

# FOSTER, GITLOW CHOSEN

## Mill Strike Heads Arrested at New Bedford

### MURDOCH, BEAL AND 3 OTHERS TAKEN TO JAIL

#### Strikers Are Closing Their Ranks

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 27.—The 27,000 textile mill workers out on strike in protest against a 10 per cent wage cut are redoubling their efforts as a result of the arrest here on Saturday of William T. Murdoch, secretary-organizer of the Textile Mill Committees, Fred Beal, and three other militant strikers.

The five who were arrested by the police were declared to have been involved in a "disturbance" at the Hathaway Mill some days ago. This act is seen by the strikers as a continuation of the series of attempts to railroad their leaders into prison, in an effort to break the backbone of the strike, which is now in its seventh week.

After more than six weeks of struggle, the spirit and morale of the striking workers is just as fresh as ever, the leaders report. Picketing goes on day after day. The arrest of Murdoch, Beal and the other three strikers has aroused the men to a more militant stand than ever.

The police, at the instigation of the mill owners, are hampering the defense in every way possible.

Eight Harvard students who came here to watch the strike and study conditions have been addressing strikers' meetings.

### CONVENTION HITS FINNISH TERROR

#### Social - Democrats Aid Fascist

Charging that the social-democrats aided the fascists of Finland in the murder of more than 15,000 militant workers, the National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party passed a resolution expressing its solidarity with the masses of Finland and calling upon workers of the United States to aid in the struggle for the release of victims of the fascist terror who are now in jail.

The text of the resolution follows:

**Torture Workers.**  
"The fascist government of Finland, aided by the benevolent assistance of the social-democrats, not satisfied with the wholesale execution of 15,000 revolutionary workers immediately after the Civil War of 1918 and starving to death of 15,000 more in the prison camps, has ever since that date persecuted, arrested and tortured the workers of Finland in the most beastly way. Workers have been persecuted, tortured and jailed for belonging to the trade unions. They have been jailed and tortured for voting for working class candidates or participating in working class political action. They have been tortured and jailed for the "crime" of participating in the formation of independent political parties of the workers. They have been tortured and jailed for protesting against Finland's preparations for entering into a war against the Soviet Union as the tool of British and American imperialism. Above all, the most brutal torture and the longest jail sentences and death have been the lot of those charged with revolutionary Communist activity.

"The Finnish government, aided by the Finnish social-democrats, has suppressed the press of the militant workers. The social-democrats have played the role of spies and informers, pointing out the active militants to the fascist government of Finland. When the fascists were too weak to hold onto the government against the mass protests of the workers, the

### Order Matteotti's Wife To Take Off Mourning

PARIS, May 27.—The Italian government has ordered the wife and family of the murdered deputy, Matteotti, to cease to wear mourning since it "endangers the public peace and order."

#### A Centralia Victim



Above is Eugene Barnett, one of the victims of American capitalist "class justice" in the Centralia case. Barnett is serving a sentence of from 20 to 40 years in Walla Walla, Wash., prison, as the result of an attack by American Legionnaires and business men on the I. W. W. hall in Centralia. The International Labor Defense is now conducting a campaign for the release of Barnett and the other Centralia victims.

### The Fighting Slogans of the Big Meet

ALONG the balcony of Central Opera House where the great National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party took place, the fighting slogans of the revolutionary workers of America were displayed:

"Use the campaign to spread Communism."

"A vote for the Workers (Communist) Party is a vote for the class struggle, the abolition of capitalism, the dictatorship of the proletariat and for a Soviet U. S. A."

"We greet the victory of the German Communist Party."

"The struggles of the Chinese workers and peasants is our struggle."

"The Negro workers and farmers are our own brothers in the struggle against capitalist oppression."

"The imperialists are preparing for a new world war."

**FIGHT** against the Wall Street war in Nicaragua; support the struggle of the Nicaraguan people against Wall Street; demand the withdrawal of American forces from Nicaragua.

"The working class women and youth must be mobilized against capitalism."

"Victory in Germany—victory in France—victory in Poland. This is our year; vote Communist."

"Join and build the Workers (Communist) Party of America. Support the miners' struggle against the coal magnates; against Lewis—for a powerful union in the mining industry."

"We honor the memory of John Reed, C. E. Ruthenberg, William D. Haywood."

