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1,200 MINE DELEGATES VOTE TO OUST LEWIS AND EXTEND STRIKE; 100,000 CALLED OUT IN ILLINOIS

MINERS REJECT LEWIS ORDER TO RETURN TO WORK

Anthracite Repudiates New Betrayal

(Special to The Daily Worker.) PITTSTON, April 1.—Previous to their departure for the Pittsburgh Conference, delegates under the leadership of the Tri-District Save-the-Union Committee issued a statement condemning the recent decision of John L. Lewis ordering the miners back to the contract mines. Fifty thousands copies of a circular pointing out the treachery of Lewis, Cappelini and Boylan and warning against the maneuvers of the Brennan forces have been distributed.

The circular reads as follows:

MINERS OF DISTRICT ONE

The Washington Conference of District 1 officials and John L. Lewis has been held, and the result which we foresaw was the endorsement by Lewis of Cappelini and his gang and their terroristic, union-wrecking policies.

In President Lewis' statement, the membership is instructed to surrender to Cappelini. This was to be expected because Cappelini is Lewis' man.

Deaf to personal advantages, best known to himself, has sold out the whole fight. He has compromised the entire struggle of Local Union 1703. The fight for the abolition of the contract system has been put on ice. Boylan has given up the demand for a special convention at which the tool of the operators, Cappelini, could be ousted. What does Brennan say of this treachery? He must speak out against this or be held equally responsible. It was a great mistake when the conference on March 24th of local unions in Wilkes-Barre, led by Brennan and Harris, appealed for assistance to the arch enemy of the miners, John L. Lewis.

Repudiate Maneuver.

The Tri-District Save-the-Union Committee repudiates this whole "back-of-the-curtain" arrangement. We raise afresh the issue at stake. We demand the holding of the special convention and reiterate the proposal of the opposition for the abolition of the contract system by a strike if necessary! We demand the investigation of the murders of our brothers, Alex Campbell, Peter Reilly and Tom Lillis, and the shooting of Sam Greco!

Every local union in District One (Continued on Page Two)

CHICAGO WORKERS SUPPORT SANDINO

Committee Is Elected at Stockyards

CHICAGO, April 1.—Eighty Mexican stockyards workers at a meeting of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League of Chicago enthusiastically supported the fight against American intervention in Nicaragua. A committee of five volunteered to carry the fight to all the Mexican workers in the Chicago stockyards and to form a united front with the American workers to defeat imperialism.

The speakers were Leon S. Ruiz, secretary of the Spanish section of the league; H. Gannes, Manuel Lopez and L. Rios.

The Spanish section of the Chicago Anti-Imperialist League, together with the left wing in the Filipino Association, is arranging "A Night in the Philippines and in Mexico," for Saturday night, April 21, Temple Hall. The money raised will be used to win support for Sandino among Chicago workers.

50,000 N. Y. ITALIANS JOBLESS. 50,000 Italian workers are jobless in New York, the Italian Chamber of Labor estimates.

Miners Spirits Unbroken by Lewis' Reign of Terror



The striking miners of Pennsylvania and Ohio have received fresh hope from the fact that nearly every coal field in the United States and Canada has sent delegates to the Save-the-Union meet now going on in Pittsburgh. The reign of terror carried on by the Lewis machine and the other tools of the coal bosses—the police, militia, and the courts—have failed to break the spirit of the miners and their families. At extreme left above is shown John Brophy, one of the militant mine leaders, who delivered the opening speech at the Save-the-Union Conference yesterday in Pittsburgh. Next are shown two of the hundreds of thousands of militant miners. At right is shown Mrs. Matilda Zrelak, a miner's wife, and her baby who was recently born in a barracks which the miners were forced to build with their own hands after the coal bosses had evicted them from their homes.

START FIGHT ON POLISH TERROR

Drive to Free Hromada Victims Begun

The Committee Against Polish Fascism and for American Aid to Persecuted Racial Minorities at Room 430, 739 Broadway, yesterday issued its call to labor, fraternal, liberal and political organizations to organize and conduct a campaign against the persecution by the fascist Polish government under Premier Pilsudski of the White Russian workers and peasants, members of the Hromada.

A National Executive Committee has been organized. The Executive Committee of this National Committee consists of the following people: Chairman, Professor Robert Moss Lovett of the University of Chicago; vice chairman, Roger Baldwin, International Committee for Political Prisoners, and Professor Scott Nearing; secretary-treasurer, Robert W. Dunn of the American Civil Liberties Union; assistant secretary-treasurer, Martin Aherm of the International Labor Defense; M. Tkach, United Ukrainian Toilers Organizations; G. Krupitza, White Russian Organization; H. I. Costrell, left wing, Workers Circle; M. Radvanski, Trybuna Robotnitsa; L. Pruseika, Lithuanian Literary Society; M. Olgin, The Hammer.

The call follows: To all Labor, Fraternal, Liberal and Political Organizations:

Dear Sirs and Brothers: Fifty-six of the 490 members of Hromada—the White Russian workers' and peasants' party of Poland—under arrest, are now being tried in Vilna.

To Conduct Campaign Here. Pilsudski's fascist Polish government is attempting to destroy Hromada, the legal political party of the workers and peasants of White Russia, by imprisoning its leading members and terrorizing its rank and file. The Hromada fights for self-determination for White Russians and against the Polish government's oppression of the White Russian people; for land for the poor peasantry; for a workers' and peasants' government; for a free and independent White Russian national culture. Therefore Pilsudski is attempting the destruction of the Hromada.

The Committee against Polish Fascism proposes to conduct a campaign of agitation, propaganda, and fundraising, through mass meetings, demonstrations and printed publicity, to effect a demand from America for the immediate release of all members of the Hromada Party on trial or under arrest, and for the release of all political prisoners in Poland, and for recognition by the fascist Polish government of the legal right of existence of the Hromada Party, and of all political parties of the working class.

The committee will also conduct a (Continued on Page Two)

MINERS WIVES PLEDGE SUPPORT TO STRUGGLE

(Special to The Daily Worker.) PITTSTON, April 1.—Considerable interest has been aroused over the conference of miners' wives of District 5 held here Friday. Resolutions to support the Save-the-Union program and urging all women to support the miners' struggle were adopted.

All subdistricts of district 5 (Pittsburgh) United Mine Workers of America were represented. The delegates voted unanimously to organize a Mine Women's Progressive Committee for this district, and elected representatives to the National Miners' Save-the-Union Conference to be held in Pittsburgh, today.

All Sections Represented.

Representatives came from Bentleyville, Coverdale, Mollenauer, Renton, Russellton, Curtisville, Kinlock, Meadowlands, Harmarville, Sturgeon and other sections. The meeting had been called by the District 5 Save-the-Union Committee to organize the women in the mining camps into a great progressive force to help win the strike and preserve the union, which means a chance for decent home conditions and a decent wage for their husbands and sons. It was addressed by Tony Minerich, representing the Save-the-Union Committee.

Reports were given of the activities of the women in many regions. Countless incidents of the terrorism of the Lewis henchmen against the women who support the progressive movement were related.

Lewis Seeks to Intimidate.

For instance, the Ladies Auxiliaries (Continued on Page Two)

Suggest Death Chair on Bay State Car Licenses

BOSTON, (FP) April 1.—What is Massachusetts' most typical emblem? The legislative rules committee, unable to agree on rival bills to put the cod, the shoe and the beanpot on auto license plates, has reported adversely on all of them.

A radical has made a grim suggestion. He recalled the picture of Massachusetts which Governor Fuller and President Lowell of hangman's house have given to the world by their execution of Sacco and Vanzetti. Then he named the electric chair to typify the Bay State to the world.

RED LABOR MEET SCORES U. S. EMPIRE

Stress Need of Organizing Negro Workers; Attack 'Misleaders'

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, April 1.—The failure of the American Federation of Labor bureaucracy to organize the Negro workers of the United States was attacked by J. W. Ford, representative of the American Negro workers, in the discussion of Heller's report on colonial trade union movements at the

REFUSE AID TO HUNGRY MINERS

Red Cross Dodges Issue "Not an Act of God"

PITTSTON, April 1 (FP). — Two hundred thousand men, women and children facing want and even downright starvation in the coal fields do not constitute a "national calamity." Therefore the national Red Cross will continue its refusal to send relief into the stricken mine regions of Pennsylvania and Ohio.

This is the formal attitude of President John Barton Payne of the American Red Cross, as expressed to labor officials. While he does not discontinue private activities of local Red Cross chapters in the communities affected, Payne is positive that the national organization will not send money, medical supplies or food into the starving mine colonies which dot hillside wherever miners are fighting for bread and union.

Labor relief workers who have witnessed every aspect of want and hunger in Pennsylvania and Ohio have found the same chilly stone wall of indifference put up by local Red Cross chapters between the millions collected from American workers and the crying need for relief.

Miners Shell Out.

"These Red Cross agents come to us begging for money every year," the miners are saying. "The boss backs them up. They put up posters showing the Red Cross giving relief to all in need. They ask \$1, \$2 and even \$5 from us.

"We gave, too. But never again. The Red Cross had better never ask us for money again."

Not alone in the strike regions is distress hitting at miners' families. Down in Kentucky fields, long non-union, they are eating beans, "taters" and bread.

Fourth World Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions.

"Out of over 11,500,000 Negroes living in the United States, 4,000,000 are workers, a small part of whom are organized in the trade unions," he said. "The trade union bureaucracy puts every sort of obstacle in the way of admitting Negroes to the trade unions. The organization of

STRIKING MINERS NEED MORE SUBS

Workers Urged to Send Them "Daily"

The opening of the Save-the-Union Conference in Pittsburgh yesterday was greeted by THE DAILY WORKER with the distribution of about 1,500 copies of the paper to the visiting delegates. The special edition, which had been prepared for the opening of one of the most significant gatherings in the history of American labor, was devoted chiefly to the heroic struggle of the striking miners against the coal barons and the corrupt Lewis-Cappelini machine.

With the distribution of THE DAILY WORKER, the campaign to give to every striking miner a free subscription of the paper is being intensified. THE DAILY WORKER has hitherto been carrying the burden alone of keeping intact the morale and fighting spirit of the miners by providing them with thousands of free copies of the paper that they have come to look upon as their mighty personal organ in their historic fight. Striking miners who have no food for themselves and their starving families cannot pay the small sum necessary to provide them with subscriptions. But THE DAILY WORKER has become to them in many respects more important than food and the necessities of life. It is helping to provide them with that heroic spark that has enabled them to continue fighting for a year in the face of every conceivable form of suffering and oppression.

Necessary for Fight.

The striking miners must have THE DAILY WORKER in order that their fight may be won. But THE DAILY WORKER is compelled not only to fight for the miners and the rest of the American working class, but for its own day to day existence. The great drive against the American working class by the capitalists in cooperation with the labor bureaucracy has singled out THE DAILY WORKER as one of its chief victims. A \$500 fine was recently imposed on the paper in a vicious state decision

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HISTORIC CONFERENCE LAYS PLANS FOR RANK AND FILE CONTROL OF ORGANIZATION

Pledges to Organize the Unorganized; to Fight for National Agreement and Union Scale

Brophy Flays Machine; Records Lewis' Betrayals; Appeals for Support of Progressives

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, April 1.—Over one thousand delegates representing every organized and unorganized mining section of the United States and Canada opened the great Pittsburgh Save-the-Union Conference this morning amid scenes of enthusiasm and hope such as can mark only the beginning of a new era in the labor movement and a new epoch for the American working class.

100% STRIKE OF ILLINOIS MINERS

100,000 Join Penn-Ohio Brothers

(Special to The Daily Worker.)

PITTSBURGH, April 1.—Thousands of miners in Illinois laid down their tools yesterday declaring they will not work until a national agreement is signed, according to a telegram read at the opening session of the National Save the Miners' Union Conference today from Gerry Allard, secretary of the Save-the-Union Committee of Southern Illinois. Allard was badly hurt in a mine accident a few days ago, and was unable to attend the conference. The telegram follows: "Chairman National Conference Save the Union Committee, 526 Federal St., Room 201, Pittsburgh, Pa..

