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JAPAN THREATENS USSR; MOVES TROOPS NORTHWARD!

Bankruptcy of British Reformism

THE landslide in the British elections toward the fascist "National" bloc of Tories, Liberals and Laborites marks the smash-up of the traditional reformist policy...

The British working class has suffered a profound defeat. But this defeat does not lie in the loss of parliamentary seats by the "labor" colleagues of Ramsay MacDonald...

The three million unemployed in England are paying their one to two shillings a week out of their miserable dole as a part of the price of the MacDonald "National" government...

The faith of the British working masses in the Labor Party has been shaken. After two years in the government, during which period every demagogic election promise was cynically abandoned...

There must be no premature judgment, however, to the effect that reformism has been destroyed in Britain. While the faith of the masses in the Labor Party has been shattered...

This proves that the fundamental struggle today is that for the final shattering and liquidation of the illusions of reformism...

The election results are also significant in showing the greater menace of the self-styled "lefts" among the social fascists whose function is to revive the illusions of the masses...

For the British capitalist class the overwhelming victory of its fascist bloc in the elections may well provide an embarrassment of riches. The old and trusted role of "His Majesty's opposition" which the Labor Party has so obligingly played since the war has thereby been reduced to negligible proportions...

Indeed, the position of the British bourgeoisie is a difficult one. Faced with the rising tide of revolutionary mass struggle in the colonies, with a deeply discontented working class at home, with a permanent economic crisis, which today has plunged to unprecedented depths...

The British Empire is desperately slashing the living standards of the working masses to gain new strength in its struggle to maintain its old position as one of the predominant world powers. It is now attempting to reconstruct the Empire behind high tariff walls...

SLIPPER WORKERS STRIKE AT CUT

The workers of the French Slipper Co. of 663 Broadway struck Tuesday against a wage cut of 10 per cent that the boss was trying to put across.

Slipper, in the Restful Slipper Co., the workers held a meeting and the boss immediately signed an agreement with the Shoe and Leather Workers Industrial Union...

JAIL PICKET LINE LEADERS IN LAWRENCE

Governor, Woolen Co. and U.T.W. Plan New Trickery

Use Boss Propaganda Workers Tell of Their Starvation Conditions

LAWRENCE, Mass., Oct. 28.—There was picketing this morning at all the mills despite the cold and rain which diminished the numbers but did not stop the picket lines.

Three hundred women strikers met last night at the call of the women's committee of the United Front Rank and File Strike Committee.

Local papers announce that the American Woolen Company will participate in Governor Ely's fact finding commission already endorsed by the Arlington Mills and the United Textile Workers Union.

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All Out to the Final Election Rally Tonight in Webster Hall

The final indoor election rally will be held tonight by the New York District of the Communist Party at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th Street at 7 p. m.

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Council Bluffs Police, Sheriffs Kidnap, Beat Up Communists

Vicious attacks against Council Bluffs leaders of the Communist Party are reported in fragmentary dispatches from Council Bluffs, Iowa, by the Associated Press.

After George Papcun had been "taken for a ride" to Omaha across the river from Council Bluffs, Gordon Burroughs was forced from his room by a bunch of gunmen armed with tear gas bombs...

Papcun was arrested at the City Council meeting after his protest against the action of the City Council Committee which investigated the relief cases mishandled by the Community Chest organization.

Price of Foodstuffs Cut 30 PC. in Soviet

MOSCOW, Oct. 28.—The Council of the Peoples Commissars yesterday issued a decree reducing the prices of foodstuffs and other daily necessities by twenty-five and thirty per cent.

MASS PROTEST IN BRONX SATURDAY AGAINST HUNGER

Parade of Many Mass Organizations Will Rally Workers

Thousands of workers, men and women, Negro and white will demonstrate on Saturday, October 31, at 4 p. m., at 149th St. and Prospect Ave., against the mass starvation program of the three boss parties, Republican, Democratic and "socialist."

After a short meeting at 149th St. and Prospect Ave., a parade will take place to Longwood Ave. and Prospect, where another demonstration will be held.

Saturday night there will be a mass meeting in the Public School No. 54 at Intervale Ave. and Freeman St.

BRITISH POLL MEANS MASS STARVATION

Communist Party Gets 74,824 Votes

High Tariff Prepared Imperialist Fight Is Intensified

BULLETIN (Cable by Inprecor)

LONDON, Oct. 28.—The Communist Party received a total of 74,824 votes in twenty-six constituencies as compared to approximately 50,000 votes in twenty-five constituencies at the last election.

The Independent Labor Party also lost most of its seats in Parliament, only Maxton, Buchanan, Kirkwood and Stepen being elected.

On the basis of 597 seats out of a total of 618 being contested the National Government has won a sweeping victory over the Labor Party.

These parliamentary results do not, however, give a correct picture of the voting in the election. The total vote as the Daily Worker goes to press was as follows:

The National government will use this election vote as a mandate for carrying thru hunger program and the driving thru of the further fascistization of the British government.

The National government already has prepared the increases in the tariff which is aimed at its imperialist rivals. It will also mean a vicious attack on the living standards of the British working class thru the raising of the price of all the goods the worker buys out of his miserable wages of dole.

The increase in the tariff sharpens the danger of war as it intensifies the imperialist conflict with the United States and France particularly which are among the most important exporters of goods to Great Britain.

Jobless Millinery Workers' Forum

An open forum of millinery workers will be held today, 2 o'clock at Memorial Hall, 344 W. 36th St. June Croil, organizer of the Millinery Department of the Industrial Union, will speak on the present situation in the millinery trade...

Over 11 million unemployed in capitalist America. Unemployment liquidated in the Soviet Union. Attended the November 7 Celebration mass meetings.

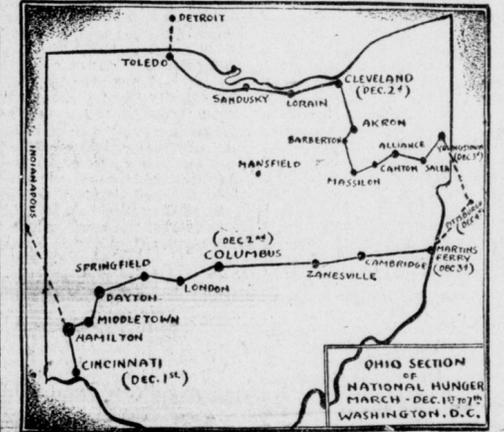
TO ALL A. F. OF L. WORKERS!

Workers! The American Federation of Labor Convention in Vancouver, B. C., went on record AGAINST unemployment insurance for the Hoover-Wall Street starvation program!

Members of A. F. of L. Unions! What do you think of this action of your leaders? If you are against it, make it known by protests and passage of resolutions for unemployment insurance and support of the National Hunger March to Washington for the opening of Congress, December 7, to demand the passage of a Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill and immediate cash winter relief.

