

ARISTOCRACY IN THE SADDLE AT PEORIA MEET

No Spokesman for Rank and File Gets Floor

By KARL REEVE,
(Staff Writer, Daily Worker)

PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 10.—The fourth-second convention of the Illinois Federation of Labor is dominated by the "aristocracy of labor" and directed by well-paid officials who have thrown off the mask of representing the working class and are openly endorsing capitalist political parties and favoring class collaboration.

While Harriet Silberman, of the Teachers Union, was appealing for a strong militant organization of the working-class to fight occupational diseases, "THE DAILY WORKER" reporter heard members of the Milk Wagon Drivers' Union crossly condemning her for taking up their time.

Run Out of Speakers.

The delegates' stipend is paid at \$200 a day, each plus railroad fare, of them admitted to me. Their elevating topic of conversation while Miss Silberman was talking on occupational diseases, was as to how late in the night each stayed up the previous day.

"We have spoken for two years—out of these delegates said, 'and I guess she wants to get it all out of her system at once. She ought to wait until next year, and let us go home.'

There was no afternoon session. That day the labor officials have run out of Catholic priests and Chamber of Commerce members, so they adjourned. It didn't cross their minds to make an exception and let a real worker have the floor.

John K. O'Conor, representing the Workers' Health Bureau, declared that thirty-five thousand miners have been killed while working at their industry in the last ten years.

France Leads United States.

"It takes an overwhelming majority of the workers to make the legislature act," said Miss Silberman. "The painters have made the first health agreement with the employers in the history of the American trade union movement. The use of benzol in paints was abolished."

In France the miners are ahead of America in this respect. In 1914 that country did away with the use of white lead in paints by a national decree.

"The workers are being oppressed all front in the mad scramble of the employers for profits. Demands that the employers make compensation all right, but this form of labor relief has been overrated. The employers pay as little as they have to. It is far better to organize the working class into a strong militant organization, and use means of preventing occupational diseases."

Protests Delegates Drunks.

The speakers who were polled on the delegates here were an insult to the rank and file workers. M. J. Finn, who spoke as a representative of the Illinois Federation of Commerce, grandstand play to capture applause by promising the delegates a drink whenever they wanted it. He has since been flitting about the convention, making good his boast that "The Peoria Chamber of Commerce at all times stands with the organized labor movement."

"The delegates were entertained at 'Dreamland,' a dance hall here, recalling Finn's statement that, 'I think I'm paying 50 per cent of the expenses of the entertainment anyway.'

Ship My Custodian.

John Moran held by Illinois authorities for extradition to Minnesota, where he is wanted in South St. Paul in connection with a \$25,000 mail robbery, was released to S. Marshall Lee, Lee Capo, who was bringing him to Chicago for arraignment before U. S. Commissioner Henry C. Bettler.

INDUSTRIAL REGISTRATION IN CHICAGO SPEEDING UP

Five More Branches Send in Registration.

THE Italian Terra Cotta, Italian, W. S. No. 2, Italian Grand Crossing, S. & W. Side, S. Side and Douglas Park Jewish branches have sent in their Industrial registrations.

Twenty branches have thus far completed registration of their members. In the past few days, many more are expected to finish the classification and registration of the members. The industrial registration will prove of incalculable value in every department of Party work. In the work of the Trade Union Educational League, the T. U. E. L. groups will benefit at once, since the registration shows that many who could be active in union and T. U. E. L. work have been neglectful. The Party can follow the individual members up till every comrade is on the job. When the Party knows where every member works, a long step will have been taken toward successfully the reorganization of the Party on the basis of Shop Nuclei. Registering, make sure the comrade fills in the blank of work.

Don't delay the registration. Just as branches get the information from the members, they are expected to send in the tabulated results to the Local Office, 165 W. Washington St., Room 303.

WALKER TALKS MUCH, SAYS LITTLE

(Continued from page 1) statement of what a college professor said about Abe Lincoln.

Walker could not be expected to come out and declare that he has surrendered the rights of the wage earners of the state, that he has spent the money of the Federation of Labor in his efforts to boasting Len Small, whose big achievement is that he hires scab labor to build rotten roads, and LaFollette who completely ignores unemployment.

Doesn't Responsibility.

But Walker, who will not dodge the responsibility of his collaboration with the open shippers, he blames it on the Senate Resolution No. 363, introduced by Senator McCormick and he gives the farmers a nice little lecture on how to increase their own unit strength and influence arrangement to participate in the benefits of those improvements.

Urge Waiting Policy.

Walker's logic is crystal clear. Employment will be greatly decreased as soon as labor having machinery is perfect, which will result in increased freight rates, increased interest charges, and restricted industrial and agricultural credits, has resulted thousands of industries being closed out, causing millions of men to lose their means of livelihood, forcing them on the streets vainly seeking employment."

Passed Buck to Farmers.

Walker, altho he offered the convention no action whatever against unemployment, altho he did not call upon the workers to fight against the employers, altho he did not propose one single thing he had accomplished in the past year to strengthen the Illinois unions, to organize unorganized workers or decrease unemployment, probably an effort to obscure his

importance, is loudly editions for the farmers. Walker calls the farmer the ultimate consumer, and he tells the farmers to "Bring about better prices, reduce interests and increase freight rates. Organize on your own part."

Now comes Walker's most laughable triumph, a puerile effort to of for a solution to the problem.

"With greater improvements that have taken place in methods of production there is no doubt that, with unit action on the part of the trade unionists of the state, not only will relief be given to the statement made by the DAILY WORKER by John W. Johnstone, assistant secretary of the Trade Union Educational League.

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Constructive Proposals from Left Wing Only

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Left Wing Fights K. K. K.

"Pontius Pilate," responded emphatically. "But it is an issue that is going to be raised by the left wing, we are sure. The Walker-Olander-Quisenberry gang will try their best to keep out of the range of discussion on the grounds that it is a purely religious issue. They completely refuse to recognize the Klan."

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Rank and File To Speak.

"This convention is by no means decisive. The militants are going to continue their activity, more intensely than ever before, until the rank and file have had the opportunity to fully express its progressive demands. The rank and file must control the union from the Walker-Len Small-Olander machine and turn it back to where it belongs and will eventually find its place, the hands of the rank and file.

