

Current Events

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SEVERAL years after the big flight from the socialist party desert, the wise men of what was left of the organization racked their brains for devices that would bring some of the wandering sheep back into the fold. Professions of loyalty to Americanism in contrast to the unpatriotic attitude of the Communists failed to make an impression on the deserters. They simply would not return no matter how many fatted calves were killed in their honor. The fact was that they found something more to their liking, an organization that was imbued with the missionary spirit they once thot permeated the political soul of the socialist party. It was the K. K. K.

NOTING the successful methods employed by the K. K. K. organizers, methods that brought in shekels as well as souls, a socialist lawyer of Dayton, Ohio, conceived the idea that it would not be ethically wrong to follow the methods of the K. K. K. since the end justifies the means. He proposed that socialist organizers be turned loose on the population, work up a snappy sales talk and bring in the applicants subsequent to extracting from each individual who passed the pearly gates a fee not less than ten dollars.

A good percentage of this fee would go to the hustling organizer. The lawyer did not say where a subsidiary organization to manufacture robes, pillow cases, tar and feathers should be established to cater to the needs of the revitalized party. However, the recruits did not come. They paid their tens to the K. K. K. kleagles. The socialist lawyer lost heart and the paper he was editing drew a long breath, rolled its eyes, turned up its toes and started on the long journey.

IT is said that the coming of spring is responsible for many budding fancies in youthful breasts but it is only a season of melancholy reflection for the aged. But there are exceptions. One would think that the socialists might be excused if they sloughed the responsibility of freeing the working class from their shoulders and passed their declining years smoking the pipe of peace by the fire-side and entertaining their great-grand-children with stories of heroic deeds performed in the dim and distant past. But the socialist party would rather die than admit its impotence.

IT is no longer fashionable to appeal to workers to join what is left of the socialist party with the inducement that organization in a class party would strengthen the worker's arm and help him better his conditions in addition to furnishing him with an organization that would fight to emancipate him and his class from the capitalist yoke. This would be offensive to the A. F. of L. bureaucracy and to the employing classes that would be disappointed if they discovered that the socialists had not completely reformed, that they were like a drunkard who only remained sober as long as liquor was unavailable. Then Oscar Wilde and Will Durant came to the rescue.

LET it be distinctly understood that Oscar Wilde's "Ballad of Reading Jail" is one of the world's literary masterpieces, and Wilde's plays are extremely entertaining. Will Durant's "Story of Philosophy" is popular summer reading but the sex angle connected with Wilde, is what gets the lovers of rare literature. So the socialists of New York now offer a set of Oscar Wilde's complete works and Will Durant's crime against philosophy as an inducement to voters—not necessarily workers—to come and hear the message. We suppose Baccaccio's "Decameron" is passe but Frank Harris's "My Life and Loves" is reported to be saucy reading. With the aid of the bookleggers and Frank Harris's autobiography the socialists should be able to capture Tammany Hall.

A New York Times editorial writer succeeded in being exceedingly funny in a recent editorial on "Irish Unity." He rummaged the editorial morgue for hoary burlesque wise-cracks on the alleged predilection of the Irish for a desire to commit mutual annihilation. Mr. Och's bovine scribbler may be forgiven for filling space with this kind of nonsense but

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TELL YOUR AGENT

If your insurance agent is one of those glib-tongued fellows who leaves you exhausted but unconvinced, ask him to read THE DAILY WORKER Insurance Exposé. Begins Monday, April 11th, and daily thereafter.

U. S. JOINS BLOC TO MAKE WAR ON CHINA

UNION OF ROBBER NATIONS MENACE TO SOVIET UNION

Pravda, Ivestia Point to Guilt of England

See Raid on Embassy as Effort to Stampede

SHANGHAI, April 8.—The British Supreme Court here has sentenced three Indians to eighteen months of hard labor and deportation on charges of disseminating propaganda among the British troops.