Members of Unemployed Councils! See that your resolution gets into all A. F. of L. local unions. Repudiate the betrayal of 12,000,000 unemployed workers and their hungry families by the high-salaried A. F. of L. leaders!

Route of National Hunger Marchers in Ohio



Mo. Governor Refuses Hunger March Demands

Prepare for National Drive On December 7th; Steubenville Jobless Put Demands

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 28.—Thousands of workers gathered at the capitol steps here Monday, when the 338 hunger marchers who had come from all parts of the state to present their demands for immediate unemployment relief to the governor held a mass meeting.

The governor ended up with the usual dope about "our glorious national government," and called the committee a group of agitators "taking advantage of an unfortunate situation to spread Communist propaganda."

A report by the committee was then made to the workers at the capitol steps and the workers' answer was read. It was greeted with derision by the workers. On the demand of the workers, the city authorities released three members of the hunger march who had been arrested previously.

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JAPAN SENDS 'WARNING' TO SOVIET UNION

Imperialists Send More Troops Into Manchuria Area

Menace USSR Railway Laval Pushes Anti-Soviet Pact

The Japanese imperialists have already followed up the rumors about the mobilization of Soviet troops on the Manchurian frontier and the shipment of munitions into Manchuria with a note of warning to the Soviet Union.

The South Manchurian Railway is sending an engineering force to repair the Nonno River Bridge, which was blown up by the Japanese themselves last week. This engineering force is being accompanied by a small detachment of troops to serve as a guard.

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HARLEM SECTION OF PARTY PLANS MANY ACTIVITIES

Election Rally Thurs. With Mrs. Wright at 137th St., 7th Ave.

NEW YORK.—The Harlem section of the Communist Party yesterday announced its program of activities for the coming weeks, including an election rally to be held Thursday, October 28, at 137th St. and 7th Ave., with Mrs. Wright as one of the speakers.

The Young Communist League of Harlem will mobilize for seven open air meetings and one big rally at 137th St. and 7th Ave., October 30.

Watchers Make Ready. The section committee sent out a call for all workers who wish to register as Communist watchers on November 3 to report to Finnish Hall, 15 West 128th St., Tuesday morning, November 3. Breakfast for the early watchers will be served at the hall at 5:15 a. m.

The Finnish Women's organization has arranged a banquet for Mrs. Wright, mother of two of the Scottsboro boys, to be held Thursday, October 28, at the Finnish Hall, at 8:30 p. m. Organizations were requested to send delegates to this banquet.

To Hold Public Hearings. The Harlem Branch of the Unemployed Council is making preparations for public hearings on cases of starvation and unemployed misery in Harlem and to elect delegates to the city conference of the National Hunger-March. Unemployed are urged to get in touch with the Harlem Unemployed Branch at 19 West 129th St.

Build a workers correspondence group in your factory, shop or neighborhood. Send regular letters to the Daily Worker.

Hearst Paper Admits Spread of Wage Cuts in Many Industries

NEW YORK.—Under the headline "Wage Slashes Spreading," the New York American on Wednesday admits there is a new campaign of wage slashing in the textile industry, engulfing both northern and southern mills.

"It is obvious," says the American, "that the wage reduction movement has made more than average headway in this (textile) industry."

Wage cuts are spreading at a fast pace to other industries. A ten per cent cut is reported for the workers in the Corn Products Refining Co.

A telegram to the capitalist papers from Youngstown, Ohio, says: "Wages of muck mill workmen and iron puddlers will be 25 cents a ton lower in November and December than in preceding months as a consequence of the bi-monthly Bar Iron wage settlement between the Western Bar Iron Association and representatives of the Amalgamated Association of Iron Steel and Tin Workers."

# Lack of Sufficient Preparation, Failure to Broaden Fight, Defects of Furniture Strike

## Furniture Workers Industrial Union Analyzes Shortcomings and Gains of Strike

NEW YORK.—The Executive Committee of the Furniture Workers' Industrial Union issued the following statement analyzing the shortcomings and achievements of the recent upholsterers' strike led by the union. The statement follows:

"The first strike struggle of the newly organized Furniture Workers' Industrial Union resulted in a partial victory for the workers. Eight shops were organized with the workers gaining all the union demands, such as, the 40 hour week, week work instead of piece work, \$1 an hour minimum, recognition of the shop committee and the union. Still in other shops, while recognition of the union was not obtained, as a result of the strike the workers had material gains, such as increase of wages, recognition of the shop committee, etc. We must also state that due to the union being in the process of organization, in some of the shops no gains were made. An achievement of this strike was the fact that the upholsterers have laid the basis for a militant union controlled by the rank and file, thus making a start in taking away the base in our trade from Cuneo and others of Local 76, who have been working hand in hand with the bosses for the last two years. It is necessary to review not only our achievements but also our shortcomings, so that we should improve in our daily work as well as in the coming strike struggles.

**Preparations for the Strike.**  
Work in the Shop. We found that in those shops where the union had organized groups before the strike, met with the shops and really prepared for the strike we had 100 per cent walk out and the workers have been the most militant during the whole period of strike struggle. In those shops where we made no preparations, the workers were reluctant when they were called upon to strike, and in many cases failed to reply to

**Work Among the Unemployed.**  
There was a serious underestimation of the role of the unemployed upholsterers. There was no systematic campaign before and during the strike to organize the unemployed into the union and for the support of the strike. This is one of the reasons why the bosses in some of the shops did not have any serious difficulties in obtaining scabs.  
**Not Enough Agitation.**  
Our agitational work for the strike was extremely limited and in many shops belated. Some leading comrades failed to see the importance of the phase of preparatory work and attempted to replace it by typical A. F. of L. methods of "pulling shops."

**Weaknesses and Mistakes During the Strike.**  
Strike committee did not function. While a strike committee has been elected, but during the whole period of struggle the strike committee was not the real leader of the strike. This was a serious error that resulted in the failure to develop a real leadership out of the best fighters during the strike. There were serious bureaucratic tendencies on the part of the leaders towards the rank and file.

**The Strike Was Not Spread.**  
While we adopted a correct policy of spreading the strike into more shops and other crafts of the industry, there was no plan well prepared in advance on how to spread the strike.

**The Union Membership Was Not Drawn In.**  
Only those members of the union that are upholsterers were drawn into the strike, the others were not. This is a concrete expression of craft unionism and must be sharply combated through a process of enlightenment and agitation.

**Lack of Militant Mass Action.**  
The very outstanding weakness during the whole struggle was lack of militant action in the form of mass picketing, mass demonstrations at shops, parades of strikers in the neighborhood where the shops are located, thus mobilizing the workers of the neighborhood for the support of the strike. It was all the more necessary for the leadership to struggle against the A. F. of L. methods and develop mass actions.

