

LABOR FIGHTS OPEN SHOPS IN BELLEVILLE

Organizing to Support Garment Strikers

By KARL REEVE
(Staff Writer, Daily Worker)

BELLEVILLE, Ill., Aug. 24.—The Central Trades and Labor Council here has mobilized its strength, voting to fight the strike of the girl employees of the Meyers garment factory here to finish, following the sentence of ninety days in jail and two hundred dollars fine plastered on William Christopher, business agent for the Trades council, by the labor-hating judge, George Crowe.

Almost the entire Chamber of Commerce heard Judge Crowe sentence Christopher to the maximum term and fourteen days extra for defying the anti-picketing injunction to fined of \$6 to \$200 dollars daily. The manufacturers were heard to declare that "If the Meyers company puts over the open shop by means of the courts, we are going to do it too."

Fighting Organized Bosses.

William Christopher, reporting on the strike to the meeting of the Trades Assembly last night, declared: "We are fighting not the Meyers Pants Company alone, but the organized Manufacturers Association of Belleville, which opened wide its doors to break organized labor in Belleville and foist the open shop on the town."

A meeting was arranged of all the Trades Assembly officers, together with the presidents and secretaries of every local union for Friday night, to organize the fight against the open shop drive. The strike was endorsed by the council, which the council to consider plans for a monster protest meeting of all trades union members in the Belleville district, to include St. Louis, East St. Louis, Collinsville, O'Fallon, and the surrounding towns.

Insurance Co. Reneges.

The Hope Insurance Company was placed on the picket line at the Meyers plant, the men after agreeing to do so.

Pressure from the manufacturers of the town caused them to deny the strikers and labor leaders ball.

Twelve of the girl strikers were present at last night's meeting and were assured all possible support by the presidents and secretaries of every one of the strikers, told the DAILY WORKER reporter that she has been working for the Meyers company for three years, and her salary at the beginning of the strike was \$9.50 a week.

Martin Sisk, Justice of the peace and delegate to the Federation of Labor, called on the unions to grant strikers' demands if the Amalgamated does not give the girls strike benefits.

Don't Mind Fines.

In spite of the fines yesterday, the girls were on the picket line at six-thirty this morning, doing effective work and turning every scrap away.

They are determined to win, and promised that the DAILY WORKER will throw its columns open to news of the strike. I told the acute and widespread unemployment not only among the Illinois miners, but throughout the country in all lines of work," said Sisk. "The struggle here against open shop is in itself a national factor, is directly related to the bitter struggle all over the country. The capitalists are taking advantage of the industrial crisis to try to completely destroy the unions and to institute the open shop.

The Ark faces a task of responding to the demands of the Amalgamated by aggressively combatting the open shop drive and the unemployment crisis, especially at the state convention of the Federation of Labor in Peoria on September 8. In the past year the unions have dwindled in size and the craft system has proved ineffective.

Goals For Militant Attitude.

"There are attitudes which you can take at the Peoria convention. You can either take the listless, pessimistic attitude that 'nothing can be done,' or you can launch an aggressive fight on the anti-union employers. Ward C. Coolidge, of the Red Tents, can be introduced in the convention, demanding that the employers pay wages during the unemployment periods and that work day be shortened so as to ensure work for all."

"Resolutions on the nationalization of the mines and other industries can be introduced with the Amalgamated, an aggressive fight on the sectionalism wave, which would result from the pessimistic attitude of reactionary labor leaders. Amalgamation and organization of the non-union workers must be pushed.

Henry Reichling was let off yesterday by Judge Crowe on the ground that "Reichling did not know there had been an injunction granted."

U. S. SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS IN CLASH IN HAWAIIAN ISLES

(Special to The Daily Worker)
HONOLULU, Aug. 24.—The entire garrison of 2,000 U. S. soldiers, was confined to their barracks as a result of a clash between the soldiers and civilians of the Kalihi district. Four persons are in hospitals including one soldier who was shot in the head and was mistaken for a civilian.

The clash is probably a result of the hostility between the populace and the American soldiering daily back to the strike of 15,000 Filipinos sugar workers this year, on plantations in which the American government has a 50 per cent stock holding. The hostility has been greatly aggravated by the sentencing of 203 Filipinos to 5 years jail terms for having demanded pay equal to that of the white soldiers.

