

THE LEFT GATHER IN PARIS Ruthenber Taken to Michigan State Prison

WORKERS PARTY ENTERS CHICAGO CITY ELECTIONS

Securing Signatures Is Our Immediate Job

In the coming aldermanic elections on February 24, 1925, the Workers (Communist) Party, Local Chicago, is entering candidates in various wards.

The immediate task of the Workers Party and Young Workers League members will be to get sufficient signatures to place the Communist candidates on the ballot.

Time is short. Only a short time is available for this purpose, and candidates must get busy immediately and go out every day in their locality to get the necessary signatures. An average of about 500 signatures is necessary in each ward which is not a very great number. The committee will be properly supplied with material. Branches of the Workers Party and Young Workers League have elected branch committees to function in the territory assigned them, and every member of the party has been assigned to cover a certain territory to get signatures on petitions and should arrange to cover that territory immediately.

Report Once A Week. Members should not delay when they have gotten the list filed and should report at least twice a week to their branch committee.

This is a so-called non-partisan election, that is the names of our candidates do not appear as running under the label of the Workers Party. However, our activity will make it a Communist campaign.

Every registered voter and citizen living in a ward and who has not signed any other petition for another candidate in the coming aldermanic election is eligible to sign petitions to place our candidates on the ballot.

Comrades in securing petitions should make certain of the fact that the signer has not signed for another candidate, otherwise the name will be thrown out.

Also comrades should see that the signer puts his full name and address on the petition and is duly qualified citizen and voter in that ward.

Carry Daily Worker Bundle. In connection also with the immediate drive to place the Communist candidates on the ballot, we are conducting a DAILY WORKER drive. Every comrade who goes out to secure signatures must take a bundle of THE DAILY WORKER with him and must have a copy at each place he visits. Also comrades are to get subscriptions for THE DAILY WORKER and there is every possibility of excellent success for THE DAILY WORKER if this is done carefully and systematically.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF Y. W. L. IN NEW YORK CITY, JAN. 18

NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 7.—A general membership meeting of the Young Workers League of New York will be held Friday, Jan. 16, at Stuyvesant Casino, 142 Second Ave.

At this meeting the statement of the National Executive Committee on the state of the league and its future tasks and the future tasks of the Young Workers League will be presented. Comrade John Williamson, executive secretary of the league, will speak for the N. E. C. Discussion will follow.

It is the duty of every member of the league to be present at this meeting so that a large representative body may be present.

Comrades, cancel all other meetings. Get after every member who may not know of the meeting and bring him there.

CHICAGO CANDIDATES ENDORSED BY WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY

Candidates nominated by the Workers (Communist) Party for the spring aldermanic elections are as follows:

2nd WARD—E. L. Doty, candidate; R. Minor and Gordon Owens, captains. Branches participating: South Side English, English, English, South Side Scandinavian and Polish South Side.

11th WARD—Victor Zolotarev, candidate; J. Manus, captain. Branches participating: Lithuanian No. 5, South Slav No. 1, Ukrainian No. 1, and Y. W. L. No. 3.

22nd WARD—L. C. C. candidate; A. Overgard, captain. Branches participating: Czech-Slovak No. 1, and 3, Lithuanian No. 5, Y. W. L. No. 4, Lithuanian No. 7, Douglas Park Jewish.

24th WARD—H. Epstein, candidate; William F. Kruse, captain. Branches participating: D. P. English, Italian West Side No. 2, and Y. W. L. No. 1.

28th WARD—N. Dzenberg, candidate; W. G. G. captain. Branches participating: Lettish and West Side Scandinavian.

32nd WARD—Peter M. Lucas, candidate; M. A. Stolar, captain. Branches participating: Ukrainian No. 1, Polish No. 3, Russian, Y. W. L. No. 4, and the Roumanian Branch.

33rd WARD—J. L. Engdahl, candidate; N. J. Christensen, captain. Branches participating: Finnish, Lithuanian, and the Roumanian Branch.