The above mentioned lessons shall serve to our union as a concrete experience in our first struggle to be borne in mind while we are preparing for new and broader strike struggle. In spite of all the weaknesses it was a successful struggle that gave birth to a new and militant union that has as its main task the organization of the workers in the industry.

The task of the union is to immediately work out a program of action along the following lines:

1. To defend the gains already obtained in the shops organized under our control.
2. To take the initiative in developing a broad united front movement on the basis of retaining union conditions, unity in the shop against the boss, etc.
3. To concentrate on the most important shops in the upholstery trade, such as, the Ideal, the Trade, Kas Bros., Chorost, etc.
4. To spread out into the other crafts of the industry with special concentration on the frame shops, the cabinet makers in the furniture shops.
5. To carry on mass recruiting campaign on the basis of strengthening our union in the shops, forming shop groups, grievance committees, etc.
6. The leadership must be broadened out on the basis of workers who have shown their loyalty to the union and ability for leadership in the last strike.
7. The union should call a series of mass meetings popularizing the results and lessons of the first strike and be mobilized for new struggles.

The Soviet Union spends billions on social insurance. The Wall Street Government spends billions on war. Attend the November 7 Celebration mass meetings.

# Sentence Sixty-nine German Seamen for Leading Sea Strike

(Cable by Inprecorr)  
BERLIN, Oct. 28.—Sixty-nine striking seamen were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment at Kiel. More vessels are expected. Twenty vessels are overdue. The bourgeois press fears further strikes.

# HAILS FIGHT OF CALIF. WORKERS TO FREE MOONEY

## Dreiser Committee Sends Greetings Los Angeles Meet

NEW YORK.—Calling California the "state with the most shameful record of political prisoner convictions in the nation," the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, of which Theodore Dreiser is chairman, wired the International Labor Defense at Long Beach hailing the Mooney-Harlan-Scottsboro united front mass meeting in Los Angeles, October 30.

The telegram reads: "The National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners hails the Mooney-Harlan-Scottsboro united front mass meeting in Los Angeles, October 30, as an important step toward uniting workers and friends of labor in California, the state with the most shameful record of political prisoner convictions in the nation, in the great struggle to free Tom Mooney, the Scottsboro Negro boys, the framed Harlan miners, the Imperial Valley prisoners and all other working class political prisoners."

"Theodore Dreiser, 'Lincoln Steffens, treasurer.' Other important Mooney-Harlan-Scottsboro events called by the I.L.D. are the conference at St. Louis, Nov. 1 and the state conference for amnesty of all working class war prisoners in Youngstown, O., November 21 and 22, Duane Dele Hall, 346 Hall, 346 Summit St. Many A. F. of L. locals will send delegates, over 500 having already agreed to attend from Cleveland, Akron, Youngstown, Warren, Cincinnati, and Toledo. J. MacMillan, secretary of the conference, predicts that it will be the largest working class gathering in the history of Ohio.

# Ben Gold Will Speak At Final Election Rally in the Bronx

Ben Gold, the leader of the fur workers, and Carl Brodsky, both candidates of the Communist Party in the Bronx, will be the main speakers at the great Election Rally to be held on Friday, October 30, at Ambassador Hall. Nine open air meetings will be held in the neighborhood at 7 p.m. to make the last minute preparations to mobilize the workers of that vicinity.

25,000 leaflets have been distributed throughout the Bronx to attend this mass meeting to demonstrate under the leadership of the Communist Party against the three boss parties, which are responsible for the misery and starvation of the Bronx workers. The Freiheit Gesangverein will sing revolutionary songs.

# Call Conference to Fight Persecution of Foreign Born Workers

NEW YORK.—The New York District Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born has sent out a call for a district conference, November 22, at the Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East 4th Street.

# Parade to Wind Up East Side Campaign On Night of Nov. 2nd

A huge Communist election parade will be held on Monday Nov. 2. Workers' organizations will line up at specified places around Tompkins Square Park at 7th St. and Ave. A. The march will start at 8 p.m. and pass through the working class sections of the 4th and 6th Assembly Districts ending at 10th St. and 2nd Ave. This parade will be the final event of the election campaign and will help roll up a large vote for the Communist Party.

# Labor Sports Union Graduates to Give Exhibition, Dance

Graduates of the Labor Sports Union Training School will give an exhibition of marching formations and calisthenics at their commencement and dance to be held November 14 at the New Harlem Casino.

# Hippodrome Screen to Show 'Spirit of Notre Dame'

The Spirit of Notre Dame will come to the Hippodrome screen on Saturday with Frank Gardeco, the original Four Horsemen, and Lew Ayres, William Bakewell, Sally Blane and J. Farrell MacDonald in the cast. Another eight act vaudeville bill holds the stage with Harry Savoy, Manny King in a Parisian Night, Sylvius Froos, Wally Jackson and his company in "Good-bye Mary", and Horromaine as the more important features.

# CALL FOR SUPPORT OF REVOLTING CYPRIAN MASSES AGAINST BRITISH

## Mass Protest Meeting Called By Anti-Imperialist League Friday, Oct. 30

NEW YORK.—The District Committee of the Communist Party yesterday issued a statement calling on New York workers to support the anti-imperialist struggles of the Cyprian workers and peasants against British imperialism. The statement says in part:

"The Cyprian workers and peasants revolting against the miserable conditions forced upon them by the imperialist government, the landlords and the church, have risen in revolt. British imperialism, whether led by the social-fascist MacDonald or the fascist Baldwin, has only one method in smashing the revolutionary spirit of the masses goaded on by the crisis, and that is the use of military force. Warships and airplanes from Egypt, suppression of the workers' and peasants' organizations, savage attacks on the leadership of the revolutionary movement, the Communist Party, has been its solution. The workers and peasants are continuing the fight, led by the Communist Party.

# SOVIET ACADEMY HONORS EDISON

## Edison Showed Interest in Soviet, Son Says

NEW YORK.—Representatives of the Academy of Sciences of the Soviet Union placed a wreath on behalf of the Academy upon the grave of its late honorary member, Mr. Thomas A. Edison. In reply to this tribute Mr. Charles Edison made the following statement:

"On behalf of the family of the man you are honoring today, I desire to express the sincere appreciation we feel for your act. 'We are at the grave of one who watched with deep and friendly interest the tremendous laboratory of Russia. There is no one who had a more understanding and sympathetic comprehension of the immense scope and the far-reaching effect of the experiments that are being enacted there. 'He has at last laid down his pencil. But where his experiments end those of the Russian people are beginning. Through them, a civilization will again be recast, not by war and bloodshed but through the irresistible pressure of intelligent work well done.

