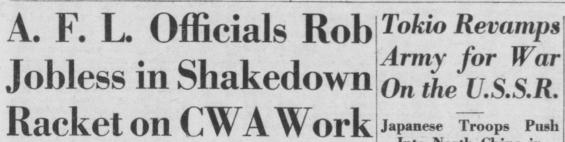
William Z. Foster, Improved in Health, Returns to U.S. After Stay in the Soviet Union



Government Protects th **Grafting Union** Heads

MEMBERS PROTEST

Jobless Pay Tribute Or **Get Fired**

By CARL REEVE

NEW YORK. - Graft and racketeering in the C. W. A. apparatus, giving of jobs to political payroll artists, and the robbing of large portions of their pay from the destitute C. W. A. workers by blood-sucking A. F. of L. officials has been uncovered in many cities In New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh Cleveland, Los Angeles, Youngstown and other cities graft scandals in the C. W. A. have come to light. The Recovert government has protected these A. F. of L. officials in exacting exorbitant tribute from unemployed

The C. W. A. national administra-tion placed the giving of C. W. A. jobs to "organized labor," that is, unemployed members of trade unions

The above article is part of a series in the Daily Worker exposing A. F. of L. racketeering. Workers, send in reports on A. F. of L. rackets to the "Daily."

into the hands of A. F. of L. offi-cials who have forced the unemployed union men to "kick back" more than half their pay in "initia-tions, assessments and back dues," be-fore getting the C. W. A. jobs.

Government Turns Him Down In the city of Pittsburgh, Vincent A. Molker, 608 Boggs Ave., Mt. Wash-ington, an unemployed steamfitter, sent a letter to Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, revealing that Leo Green, secretary of the Steamfitters' Union, No. 449 (A. F. of L.) while reventing Molker from working on W. A. work, because he couldn't pay back dues, gave his two sons-inlaw, Carl McGrath and Oliver Heg-ley, C. W. A. jobs on Mellon's "Cathedral of Learning.". The an-swer came back from H. L. Kerwin, Director of Conciliation in the U.S. Department of Labor, that "the department has no authority to interfere in affairs of organized labor." government protects the A. F. of L. racketeers.

Kirkwood St., Pittsburgh, protested ginning the attack against the against the fact that he was forced viet Union. to kick in with more than half his wages to the A. F. of L. officials as back dues" before he could get a job. The demand of the bricklayers' union was so excessive that Mallon couldn't pay it. He was told to pay "The C. W. A. is not running the bricklayers' union," C. W. A. officials told him when he complained to the

C. W. A. headquarters. \$600 a Year Graft An electrician in Pittsburgh was told by the building trades council and daily deduction from pay "for relief purposes." In addition, he must

The fight in Pittsburgh of two polit-ical factions for julcy C. W. A. pay-roll jobs brought to light not only this robbery of C. W. A. workers, but

In the Daily Worker Today Page 2 Sports, by Si Gerson. Lenin Memorial Meetings. Page 3 mmunist Party Textile Con-

ference Plans Work in Key Cities," by Anne Burlak

ood Prices Rise to **All-Time High Point:** 27 p.c. Higher Than'33

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 .- The index of food prices rose again this week to touch the all-time high of \$1.99, Dun and Bradstreet anunced today. This was an advance of 6.4 per cent during the past four weeks. This food index compares with \$1.56 a year ago an increase of 27.5 per cent since the Roosevelt government took of-

War on U.S.S.R. Will Start Revolution in Japan, Herriot Says

Declares Communist Party Activity **Checks** Attack

PARIS, Jan. 18 .- Emphasizing the owing danger of war. particularly the tense situation in the Far East, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the to the Jap Chamber of Deputies devoted itself Manchukuo. today to an intense study of the Japa United States and Japanese naval maneuvers in the Pacific.

French imperialism has large in-

estments in Indo-China. of 1905 which suffered so crushing a defeat at the hands of Japanese im-perialism. He told of the coal and iron mines that the Soviet Union has developed along the Trans-Siberian Railway.

