

FREE MELLA FROM CUBAN PRISON

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

PREMIER Mussolini of Italy was not well pleased with the reception his "empire of Italy" prospectus received, so he retreated some.

BRITISH dispatches persist in reporting that a section of the leadership of the British labor party favors an alliance with that part of the liberal party which is dominated by Lloyd George.

BECAUSE Baldwin insisted on a vote on the Mosul settlement, the British labor party representatives walked out of the house of commons and gave the tory government a practically unanimous vote.

LABOR has powerful political influence in China today. This is admitted by no less a person than the Shanghai correspondent of the New York Times.

CHANG-TSO-LIN has fallen on evil days in Manchuria, and Japan, which hitherto posed as Chang's fairy godfather now shows a tendency to let Chang fry in his own fat and announces a willingness to do business with whomsoever succeeds in tying a can to the pig tail of the former tuchun of Manchuria.

THERE is quite a battle on down in Washington between those who believe that the founder of christianity favored the cup that cheers and those who believe that he was a prohibitionist.

A RUSSIAN purchasing commission went to Argentina and left a lot of Russian rubles in that country in exchange for hides.

FRANCE PUT IN HOLE BY THE BRITISH

Must Fight for Mosul or Lose Pet Plan

(Special to The Daily Worker) PARIS, Dec. 24.—The French are in a peculiar position toward the proposal, blandly set forth by Great Britain, that if Turkey makes war to keep the Mosul oil region, it is the business of France and other members of the league of nations to contribute armies and naval forces to enforce the mandate of the league.

France and everyone else not in the simpleton class, knows that the row over Mosul oil is a quarrel between Britain and Turkey, with the kingdom of Iraq being merely the pawn of England as a mandate from the league of nations.

Oily Hypocrisy.

All observers are greatly amused at the fact that in the debate over the mandate in the house of commons, the word "oil" was used only twice.

Where the ticklish question of the French comes in is in the statement of Great Britain that France and other league members must get out their guns if the Turks refuse to permit the Mosul robbery.

An International Army. Only two weeks ago, England was still opposing this idea, but when Turkey refused to consent to the robbery of Mosul at the league council meeting at Geneva, Sir Austen Chamberlain all at once switched around and consented to an examination of the question with a view to seeing what forces each member of the league might furnish toward an international army.

The French, therefore, who favor the establishment of an international army to crush revolts in its colonies and to make war on Soviet Russia in case any of the puppet states of Europe need aid of western imperialism, are in the dilemma of refusing to aid Britain in Mosul and losing British support to an international army, or giving French troops and ships to aid Great Britain take the Mosul oil fields—for Britain. The French will try not to take a position and to keep quiet.

Unemployment League Reorganized in City of the Angels, Calif. LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 24.—The Los Angeles County Unemployment League was reorganized at a mass meeting in the Labor Temple recently.

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HORTHY ENGINEERS REIGN OF TERROR; WILL TRY TO MURDER MATHIAS RAKOSI

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 24.—Former Minister Marich, two other Hungarians and their wives were arrested and charged with being Communists and spies in the pay of the Soviet government by the Horthy hangmen of Hungary in a new reign of terror.

The police have declared that they have "confessions" from their victims admitting membership in a Communist organization and that they are members of the Soviet Union legation in Vienna.

The Horthy hangmen are determined to hang Mathias Rakosi and if they can keep the eyes of the world on another "Bolshevik" uprising or "plot," they believe they can hand the leaders of the Hungarian working class without protests from the international proletariat.

FIRE RAGING IN OHIO COAL MINE; AFTER CAVE-IN

Recover Bodies of Nine Coaldiggers

By GEORGE PAPCUN. (Special to The Daily Worker)

SHADYSIDE, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Sixty-one miners escaped and the bodies of nine miners were removed from the Webb mine by rescue workers.

The men had apparently been making their way up the steps of number 10 shaft. Two had come within twenty feet of the top while others were found lying in different places along the long flight of steps.

The fire was started when a cave-in took place, which caused a short-circuit of the electric wires and rubbish catching fire started the coal burning. None of the miners rescued were burned but were overcome by the smoke.

Jugoslavs Will Come in January to Make Debt Arrangements WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Jugoslavia formally notified Secretary of the Treasury Mellon that it would send a commission to the United States in January to begin negotiations looking toward settlement of its \$66,000,000 debt to this country.

Three Section Hands Run Down by Train WOODHAVEN, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Three men, believed to be section hands, were run down and killed by Long Island trains at a crossing near here.