# Russian Revolution Number of Labor Defender Off Press

NEW YORK.—The 14th birthday of the Russian Revolution, marking 14 years of unparalleled socialist achievement, is celebrated in fitting fashion in the November Labor Defender, which has just come off the press. This is a special number of the Labor Defender, containing 28 pages instead of the usual 20; 40,000 copies, the highest circulation the magazine has ever reached, have been printed for distribution throughout the country, while several thousand will be sent to Soviet Russia.

Articles and photos never before published tell the epic story of socialist construction in the Soviet Union. Sender Garlin, co-editor of the Labor Defender, who is now touring the country telling what he saw in Soviet Russia, in an article called "U. S. R.—1917-31," presents a stirring picture of the building of Socialism and shows, in contrast, the hunger, terror and misery in capitalist America.

The November Labor Defender also includes articles dealing with the major defense struggles of the American working class. Among them are, "Harlan and the Negro," by Eugene Gordon, noted Negro writer; "Scottsboro—A Turning Point," by Joseph Pass, and "Mooney-Harlan-Scottsboro," by Joseph North, editor of the Labor Defender.

Single orders and single copies of the magazine may be obtained at the New York District of the International Labor Defense, 799 Broadway, Room 410.

# Open Air Forums in Bronx Sunday

In the campaign to expose the role of the various boss parties, Republicans, Democrats and Socialists, there will be held five open forums throughout the Bronx on Sunday, November 1. They are as follows: 569 Prospect Ave., Carl Brodsky, Bosses and Politics. 1623 Bathurst Ave., Ben Gold. The Role of the T. U. U. L. 2109 Arthur Ave., Ray Rascodin, Women in the Revolutionary Struggle. 1645 Grand Concourse, Jack Perillo, Present Elections. 2061 Bryant Ave., Dave Grad, Youth and Politics.

Workers of the Bronx should participate in these lectures, adding in the discussion their actual experiences in shops, factories, offices and all the hypocritical, lying statements, other places. All the damnable lies, the demagogic phrases of the capitalist bosses and their tools must be thoroughly exposed. Only the large attendance of workers with their actual experiences as evidence can do this. Admission is free.

# Only Bronx Showing 5 YEAR PLAN

Only Bronx Showing Amble Presents SOVIET RUSSIA'S 5 YEAR PLAN SEEN THROUGH THE CAMERA'S EYES (Talk in English) Benenson Theatre WASHINGTON AVENUE & CLAREMONT PKWAY Continuous Performances POPULAR PRICES

# Call on Red Watchers To Register Now For Polls, Election Night

Registration for Red Watchers for the polls on Election Day tonight and tomorrow night. Don't fail to register and attend the meeting called to give instructions to all workers who will act as Red Watchers at the polls. Go to the headquarters nearest to your home and sign up. Red Watchers are needed in all boroughs. Help to safeguard the rights of revolutionary workers at the polls. Register today for the Red Watchers' Squad.

# PAPER STRIKERS PRESENT DEMANDS

## Maintain Solid Ranks Despite Police

NEW YORK.—Maintaining solid ranks against the attempts of the police to disperse them, 150 strikers of the Bleyer Paper Corp., 180 Wooster St., succeeded in keeping the factory shut tight.

A meeting of the strikers was held Monday at which picketing and other committees were elected.

Later in the day, Monday, the boss called the shop committee and promised to take back the two girls he had discharged for union activities and which precipitated the strike.

The girls held a meeting and brought in the following demands: Re-instatement of the two discharged girls. Recognition of a shop committee to settle disputes that may arise between the employees and the firm.

The firm agrees that every striker goes back on her place of work. That the girls don't do the sweeping.

The firm to agree that no member of the shop in their employ shall be discharged without just cause, such cause to be satisfactory to both representatives of the workers and the firm.

When the demands were presented to the boss he said he could agree to all but the last demand. In answer the girls kept up an enthusiastic picket line to show that the girls were determined to win all the demands they presented.

# Fur Shop Chairmen Will Meet Tonight

A very important meeting of all fur shop chairmen and delegates will be held at the office of the union tonight right after work. The trade committee which met twice since its election will report on some very important matters which must be acted upon by the shop chairmen. All shop chairmen and delegates are called upon to report without fail.

# Men's Clothing Forum to Be Held Saturday

Establishing a Men's Clothing Workers Open Forum, Domenek Flaian, organizer of the Amalgamated Rank and File Committee, will speak Saturday, October 31, at 12:30 p.m. at 795 Flushing Ave., Brooklyn, on "The Present Situation in the Amalgamated and the Way Out for the Men's Clothing Workers." Questions and discussion will be permitted from the floor and admission is free.

# ELMER RICE PLAY, 'COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW' OPENS AT PLYMOUTH.

Elmer Rice has completed the cast for his newest play, "Counsellor-at-Law," in which Paul Muni is featured, and will present the production on Friday, November 6, at the Plymouth Theatre. The cast supporting Paul Muni includes Louise Prussing, Anna Kostant, Jennie Moscovitz, Jack Leslie, J. Hammond Daley, T. H. Manning and Constance McKay. Raymond Royce, who designed the set for Rice's current comedy, "The Left Bank" at the Little Theatre, is also scenic artist for "Counsellor-at-Law."

# 'FIVE-YEAR PLAN' AT MECCA THEATRE TODAY.

The Mecca Theatre, 14th St. and Avenue A, will show the Amkino film, "The Five-Year Plan; Russia's Remaking," beginning this Thursday. The Mecca is booking Russian and Polish films. "The Five-Year Plan" graphically illustrates the progress and development of the Soviet Union. "The progress as shown in these pictures, is utterly amazing," states the reviewer in the American.

The same program will reflect the first Russian cartoon comedy, "Mall," in sound and song. The above program will continue until Sunday inclusive.

# Soviet 'Forced Labor'—Bedchat's series in pamphlet form at 10 cents per copy. Read it—Spread it!

# FALL TERM CONCERT AND DANCE

Given by the WORKERS SCHOOL STUDENTS THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 8 P. M. Timely play by WORKERS LABORATORY THEATRE Musical program, dance to a selected band—It'll be a big night! TICKETS IN ADVANCE 35c—AT DOOR 50c ON SALE AT WORKERS SCHOOL OFFICE 35 East 12th Street WORKERS BOOK SHOP 50 East 13th Street Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East Fourth Street

# Workers! Onto the Streets Against Imperialist War!

## Protest the War Against the Chinese People! Protest the Bloody Invasion of Manchuria!

Smash American, Japanese and League of Nations plots for world war! Smash imperialist intervention plot against Soviet Union! Support Chinese revolution! Demand hands off Chinese Soviets! Join the demonstration in your section.