"Very sorry that mine injury prevents my presence at historical conference of coal miners of America. The national conference of progressive miners means a turning point in the American labor movement. It means the ditching of the class collaboration policies of Lewisism and the creation of new policies on the basis of the class struggle. Thousands of miners in Illinois have laid down their tools. We are conveying our greetings of solidarity to our striking Pennsylvania and Ohio brothers and their families. You can assure our brothers who have fought for twelve long months that Illinois will never desert them again. We are in for a fight to the finish. We are anticipating the return of all delegates for the renewal of the struggle with greater clarity and determination. With best fraternal greetings for the preservation of our union."

(Signed) Gerry Allard. Greetings from Duncan McDonald, prominent progressive mine leader of Springfield, Ill., and former president of District 12 of the United Mine Workers of America, were read at the opening session of the National Save the Miners' Union Conference today. McDonald was crushed out of the union by Frank Farrington.

Duncan's telegram follows: "Hearty congratulations on effort to start a real rank and file movement to save the union. Regret serious illness of an associate that prevents my coming. The once strong, vigorous miners' union now is in a deplorable condition. Has now degenerated into nearly merely a dues collecting agency for an array of so-called officials who have prostituted their offices, ruined the miners' union and merely served as agents of the coal operators and petty politicians. Millions of dollars have been squandered by this group of reactionary leaders. Aggressive members have been kicked out. The time is ripe for a change. Make it a rank and file movement, organize the unorganized, permit no high salaried bosses, declare for a labor party, affiliate with movements in all countries in the world including the workers' government in Russia, no partial settlements, a general strike or none. You have nothing to lose but a world to gain."

(Signed) Duncan McDonald.

Denounce Lewis. Denunciation of the policies of the corrupt Lewis administration, a call to the union members to oust the machine which has done its best to destroy the union and the extension and the winning of the strike were among the chief recommendations. John W. Watts, one of the leading militants of Illinois, was chosen permanent chairman of today's conference. Pat Toohy, long prominent in the front ranks among those who have fought and sacrificed for the miners, was chosen secretary.

John Brophy, former president of District 2, and one of the leading figures in the Save-the-Union movement received an ovation as he arose to speak. "One of the leading opponents of the Save-the-Union forces," was the way Watts characterized Brophy.

Crisis in Union. "In my 38 years of experience of sacrifice and struggle among the miners, I have never seen the union in so serious a crisis as it is at present," Brophy said. "The miners have had bitter and complete proof that the Lewis machine will do nothing to rescue us from the present ever-deepening calamity. Only the Save-the-Union forces can and will accomplish this necessary task."

Brophy then launched into a detailed and vigorous denunciation of Lewis, of his program of betrayal, of his henchmen who have carried out his policy of treachery and of his latest attempts to end militant unionism in the coal fields.

Lewis' Record of Treachery. Brophy touched upon the great 1922 betrayal when Lewis sold out the coke miners and forced over 100,000 courageous miners back into the open-shop slavery of the steel trust; he denounced the Lewis policy of class-collaboration with the operators and the government; he attacked the treachery of signing up separate agreements resulting in division of the strike forces; he analyzed the Lewis policy in moving ever farther from the task of organizing the unorganized.

Coming to the question of the senate investigation, Brophy showed in a word the true nature and purposes of the investigation. The conference went almost wild as he called out: "The senate will never organize the unorganized." He would up with a (Continued on Page Two)

ALL EYES TO MONSTER NATIONAL SAVE-UNION CONFERENCE

DEFENSE AID IS SOUGHT BY WIVES OF MINE STRIKERS

Ask Unity of All Forces Among Miners

(Special to The Daily Worker.)
WILKES-BARRE, April 1.—Enforcement of the Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee, Room 13, Coal Exchange Bldg., of which Stanley Dziemgiewski is secretary and a call to all miners to sink "all differences they may have among themselves on other matters" in a united effort to free the three innocent miners were made yesterday by the wives of the three miners who have been indicted for murder.

Wives Sign Statement.
 Mary Bonita, Anna Moleski and Mary Mendola, wives of the three men held at the Luzerne County Jail on a charge of first degree murder for the killing of Frank Agate, organizer for the United Mine Workers in District One on February 16th, signed a statement endorsing the work of the National Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee of 513 Coal Exchange Building, Wilkes-Barre. This follows a similar statement signed earlier in the week by Sam Bonita, one of the three held.

Mrs. Bonita, Mrs. Moleski and Mrs. Mendola express their appreciation and gratitude for the work of the National Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee and they believe their husbands "can be freed only through the combined efforts of all workers throughout the country who are determined that honest union men shall not be railroaded to the electric chair by corrupt union officials." The full text of the statement is as follows:

Ask Unity of Action.
 "As the trials of our husbands, Sam Bonita, Adam Moleski and Steve Mendola approach, we have one wish uppermost in our minds: we hope for the unity of all who wish to save them from the electric chair. We urge that all our friends who wish to save our husbands from the framed-up murder charge they are facing, forget all differences which they may have among themselves on other matters and work as one, under the direction of one defense committee, so that the release of the three may be speedily effected and our husbands will be returned to us and our children, who daily ask when their fathers will come back.

Grateful to Committee.
 "We must express our appreciation and gratitude for the work of the National Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee of which Brother Stanley Dziemgiewski is secretary. We have learned through Sam Bonita, who has himself endorsed this committee and its work, of the valuable aid rendered our innocent husbands by this committee, composed largely of their fellow members in Local 1703. We urgently appeal to all miners and others who wish to help free our husbands to contribute generously to the defense fund this committee is raising."

Bonita Supports Committee.
 Sam Bonita, one of the three prisoners, earlier in the week issued a statement endorsing the National Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee and accusing the "Cappellini machine" of an attempt to have him "legally" murdered because of his activities against Cappellini and the individual contractor system which Rinaldo Cappellini, president of District One of the United Mine Workers, upholds. Bonita also urged the calling of the special convention of District One on April 16th to take steps in ousting Cappellini and his officials.

MINERS' WIVES PLEDGE SUPPORT

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 of the United Mine Workers of America in Allegheny county have been warned by the union reactionary officialdom, that any member who speaks against the officialdom of the union will be expelled from the auxiliaries, and that relief for that family will be cut off by the union.

Incidents of such terrorism, and worse, are prevalent. But the progressive women are growing more numerous, and are more and more demanding organization along the lines of the Save-the-Union Committees.

Conference Supports Progressives.
 At the conference today, resolutions were adopted pledging support to the progressive program, and urging all women in every district of the United Mine Workers of America to stand behind the Save-the-Union Committee in its fight to win the strike, organize the unorganized, reestablish the union and union conditions in the industry.

An executive committee was elected with plans to go into every mining camp in District 5 to organize the women. It is hoped soon to call a national conference of representatives from women's groups in all districts of the union.

Cruelly Slugged by Cop



Walter Karnacki, a window cleaner, above, was brutally beaten up by a drunken cop twice his size when the giant officer invaded the window cleaner's home. Karnacki's injuries were so serious and his evidence so conclusive that the court was unable to disregard his case and maintain the customary myth of "justice."

ANTHRACITE TO REPUDIATE LEWIS

Reject Vicious Order to Return to Mines

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 should express itself against this so-called settlement of Lewis and reject it categorically. The locals should pass resolutions instructing their delegates to other joint meetings to call a special district convention for April 16th.

The Save-the-Union Committee has repeatedly pointed out that it is not alone Cappellini that the miners of District One have to fight but it is especially John L. Lewis who has shattered the union in the bituminous district and whose policy is wrecking our whole organization. The so-called agreement emphasizes again the truth of our position. Both Lewis and Cappellini must go! The state of the union depends upon freeing it of the control of the reactionary Lewis machine with its agents Murray, Cappellini, Golden-Kennedy, Fagan, Fishwick, etc., in the various districts. The Save-the-Union Committee meets this issue squarely! Its great national conference in Pittsburgh on April 1st will take decisive steps to rid the miners of such false leaders as Lewis and his friends. The anthracite miners must be fully represented at this historical conference so important for the preservation and rebuilding of our union!

Our Program.
 We miners must have our special convention on April 16th to take the following action:
 To free Sam Bonita, Moleski and Mendola!
 To abolish the individual contract system!
 To clean out the corruption and murder in the miners' union!
 To get equalization of work!
 To make the operators live up to the agreement!
 To clean out coal company and contractor influence in the local unions!
 To help win the soft coal strike!
 To save the Miners' Union!
TRI-DISTRICT SAVE-THE-UNION COMMITTEE, Stanley Dziemgiewski, chairman; George Papcun, secretary.
 Read the "Coal Digger"—The official organ of the Save-the-Union Committee.

MEN ARE TURNED ON STREET WHEN MISSIONS CLOSE

Unemployed Plan More Protest Meetings

More than 1,000 additional unemployed and homeless workers were without a place to sleep last night as a result of the closing last Friday night by Health Commissioner Harris of four lodging houses and missions which Harris said were unsanitary.

When Harris with the aid of Mayor Walker's police closed the doors of these places the city made no provision for accommodating that number of unemployed men elsewhere.

Open Air Meet Tonight.
 The New York Council of the Unemployed will hold an open-air meeting at 10th St. and Second Avenue tonight at 8:30 o'clock to discuss the unemployment crisis. The speakers will be Henry Bloom and Albert Finn, of the Council; Sylvan A. Pollack, of The DAILY WORKER; Louis A. Baum, secretary, Photographic Workers Union; M. E. Taft, manager, Local 41, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and Murray Sasanoff.

Police Stationed Outside.
 The jobless workers were routed out of the lodging houses late Friday night after many of them had already fallen asleep. Police were stationed at the doors to prevent any of the homeless men from reentering. The places closed are the Rescue Mission, 5 Doyer St.; Hadley Mission, 291 Bowers; Zero's Tub, 12 St. Marks Place, and the All Night Mission, 3 Bowers. Each of the four places hold 250 men.

Many applied for lodging at the Municipal Lodging House and at the Salvation Army, but were turned away due to their being already crowded to capacity.
 Commissioner Harris said he did not think the men had suffered any hardship in being turned out in the cold. No suggestion for finding any accommodations for the ousted workers were made by the health commissioner.
 The New York Council of the Unemployed held an open air rally Saturday afternoon in Rutgers Square. The speakers included Baum, Taft, Bloom, Finn, Harvey White, of the Young Pioneers, and Joseph J. Padgug.
 A mass meeting of unemployed seamen will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. at the International Seamen's Club, 28 South St. under the auspices of the Council, it was announced last night.

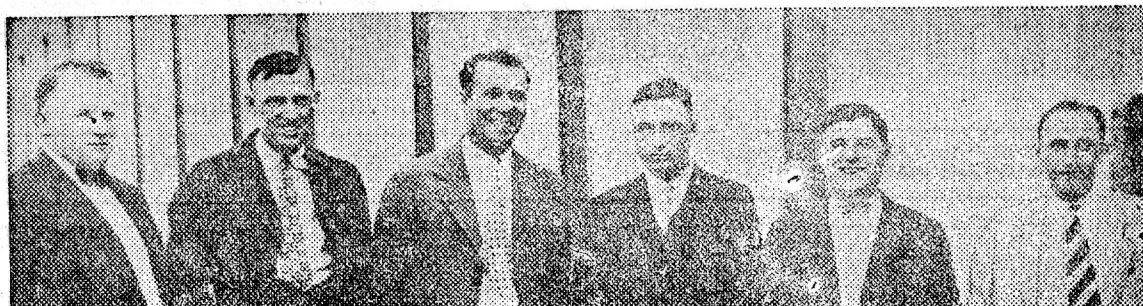
PICKET LINES URGED FOR N. Y. U.

Speakers at Meeting Denounce Discrimination Against Negroes

Picketing of New York University as a means of rousing sentiment against the discrimination against six Negro students at the university was proposed by Richard B. Moore, secretary of the American Negro Labor Congress, who presided at a mass meeting held Friday night at the St. Marks M. E. Church, St. Nicholas Ave., and 138th St., under the auspices of the Conference Against Racial Discrimination.

