

BRITISH WHITE GUARDS ORGANIZE AGAINST LABOR

Out in the Open as Workers Rule Threatens

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LONDON, Feb. 15.—British aristocrats and sons of the bourgeoisie met last night at the famous Cecil Hotel, in black skirts to send a warning against the possibility of British labor expecting to gain power by peaceful methods.

From all over the British Isles came delegates of the Fascist to the first open function held under the auspices of the English section of the Fascist. Mussolini's agents were there in great number, headed by the Italian ambassador. The leading Italian families were represented.

The British Fascist admit that there is no danger of the present British Labor Party enacting capitalist rule at present but should they gain a majority, the Black Shirt Brigade would go into action and establish an open dictatorship. The month-end constitution of the peaceful transition will be given a wide jolt by the British 100 per cent.

German Strikers Battle with the Police in Stettin

STETTIN, Feb. 15.—Police fired on rioting dock strikers today, killing one and wounding seven. One policeman was wounded.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—The national state of emergency in Germany, proclaimed when the nationalist movement in Bavaria threatened dissolution of the confederation, will be abolished March 1.

General von Seeckt, commander of the Reichswehr, and nominal dictator, wrote to President Hindenburg suggesting the state of emergency be rescinded.

President Hindenburg thanked the commander, and added "I agree to the abolition of the state of emergency beginning March 1."

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Ladies' Garment Workers Get Ready for Big Strike

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to discuss some improvement conditions and a slight change in wages which would better even a little the miserable earnings now being paid. The women turned out in better dress for the "better classes."

Demands had been made for discussion upon an increase from \$10.00 to \$12.00 a week, but even with loved ones to support, only \$10.00 to \$12.00 a week could be taken out of an existence. The association soon had the plan that working girls needed more than the minimum necessary to avoid starvation which would mean "Getting Girls' Garter," indignantly protested the suggestion that working girls might like to attend the opera. "Why, I never go to the opera," he had grunted.

New Bosses' Associations.

Negotiations being broken with the association, warnings had been sent to the individual members of it that the union may be forced to strike. These individual bosses had in two cases broken from the old association and formed their own. They were organizing a new association and informed the union that the new association was in process of forming. The letter of warning as to impending strike which was sent to the union had gone unheeded.

The possibility of the union reaching an agreement with the newly organized and reorganized association that it yet impossible to say whether or not the strike will be forced upon the union, but as every member expires on Monday, Vice-President Stein demanded that a strike committee be elected at once. He specified that such committee would also take back expelled before strike.

Plan From Floor.

At Perlestein's expulsion of the most active and devoted members of the union for conspiracy with the International Educational League became manifest. Member after member took the floor in passionate plea that the expelled members be taken back into full union membership before a battle against the bosses be engaged. "I agree to it," said one of our expert, the union to win in a fight with the bosses when these officers have destroyed the fighting spirit of our union by expelling its most active members. What are we going to do without Dora Lipitzka, who has been after strike has given every minute of energy and every minute of time to leadership in the strike—and who is expelled and is not even allowed in this hall? Can we who know how much the union has been weakened by expulsion of our best members undertake responsibility of accepting on the strike committee?"

Can we accept knowing that after the strike is over, maybe we, too, shall be expelled, like Dora Lipitzka was? The first were the questions put by the girl who put the floor and she continued with the demand that before strike action was taken that the expelled members be re-instated. This brought the first exhibition of real enthusiasm shown at the meeting, members rose to their feet and strained their ears to hear the proposal.

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test, and applauded it wildly at the close.

Unanimous For Re-Instatement.

"Unity in our ranks," said the statement of the expelled members before the strike," were demands of number after number, demanding the floor—not one dissenting voice to this came from the floor, or from the chairman out of discussion, but not before a girl who delivered the best speech of the evening had said a note of serious warning. She had been on the committee from the local, which had visited President Sigman with the request that the expelled members be reinstated. Sigman had refused to consider the request, unless the expelled members surrounded what, to the speaker, was the right of free thinking, the right to belong or have connection with the Trade Union Educational League.