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The Bindery Girl Was Worried About Verdict in Loeb-Leopold Case

By J. LOUIS ENDAHL.

TODAY, shortly after 9:30 o'clock, the girl who works in the bindery of the DAILY WORKER PUBLISHING CO. slipped into our editorial offices and began scanning the tape coming off the news ticker.

She knew that at 9:30 o'clock, Judge John R. Caverly was to pronounce his verdict on Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold, Jr., for the murder of young Robert Franks.

That was the thing uppermost in her life. It was the thing put foremost in her mind by the yellow press. And there she was, all eyes, waiting for this news to come over the wire.

Our columnist, Thomas J. O'Flaherty comes in off the street with a copy of the first extra. It has box car headlines, taking up almost half of the first page, proclaiming, "Life in Prison for Loeb and Leopold, Jr."

"They are selling like the proverbial hot cakes," says O'Flaherty, meaning that the gullible public was eagerly gobbling up news of the most recent development in this fuscious sensation.

And that was to be expected. Today it is news of the Loeb-Leopold verdict that the kept press dishes out, in wholesale quantities, in their multitudes. Thursday night will be the White-Fire, the first "Boiler's Acres," in Jersey City, across the river from New York.

The so-called reformers, defenders of the nation's morality, have even carried their fight for the deportation of Luis Angel Firpo to President Coolidge himself. But "Cautious Cal" knows there are more votes among the millions of sporting page followers, than there are among dwindling church congregations, and word comes from Cal's retreat in the White House that, "the prevention of the battle is not within his right."

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BIG COMMUNIST MEETING IN N.Y. HEARS GITLOW

Central Opera House Is Packed to Doors

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, September 10.—

Despite unfavorable weather, Central Opera House was jammed to the doors with a cheering mass of workers who, in the New York chapter of the Workers Party, was formally opened here last night with Benjamin Gitlow, candidate for vice-president on the Communist ticket and C. E. Ruthenberg, national executive secretary of the Workers Party, as principal speakers.

When Gitlow was introduced he was given an ovation that lasted 15 minutes. Hail were thrown in the air, the "International" was sung, cheers were given for the Workers Party, Soviet Russia and Soviet America.

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Ruthenberg drew heavy applause, earlier in the evening when he said that the workers must take over the government to smash capitalism. He declared the workers were quitting the two old parties for LaFollette, but they would be disillusioned if they thought he was bringing them to the White House, that, "the prevention of the battle is not within his right."

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NEW YORK T. U. E. L. PLANS BIG SUPPORT TO COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 10.—

A local conference of the Trade Union Educational League has been called for Friday evening, Sept. 12, to organize the campaign in support of William Z. Foster. The conference will be held at 208 East 12th St. The most prominent militants in the local trade unions will be present.

It is expected that a whirlwind campaign will be arranged here in support of the only class conscious voter in the field—the Workers Party. This conference of militants will be a striking contrast to the C. P. A. conference of middle class merchants, bankers, and trade union bureaucrats.

DETROIT WORKERS TO HOLD MEET AGAINST MOBILIZATION DAY

DETROIT, Sept. 10.—Under the auspices of the Young Peoples' Conference Against Mobilization, an anti-Mobilization Day meeting will be held here on Sept. 10th Thursday eve, at 10 a. m., at 3322 Douglas Park Hill, Goss and Foreston Streets. The speakers will be Ella Radom-Gloor, Dr. Atkinson and Reverend Moon. Members of the Young Workers' League and the Workers' Party are urged to attend.

SECOND MEETING OF FOSTER AND GITLOW CONFERENCE SUNDAY

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That Japan will not look on unconcernedly while her most powerful enemy in the Far East hatches plots in China was manifested today. The mobilization of the Japanese in the United States is given considerable significance here, and is bound up as a threat to the Tokyo government.

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JOHN W. DAVIS' GROUND WORK DONE BY SCABS

Open Shoppers Ignore Union Workers

By ART SHIELDS

(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Sept. 10.—When John W. Davis came home to Clarksburg to be formally notified of the democratic nomination, he found the old family estate on the hill overlooking the court house shining with a new and splendid front—the gift of the city.

Narrow little Lee Street, that had comfortable room for only one car, had been broadened and the bank above, on the Davis grounds, had been tucked up by a glistening balustrated retaining wall more than a hundred feet long, with terraced sidewalk reached by steps from the street.

Done by Scabs

This forbiddingup of the Davis home for the eyes of wondering visitors cost the taxpayers \$7,000 and every cent of it went to an open shop contractor who hired nonunion workers. Clarksburg is a union town, with unemployed union men meeting daily. Davis' son, John W. Davis, Jr., Otis and the other members of the arrangements committee showed their loyalty to the "American Plan" in spite of the protest of L. E. Brewer, business agent for the carpenters' union, and other representatives of organized labor.

By its \$7,000 open shop to its fatuous sheeple citizen Clarksburg city ended a long dispute with the Davis estate. The dispute over who should pay for the widening of Lee street began about 15 years ago when the city took over. Davis' fate was sealed when a strip of the bank would be torn away and the street improved, with the costs charged to the property owner, according to regular Clarksburg procedure. Other property owners fell in line but old John J. Davis, leader of the Davis estate, was too staunch a conservative to see such changes made—at his own expense. He got the injunction court to restrain the city and he sent sentry duty on the bank himself, neighbors say. The city was eager to open the street, so the city fathers, with nothing done, unless the city paid the bill and put up a retaining wall. In that case he would code a few feet of property.

Davis is Discovered.

The deadlock lasted after the father passed away and after John W. Davis and his two sisters came into control. It lasted until the day when old John J. Davis, who had been a pillar of the community, Clarksburg found its famous citizen was still more famous as the result of something that happened in Madison Square Garden. So the fellows who run the city dug deep in the treasury and paid for all the things Father Davis had wanted.

City man, Otis, has since told Clarksburg trade unionists that the choice of an open shop contractor was an accident—an unhappy accident for the democrats, as it turned out shortly afterwards for the Central Labor underpaid panel.

