

ALLIES FIGHT SOVIETS FOR CHINESE R. R.

Property of Late Czar
Is Issue in East

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, April 11.—State department denials that American and French official pressure was brought to bear, with that of Japan, to prevent the ratification at Peking last month of the Russo-Chinese recognition compact, bring up the fact that the Chinese Eastern Railway is the prize over which Russia and Japan are struggling—with China as an involved spectator.

This railroad, built as a short cut across Manchuria for the Trans-Siberian railroad, has until very recently been operated by a mixed body of Russian counter-revolutionaries and of Japanese-controlled Chinese.

Powers Dictate to China Information reaching here from the Orient is to the effect that China and Russia, if left to themselves, could quickly settle their dispute over this property. The Chinese would like to see the remnants of the Kulebaks and Semenov forces that cling to the management and welcome the representatives of the Soviet republic. But they dare not offend the Powers, who are lending money to the Peking government, and who back the Russian Whites.

More than four years have passed since Moscow sent a note to Peking offering to "return the Chinese Eastern Railway to the Chinese people without any compensation whatever." China was afraid to accept this gift from a government which she was not permitted to recognize. Peking accepted a similar return of concessions extorted by the care, but Peking was comparatively free. The Moscow offer has been repeated from time to time, but always the money-lending Powers have reminded the Chinese officials that the French government does not want this Russian investment to pass from the control of the capitalist Russians. The embargo is to continue until Russia pays the czarist debts to the French.

Won't Pay Czarist Debts. Jude and Karabakh, the two envoys of Moscow who have presented the issue to the Peking government—such as it is—have refused to make any pledge of payment of the czarist debts to France, and they

Students of Journalism in Moscow Send Greetings to Daily Worker

ONE of the most interesting letters, yet received by the comrades of the DAILY WORKER, giving cheer in the great task undertaken to build the first English-language Communist Daily, comes from the members of the class in English Composition and Journalism at the Communist University of the "Communist University of the East," in Moscow. We reproduce this letter in full, knowing that it will be of great interest to all of our readers. It is as follows:

The DAILY WORKER, Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.
Dear Comrade: We have undertaken a great task.

We can readily vision the responsibilities which you have shouldered in accepting leadership of the DAILY WORKER. To change a small weekly paper into a nationally-circulated daily is no small job; and the cramming full of each page with the up-to-date news which American workers should have—only a human knowledge.

The underground are students in the "COMMUNIST UNIVERSITY OF TOILERS OF THE EAST," Moscow, Russia, and members of the class in English Composition and Journalism conducted by Comrade Marxwood (late of Philadelphia). Some of us have lived for years in America; some of us are Hindus and have suffered from the brute force of British Imperialism; some of us are from China where American Capitalism is firmly entrenching itself; and some of us are some of the Oppressed of the Far East—Japan and Korea. But, comrade, the one we may be, we all can handle the English language more or less efficiently.

We speak for all of us when we tell you that every time you touch a sensitive capitalist nerve; every time you expose the treachery of yet another yellow double-dealing labor leader—the thousands of miles between you and us vanish in this smoke. And whether you are hammering, or being hammered—we are with you all the way through from A to Z.

But to help you materially—how? Just this: we will furnish you each week with not less than half a dozen items of current Russian news. We will cover ordinary every-day happenings, the latest analysis reports of governmental departments, recent economic developments, sketches of Russian life, etc. In short, you, your co-workers, and the T. U. E. L., and to the long-slumbering, but now awakening proletariat of America, and with the hope that the DAILY WORKER, and those for whom it is spoken, will ride atop the crest of the onrushing revolutionary wave, shining forth its rays of truth so that all who have may know the way and only way for joining those who seek for freedom and life, we are.

Tours for the Third International, for the Red International of Labor Unions, and for the Communist International.

Jack Schwartzstein, Esther Schwartzstein, William Smith, Esther Wassermann, Fred Wilton, John Dugan, John Utkin (Kongki), Abdul Ahmad Far, John Wang Jun, William Takara, Karim Ruz Ab Room, Yusef Singh, Maru D, Maru Foodah.

have reminded the Chinese that with the steady growth of the Russian government, the importance of the Russians with Chinese objectives and Russia here in French will increase. Russian revolutionaries do not permit of the retention of Russian counter-revolutionaries in control of a railroad vital to the defense of the Siberian border as is the Chinese position of Mexico and Italian recognition of Mexico has retarded the increased Russian prestige in the Far East. It is reported that the Russian government is not ready to discuss the debt to France, and they

Young Workers League To Stage Anti-War Meet, Workers Luncheon

With the American Legion making every effort to pit the World War Veterans against the international movement in their struggle against capitalism, the Young Workers League of Chicago will hold a giant mass meeting to further their campaign against the militarists.