"Unity Before the Battle"

Member.

This girl asserted that she was in violent disagreement with Sigman and looked with dismay on the prospect of the union going into the strike with the feeling of demoralization among the members which it shown by every rank and file member which took the floor. She had been, also, on the committee of members which took the floor, and the spokesman of the association of employers and had felt outraged at the scorn with which they treated the vital needs of the workers in the strike. The letter of warning as to impending strike which was sent to the union had gone unheeded.

Nevertheless, in spite of the resentment this engendered, she realized that at a strike was a serious matter that the livelihood of thousands depended on it. She said that she had not directly was in the balance, that a strike was no plaything and embraced something as grave to be made a gambler of, therefore, she felt that if the members lacked the necessary leadership of the expelled members as much as their speeches showed, they were in a condition to go on strike. In his opinion and should recognize the fact that the expelled members are taken back and union re-organized.

"Unity After the Battle"—Perlestein, for the expelled members, that the matter of the expelled members was "in the hands of the International." "It is in the hands of God," said she, "but I have no control over it and it is not up to me to re-organize it, if it really valued the interests of the union, but as every member expires on Monday, it is evident, he hurt if he had to take back the members expelled and thus admit his mistake. So he added that, "We must stand together against the enemy. If we are ever thrown fighting him, after the strike, some other time, we can settle our family quarrels so we can stand together against the enemy." He never seemed to notice that this circular argument was broken by the gap of weeks between the expulsion of the expelled members and the strike.

The many members were on the floor, Perlestein and the chairman cut them off and made the election of the strike committee the next order of business.

John Finmark of the Chicago Federation of Labor delivered an unusually bold speech, his one good point being that the bosses, by use of all their ingenuity, detectives and slanders, had gained nothing over the union. This was remarked by a member present to be true, that the most vicious tactics of the bosses only strengthened the union, and only the disruptive tactics of Perlestein could have brought the union to its present condition of timidity and helplessness.

Expelled Members to Help Strikers.

When asked her opinion as to the possibility of strike, Dora Lipitzka said to the DAILY WORKER, "The expelled members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers are first and last union men and women. The interests of the membership is ours and, if a strike is declared, the expelled members will give every effort physically possible to make a victory for the dressmakers a possibility. However, the possibility of victory is clearly made uncertain when the union is weakened and discouraged by Perlestein's expulsions of its most active members."

Negro Workers Speak Despite Sanhedrin Head

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Mayor's Convention.

The indignation which the delegates have been feeling against the machine control of the convention came when Labor took the floor of the city of Dean Miller yesterday noon.

The chairman was announcing that the delegates had been feeling against the machine control of the convention because it was in a small size room while the main assembly continued in session in the main hall.

He didn't get away with it. Otto Housewood, a union printer from New York and representative of the African Blood Brotherhood, called out:

Labour Sabotaged.

"Dean Miller, you have been sabotaging this convention from the first day. You promoted labor a hearing before the convention because it was the most important issue. We demand bearing. Ninety-five per cent of the members of our race are working men."

There was a burst of handclapping and an elderly clergyman cried out: "Ninety-five per cent—better say ninety-five per cent."

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Chicago Firemen Expect City Council Will Grant Raise

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George L. Frank, president of the Firemen's Association of Chicago, said yesterday that the prospects of the firemen of Chicago for a raise of \$500 a year from the city are bright. If any compromise is offered they will continue to fight for the original demand of \$1000, he said.

The firemen presented to the city council of last night a petition containing 450,000 names asking for a raise at once.

At the present time firemen are working for wages ranging from \$16.00 a year to \$22.00 a year. They work 24 hours, and are off duty but subject to call for 24 hours. The raise of \$500 a year will apply to all firemen from class D men to captains.

Cleveland Window Cleaners Strike for More Wages

CLEVELAND, Feb. 15.—Window cleaners of local Union 110 went on strike here yesterday. The Cleveland Federation of Labor is backing them 50 due to the company's refusal to recognize our local and sign a new agreement which calls for a raise of \$1.00 a 44-hour week and \$1 an hour for experienced window cleaners.