Robert Minor, editor of the DAILY WORKER; Oscar Fisher, Young Workers (Communist) League; Dr. John W. Robinson, minister of the church and Miss Mattie Neely, one of the students who, because of their color, were barred from certain university activities, also spoke and assailed the action of the college authorities.
Because They Are Negroes.
 It was pointed out that the students, Miss Neely, Miss Reba McLain, Thomas Young, Albert Smith, Spaulding and Daugherty, were discriminated against merely because they were Negroes.
 Spaulding, Daugherty and Smith, it was shown, were not permitted to take physical training courses. Miss McLain had a similar experience. She was first admitted to the course, but when the college authorities discovered she was a Negro they informed her that she would not be allowed to continue.
 Young, it was pointed out, sent a check for the commerce course which

Miami Policemen and Chief Charged With Murder of Negro Prisoner



Six Miami, Fla., policemen and the chief of police are held in the county stockade on first degree murder charges in connection with the slaying of H. Kier, a Negro prisoner. The policemen held are shown above, with Chief of Police Quigg, also accused, at the left. Negro workers are arrested and framed up to serve long term sentences for little or no cause in the Klan ridden South.

THOUSANDS CELEBRATE FREIHEIT ANNIVERSARY

The sixth anniversary of the Jewish Daily Freiheit, Communist daily, was celebrated at Madison Square Garden Saturday night by 22,000 workers. Speeches by leaders of the Workers (Communist) Party and members of the Freiheit staff as well as a pageant of the building of the Freiheit were applauded by the large assemblage.

The pageant, called "Red, Yellow and Black," participated in by 1,000 workers, described the struggle of the workers from the time of Russian Revolution to the present. Sergey Radamsky, noted Russian tenor, sang several songs of the Soviet Union.

Worker "Greets" Freiheit.
 Rubin Saltzman, business manager of the Freiheit, presided. Speakers were: Melich Epstein, editor of the Freiheit; Robert Minor, editor of The Daily Worker; William W. Weinstein, district organizer, Workers Party; Shachno Epstein, associate editor of the Freiheit; Ben Gold, manager, Joint Board, Furriers Union; Louis Hyman, manager, Joint Board, Cloak and Dressmakers Union; M. J. Olgin, editor, The Hammer, Jewish Communist monthly magazine, and Ben Lifshitz, secretary, Jewish Bureau, Workers Party.

URGE WORKERS TO SEND MINERS SUBS

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 and a \$50,000 libel suit now threatens the very life of the paper.

Unionism at Stake.
 Fill out the subscription blank below and send it in with the proper sum immediately to The DAILY WORKER. You will give no joy to Lewis and his henchmen. But you will be giving strength to the blows of some striking miner and helping to prevent the backbone of the American labor movement from being crushed.

Striking Miner's Free Subscription.
 Daily Worker
 33 First St.,
 New York City.
 I am enclosing herewith \$..... for a free subscription to a striking miner.
 \$6.00 12 months
 3.50 6 months
 2.00 3 months
 1.50 2 months
 1.00 1 month
 Name
 Address
 City

WOMEN REPRESENTED

The women delegates who have been elected to all leading committees are playing a prominent part in the proceedings. A delegation from the young miners recently formed to support the struggle is also on hand.
 One of the chief activities of this morning's session was the appointment of committees. Committees on credentials, program, resolutions, the strike situation, organization of the unorganized, press, finance, etc., were chosen.
 Discussion this afternoon centered chiefly around the program submitted by the executive committee. The principal recommendations were concerned with the saving of the union and the elimination of the Lewis machine.
Program Reported On.
 The draft of the program as reported unanimously by the committee, reads in part:
 "The National Save-the-Union Conference, representing the great masses of organized miners, declares that the present corrupt and reactionary leadership is bankrupt and unrepresentative of the interests and will of the membership. These corrupt leaders have stolen their official positions and they have no mandates from the rank and file. Their policies are wrecking the union, the wages and working standards of the miners."
Many Betrayals.
 The program places blame for the unions loss of half of its membership since 1922 on the Lewis administration, also charging it with betraying

Republican Discrimination.
 KANSAS CITY, April 1.—The question of housing the Negro delegates at the republican national convention is making it necessary for the arrangements committee to prepare excuses for all discrimination that will take place and to side-step any responsibility for it.
 Conrad Mann, chairman of the local arrangements committee, stated that the question of the admittance of Negroes to the hotels would rest entirely with the hotel management.

CONNECTICUT IS PREPARING FOR MAY DAY 'DAILY'

Herbst Stimulates Sub Campaign

Besides her customary 100 per cent work in the national subscription drive in the Connecticut district, Anna Herbst, DAILY WORKER agent in the Southern New England territory, is carrying on an energetic campaign to stimulate the drive in her section in other directions. This has meant no slackening in the number of subscriptions sent in by the Connecticut section, however.

Particular attention is being given in the Connecticut section to intensifying activity for the special May Day edition of The DAILY WORKER. Through the big towns of New Haven, Hartford, New London and Bridgeport the importance of the May DAY edition of the paper is being brought home to the workers of the Connecticut industrial centers.

Hundreds of greetings are being obtained from all labor and fraternal organization is making a special effort to have its greetings to The May Day DAILY WORKER.

To further stimulate the drive, the free distributions of thousands of DAILY WORKERS is being planned and in many places has already been carried out. The Connecticut workers are eager to obtain copies of their class paper and the message of the only militant working class daily in the English language is spreading rapidly through the Connecticut district.

Anna Herbst promises that within the next few weeks the Connecticut workers will have bettered their previous record and have pushed Connecticut far forward in the big national subscription campaign.

50,000 IN TENEMENTS.
 NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 1 (FP).—50,000 New Haven workers live in tenements. The health board found one-fourth of the tenements poor or worse in sanitary conditions. One thousand tenements had no bath tubs.

EDMONTON TAILORS' UNION.
 EDMONTON, Alta., April 1 (FP).—The Journeymen Tailors' local union of Edmonton starts business with 23 members and 4 shops signed.

the membership, shall be elected. In the local unions new officers shall be elected in place of the proved Lewis supporters. After the district conventions, the National Convention of the United Mine Workers of America shall be organized on the same principle.

Call Out Non-Union Miners.
 Plans are proposed for strengthening the present strike by calling out miners in non-union soft coal regions and urging a strike on April 1 in the Illinois, Indiana and Kansas districts where the officials have signed separate district agreements thus betraying the Pennsylvania-Ohio strike.
 The program predicts "A new period of progress and development" of the American trade unions if the present strike is won.

FEDERATION MEETS APRIL 28.
 PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 1 (FP).—The Rhode Island Federation of Labor meets April 28.

Are you a "DAILY WORKER" worker daily?

APPEAL TO LABOR TO FREE VICTIMS OF POLISH TERROR

American Group Starts Nationwide Drive

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campaign to raise money for the legal defense of the members of the Hromade Party on trial or under arrest, and for the relief of victims of Polish fascism and their dependents.

Call on Workers to Fight Terror.

Committee against Polish Fascism calls upon workers everywhere to organize in every city, on the broadest possible bases conferences of labor organizations and individuals to conduct effectively the campaign outlined. In addition to such city committees, we ask the formation of committees of the foreign language groups, particularly of the White Russians, Russians, Ukrainians, Poles, Lithuanians and Jews, and the immediate organization of mass meetings of protest by both city committees and language groups.

Through the press and the mails you will receive additional information on the progress of the trial and on our activities. Please keep in touch with the National Committee and let us hear what you are doing.

NAT'L EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
 Committee Against Polish Fascism and For American Aid to the Persecuted Racial Minorities.

the miners' interests in numerous strikes.
 The administration is charged with collaborating with the coal operators to split and break the union; it charges that Lewis has worked against the miners' interests regarding wages, working conditions, grievances as well as the important problem of unemployment.

The program proposes that the Save-the-Union Committee shall out the corrupt Lewis machine as a prerequisite to reestablishing the union's power in the industry.
Emergency District Conventions.
 "The Save-the-Union Committee," the program reads, "in the various districts shall at once through the local unions insist upon the calling of special emergency district conventions, carefully guarding against any packing methods by the Lewis machine.

Act Independently.
 "In the event of refusal or delay by the present district officials in calling such conventions, the respective Save-the-Union movements shall themselves call the conventions. At these emergency district conventions the offices of the Lewis machine supporters shall be declared vacant and new officers, representative of

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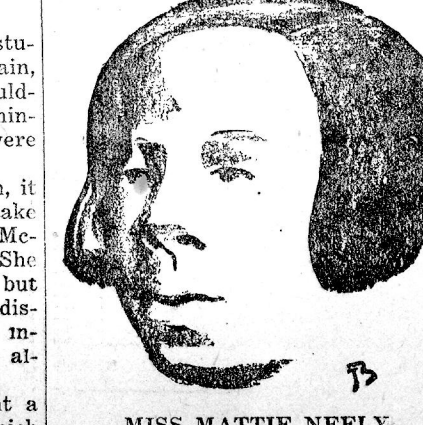
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STRESS NEED OF FIGHTING WALL STREET EMPIRE

Philippine Delegates at Red Labor Congress

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struggle for the liberation of the Negro workers."
Hits U. S. Imperialism.
Dantes of the Philippine Island described the penetration of American imperialism in the Philippine and declared that the emancipation of the Philippine workers can be achieved only thru a struggle with the absolute support of the revolutionary proletariat of the world.
Ryan, of Australia, pointing to Australia's role as advance post of British imperialism in the Pacific, declared that adherents of the Red International in Australia, taking in consideration this specific role, have in the last few years been carrying thru the intense work of uniting the proletariat of the Pacific countries.
"We succeeded in developing a powerful campaign to support the Chinese revolution and preventing the dispatch of Australian troops to China," he said. "The central council of the Australian trade unions, which numbers over 500,000, sent a delegation to the Pacific trade union conference."
Persian Unions Illegal.
Sefti, of Persia, stated that the Persian trade unions are now working illegally or semi-legally. The weak trade union organizations of the Near East need the help of the Red International to help them consolidate.
Marsi, of Mongolia, characterizing the situation in the trade union movement in Mongolia, pointed out the important role of these trade unions in transferring to the Orient the revolutionary experience of the West European labor movement.
Halil, of Palestine, greeted the congress on behalf of the revolutionary workers of Palestine, Syria and Egypt. "Palestine, Syria and Egypt are experiencing intense oppression by the imperialists," he said. "In Egypt the revolutionary labor movement is growing successful in spite of the fact that strikes are somewhat checked by the capitalist offensive. The Syrian liberative movement has been suppressed. The Palestine revolutionary workers are struggling against British imperialism and Arabian reaction, on the one hand, and reformism and Zionism, on the other. Recently, however, the revolutionary organization has achieved certain success particularly among the Arabian workers."
Correct Leadership.
Paredes, of Latin-America, speaking on the struggle of Latin-America against United States imperialism, pointed out that the labor movement is fairly strong but it needs the right leadership. "The Red International must devote more attention to Latin-America whose importance as a market of raw materials is immense to North American imperialism," he declared.
Harrison George, of the United States, agreed with Heller's theses. "The workers in the United States must take steps to support the workers in Latin-America. In the Far East our work must take into consideration the prospect of the present danger of war and must be directed towards the support of the national liberative struggle and the struggle against capitalist exploitation."
Orsi, of Italy, speaking on the colonial policy of the Italian fascists, pointed out that the fascists, being unable to solve the problem of supplying raw materials and settling the surplus population in the existing Italian colonies, resort to colonial adventures with the support of British imperialism which is striving to make Italy its ally in the event of war against the U. S. S. R. "The Italian trade unions are fighting against the colonial adventures of fascism. As the expansion of Italian fascism is directed mainly toward Africa and the Mediterranean basin, it is necessary that there be close cooperation of the Italian and French revolutionary trade union organizations for the struggle against the colonial plans of the fascists," he said.
Koromyslov, of Kasakstan, describing how Kasakstan, which had been exploited and robbed by tsarism, is now emancipated from colonial slavery owing to the October Revolution's successfully developing it economically and culturally. Koromyslov also declared that before the revolution there were only three trade union cells in the towns while today the trade union membership is 170,000. Before the revolution there were only 20 schools in the territories of Kasakstan and Kirghizia, and today there are 800. "Formerly we produced only raw materials," he pointed out, "now we are developing our own industry. Our freedom, and our economic and cultural progress we owe entirely to the Soviet proletarian state."
Keep Class Lines.
In the course of the discussion of Heller's report, Hercle, of France, proved that the basis for the figures of the exploitation of the colonies by the French government is increasing yearly. "The Unitarian Confederation

Expose Nature of Ford Rubber Grant in Brazil

PARA, Brazil, April 1.—An attack against the huge rubber concession granted to Henry Ford has been launched here in the opposition paper "Estado do Para," which charges the government with not disclosing the terms of the concession. The paper charges that the Ford grant has been exempted from all state and municipal taxes for an indefinite period.