The Foreign Relations Committee stressed the danger to Japanese im-perialism which comes from the presence of the growing interest and the Japanese Communist Party and the revolutionary movement. The esence of the growing influence of declaration of war by Japanese im-perialism would almost certainly cause an explosion of revolution, the committee was informed, and it is L. racketeers. Frank Mallon, a bricklayer of 5802 the Japanese war machine from be-

Tokyo Army Officer War Threat Against in Soviet Union Masses

Takaashi, on his arrival here from Changchun, capital of Manchukuo, that it would cost him \$600 a year in union fees if he were to be given vasion of North China. Couching his other military bodies. to supervise the new Japanese ina C. W. A. job, the \$600 to consist of threat in a negative form to camouinitiation fee, quarterly assessments flage Japan's aggressive intentions, he declared that "if Russia wants

Into North China in New Invasion

TOKYO, Jan. 18 .- The Japanese Government today moved for a rapid reorganization of the army, as the government pushed its plans for mili-tary control of North China and armed intervention against the Soviet Union

A military commission will be ap pointed at once, it was announced, to supervise the reorganization. An in-crease in the number of divisions is projected, the new divisions to be formed by calling more men to the colors.

The Japanese War Office will ask an increase in the already huge military budget before the Diet, to pro-vide 6,000,000 yen for anti-aircraft guns, searchlights and other equip-

Japanese troops occupied the Chi-ese village of Longmenshuo, several niles inside the Great Wall of China yesterday. Its seizure shows that the new Japanese invasion of North China is already well under way. Despite instructions from the Nanking government not to resist the Japanese advance. Chinese troops in the village put up a fierce resistance but were finally driven out when their ammunition was exhausted. Japanese-Manchukuc troops have driven the Chinese garrisons out of a large strip of territory outside the Wall claiming the territory belongs to the Japanese puppet state of

The Japanese advance into North China is accomplished by increasing provocative acts against the Soviet Union, raiding of offices and work-shops of the Chinese Eastern Rail-Former Premier Educard Herrict, who presided over the foreign affairs railway, and flouting of the authority way, arrest of Soviet officials of the session, delivered a lengthy report on the military position of the Soviet Union. He warned his hearers that the Soviet Union today was far dif-ferent from the Russian government of 1905 which cutfored as a runking of the authority ing the death of four passengers, and of 1905 which cutfored as a runking of the authority ing the death of four passengers, and of 1905 which cutfored as a runking of the authority ing the death of four passengers, and of 1905 which cutfored as a runking of the authority ing the death of four passengers, and serious injuries to 29 others.

French Demand Nazi Arms Supervision Storm Troops Included as Part of German Army

PARIS, Jan. 18 .- The French Government revealed today that in its note of Jan. 1 to Germany, it de-manded that the Nazis submit to

continued supervision by the League of Nations (controlled by France and Britain) of German armaments. The demand is tantamount to a rejection of the Nazi demands for arms equality, although within the past few days it has become clear that the government is yielding somewhat to PEIPING, Jan. 18.—An open threat of war against the Soviet Union was made by Japanese Lieut-Colonel Dan ler against the Soviet Union.

The note also declared that any consideration of German military strength must take into account the huge police, Nazi Storm Troopers and

Have you sent your contribution to the fund to finance the National to fight we are ready to go to war immediately" hypocritically adding to the National Committee, Un-immediately" hypocritically adding

William Z. Foster



Return of W. Z. Foster, "Most Beloved Leader," Hailed by C. P. U. S. A.

Communist Party Hails Return of Foster

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. anounces that William Z. Foster, National Chairman of our Party, the best known and most loved leader of the American workers, has returned from Europe greatly improved in health. It is confidently expected that after a short period of further recuperation Comrade Fester will be able to resume his active duties as the chief of the fighting forces of the American workers. With wages and conditions of labor undergoing the sharpest fire through the N. R. A. with its strike-breaking, inflationary and fascist measures as a conscious effort to destroy the American standard of living, and with imperialist war rapidly approaching,-now more than ever are the services of the best leader of the American working class and its rapidly growing revolutionary party required.