### UNEMPLOYED BILL TO BE BIG ISSUE

Further plans in the campaign for a national unemployment bill were yesterday announced by the New York Council of the Unemployed following the announcement Thursday of a drive which will be carried to the city, state and national governing bodies.

According to the plans announced, the Unemployment Insurance Bill, which provides for work or wages to all unemployed, will be presented for discussion and approval to the organized and unorganized workers of this section. Mass meetings will be called at which the measure will be adopted. A petition campaign is planned in which hundreds of thousands of signatures will be secured.

### MORE EVICTIONS OUST THOUSANDS IN MINE FIELDS

#### Open Shop Operators in Mad Drive

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 27.—Tents are being rushed by the National Miners' Relief Committee to the families of five unorganized miners on strike at Elm Grove near here who were evicted from their company-owned homes last Friday.

These evictions are part of a total of 1,400 which are now in progress at Elm Grove. The five families, threatened with the loss of their homes found themselves unable to find new dwellings for less than \$30 monthly. Unable to pay this amount because of the poor pay they had received prior to their walk-out, the miners were forced into the streets Friday by deputy sheriffs armed with eviction orders.

#### Wholesale Evictions.

Preparatory to re-opening Crow Hollow Number one mine on a non-union basis, the United States Coal Company has asked Federal Judge Benson Hough, of Steubenville, Ohio for eviction orders against the striking miners now occupying company quarters. One hundred and sixty-one families are affected by the contemplated evictions, according to information reaching the National Miners Relief Committee.

Nearly 600 families have been evicted from company houses in eastern Ohio since April 15, it was estimated yesterday at the relief committee's headquarters. Two hundred and ninety families were forced from their dwellings by the coal operators on April 15. A wholesale eviction order enforced a month later left 185 more families homeless.

### TAMMANY CRAFT TRAIL CREEPS ON

#### Expect Exposures to Implicate Higher Ups

While the creeping trail of graft exposures was slowly reaching up into the camp of the higher-ups in the Tammany Hall democratic machine a trail which, it is believed, would lead to Mayor Walker and Al Smith himself, if it were really followed out, a jury in Albany convicted Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, former republican Secretary of State, on a charge of grand larceny carrying with it a maximum penalty of ten years. None of those guilty, it is expected, will actually be punished for their crimes. Sentence of Mrs. Knapp who was convicted nominally for having diverted to her own use a check of \$2,875.06, but who was shown actually to have stolen several hundred thousands, has already been postponed to the autumn.

#### Suspend Another.

Investigation of the \$200,000,000 Tammany graft in the street cleaning department led to the suspension Saturday of James Minchin, Borough Superintendent of the Bronx who is the third ranking officer in the uniformed service. Minchin was suspended indefinitely by Alfred A. Taylor, head of the city department, after a conference between Taylor and

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## SHOTS FROM COMMUNIST CONVENTION

### Delegates Testify to Development of U. S. Class Struggle

ERNEST SILVA, Fraternal delegate from the Chilean and Mexican Communist Party—"The workers and farmers of Chile not only suffer from the bloody Ibanes dictatorship but suffer from American imperialism which maintains that dictatorship."

LUCY PARSONS, widow of one of the victims of the Haymarket executions—"If, as Jim Cannon,

#### RED NOMINEES



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER  
Communist Party Candidate for President.



BENJAMIN GITLOW  
Communist Party Candidate for Vice-President.

### Patton, Old Railroad Man, Is a Delegate

"I've seen the rise and fall of the old Knights of Labor and the organization of the American Federation of Labor. I took part in the Granger movement and heard William Jennings Bryan's famous 'cross of gold' speech. And I want to say that this convention of the Workers (Communist) Party is an event of the greatest significance for the American working class."

William Patton, of Iowa, speaking.

He is 70 years old, a stocky, fighting railroad man from the west. He traveled to New York to attend the convention in a ramshackle Ford, accompanied by four

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### Hold Meet of "Daily" Agents Today

All out of town and New York DAILY WORKER agents are asked to attend a meeting at 10:30 a. m. today at The DAILY WORKER office in the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square.