Another attack against the Ford concession is promised by Senator Costa de Castro, who declared several weeks ago that they would disclose a series of sensational documents revealing the nature of the concession.

Flax in the USSR

The American-Russian Chamber of Commerce has issued a report that the Flax Trust of the Soviet Union intends to inaugurate an extensive building program of new plants for flax in the USSR. Building will begin in Siberia, the Urals, Tatka, Kostroma, Yaroslavl, Kaluga, and Briansk provinces.

of Labor has recently been devoting more attention to the trade union movement in the colonies," he said. "The Algerian Federation of Trade Unions, affiliated with the Unitarian Confederation, is the largest, uniting 14,000 members. The trade union movement in Morocco and Tunis is less organized. The trade union movement in colonial countries while maintaining ties with the national movement must keep strictly the class line. The movement needs help not only from the Unitarian Confederation of Labor but from the whole world trade union movement."
Fight White Terror.
Carney, of Ireland, demanded a more active policy in regard to the revolutionary trade union movement regarding China. "In the last eighteen months," he declared, "British troops and armaments have been continuously despatched to China; everything must be done to put an end to the imperialist robbery of China."
After Heller's concluding speech, the congress unanimously adopted the reporter's theses as the basis for a resolution to be drawn up by a special committee. The congress also passed an appeal against the White Terror in China and an appeal to the working class of India to intensify its struggle for international unity.
Horner, of the British delegation proposed that the congress adopt an appeal to the workers of all countries regarding the Geneva "disarmament" conference.
"Disarm" Confab.
"The position of the capitalist countries with regard to the proposals of the delegation of the Soviet Union at the preparatory arms commission at Geneva has shown that the capitalists will use every means to resist real disarmament as the existence of capitalism without predatory wars is impossible. Not only is the Soviet Union expressing the will of millions of toilers in resolutely intervening against military conflicts and for immediate and general disarmament."
"The working class of the whole world must learn the lesson of the Geneva negotiations—namely that the overthrow of capitalism is the right step toward disarmament. The congress has charged a special committee with drawing up an appeal to the workers of all countries regarding the most important tasks of the proletariat in the struggle against the increase of armaments in capitalist countries and against the war danger."
Heckert, of Germany, reporting on social legislation in capitalist countries declared that the repudiation of the Washington agreement regarding the eight-hour day had resulted in a big reduction of laws for the protection of labor and social insurance in all capitalist countries.
Social Legislation.
"Social legislation in bourgeois countries may be considered as no longer existing. In reference to this question the Red International of Labor Unions must fight for both the maintenance and the enlargement of social legislation and for the reduction of night work by women and children, against extra hours, for fourteen days' vacation for grown-up workers and one month for youths, the inspection of mills and factories, supply of workers with special working clothes, etc. Social insurance must be borne entirely by the employers. The struggle for these immediate needs of the working class must contribute to the growth of the revolutionary trade union movement on account of the new detachments of workers actually under the influence of the reformists."
Nemtchenko, chief of the central board of social insurance, delivered a co-report dwelling on the principal achievements of Soviet social legislation.

LEWIS EXPOSED IN SECRET DEAL WITH OPERATORS

Illinois Miners Reveal New Betrayal

(Special to The Daily Worker)
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 1.—Proof that John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, made a secret agreement with the Illinois Coal Operators' Association to reduce wages of the miners in District 12 was revealed here today by the Save-the-Union Committee of the district on the eve of the departure of a local delegation to the Pittsburgh Conference tomorrow.
One hundred delegates from every section of the state was the quota of this district. Delegates traveled by train, by bus and automobile. Others hitch-hiked. "On to Pittsburgh" was the slogan.
General Strike April 1.
A general strike of all Illinois mine workers has been called by the Save-the-Union Committee to begin Saturday night. No separate agreements will be tolerated. Every mine which will continue to operate will be picketed. The statement of the committee follows:
"The most base sell-out of the Illinois miners contemplated by the Lewis machine and his District No. 12 lieutenants has been frustrated by the growing rank and file Save-the-Union movement. It is now a proven fact that Lewis has promised the Illinois coal operators a wage cut by April first, and only the growth of this movement prevented it."
Proof of Lewis Sell-Out.
"When a few days ago W. J. Jenkins, the newly elected president of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association, definitely announced the 'open-shop' as the policy of the organization and refused any further negotiations with the union except on the basis of a wage cut, he also charged that Lewis 'has wilfully given the Illinois operators the wrong impression of his real intentions,' after 'his definite promise that he would take it upon himself to guarantee that Illinois would secure needed relief by April 1.' "Undoubtedly Lewis gave this promise to the operators in good faith but subsequent events interfered with his plans. He counted without the movement of the rank and file."
"That the policy of the temporary Illinois district agreement was a trap by the operators to take these miners out of the fight until such time as they could concentrate all their efforts on an outright 'open-shop' fight was foreseen by the Save-the-Union Committee. It has now come true. The officials stand further exposed; they have given no answer to this last declaration of war upon the union, but the rank and file are preparing to meet the fight under their own leadership."
Rank and File Will Strike.
"Strike notice has been posted at the Illinois pits, signed by the Save-the-Union Committee, District 12. They declare:
'The district temporary agreement expired April first.
'The operators propose a wage cut.
'They threaten to smash the union.
'This is the result of the policy of betrayal of the officials.
'Our answer is strike!
'Join hands with our striking brothers in Pennsylvania and Ohio.
'There must be no separate agreements.
'Illinois miners, down tools April first!
'Join in the national strike.
'Against wage cuts—for a national settlement.
'Beat back the attacks of the bosses.
'Save the Union.'
'While the rank and file miners prior to the beginning of the Save-the-Union movement were unwillingly adjusting themselves to the alleged necessity of accepting a wage cut, influenced by the propaganda of the operators and the officials, the tide



American cavalry troops, whose job is to keep the Philippine workers and peasants in subjection, shown marching past the reviewing stand when Henry L. Stimson was inaugurated as governor-general several weeks ago. Stimson, after serving the American empire in Nicaragua, has been appointed guardian of the United States imperialist interests in the Pacific.

SOCIALISTS HELP PILSUDSKI TERROR

In Cowardly Attack on 5 Communist Deputies

WARSAW, April 1.—The Socialist deputies of the Sejm substituted for Pilsudski's police yesterday in the election of five Communist deputies. Two of the Communist deputies were severely beaten up when attacked by dozens of socialists who swarmed toward the left benches.
As a result of the attack on the Communist deputies, Daszynski, socialist president of the Sejm, was heartily congratulated by members of the Pilsudski government. The government supported the building program brought up by the Socialist Party.
has now definitely turned. "A national strike for a national settlement," is now the slogan. They are preparing to picket any mine which attempts to continue operation.
Miners Rising.
"Great mass meetings have been held all over the state by the Save-the-Union Committee during the last few weeks. The miners are becoming confident of the possibility of a winning strike. Springfield held two meetings, the first with a turnout of 500 miners, the second with 800 present. Wilsonville one meeting with 400 present. O'Fallon one meeting with 1,400 present. Belleville one meeting with 1,000 present. Edgmont

Soviet Union Miners Aid Swedish Strikers

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—The Central Committee of the Miners' Union of the U. S. S. R. has sent 49,000 roubles to support the striking Swedish miners.
In accordance with the mutual agreement of friendship and solidarity, miners of the Soviet Union have sent the Swedish miners 125,000 roubles.

A Policeman's Progress

George V. McLaughlin, former police commissioner, is slated to succeed Ralph Jonas as president of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce June 1, according to Louis Charles Willis, chairman of the Chamber's nominating committee.
one meeting with 100 present. Kincaid one meeting with 300 present. Livingstone one meeting with 350 present. Harrisburg one meeting with 300 present. West Frankfort held two meetings, the first with 1,500 present, the second with 1,200 present.
"Countless efforts were made by the operators and the district machine to frustrate and break up these meetings but to little avail. Organization went on. Many delegate conferences were held. Save-the-Union Committees were organized and finally 100 delegates have been sent from Illinois to the Pittsburgh Miners' Save-the-Union Conference.
"The Illinois miners are preparing for the fight. Their hope lies in the great Save-the-Union movement."

MAY ALTER LAND LAWS IN MEXICO

Morrow Exerts Pressure for Fake Claimants

MEXICO CITY, April 1.—That United States ambassador Dwight W. Morrow, former partner in J. P. Morgan and company, is exerting pressure to bring about a change in the existing agrarian land laws and a settlement of claims advanced by American land speculators for compensation for lands confiscated by the Mexican Government was indicated yesterday in an article in the *Excelsior*.
The Calles Government, whose position with regard to the United States has changed considerably in all probability modify the agrarian land laws. In the last few months, it has been authoritatively stated, no land held by American investors has been taken over by the government.
2,000,000 YOUNG GIRLS WORKING
That there are nearly two million young girls under twenty working for a living in the United States is portrayed in a poster issued by the Women's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor.

WORKERS FORCE EGYPT TO REJECT BRITISH DEMANDS

Demand Withdrawal of Tory Forces

CAIRO, Egypt, April 1.—Forced by popular sentiment and the demonstrations recently held in Cairo and other cities by workers and students, the Egyptian government has despatched a strong note to Great Britain demanding independence and the withdrawal of British armed forces from Egypt. The Egyptian note was sent as a reply to the British ultimatum on the rejection of the new Anglo-Egyptian treaty.
Altho the government has been friendly to the British interests it has been compelled by popular pressure to reject the British demands for the occupation of the Suez Canal by British forces.

USSR TRADE WITH EAST INCREASING

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—According to the returns of the Central Customs Administration, the volume of trade between the U. S. S. R. and Oriental countries, excepting Egypt, amounted to 61.9 million roubles for the first quarter of the economic year 1927-28, of which exports from the U. S. S. R. account for 32.8 and imports for 29.1 million roubles. Thus the active balance was 37 million roubles in favor of the U. S. S. R.
The volume of trade between U. S. R. and Persia reached 31 million roubles against 18 million roubles for the corresponding period last year, an increase of 42 per cent. The balance for the first quarter of the working year was almost neutral, imports from Persia to the U. S. S. R. reaching 15.1 million roubles and exports to Persia 15.9 million roubles.

3500 MUSICIANS IN LOCAL

DETROIT, April 1 (FP).—Local 5 American Federation of Musicians has raised its membership from 500 in 1914 to 3500 at present.

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Army, Navy Correspondents Describe Vile Conditions of Military Slavery

GO TO NICARAGUA TO FIGHT NOT TO WATCH ELECTIONS

Big Ammunition Cargo Proof, Says Marine

Editor, DAILY WORKER:

I would like to tell you how some of the fellows feel on the eve of our departure for war in Nicaragua. While only a few really understand what they are going for and appreciate the seriousness of this new shipment of 1,000 marines, a large number are disgusted with the whole business.

In for Fighting.