44th WARD—J. W. Johnston, candidate; Walt Carmon, captain. Branches participating: Finnish, Lakeview, Scandinavian, North Side English, German and Y. W. L.

Dock Strike Ties Up Tasmania; Two Thousand Stranded

(Special to The Daily Worker)
HOBART, Tasmania, Jan. 7.—Tasmania is threatened with a shortage of food and other necessary supplies owing to the dock strike, which has completely tied up all commerce. Over 2,000 visitors and tourists in Tasmania are stranded, and some whose business is pressing have chartered steamers.

ANOTHER STRIKER MURDERED IN THE ANTHRAHITE REGION

(Special to The Daily Worker)
SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 7.—Steve Frely, 21, a miner, was shot to death while standing with a group of striking miners in front of a store at Old Forge, near here early today.

Frely was the second strike employee of the Pennsylvania Coal company to be murdered within 24 hours in this region.

CAPITALISTS IN CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS SPOILS

Revisit Scenes of the Versailles Pact

(Special to The Daily Worker)
PARIS, Jan. 7.—The thieves have gathered to quarrel, in a polite way, over the plunder.

Representatives of the twelve allied robbers, including six finance ministers, assembled in the famous clock room of the foreign office palace and were called to order at 3 o'clock.

Recalls the Dead.

It is the same room where the three old men now either dead or politically dead—Wilson, Lloyd George, and Clemenceau, drew up the tangle of impossible penalties called the treaty of Versailles.

The specific purpose, it was announced, was to make a division among the allies of German reparations payments on the basis of the "law" of Versailles.

Europe Has Something Else.

Representatives of the European states were to make a division among the allies of German reparations payments on the basis of the "law" of Versailles.

Plots to Claim Debt Out.

All delegations except the American are anxious to begin the discussion of the treaty debt question.

The solution of the problem, it is held, depends entirely upon the solution of the treaty debt question.

Great Britain is so dissatisfied to the United States and Great Britain. The Roumanian, Jugoslavian and Greek delegations have been told that what their countries will receive will depend upon what concessions are required by France from her creditors.

Opposition to Funding.

One thing that appears certain to observers is that the re-funding of the \$1,000,000,000 which France owes the United States and Great Britain is as distasteful to the French as the cancellation of the sum is unacceptable to the American.

French newspapers, regardless of political opinion, oppose the idea of a complete renunciation and they have much to do with the education of public opinion.

Freeman and British Clash.

A highly important talk between Finance Minister Clementel of France and Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, was held this forenoon.

Mr. Churchill opened the discussion by setting forth the well-known British standpoint that Great Britain must receive from her war debtors sums equivalent to those she must pay the United States.

The French finance minister's reply was that the French were obliged to take exactly the same attitude. They likewise could not forgive their debtors while obliged to pay her creditors.

American Pressure Charged.

Up to that point, it appears, the conversation was easy in tone. It grew more difficult when Mr. Clementel began to place responsibility for the diminution in reparations payments which France may expect from Germany, charging it to the other allied and associated power.

France's finance minister, Clementel, was elected unanimously to the presidency of the international conference, however, on the motion of Churchill.

More Rail Layoffs.

CLINTON, Iowa, Jan. 7.—The Chicago & Northwestern road is laying off still more boiler-makers and machinists at its Clinton shops.

Yes, Mussolini—RED GUARDS!



TEXTILE STRIKE SPREADS THRU NORTHERN ITALY

Mussolini Disarms Anti- Fascist Troops

(Special to The Daily Worker)
ROME, Jan. 7.—A strike in the textile industries which began at Brede, has spread throughout the northern part of Italy. The textile employers have declared a general lockout.

Mussolini, learning that the Italian troops are sympathetic to the workers and peasants, and are ready to fight against the fascists, has begun to disarm all national troops.

General Diaz and General Giardino, the two leaders of the army, are against the fascist government.