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## WORKERS PARTY NOMINEES WILL CARRY COMMUNIST PROGRAM TO ALL TOILERS IN AMERICAN FACTORIES AND ON THE FARMS

### Platform to Mobilize Workers On All Immediate Issues for Class Struggle; 296 Delegates Include 25 Representatives of Exploited Negroes

#### Tumultuous Demonstration At Nomination of Working Class Leaders Lasts 45 Minutes; International Is Sung

On a platform that completely represents the interests of the American working class in every sphere of political and industrial action, William Z. Foster and Benjamin Gitlow will bear the standard of the Workers (Communist) Party in the coming election campaign. This was the decision of the National Nominating Convention of the Workers Party which concluded its three-day session at the Central Opera House, 67th St. and 3rd Ave., yesterday.

The convention which selected Foster and Gitlow to bear the standard of the Party was the most representative working class gathering ever held in the United States. Twenty-five Negro workers, ten farmers, young workers and women workers were among the 296 regular delegates from every section of the country and from virtually every industry who adopted the program drawn up by the Central Executive Committee, and nominated the two militant working class leaders as the Party candidates for president and vice president.

In addition to the regular delegates, more than 150 fraternal delegates, including representatives from Nicaragua, Chile, Mexico, Haiti and Canada, came to the convention to express their solidarity with the Party in its struggle against capitalism and its allies—the socialist party and the trade union bureaucracy.

A demonstration that lasted more than three quarters of an hour greeted the nomination of Foster and Gitlow. Hundreds of delegates lifted the two working class leaders to their shoulders and marched around the huge hall, singing the "International," Young pioneers, carrying banners and placards, and cheering the Party and its standard bearers, joined the procession.

### PEPPER GREETES BIG PARTY MEET

The following cablegram has been received from John Pepper, member of the Central Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party of America, who is now in Moscow:

"As a soldier in the army of the Workers (Communist) Party I salute the big National Nominating Convention. The very fact that hundreds of delegates from almost all the states of the United States have come together to adopt the platform of the class struggle, to nominate the only genuine working class candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency, to declare war against capitalist exploitation and oppression, to organize the struggle against United States imperialism, is a major achievement of our Party.

"The election slogan of the republican party is 'Prosperity.' As a fact, this 'prosperity' means unemployment, wage-cuts, open-shop drive, untold sufferings for the working class.

"The election platform of the democratic party is 'Honesty in Government.' Reality shows corruption, graft, lobbying in the camps of both capitalist parties.

"Farm Relief" is the slogan of republicans, democrats and progressives. In reality, 'farm relief' means growing mortgages, increased tenancy, merciless taxation, bankruptcy and ruin for the farmers.

"Social and Political Equality" is the favorite phrase of all upholders of the constitution. Reality shows disfranchisement of the foreign-born workers, of the youth, of the Negroes. Democracy amounts, in fact, to the

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### THOUSANDS HEAR FOSTER ON RADIO

Thousands of workers throut the United States heard William Z. Foster, presidential candidate of the Workers (Communist) Party, denounce Hoover, and Smith as capitalist tools and Thomas as a betrayer of labor over radio station WEAF Saturday evening.

Foster emphasized the fact that the object of the Party is the complete overthrow of the capitalist system. He pointed to exploitation of workers, imperialist wars as by-products of the present social order.

Dozens of hundred per centers called WEAF to protest against the speech. Foster's address followed the broadcasting of the national oratorical contest at which Herbert Hoover was a speaker.

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# EULALIE MENDES, GIRL TEXTILE STRIKER, COMES TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY CONVENTION

EULALIE MENDES runs a speeder in the City Mill at New Bedford, Mass. At least she did until six weeks ago, when nearly 30,000 textile workers walked out of the mills in reply to a ten per cent wage cut.

Eulalie was in New York Friday, Saturday and Sunday. She came to the National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party to tell of the fight in New Bedford.

Only 18 years old, Eulalie is vice-president of the New Bedford Textile Workers' Union, which is affiliated with the National Textile Mill Committee. She is also a member of the executive committee of the strike committee.

She looked a little frightened as she stood on the platform at Mecca Temple last Friday night. Four thousand New York workers who came to greet the opening of the first Na-

tional Nominating Convention of the Workers Party listened intently to the dark-eyed young Portuguese girl.