First, all of us know we are not going for the elections. Many among us old-timers who have been in the fighting before, and we can see by the speed with which we are being rushed there, by the 20 tons of ammunition which are being loaded on the Oglala, that we are in for some REAL fighting. Further, if any of us had any illusions about what we were going for, these were done away with by Major Henry L. Larsen, in command of the unit sailing from Hampton Roads, who has just stated:

"We may be used to supervise the elections, but it is equally possible that we will be ordered into the hills to aid in the capture of Sandino. My orders so far go no further than the landing at Corinto."

So even the major considers it necessary to show up the formal explanations from Washington, although none of the men have taken the election excuse seriously from the start.

Friend Among Wounded.

One of my friends here had just received news that one of his buddies is among the wounded men who have recently been shipped to the hospital in the Canal Zone, and are in a critical condition. Of course such news does not help the officers in keeping up the pretense that this is just a game or a glorious adventure which we are going on. Add to this the many reports about marines sick with malaria, and you can imagine that the men are losing a lot of this enthusiasm which the officers have been trying to work up.

We read yesterday in the latest issue of "Our Navy" that seven marines were brought into Managua suffering from malaria and other ailments in a single day recently.

So you see, no matter how quiet the officers are about the casualties, sickness, etc., in Nicaragua, it is pretty hard to hide the truth from us as we are bound to get reports thru various channels, and most of the men know what they are in for, just as they know why they are being rushed to Nicaragua: to crush Sandino before the rainy season sets in.

Opposed to Job.

And while, as I remarked before, hardly anyone is enthusiastic about the dirty business, there are several that I know of who are definitely opposed to going to Nicaragua to fight against the people of this little country in order to protect Wall Street's profits and guarantee a canal as part of the preparations for the next world war. We haven't exactly made up our minds as to what we will do when we get there, but you can be sure that many of us will refuse to shoot those soldiers who are defending their country, and that some of us may even follow the example of those marines who had the guts to go over to Sandino. The letter mailed and distributed to some of the men here Wednesday put the thing the way quite a few of us feel.

I'll have to stop now, as the ship is sailing in about an hour, and this may be my last chance to mail a letter to you without running any risks.

—MARINE.

Working Class Women Aid Miners' Relief

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

BLOOMFIELD, Conn. (By Mail).—Over \$300 for the relief of the striking miners of Pennsylvania and Ohio was raised in a house to house collection by a united conference of working class women's organizations here. There organizations have also sent about 12 cases of clothes and shoes to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Relief Committee.

A second mass meeting will soon be arranged by these organizations, together with another house to house collection.

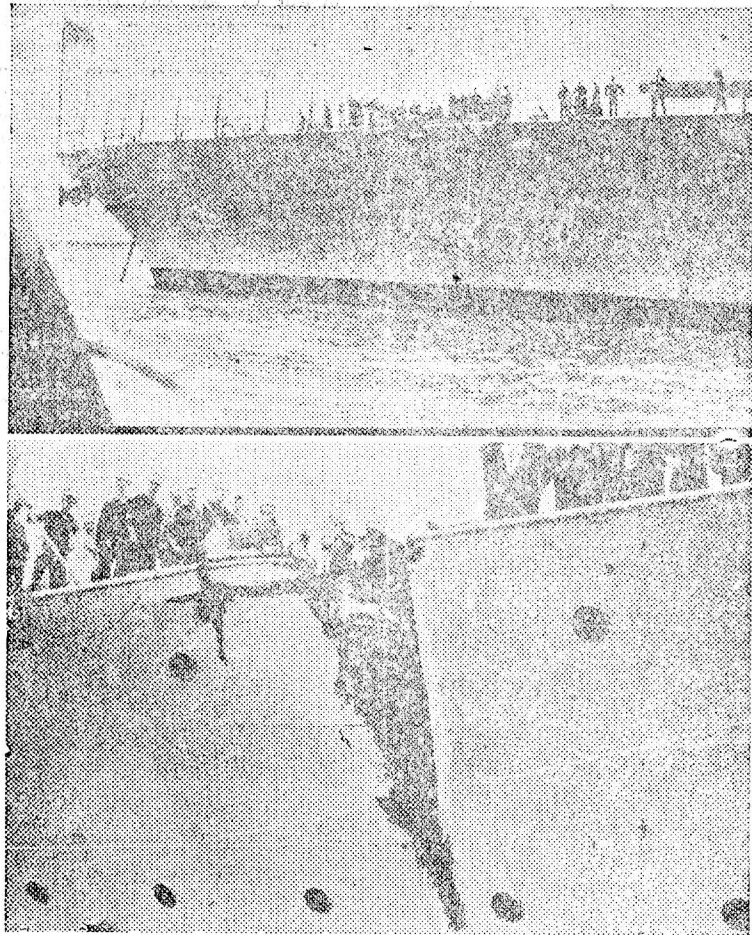
The working women of Hartford are demonstrating their solidarity with the striking miners in their efforts to save the United Mine Workers union.

—J.

Rockford Unions Grow

ROCKFORD, Ill., April 1.—The furniture workers in this city are organizing into trade unions in order to fight wage cuts. Trade unionists are giving their support to these workers so that they may thus protect themselves, since a successful attack on the furniture workers would be bound to spread to other sections of the working class here.

Seamen Narrowly Escape Death on Rammaged Dreadnought



The two pictures above show the superdreadnought Colorado many of whose crew, as well as the crew of the Ruth Alexander, a liner, had narrow escapes from death when the boats collided off the California coast. The sailors in the American imperialist navy are constantly exposed to death from the many accidents in the present rush of preparations for imperialist war.

BUNKS FOR MEN LIKE FOUL STEERAGE HOLE

Editor, DAILY WORKER:

I promised to write again when we reached our outfits, and there is certainly plenty to tell about, as the trip down here was even worse than some of the things you described about Fort Slocum in your paper.

The day of the shipment we all got up at about three in the morning, and after early chow we were lined up with the dog tags out while the officers called the roll and checked up on everybody. Finally we were jammed onto the small tugs, about 700 on a tug, and finally brought up to the Brooklyn piers where a second check-up was made, lest any one should escape before he is shipped to "Hell."

Enter "Special Quarters."

When this was over, we were allowed to enter the quarters especially provided for the enlisted men on these army transports. These special quarters are a section of the ship which would well compare with the old steerage at its worst, where they used to carry cattle before the war. This hole where we were all shoved in, is about twice the size of a fairly large living room: it is just the length of the width of the small transport. Here they had provided four bunks high, canvas, with the bottom bunk only two to four inches from the floor and the top bunk only about two feet beneath the ceiling. Two rows of these bunks are joined together and the space between the bunks is only about a foot, just about room for a man to squeeze himself thru.

Despite the crowded quarters, only artificial ventilation is offered, and it is a wonder the men don't suffocate on the trip, while despite the closed hatches there are enough cracks to let the water seep in, even if no fresh air can enter.

Stinking Hole.

As I said before they used these holes for horses and cattle during the war, but I'm sure they kept it cleaner and didn't crowd it so much when transporting horses. For three or four days most of us were so sick that we couldn't get out of our bunks, and during this time all the vomit and dirt accumulated, as there are no sailors on the boat to clean it up and it waits until the men are well enough to clean it up themselves.

There is no place for the men to undress, since the barrack bags are piled on top of the bunks, so the men usually slept in their clothes for the whole trip, which for us was 10 days to Panama, while those going to Hawaii will be on at least 15 days.

Get Diseases.

A large number of us were afflicted with diseases, and had to go to quarantine when we got off the boat, while almost everyone had some kind of scalp disease due to the filth and the crowded quarters, and many catch body diseases.

As one of the fellows remarked: "For the officers who are riding the first passage it is like travelling on the Aquitania or the Leviathan. They have the best of everything. To them it is a pleasure to make this trip. But we, the so-called 'defenders' of Uncle Sam, are put in places where cattle have travelled, but where it is doubtful whether or not even cattle could stand it the way we are travelling now."

Trip Hangs on Chest.

It really is a wonder that everyone isn't diseased when he gets off, although plenty of us were sick as it was, and those who didn't catch a real disease can't get the trip off their chests, and are still coughing like they had the "con." One of the

old timers here said that this cough holds on often as long as three weeks.

When the weather got a little better, those of us who were over our seasickness began to crawl out of our bunks like drowned rats out of their holes. But no sooner are we well enough to stick out our head, than the officers began to impose exercises on us, including those who have come out for air and are still too sick to walk.

Further, they take advantage of our sickness by putting up chow which isn't fit to eat, and when a man does feel well enough to eat something, he just becomes sick again.

Need Money for Food.

It is only the soldiers who have a few dollars with them and can buy some decent food from the canteen, or food served to the officers which they can get on the sly sometimes if they have the price, who aren't sick the entire trip.

Finally we reached our destination only to be put into quarantine, where it looks like we will have to stick it out for at least two weeks. Then we will be in our outfits and the hard "work" and the hard drill will start, no matter whether some of us are still sick or not. Then a lot of the fellows who read signs about "Don't Shiver" will realize what it means to sweat in the awful heat which many of us are already beginning to get fed up on, tho the real work hasn't started yet.

Of course a lot of the fellows are kicking but when they do some toughened corporal or sergeant who had gone thru this hell many times before, yells: "You've got three years to do it in so you had better snap out of it now." And the threat of K. P., extra fatigue or the guard house, usually makes the soldier put his head down and take everything as though it was meant that he should suffer these rotten conditions as a matter of course.

CANNON FOOD TO BE ROLE OF MEN IN COMING WAR

Cannot Be Avoided While Bosses Rule

Editor, DAILY WORKER:

Before the last world war plenty of officers spilled the beans and let us know that the war was coming, even telling us England would fight Germany and predicting what side the U. S. would be fighting on.

Today, we have our speeches from Admiral Plunkett, and others, about the coming war with England, and recently Captain J. A. Kearney of the U. S. S. Oklahoma added to the promises of another war in a speech before the members of the K. of C. at the Hotel Adelphia in Philadelphia.

"It is almost certain we will never be able to abolish war," was one of the frank statements from the captain's speech, which gave this as a reason for a stronger navy, thus contradicting the old sob stuff about a strong navy to prevent war.

The only trouble is that this war which the bosses and the officers are looking forward to will be one thing for them, and another thing for the soldiers, sailors and workers who will have to be the cannon-fodder when this next war starts. We agree with Captain Kearney that there is no chance of abolishing war as long as the bosses and their officers have the say, but we are not so sure that the sailors and soldiers will go to slaughter like so many lambs—but think they will have something to say too when the next war comes.

Philadelphia, Pa. —"SEAMAN."

Mounted Cops Beat Up Anti-Horthy Workers

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

CLEVELAND, (By Mail).—Together with a group of Hungarian workers demonstrating against the Horthy delegation visiting Cleveland, a group of young workers picketed the City Hall recently. The Horthy delegation was to have received an official welcome from city manager Hopkins, but instead they were confronted by the pickets. The pickets came toward the Horthy delegates, bearing banners with slogans such as "Young Workers, Kick the Horthy Murderers out!" "100,000 Unemployed in Cleveland!" "Not a Cent to the Horthy Murderers in Horthy's Jail!"—and taking up the lead of the Horthy parade, escorted the delegation to the city hall.

When in front of the hall the pickets were set upon by the mounted police and motorcycle officers, the banners torn from their hands and the demonstrators commanded to "Beat it!" Not satisfied with scattering the pickets, the police seized one of the young workers, Bill Kovach, and attempted to beat him. Another young worker, Lil Borer, was set upon and chased by a mounted policeman.

A great percentage of those picketing were members of the Young Workers League, which has played an important part in the demonstrations against the Horthy delegation all thru their stay in the United States.

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UTILITIES ON PROGRAM.

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DRAMA "THE SCARLET FOX" IS GOOD MELODRAMA

WILLARD MACK is in his glory at the Theatre Masque where his new play "The Scarlet Fox" is now showing. In addition to writing and producing the play, Mr. Mack appears in the leading part. It is unusually interesting production and keeps the audience on the alert during the entire time the curtain is up.