Tom Johnson, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, will speak at Pitkin and Stone Ave., Brooklyn, on Oct. 28, at 8:30 p.m.

Bill Dunne, editor of the Daily Worker, will speak at 149th St. and Prospect Ave. at 4 p.m. and Prospect and Longwood Ave., Bronx, at 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31.

South Brooklyn:—Thursday, October 29, at 8 p.m.—50th St. and 5th Ave. Main speaker Carl Brodsky.

Newark, N. J.:—Thursday, October 29, at 5 p.m.—Military Park. Main speaker, Juliet Stuart Poyntz. Meeting places in other sections of the city will be announced.

Rally in large masses! Bring your shopmates, and members of your organization.

Defend the Soviet Union! Down with the bloody Kuomintang Government, agent of Yankee imperialism. Show your solidarity with Chinese and Japanese toiling masses.

# YOKINEN WILL SPEAK ON NOV. 3

## Foreign Born Hold Election Affair

August Yokinen, the Finnish worker who is held for deportation, will address the Protection of the Foreign Born affair which will be held on Tuesday evening, November 3rd (Election Night) at the Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East 4th Street.

D. Dmitryshin, the Ukrainian socialist, the German Prolet Buhne, Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra and the Lithuanian Chorus will participate in the program. The Red Star Band will play for the dancing. Admission 50c—for organization 35c. Get your tickets at the office for the Protection of the Foreign Born, 32 Union Square, Room 508.

# Gold, Brodsky to Speak At Election Rally

Ben Gold, leader of the needle trades workers and candidate for Assemblyman in the Third Assembly District; and Carl Brodsky, candidate in the fifth Assembly District, will be the main speakers at a mass meeting to be held on Friday, October 30th, in Ambassador Hall.

The Freiheit Gesangs Verein will sing revolutionary songs.

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# What's On —

THURSDAY— Steve Katovik Jr., I.L.D. Will hold an open-air meeting at 5th St. and Avenue B, 8 p.m.

Unit No. 3, Sec. 8, C. P. The Communist Party will hold a mass election campaign rally at Hoffmann Mansion, 142 Watkins St., Brooklyn, 8 p.m.

Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, Branch 1 Will hold a regular membership meeting at headquarters, 79 E. 10th St. All ex-servicemen are urged to attend. Important business to be taken up.

Sports So. Bath Beach Workers Club Meets every Thursday, 8:20 p. m., sharp at 48 Bay 33th Street, Young workers and students invited.

W.L.R. Band Will hold a rehearsal at the Chernishevsky Club, 122-2nd Ave. (bet. 7th and 8th Sts.) in preparation for the November 7 celebration of the Russian Revolution. Workers who play an instrument are urged to attend.

Red Front Band of the I.W.O. Will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Workers Center, 35 E. 12 St.

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Painters Group, TUUL Will hold a meeting at 1610 Boston Road (near 173rd St.) at 8:30 p.m.

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Paper Workers Industrial League Will hold a ratification election meet at 785 Flushing Ave. at 8 p.m. All paper workers are called upon to support the Communist Party in the Election Campaign.

J. Steuben of the TUUL Will speak under the auspices of the Laundry Workers Industrial League at Ambassador Hall, 3rd Ave. and Claremont Parkway, Bronx.

Metal Workers Industrial League Will hold an important meeting tonight at 5 E. 19th St., 10th floor, 7:30 p.m. Executive committee meeting to attend.

FRIDAY Red Sparks Athletic Club Has arranged a symposium in conjunction with the Young Defenders at 350 Grand St., 8:30 p.m.

Brownsville I. L. D. Will hold an open air meeting on Osborne St. corner Dumont Ave., at 8:30 p.m.

Have You a Room to Spare? For comrades coming to the National Plenum of the I.L.D. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Call 799 Broadway, Room 410, Stuyvesant 9-3752.

Four Corner Debate Will be held at the Harlem Progressive Youth Club, 1492 Madison Ave., at 8 p.m., at which political parties will be represented. Admission free.

Office Workers Union Will hold a dance "Halloween Hop" at 125 East 11th St. Admission 50 cts.

Bronx Open Forum Will be held at the Bronx Hungarian Workers Club, 785 Westchester Ave., at 8 p.m. From subway station. Topic, "Gandhi, Savior of India."

Young Communist League, D. T. 3 Will hold an open forum at the Thompson Guild, 426 W. 27th St., at 8 p.m. Representatives of our 725 shops will participate. Workers are urged to attend.

Mapleton Workers Club Will hold a special membership meeting at 1634 66th St., at 8 p.m. sharp.

Rehearsal for November 7 Will take place at Workers Center, 35 E. 12th St., at 8 o'clock. More comrades are needed. Cultural organizations should lend a hand.



# THE RECENT ELECTIONS IN WISCONSIN

By E. GARDOS

The recent special elections in the 1st Congressional District of Wisconsin, called to fill the vacancy of H. A. Cooper, was watched with great interest in the entire country because of the tie in Congress and as a barometer of the general political situation. The election of the LaFollette candidate, Tom Amle, a little known country lawyer, through his defeating the influential Sen. Blanchard, stalwart Republican, at the primaries, shows the repudiation of Hoover in this conservative section of the State. At the same time, the Democratic candidate did not poll enough votes to get on the regular Party column, following the primaries. This elimination of the Democratic Party as a factor, is the result of the Progressives fulfilling their role of "opposition" in this State.

The main lessons for our Party, engaged in a struggle against social-demagogy, must come however from the high vote of the socialist candidate; the slight increase of about 40 per cent in our vote compared to 1930 and finally from the very low percentage of total votes cast, in spite of all the demagogy of the politicians and the general importance of the election. Comrade John Sikat polled 502 votes, although we have mobilized thousands of workers in our demonstrations and collected within two days 2,200 signatures. The socialist Bouma polled 7,241 votes, carrying the most industrial Racine County. Only 26,000 out of the 59,000 registered voters went to the polls on October 13. All these three facts can only be explained through a proper study of the basic issue before our Party in Wisconsin and to a lesser extent throughout the country: the exposure of social-demagogy on the basis of concrete issues and the tying up of our election campaign with the struggle for the demands of the working class.

### Socialist Party—Third Party of Capitalism

Last November, when the S. P. conducted a half hearted campaign against (one should rather say for) Phil LaFollette, Metcalfe, its candidate for Governor, polled 904 votes in the five counties making up the 1st District. Where does the present great increase come from? All from the workers?—as the victory drunk Socialists may try to make one believe: A great part, one may even say the majority, from the same source that put Wm. Swoboda into the office of Mayor in Racine in 1930. It is a well known fact, that the staunch fighter "Comrade" Swoboda got into office, because the Republican candidate for Mayor, Armstrong, dropped out of the final race and gave his place and the full support of his machine to this social-fascist.