PARIS, April 8.—The United States Great Britain, France, Japan and Italy will send a joint note to the Nationalist government protesting against the Nanking "outrages," according to the French foreign office. Because the imperialist powers have recognized only the Peking "government," a copy will also be sent to Peking.

Those in touch with the situation believe that Great Britain has definitely aligned the United States in making war on the Chinese Nationalist movement and the Soviet Union.

Soviet Union Cautious.
MOSCOW, April 8.—The Soviet Union government is proceeding with due caution and does not intend to be provoked into precipitate action by the raids on the Soviet legation in Peking, according to statements today by the official press.

Charges are openly made by Pravda, official newspaper, that the raids in Peking were instigated by the British, and similar charges are made by Izvestia, another official newspaper.

Try To Provoke Russia.

"This is a crime that borders on madness," said Izvestia, "a conspiracy that is nothing more than a desperate effort to provoke Russia to take a step that would untie the hands of the foreign powers for open intervention in China, but the Soviet Union has given several examples of having stronger nerves than those who try to provoke panic. It is useless to protest to Chang Tso Lin. This representative of reaction is unable or unready to be held responsible for his own acts. However we announce our protest against those who inspired Chang to this crime.

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Meiliff Sentenced On Frame-up Which Had No Witnesses

What is branded by dealers of the New York Joint Board of the Furriers' Union as the most brazen frame-up that has yet occurred since the reactionary right wing forces first launched their union-smashing drive, is the arrest and conviction of Oscar Meiliff who yesterday was given a six months sentence in Jefferson Market Court, by Judge Jesse Silverman.

Meiliff is the fur worker who early this week was arrested by a member of the Industrial Squad on the word of A. Wiener, a right winger, who said he had been "threatened with assault." A technical charge of "attempted assault" was made, but this was changed yesterday to "disorderly conduct."

On this charge, which usually brings a small fine, Meiliff was sentenced to six months altho he has no record of previous arrests. There were no witnesses against Meiliff. Wiener's word was taken in the matter, and this bare frame-up was accepted by the court.

The union will appeal the case immediately and hopes to have Meiliff released very soon on bail.

Strike For 12-Hour Day.

The salesmen of Liebenstein's shoe store, 877 Prospect Ave., the Bronx, are on strike for the 12-hour day. In the past they worked 15 hours, from nine o'clock in the morning until twelve o'clock at night. They demand their hours to be from ten o'clock in the morning until ten at night.

Fur Workers Charge A. F. L. Heads Lie

SEALED IN BLOOD

AMERICA

ENGLAND



Smash the War Plot Hatched by Wall Street Government!

Wall Street government is driving this country to war. It is lying to the American masses. In Washington it denies joint action with other imperialist nations in China.

In China its diplomats, admirals and generals are acting jointly with the enemies of the Chinese liberation movement and the Soviet Union.

Wall Street government is following the classic method of imperialism—it is talking peace and making war.

Its policy is a WAR POLICY.

Its acts speak louder than its words.

The bombardment of Nanking in conjunction with Great Britain, now shown by such cables as that to the New York Nation to have been an act of murderous and unprovoked barbarism, the raids on the Soviet embassies in Peking and Tientsin, plotted and inspired at a joint meeting held in the American headquarters, the besieging of the Soviet consulate in Shanghai by the murderous offshoots of Kolchak's and Semenov's counter-revolutionary bandit bands acting under allied imperialist auspices, the continual dispatch of American troops to China, the fact that the navy is being placed on a war basis, the joint occupation of Shanghai, Tientsin, Peking, joint action of American and British troops in the Hongkong area, the bloodthirsty tone of the American imperialist press—all this spells but one word—WAR.

Only fools can come to any other conclusion. It is because Wall Street and its government believes that the American masses are fools that it has as yet taken no drastic measures at home to suppress protest against its bloody plan in the Far East.

Let us be clear as to the issues involved.

American imperialism, jointly with other powers, is making war upon the Chinese workers and peasants who are fighting to free themselves from imperialist oppression, militarism and a semi-feudal system which grind them into the mud. It is ready to make peace with Chinese capitalists but it turns its guns upon the trade union and peasant organizations.

