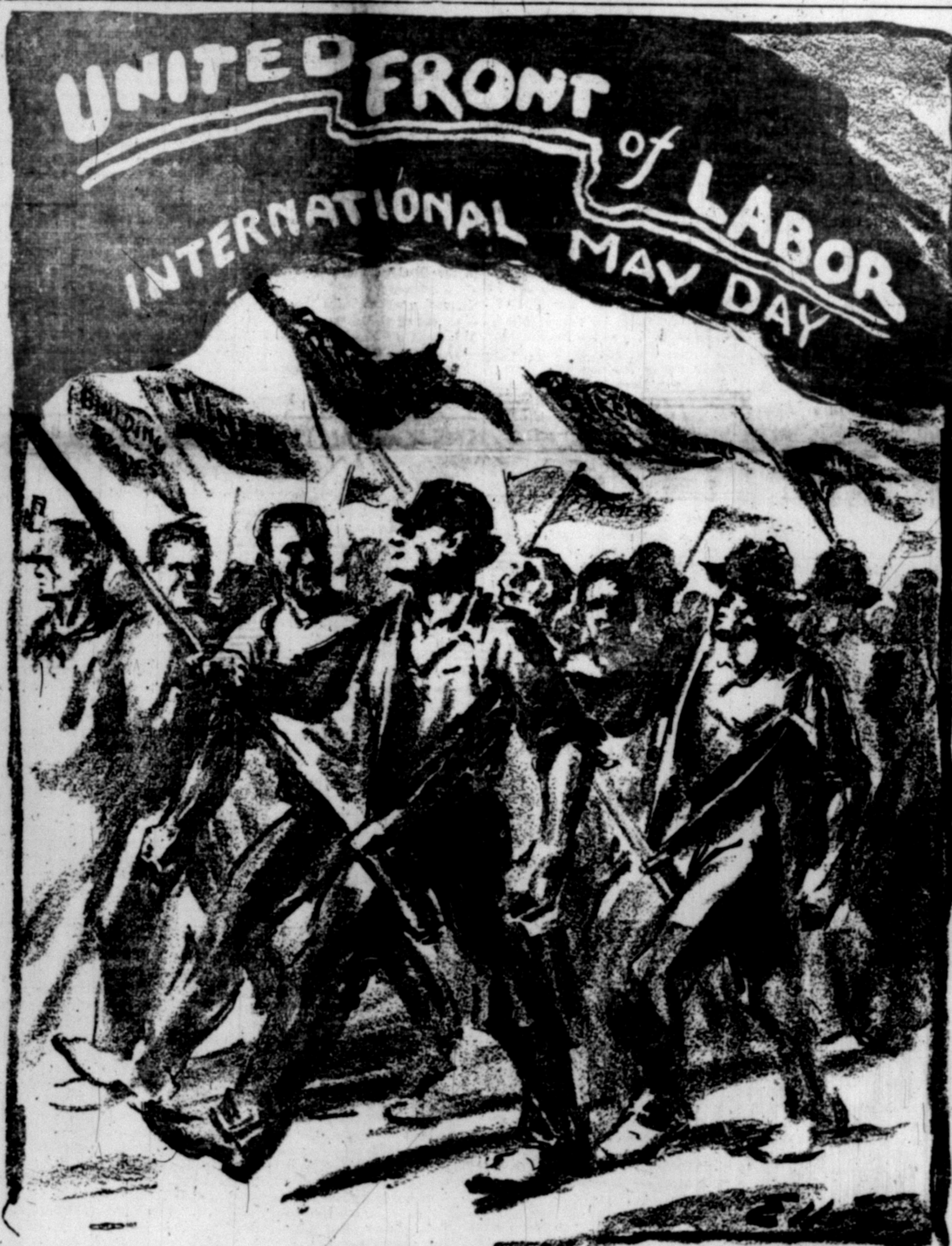
But experience convinced a large
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Help Wanted!

To mail circulars for the Labor Defense Council. The circulars must positively be sent out by the end of the week.

If you want to help the defense of the workers who are facing trial in Michigan you will lend a hand.

Come to office of Labor Defense Council, day or night. Before coming phone State 5959. This is urgent. Do not fail.



GREAT UNITED FRONT DEMONSTRATION MAY 1

By ARNE SWABECK

Upon invitation of the Workers' Party twenty-four Chicago local unions, representing the following trades: carpenters, machinists, painters, metal polishers, bakery workers, food workers, amalgamated clothing workers, ladies' garment workers, cap-makers and in addition a branch of the workmens' circle of the Left Paole Zion, have joined for a united front of labor on May 1. A mass meeting will be held Tuesday, May 1 in Carmens' Hall, Ashland Ave. and Van Buren St., at 8 P. M., to promote these vital issues confronting the working class today—amalgamation, a Labor Party, release of class war prisoners and a workers' government.

Jointly the delegates from the above trades have made arrangements for a splendid program. Speakers will be J. P. Cannon, chairman of the Workers' Party, who has recently returned from a six months stay in Russia, Tom Tippet, member of the United Mine Workers of America and well known labor correspondent, Martin Abers from the Young Workers' League and S. Lishitz, from the Left Paole Zion. Sam Hammermark, organizer of the Youngtown district during the great steel strike, will act as chairman. The musical program



JAMES P. CANNON
Who Will Speak at the May 1st Mass Meeting in Ashland Auditorium.

consists of singing by Esther Cohen, soloist, and the Freiheit Singing Society. Admission is free.

Since 1886 May 1 has been celebrated throughout the world as labor's international holiday. During each of these years the workers have demonstrated their growing solidarity
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Monster Labor Defense Gathering to Be Held April 27th Forward to Amalgamation--A Labor Party and a Workers' Government

A more united support of a labor issue has never been shown than the support which every element of progressive labor has given to the Labor Defense Council in its defense of the victims of the Michigan Criminal Syndicalism raids. With so much now being said, written and agitated

for a united labor front, and with unfortunately in many cases not very much being done, in the realm of labor defense at least, the united front has been to a great extent established. That Foster was not convicted is a happy testament to this. The fact that the Labor Defense

Council has secured its support from every element of the labor movement is a portent of closer harmony in every striving of labor.

The labor defense demonstration, to be held in Ashland Auditorium, Friday evening, April 27, will be
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May Day is the day on which the workers of the world count their gains and measure their losses. In every country of the world the workers are on the march. They are going forward in the struggle for a better life, for the enjoyment of more of what they produce thru their labor power.

Everywhere in the world these workers respond the ideals of
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LEARN OF THE MICHIGAN TRIALS

from: Foster, Johannsen, and Buck at Mass Meeting, Ashland Auditorium, April 27, 8 P.M.