"The workers of New Bedford sent me here," she said, "to tell you of the big fight we are carrying on against the textile bosses. I understand Mr. Butler is going to run for senator in Massachusetts. But many of the workers think he is not a good candidate for them because he is friendly to all the bosses and himself owns

several big mills.

"We all think a better candidate for us would be Albert Weisbord," she said as thunderous applause broke over the huge auditorium. "The Workers sent me here," she concluded, "because they are convinced that the Workers' Party is fighting for them."

Eulalie was eager, alert and enthusiastic during the Saturday session of the convention at Central

Opera House. She was asked about conditions in the New Bedford mills before the strike.

"More than half of the workers in the mills are young girls and women," she said in response to a question.

"How much do they earn, Well, many get as little as \$7.90 a week for a 44-hour week. Thousands of men earn about \$16 a week."

"What is the highest pay anybody gets?"

"Sixteen dollars."

"Many of them have five or six kids, don't they?" she was asked.

"Sure, some have nine, ten and many of them have twelve children."

Eulalie spoke of her chum Diana Susa, who is 22 years old. "She only makes \$9.40 a week for 44 hours," Eulalie said.

"How much does she pay for board and room?"

"She has to pay \$7 a week for

food and \$1 a week for a room."

"That doesn't leave her much for other things, does it?"

Eulalie explained that her friend washed her own clothes and made her own dresses.

"We are fighting for a 40-hour week," she explained, "a 20 per cent increase, no speed-up and the recognition of our union. We will fight until we win no matter how long it takes us."

# Workers Party Convention Lauds Smashing of Donetz Basin Conspiracy

## FOSTER, GITLOW CHOSEN BY BIG COMMUNIST MEET

### A Militant Platform Is Adopted

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municipal fixing of low rents and other advances for the workers.

The thoro working class base of the convention was clearly in evidence thruout its sessions. Reports were delivered by mine delegations from Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Illinois. Representatives from the New Bedford textile mills, headed by Eulalie Mendes, from the Bethlehem steel mills, from the Detroit automobile factories and from Akron rubber factories analyzed the problems of workers in the basic industries.

A good deal of the work of the convention was carried out by the following committees:

Press, Alexander Bittelman, chairman; Ways and Means, Alexander Trachtenburg, chairman; Resolutions, James Cannon, chairman; Campaign and Propaganda, Bertram D. Wolfe, chairman; Platform, Jay Lovestone, chairman, William W. Weinstone, secretary; Credentials, Jack Stachel, Rebecca Grecht was elected secretary of the convention with Tom Foley as an assistant.

In his acceptance speech Foster emphasized the necessity of mobilizing the masses for the overthrow of capitalism thru the struggle for immediate needs.

A Communist Government.

"When a Communist heads the government of the U. S., and that day will come as sure as the sun rises, sooner perhaps than any of us think—that government will be a Soviet government and behind that government will be a Red Army," he said.

"In the meantime we must organize around immediate demands in preparation for the final revolutionary struggle which will abolish capitalism altogether.

Referring to the danger of capitalist war, Foster declared that "we are entering this political campaign to wage a battle on every front. We must arouse the workers to the danger of a world war, the antagonism of the capitalist powers, the attacks on the Soviet Union, the camouflage so-called peace treaties—all prove conclusively that a capitalist war is in preparation. In fact, it is here now."

Attack on Unions.

Touching on the trade union situation, Foster declared that "the trade union movement thru the attack of the capitalist class supported by the labor misleaders is being destroyed. The socialists have united with the labor bureaucrats and are in many cases leading this reaction. The center of the struggle against the attack against the trade union movement has been the miners' union in which the Communist Party has inspired the leadership of the workers."

"The slogan 'Lewis must go' will be written in red ink in the history of the American labor movement. Our Party is not a party of mere vote-getters.

Expose Capitalism.

"We wage the political struggle in order to utilize this means to expose the capitalist system on every field."

Foster also laid special emphasis on the campaign for the rights of the Negro workers. "We will go down south," he said. "In the land of lynchings and Jim-Crowism, we will fight against lynchings and Jim-Crowism."

"The democratic party," he declared, "no less than the republican party, is the party of big business—

## "Great," Says Anita Whitney

ANITA C. WHITNEY journeyed 3,400 miles from Oakland, California, to attend the National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party.