Great Britain has organized the fascist governments of Italy, Poland, Hungary, Rumania, etc., against the Soviet Union. In the Far East another front of imperialism has been set up.

Peking, Shanghai, Tientsin, Hongkong are other cities that are occupied by imperialist troops acting jointly. War fleets of the imperialist powers patrol the Chinese coast and the rivers far into the interior of China.

Kellogg and Coolidge lie when they say there is no joint action with Great Britain and the other powers.

American workers and farmers must either call a halt on the murderous conspiracy hatched in the interest of this band of world robbers or find themselves chained as in 1917 to the gory chariot of the god of war.

Let Wall Street and its war mongers know that they cannot make murderers of the American masses.

Rally to the defense of the workers and peasants of China and the Soviet Union.

Smash the war plot of Wall Street and its government.

Join with the rest of the world's working class in a mighty protest which will make itself heard in the capital of every imperialist nation.

Hands Off China!

Hands Off the Soviet Union!

Withdraw all armed forces from China!

Build the United Front of the working masses against the war front of imperialism's murder bands!

NOTORIOUS SCAB GETS ONE MORE STRIKER JAILED

Rosalsky Sets \$15,000 Antonofsky Bail

The same scab who caused the frame-up of Joseph Goretzky, manager of Local 35, yesterday brought about the arrest of Jack Scharf on the charge that he had committed assault and larceny during the cloak strike of last summer.

Like all these cases connected with the strike, Scharf was arraigned before the notorious Judge Otto Rosalsky, who held him under \$10,000 bail for the grand jury.

Spent the Money. Evidently the judge was in a spending mood yesterday—that is a mood for spending the workers' money—for he put Louis Antonofsky under \$15,000 when he came before the court on the frame-up charge that he had assaulted L. Katz, who made the complaint.

Antonofsky has been in the Tombs for two weeks waiting for a day when it suited Judge Rosalsky to hear his case. He is one of the paroled cloak strikers who was put into jail by this judge because Katz charged assault. Antonofsky has witnesses, including the boss and the workers in his shop, that at the time of the alleged assault he was in the shop. This is verified by his time card.

Still In Jail. Twice Judge Rosalsky has refused to listen to this testimony, and has kept Antonofsky in jail. Twice the boss and the workers have come to court, and spent their day waiting for the judge to hear them.

Yesterday, when Antonofsky started to tell his story, Judge Rosalsky said he was once more too busy to listen, and put him under heavy bail to await further hearing after his case of alleged assault against Katz is heard.

Ray Epstein and Berta Seid were arrested yesterday for picketing, and when arraigned in Jefferson Market Court, were placed under \$500 bail each and are to appear for further hearing on April 12th and 13th.

Sardi, Selzman Arraigned. In the Sixth Bronx District Court, Anthony Sardi and Martin Selzman, two cloakmakers were arraigned on charges of assault made by two brothers William and Louis Lublinsky. Sardi, who was arrested several weeks ago under \$1,000 bail; Selzman was placed under \$5,000 and \$2,500, on separate complaints made by each brother. The case will be heard on April 14th.

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"AS ONE UNIONIST TO ANOTHER" WOLL ACTED AS SPY, TRIAL SHOWS

A. F. of L. "Investigators" Tried to Bully Fur Leaders Into Police Bribe Admissions

"We never gave any money to the police, and we never told Matthew Woll, or anyone else, that we gave money to the police.

"Ever since the fifth week of our strike the reactionary leaders of the International Fur Workers' Union and the American Federation of Labor had been plotting to frame up the Joint Board leaders whom the workers elected and support.

Frame-Up To Get Leadership.

"They thot if they charged us with graft they could railroad us to jail. This report, with its statements about bribery of the police, was made by Woll, McGrady and the others to injure us and help them to steal the leadership of the union."