"The story concerns the Royal Mounted Police and how they 'got their man'!" While based on the usual melodramatic murder the superior manner in which it is played takes it out of the ordinary class.

Michael Devlin, sergeant of the mounted police, a character in Mack's success of a decade ago — "Tiger Rose", portrayed in the present production by Mr. Mack himself, is assigned to catch the murderer of a mine owner. At first he accuses the mine strikers of the murder, but later realizes that he was mistaken.

The second act of the three act play, is the best and makes up for the inferiorities to be found in the other two acts. It also makes a visit to the Masque worth while. The act in question shows the joint of "Swede" Cora, (Marie Chambers) which is an establishment of "cheer", populated by ladies of easy virtue headed by Cora herself.

The acting in this scene is superb. The members of the supporting cast include adequate actors such as Alice Moe, Katherine Wilson and Hans Sanquint.

Altho produced at the tail end of the present season, "The Scarlet Fox" is worthy addition to the best plays of the year. For an evening's entertainment at a play of constant thrills, it is to be highly recommended. While certain parts, such as the accusation of the strikers is to be condemned, it is uniformly satisfactory.

The settings are by Cleon Throckmorton, who as usual has done a remarkable piece of work.

—S. A. P.

Vaudeville Theatres

PALACE
Lupino Lane, motion picture star; James Barton; Nance O'Neil in a condensed version of "The Lily"; Trixie Frigranze; Jane and Katherine Lee; "The Parisian Redheads," featuring Bobbie Grice; Maryon Vadie's Dance Etchings with Tina Poles, pianist; Eileen and Marjorie.

BROADWAY
"Keep Stepping" will constitute the main attraction on the Broadway stage. This is a miniature musical comedy with The Notables and Juvenile Steppers as stars and Gilbert Lamb and Flo Perry as featured assistants. On the scene, Edmund Lowe in "Dressed to Kill," with Mary Astor playing opposite him.

JEFFERSON
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Phillips and Norman Phillips Jr., in "Parents," a comedy by Edgar Allan Wolf; Eddie Miller and Frank J. Corbett; Boyle and Della, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The photoplay will be Coleen Moore in "Her Wild Oat," from the story by Howard Irving Young.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Al Shean of Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Shean, and Miss Lynn Cantor, prima donna of the "Greenwich Village Follies," will be the chief vaudeville attraction. The screen feature will be Richard Dix in "Sporting Goods." Among others the vaudeville will include Little Billy, and Norman and Norman.

"Grease Paint," the original story by Svend Gade which Universal purchased as a starring vehicle for Conrad Veidt, will be released under the title of "The Play Goes On."

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In the APRIL COMMUNIST

Important articles by Krupskaya, John Pepper, Wm. Z. Foster, Jay Lovestone, Wm. Weinstone, and others.

This issue is illustrated with excellent cartoons on the miners' struggle, and has a book-review section.

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In "Her Wild Oat," the feature film at the Jefferson Theatre.

end is played in a manner which Mr. Mack can well be proud of. The act is dynamic and moves along at a rapid pace. The only complaint is that it is too short. Miss Chambers' characterization as Cora is remarkable, quite the best of its kind seen in a long time.

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HUNGER NEAR AS MORE MINES SHUT DOWN IN KANSAS

Lewis in Move Against Pittsburgh Delegates

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

ARMA, Kansas. (By Mail).—Work is scarce in this district as the mines are closing down one by one. At present we are working only two days a week.

We held a left wing miners' meeting some time ago at Mulberry, Kansas, in which we cooperated with the Save-the-Union Committee in Pittsburgh, Pa. Brother Oehler was our main speaker. We had about 100 loyal miners from this district present and the meeting had a lot of live wires.

We elected four delegates to the Pittsburgh conference and we also elected finance committees to finance their way.

The Lewis henchmen are at work trying to put a stop to this kind of a move. They are advising all men to keep away from our meetings, threatening expulsion from the United Mine Workers. They've got most of the ignorant workers and scissor bills scared to death but we are fighting on. Already half of this district is scab and if the progressives don't take over power in a short while our district is blown up.

We haven't got much finance to help out our DAILY WORKER, but all our brothers are on the rocks. It's a pretty hard proposition when a man's in a hole and can't get out. On the average we've worked three months in a whole year, so you know we have to scamper to make ends meet.

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PEACE SLOGAN IS USED FOR VOTE-GETTING SCHEME

"Tolerance Group" Gets Only 2 Delegates

Benjamin Schlesinger, former president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, having control of the election machinery of the right wing Operators' Local 2, had very little trouble counting himself, and seven of his "Friends for Ever" group, into office as delegates to the coming convention of the International union at the "election" held Thursday evening.

Sigman Group Defeated.

The "Tolerance" group, as part of the right wing had helped to break the militant Cloakmakers' Union, but which has since become tired of the resulting open shop conditions in the trade, and were therefore running on a platform of "peace and unity in the union," saw the Schlesinger election machine grant them two delegates out of the ten, when it was apparent to everyone that an honest tabulation of votes would result in their full slate of candidates being elected.

The reactionary "trade union" group, representing President Sigman's faction in the so-called union, was completely defeated. Not even the leader of this clique, even though he is manager of the local, got enough votes to be considered even a strong opponent.

Disgusted With Sigman.

It was clear, according to the sentiment expressed at the polls, that the large number of registered workers participating in the elections did so in order to demonstrate their hatred of the right wing Sigman clique, by completely voting down those candidates who will refuse to fight for unity at the national convention to be held in Boston on May 7.

Although the registered membership knew that the reactionary Schlesinger gang, which counts among its supporters such extreme reactionaries as Breslaw of Local 35, and Dubinsky of Local 10, were as bad as the Sigmanites, they nevertheless were ready to support any candidates who publicly announced their intention to fight for unity on the convention floor.

Schlesinger Tries To Confuse Workers

Not only did the Schlesinger "Friends for Ever" group put thru in outright election steal, but they even attempted to confuse the workers coming to vote by issuing leaflets carrying the slogan, "If you want peace and unity in the union, vote for Benjamin Schlesinger and his followers."

Saul Shelley, and W. Beiner, leaders of an impartial committee of 50, made a statement before the elections endorsing the slate of the "Tolerance" group, which stands for unity, and also endorsing the candidacy of Schlesinger. The registered and unregistered workers severely condemn Shelley's mistaken belief that a change in the union presidency from Sigman to Schlesinger would bring any relief to the exploited cloakmakers or a united union.

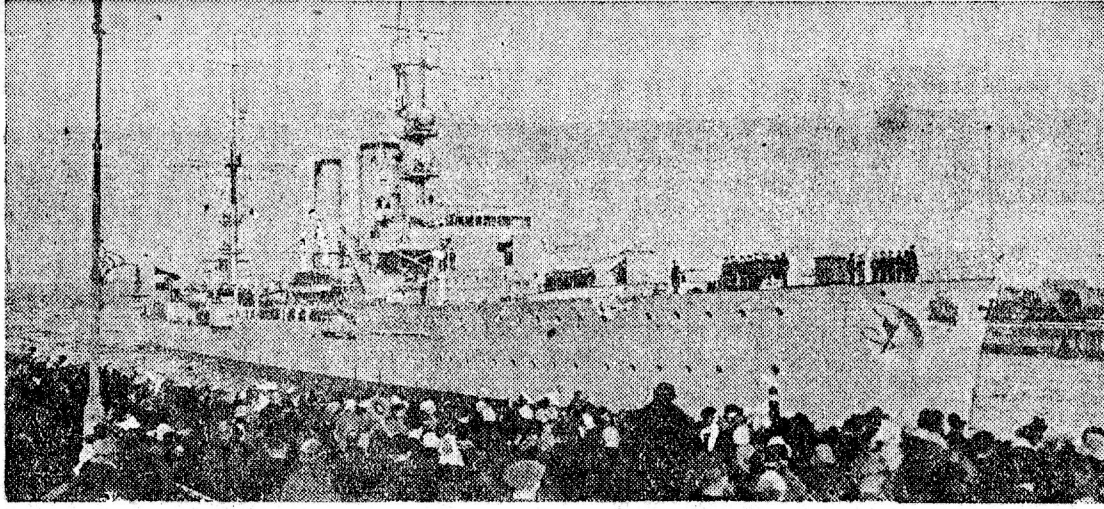
Unions Have Engineers, Architects as Umpires

BOSTON, April 1 (FP).—Building trades unions have voted 14 to 6 for a local arbitration board to settle jurisdictional disputes. The Building Trades Council would choose two members, the employers one and the architects one to serve on the board. Each side would select an additional member to handle each dispute.

A panel of three umpires is to be selected by the board among engineers and architects, to settle disputes which the arbitrators fail to solve. A similar plan was recently defeated in Newark, N. J., where unions argued that final decision is placed in the hands of probable enemies.

Building trades councils throughout the country are debating jurisdictional dispute adjustment machinery due to the collapse of the national board for jurisdictional awards.

Germany Building Up Navy to Be Ready for an Imperialist War



Above is shown a photo of the new German cruiser Emden, named after the famous German raider in the world war. In the mad scramble of the capitalist powers to build up their military and naval forces, the German capitalists do not wish to be left too far behind. England and the other capitalist powers, preparing for an attack on the Soviet Union, are attempting to draw Germany into the imperialist alliance.

ZARITSKY TRIES TO BREAK STRIKE

CHICAGO, April 1.—Failing in his attempt to depose the left wing leadership of the Boston Capmakers' Union, because of the militant campaign carried on by the Boston union against his reactionary policies, Max Zaritsky, president of the International Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers Union, yesterday ordered the dissolution of the strike committee conducting a strike against the Chicago Cap Manufacturers' Association.

Grabs Leadership.

In doing this Zaritsky took the leadership of the strike away from his own appointee M. Salzberg, because the latter was not willing to give up the fight against the employers' attempt to install the piece work system. The employers' association under the leadership of a former vice-president of the union, had locked out the Chicago capmakers after they learned that Zaritsky, the union president, had recommended to the union executive board that piece work be accepted.

The bosses demand for the piece-work system has been bitterly fought by the union membership for many weeks, and Zaritsky's act is taken by the strikers to mean an open attempt to break their ranks.

Bosses Want Zaritsky.

Percy Ginsberg, manager of the bosses' association, and a close friend of Zaritsky's has many times declared that he refuses to deal with such determined opponents of piece work. The bosses demanded to deal with Zaritsky only, and Zaritsky obliged them. He will enter conferences with the bosses to reach a "settlement." The workers declare that they are determined to fight any concessions Zaritsky may make on the piece work question.

Zaritsky's attempt to remove all opposition to his frankly expressed intention to install piece work, was recently defeated in Boston by the membership. After ordering new elections for local leaders under right wing supervision, Zaritsky was completely defeated by an overwhelming re-election of the left wing leadership.

Fear Govt. Will Sell Barge Lines to R. R.

WASHINGTON, (FP) April 1.—Cities along the Mississippi river are protesting against President Coolidge's scheme for selling out the government barge lines on the Mississippi, the Ohio and the Missouri rivers. A joker embodying this plan for killing water competition with the railroads is included with the Denison bill which is in committee in the House. The bill provides for enlarging the facilities of the barge service, but it includes a proviso that the Secretary of War may lease or sell the barge lines at his own discretion. Protests are based on the belief that the war department will sell the barge lines to the Illinois Central Railroad or other railroads running parallel to the river. The barge system is cutting deeply into the revenues of the Illinois Central, sharply reducing freight costs.

Workers' Calendar

Chicago Anti-Imperialist Meet. CHICAGO.—An anti-imperialist conference called by the All-America Anti-Imperialist League will be held here April 15.

Boston Mine Relief Meet. BOSTON.—A mass meeting for miners' relief will be held Friday, April 6 at Lorimer Hall, Tremont Temple, under the auspices of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee. Roger Baldwin, director, American Civil Liberties Union, will speak.

Chicago Freiheit Celebration. CHICAGO.—The sixth anniversary of the Jewish Daily Freiheit will be celebrated Saturday, April 7 at Temple B'nai B'rith, 420 N. Dearborn St. Max Isaacson and Melich Epstein will speak.