During the past few weeks much has been said and written in an effort to connect the work of the pacifists with the American Section of the Young Workers League. At this meeting the speakers, among them will be, the Young Workers League of Chicago will hold a giant mass meeting to further their campaign against the militarists. During the past few weeks much has been said and written in an effort to connect the work of the pacifists with the American Section of the Young Workers League. At this meeting the speakers, among them will be, the Young Workers League of Chicago will hold a giant mass meeting to further their campaign against the militarists.

Tax Reduction Bill Worries Statesmen; Have Four Plans

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The Senate today approached consideration of the tax reduction bill. Some time between now and June 10, Statesmen hope a revenue measure will be sent to President Coolidge, but they admitted today they cannot foresee the probable effect of the changing tide of the bill finally enacted.

Meanwhile the "lame-duck" country for tax reduction legislation increases. Within the next week, Senators and their mail on this subject will be almost doubled. Split into many groups of thought on taxes, the Senate has before it three main plans and half a dozen compromise ideas, most of the latter in nebulous form. The principal proposals are the original "McNary" program, to which administration will cling, and the House compromise and the Senate Democratic proposals.

To many workers none of these is acceptable and there is a movement to evolve a plan of their own, embodying some features of all the other three.

Castello, Former Labor Press Head, Is Teapot Witness

By The Associated Press
CHICAGO, April 11.—Under a subpoena by Senator Walsh, prosecutor in the Teapot Dome inquiry, E. J. Castello, former managing editor of The Federated Press, was left for Washington to testify in the House committee on the Teapot Dome case. Castello was told by Hamilton in the Congress that Castello was to be a witness in the Harding case. Castello, who was with the Associated Press for seven years before organizing The Federated Press, previously to that time had been managing editor for Hamilton. He has wide acquaintance and circles.

Kentucky Miners Ready For War As Troops Rush On

PINEVILLE, Ky., April 11.—Kentucky settled down to a real mine war today as the women and children started an exodus to safer parts and the governor called more troops in his attempt to break the spirit of the men.

Rifle fire has been going on continuously at night. Another detachment of Kentucky's national guardmen, the third one, another group of cavalry, machine gun and infantry units, and a tank company from Covington are now in the scene. Another detachment of guardmen has been made ready by the governor.

The situation is considered to have grown more serious owing to the attitude of the governor in attempting to shoot the strikers into submission, and the determination of the miners that they will fight until the union is established in Kentucky.

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CHICAGO LABOR APPEALING FOR UPHOLSTERS

Conspiracy Conviction
Appeal Needs Funds

All trade unions of Chicago are urged by the Chicago Federation of Labor to contribute towards the defense fund of the upholsterers' union who are appealing the conviction of its members for their organization's conspiracy to boycott charges brought by the state against them during an unbusinesslike strike. The appeal for financial aid is made by the committee recently appointed by the Federation to assist the victims of Dudley Taylor's conspiracy and is signed by M. J. Kelly, Secretary of the Federation, and J. J. Kelly, Secretary of the Chicago Federation of Labor. The committee's statement cites the financial inability of the upholsterers' union to handle the case alone and declares that the appeal is in the interest of the entire labor movement, because such convictions stand as a threat to the future of the union and to the future of the labor movement. The committee also states that the appeal is in the interest of the entire labor movement, because such convictions stand as a threat to the future of the union and to the future of the labor movement.

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Support Striking German Seamen, Dockers, Urges Transport Labor Committee of Red International

The International Propaganda Committee of the Revolutionary Transport Workers, affiliated with the Red Labor International, in view of the attempts of the German shipping companies to destroy the 8-hour day and cut wages, has issued an appeal to the seamen of the world. The work of German seamen are already so low and their working conditions of such a character that sporadic strikes, in foreign ports and at home, have been taking place. The German dockers and seamen have been supporting one another in splendid fashion but this apparently does not suit the social-democratic bureaucrats who hold office in the unions. The conditions against which the transport workers are struggling are set forth in the appeal, published below.

To the Seamen of All Countries!
Comrades: 60,000 dockers and shipyard workers are striking in German ports. They are fighting against the abolition of the 8-hour day and the reduction of real wages. For at least one year they have been struggling against the capitalist offensive.

The reformist trade union bureaucrats have shamelessly betrayed the struggling workers. Instead of utilizing the united front of the dockers and shipyard workers for strengthening the position of the militant workers and for leading them to victory, the reformist leaders have been separating and isolating the dockers from the shipyard workers. The reformist leaders have been separating and isolating the dockers from the shipyard workers.