The contractor selected for the job with the Concrete Steel Bridge Co., a notorious West Virginia open shop concern which invaded Clarksburg a year ago and began taking nonunion contracts, a new thing in Clarksburg. This firm made a mere token effort to recruit nonunion workers, but the contractors were given preference for the concrete form work. Local No. 236 became infamous. There is no local concrete workers' union but the foreman discriminated against unemployed union miners who tried to get jobs as laborers, union officials said.

The work went to men from non-union mines.

Suddenly Remember Unionists.

When the street and wall job was finished the committee hurried up with the task of reviewing and settling on another location. The carpenter work was to cost \$600. The committee asked Local No. 236 if it didn't want to donate the labor of its members, without compensation—the name of civic pride, the unionists were told. This was a little too much. The carpenters, ironically, suggested the committee get its scabs on the job. Otis apologized and said the open shop move had been a mistake. Union men were hired and paid for the reviewing stand work.

Came the day. A procession of thousands of scabs rolled past Lee street, admiring the resplendent wall which most of them supposed that John W. Davis had paid for. Union men knew differently. That big chunk of white artificial stone is a rock and the neck of John W. Davis' chance with the union folks back home.

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RAT PRINTER IS DEAD BUT UNION LIVES ON, EVEN MORE POWERFUL

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 10.—Edwin Brando, head of the rat printing shop that bears his name, is dead, but other people's money in fighting organized labor, but the typographical union still lives. While the earth worms today are building their winter homes in all that remains of the arch enemy of labor.

Which puts the writer in remembrance of the colored minister who, when asked what he thought of the remains of one of his flock, who dramatically said: "An' hopes he is where I 'spect he ain't."

NEGRO TEACHER GIVEN GATE BY HEADS OF YWCA.

Qualified in Every Way; Rejected for Color

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 10.—

Miss Geraldine Gardine, a young woman of exceptional ability in the teaching of Hygiene and Physical Training, has been rejected by the Young Women's Christian Association because she is of the Negro race.

Given the Gate.

Miss Gardine failed to state in her application that she is colored. So on the merits of her abilities, she was informed that she had more satisfactorily met the requirements of the position she qualified for.

Director Explains Reason.

The director of the school had only this to say in explanation: "If you are by nationality an American Negro on your eligibility estimate blank, the matter would not have been carried this far."

Declines Ford Service.

DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 10.—Ford drivers in some parts of Texas who have had to stand on their pickers back and forth in the sun each day, are finding a conservator to sue such changes made—at his own expense. He got the injunction court to restrain the city and he sent sentry duty on the bank himself, neighbors say. The city was eager to open the street, so the city fathers, with nothing done, unless the city paid the bill and put up a retaining wall. In that case he would code a few feet of property.

To Examine "War Babies".

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—With great interest in the health of babies during the stress of the last war will be specially examined physically and mentally in Hoboken, N. J., this year, to determine the possible effects of parental influenza says Dr. E. K. Keeler, superintendent. His agitation to force out non-union teachers has failed; only two left the school system.

Depression in the South.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—The autumn change in with little industrial come-back in the south. Business is dull and there is a great lack of work. There is over-production of vegetables and other produce in South Carolina. Farmers have lost their market. There has been a slight resumption in rail transportation.

Need 10,000 Signatures.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Sept. 10.—With the exception of the editorial, ballot for Foster and Gilow, Workers Party candidates, 19,000 signatures must be secured before Sept. 25. All signatures must be of registered voters who did not vote at the May primaries and who have not signed a Gilowite petition.

In Ma Ferguson's State.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 10.—With 300,000 illiterates among our people it is a time Texas realizes the importance of education, which is the chief factor in welfare, says Prof. G. O. Clough, president Texas State Teachers' Association.

BOB'S MODEL COMMONWEALTH FAILS
TO HALT FALL OF JOBS OR WAGES

(By The Federated Press)

MADISON, Sept. 10.—Employment in Wisconsin factories in July had fallen to a level 10 per cent below July, 1923. Total wages had fallen 11.8 per cent and per capita earnings 2 per cent. Industries in which the decreases in employment in the 12-month period had been particularly sharp

Sharp Drop in Wages. Sharp drops in average weekly earnings include foundries and machine shops 24.3 per cent, aluminum and enamel ware 21.9 per cent, auto mobile plants 20.1 per cent, boots and shoes 22.4 per cent, hosiery and knit goods 12.9 per cent and tobacco manufac tures 15.7 per cent.

Average weekly earnings during July amounted to \$22.15 in factories, in mining \$23.68, in building construction \$24.59, in steam railway transportation \$28.80, and street railways 22.58.

COMMUNISTS TO FRY CODFISH ARISTOCRACY

Party Candidates Will be on the Ballot

By JOSEPH MANLEY,
Campaign Manager, Workers
Party.

The announcement by District Organizer John J. Ballam that Foster and Gilow electors and a full state Workers Party ticket will go on the ballot in Massachusetts is getting close to home. The home of Codfish, Coolidge and his "commodities."

Boston and New England has determined the major portion of the policies enunciated as the "common sense" government of Calvin Coolidge in his Labor Day address. Coolidge's "common sense" is just so much nonsense when he says:

"One of the outstanding features of the present day is that American wage earners are living better at any other time in our history. They have not only retained but actually increased the gain that they made during the war."

"... We have here in the United States not only the best paid workers in the world but the best paid workers that ever lived in the world."

Birds of a Feather.

In this same Labor Day address, Coolidge boasted one of his headaches, T. J. O'Connor, formerly of the Workers Party. His election is now the head of the United States Shipping Board. Boston and New England longshoremen will remember the traitorous role played by the same T. V. O'Connor in the famous longshoremen's strike in 1920 when the New England porters had tied up the entire shipping of that section and when the strike was spreading like wildfire all along the Atlantic coast and over to the Pacific. Mr. O'Connor is the gentleman who had to smother this strike. This was done by sending in strikebreakers for this present office he now holds, to the late President Harding who appointed him. Now two strikebreakers are to go well together.

Cal Talks Thin His Derby.

Coolidge's nonsense about the increase in the earning capacity of the workers has shown and textile industries and shipyards are the only ones that have not yet been beaten down. Nothing but cynical laughter from these workers of New England when they hear of that Coolidge Labor Day message. Coolidge's "common sense" government is the government of the Boston bankers, the New England textile and lumber trusts. It is the government of the New Haven and Hartford railroad, which Calvin Coolidge, when but a precinct lawyer, threw into the arms of James Pierpont Morgan. The "common sense" Government of Coolidge is the Government of Wall Street.

