

MAC LACHLAN CHEERED BIG NAISS MEETINGS

Lewis and Gang Near End of Rope

Jim McLachlan, released from a Canadian prison, where he was incarcerated with the aid of Lewis and the British Empire Steel Company, is now speaking to large and enthusiastic meetings throughout the mining fields of Nova Scotia, while the provincial officers who are sent in by Lewis to take the place of the deposed officers are afraid to face the miners.

The letter printed below, which was written by Jim McLachlan to Thomas Myerbrook, shows what desperate straits the Lewis tools are in. It appears that the "great mind" of the international union, the strutting, strutting John L. Lewis, is now floundering and bawled by the British Empire Steel Company, and his lackeys are no longer able to live up to the generous promises they made to the miners.

Some Debt
In addition to the other troubles the "cuckoo officers," "Slimey" Barrett, and Company have a debt of \$100,000 hanging around their necks and the business men who advanced them credit now threaten to shut them out.

My dear Comrade Myerbrook, your letter of March 26th has evidently gone to the Pen after me. I have not yet reached it here two days ago. While in Dorchester, I found the guards all right and I could not get any papers of any kind, yet there were some of the guards.

One of what was going on, on the outside especially about the U. M. W. Convention. I am not at all sure of the facts, for my jail experience, I lost a few pounds of flesh, was just about to come out at 150 pounds when I came out, but just about my "night" weight.

John L.'s imposed officers in this district are in a bad way. First, they could not tell the miners what they were on strike, or a suspension, then they contracted over the thousands dollars debt, with the merchants in relief during the "strike" or "suspension," and now they won't pay, saying that they had no authority to contract the debt. The little merchants are in the air, their small working capital being used up in this debt, and are threatening Barrett and Co., with the law. Then the miners voted down this "Monter Agreement" and Dalrymple swears this is the first time in the history of the mine workers that men ever voted against an agreement negotiated by their own leaders.

Affraid To Go To Meetings
The proposed contract is actually cut to the men. The Lewis men dare go to a local union and count themselves leading the men, then the yellow press. They are, I feel sure, on the run and I expect they will take to their heels before May. I also feel sure that the officials of the British Empire Steel Corporation have been "crossed" Lewis.

Before the contract was negotiated Dalrymple, Barrett and Co. proclaimed that they would come back with the 1921 rates. This the officials of the company had promised as a reward for depriving Lexington and the rest of it, but when it came to the real show-down, they refused to come across, so they had to take what they could get. All of these things taken together are making the bunch good and sick.

The question of the debt, and the question of the action to be taken in view of the adverse vote comes up at the International Executive Board in April, and I would not bet an eye to see Lewis pull up stakes in Nova Scotia. No doubt the local he are becoming more aggressive, demanding a convention to first draw up new wage demands and second, appoint men to run a district election. Since coming out on the 5th, I have held packed meetings every night, except three nights, and I know these meetings are worrying the Fat-men to death. We shall keep up the fight until the Lewis gang are driven out.

With kindest personal regards,
I am, with cordial greetings,
J. B. McLACHLAN

Europe's Wheat Acreage
A slight decrease in winter acreage in some of the leading wheat areas, producing countries of Europe is reported to the United States department of agriculture. The combined winter wheat acreage in Belgium, Bulgaria, Roumania, Poland, Spain, Italy, Czechoslovakia and Lithuania is estimated at 33,500,000 acres compared with 32,580,000 acres in 1922. Estimates for Germany and France are not yet available.

Your Union Meeting

Fourth Friday, March 26th, 1924.

- 1. Names of Local and Plans of Meeting.
- 2. Report of the Executive Committee.
- 3. Report of the Treasurer.
- 4. Report of the Secretary.
- 5. Report of the Local Committee.
- 6. Report of the District Committee.
- 7. Report of the International Committee.
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WORKERS PARTY W. W. T. DEBATE ISSUES

Ralph Chaplin to Act as Chairman

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FOSTER TEARS HIDE OFF GERMAN SOCIALISTS IN LABOR HERALD

Reports state that the majority of the socialist party members remaining in the party at Berlin are also members of the Ku Klux Klan. The party is now a Fascist organization in combination with these "socialists" and reactionaries.

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CANADIAN RAIL WORKERS BIG UNITY MEET

Delegates from All Over Canada Present

By TIM BUCK
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German Relief Work Knifed by Yellow European Socialists

(P. S. Press Service)
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COMMUNIST CHILDREN COLUMN

Wonderland

By A. BURGESS
Many years ago, before quite a lot of the readers of this column, I was a little girl.

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Wonders

life better for the little ones that are being born every day. I am sure all the little Communist readers would like to do the same and you can only do so by getting all your little friends and yourself down to the workers of the Junior Section.

(Note—This is a letter from a child of a miner in Barre, Vt. who is writing for the Junior Section of the Workers Party of the U. S. A. to the children of the Junior Section.)