-CENTRAL COMMITTEE, C. P., U. S. A.

By HARRY RAYMOND

ufficiently recovered from his long and dangerous illness to return to active work on the fighting front, months' stay in the Soviet Union.

Phil Aronberg.

Foster received treatment in three health is the fact that the doctors which old habitues of the Capital said had never been equalled in his-

sicians, Foster was suffering from an autobiographical sketch including long years of overwork which culmi-nated in a severe overstrain brought much historical material on the revo-lutionary labor union movement in cause of any opposition to the prin-American waters. this roobery of C. W. A. workers, but at the same time the use of the C. W. A. payroll to build political fences Jobs, Wages Drop Faster Than w. A. payroll to build political fences Jobs, Wages Drop Faster Than about by the election campaign of 1932 when he was the Communist andidate for President. The diffi-(Continued on Page 2) (Continued on Page 2) 10 Year Average, U. S. Reports Culty manifested itself in an acute heart attack and a complete nervous breakdown which nearly cost Foster breakdown which nearly cost Foster his life.

A glance at the Secretary's own in-and anxious to return to the strug-

he must continue his treatments for NEW YORK. -- Considerably im-the next few months. Medical reports state that with reasonable care and caution Foster should soon be as well as ever.

Foster had much praise for the William Z. Foster, chairman of the sanitoria in the U.S.S.R. He pointed Central Committee of the Communist out that they are the last word in Central Committee of the Communist out that they are the last word in present resolve." struggles of the American working class, returned to New York yester-on the S.S. Champlain, after a five-rate health system to take care of the workers and farmers," he de- Banking and Currency Committee for Meeting Foster at the boat was a clared. "Here one finds every known delegation of Party and trade union mechanical, light and hydro-theraleaders composed of Earl Browder, peutic device known to medical sci-Robert Minor, Jack Stachel, Mother ence. The most modern diet systems, Bloor, Henry Shepard, M. Olgin and fresh air treatments and bath cures are common to the Soviet sanitoria."

During his visit to the U.S.S.R. A sign of Foster's improvement in confusion of parliamentary proceeding According to reports of Soviet phy- time working on two books: the first

Dimitroff in Danger, Paris Cable Warns: **Immediate** Aid Urged

of the Fascists have given rise to the gravest alarm for the safety of George Dimitroff, Bulgarian Communist leader, who is still being held incommunicado in a Nazi jail despite the fact that he was acquitted, with Torgler, and his Bul-garian comrades, of the frame-up charge of having fired the German Reichstag

It will be recalled that two days ago Dimitroff's aged mother was refused all assurances by the Nazi Minister of Justice that he would be released. Instead, the German authorities informed her that the offers of the Soviet Union to grant safe entrance to Dimitroff had been refused. The Nazi authorities also declared that Dimitroff was a 'menace" to Fascism, and could not be freed.

Since that time Dimitroff's fate has been shrouded in silence. It will be recalled that Hermann Goering, Fascist head of the Storm Troopers, threatened the life of Dimitroff in the Leipzig Court.

Gold Bill Sped By House In **Trade Warfare**

Secret Meetings on Bill **Considered** by Senate

By MARGUERITE YOUNG (Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. Proceeding with haste and irregularity unheard of even during war times, Democratic eaders today set the Roosevelt dollar devaluation program for action in the House of Representatives on Saturday, and then began a Committee hearing to give preliminary consideration to the measure.