This time, to quote the Oct. 13 issue of the Milwaukee Sentinel, "the conservative leaders in these counties have reasoned that they prefer to support a Socialist to Mr. Amle as a protest against the Progressive victory in the primary," even forecasting that "if all progressives do not vote on Tuesday, there may be a Socialist Congressman from the conservative 1st District, the only Wisconsin District that sent a Coolidge delegate to the 1924 convention."

The capitalist support to the Social-fascists cannot of course be explained with the struggle within the Republican Party. It comes as the result of the deepening crisis, which has forced the bourgeoisie to increasingly open the safety-valve of social-demagogy to prevent the explosion. The Progressives have exposed themselves time and again with their national and state record, the workers and poor farmers cannot be fooled as successfully before with the "fighting Bob" dynasty; the capitalist therefore give them the "Socialism-applied Christianity" of Thomas, Benson, Bouma, Swoboda, et al.—This main campaign slogan of the S. P. more than anything else, expresses their role as a dope, like religion, given out by the bosses to fool and disarm the workers.

Police Club and Social Demagogy. Mr. Otis Bouma did more to get the capital-

ists' support than being, according to his campaign literature, "a winning personality," "a real man of the people, a good baseball player in his youth, often impressing people with his striking resemblance to Eugene Debs, etc." In order to fool the workers, the S. P. had to come out with its battery of social-demagogy, with its sham criticism of the capitalist system, with its pet proposals of nationalization of railroads, banks, etc., all to reform capitalism, to prevent the proletarian dictatorship by laying the grounds for fascist dictatorship.

While coming out with the usual S. P.-A.F.L. proposals for unemployment relief thru the 6-hour day, 5-day week (stagger system) and public works, at the same time they blasted capitalism as a system, speaking of the danger of war which can only be avoided thru "changing the structure of the social system, thru restoring the government to the people..." As a result of this social-demagogy, hundreds of workers and poor farmers voted for the S. P. as a real fighter against capitalism, especially in places which weren't reached with the message of our Party.

### Expose Social Demagogy Through concrete Work

In Wisconsin, more than anywhere else, the road toward winning the support of the working class, lies in the exposure of the social-demagogy and the smashing of the S. P. and Progressive influence over the masses. We failed to convince the workers, even those whom we could reach, that social-demagogy is the voice of their class-enemy, we didn't expose concretely the difference between socialist words and deeds, we didn't clarify that the support of the Social-fascists as a lesser evil means the support of the main evil, capitalism. Furthermore, workers voted Socialist or abstained from the polls (in one working class outskirts of Racine only 300 voted out of 1500) because, while agreeing with our ultimate aim and admiring our sincerity and militancy, they did not see any immediate result coming to them out of voting Communist. Our election campaign was not properly tied up with the struggle of the unemployed and employed workers. Although all the three units in the district were born as a result of the hunger march last June, our comrades were so "busy with the election campaign" that unemployed and factory work was neglected, instead of intensified. The few, spontaneous attempts against the forced labor city project in Racine, which attracted more attention on the part of the workers and more excitement on the capitalists' side than all our speeches, gave the key to our fight against social-demagogy, but this was not followed up. Our political shortcomings were coupled up with wrong methods and poor organization. The failure to follow a minimum plan of work for the 3 weeks of the campaign, failure to involve the membership, not to speak of the hundreds of sympathetic workers, in the campaign, the narrow, bureaucratic tendencies, which one representative of the section even helped to develop, instead of checking them, must also be added to the negative features of the campaign.

In spite of all these mistakes and shortcomings, the election campaign was a real step forward to build our Party, ideologically and organizationally alike. We more than doubled our membership, reached into new territories, drawing in workers from important factories, laying the foundation for several shop-nuclei. The methods of sharp self-criticism, which was a key-note of the recent section convention, the more serious analysis of social-demagogy will help to make up for the past mistakes. The opportunities are good. The workers, both employed and unemployed, are literally starving, it is our task to mobilize them for immediate relief, tying them up with the struggle for unemployment insurance, which will help to undermine the strength of the social-fascists and build a mass Party.

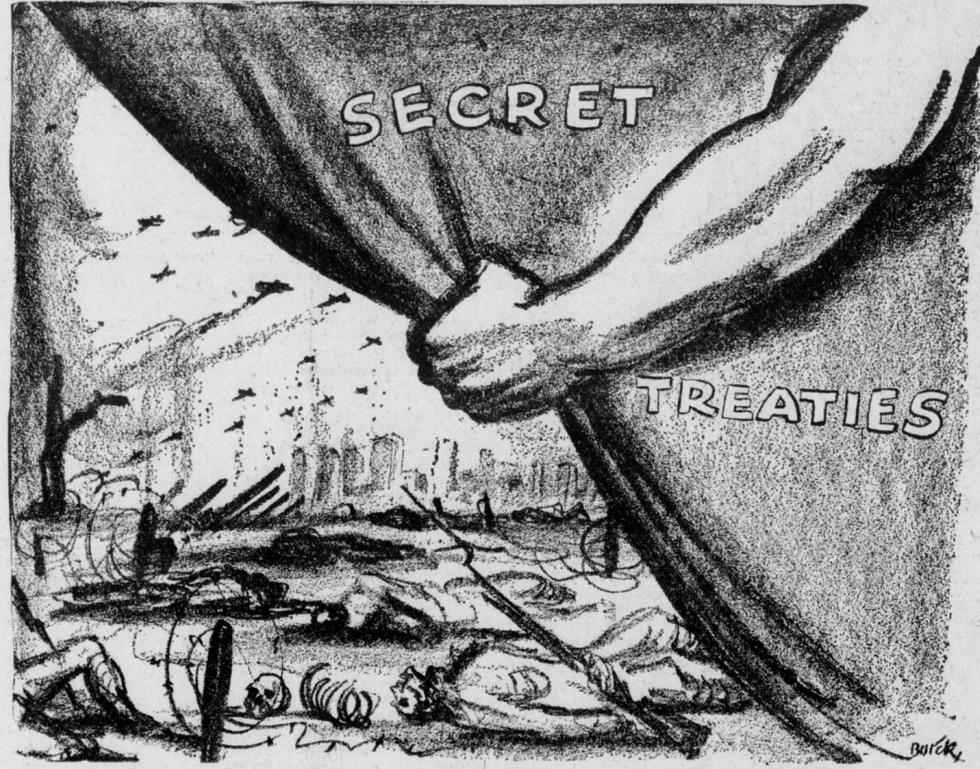
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## What Secret Diplomacy Means to You!

—by BURCK



By HARRISON GEORGE.

HOOPER and Laval have finished "discussing and have signed a joint statement, called a "communique" in diplomatic lingo.