Will Learn Truth.

The communists believe that the Workers Party will be on the ballot in the State of Massachusetts means that the workers of the big industries of New England will now learn from the Communists in the coming political struggle the above facts and the true character of the Boston "hedgehog," puppet of the House of Morgan.

The opening gun in this campaign will be fired next Sunday afternoon at a monster meeting in Boston at Scenic Auditorium, where vice-presidential candidate Benjamin Gilow will rip the old Coolidge and his Boston bankers to shreds.

And the socialist party is being dragged deeper and deeper into the camp of the old democratic, republican and prohibition party. It is but another step into backward evolution process.

FOUR NEW INDICTMENTS HANDED DOWN IN CASE OF VET BUREAU CHIEF

Federal officials yesterday released four hitherto suppressed indictments against "Col." Charles R. Forbes, former head of the United States Bureau of Internal Revenue, who is scheduled to go on trial before Judge Carpenter next Monday.

The new indictments are substantially the same as those previously released with the exception that those which were previously suppressed charged that Forbes was to get a portion of the payment of \$56,666.66 to the late Charles Cramer, chief counsel of the veterans' bureau.

The payment is alleged to have been a bribe from John W. Thompson, who was to be tried in 1921. Forbes, for his part, is remembered as one of the great "paystrikers" swindlers who was supposed to take care of the interests of the disabled veterans who went across to "fight for democracy."

Why these new indictments were hitherto suppressed is not related.

Curious observers, however, are making significant remarks on the generous kindness of the courts.

NEW BETRAYAL OF LABOR PARTY IDEA IN PENNSY

Nine Parties on Ballot in Quaker State

By ABRAM JAKIRA,
(Special to The DAILY WORKER)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 10.—There will be an interesting election campaign in Pennsylvania this year. In addition to the Workers Party, eight other parties will be found on the ballot in this state. The election is now the head of the United States Shipping Board. Boston and New England longshoremen will remember the traitorous role played by the same T. V. O'Connor in the famous longshoremen's strike in 1920 when the New England porters had tied up the entire shipping of that section and when the strike was spreading like wildfire all along the Atlantic coast and over to the Pacific. Mr. O'Connor is the gentleman who had to smother this strike. This was done by sending in strikebreakers for this present office he now holds, to the late President Harding who appointed him. Now two strikebreakers are to go well together.

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Guilty of Double Prostitution.

The Falollette followers are apparently not satisfied with the destruction of the existing farmer-labor parties, but are pronouncing the very best of the Falollette supporters as being guilty of using the name "Labor" in order to help the politicians of the old parties.

It is the meanest attempt ever heard to befool the minds of the workers who have learned to look upon a Labor party as upon something apart and independent from the old capitalist parties.

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Kep Press Piles It On.

Newspaper propaganda for the party is increasing faster than the fact that Falollette is running on both the socialist and Labor party tickets.

Both of these parties carry the same set of candidates of presidential electors.

Together with the list of presidential electors the Labor party carries on its ticket a number of candidates for congress most of whom are the candidates of the old capitalist party—representing democratic, prohibition, and the method of carrying out this plan having been exposed in a previous issue of the DAILY WORKER, in connection with the Boston Strode.

Plan Intimidation.

In other parts of the country the very same plans are being carried thru in Bergen Field, N. J., in Indianapolis, by order of the Mayor, Charles P. Warren, who has had a notice posted ordering all able bodied men between the ages of 18 and 45 to line up at the Borough Hall and comply with his Mobilization Day order.

His order has caused considerable consternation because he has been accused of being a Hitlerite.

In Missouri the small towns have been lined up solidly, it seems, according to an announcement by William Field, chairman of the state defense committee, and an adjutant general to boot. More than 80 towns have joined the movement during the week ending today, making almost five hundred towns and cities in Missouri that have arranged programs for Defense Day.

Speaks For Ramsey.

On being criticized for preaching a big navy, when the Labor government had no navy, Vice-Admiral Field, in command of the British cruiser around the world, has been repeating in eastern Canada what he said on the British fleet that it is a "big navy for the Dominion." He has been a little more cautious but the same has been the case.

He admitted that the need of naval defense in Canada was less than in Australia, but he asked if Canada would stand by and do nothing to drive off an attack upon Canada.

Field said, "I am afraid we shall feel she could rely on the British navy and on the American, but he believed that would not meet the desires of the Canadian people.

Field has found support particularly from some imperialist papers.

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WAR MONGERS PUSH AHEAD DEFENSE DAY

Communists to Hold Counter-Meetings

By MAX SHACTMAN.

Peaceful clergymen who attempted to carry a resolution deplored the preparations for Defense Day at a meeting of the Chicago Presbytery here, were promptly quelled by their fellow sky pilots for such an unfortunate lack of patriotism.

Inopportune Time.

"This is a very inopportune time to introduce such a resolution," said Dr. John Carpenter, who moved to have the resolution withdrawn, calling it "a most inopportune time for the clergymen criticalizing the day on the table."

The venerable doctor didn't say at what time such a resolution would be opportune, and his colleagues didn't ask the question either.

The rounding up of the clergymen at the Presbytery is the latest in a series of events that are strung on the 12th of September: Mobilization Day.

In Chicago preparations are being made on a grand scale. Most of the big corporations and firms in the loop district have made it obligatory upon their employees to take part in the defense day, and the unions are being urged to do the same.

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WORKERS EAGER TO PUT NAMES ON W. P. PETITIONS

Foster Popular Among the Toilers

By EX-COLLEGE STUDENT.

One hour every day for the six months I spent in capitalist universities, I sat with a group in "political science," discussing the matter of voting requirements.

Learnedly, philosophically, in the most approved college manner, we would sit back and back and back and forth in the eminences, their portentious conclusions—based, all of them, on the tremendous sophistry of "democratic government."

Wise Nonsense.