All Communist Party branches have been raided and declared "disarmed" by order of Mussolini. The socialist and liberal parties and associations have also been "disarmed."

The newspaper Gazzettino di Venezia was burned to the ground in Venice and the newspaper Gustavia has been suppressed by the prefect of Milan.

The fascists have so far raided 65 private homes and suppressed over 200 opposition organizations. Rioting and general unrest are on the increase. (Continued on Page 2)

"EXPULLED" LEFT WINGERS STILL IN UNION; OTHER MEMBERS ARE FORCING HANDS OF OFFICIALS

The officials of Local No. 131 of the carpenters' union are in an awful pickle, they have been in this pickle for quite some time. In fact it dates back to the time when W. L. Hutchison, general president and Harry Jensen, district president, signed a London "open shop" agreement without the consent of the rank and file.

A few weeks ago they decided to end their troubles by expelling the left, but these damned reds refused to be expelled and here lies the story.

They have been denied a working card, but they still work, they have denied the new pass word but they still attend the union meetings.

Furnishing Comedy.

Monday night one of the supposed expelled members asked the chairman why he refused to give them the pass word and yet allowed them to attend the meetings. The president was stumped, he said he did not know. However the answer to this puzzle is, that the members would not allow the expelled members to be removed.

Some time ago one member was fined one dollar and another two dollars for daring to defend the expelled members, last night by motion the members renounced the fines. This fight has (Continued on Page 2)

Stand by the Michigan Defendants! A Statement by the National Executive Committee of the Young Workers League

YOUNG Workers and Communists of America! The sentencing of the executive secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party of America, C. E. Ruthenberg, to a prison term of from 3 to 10 years, and a fine of \$5,000, is the beginning of a new ferocious drive against the entire working class movement in this country.

The reelection of Coolidge, the repudiation arch-reactionary tool of imperialism, has given impetus to renewed persecution not only against the Communists but also against every section of the labor movement, against every attempt of the workers to better their conditions. It means a more concentrated drive by the bosses of America to lower wages, increase the working day, and break up the trade unions; it means the increase of exploitation and more energetic preparations for new imperialist wars.

Young workers of America! As that section of the working class which suffers the greatest in the industries, mines and fields, which is the first to be dragged into capitalist wars, which is discriminated against in almost every field of industry—both in the trade unions and in the shops—it is your duty to rally to the defense of the revolutionary leaders of the working class. The persecution of the Michigan Communist defendants is an attack on the entire working class.

Unite against the persecution of Communists and all other fighters for the working class!

Demand the abolition of all criminal syndicalism laws and the release of all political prisoners.

Demand more wages and less hours instead of lower wages and longer hours!

Join the struggle to abolish child labor!

Abolish the discrimination against young workers in the unions and in the shops and mines!

Unite for the six-hour day and five-day week for all young workers!

Join the Young Workers League for the struggle against capitalism, the exploitation of the workers, and the coming of new imperialist slaughters!

RUSHED TO 'PEN' IN CUSTODY OF COUNTY SHERIFF

Bail Is Denied Him by State Supreme Court

(Special to The Daily Worker)
JACKSON, Mich., Jan. 7.—C. E. Ruthenberg, national executive secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, is in the Michigan state prison here tonight after a hurried trip from the Berrien County jail at St. Joseph.

Comrade Ruthenberg has been rushed to serve his sentence of from three to ten years, for "assaulting with" other Communists at the 1922 national convention.

Capitalists Demand Pound of Flesh.

Because he dared to speak in behalf of the working class, advocating "all power to the workers," and the overthrow of capitalism, the exploiters, the employers, thru their agents the U. S. department of justice and the Michigan state court, are striving to keep the Communist movement of this country thru Comrade Ruthenberg here.

In the custody of Sheriff Fred C. Franz, Comrade Ruthenberg was taken from the Berrien County jail at St. Joseph, to Jackson, to begin his sentence.