She comes from the land of sunshine and criminal syndicalism laws, where she was convicted in 1919 of "subversive revolutionary activities." She was sentenced to serve an indeterminate term of one to fourteen years but public pressure forced her release after she had served but 11 days in the county jail.

"This campaign will be used to spread the message of Communism thruout the United States," she said, "and this convention is a glorious achievement."

## Quota Law To Separate Mother and Children



Another example of the great hardships suffered by the foreign-born workers in the United States as a result of capitalist laws aimed at them is the case of Mrs. Emma Gallanti (shown above with three of her children). Deportation orders will allow some of the children to remain here with their father, a worker in Hermine, Pa., while Mrs. Gallanti and the other children must return to Italy.

## THERE'S NOTHING DOING FOR THE OLD MINERS

By ED FALKOWSKI, (Federated Press).

HAZLETON, Pa., May 27.—Economy is throwing the old men out of the anthracite mines. One colliery has established a record by laying off three in one day.

Al Smith no less than Herbert Hoover, Nor is the socialist party any less the party of the capitalist class. The record of the socialist party has been best seen in the events that followed the world war in Europe, capitalism would have been destroyed."

Gitlow in accepting the nomination as vice-president declared:

"It is indeed a great honor to be nominated as one of the standard bearers of the Workers (Communist) Party of America. This convention brings out a note of defiance and challenge to the whole bloody capitalist class of America. We here declare to the Ohio gang which put in to power the Harding and Coolidge administrations, to the pirates of Tammany Hall, that the Communist Party in the coming campaign will expose in letters of crimson the lurid record of these parties of exploitation."

Pointing to the danger of an imperialist attack against the Soviet Union, Gitlow declared:

"We understand the full meaning of events now being planned by the American imperialist government in cooperation with the imperialist governments of Europe."

"The so-called peace treaties which are now being prepared are the signals to us of the coming war. It is no accident that provision in these treaties specifically excludes the Soviet Union. The war danger involves an attack on the Soviet Union."

"The capitalist press tomorrow will say that this is a 'Red' convention. We are proud of this fact, for there is a country over which the red flag flies which has captured the hearts of the workers one-sixth of the globe. If the capitalist government of the United States persists in its refusal to recognize the government of the Soviet Union, a time will soon come when a Soviet government in the U.S. will recognize the Soviet Union."

### Political Prisoners.

Referring to the question of political prisoners, Gitlow pointed out that the coming campaign of the Workers (Communist) Party must be directed towards freeing these workers. "We have at this convention," Gitlow declared, "the victims and the relatives of victims beginning with Lucy Parsons—1886—and bring up to the present day when Mooney and Billings are still in prison."

"We shall not forget that Sacco and Vanzetti were murdered; we must not forget the millions of victims of unemployment; our campaign is also an industrial campaign."

In concluding, Gitlow stated: "We declare that in the event of an attack on the Soviet Union we will defend our own true country, the Soviet Union."

The cycle of the miner's life is from the breaker through the mine back to the breaker. Breaker work means picking the rock out of coal as it rushes down chutes from the rollers where it has been crushed to required sizes after being dumped from the mine cars. Minus the rock, it flows down to the carloading pocket. Usually this work is very light and is done by boys. Formerly miners started their careers at the age of 8 as breaker boys and frequently worked in breakers so far from home that they had to start walking before daylight, and returned home again in the dark.

Child labor laws and machinery have left the breakers largely as the final workhouses for old men too weak to perform heavier jobs. After a lifetime of exhausting work in the mines, the miner always made the last lap of his run at the slate pickers' table.

Laying off old men, even when they can do the work, is an economy measure on the company's part. They have often had to pay compensation for old men who died while at work.

Laying off old men amounts to killing them. Few miners live long after they have lost connection with the mine. They linger for a few years withering away, until one day they are found dead on the street or in a cellar or in bed.

### KILLED IN BOAT CRASH.

MADISON, Ind., May 27.—An assistant engineer was killed and two others were injured when the tow-boat Belfont rammed the steamer Cincinnati in the Ohio River near Carrollton, Ky.

Full of all kinds of proletarian pep, Mother Bloor came to the convention fresh from the coal fields of Indiana. She has lost much of her maidenly shyness but nevertheless kissed only about half of the 300 delegates. "In Terre Haute, the home town of the late Eugene V. Debs," said Bloor, "a socialist party member asked me: 'Are you still trying to organize the working class?' And I said, 'You poor boob, we're just beginning.'"