We discussed the matter of residence requirements. "It is justifiable that men travel about the country in the course of the political philosophy of the country should be allowed to vote?" "What is the fundamental idea back of the literacy tests, of the registration laws?" All these things and many others we talked of—never once questioning the system of which these things were but the painfully insignificant details.

I recalled that course in "political science" last Thursday evening. I had been ordered out by the South Side Branch of the party to gather signatures on the miners' nomination petition. Within half an hour I understood, as I had never understood before, the reasons for all the hundreds of petty regulations that hem in the prospective voter.

Little Technicalities.

For in the working-class district I did not obtain signatures of more than half of the people to whom I applied. Yet all these people were frenzously enthusiastic over the program and the candidates which the Workers Party had to offer.

An eager worker would pick up his pencil to help me. "What is Z. Foster?" he would say. It would be discovered that he had lived in the district for sixty days—thirty days short of the ninety which the requires. But what is the residence requirement except another form of the property requirements? The same class of people who have property are likely to stay put both physically and politically.

The tramps who move all over the country, have been found, often gathering new and strange ideas. Suppose they were to bring these to the polls.

He Gets Pummeled.

Most of the people there were willing, but unable to sign the petitions, especially for one of two reasons. A great many of them were not citizens. Remember that seven long years must pass before an immigrant can become a citizen seven years during which he is prohibited from voting in the elections of the existing capitalist system. For immigrants often have queer notions, too—and they may acquire still queerer notions during the days when they are starving and freezing in their effort to adjust themselves to this strange industrial system.

Choice of Evils.

Then there were many workingmen who last year, in the absence of a real working-class candidate for whom to vote, did the best they could—or thought they were doing the best they could in voting for the capitalist, for whom they assumed to be least oppressive.

But a worker who found that he could sign the petitions, after all the possible and impossible reasons why he should not be allowed to sign had been eliminated, did it. And he did it. The reason, for instance, the case of the man who was apathetic until I spoke of William Z. Foster. He had heard of Foster during the steel strike. "He's the greatest man in the country," was the verdict. And he wanted to sign his father's name to the petition. But when he was out of town, I managed to stop him, after promising under oath to return with the petition in a week.

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When I came to balance accounts, I found that in spite of the brilliant and courageous work which the laws had tried to hinder me, I had in an hour gotten twenty-seven signatures, and had encountered only three refusals for other than technical rea-

Six Days More! Are You Doing Your Share?
Presidential and State Figures Climbing. Congressional Districts Must Push Work Faster.
Put Every W. P. Candidate on the Ballot!

THE signatures to place the presidential electors (Foster-Gitlow electors) and the state ticket on the ballot in the November elections are increasing rapidly. More speed will have to be shown, however, in order to insure the election of Foster. Especially in Districts 4 and 5 not signing as well as they should be. Yet the job should be comparatively simple in at least District 4 and 5 which have among the lowest number of signatures to get. The campaign managers in those districts must jerk up the branches in those districts. Some of them have laid down on the job, or else are not making themselves heard from 'till the last days. District 6 has some very good Party and League branches, which could easily turn in the needed number of signatures to place the congressional candidates on the ballot. How about it? Are districts 4, 5 and 6 going to permit districts 1, 7, 8 and 9 to trim their sails in this campaign to obtain signatures? If not, get busy. There is still time to get every Communist candidate on the ballot. Let's go! Put our candidates over!

The figures to date are:

District Candidate	Signatures obtained	Signatures necessary
No. 1—Gordon Owens	550	1200
No. 4—Joseph Podkalski	248	1300
No. 5—Harry Epstein	122	1000
No. 6—Frank Pellegrino	225	3500
No. 7—Sam Hammersmark	975	4000
No. 8—George Maurer	182	800
No. 9—Jack Johnstone	524	1200
Presidential Electors (Foster-Gitlow electors) and Illinois State signatures	176	2000

COAL MINE BARONS SHOOT THEIR "SACRED CONTRACT" TO PIECES; WORKERS ARE VICTIMS AS USUAL

By THOMAS MYERSCOUGH.
(Special to The Daily Worker)

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 10.—The Glen Alden Coal Company, a giant subsidiary of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Reading Railroad, with extensive operations in the anthracite regions is at the present time showing the kind of regard it has for the "sacred" contract between themselves and the United Mine Workers.

And, altho approximately 1,500 miners are unemployed as a

result of the coal company's

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MAYOR OPPOSES SPEECH FREEDOM FOR COMMUNISTS

Party Will Put Up Fight at Chester, Pa.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

CHESTER, Pa., Sept. 10.—An interesting free speech fight is now taking place in this city of the open shippers and Ku Klux Klan. The party recently held an open air meeting in the hall of the steel workers, it was the biggest and most interesting political gathering ever held in Chester.

Find Attentive Listeners.

For two hours the audience attentively listened to the explanation of the Workers Party platform given by the speakers. A Klanite was right there to try to interfere, but was easily repelled by his hooded order. He did not like the speeches very well and made an attempt to interfere. He was told politely by those closest to him to sit up or else leave the place at once. Neither did he succeed.

The local comrades were surprised, however, to find out that an application for a permit to hold another campaign meeting was flatly turned down by the mayor on the grounds that "the speech made on the first meeting was of a sedition character." The Chester workers now have the best opportunity to see for themselves that the Workers Party speakers were right when they pointed out that the American democracy is really an iron dictatorship of the ruling class.

Find Party Recruits.

The mayor is now in the hands of a well-known attorney who will take legal action against the mayor if he does not change his mind about allowing the Workers Party to come to the workers of Chester in order to explain the present campaign is.

The Chester Local of the Workers Party appeals to all workers of the city to answer the mayor's action by joining the Party and help carry on the fight for the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government in this country. The address of the local unit is 1425 Caldwell St.

Attack Polish Miner.

First there is a case of assault and battery perpetrated by two petty bosses at the Woodward colliery, belonging to the Glen Alden, the victim being a Polish miner. To clear themselves of the grave offense, the miners called a strike and the miners from the Woodward, who seek elsewhere for work, are told that no German men will be hired. A conspiracy is on foot to punish every man who supported the Edmunds faction by the weapon of starvation.

The case was handled by the office of the coal company, but the miners were told that the miner he paid at the rate of \$4 per day for all the time he lost. Nothing has yet been paid, however, altho it is quite some time since the miner was assaulted in the car.

