



# CLOAKMAKERS' STRIKE IMPENDS IN NEW YORK CITY

### Union Demands Call for

## Voice in Industry

(By The Federated Press)

NEW YORK, March 24.—A crucial test of strength is impending between workers and employers in New York's cloakmaking industry. Existing agreements between the Union, on the one hand, and manufacturers, jobbers and contractors, on the other, will expire in but a few weeks.

The workers' organization has already indicated the industrial reform it has at the bottom of which it will demand in the new contracts with employers. The Union's program, comprising ten demands which promise to become the crux of a

The rejection of the Union's proposals would drive the cloak trade in this city to the verge of a serious crisis. It is still possible that such a crisis may be averted. Otherwise, New Yorkers and cloak workers from New York City, New York, Boston and Chicago comrades, and accept the employers' challenge.

In a recent statement, Sigman outlined the changes to be insisted upon by the Union when the new agreements are drawn up. The union's de-

Limitation of the jobber to specified number of contractors or sub-manufacturers during each season; a minimal number of guaranteed jobs; a jobber's right of access for the Union to the employer's records, in order to ensure fulfillment of the agreement; raising of the minimum wage scale and systematizing of wages; and the right of the Union to demand which implies the total elimination of piece-work and the computation of pay on the basis of the work done. The principle that "the industry owes the worker a living wage all through the year," the union demands establishment of an insurance fund, to which both jobbers and manufacturers contribute, from which payment will be made to the unemployed.

ployed or part-time workers during the slack season; reclassification of finishers in the trade; enforcement of disciplinary measures against employers who violate the agreement; use of the union label on every manufac-

tured settlement; opening of a labor bureau by the union, upon which the industry shall draw for all its work-

Peace or strife within New York's cloak industry will depend upon the employers' attitude towards these ten demands. Gorman has repeated his wish that all such disputes be controlled by the National Labor Relations Board, but he has not been able to settle peacefully. The alternative to such conciliation is a struggle of the most serious character.

## **Mexicans Waged Brace Struggle Against Fascisti**

By ELLA G. WOLFE  
(Staff Correspondent of *Pittsburgh Press*)

MEXICO CITY, March 24.—The Mexican farmer delegate to the First World Peasant Congress held in Moscow last year was enroute to Vera Cruz just when the Fascist rebellion broke out. He was warned by cable not to land in that port, but he refused to be deterred.

work leading a large group of campesinos against the generals serving the land owners.

His assistant, Rafael Carrillo, the leader of the Communist Youth of Mexico, and a delegate to the last

Congress in Russia sent us the following letter from Vera Cruz: "Since the beginning of the Fascist rebellion the activities of all workers groups ceased. All workers organizations were dissolved. No matter of color or affiliation, or ideology were suppressed. Under these conditions the Communist group of Vera Cruz organized an illegal organization. Secretly we provided the agrarian forces under our Comrade Galvin, with arms and ammunition." The Communist Youth, Guillermo Lira, was taken prisoner by the rebels and hanged. The peasant youth organizations were dispersed and annihilated. Hun-

hundreds of peasant leaders were captured, tortured first, and hanged afterwards, and their bodies left to the vultures.

Comrade Carrillo goes on mentioning other atrocities committed against the workers and peasants, by the tools of the exploiting classes. But all this brutality, all this beastliness and injustice has

been branded deeply into the souls and minds of the workers of Vera Cruz, these workers that last year were divided into several groups, strangling each other, are forming a united front. They are resolving to kill their differences. A commission has just been elected by 12,000 of them to draw up a platform on which they will unite in their struggle against the oppressors.

**Pretty Big Rabbit.**  
Miss Marion Goodman, 21, a teacher, was in a hospital here today suffering from numerous bites inflicted by two dogs yesterday. A rabbit fur coat she wore probably caused the attack. **W.C. 5-M.**

**OUT WITH DAUGHERTY!**



## Rykoff Tells of

# City-Land Crisis In Red Russia

Alexis Rykoff, the new premier of Soviet Russia, in a recent interview, declared that the Soviet Red Army would be "stronger and more numerous" than ever before, since the Communists had seized power in 1917. He added that the Russian people were "stronger and more numerous" than ever before, since the Communists had seized power in 1917. He added that the Russian people were "stronger and more numerous" than ever before, since the Communists had seized power in 1917.

There is a working basis between the industrial and agricultural classes and peasants," Rykoff said. "They are now running parallel in the matter of wages and compensation for their products."

He said that the industrial products of the soil had clearly for the present to be able to buy manufactured goods in any but the smallest quantities, if at all.

Rykoff's Analysis.

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The premier touched upon the subject of Russia's foreign policy in general, his attitude to that of "watchful waiting." He made no denial of the Soviet government was not to utilize the upsurge of foreign capital and economic life. Some foreign capital was, in fact, already at work in Russia.