The Minority In the British Trade Unions

And then, for a long dreary time, during which the offensive of capital had been at its fiercest, the way to wages, hours and other conditions of the great slump over the ship companies' movement lay exposed upon the workers, but which will answer their immediate and "national" needs by their own efforts. In this task, the duty of guidance and leadership falls upon the Communists and the adherents of the Red International of Laborers.

and the unions lost hundreds of thousands of members, there were but a few, scattered attempts at the building of a new movement within the trade unions. Nevertheless, preparations were being made. The Communist Party of Great Britain was active in the

with its definite policy of class union work, along the lines laid down by the International. A British Branch of the Red International of Labor Unions was established in London, United Kingdom. And slowly the forces of the left began to reassemble themselves in the neighborhood of a great industrial struggle in the mining industry. And it is here that the movement, which was within the ranks of the British organized workers. The building up of minority movements in the great unions of the key industries, the organization of the workers' solidarity conferences to beat upon the Trade

The problem in Great Britain is somewhat similar to that in America. The British workers have been isolated from the currents of European Socialism. Their economic position, for years, was better than that of the workers of all other great European

Miners Active. There have recently been held district and national conferences of the militant, progressive miners, with the result that a movement, on an organized basis, has been started. A program of demands has

themselves, were saturated in the ideology of the small bourgeoisie. It required the disconcerting standard of the revolutionary standard of living, since the war, to bring them to some realization of the necessity of vital changes in trade

lower, however, the soil is prepared; (2) the objective conditions for the revolutionizing of the British trade union movement are present. What is now lacking is the action of the mechanism by which the revolutionaries may take advantage of these conditions.

And, slowly, this mechanism appears to be evolving. It is slow work, and all due account must be taken of the special traditions and psychology of the British organized workers. The law is not a magic wand. The movement is full of encouragement—it would be swifter if only the millionaires were more ready to finance organization campaigns. But the recent long period of unemployment, and the extremely low wages they now receive, make it hard for the workers to do more than survive. A good beginning has been made, it must be actively followed up. There

manifestoes, the calling of enthusiastic conferences—at which splendid speeches are made, but no definite plans are formulated. The plans are not enough. Last month in London, in the great key industries, for example, the ground-work must be

A REAL VITAL rank-and-file movement, is being published in London, and is the struggle against the capitalist movement which will not be some- widely circulated among the workers class.

ry of John Brown”

OUR BOOK REVIEWS

"The Story of John Brown"

ed. "To Kansas," replied John Brown. "Where from?" asked the

old man. "From New York," answered John Brown. **We Will Not Die Alone!** and yelling, but they had the good sense to ground their arms, and Geo. H. Doran.

Alice Henry in her book, "Woman and the Labor Movement," traces

"You won't live to get here," the old Missourian said, grimly. "We are prepared," John Brown answered, "not to die."

alone." Before that spirit and that eagle eye the old Missourian quailed; he turned and left.

It was in October, after an arduous trip, that John Brown and his party reached the family and settlement. "That," said Jason Brown, "was the nicest party I ever saw."

John Brown, Jr., used to ask the old chief questions, as, "Why do you Sacs and Foxes not build houses, and learn to read, like the other Indians?"

settlement in great distress all of the Browns, except the wife of John, Jr., completely prostrated

Why do you have no preachers and teachers?" And the chief replied in a staccato which summed up the situation in the following statement: "Altho men have in this country mostly depend-

over little fires on the bare ground. All the food left was a small supply of milk from their

cows, some corn and a few potatoes. It was an unusually cold winter that year; on October 26, John Brown says, "the hardest churches. We want no preachers and teacher. We had enough now." seemed the better plan."

The author also considers, in her treatment of "Women and the Labor

freezing he had ever witnessed south of his bleak farmhouse in the Adirondacks; and all the

Nobody in Kansas that first

While the Browns paid the penalty for living on low ground, in a ravine and in tents, their bitter

experience with sickness and hunger was not as bad as that of many other Northern families. They were asked, in the border slang, how they were "on the goose." "We are Free State," was the answer.

Starvation and death looked in at many a door where parents lay helpless, while famished children crept, about the dist. doors, crying, "What is the matter?"

that moment the Browns were marked for destruction. They did not shrink from danger, however. Theirs was the only way to the

they saved their skin to the mast; armed themselves, and plunged into the thick of all the political battles then raging. In Thruout the book, the author brings out that the problems of women in industry are only a

...a short time their settlement was to become known as a center of fearless, and if necessary, violent, part of the many problems facing the labor movement today. They should therefore not be treated as savages to be exterminated."

Puts New Life Into Sons.
But old John Brown was indomitable; he put new life and

energy into his six songs; by November two shanties were well-vandicated and the food problem had been lightened. The women, too, read and understand, and should prove of value to those who are proving to be the "new women."

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There would be little time for growing corn for the Browns thereafter, or for the other settlers.

One dread that had worried the

showing before leaving home proved unnecessary. It was their fear of the Indians. The Browns were

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