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where Mr. Coolidge considered the right on Rumors merely political and would insist upon his confirmation.

New Investigations

The senate committee was preparing to pursue several lines of inquiry. Testimony of John C. Shaffer, Denver, and Chicago newspaper owner yesterday, indicating that Fall began negotiations with Harry F. Sinclair for leasing Teapot Dome soon after Fall took office in 1921, will be followed up, because at the time the naval reserves were not even in Fall's jurisdiction and the committee wants to know whether he had some understanding when he entered the cabinet that the reserves would be transferred from the navy to the interior department. Such evidence would clinch the evidence of fraud and corruption in making the leases and would make certain their annulment by the courts, committee members believe.

Investigation of the \$1,000,000 "slush fund" reported loaned to government officials by all men went about quietly as F. B. McLean, Washington publisher, sped to Washington to be the first witness concerning the funds.

Cross Examine Vandenberg

Frank A. Vandenberg, New York financier, who dragged the late President Harding's name into the oil inquiry by saying the sale of the Marine Star, the President's newspaper, ought to be investigated, faced the senate Teapot Dome committee today. Examination of Vandenberg was begun by Senator Lenoir, who at once asked about Vandenberg's speech, near Oxnard on Lincoln's birthday.

"On the evening of February 12 did you make a speech at Oxnard?" "No," at Briar Cliff, near Oxnard. The subject was "Courage in Leadership."

You are credited in the newspapers as having said at that time:

SAYS SECRETARY OF TREASURY IS MORE GUILTY THEN DOHENEY

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Senator Reed of Missouri, in a Senate speech, discussing the wholesale corruption of the federal government since the beginning of the war, said of Secretary Mellon:

"I submit that Andrew Mellon holds his office of secretary of the treasury in violation of the law which prohibits men engaged in trade from holding that high position. At the time he assumed his seat he was a director in six great banks and industrial corporations, and was the chief owner of one of the greatest trusts on earth. He, too, is heavily interested in oil. There is scarcely any man who does not pay its tribute to this secretary. He writes the tax laws and he sought in that last congress to reduce the income taxes of 12,000 millionaires by the sum of \$80,000,000. The senate to himself and his associates would have run into the millions, but this does not seem to shock the public conscience."

"What is the difference between Mellon's attitude and that of Doehoney? If Mellon was writing the tax laws, why should not Doehoney write the oil laws? Poor Doehoney, he is indirectly thru a cabinet officer, Mellon acts directly and is paid for action as a cabinet officer."

That there was something wrong with the sale of the Marine Star by the late President Harding? "What I said was that there are rumors in Washington and current through the United States and among the rumors this country. That is substantially what I said the rumor was. I said the rumor rose far above guesswork."

Rumor From Responsible People. "It was something like the whispering campaign that was heard in the month before Mr. Harding's election. I believed out of respect for memory of Mr. Harding that these scandalous rumors should be 'downed.'"

"What information did you have?" Lenoir asked.

"Only of having heard this story from responsible people."

"And you thought it your duty to give it publicity?"

"I thought it my particular duty."

Senator Walsh called attention to the hearing started to a newspaper story which stated the subpoena for Vandenberg was issued at request of democrats.

"I desire to say that if any democrats conferred about the matter I did not know of it and I do not believe it," Walsh said.

Walsh then told of how the subpoena was issued. He said he met Senator Lenoir privately and they agreed Vandenberg should be subpoenaed.

No Legal Evidence.

Lenoir then made a statement concerning.

"I regret that so inaccurate a statement should be made in this connection," Walsh said.

Continuing his statement Vandenberg said:

"As the rumor was known in every newspaper office it seemed to me about time for it to be brought to the surface and the scandal stopped."

"Did you say that in your speech?" asked Lenoir.

"Then you cannot give this committee any information?"

"I have no legal information. I have heard some reports about the price of the transaction. What was bought, as I understand it, was only a part interest."