ZANKOV PLANS TERROR REIGN IN BULGARIA

Will Murder Jailed Communists

(Special to The Daily Worker) MOSCOW, U. S. S. R. Dec. 24.—The working class press of Europe is sounding the alarm amongst the workers in connection with the threatening news from Bulgaria on the revival of the wave of terror by Zankov.

At present, all signs point to the fact that the Bulgarian fascists are only awaiting a suitable moment in order to slaughter the political prisoners. Fascists are being engaged as wardens in the prison at Sofia.

Among these comrades whom they plan to murder is Kabatchieff, who has been in prison for two and a half years. He was one of the founders of the Comintern and is a member of the central committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party since 1923.

The vengeance of the Bulgarian bourgeoisie extends also to the children of the political prisoners. Those parents have been murdered, arrested or expelled are subjected to the pangs of hunger. All material help for these children is regarded as high treason.

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Butler Formally Fired.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 24.—Brig. General Smedley D. Butler has been formally dismissed as director of public safety of Philadelphia by Mayor W. Freeland Kendrick.

FRENCH AND DJEBEL DRUSE TRIBESMEN SIGN ARMISTICE IN SYRIA

LONDON, Dec. 24.—An armistice between the French and Djebel Druse tribesmen in Syria has been signed by French High Commissioner De Jouvenal, according to a telegraph dispatch from Cairo.

The report declares that under the terms of the armistice all political prisoners are to be liberated. During the latter part of last week the Druses had renewed their concentrations about Hasbeya, and were victorious in a number of sections of Syria.

Against French. Sultan Attrash, leader of the Djebel Druses, has declared that he would not make peace with the French on any terms short of evacuation of the French from Syria. He has demanded the establishment of an indemnity country, but has stated that he is willing to have the United States exercise a protectorate over Syria.

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GRIP OF WALL STREET-OWNED MACHADO RULE ON COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY IS BROKEN

(By Cable to The Daily Worker.) HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 24.—The case of Julio Antonio Mella, secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, which for nearly three weeks has stirred the workers and anti-imperialist forces of the two American continents to protest, has resulted in a clear-cut defeat for American imperialism.

Mella was released from jail here yesterday under \$1,000 bail, despite repeated declarations of the Wall Street-owned Machado government of Cuba that he would be kept in prison in the face of all opposition.

Mella, who had been jailed at the dictation of the American sugar interests in Cuba, had been on a hunger strike since Dec. 5 and first took food yesterday. During the nineteen-day period he lost 35 pounds.

Exposed Imperialist Rule. Physicians say that owing to his weakened condition he could not have lived for more than a week longer if he had continued refusing food. His voluntary ordeal, maintained in the face of requests from labor and student organizations that he give up what appeared to them a useless sacrifice, dramatized the whole issue of American imperialist domination in Cuba and made it possible to mobilize all the sentiment for national liberation behind him.

The campaign to free Mella was a great victory for the working class and marked an important step in the development of a homogenous movement against Wall Street thruout the Americas. Especially was it a triumph for the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, which is giving organizational form to this movement and which already has sections organized in Cuba, Porto Rico, Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador and the United States.

The entire campaign was directed by the central office of the league, with the close co-operation of its Cuban section with which it was in day-to-day communication by cable.

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KU KLUX KLAN IS PILLORIED IN 'PROCESSIONAL' IS REALITY IN SOVIET RUSSIA

Studio Players Will Stage Great Drama Injunctions Not Used Against Workers

All strikes are interesting but none more so than a strike of miners. It is very seldom that any working class propaganda sneaks across in a play that has had a good run in the regular theaters, a play which has been lauded by the critics and really appreciated by the audience.

The play, which deals with the miners' strike, as we have already intimated above, opens with the miners at ease during the first days of the strike. But their solid front brings the militia to the fore. The Labor Temple is occupied. The imprisoned strike leader manages to break out of jail and in a fight he kills a militiaman, over which the strikers fall to mourn.

At his mother's home, where he has sought refuge, the ku klux klan and the sheriffs come to hunt for him. He is finally captured and blinded. The last act, a masterful scene, shows the miners desolate, hungry, their homes burned by the klansmen. The klansmen finally sell the miners by getting the names of the most rebellious strikers with the announcement that (Continued on page 2)

U. S. IMPERIALISM TRIED TO PUT HIM TO DEATH IN CUBA



JULIO ANTONIO MELLA. Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba.

Advertisement for 'PROCESSIONAL' at Lawndale Hall, Chicago Christmas Theatre and Dance. SUNDAY, DEC. 27 AT 8 P. M. 10 Grand Prizes Given Away. Powerful Drama of the Masses in Four Acts. Picturing the Struggles of Striking Miners with K.K.K. Played by the Studio Players. Admission 50 Cents.