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STAR CASINO Daily Worker Jubilee, Concert and Ball
107th Street and Park Avenue, New York City
Sunday, January 11, Afternoon and Evening

Tickets for sale at District Office, Workers Party, 209 E. 12th St. and Jimmy Higgins Book Shop, 127 University Place.

Admission 50c

POSTAL WORKER FIRED FOR HIS UNION ACTIVITY

By J. LOUIS ENGDAHL.

TODAY, the current issue of the Workers' Weekly, the official organ of our British Communist Party, arrives and interest immediately centers in a cartoon entitled

It shows on the one hand the veteran fighter of the working class, J. Keir Hardie, who died on the eve of the world war, declaring, "CAPITALISM IS OUR ENEMY!"

And on the other hand there is pictured a motley crew of labor leaders, the "Mutual Admiration Society." It consists of the present-day labor leaders in Britain, such as MacDonald and Clynes, standing on the same platform with the anti-labor tory, Chamberlain, and a pot-bellied British bishop, all hysterical proclaiming, in chorus, "COMMUNISM IS OUR ENEMY."

This change, crystal clear in all capitalist nations, becomes the theme for the tremendous Communist demonstrations planned over the world on the anniversary of the martyrdom of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg.

der the regime of the German social-democrats, is the logical culmination of the war declared on militant labor by the class-collaborating reactionaries. Hundreds of thousands of working class fighters have been martyred by this fascist-socialist alliance against the workers' social revolution.

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Keir Hardie and Jean Jaures opposed the oncoming capitalist war. Yet they did not live to raise the standards of revolution in France and Great Britain.

It was in Berlin, however, the seat of power of the kaiser

First they were arrested and imprisoned, then brutally murdered under the Ebert-Scheidemann-Noske regime.

The echoes of the revolver shots that ended the heroic lives of Liebknecht and Luxemburg, but emblazoned their names on the minds of the world's working class forever, are heard on this side of the Atlantic.

The U. S. labor officialdom joins the so-called "social-

Therefore the answer must come loud and clear, throughout this western world, from the masses of exploited workers

and poor farmers.—COMMUNISM MAY BE THE ENEMY OF CAPITALISM, WITH ITS LABOR SOCIALIST REACTION ALLY; BUT FOR THAT VERY REASON COMMUNISM IS THE SALVATION OF THE WHOLE WORKING CLASS.

On this Sunday, Jan. 11th, let the toiling masses join in the many Communist demonstrations everywhere keeping alive, not only the memories of Liebknecht and Luxemburg, but hurling the challenge of aroused labor into the capitalist camp in this country.

Remember the deeds of Liebknecht and Luxemburg by emulating them in the struggle against American capitalism.

REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH OF WORLD IN

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TRIBUTE TO LIEBKNECHT, LUXEMBURG**

The revolutionary youth of the world will pay tribute to two great leaders of the proletarian revolution, Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, on the 25th anniversary of their deaths.

The Communist Party has endured oppression equal only to that of the revolutionary workers' parties under the czar. This persecution and imprisonment of the revolutionary workers' parties has been the most serious obstacle to the development of the proletarian working class in Germany. During these past six years the German working class has suffered untold hardships.

**RUTH FISCHER TO BE
DEPORTED IN BRITISH**

an, which is commonly known as the 'slave pact' of American imperialism. The Young Communist International calls upon the entire working class youth of the world to rally around the banner of the Communist Youth League.

In America, the Young Workers League with the support of the party is holding large meetings and demonstrations in many cities and towns.

few of the most important meetings which have been sent in are as follows:

Chicago, Ill.—Northwest Hall, Jan. 8, 8 p. m. Speakers: Max Shachtel, Harry B. Miller, and Dr. J. B. ...

Philadelphia, Pa.—Eagle Temple, 10th and Spring Garden, Jan. 10, 8 p. m. Speakers: Oliver Carlson, L. H. Ware and H. Wicks.