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With this piece of nonsense Capital evidently agrees, for to date nothing has been done towards caring for the interests of the men thus locked out. The other miners of the Woodward, who are not members of any other local union, either in the United Mine Workers or the International, are told that no German men will be hired. A conspiracy is on foot to punish every man who supported the Edmunds faction by the weapon of starvation.

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WHITE GUARD PLOTTERS LOSE THEIR HEADS IN CIVIL WAR ATTEMPT

MOSCOW, Sept. 10.—Twenty-four Georgian White Guard—anti-Soviet forces have been executed for their part in the anti-Red uprising according to Batoum advises today. Some of them were members of the Menshevik executive committee.

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STEEL KINGS APPROVE TALK-OF MACDONALD ON "ARBITRATION"; RAMSAY IGNORES WAR CAUSES

By LELAND OLDS.
(Federated Press Industrial Editor)

"Go on talking, Ramsay, we like to hear you," must have been the comment of the world's steel kings after hearing the words with which Prime Minister MacDonald, of Great Britain, opened the league of nations' debate on security and disarmament in Geneva Sept. 4. MacDonald's speech, which was strenuously applauded, completely disregarded the economic features of modern industrialism which make periodic wars inevitable.

"I am for arbitration, I see nothing else in the world," he said, describing arbitration as a

system of watching for war clouds to appear and charming them out of existence before they become threatening.

—Wa Clouds Gather.

Meanwhile the clouds which threaten war are gathering about the approaching trade negotiations between France and Germany. England is jealously fearing that too friendly an agreement will injure British markets or result in a steel strike combine on the continent. E. L. James in the New York Times declares, "It has long been said by experts that an efficient business union of the French ore and German coal industries would make possible the world's greatest steel combination. England has never looked with favor on that project."

French Talk Differently.

The big French steel interests talk a different language. According to Georges, president, Comite des Forges, of Paris, "steel is the first article of commerce." The steel workers, moreover, have the best opportunity to see for themselves that the Workers Party speakers were right when they pointed out that the American democracy is really an iron dictatorship of the ruling class.

Find Party Recruits.

The miner is now in the hands of a well-known attorney who will take legal action against the mayor if he does not change his mind about allowing the Workers Party to come to the workers of Chester in order to explain the present campaign is.

The Chester Local of the Workers Party appeals to all workers of the city to answer the mayor's action by joining the Party and help carry on the fight for the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government in this country. The address of the local unit is 1425 Caldwell St.

Attack Polish Miner.

It is reported that England might use France's financial obligations to her as a club to prevent too close an agreement along the line suggested by Prime Minister Ramsay. Belgian coal miners are said to be threatening to stop the delivery of German coal to France under the Daves plan, which was brought up on the ground that the English coal industry suffers.

Belgian miners are out of work and facing a severe wage cut because of the coming of German reparation coal.

Shows War Basis.

Walter Graham, a consulting engineer, prepared a table for the New York Times which showed the causes of future wars. It showed the principal fields of the world located in the United States, China, Japan, Germany, and the like. It showed the chief petroleum reserves of the world located in Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Argentina, Bolivia, and other parts of Asia, controlled by the oil interests of the United States, Germany and Great Britain.

The next war, says Graham, will be in coal, iron and petroleum because the industrial nations will have war at any cost. This is not probable, as they are not prepared to load the League of nations' assembly in Geneva.

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Would LaFollette Follow MacDonald?

Mr. Villard, editor of the *Nation*, thinks that if LaFollette should be president, "we should have in Washington the same spirit of amity in the conduct of our international affairs which so glorifies the ministry of Ramsay MacDonald."

We are not sure just which "glorious" items refers to in the record of MacDonald. Mr. Villard refers to. Perhaps he means that, just as MacDonald has followed the principle of "continuity of policy," carrying out the established course of British imperialism as laid down by the Conservative and Liberal parties, so also would Mr. LaFollette continue the imperialism of the U. S. as applied by Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding, and Coolidge.

Or, it may be that Mr. Villard, remembering that MacDonald has continued the practice of dropping bombs from aeroplanes upon the villages of Mesopotamia, one of the chief "glories" of the Labor government record, is rejoiced in the thought that LaFollette will continue to shell the defenseless cities of Latin America if they do not come across for the American capitalists.

And then again, it is probable that what Mr. Villard has in mind, in looking for LaFollette to repeat the "glories" of the MacDonald regime, the fact that it was MacDonald who was the chief instrument in putting into effect the Dawes plan, otherwise known as the Morgan plan. Mr. Villard evidently expects, and with good reasons, that LaFollette would follow MacDonald in this also, and support the project of Coolidge's running mate.

All in all, it is quite probable that LaFollette will not think Villard for raising these questions. They are just the kind of questions which he does not wish to answer during the campaign, preferring that they be left for the practical exigencies of the moment to determine them. Mr. LaFollette wants to cash in on all the MacDonald sentiment that he can, and Villard has much grounds in thinking that he would repeat the Scotch Sunday school teacher's record rather, closely, but that it is rather embarrassing to have the thing put so bluntly, at a time when "Battling Bub" must make a pretense, at least, of being different from Dawes.

Why So Tender with Lewis?

John L. Lewis, one of the foremost labor leaders of America, was one of the group of "trade unionists" who, on Labor Day, paid their respects to Strikebreaker Coolidge and pledged the support of "labor" to the republican department of Wall Street.

That little pilgrimage got the LaFollette backers all peev'd. The current issue of *Labor*, weekly organ of the railroad unions and principal advocate of the C. P. P. A., plays up a big front page story denouncing and exposing that group of "leaders," claiming that it was organized by T. V. O'Connor, former president of the Longshoremen's Union and now, by appointment of Coolidge, chairman of the U. S. Shipping Board, and claiming further that O'Connor paid the expenses of all those "not on the government payroll."

Strangely enough the name of John L. Lewis is not mentioned, either in the story or in the long editorial that follows. Lewis is not, so far as public knowledge goes, as yet on the government payroll altho rumor has it that Coolidge has promised to make him Secretary of Labor if re-elected. Did Lewis have his expenses paid by T. V. O'Connor? And if so, why does not *Labor* mention his name and come out with the facts about Lewis? The miners would like to know.