Cannon Tour Dates. Friday, April 6th, Astoria, Oregon.

In the Northwest. Saturday, Sunday, April 7th, 8th Portland, Oregon.

Monday, April 9th, Tacoma, Wash.

Tuesday, April 10th, Everett, Wash.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 11-12-13-14th, Seattle, Wash. (Includes trip to Walla Walla, Wash., prison.)

Sunday, April 15th, Spokane, Washington.

Monday, April 16th, Butte, Mont.

Tuesday, April 17th, Great Falls, Mont.

Thursday, April 19th, Plentywood, Mont.

Sunday, Monday, April 22-23, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.

Tuesday, April 24th, Rochester, Minnesota.

Wednesday, April 25th, Duluth, Minn.

Thursday, April 26th, Superior, Wis., Workers' Hall, 429 Tower Ave.

Saturday, April 28th, Chicago, Ill., Mirror Hall, 1116 N. Western Ave.

Sunday, April 29th, Chicago, Ill., I.L.D. Conference of Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Missouri.

Baltimore Banquet. BALTIMORE.—A banquet will be given by the Inter-Racial Workers' Forum, Sunday at 7 p. m. at Carpenters Hall, 716 N. Eataw St.

Boston Jobs to Meet. BOSTON.—All unemployed members of the Workers (Communist) Party and the Young Workers (Communist) League are expected to report at 36 Causeway St. Tuesday at 3 p. m.

Boston Meeting Wednesday. BOSTON.—A special meeting of all Workers (Communist) Party functionaries will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. at 36 Causeway St.

Suspended Sentences For Guilty Policemen

MINEOLA, L. I., April 1.—James Reardon, former Manhattan policeman, John Winter of Brooklyn, and Pasquale de Marco, a Manhattan policeman now under suspension have received suspended sentences when they were arraigned before County Judge Lewis J. Smith on charges of attempted extortion. The three were convicted recently of attempting to extort money by threats from Michael Andrews, owner of a restaurant at Valley Stream, L. I. They pleaded that they were intoxicated and did not realize what they were doing.

LOAN SHARKS ARE INDICTED IN FRAUD

Indictments against Julius Knepper, Jacob Robbins, and the R. & B. Trading Corporation, all of 486 E. 163rd St., charging them with fraudulent use of the mails have been issued, in the investigation of loan sharks now being carried on by United States Attorney Tuttle. The indictments contain five counts, each of which is, upon conviction, punishable by a fine of \$1,000, or a maximum of five years in prison, or both.

The charges included misrepresentation of service charges which the defendants knew were fictitious, attempts to defraud their alleged victims of their protection under the state laws, seizure, by stealth and force, of automobiles for the return of which extortionate and illegal sums were demanded, fictitious auctions of seized cars, use of "dummy" purchasers when the defendants themselves were the real buyers, and the mailing of letters in the furtherance of such schemes.

These charges were made by dozens of workers who have testified against these companies as well as many others which have not yet been investigated.

ONLY 3 MILLION PAY INCOME TAX

Millionaire Prosperity Continues

WASHINGTON, April 1.—America's national income in 1927 apparently was not far from the \$90,000,000,000 estimated for 1926, judging from March tax collections of more than \$500,000,000 paid to the treasury.

Officials, however, in interpreting the income tax collection, admitted that out of a population of 117,000,000 less than 3,000,000 pay taxes and that the returns reflect only the prosperity of this group. Unemployment therefore has exercised little influence upon the tax yield. Reports from federal reserve banks, tabulated today, indicated that the March collection will not be far from the \$516,000,000 collected last March on incomes of 1926, regarded as the most prosperous normal year in American history.

DYNAMITE HELPS "DEMOCRACY" IN CHICAGO GOVT.

Thompson Groups "Appeal" to Voters

CHICAGO, Ill., April 1.—Liquor raids, gun play, fatal "rides," fresh threats of bomb throwing, inquests and investigations—all these have figured in Chicago's worst pre-election reign of terror.

William Beatty, municipal court bailiff and Eighth Ward leader of the Republican faction headed by Mayor William Hale Thompson and State's Attorney Crowe, was shot and seriously wounded in a midnight raid by dry agents on a "soft drink" parlor. Beatty was on his way to a political meeting with his wife when they stopped for a "glass of beer." Twelve prohibition agents, armed with shot-guns, pistols, rifles and sledge hammers, staged a surprise raid on the place and in the commotion Beatty was shot.

Man Found Burned.

Several hours later, the body of a man identified by a card in his pocket as Paul Marchese, relative of the slain "Diamond Joe" Esposito, Deneen leader, was found on a smouldering pyre where he had been burned, perhaps alive.

The tragedy was discovered by county highway police. It was their theory that Marchese had been "taken for a ride," released from the car and told to run. As he ran he was shot down from the rear. They believe he was not yet dead when his clothes were soaked in gasoline and set afire.

After Grafting Dry Agents.

The series of prohibition raids which started when Bailiff Beatty was shot, was headed by George E. Golding, chief of the general investigators recently pushed into Chicago with orders to "dry up" the city and rid the banks of grafting dry agents.

The "drying up" campaign is under the supervision of United States District Attorney George C. Q. Johnson, an appointee of Senator Charles S. Deneen, whose home was bombed here last Monday night. Deneen is leader of the Republican faction opposed to the Thompson-Crowe-Small combine.

Lead by Deneen.

When the raids started reports had it that they were inspired by Senator Deneen to even scores with the local administration.

Sen. Deneen will remain here until after the primary election, April 10, which promises the greatest display of fireworks in the history of the city.

Working by his side is Judge John A. Swanson, his first lieutenant and

Washington Street Car Merger Steal Approved

WASHINGTON, (FP) April 1.—Ignoring the protests of representatives of the organized employees on the larger of the two traction systems in the capital, the Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia has approved the proposed merger of the two street car systems on a claimed valuation of \$50,000,000. Demands by the street railway employees union that the valuation be drained of about \$25,000,000 of water, and that the workers be guaranteed a living wage, arbitration and collective bargaining through a trade union, were rejected.

Organized labor will now take the battle to Congress. It will speak both for the employees and for the mass of consumers in the District. The merger was brought about by the North American Co., one of the biggest elements in the nation-wide power and traction combine. The Washington Railway & Electric Co., whose lines are worth about \$4,000,000 is valued in the merger at \$32,000,000, while its electric generating plant is left out for separate capitalization.

Reveal Klan Terrorism

INDIANAPOLIS, April 1.—Acts of terrorism committed by members of Ku Klux Klan in Ohio in recent years together with charges that the secret order was closely associated with units of the state government were related to Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom yesterday by James R. Ramsey of Gratiot, Wis. The testimony was taken in a deposition in Gilliom's suit to oust the Klan from Indiana.

"The Battalion of Death" of the Klan and the Knight Riders of Ohio were branches of the Klan formed to carry out a "program of terror, including public whippings, burning churches and theatres, making threats, illegal liquor raids and engaging in guerrilla warfare," Ramsey said.

Bloor Will Address Detroit Relief Meeting

Ella Reeves Bloor will be the principal speaker at a meeting arranged by the Detroit Federation of Workingclass Women's Organizations, Friday evening, April 13th, at the Finnish Workers Home, 14th and McGraw Avenues.

"Mother" Bloor will tell the story of the miners' strike based on observations and experiences during several months active work in the strike region. This meeting is one of several activities arranged by the Federation, including a tag day.

candidate for Cook County state's attorney. Swanson's home was wrecked by a bomb the same night Senator Deneen's front porch was blown away.

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The Mine Workers' Program

"Lewis Must Go!" say the mine workers.
The great conference at Pittsburgh, at the moment these lines are written, surpasses even the best earlier hopes for its success.

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All important districts of the Union are represented.
The conference is not a sectional conference, not a western, nor an eastern, nor a central states conference—it is a conference representative of the great mass of coal miners.

At Pittsburgh are delegates who may speak for the United Mine Workers of America.

But the conference is even more than that. It extends beyond present confines of the Union, which has been very much reduced in the past few years.

The Pittsburgh Conference represents, not only the present body of the United Mine Workers, but it represents the broader and bigger United Mine Workers which existed before the big defeats of recent years and the greater Union still to be.

The Conference represents the dimensions of the Union more nearly as its dimensions were in 1920, than as they exist now—for at the Pittsburgh Conference are the representatives of those sections which are vital to the industry and which had been lost to the Union when Lewis treacherously left Fayette and Washington counties out of the 1922 agreement as a favor to the Steel Trust, gave up West Virginia to the murderers of Sid Hatfield and refused to organize the miners of Kentucky and Tennessee.

The Pittsburgh Conference represents the mine workers of West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and the other sections of the Union which have so long been "represented" by mere clerks from the office of Lewis. Now for the first time in years these sections of the industry are really represented by delegates elected by the rank and file whom Lewis had deserted to the terrorism of company gunmen.

The Canadian mine workers, thrown out of the Union by John L. Lewis, are represented. An important section of the women, who always play an exceptional role in all struggles in the mine fields, is represented.

The Pittsburgh Conference represents more mine workers than are now formally enrolled in the Union as a whole. It represents those vital sections of the miners which have been in the past broken off of the main body of organized mine workers, those which were expelled by the tsar, Lewis, and those which Lewis, the friend of the operators, refused to organize in the Union.

In short, the present Conference at Pittsburgh represents a re-uniting of the broken fragments of the United Mine Workers. In the fullest sense the conference already shows the justification of its name—the Save-the-Union Conference.

Then comes the supremely important matter of the program. The program is a scathing indictment of all enemies of the United Mine Workers' Union, and of John L. Lewis, its most dangerous enemy, in particular.

The program is a program of action—and the Union has never officially adopted a program of action since John L. Lewis and his horde of company agents took control of the Union. Lewis had scuttled the Union's former program and has stood guard for the operators to see that no militant program was adopted in its place.

It has long been understood among the advanced sections of the Union that any program of action must have as its first point the ousting of Lewis and Lewis' bureaucracy. The restoration of the Union to the great mass of coal mine workers of the country is the a b c of all action. These points are well provided for by the program as outlined in press dispatches.

But the significance of Lewis' position lies in the fact that he is the agent of the coal operators. Behind Lewis stand the operators; and the operators must be beaten in the present strike. The coal miners will free themselves from Lewis in order to smash the open-shop drive of the coal operators in a victory for the Union which will restore it to its once honored place as the advance-guard of the trade union movement.

The program meets this need. The real smashing, counter-offensive of the mine workers of the whole country only now becomes possible simultaneously with and as a part of the nationwide drive against the operators' agent, Lewis.

The special emergency district conventions which have been called by the Pittsburgh Conference must be made such splendid expressions of the will of the rank and file miners as have not been had since Lewis' election-stealing methods began.

Fraud, which was the Lewis method of putting himself in power in the past two elections, must never be allowed to repeat itself.

The United Mine Workers' Union must have officials who will represent the free and complete will of the mine workers.

John L. Lewis and his gang of mercenaries must go!

The miners' fight is the fight of every honest worker in the coal fields, but it is more than that.

The miners' fight is the fight of the whole working class.

The miners themselves bear the most direct burden of the fight.

But the fight must not be left to the mine workers alone. The whole working class must take up the miners' fight.

Workers everywhere must make it their concern to see that the miners are supported in every way.

The fighting mine workers must eat while they fight.

The workers everywhere must multiply ten times the relief that is being sent.

The Pittsburgh Conference is not the end, but the beginning of the biggest struggle.

All eyes on Pittsburgh! All hands to help!

The miners' cause is the cause of the whole working class.

DOWN TOOLS! BEAT THE OPEN SHOP! SAVE THE UNION!

By Fred Ellis

"Communist" Must Be Put on News-Stands

By D. BENJAMIN.

Very soon the election campaign will be in full swing. The Workers (Communist) Party will be on the ballot. Our party will be pointing out to the workers of this city the real significance of the unemployment situation, the attack on the unions, the war danger. Our party will be hammering away at the capitalist parties and the capitalist system.