"Two policemen," said the New York Times in its report of the

## FOSTER, GITLOW LABOR FIGHTERS IN CLASS WAR

### Standard Bearers for Workers Party

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pelled 1909. Joined I. W. W. Delegate to Budapest meeting of Trade Union Secretariat, 1910. Took part in Syndicalist League of North America, 1911. Helped organize International Trade Union Educational League, 1916. Was secretary of committee which organized 200,000 packing house workers in 1917. Secretary of the committee which organized 250,000 steel workers in 1918. Conducted the strike of 400,000 steel workers following organization drive.

Went to Soviet Russia in 1921, attending congresses of Communist International and Red International of Labor Unions. Joined the Communist Party same year. Communist candidate for president of U. S. in the first national Communist campaign, 1924. Secretary-treasurer of the Trade Union Educational League. Member Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party; member Secretariat and Political Committee of the Party; for several years national chairman of the Party.

Author of: "Syndicalism"; "Trade Unionism—the Road to Freedom"; "The Revolutionary Crisis 1918-1920 in Germany, Italy, England, France"; "The Railroaders' Next Step—Amalgamation"; "The Bankruptcy of the American Labor Movement"; "The Russian Revolution"; "Russian Workers and Workshops"; "The Great Steel Strike of 1919"; "Strike Strategy"; "Wrecking the Labor Banks"; "Misleaders of Labor."

### BENJAMIN GITLOW.

Born Elizabethport, N. J., Dec. 22, 1891. Father and mother both revolutionary socialists. Public school education. High school 3 years. Has worked in tin foil factory, clothing shops, millinery factories and department stores.

Joined socialist party, 1907. President of Retail Clerks' Union of New York, an organization of department store workers, 1913-14. Blacklisted by Department Store Retail Merchants' Association. Member of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America since 1918. Elected to New York legislature on socialist ticket. Elected as socialist assemblyman to the New York legislature on anti-war platform of 1917—the only one of the ten socialist assemblymen who remained consistently anti-war. Actively fought against the last imperialist war.

Manager of the New York Communist, Revolutionary Age, and Voice of Labor, 1918-19. Member of the national council of the left wing of the socialist party in 1918-19. Helped to organize the Communist Labor Party of America, 1919.

Convicted as a Communist under the New York criminal syndicalist law in 1919 and went to Sing Sing prison to serve a term of five years. While in jail was a candidate for mayor of New York in 1921 on the ticket of the Workers League and was ruled off the ballot by the Board of Elections. While still in prison became vice presidential candidate of the Workers Party in 1924. Pardoned by Gov. Smith in 1925.

Member of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party of America; member of its Political Committee and Secretariat. Member of the General Council of the Red In-

## Family Of Five Are Starving, Father Hunts Job



The picture shows the family of Max Greenhouse, who has been vainly hunting a job for months together with thousands of other men and women thruout the United States. The family have been entirely dependant on neighbors for support.

## TOOHEY ACCOUNTS FOR TWO CHICKEN DINNERS

More than 300 regular and fraternal delegates to the National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party here were guests Saturday night at the most mirth-provoking and spontaneous gathering ever held in the history of the Communist and left wing movement.

## RAILROAD MAN OF IOWA A DELEGATE

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other delegates — two from Kansas, one from Nebraska, and another from Iowa.

Patton, who was born in Missouri, went to work at the age of 16. He worked at all branches of railroading and when he was mustered out of service by the company was working as a waymaster.

"MOSTLY farming and railroad-ing around my country," Patton told a DAILY WORKER reporter. "Tenant farmers? They are increasing by the hundreds every month. The bankers met in Des Moines a few days ago and served notice that they'd foreclose their mortgages as rapidly as sheriffs of the different counties could perform the service."

"You know they want to eliminate 40-80 acre farms. They can't make money fast enough out of that. What they want is the 640-acre minimum. That's the only way they can make use of the tractor profitably."

ternational of Trade Unions. Has been active in numerous strikes and labor struggles all over the United States. Was delegate to plenary session of the Executive Committee of the Communist International in Moscow in 1927 and to the World Congress of the Red International of Trade Unions in 1928.