Perhaps one reason for the tenderness towards Mr. Lewis is the fact that Lewis is exposing Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Engineers' Union and pillar of Mr. LaFollette's church, as the operator of sea mines in West Virginia. Mr. Lewis is not putting up any kind of a fight for the 100,000 Illinois miners who are being starved to death by the coal operators, but, since joining the camp of Coolidge and needing a weapon against the LaFolletteites, he has become an ardent champion of the swatted slaves of Warren Stone.

"I will be fair enough to presume," writes Lewis to Stone, dealing with Stone's coal mines, "that you are speaking as a coal operator and not as a trade unionist. It might be interesting to have such a dual personality."

Why is Stone so tender with Lewis? We are interested to hear the report courteous? For it is when thieves fall out that honest men learn something about the ways and means used to rob them. Let the controversy go on unheeded. What do you know about Lewis, Mr. Stone?

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Stir the Shops!

The very best place to carry on a working class campaign is in the shops and factories where the workers gather to earn their living. It is there that minds are open to the measures, parties, and candidates that stand for concrete solutions of the problems of bread and butter facing the working class. It is in the shops that the workers will see most clearly, for example, the difference between Foster, the union organizer and fighter for the workers, and LaFollette, the lawyer and fighter for the middle class.

And the very best instrument right now for stirring up discussion in the shops on the class issues is the workers' straw vote. It opens the discussion, places the issues before thousands of workers who would otherwise not think or who would take their opinions from the capitalist papers, and crystallizes their class convictions so that they will register and vote for Communism when election day comes.

An example is seen in the vote taken in a carriage shop in Kansas City. The results were: Davis 8 votes, Foster 7, LaFollette 5, and Coolidge 5. The office vote was reported as unanimous for Davis and the K. K. K. went entirely for Coolidge. The other workers divided between Foster and LaFollette, with Foster having the edge. That you was undoubtedly quite an educational factor in the life of the shop where it was taken.

This week another method of shop voting is being tried in Chicago. Ballots are being distributed at shop gates, and boxes are carried there for depositing the votes as the workers leave their jobs. It is not only excellent propaganda means, stirring up all sorts of discussion, but the results will be of great interest. Every supporter of Foster and Gilbow should stir the shops of the nation with the workers' straw vote.

Politics in the Unions

Republican and democratic politics are more than ever the determining factors in union affairs. LaFollette has given a new lease of life to the buying and selling of working class votes. Thus we see in the Illinois miners' union the most flagrant trading going on, of the result which has been the settlement of a "misunderstanding" between Farrington and Len Small, completing the united front of allakers in the state.

Farrington's announcement that he is a candidate for re-election as president of District 12, gives new interest to republican party politics for the miners. Len Small had been holding a whip over Farrington, to force his support, in the shape of the candidacy of William Sneed. Small, branch man and member of the miners' union, for Farrington's job. After Farrington finally united with the other fakers behind Small, Sneed announced his withdrawal in favor of Farrington. Thus is the fate of the unions made the object of trading in the offices of the capitalist parties.

In his announcement of his candidacy, Farrington promises to lambast a "deadly enemy" that is working stealthily against him in the miners' union. He certainly does not mean the K. K. K. for he has the support of that organization. Perhaps he means the Communists, who are certainly against this piece of labor fakers, but very publicly and openly. The Communists will have a good deal to say about Farrington before the miners' elections are over. But that is another story to be told in full at another time. Suffice it now to note how republican politicians like Len Small have a great deal to say about who shall control the affairs of the miners.

By Mutual Consent?

"The really important thing," says the *Nation*, organ of liberalism in the United States, in commenting upon the adoption of the Dawes plan, "is that Europe has at last made a treaty by mutual consent."

The thinking of liberals is a weird and wonderful thing. That the eight hour day is to be abolished is an unimportant incidental factor. That the railroads are to be de-nationalized and turned over to private exploitation is nothing to worry about. That J. P. Morgan establishes his power to control production and the standard of living throughout the capitalist world is something hardly worthy of comment. The only thing that is important to our liberals is that an "agreement" has been reached.

The same paragraph is which the *Nation* relates the world upon the settlement "by mutual consent" of the world's troubles, starts out with the statement that the action of the Reichstag in adopting the Dawes plan was taken because Chancellor Marx had threatened to put it into effect without parliamentary consent if that were not forthcoming. Nothing could be more illuminating of the farce of parliamentary democracy, won through the liberals, or of the profound contempt that are typified by the phrase "mutual consent."

All the class collaborationist labor officials in the country will be watching anxiously to see the fate of the infamous "B. & O. plan" at the Machinists' Convention in Detroit next week. If the workers are awake to their own interests, then the plan will be buried so deep that it will never be heard again.

Hughes wants the Soviet Government to repay him \$1857,000,000 that he gave to Bakunin to use against the Soviets. That is as logical as to demand payment from the victim of an assault for the gun which shot him, because the assailant failed to kill him and therefore cannot pay. It is the logic of capitalism.

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AS WE SEE IT

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dumb who will vote for Coolidge are not those afflicted ones who cannot speak, but the dumbbells who cannot think. Of the latter kind there are millions and the New York has its share, other states are equally prolific in producing the species.

SECRETARY HUGHES demands no more than the British bankers exacted from Moscow: payment of debts, security for private property and an end of revolution, placing the workers in a position to take the strain of the world. The *Star* and the *Chicago Tribune* but from the socialist *Milwaukee Leader*; organ of Victor Berger who has represented himself in favor of originalism of Soviet Russia. No capitalist organization in the country, not even the *Official Detective Agency*, once known as the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice could spew his anti-Soviet venom more openly than this. But the world is yet to come. When the capitalist world would only recognize Russia first, MacDonald did. Moscow could save its face. Here we have the *Milwaukee Leader*, openly lining up with Charles Evans, Hughes, Gompers and Bahnemann against Soviet Russia.