At the same time the Senate Finance Committee continued secret hearings and agreed to decide later on whether there shall be any public hearings **Rising** Prices

the House Coinage Committee heard

James A. Warburg, banker and former advisor to the Treasury, de-

clare that they would follow if bonds

lished, particularly provision for ceas-ing colossal borrowing, "we shall have

paper money (he referred to uncon-trolled inflation) regardless of any

Warburg appeared before the

House Coinage Committee, which had

won a vigorous fight with the House

possession of the measure. This fight,

ogether with the Democratic lead-

ers' determination to jam the legis-

lation through with super-war haste

and the Republicans' alertness to an opportunity to make political capital

out of the situation, resulted in a

tory.

The vital question of price rises which the Roosevelt program will bring about came to the surface as

1931.

Priest Wants Arbitration Father Curran opened his remarks Ala Izquierda, left students organwith a declaration that the Comization, has called for a national mission as proposed by the National Labor Board was unfair to the (Continued on Page 2) U.A.M.P. and that we reject the Laor other new currency were issued bor Board as being unfair, and that **11** Woolworth Pickets under existing legislation. Warburg we circulate a petition to present to said he approved of the priniciples President Roosevelt, asking him to of the Roosevelt proposal, but he appoint a commission that would be **Released on \$300 Bail** flung out a banker's warning that fair and impartial, to investigate the unless certain safeguards are estab-NEW YORK .- Eleven young workers and students, arrested last Sat-urday for picketing the Woolworth Maloney did not dare tell the miners that this was the same program store

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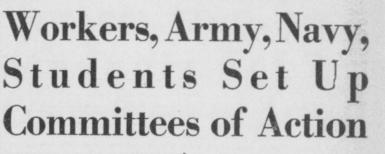
U. S. Removes Duties

jam the Roosevelt program through

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau) WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Payrolls and employment continued their de-crease through December, 1933, Sec-

nounced today. As compared with November of the same year, employ-ment in 89 manufacturing industries decreased by 18 per cont of the strug-tiles increased only from 78.0 in Dedecreased by 1.8 per cent, a figure tiles increased only from 78.0 in De-





Large Corporations Gather Big Profits, **Bank Report Reveals**

Daily Worker Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.— The financial reports of a representative group of large corporations showed an increase in net profits during the second and third quarters of 1933, though industrial production continued its rapid July to October decline through the seasonal drop during November, the January 1934 Federal Reserve Bulletin announced today.

In the third quarter of 1933, the Federal Reserve Bulletin declared, "profits were larger than at any time since the second quarter of

Mine Convention Votes to Spread Hard Coal Strike

Priest Pleads in Vain for "Abitration"; **Fight Writs**

By DAN SLINGER

WILKES BARRE, Pa., Jan. 18.-Four hundred delegates at the reconconvention called by the United Anthracite Miners of Pennsylopened with Maloney making a short talk on the injunction that was comto be present.

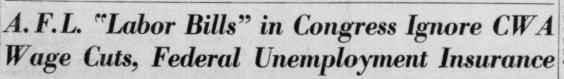
Maloney then introduced Father Curran as "one who has done everything to avoid strikes and to keep peace in the mining industry throughout the anthracite for the well being and good of all concerned."

hat he had proposed before, and so he brings in the proposal as coming from Father Curran, his main instrument. Father Curran referred to his proposal as "one which would help the coal industry, preserve the business, and create peace," but he did not mention what the miners were to get from his proposition i

Against Soviet Ships

Committee Fight Department yesterday ordered a The resort to a special rule to discontinuance of the discriminatory duties and imports heretofore

> The order is retroactive to Nov. 21, 1933, the date of U. S. recogni-tion of the Soviet Union.



(Daily Worker Washington Bureau) of the A. F. of L. program. "The The first thing Green lists under WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—William American Federation of Labor is "the legislative program which will

Utility Plants Shut As **Railroad Workers Plan Walkout**

STUDENTS STRIKE

Call for Government of Workers and Farmers

(Special to the Daily Worker)

HAVANA, Jan. 18 .- Faced by a growing strike of government employees, utility and other workers, and a threat of a general strike, the Cuban native landlord-capitalist class, directed by Wall Street's ambassador Jefferson Caffery, put Carlos Men-dieta into the presidency. Mendieta takes the place of Carlos Hevia who was president for two

days. The

The electrical workers struck against the military dictatorship led by Col. Fulgencio Batista. By noon the city will be without water and light. The telephone workers strike began in the morning. The railway workers are going out on strike to-wards nightfall.