**Negativity of Extreme Caution.** "But," he said, "the greatest obstacle in this direction is the absence of recognition of the Soviet regime by such countries as France and Great Britain. We have even no trade agreements with these countries. There is no official connection between us and them that could give a legal guaranty to any of our transactions between us and them from citizens from any other country."

Local opera fans attending the performances of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company, which comes to the Auditorium Theater for a week's engagement on March 31st, will hear a new baritone, who is making his first appearance in this city. The new singer is Mario Basola, an importation from Italy last fall, and an artist whose singing has aroused the New York, Boston, Philadelphia and other large town critics.

ness is his work in Rigoletto, in which he will be heard here on Wednesday evening, April 2nd, with a noted cast including Consuelo Escobar, coloratura; Stella DeMette, Demetrio Onofrei, the sensational young Roumanian tenor; Pietro De Biasi and others.

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**Report Shows 80 Pct.  
Of German Children  
Are Undernourished**

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LEIPZIG, Germany, March 24.—Investigations recently made in one of the working class suburbs of Leipzig, Liebertowkwitz, show that 80 per cent of the school children are undernourished. Of these, 28 per cent are so badly undernourished that International Workers' Relief had to assume responsibility for them immediately, without waiting to see where the money was to come from. It was further demonstrated that many of the children wore no shirts on their bodies, tho this is a severe winter.

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## Beloit Has Disgraceful Open Shop Conditions

## Insurrecto Leader and Nearing to Talk

Enclosing a contribution for the Farmer-Labor campaign a Workers Party member writes the National Office from Beloit of the difficulties in the way of pioneer work in that open shop industrial town of Southern Wisconsin. The 23,000 people of the town are employed under the worst conditions in machine, foundry, wood-working and knitting industries they have never been or-

(Special to The Daily Worker)

**NEW YORK, March 24.**—Down with imperialism: free the Philippines! will be the demand of the big mass meeting which the Workers Party is arranging for April 2 at 8 p. m. at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th street.

Scott Nearing will speak side by side by Manuel Roxas, speaker of the Philippine congress and with

ganized for resistance.

**Never Have Had Unions.**

Listing the bigger open shop places he says:

There is the Fairbanks-Morse and Co. making oil engines and water

**Led Three Insurrections.**  
Guevara led three insurrections

T. B. Yates Wood Working Machine Co. employs about 1,200; The Beloit Iron Works has about 500 and many other foundries, machine shops, paper mill, all open shops—never have been union.

T. B. Yates died last year and left \$32 million to his daughter, 15 years of age.

The workers are the way the bosses want them. They never think about union or strike; they all talk about their chickens, if they have any, about cars, houses, if they have one, or dream to buy one, and about the

against Spanish and American oppression of the people of the subject islands. His most significant contribution, perhaps, was his founding of the Seamen's Union of the Philippines and his leadership of the first strike there.

This meeting has special significance because the issue of Philippine freedom comes up before Congress a few days later when the House Committee on Insular Affairs makes its report. The speakers and meeting resolutions will demand that the American government keep its original promise to the islanders.

**Piece Work System.**

Worst of all the above shops I mention is the Bradley Knitting Co., employing about 100 girls and women. Each one is compelled to work piece work and to make at least \$2.25 a day. If she makes less, they fire her, because there is a city or state law requiring every one to get at least \$2.25 if she fails to make that much the company must make up the difference. Now for my part I can't do very much or even nothing because I am a foreigner and can't

**Appreciate Workers Party.**  
Workers Party efforts in behalf of Philippine freedom have been warmly appreciated in letters from the Philippine Federation of Labor and statements from their official representatives of the islanders.

Philippine labor has none of the fear of radical thought that is characteristic of the Gompers officialdom. That will be shown again on May 1 when the Philippine Federation of Labor will stage a huge demonstration for freedom. That in-

speak the English language, very much. I am a member of the Greek Federation of the Workers Party and

ternational Labor Day is the labor day of the Philippines as it is of the workers of Europe.

Greeks that live in Beloit are worst than their shop mates. They all think about Greece and money. This is my true story, please advise me if there is anything that I can't do.—Gust Phillips.

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**Brookwood School's  
Board and Tuition  
Is 20 Bucks Weekly**

(By The Federated Press)

KATONAH, N. Y., March 24.—Brookwood Workers' College will give two summer school courses this year. The first is a one-week Labor Institute, June 23-28, and the second a two-weeks' labor problems course, July 2-20.

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## The Nadir of Democracy

The zenith of our capitalist democracy, of our employing class centralized governmental power over the workers and farmers, is in the Department of Justice, with its mighty array of detectives, spies, marshals and non-descript thugs.

The nadir of capitalist corruption attendant to the exercise of this tyrannical rule over the exploited masses in behalf of the financial and industrial powers that be, rests in the same Department of Justice.

It is natural that Attorney General Daugherty, who is the link between the White House and the Stock Exchange, who symbolizes the apex, the height of capitalist dictatorship, should also embody all the crookedness, corruption and bribery flowing out of the disease-breeding cesspool of government by and for the bosses.