STONE TO QUIT AS TREASURER OF LA FOLLETTE FUND

Engineer's Head Said to be Disgruntled

WASHINGTON, August 24.—Robert M. LaFollette, Jr., son of the Wisconsin senator, confirmed the report already published in THE DAILY WORKER that Walter S. Stone, Grand Chieftain of the Brotherhood of Aerospace Engineers and one of LaFollette's original backers would resign his post as treasurer of the LaFollette-Wheeler campaign fund.

In a letter to H. Johnson, Chairman of the Conference for Progressive Political Action, Stone gave his reason for relinquishing the treasurership that it would be impossible for him to handle the mass of detail connected with the task.

Mr. Johnson urged Stone to reconsider his decision, assuring him that he would have all the assistance in handling the details connected with the collection of a large fund.

Stone's Feelings Hurt.

It appears that there is considerable friction over the manner in which the campaign fund is being raised. LaFollette is charged with the task of raising funds from the organizations affiliated with the C. P. A. Mr. Stone is treasurer of the C. P. A. and was named to assist Mr. Johnson as treasurer.

Attorney General Elihu of Wisconsin has been charged with raising funds from the general public with the manufacture of patent medicines, W. T. Rawleigh, of Freeport, Ill., his treasurer.

Gompers also has his finger in the pie and so has the socialist party, which the campaign fund is being raised for.

It is the opinion of the latter that the campaign of the C. P. A. is because it includes the socialists.

Only the political unopposedist will give credence to Warren S. Stone's excuse for resigning his position as treasurer of the LaFollette committee.

It is known that he had his heart set on the vice-presidential candidacy, which he did not get.

Neither is he crank about the publicity and prestige that has come the way of the C. P. A. Johnson is chairman of the latter's chairmanship of the C. P. A. and the entrance of LaFollette into the presidential campaign.

May Drop Socialists.

The only way for LaFollette to maintain the allegiance of many of the petit-bourgeois and labor workers who are now on his warship will be to drop the socialist party. LaFollette's press record shows that he will not think twice about it if he considers it at all. He always was an anti-socialist.

Now that the Socialist Party has gone the way of all flesh, it cannot but expect to be treated as a wretched dwarf who has flung his ambitions into the mire too resounding arms of LaFollette who is by no means over-tickled by the support of the S. P.

A few more incidents like the Missouri one and he may have to drop the adoring S. P. lady from his list of visitors.

Washing the Stone Hands.

At the time the St. Louis conference of the C. P. A. was held, Stone was about to wash his hands of the whole business, as he knew that the labor fakers were then about to endorse William Gibbs Adlard for the presidency on the Democratic ticket.

It is reported that Warren S. Stone, is supporting Herbert Baker, a native生人, for the governorship of Michigan, the republican ticket in Michigan.

Baker is supporting the Coolidge-Dawes ticket for the presidency.

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BALTRUSAITIS, LAST FEDERAL PRISONER IN ESPIONAGE ACT, THREATENED BY DEPORTATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Joseph Baltrusaitis, last of the federal prisoners under the wartime espionage act, is leaving Leavenworth penitentiary after commutation of his sentence by President Coolidge. The persecution of Baltrusaitis was unique in the history of espionage act cases, the American Civil Liberties Union, which filed the brief for executive action, states. His arrest in St. Louis, November, 1920, did not occur until two years after the signing of the armistice. His trial did not take place until eight months after the espionage act was suspended by Congress. The quaint theory of the prosecution was that Baltrusaitis' act in distributing a Communist leaflet interfered with "military service."

Charge Firms.

"A frame-up by a department-store justice agent" is the language used by the Liberal Union in describing the case. The political prisoner, a Lithuanian, faces deportation as a warrant issued by the department of labor. The Civil Liberties Union is opposing this additional persecution. Baltrusaitis is confined in the county jail at Leavenworth, Kansas, pending action.

BOB'S FORCES SPLIT APART IN MISSOURI

Faker Quits Because of S. P. Support

By MAX SHACHTMAN

The campaign of "Fighting Bob" has received another wallop from the general direction of the state of Missouri with the news that Timothy V. Doherty, self-appointed manager of the LaFollette drive, has skipped out because the socialist party was found among his colleagues.