This was the testimony of Isadore Shapiro, chairman of the New York Joint Board of the Furriers' Union and head of the Law Committee during last year's strike, who appeared yesterday before Magistrate Joseph E. Corrigan in the Criminal Courts building to answer questions concerning the alleged bribery of the police which was charged in the report of the A. F. of L. investigating committee.

Samuel Mencher, chairman of the Strike Picket Committee, another witness, also denied that he had told the investigating committee he was responsible for bribing policemen, and declared:

"They made that all up because they had failed in settling the strike

over the heads of the strike committee. If we were bribing the police, why did the police beat up our workers and arrest them by the hundreds?"

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French Die-Hards Try To Prosecute Doriot For Aid to Chinese

PARIS, April 8.—Fearing a revolt in Indo-China, French reactionaries are urging the criminal prosecution of Jacques Doriot, Communist member of the Chamber of Deputies.

An attempt will be made to prosecute Doriot before his return from China. It is alleged that Doriot has encouraged a sympathetic revolt in French Indo-China.

FROM SUPREME COURT OF CAPITAL TO SUPREME COURT OF THE MASSES

Appeal for Unity, Solidarity in Fight for Lives of Sacco and Vanzetti

Statement Issued by James P. Cannon, Secretary International Labor Defense

CHICAGO, April 8.—The International Labor Defense, thru its secretary, James P. Cannon, has issued a statement on the Sacco-Vanzetti state supreme court decision, pointing out that no one but a fool would expect other action from the courts of the textile barons of Massachusetts, and appealing from that judgment to the judgment of the masses of the workers. The statement says:

"The black robed judges of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts have pronounced the doom of Sacco and Vanzetti. Evidence of frameup and conspiracy was piled high enough for the whole world to see, but the judges would not look at it. The New England bourgeois want the blood of innocent men. This was decided from the first, only fools expected otherwise. Only fools put faith in the courts of the enemy.

It is all planned and decided. Some day soon the two Italian workers will be taken into the Dedham Courtroom, where they were falsely convicted of murder six years ago this summer, and there sentenced by Judge Webster Thayer of the Superior Court to die in the electric chair at Charlestown for the crime of rebellion against the capitalists.

"They will take them from their cells and strap them securely in the chair, they will turn on the switch with the hope that when the deadly electric current burns and sears the warm flesh of the two rebel workmen, there will also be consumed within those flames the cause they symbolize.

"So they have decreed, and so they hope. But the game is not over, there is another power yet to be considered. There is a higher court than that of the solemn reprobates who decreed the death of Sacco and Vanzetti. The laboring masses of America and the world have faith in Sacco and Vanzetti. It is time now to appeal finally to the masses. It is time for the workers to say their word.

"Such slender legal resources as yet remain must be utilized. This goes without saying, but the real hope for Sacco and Vanzetti must now be placed in the protest movement of the workers. Only the united protest movement of the workers can save Sacco and Vanzetti from the hands of the executioners.

"The defense of Sacco and Vanzetti is an issue of the class struggle. They are not criminals but the symbols and standard bearers of the mil-

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MINERS ASSEMBLE FORCES TO STOP LATEST SCABBING

Avesta Coal Company in Open Shop Attempt

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 8.—Progressives in the United Mine Workers of America are now calling upon the rest of the miners in that union to rally their forces immediately and rush more organizers and active unionists into the non-union territory, to offset the attack made on them by the Vesta Coal Co., which has just gone non-union.

Steel Tributary. The Vesta Coal Company supplies the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation with bituminous coal.

Joseph Edwards, general superintendent, in making his announcement, estimated that 3,000 would be affected, that number normally is employed in the Vesta mines.

Earlier in the bituminous suspension, the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation, one of the largest in western Pennsylvania announced it would operate with non-union miners after signing with the union for years.

(By Worker Correspondent). Demonstrate For Union.

AVELLA, Pa., April 8.—Rain and continued threatening weather could not prevent the mass demonstration arranged by the local unions of the U. M. W. of A. to celebrate the establishment of the eight-hour day for the miners, and to unveil a monument to the memory of the five members of the U. M. W. of A. that were

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