IN THE SAME EDITORIAL the Leader claims that the Anglo-Soviet treaty, negotiations which were broken off were finally carried to a successful conclusion because the Soviet government backed down. Had Berger's editorship been in the hands of the old official organ of the British Trade Union Congress and mouthpiece of the Labor Party, he would have learned that the signing of the treaty was due to the action of prominent British members of the British Labor Party in particular who put pressure to bear on MacDonald. The British workers were strongly in favor of the Russian treaty and had the leaders allowed the Tories and Liberals to prevent them by threats from signing the agreements, they would have heard from the unions.

THE MOST TICKLISH POINT in the Anglo-Russian negotiations was the Soviet demand for a British loan guaranteed by the British government. That this guarantee was given without protest, that the backing down was not done without protest, is the ticklish point. The *Milwaukee Leader* says the treaty was a surrender to the bankers on the part of MacDonald as well as Moscow. If so, why has the British government, which is presumably on speaking terms with the bankers so bitterly opposed to the treaty? But this should be end for the mentally ossified yellow socialist who writes the editorials for Berger's official organ.

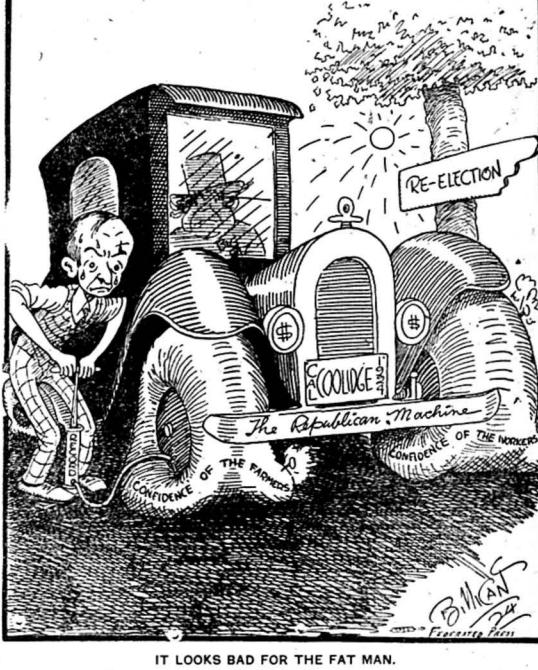
THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN of the socialist party, is trying to keep up the

morale of its few remaining members by holding before them a vision of a labor party, following the November elections. "You are sure to hear more of this in due time. Nothing small is contemplated." . . . No little plans can be tolerated at this time. Every comrade is to stretch his soul and vision for greater things." This is a political confidence game. The socialist party members must have elastic political souls unless they have not already cracked under the strain of deferred hope. Simple Simon was a

simpleton compared to the worker who expects the socialist party, which has hambly accepted the job of licking the boots of the bourgeois LaFollette, to take the lead in organizing a labor party. And nobody outside of an insane asylum expects Sam Gompers to do it. . . .

A FOLLETTE had much consolidation coming to him in complimentary letters on his Labor Day speech. 51.85 per cent of the letters came from Republicans and 48.15 from Democrats. The remaining per-

cent came from the socialists. LaFollette was disappointed in the results of the Maine election. It was hoped the victory would go to the Democrats after Wheeler's New England campaign. But it didn't. Another important adjunct to the LaFollette conglomeration is Ex-United States Senator Moses Clapp of Minnesota. The Republican party, however, claims that Clapp was never anything but a liability in the Minnesota machine for several years and glad to be rid of him.

NOT SO GOOD

IT LOOKS BAD FOR THE FAT MAN.

"White Supremacy" and Working Class Sports

BY WILLIAM F. KRUSE.

SPORTING is a bad word, as we say to LaFollette's working class. The life and struggle in the labor world have such great claim on every inch of space that there is none to spare for the masters or managers of the profitable business of commercial sport. We realize that the sportsmen of militant Rome keep the workers in circus riveted to the myriad-circus of professional sport for purposes of its own. A mind steeped in hating averages has little room for understanding. A head filled with party warfare is a head that is set against old as fighters go, and that dissipation had taken heavy toll of this former longshoreman. They were in for a big surprise. According to their own stories they had been promised a hell of a time at the "Bull" and that he was to be the "Bull" of a Johnson and the brain of a Gains. They found that he was indeed "exaggerated." Instead of a toothless old man with one foot in the grave and the other on the edge of a Johnson and the brain of a Gains, they found that he was a dark and fair. And he knows, too, that the industrial battlefields, the woods, black or "white," make no difference in the terms of his "scabs" and "scabs" that tilt the balance of victory either to the workers or to their enemy, the boss. Not the fisty prowess of the professional pugilist settles the question of racial equality; the power of the steam engine and the electric motor had much more to do with it.

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The Remedy—Workers' Sport. Commercialized sport is the prostitution to capitalist ends of the healthy play and combat instincts of the masses. The American labor movement, and especially its more progressive sections, should answer by building up a sports movement of its own in which the workers would build up

their bodies, revivify their minds, and develop their own team spirit and a sense of the importance of their own ideology. And on the other side of the workers' answer should be an absolute boycott on all capitalist play, all newspaper space devoted to it, and everything connected thereto.

The Real Issue. The Negro worker, especially in the industrial centers of the North toward which he migrates in ever larger numbers, is beginning to realize the true material to the machine or its product whether the hand that tends it be dark or fair. And he knows, too, that the industrial battlefields, the woods, black or "white," make no difference in the terms of his "scabs" and "scabs" that tilt the balance of victory either to the workers or to their enemy, the boss. Not the fisty prowess of the professional pugilist settles the question of racial equality; the power of the steam engine and the electric motor had much more to do with it.

Every phase of social life must reflect the basic economic conditions of its epoch. Thus sport today clearly shows capitalism on its every side. It is the capitalist who is the chief customer. The first lasted forty years, round and Gains died of consumption. The second lasted twenty years, round and Gains died of consumption. The third lasted twenty years, round and Gains died of consumption. The fourth lasted twenty years, round and Gains died of consumption. The fifth lasted twenty years, round and Gains died of consumption. The sixth lasted twenty years, round and Gains died of consumption. The seventh lasted twenty years, round and Gains died of consumption. The eighth lasted twenty years, round and Gains died of consumption. The ninth lasted twenty years, round and Gains died of consumption. The tenth lasted twenty years, round and Gains died of consumption. The eleventh lasted twenty years, round and Gains died of consumption. 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