"I have no own knowledge the exact price paid."

"The current story was \$550,000. I heard it was \$600 a share. I don't know how many shares were involved."

"I have heard that a payment of \$10,000 a year was to be made for a contributing editor but that it was to go to Mr. Harding in the event of his death."

"I had sufficient facts to base the statement that I made—that is, that these rumors had come to me. That is all I said—and that it should be 'downed.'"

"Why didn't you communicate with the committee?"

"I have no connection with the committee. I didn't know there was any connection between the rumors and the sale of an Ohio newspaper."

"Thought it Duly."

"You thought that these rumors were broadcast, through the country and they ought to be stopped?"

asked Lenoir.

"I did."

"Do you think it is the duty of a man of public standing in a public speech to assist in circulating rumors of that kind?"

"That wasn't the purpose in any way. The purpose was to bring these rumors to public attention that they might be killed."

"What do you mean by responsible quarters? Do you mean they knew what they were talking about?"

"No, never heard anyone say they preferred to know the facts—what they had heard rumors."

Clear Harding's Name.

"And your only purpose was to clear Mr. Harding's name?"

"What did you mean by your statement about the committee being afraid to question former Secretary of the Interior Fall?"

"I got that from my personal inference. It wasn't altogether personal for I had heard it stated."

"Did you know that his counsel advised him that he couldn't be compelled to testify?"

"No."

"There did you get any information about the Ashland Auditorium (Cont.)"

Chapter 5.

You'll help the Labor movement (Cont.)

Chapter 6.—The End. (Thank God!)

And you'll have a helluva fine time! WALT CARMON.

Vandenberg Kid Solon.

"You now think you are performing a public duty in making a statement of that kind without one basis of fact whatsoever?"

"Well, that is your opinion," said Vandenberg, not answering the question.

"You charged this committee with neglect in a public speech without taking the trouble to ascertain the facts."

"If you tell me you had legal reason to take the course you did, I'll say you are within your rights. But I still think you could have passed legislation to the senate compelling Fall to testify without immunity."

Vandenberg insisted.

"Do you think we can pass laws violating the constitution?"

"I don't know—you do sometimes."

Fire Taken 11 Lines.

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Chapter 2.

At the Red Revel on (Cont.).

CURRENT FICTION.

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"The industrial struggle which came, lasting up to the days of the world war, for increased compensation to wage earners, for the bettering of their condition, while it has never been fully settled, does not appear at present to be acute. The rewards of labor engaged in commerce, transportation and industry are now such as to afford the most liberal participation in all the essentials of life."—President Coolidge.

Chapter 3.

Saturday, February 16 (Cont.).

Press. Coolidge made another speech. How Hum—Now what's next? But These Investigations Must Stop Some Place!

The Chicago Tribune reports charges that Forbes sold palamas badly needed by the veterans. Bare the facts. Let the public see what's in the army!

BRICK LAYER.

Chapter 4.

At the Ashland Auditorium (Cont.).

Chapter 5.

You'll help the Labor movement (Cont.).

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Promise Probe of the High Price of Bread in U. S. A.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Federal investigation of charges that a "bread trust" is robbing American consumers of nearly \$500,000,000 annually is promised here today.

Minor to Speak in Milwaukee and Waukegan.

With the great Teapot Dome scandal stirring the country, the lecture to be given by Robert Minor Sunday, Feb. 17, both at Waukegan, Ill., and Milwaukee, Wis., on the subject of "Who Owns Congress?" should attract particular interest.

In Milwaukee the lectures will be given at Miller Hall, State and Eighth Sts., at 8 p. m.; in Waukegan at Workers Hall, 517 Hennells Ave., at 2:30 p. m.

Irish Meeting Sunday Night.

Sam Hammermark, advertising manager of THE DAILY WORKER, will be the main speaker at an Irish meeting Sunday night in Emmet Memorial Hall at 8 p. m. His subject will be "The Effect of the British Labor Party Government on the Irish Republican Movement."

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