There have been acres of space filling the boss press telling what that statement's contents are SUPPOSED TO MEAN. And any honest worker will wonder why.

Are Hoover and Laval so illiterate that they cannot say what they wish? By no means! Then why this vague language and these double meanings? And the answer, workers, is that there are SECRET AGREEMENTS WHICH ARE NOT IN THE STATEMENT!

That's why it had to be hazy enough to leave room for what was agreed on, but which Hoover and Laval did not DARE write into it for workers to read. Don't you think so? Then listen to what even the capitalist papers admit:

"We think that all of us may feel reasonably sure that the range of conversation between the heads of the two republics has been far broader than the statement itself covers."—N. Y. Post, Oct. 26.

"President Hoover and Premier Laval, apparently, made more decisions than their vague official joint statement indicates."—N. Y. World-Telegram, Oct. 26.

"There are obviously aspects and results of M. Laval's visit which cannot be expressed in official language. Things of the spirit cannot be crystallized into formulas."—N. Y. Times, Oct. 27.

Now, workers, can you believe in spirits? We don't! Nor do we believe that Laval and Hoover lacked for "language," whether "official" or otherwise. But they DARED NOT speak the truth, because you would protest; You, the workers, would see clearly that they agreed to something YOU would not agree to, something AGAINST YOUR INTERESTS!

Maybe you think that SECRET DIPLOMACY doesn't concern YOU. If you do, you have forgotten the lessons of the LAST WORLD WAR!

Do you forget that 10,000,000 men were slaughtered on the battlefields and 30,000,000 more men, women and children died of wounds, disease and famine in the "war to end war"? Do you think that the NEXT WAR will be "nicer"? That it won't touch YOU and YOUR wives and children? Do you forget the SECRET DIPLOMACY of the World War? Read what E. D. Morel, an Englishman, editor of "Foreign Affairs," wrote in 1922:

"If a holocaust of nearly a million of our young men does not suffice to invoke in us the determination to secure constitutional protection for THEIR sons from the secret intrigues, the false statements, the interested machinations of politicians, diplomats and journalists, and the human scum for which war means riches and what it is customary to term 'honors,' then, indeed, our monuments to the dead are but a sham, our civil and religious commemorations an indecency."

Do not forget, workers, that before the last war, the masses were told that there were no secret agreements! But the British government through Lord Grey had secret agreements with France! And France had secret agreements with Czarist Russia! And, just as today, when Hoover (and

Morgan) dicker in secret behind the backs of the masses, Morel tells us that then, before the last war:

"Foreign affairs had been increasingly withdrawn by the Executive from national debate."

Austen Chamberlain, British Tory and certainly no Bolshevik, said in the House of Commons on Feb. 8, 1922:

"We found ourselves on a certain Monday listening to a speech by Lord Grey which brought us face to face with war, and upon which followed our declaration. That was the first public notification to the country or to anyone, by the government, of the obligations it had assumed."

What were these "obligations"? That England was prepared to invade Belgium, together with France as against Germany, in support of the other secret agreements between France and Czarist Russia. Germany merely beat them to it. So the hypocritical cry about "saving Belgium" was raised by the very imperialists who planned to invade it themselves.

And the secret "obligations" between France and the Czar, was that France should attack Germany while the Czar threw the Russian army at Austria "in protection of Serbia," the same Serbia whom the Czarist minister Isolvsky traded off to Austria in 1908, but six months later began to "protect" because Austria wouldn't deliver its part of THAT secret deal it had promised—the right of Russian warships to pass the Straits of Gibraltar.

And what were all these diplomats aiming at? Not at "defending civilization from the menaces that threaten it," as Laval says today, when he means to MAKE WAR ON THE SOVIET UNION, to redivide China and trim the fat old British lion of some of its colonies! Not for the "noble and unselfish purposes" they then claimed! Not to "save democracy" as Wilson said, as he threw 4,000,000 men into war five months after he got elected for "keeping us out of war"!

No! The secret diplomacy of 1914 meant what the Versailles treaty finally gave it: England got the German colonies, about 2,000,000 square miles of untold riches in Africa, the Near East and the Pacific Islands! France got her share in Africa and a fistful of "mandates." And only the Czar got a few bullets in his carcass instead of grabbing Persia (an entirely neutral nation!) and Constantinople which had been agreed on! And THAT was because the Russian workers and peasants REVOLTED, overthrew the Czar and then the "socialist" Kerensky who TRIED TO CONTINUE THE WAR FOR THE AIMS OF THE SECRET TREATIES!

Japan, ruled by a feudal "descendant of the Sun," also "defended democracy" and got a few chunks of China, just as today, the secret American-French-Japanese agreement gives Japan MORE, and not only in China, BUT IN SOVIET SIBERIA! For today, workers, the imperialist secret diplomacy is aimed not only at re-distributing colonies according to PRESENT power, but to DESTROY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND DIVIDE SOVIET TERRITORY, BOTH EAST AND WEST!

These are the secret plots of the Morgan and Hoover that cut your wages and refuse you unemployment relief! Against their whole program you must prepare to fight! In your shops, everywhere, you must defend yourselves! You must defend the Soviet Union!

## Red Sparks

By JORGE

### Too Easily Stumped

A sympathizer writes in saying he's been stumped by being asked the following questions:

"1. Karl Marx in the Communist Manifesto opposed immediate demands, saying they are only patches on the coat of capitalism. Why do the Communist have reform measures and immediate demands?"

"That's No. 1. And we'll say that Karl Marx does NOT "oppose" immediate demands, neither in the Communist Manifesto nor anywhere else. He mentions neither "patches" nor "coat." He does, and correctly, state that the class struggle is not settled by the winning of immediate demands, by remarking that: "Now and then the workers are victorious, but only for a time. The real fruit of their battle lies not in the immediate result but in the ever-expanding union of workers."

Does Marx here "oppose" immediate demands? Of course not. Why don't you tell your questioners to read the Communist Manifesto? They might find there, also, repeated reference to the fact that—"The proletariat goes through various stages of development." Which seem to be "overlooked" by your super-revolutionary questioners.

"2. If the capitalist parliament is an instrument of the capitalist class, why do the Communists participate in election campaigns?"

Because they want to spoil that instrument as a capitalist class instrument against the workers, to expose the secret moves of the enemy to the widest possible masses from the rostrum of parliament itself, to prove to those workers who yet do not know it, that parliament IS an instrument of capitalism, that it should be abolished and a Soviet of workers' and farmers' delegates established in its place.

Also, in unity with the fight of the masses outside parliament, to fight for, and win if possible, all the immediate benefits that are possible to force out of the reluctant capitalists. Such as, for example, MORE UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF, social insurance, prohibition of evictions—all kinds of things that CAN be won.