Many workers and students will be hearing from our party and about our party at that time. Many of our charges and many of our points will strike home. The workers will want to know more about our movement.

Some of them will see the DAILY WORKER on the news stands and read it. That will help our fight. Others will want to go deeper into the question. Our Party should surely meet them half way, should make it possible for such to know more about the Communist movement. We can more than meet them half way if we put the Communist on the news stands.

More attention to this important task. Over 25 news stands in New York have already been covered. Let us make it 100. Then let us make it 250. After that still more.

Every literature agent on the job, every unit on the job. Every comrade on the job.

Let us make every news stand, at least every one in the working class sections of the city, a small fortress of Communist propaganda by putting the DAILY WORKER and the Communist on the news stands.



Background of the Coal Miners Struggle

By WM. Z. FOSTER.

(Since this article was written the Save the Union Committee has called, subject to approval by the Pittsburgh conference, a strike for April 16 of the 100,000 unorganized miners in Fayette, Somerset, Westmoreland, Green and other western Pennsylvania counties. The District 12 Save the Union Committee calls Illinois miners to strike April 1.)

THE coal industry, both bituminous and anthracite, finds itself in a deep-going crisis. The principal factors contributing to this are: over development during the war period, installation of machinery and speed-up systems, the introduction of oil, water-power and other substitutes for coal, the reduced demand for coal caused by the general industrial depression, etc. The crisis in the American coal industry is part of the international crisis in the coal industry.

The general result of the working of these factors is a falling off of demand for and a decline in total production, also a rise in production per man.

The principal harvest the workers reap from this situation is an unparalleled unemployment, the breaking of their union, wage cuts, etc. The slogan of the operators and the reactionary trade union leaders is "There are 250,000 miners too many." The crisis in the industry reflects itself by a deep-going crisis in the union. Gradually the organization is being crushed. During the past several years it has been wiped out entirely in West Virginia, Tennessee, Maryland, and many other districts. It is now being attacked most desperately in the three key districts, in West Pennsylvania and Ohio. The crisis in the union is graphically indicated in the fact that four years ago 70 per cent of all bituminous coal dug was produced by union coal miners, but on April 1, 1927, at the beginning of the present strike, the amount of bituminous coal produced by union miners had been reduced to 30 per cent.

The Lewis administration tries to throw the responsibility for the crisis in the union upon the difficult situation in the industry as a whole. Naturally the conditions in the industry have contributed to make the position of the union more difficult, but with proper policies the organization could have overcome these obstacles, and not only maintained but strengthened itself.

Criminal Misleadership.

The Lewis administration has wantonly permitted the destruction of the union in various districts, and it has absolutely refused to carry on any organizational work to re-establish the union. It is saturated with corruption and inertia. It has systematically crushed every manifestation of militancy in the organization, expelling militant fighters wholesale. It has divided the coal miners against themselves, splitting off the anthracite miners from the bituminous miners, and in the present strike, signing separate district and individual agreements. This destroys solidarity among the miners.

Ever since Lewis came into power his general policy has been one fatal to the union. His betrayal of the 1922 strike, one of the most shameful features of which was his abandonment of the Fayette miners, is typical. The signing of a separate five-year agreement for the anthracite was a crime against the miners; likewise his failure to strike the bitu-

minous miners jointly with the anthracite miners in 1925 and thus put a stop to the violation of the Jacksonville scale. He made no preparation for the present strike; carried on no preliminary organizational work; and made no stimulation of the union for the struggle; and when the strike took place he did nothing to draw the unorganized into the fight. For six months after the strike began no organized relief was given the miners; militancy was systematically suppressed; no mass picketing; no mass violation of injunctions was engaged in. While the miners starved, he and his cronies drew their fat salaries. They directed the miners to place their hopes not in an aggressive fight but in futile appeals to Coolidge, empty senate investigations, etc.

While Lewis was thus weakening the miners' union with his criminally wrong policies, the employers were constantly growing more powerful. The spread of non-union territory, the consolidations of the coal operators themselves, the general strength of other great industrial corporations with coal-mining departments, the increase in the open-shop militancy among employers generally; all contributed towards increasing the power of the employers, while the strength of the union diminished.

The general result has been to bring the United Mine Workers of America to the greatest crisis in its history. The organization is now in very real danger of being destroyed altogether.

First Strategy of the Opposition.

Two years ago the left wing, perceiving the increasingly dangerous position of the miners' organization, raised the slogan of "Save the Union." Forming a united front with the progressives on the basis of a minimum program including the Organization of the Unorganized, the Formation of a Labor Party, a National Agreement, 6 Hour Day and 5 Day Week for all Coal Miners, Nationalizing of the Mines, etc., the left wing embarked upon an intensive struggle against Lewis. This struggle first took the form of an election campaign with the progressives putting up a ticket against the Lewis machine, a campaign for delegates to the national convention and for the organization of the unorganized miners in preparation for the approaching bituminous strike.

These movements brought forth afresh the corruption and ruthlessness of the Lewis administration. Lewis brazenly stole the election, packed the convention, and resisted every proposal for the launching of a campaign to organize the unorganized districts. The defeat of the opposition resulted in a spread of pessimism and dual-union spirit among the miners. A conclusion quite generally reached, full of great importance for the future, was that it was hopeless to try to revive the U. M. W. A. through the democratic channels of the union.

The Second Stage

The second general stage of the opposition strategy began about three months ago by the holding of an open conference of the opposition in Pittsburgh and the definite formation of the National Save the Union Committee, of which John Brophy is chairman and Pat Toohy is secretary. This is based upon an open struggle against the Lewis machine to force it out of control of the union and thus bring about, through the instrumentality of the left wing and progressives, the adoption of the policy necessary to save the organiza-



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tion. The typical opposition slogans of this period are: "Lewis Must Go" and "Miners, Take Control of Your Union."

The present policy of open struggle is based upon four general considerations:

(a) The union is in the most critical danger of being destroyed. Drastic measures must be adopted to save it.

(b) The Lewis machine, hopelessly reactionary, is wrecking the organization and there is no hope of it voluntarily adopting policies that will preserve the union.

(c) Only the policies advocated by the opposition can save the organization and relieve the pressure on the miners.

(d) Democracy being completely wiped out in the union by the Lewis autocracy, it is futile to try to function through elections and conventions corrupted and dominated by the Lewis machine. The only means left to put into effect the fundamentally necessary policies of the opposition is by an open clash and contest with the Lewis administration for the leadership of the miners.

Strike Strengthened.

The immediate general objective of the opposition in the struggle against the coal operators who are determined to smash the union and of whom the Lewis bureaucrats are the agents, is the mobilization of all possible forces to win the Pennsylvania-Ohio strike, it being manifest that if this great struggle is lost a tremendous obstacle will be placed in the way of unionism generally in the coal industry. This strike, the most important in the history of the American working class, can and must be won with correct policies. The miners involved are making the most desperate struggle in the face of unprecedented difficulties, and they can win the victory provided they are given real support.

Incredible though it may sound, the strike has been considerably strengthened in the past three months, due principally to the swift development of the opposition movement which gives the miners the first real ray of hope.

To win the strike the opposition is working on the following general strategy:

(a) The strengthening of the strike itself through mass picketing, violation of injunctions; the extension of

strike relief* and invigorating propaganda to stimulate the spirit of the strikers.

(b) Drawing of Illinois, Kansas and Indiana into the strike on April 1st. These districts were signed up separately by the Lewis machine several months ago. The effect was simply to betray the Pennsylvania-Ohio strikers and to give the operators in these districts a chance to exploit the winter market. With temporary agreements expiring on the 1st of April, these districts are confronting demands of the operators for the liquidation of the Jacksonville scale. The Lewis machine pulled these districts out of the strike; the left wing proposes to pull them in again. The effect of their coming into the strike afresh will give tremendous impetus to it and do enormous injury to the prestige of the Lewis machine.

(c) Drawing in the unorganized miners. Fundamentally necessary to winning the strike in Pennsylvania and Ohio is to draw in the vast armies of unorganized miners of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Lewis makes no effort in this direction. The unorganized have no confidence in the Lewis machine; the "Save the Union Committee" has the confidence of these strikers and is now making strenuous efforts to mobilize them for the struggle. Thus, the very heart of the problem of the union, namely, the organization of the unorganized, is being systematically attacked.

(d) Drawing in the anthracite miners. Reversing the wrong policy of the Lewis machine in separating the anthracite from the bituminous miners, the Save the Union Committee is now working to join them up with the bituminous miners.

The anthracite miners confronted with heavy unemployment, speed-up system, and betrayed by their officials, face the destruction of their organization unless they, too, join forces with the bituminous miners. These four points in brief: (a) Immediate strengthening of the Pittsburgh-Ohio strike; (b) Drawing in the unorganized; (c) Drawing in anthracite miners constitute the main factors of the strike strategy of the opposition.

To mobilize the full forces of the organized and unorganized miners to put this general strategy into effect, the National Save the Union Committee has called an open conference of miners, official representatives of their locals, to be held in Pittsburgh on April 1st, as Labor Unity comes from the press. This conference has been preceded by the holding of rank and file conferences in all the principal districts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, etc.

Bituminous Miners.

Especially marked is the upheaval amongst the bituminous miners. In the anthracite districts where there has been no strike and where the union crisis is not so evident to the miners, the upheaval is also developing, but the tempo at present is not quite so fast as in the bituminous sections. The mass district conferences, with the representative delegations of 150 to 300 each, were veritable outpourings of the rank and file in revolt against the Lewis machine. They were held openly notwithstanding threats from the misleaders of the union. They indicate, especially in the bituminous sections, a tremendous upheaval of the rank and file miners against the men who have, under the

guise of union leaders, systematically betrayed them for years into the hands of the operators.

Everywhere district Save-the-Union Committees have been created. These have behind them a vast network of Save-the-Union Committees in innumerable local unions. The organ of the movement is the Coal Digger with a rapidly growing mass circulation. It is this whole machine mechanism which will send forth a large delegation to the Pittsburgh Conference.

The effect of this great mass movement has been to stimulate the fighting spirit of the miners in Pennsylvania and Ohio. A weakness of the progressives was that almost unanimously for several months they held the position that it was wrong to criticize the Lewis machine during the strike. The result of this was to give Lewis a free hand to destroy the strike.

Mass Attack Strengthens Strike.

The left wing, however, firmly maintained that especially during the strike Lewis and his policies had to be attacked. Now progressives and all are agreed that the mass attack on Lewis has vastly strengthened the strike and gained it its first real prospect of success. Should the strike be successful Lewis will, of course, try to claim the credit. But the opposition must know how to instruct the rank and file in the real truth.

The evident determination of the Lewis machine is to hang on at all cost in the face of the opposition of the majority of the union, securing the support of the operators and the government in order to retain control of the union.

The Importance of the Struggle.

The importance of the struggle now going on in the coal industry can hardly be overestimated. The coal operators are aggressively attempting with the active assistance of the government and the treacherous misleadership of the Lewis machine, to break up the United Mine Workers and to put through their wage-cutting policies. The loss of the United Mine Workers of America would deal a most destructive blow to the trade union movement as a whole, and give an enormous impulse to the open-shop movement in every industry. The saving, rebuilding of the United Mine Workers and the driving out of its corrupt leadership is of fundamental importance to the whole labor movement.

The situation turns around the struggle between the Lewis machine and the opposition. The defeat of the Lewis machine by the opposition would have far-reaching consequences not only in the miners, but in the labor movement generally. It would put the present strike on the road to victory and would lay the basis for real unionism amongst the miners. But more than that, it would give a shattering blow to the corrupt bureaucracy of the A. F. of L. in all its ramifications. On the other hand, a defeat of this movement would plunge the trade unions deeper into the mire of reaction. The strike against the coal operators and the struggle in the union against the Lewis machine mark a turning point in the history of the American labor movement.

*Active campaigns of relief should be initiated everywhere and money should be sent to Penn.-Ohio Miners' Relief, 611 Penn. Ave. Room 307, Pittsburgh, Pa.