But the militant dockers and shipyard workers have rejected this treacherous line. The reformist leaders of the dockers' union have refused to accept the arbitration device. The solid united front of the dockers and shipyard workers is intact. Comrades and Fellow Workers: Seamen of All Countries!

The German dockers and shipyard workers are fighting not only for their own, but for your interests as well. Their victory is therefore your victory; their defeat, your own defeat. Therefore practice the fullest solidarity with the German dockers and shipyard workers!

No German ship, and no ship from any other capitalist country is to be loaded or discharged in German ports. The crews of all foreign ships in German ports should at once organize relief committees in support of the strikers. See to it that the officers of your ship give no aid to German strikers. See to it that no ship leaves German ports for repairs in foreign ports.

Comrades! Seamen of all countries! In all capitalist countries the shipping barons are determined to lengthen the working hours and to reduce the wages of the dockers and shipyard workers. The shipping companies throughout the world have united in an international offensive against the very existence of the shipping slaves. You must offer resistance! You too, you unite internationally and wage a solid international front against your common enemy! If you do this, victory is inevitably yours!

Long live the fighting solidarity of the German Dockers and Shipyard Workers!
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With revolutionary greetings,
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GUNMEN RULE IN FORMER UNION FIELDS IN W. VA

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Briar Creek Scabs Kept Like Prisoners

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The strike in West Virginia does not mean merely remaining away from work. It carries with it dualism—namely an influx of gunmen, a feeling of isolation, and a sense of being in the camp. All of which happens at Glenost. This place is a coal mining town on Blair Creek just off the main highway. It is a town owned by the Black Bank Consolidated Coal Co.

The Blair Creek strike has no precedent. The two years it began in 1922 in the national coal operators' strike when the Black Bank operators applied the 1917 wage scale in Utah. It was the only time in the history of many isolated struggles in the district. Out of the original strikers about 200 remain on the creek. The rest have been scattered to other towns, leaving a hard-core group among the women and the

Company Offers 1917 Scale

This company would have been willing to continue union recognition had the men accepted the 1917 wage scale. The 1917 rate was 35 cents a ton for loaders and \$4.30 for daily labor. The war-time scale at the one demanded by the miners at being paid in other unionized sections of West Virginia is \$7 a day and 77 cents a ton for cutting and loading. This company is considered liberal because it gave the strikers at one period 30 days' notice to get out of company-owned houses and at all times the notice

Evictions in January

An examination of the eviction papers, showing the names of the persons evicted, shows that the first evictions were made in January. Chosen by this benevolent coal company to give their erstwhile employees a last opportunity to return to the mines under the houses' terms or vacate their houses. This kind of notice does not mean that the person evicted must go to the other house, but onto the road where the company does not own the land. All the houses in such a camp are owned by the coal operator, and that is what is evicted.

In January in West Virginia it is winter; 20 below zero is not uncommon on Briar Creek. When a strike is called in this state a coal colony appears immediately in the river valley. The miners are all laid off and the coal companies are laid off with a poverty stricken farmer gladly rents to the union. In winter

This article is being written in such a one-room home. The 1000 unemployed men who are crisscrossed in these barracks crudely and uncomfortably for the last two years will escape very remote. They are surrounded by the strike, and the strike benefits being \$3.50 a day for single men, \$1.50 extra for wife and 50 cents for each child. The men are not allowed to leave the barracks, do not suffer hunger. But there is no clothes and nothing else. Vagranted and barefoot. Women and children are also in the barracks. The rule. None of the many children to school because of their rags.

Workers Kept as Prisoners

Farther up the hill, the barracks where the strike breakers are at work except at one pit which the strikers have successfully kept closed. The 1911 men are paid \$1.50 a day. The company paid but a worker there told me the company pays "whatever he wants to" and always strike before

company money and the workers are kept in the camp like prisoners. Escape is 16 miles over the mountain on one side or via the company owned private railroad to the Baltimore & Ohio on the other. Thus the non-union men are kept in the valley in slavery.

Police Nab Runaway Scabs

In the beginning of the strike the Negro families were brought in from the southern plantations. It can be said to their credit that all but one of these colored families have escaped. A few days ago the strike

assisted two Negro men down to the creek but later they were captured and marched back up the barrens. The men were taken to the state mounted police.

In West Virginia there are three organizations that do this and other business just as pernicious as the Felt detective agency, chartered as operating in Logan, McDowell and Mingo counties; the operators' private army "The Rangers" composed of operators and paid for by the operators, and the regular state mounted police (mounted police). The function of these three organizations is identical.

Mounted Police Guard Mines

On Briar Creek, in the absence of the other two, the mounted police serve the operators. I walked the mountain trail (April 4) and did not meet or see a sign of a mounted policeman except at a coal mine. Their presence on the high

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