O'Neill is a smooth article, the owner of a scab restaurant and quite slick in soliciting funds from labor fakers in various causes that has engaged in in the last few years.

Walks Off With Dough.

Last spring he ditched himself to the Farmer-Labor party and in a few weeks dropped out, refusing to give account for the sums of money he had collected.

Then he applied himself locally to LaFollette, opening offices in an expensive hotel and began to rally support to Bob among the labor fakers. It developed that John M. Nelson, manager of LaFollette's campaign nationally, got suspicious of Timothy and transferred the control of the campaign into the hands of T. W. Wood, president of the State Federation of Labor and an ex-member of the LaFollette-Wheeler campaign fund.

O'Neill Double Crossed.

It should be noted that O'Neill had been requested in Chicago, July 11, by Nelson to call a state convention of LaFollette in Kansas City and later informed him to lay off since the national committee had decided to have over the progressive drive to Wood.

Timothy then issued a statement releasing all his followers from their pledges and stating that the old "warrior," Fighting Bob, had degenerated in his old age to a substitute for that Petersen. Nelson charged that O'Neill was a traitor to LaFollette and that the Socialists had been performing the "progressive" ticket.

It was worthy of note to hear the old Socialist Party politicians raying loud and long about the service to the people that had been performed by the two fakers who are running on the "progressive" ticket.

Tuvim Meets.

Alfred Tuvim, spokesman of the convention, and old guard Socialist party, deprecated the action of the Central Trades and Labor Council in advising its affiliated organizations not to have anything to do with the local progressive political action committee.

Leonard Wood, chief labor leader in the C. P. A. spoke to the convention and made the following pleasing statement to the revolutionary Hillquit-Gahan.

"This movement is not for any class, it is for honesty and good sense in government. He did not even as much as mention a word about a labor party."

Herman Eckera, campaign manager for LaFollette in the east and counsel for the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, told the LaFollette convention a "good investment."

Hillquit Gets Claque Ovation.

When the theoretician of the remainder of the S. P., Morris Hillquit, arose to speak the clackers in the audience gave him an ovation. He repeated the same ringing speech he had delivered at the Chicago conference, endorsing LaFollette and Wheeler and saying, "The two candidates have a record of noble service in their whole official life."

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PROTEST HOLDING UP OF ANTI-WAR DAY LITERATURE

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Neither the postmaster general nor his assistants have offered any explanation for their action in holding up literature opposing the "Defense Day" program of President Coolidge.

They have not demanded an explanation from the "Friends of Peace," a San Francisco organization, has been met by the acknowledgment from Acting Postmaster J. D. Donnelly, that the protest was received.

Postmaster Lauds Literature.

The "Liberates" protest refers specifically to the action of Postmaster F. K. Hahn of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who withheld the use of cancellation marks on the literature. Attorneys for the "Friends of Peace," have examined copies of the circulars and "found nothing in them which violates any Federal statute," the protest declared.

If the Post Office Department does not rescind its action the Postmaster will advise the administration with calling public departments to suppress constitutional criticism of its policies.

Called for Crepe.

One of the circulars confiscated by Postmaster Hahn carries a heavy black border around it, as follows:

"A Day of Mourning—Black Friday, September 12th—For the Victims of the War—It Must Not Happen Again."

Another circular urges that "everyone wear a mourning band on the arm" on Defense Day, and that "every flag be half-masted and draped with crepe."

GITLOW GETS GREAT OVATION AT STRIKE MEET IN PATERSON

By H. M. WICKS.

(Special to the DAILY WORKER)
PATERSON, N. J., Aug. 24.—Benjamin Gitlow, vice-presidential candidate of the Workers Party, received a tremendous ovation here yesterday while speaking before the striking silk workers' meeting.

The settlement committee has established its headquarters and is busy signing up mills on the two local silk mills, which are estimated to be about 80 per cent of the total number of strikers who will return to work victorious on Monday.

The manufacturers are desperately seeking to break the strike, but they have been unable thus far to achieve any concerted action.

Two strikers, however, were brutally beaten by the police, who were trying to disperse the picketing, but because the strike is the most peaceful ever, staged in Paterson. The leaders of the strike have the situation well in hand.