The indictment brought against Daugherty by the Wheeler Committee is too formidable to be thwarted even by the complicated technicalities of employing class courts. In the Teapot exposure, Fall, Doherty, Sinclair, McAdoo, and Denby were concerned only in one line of the political holdup profession—oil. But Daugherty's dirty business and thievary practices extend into many other fields.

The fact added to date in the unmaking of the Department of Justice are without parallel in our history, which is replete with such instances of sinister domination government by Big Business. Daugherty would make Mark Hanna, the first apostle of American imperialism, blush with shame. The Teapot exposure, the White House, the political opponents, and worst of all, the organization of a band of underworld gangsters and stool-pigeons to disrupt the labor organizations and interests of sinister domination government.

Stern, swift action must be taken to put an end to Daughertyism. The workers and dispossessed farmers are the ones who suffer most from the Daugherty and Denby regime. The very witnesses called in the Daugherty investigation reflect the depths of depravity and wickedness which capitalist democracy inevitably sinks.

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## Teapot and the Colonies

THE colonial beneficiaries of American imperialism, on whom our soldiery and House of Morgan spokesmen have been urging governmental reforms based on the American plan, are convulsed with laughter and derision.

Uncle Sam, self-appointed guardian of the morals of backward peoples, has been caught in an illicit alliance with highly questionable characters—oil footpads have been discovered leading to his bedroom—and from one end of the Western hemisphere to the other brown faces are crinkled with smiles.

This is a source of great embarrassment to our best people and to Congressman Fred A. Britten, of Illinois, recently returned from Cuba, gives tongue in protest.

"Suggestions for political changes in Cuba," says Mr. Britten, "are met with cartoons of Uncle Sam smeared with muck, mud and oil and labeled, 'Why not clean your own house first?'"

Mr. Britten quite rightly ascribes this cocky attitude to the part of the evidence of the sugar trust to what he calls "the hysterical investigations" now being conducted in the senate.

There may be some hysteria in connection with the investigations now under way, but it is manifested mostly by the persons and interests whose misdeeds have been disclosed and Mr. Britten's testimony in the part of the evidence of the fact that not only at home, but throughout the territories of small nations conquered by the armed forces of American oil, sugar, steel and finance-capital there is a rising wave of discontent and resentment against oppression and exploitation by American capital.

Perhaps the workers of Cuba, Haiti, the Philippines, Mexico and South America are learning the lesson of Teapot Dome before the American workers. If they learn it together in the same hard school so much the better for them and so much the worse for American capitalism.

Will not some other scandalized and indignant funkies of the oil-roads gladden us with tidings of occurrences similar to those in Cuba from other mortgage holdings of the American rulers?

## Thru Wrong Spectacles

THE contest for the senatorial nomination now being waged in the republican party of Illinois is of first-rate interest to the workers and farmers of the entire country. This is true, not because there is any doubt as to the outcome of the contest, or because the competition in the primaries is so keen.

There is no doubt that the present Senator Medill McCormick of Harvard Trust fame, the gentleman who has continued and deepened the outrageous Wall Street invasion of Haiti, and whose whole record in Washington is one of unflinching service to the biggest capitalist interests, will win the nomination on April 8th. But the significant fact is that some trade union leaders, with the frank support of the insurgent bloc in Washington, are attempting to wage a plain and honest fight on the reactionary republican party of the state.

If LaFollette refused to play this game in North Dakota, a state which has been his inalienable stronghold for many years, why should the progressive forces waste their time and get into a hopeless contest against so powerful a capitalist machine as the republican party of Illinois?

The forces fighting to put over Newton Jenkins against McCormick or Deneen in the republican party of the state, are off on the wrong foot. They are looking at things thru the wrong spectacles. The republican party cannot possibly afford the working masses a chance for effective political action against the big business interests now strangling the country, politically and economically. Instead of spending energy in useless, demoralizing fights in the house of the enemy, the labor forces should rather devote this time and energy in building up their own house, their own political machinery. Now is the time to build up a powerful farmer-labor party, speaking solely for the working masses of the city and farm and committed to waging a relentless fight on the capitalist exploitation of the workers and farmers.

Uncle Sam is getting a little bit stouter and more determined with each passing year. While his whiskers are gray, he has plenty of vigor, judging by the manner in which he hauls a professor with peaceful inclinations before an American court and demands that he "teach patriotism." It appears "Uncle" is getting along very nicely on an oil diet.

A dispatch from Rome states that the pope has been chased Chicago and everything within the city limits. The dispatch does not state what effect this is supposed to have on the typhoid germs in the drinking water.

The virgin birth theory bit the dust last week in a debate between the Rev. Charles Potter, modernist, and the Rev. John R. Stratton, fundamentalist. The boys are quite excited over that 2,000 year old romance of Mr. Ghog.

Christian Rakovsky, Soviet Representative in London, and probable future ambassador to Great Britain, is here again with his daughter as he has been listening to the radio. You may notice that the Rakovsky entourage is not equipped with hoofs and horns.

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