Throughout the proceedings two dark horses for the presidential and vice-presidential offices on the Communist ticket were held in complete leash. On several occasions William Z. Foster and Benjamin Gitlow, the two suspected ones, made frantic attempts to speak, but were kept in check by Comrade Polbureau.

Chairman Nearing, who announced himself as a member of the Stump-speakers' Union, with credentials to use a bottle in one of three well-known methods on the author of any political speech, managed to have the rule fairly well observed with the exception of Rebecca Grecht, who recited the Imprecor, only more so.

One of the outstanding events of the evening was the account by David A. Griffin, a Negro delegate from Seattle, of his trip deluxe over the country to New York. The account of how he "beat his way" will be written up by Bert Wolfe, in a sort of Communist poetic epic, it is believed, and should not be told here in too great detail.

It was difficult to tell whether Julius Codkind was busy or just generally unhappy.

AMTER brought his corduroy outfit from Cleveland. His famous pipe also never left him for a minute. By the way, he delivered a damn good speech.

Jim Cannon's professional-looking spectacles didn't dampen his fiery eloquence.

Bert Wolfe hiked at least 55 miles during the two and a half days of the convention.

## RECOGNITION OF U.S.S.R. DEMANDED AT MONSTER MEET

### Resolution Adopted Unanimously

The following resolution condemning the imperialist sabotage plot in the Donetz Basin of Soviet Russia and demanding the recognition of the Soviet Union was unanimously adopted at the opening session of the Workers (Communist) Party Convention at Mecca Temple, 133 W. 55th St., Friday evening:

Resolution on the Shaktinsk Trial in Moscow.

Whereas, the Soviet Government has put on trial before the Court in Moscow, a group of engineers and technical experts formerly occupying important positions in the socialized coal industry of the Donetz Basin, and

Whereas, it has also been established that these technical experts have carried on their treacherous and counter-revolutionary activities on the industrial field at the direction and with the financial support of the former owners of the Donetz mines which are now part of the socialized industries of the Soviet Union owned by the workers and peasants; and

Whereas, it has also been established that several powerful capitalist groups in Germany, France, England and Poland were backing financially and directing the criminal sabotage of the technical experts now on trial and that the latter have been cooperating with secret service agents of several capitalist governments; and

Whereas, these facts clearly indicate the existence of an extended conspiracy of world capitalism in alliance with the Russian White Guard to disrupt the building of Socialism in the Soviet Union, to weaken it economically and politically in preparation for open imperialist war upon the Workers Republic; and

Whereas, the crime of these technical experts becomes even blacker in the face of the great consideration. high salaries and other privileges accorded them by the Soviet Government and the toiling masses of the Soviet Union for the purpose of encouraging these experts to work freely and in an atmosphere of trust for the economic upbuilding of the country;

Therefore, we, the workers of New York and vicinity, assembled in Mecca Temple to greet the Workers (Communist) Party Nominating Convention, do hereby resolve:

1. That the safety, security, well-being and success of socialist construction in the Soviet Union is the greatest concern of the workers of the entire world.

2. That we condemn this newest capitalist conspiracy against the Soviet Union, as inimical to the vital interests of the toilers throughout the world and that we express our deepest satisfaction with the success of the Soviet authorities in uncovering this conspiracy and bringing the culprits to trial before the toiling masses of the world.

3. That we call upon the court of the Soviet Union to mercilessly crush and stamp out this conspiracy, meting out adequate punishment to those proved guilty, and that we also call upon the working class of America and the entire world to redouble its vigilance and to intensify its preparations for the defense of the Soviet Union against the threatening war of the imperialist powers.

Further, that we demand of the United States government the immediate recognition of the Soviet Union.

## Texas Delegate Tells of Farms

"THE farmers in the south and west will follow the crimson banner of the Communist Party just as soon as they understand our program," said B. H. Lauderdale, delegates from Texas, attending the nominating convention of the Workers (Communist) Party.

Lauderdale has been a farmer in his state for many years and is a member of the Farmer-Labor Union. A member of the Communist Party since 1919, Lauderdale was for many years a left winger in the old socialist party. For some time he was state secretary of the party in Texas.

"Tenant farmers in my state are progressively increasing," Lauderdale said, "and they can hope for little from the old capitalist parties."