HILLQUIT-CAHAN CONFERENCE FOR NO-CLASS PARTY

Central Labor Council Boycotts Povvow

(Special to the DAILY WORKER)

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ELECTION FIGHT IN TEXAS HANGS ON KU KLUX KLAN

Future of Hooded Order May Be Decided

(Special to THE DAILY WORKER.)

FORT WORTH, Texas, Aug. 24.—With both the Ku Klux Klan candidate, Judge Felix D. Robertson, and the anti-Klan candidate, "Mr. Mike" Miller, in the race for the state's Democratic gubernatorial run-off, the entire state of Texas is keyed up to a high pitch over the coming decisive victory or defeat of the hooded order in this state.

Mrs. Ferguson, wife of the famous Klan King, is making her stand on the basis of an anti-Klan, prohibition enforcement platform and to vindicate "the political crucifixion of her husband."

Backs Down Klan Program. Robertson, feeling the anti-Klan sentiment throughout the state is so strong that if he is elected he will "represent the citizenship of Texas regardless of social or religious creed, with tolerance and justice to all."

The slogan of Mrs. Ferguson, who claims that she will have a plurality of 125,000 votes, is "Me for Ma."

Robertson, who is about "No Man in Texas," claims a conservative margin of 90,000.

The election was held yesterday. Nomination on the Democratic ticket is a virtual election to office in Texas.

Want Child Labor Law to Squash All Boss Competition

(By the Federated Press)

BOSTON, Aug. 24.—To kill off southern competition with New England cotton mills and to stop "robbery of cradles," a committee is being organized in Massachusetts to insure ratification by the state of the child labor amendment to the federal constitution.

"Only thru such an amendment can Massachusetts hope to end the unfair competition and the robbing of cradles by southern mills," declared W. H. O'Brien, who is promoting the committee.

O'Brien makes no mention of the fact that the principal owners of southern mills are northern interests, many of them owning New England mills as well.

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IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES HOLD THREE MEMBERS OF THE I. W. W.; NO COMMUNICATION IS ALLOWED

(Defense News Service.)

NEW YORK CITY.—California's policy of persecuting I. W. W. members at every turn is matched by the action of the federal immigration authorities here in holding incomunicado three industrial unionists lately sent here from the commonwealth of orange groves and jails for exile. These three workingmen are held prisoners in the Ellis Island detention pens. They are Jack Gavel, native of Holland; Roman Sanchez, once of Spain, and X. Timolos, born in Greece.

Were in San Quentin.

Gavel and Sanchez were sent to San Quentin two years ago after being convicted under the California criminal syndicate law. Sanchez was sent here by the prosecution that they had committed sabotage or injured property; the mere fact that they were members of the Industrial Workers of the World was snuffed to insure a conviction by the trial jury. Both defendants were sentenced to serve from 10 to 14 years.

The two were put into the prison jail mill, a place of deadly atmosphere which has shortened the lives of uncounted inmates of San Quentin. There was a rule in that penitentiary that no man should be kept working in the jail mill more than one year. But when Gavel had served twelve months, the jailers took him out of the mill. His health had given way from breathing the dust-laden air, and he refused to work any longer at the jute-machines. He was promptly locked in a dungeon.

I. W. W. Singled Out.

This act of punishment was the signal for \$3 for other I. W. W. prisoners to quit work. They were all put in solitary when they were kept as Gavel had been kept in solitary and were then given a day. Subsequently various privileges were taken away from all prisoners at San Quentin. No labor nor liberal publications are permitted to enter the institution, and a tight censorship on news of happenings inside has prevailed in recent months.

No information concerning the individual or group affiliations of these three prisoners here is forthcoming from the officials at Ellis Island. It is known, however, that Gavel is in the hospital there suffering from heart trouble. Sanchez's health is also in bad.

Timolos was sent here from Los Angeles, where he had been held for some time without any accusation against him except that he was an I. W. W. member.

Bootlegger Plugged.

SEABRIGHT, N. J., Aug. 24.—Anatino Pietro of Astoria was shot and killed today for ram-running after a brief but violent gunbattle in the basement launch of Pietro's "Lynn 11," which had 500 cases of hooch.

There were no arrests made in this case, but the police are investigating the killing.

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