Although these do not in themselves constitute a revolution, they DO HELP THE WORKERS, both in immediate material results, and also, the struggle develops the "real fruit of their battle" as Marx says, namely, it unites and trains the workers for struggle in...

"The more or less veiled civil war, raging within existing society, up to the point where that war breaks out into open revolution, and where the violent overthrow of the bourgeoisie lays the foundation for the sway of the proletariat."

"3. If the Communist legislator can do nothing for the workers in a capitalist parliament, why elect him?"

We have already answered that "if" above. He CAN do something. He cannot make a revolution all by himself, of course, and no Communist pretends so. The masses must THEMSELVES act. Unless, for example there are mass demonstrations OUTSIDE parliament demanding unemployment relief, the Communist minority INSIDE may expose the many thieves and grafters and the starvation policy of the capitalist politicians, and fight heroically for relief, insurance, no evictions and so on, the capitalist politicians in such a case would merely sit tight and nothing would happen.

We now HAVE a mass movement outside, so HELP the fight by electing Communists to carry the fight INSIDE the city government! IT needs BOTH. And tell your questioners to read Lenin's "Left Wing Communism—An Infantile Disorder."

### We Can't Do It All

Comrade B. R. of the Young Communist League, writes in:

"Lost, strayed or stolen: The Communist Party campaign for the reduction of milk prices. Possibly we are waiting until the Milk Trust bans loose milk, in order to put up a fight for lower prices. Let's see what the crocodile can do about it."

Umm... A couple of more Ummms... As we recall, that campaign was, or is, pretty much limited to the Daily Worker. It exposed the game of the Milk Trust and outlined the demands, but there has to be some ACTION elsewhere or, well, you mentioned the situation. Do you expect the Daily to resurrect the dead?"

Are you the turkey? The members of the Indiana Bankers' Association recently practiced up with rifles at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Some of the Indiana trade unions might try to get the government to let them practice some, too. Then see who gets turned down.

Definition of a "liberal": A jackass in Arrow collars and golf pants. To prove which we need do no more than quote from the raptures of the N. Y. Nation over the sham "battle" staged in Washington when contracts were let for FIVE MORE DESTROYERS: "It is gratifying, indeed, to record the president's insistence upon cuts in the navy budget and to read that he really became indignant at the undercover opposition of his economy plans by high officers of the navy."

That Explains Everything: A striker from Central Falls was visiting Lawrence and riding with some comrades through the city:

Striker Visitor: "What's that, big mill, the Washington Mill?"

A Comrade: "I don't know what mill that is. I'm an organizer."

It met with unanimous objection of the other imperialist powers and was later dropped along with the plan for the Harriman-Morgan railroad.

Later the United States bankers got in on a six-power loan to China to promote industry in Manchuria. And under Woodrow Wilson in 1920 the United States participated in a new "consortium" which gave the U. S. bankers their much-sought right to participate in the financing of Manchurian enterprises. Later, at the Washington naval conference in 1921-22, the Japanese were forced by pressure of U. S. naval building to recognize the principle of the "Open Door" in Manchuria.

## The 5-Year Plan and Socialization of Agriculture

It has been possible to increase the output in all the branches of industry. For instance, the growth in August, 1931, compared with August, 1930, is as follows:

The Socialist agricultural sector has become the decisive sector: The collective and Soviet farms, taken together, constitute 70 per cent of the sowing area.

In a series of large grain districts, 70 to 90 per cent of the poor and middle peasant farms are organized on a collective basis, their share in the sowing area is 80 to 95 per cent. In these districts (in North Caucasus minus some of the national regions, on the lower Volga minus Kalmykia, on the left bank of the middle Volga, in the Ukraine and in the Urals, and to a considerable extent in the Crimea and in Moldavia), collectivization has been completed, and liquidation of kulaks as a class is being successfully carried out on this basis. The collectivized peasantry has become the central figure in agriculture, and the collective farms are the chief purveyors of agricultural produce. On the basis of

collective farming, the plan of the spring sowing campaign has been carried out—100 million hectares have been put under seed, the sowing area under industrial crops has increased compared with 1930: in regard to cotton 50.3 per cent, and 2.5 per cent above the plan; in regard to sugar beet, 30.7 per cent and 4.6 per cent respectively; in regard to sun-flowers, 32.5 per cent, flax 35 per cent and 21 per cent; the vegetable garden area has increased 76.7 per cent, and has exceeded the plan by 12.5 per cent.

In August about 1,000 new machinery and tractor stations—the main support of the collective farm movement—were already operating. Thus, the task set by the plan—1,030 Mechanized Tractor Stations—is nearly fulfilled. The socialist enterprises—the Soviet and collective farms—have been placed on a sound technical basis which guarantees the further success of the economic development of agriculture. In 1931, the Mechanized Tractor Stations were catering for a sowing area ten times larger than that of 1930. Their present capacity guarantees that about one-third of the whole sowing area will be ploughed by tractors.

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## Agitators' and Propagandists' Column

### United States Interests in the Manchurian War Background

By LABOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

MANCHURIA is the richest and most prosperous region of China and has grown more rapidly in wealth than any part of China. Its three provinces have a vast wealth of natural resources, including lumber, coal and iron, in

addition to one of the richest soils in the world, yielding valuable crops, especially the soy-bean. Its coal resources are equal to those of Japan and its iron resources ten times as large as Japan's. It has nearly 30,000,000 acres of forests, and it is rich in gold, silver, lead, and marl for cement.

The U. S. Department of Commerce recently reports that Manchuria's excess of exports over imports continues to increase and that the most important railroads have shown increased profits this year. The revenues of the Peiping-Hsinching branch, for example, are expected to be at least 10% above those of last year.

The Japanese investment in Manchuria is about one billion dollars. United States investment is, of course, not equal to this, but United States capitalists have shown an undiminished interest in the region, especially in its railroads.

The background of these American efforts at penetration is long and complicated. But here are the high lights. From them it can be seen how "disinterested" are American maneuvers in

Manchuria, and why the Japanese fight to keep out the United States from any participation in the present Manchurian war.

In 1905 E. H. Harriman, United States railroad magnate, assisted by Kuhn Loeb & Co., Wall Street bankers, attempted to gain control of the South Manchurian Railroad. At first joint American-Japanese control was suggested, but the Japanese government, afraid to allow the United States a foothold in Manchuria, killed this plan.

Defeated in this effort, Harriman, backed by Morgan & Co. and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., decided to build a new railroad controlled only by themselves. In 1909 they secured a concession from the Chinese government to build this road from Chinchow, on the coast of South Manchuria, to Aigun, on the Russian border. At the same time Knox, then U. S. Secretary of State, proposed to China that she borrow money from American and other bankers and buy all the railroads that Japan and Russia then owned in Manchuria. This scheme was known as "neutralization." But