Detroit, Mich.—Jan. 11, 2 p. m. Speakers: John Williamson and others. Cleveland, O.—Jaites Hall, 6006 St. Clair St., Jan. 11, 8 p. m. Speakers: Oliver Carlson and Nat Kaplan.

New York, N. Y.—Star Casino, Jan. 10, 2 p. m. Speakers: League and party members.
Milwaukee, Wis.—Jan. 11. Speaker: John Edwards.
Pittsburgh, Pa.—Jan. 11, 8 p. m.

South Bend, Ind.—Jan. 11, 2:30 p. m. 1214 W. Colfax Ave. Speakers: Harry Gannes and others.

...and Bloomfield and others.
 Erie, Pa.—Jan. 11, 8 p. m. Party
 and league speakers.
 Providence, R. I.—Jan. 11, 8 p. m.
 speakers: William Simmons and others.

STONE CUTTERS LOCAL PROTESTS MICHIGAN LAW

Urges Support for Labor Defense

(Special to The Daily Worker)

OMAHA, Nebr., Jan. 7.—The following resolution was adopted by the Stone Cutters' Local of Omaha:

WHEREAS, the many state "criminal syndicalism" laws and "sedition acts" are contrary to the bill of rights

of the United States constitution, and such laws are used by the employers as a class to tyrannize over the workers and their organizations; and WHEREAS, the latest act of persecution is shown by the state supreme court of Michigan in upholding a conviction for "assembling with" the Communists, in an opinion that punishes ideas and denies free speech and assembly, and which evades and

showed there was no violation of the state law, since no overt act or advocacy was done by the defendant in Michigan, and

WILKINS, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Bookwalter and others of his class insists on a maximum sentence of ten years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine, for this "crime" of holding an opinion opposed to that of the prosecutor and his class, thus recommending government action based on

WHEREAS, the sustaining of Ruthenberg's conviction by the United States supreme court will mean the railroadings of Wm. Z. Foster and twenty-nine other well known fighters in labor's ranks to long terms in

prison also, and gives further encouragement to high-handed suppression by the capitalist-controlled government of all workers' organizations who dare oppose their open shop rule; and

WHEREAS, the solidarity of the

entire working class must be asserted in defense of freedom of opinion and in support of those at the front in our struggles; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we protest against and condemn the action of the Michigan supreme court, and that we support the Labor Defense Com-

We support the Labor Defense Council in this case and call upon all labor bodies and working class organizations to take the same stand. That we petition the governor of Michigan to pardon the defendant in the event that the United States supreme court sustains the conviction.

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Labor Defense

Adopted at a regular meeting of
Omaha, Local, Journeymen Stone Cut-
ters' of North America, at Labor
Temple Friday, Jan. 2, 1925.
Signed: R. J. Elder, President.
David Counts, Secretary.

The address of the Labor Defense Council is, 169 West Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

"In Memoriam—Lenin" to be shown Jan. 15 at Gartner's Theater.

His Post

have its own justice, and without the working class will yet put on trial the horde of petty, prostituted tools of capitalist justice.

Meantime the leaders of the Workers (Communist) Party will take their turns with the capitalist courts of Michigan and will be content to

to serve the only cause that is worthy of a man's or a woman's loyalty. Undoubtedly there will be many more trials in Michigan. Robert Minor will be called to trial on Feb. 2, and undoubtedly he will defend his party there. Others will follow.

Every Communist, and every sympathizer, and every worker who can be made to learn from this travesty the true meaning of the class struggle

gle, must vigorously take up the defense. It is their cause - it is not the cause of the individuals who are directly put on trial. The capitalist court must be made into a political sounding board from which to speak to the masses of toilers - every act of

The court must be made a priceless part of agitation. Not to excuse them selves before capitalist justice, not to obscure their enmity and hatred of the capitalist system, but to inculcate into the exploited masses a knowledge of what capitalism means, and what working class remedies are.

Down with capitalist class justice;
 Long live the justice of the working
 class!