A conference of workers will meet in Santa Clara this morning to call for election of strike committees, fac-tory committees and a general strike ommittee.

The general strike committee will eet later with delegates from the shops, soldiers, sailors, students and intellectuals The Communist Party of Cuba has

issued a call for a general political vania unanimously decided to con-tinue the strike. The convention ically by large masses of workers.

Demands against the military dic tatorship have been adopted by the ing up at Scranton, and that the Cuban National Confederation of convention would have to get through Labor for the trial of Colonel Batista with the business for the officials and other murderers of the for the withdrawal of the U.S. warships, and against intervention; for the withdrawal of all troops from the enterprises, and for the carrying out of the general strike to win these demands, for all power to the workers and peasants, supported by soldiers and sailors committee

Students Strike

on Brighton Beach Ave, in solidarity with the Woolworth strikers in Cuba, were released on \$300 bail each Wednesday when their case came up for trial.

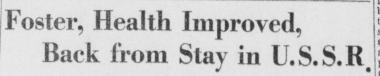
The trial was set for Feb. 5. Ed-ward Kuntz, International Labor Defense attorney, is defending picketers.



Demand Release

NANKING, Jan. 18 .- Paul and Gertrude Ruegg were rushed back to jail yesterday, the Nanking government brutally denying them an opportunity to fully recover from the effects of their treatment in prison and their recent hunger strike against prison conditions.

The two anti-imperialist fighters, delivered over to the Nanking hangmen two years ago by British in perialist agents in Shanghai, had



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of short stories based on Foster's exriènces in the class U.S.S.R. Radiates wi struggle periences with Boundless Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm In reply to a question about pres-ent day conditions in the U.S.S.R., Comrade Foster saids: The outstanding thing is the gigantic increase of the productiv-ity of the collective farmers and the improvement of their living and cultural conditions, a stupen-dous victory for the Party's agricul-tural program and for the revolu-tion in general under the leader-ship of the Communist Party, headed by Comrade Stalin. "The industrial progress in the U.S.S.R. is no less startling. I have seen in my experience American cities undergoing 'booms,' but I never saw anything which remotely compares with the gigantic con-struction of factories, dwellings, schools, sanitoria, rest homes for workers, etc., that one can see all over the Soviet Union at the pres-ent time. er the t time. ent

ent time, "With improved agriculture and the rapid growth of industry, living conditions have advanced tremen-dously. I was astounded to see Moscow and other cities, so rapid has been their growth, so enormous the increase in automobiles and the improved clothing and food of the people. The whole country radiates with a boundless optimism which contrasts sharply with the pessi-mism one sees everywhere in capi-talist countries." "But the danger of imperialis

mism one sees everywhere in capi-talist countries." "But the danger of imperialist war..." I had not completed my question when Comrade Foster shot back: "It is as clear as a pike staff. The antagonisms between the impe-rialist powers, U. S. and Great Brit-ain, U. S. and Japan and the capi-talist powers generally, driven on by the insurmountable world crisis, are daily approaching a great war clash between groups of these powers; but the central feature, the most menac-ing aspect of the war danger, is the growing attack on the U.S.S.R. Fas-cist Germany and the imperialists of Japan, with the direct support of British imperialism, are preparing to open the attack. I am convinced, however, that when they launch the assault they will get a surprise of their lives. Not only will they have to face the powerful Red Army, but the revolutionary working class in their own countries under the leader-ship of the Communist Parties. They will be taught a lesson that will deal a heavy blow to capitalism all over the world." "What about the N.R.A., Comrade

their own countries under the leader-ship of the Communist Parties. They will be taught a lesson that will deal a heavy blow to capitalism all over the world." "What about the N.R.A., Comrade Foster?" I asked as a final question. "When I left the U.S.A. the Roose-velt program was just being intro-duced with fanfare of trumpets and the full support of the leaders of the A. F. of L. and the Socialist Party," Foster replied. "The Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League, standing alone, said at the time that this program would not end the crisis, that Roosevit's at-tempt to organize capitalist produc-tion would fail and that it was a long step toward fascism. Our Party and the revolutionary unions declared that the N.R.A. would not raise the living standards of the workers and farmers, but would reduce them to still lower levels. The N.R.A., we pointed out, was a screen behind which U. S. imperialism was prepar-ing for war and that it would hasten the further trustification and con-centration of industry and finance. "The experience of the last six months has completely justified this analysis. The boasted recovery did not materialize; the temporary in-dustrial upswing was the result of pumping inflationary oxygen into the paralyzed industries; the attempt to organize capitalist production, daily meeting more obstacles, has clearly demonstrated its bankruptcy. Nor has the N.R.A. ended unemployment with its attendant starvation, or sen-

sibly diminished it; the codes have established starvation wage levels, turning over the whole of industrial sibly diminished it; the codes have established starvation wage levels, turning over the whole of industrial control to big capital, while trustifi-cation of industry and finance has gone apace. As to the farmers, their bankruptcy is proceeding faster than ever before, while the growing fascist tendencies of the Roosevelt regime become clearer every day. Roose-velt's new military budget is striking evidence of the war character of the whole N.R.A. program." "The most significant and con-structive feature in the whole situa-tion," continued Foster, "is the growth of the Communist Party and the T.U.U.L. amid the growing fight-ing spirit of the workers and poorer farmers, which is manifested in the unprecedented wave of strikes in the factories and on the farms, despite

unprecedented wave of strikes in the factories and on the farms, despite the A. F. of L. and S. P. strike-breaking policy of trying to force the workers under the miserable slave codes.

"It is clear," said Foster in con-clusion, "that, instead of being solved the industrial and agrarian crisis will be sharpened by the very measures taken by the Roosevelt government and the international situation will be brought to great-er chaos. The U. S. is going for-ward into a period of the greatest intensification of the class struggle in its entire history, with the fight-ing masses of workers and impover-ished farmers turning in increasing numbers to the Communist Party and the revolutionary unions for leadership."

Gold Measure Sped by Congress While **Trade War Grows**

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(Continued from Page 1) Crous battle between two House Committees for the "honor" of hav-ing charge of it was seized by the Republicans and turned into a weap-on for political maneuvering against gag rule. It was this that stuck in the Republican's throats, and not any particular concern about the Roose-velt bill itself. A sharp fight on the floor devel-oped-and thus was revealed that House leaders, at least, are aware that the most immediate concern of the Roosevelt Neutenants in getting the program through is to establish the \$2,000,000,000 fund for American imperialism's currency war for markets. This is the provision which beightens the war danger by sharp-ening imperialist rivalry between the U.S. and Great Britain. Referring repeatedly to the supreme urgency of the \$2,000,000,000 fund, Representative Burns of Tennessee, leader of the Democrats, finally was challenged by Representative McFad-den of Pennsylvania, a Republican, who wanted to know why such a tremendous sum should be handed over to the Secretary of the Treasury. "Inasmuch as the Bank of Eng-land has a \$3,500,000,000 equalization fund," Burns candidly retorted, "Tim sure the President ought to have some fund he can use for the benefit of the business and commodities of this country." Burns' figure was in-correct; the British have slightly less than on the floor of this House knows right now how he will vote on this

Burns also asserted that "even man on the floor of this House know right now how he will vote on th bill." that "every

bill." "Representative Snell of New York, the Republican leader, sought more time for consideration of the measure in view of its great import "several generations to come." The conflict on the floor arose when Democratic leader Burns sought unanimous consent for consideration of the Roosevelt bill as it had been reported favorably early today by the House Coinage Committee. To this