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A NEW PHASE OF CAPITALISM

Seattle Labor Council Calls Upon A.F. of L. to Reorganize

The Central Labor Council of Seattle, Wash., has sent a letter to all organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, urging the reorganization of that body along industrial lines. The proposal as formulated calls for consolidation of the existing unions in twelve great industrial organizations.

The letter, which has just been received by Cleveland unions and will come before these organizations for action during the next few weeks, reads as follows:

To All Organizations Affiliated With the American Federation of Labor: Greetings:

The Seattle Central Labor Council respectfully urges your most careful and thoughtful consideration of the enclosed proposals for the reorganization of our organization along lines dictated by present-day industrial conditions, and earnestly requests your most energetic cooperation in bringing about these essential improvements in the interests of the wage-earners.

President Lincoln, speaking at Hartford in 1860, said: "Thank God we have a system of labor where there can be a strike." Whatever day or time there is a point where the working man may stop.

Yet, what does the right to strike avail us if we are not able to strike? Let us make up an army ready to go to the front to fight for the matter of fact, the more effectively we prepare to strike, the less striking we will have to do.

Let us remember the advice of Wendell Phillips: "Organization is the only way to get the nation here a UNITED demand from the laborer's voice."

Sometimes rivals criticize us because of our obvious weakness; but we have nothing to fear from rivals so long as we will perfect our organization and through the application of (Continued on page four)



Kate O'Hare Sends Message from Prison to Her Comrades

By J. LOUIS ENGDAHL

Jefferson City, Mo.—There is but one "task" for the women in the Missouri state prison—the making of overalls.

The men may be assigned to any kind of manual labor. There's the broom factory, the shoe factory, the leather sewing works, the machine shop, the stone cutting, the laundry. This is all we have for the women to do. Miss Lila Smith, the matron, as we stood in the entrance to the overall factory, which is housed in one of the big rooms of the woman's prison.

There the women toiled over the high-powered sewing machines making overalls. Some of the women were "laid off" because they were not making the "task" set for Kate Richards.

"Hare, former secretary of the American Socialist Party, and chairman of the committee on war and military matters, was the first woman to be sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1915. She was sentenced to 15 years for sedition. If you do not make the 'task' you are penalized."

I glanced over the room where the women were seated at the whirling wheels and the supersonic whistles of needles as they raced along and drove the thread through the thick cloth, either singly, double or sometimes three abreast.

It was getting well along in the afternoon. Kate O'Hare was bent to her task as if her life depended on it. I wondered how many more of those 40 overalls she had yet to make before her day's "task" was done. As I wondered if the time would ever come during the days that are ahead, when her fingers might be caught in the drag that keeps a pullover that clots into the path of the hungry needle.

It was told that such accidents happen here in the prison factories as they do in industry on the outside—that fingers are mangled and pierced with threaded needles. Every girl was driving her machine at high speed, with eyes glued to the task, no doubt the result of the whip applied by Rule No. 32 of the prison regulations that state: "When at work, give your undivided attention to it. Gazing at visitors or at other prisoners will not be allowed."

Yet, as her machine rushed on, Emma Collins looked up for a moment at a fellow prisoner, and said: "I am not afraid."

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Italian Socialists Repudiate Second International

Washington. The executive committee of the Socialist Party of Italy has repudiated the Second International, founded recently by the Russian Communist party and sundry Socialist or revolutionary groups of the other European countries, according to a message of information which reaches us from Europe.

The vote in the executive committee was ten in favor of withdrawing from the Second International, and one in favor of remaining in it.

The text of the resolution passed by the executive committee follows: "The resolution passed in a single organization of those who were loyal to the principles of the international, and those who betrayed those principles and are still opposed to the realization of socialism."

"Whereas, The International Socialist Bureau, an instrument of the war policy of the pseudo-democratic bourgeoisie tending to the mystification of the proletariat and is only a barrier to the reorganization of the activities of the Socialists for internationalism, and

"Whereas, All the efforts tending to bring back to life the corpse of the Second International, and the activities of the Socialists for internationalism, and

"Whereas, The executive committee of the Socialist Party of Italy has repudiated the Second International, founded recently by the Russian Communist party and sundry Socialist or revolutionary groups of the other European countries, according to a message of information which reaches us from Europe."

The resolution was supported by Gramsci, Serrati and Bonaldi and opposed by Lazzari, Bacci and Dini.

"The Italian Socialist Party, instead of withdrawing from the international, said Bacci, 'should make energetic and persistent effort to expel all those who have been faithful to its principles. Toward this end the party should, on the one hand, act together and co-ordinate in preliminary meetings those elements of the international which never ceased to observe the class principles, and, on the other hand, invite once more the bureau to convene an emergency meeting of the international and place before it a resolution demanding the expulsion of the traitors.' After reiterating that the Italian Socialist Party should not withdraw from the international, but should remain in it, Bacci concluded: 'To create a Third International when the Second International still exists in its representative form would be a political confusion in the ranks of the proletariat of the various countries.'

May Day Manifesto of the Socialist Party

On this international holiday of labor the Socialists of the United States solemnly announce their determination to consecrate themselves with renewed earnestness and vigor to the world-wide struggle for the complete overthrow of the capitalists and for turning over the world's government to the world's workers. The formal termination of the war finds the ruling classes and their governments in all capitalist countries dispirited and distrustful, judged and convicted.

In the fierce impact of their conflicting greed they have brutally slaughtered millions of workers and mutilated, crippled and invalidated many more millions. They have destroyed human habitations, workshops and fields without number, and have devastated whole countries.

They have disrupted the lives of the nations and surrendered the peoples to hunger and disease, suffering and despair.

Potent enough to throw the nations into war, but powerless to make and maintain peace; too weak to rule and too selfish to abdicate, the powers of capitalism stand before the world as the relics of a dark age, as dangerous enemies of humanity and progress.

We, therefore, welcome with joy the powerful movements of our fellow workers in Europe for the immediate liquidation of the capitalist system of oppression and exploitation, and for the establishment of workers' republics.

We send fraternal greetings and vows of whole-hearted sympathy to the Socialist Soviet Republic of Russia, which is so valiantly upholding the lofty international proletarian ideals in the face of the combined economic and political attacks of reactionary powers and in spite of the systematic campaign of libelous misrepresentation on the part of the lying capitalist press of the world.

We send congratulations and fraternal good wishes to the workers of Hungary on the establishment of a free communist workers' republic upon the ruins of the predatory monarchy of their exploiting and oppressing rulers.

We extend the hand of comradeship and solidarity to the revolutionary Socialists of Germany and Austria, now engaged in the life-and-death struggle to secure for the working masses of their countries the full fruit of their victorious revolutions; to the workers of England in their efforts to wrest the control of the government from the parasites in their country, and to the Socialists

of France, Italy and all other countries of Europe in their fights against their reactionary governments.

With the dismal failure of the ruling class League of Nations, the hope of the world lies in the irresistible League of the Communist Commonwealth of the workers.

We call upon the workers of the United States to join in the onward march of the international proletariat toward the conquest of liberty.

While our young men by the millions have been risking their lives abroad for the alleged cause of democracy, our government has taken advantage of the oppressive war-spirit of intolerant terror to crush democracy and to crush all radical movements at home.

Under the sanction of a reactionary act of congress and with the aid of a servile judiciary, of profligate interests and a short-sighted labor leadership, an orgy of oppression and persecution was inaugurated, which is unequalled in the political annals of the country for its shamelessness and brutality. Hundreds of Socialists and radical labor leaders have been thrown into jail for inhumanly long terms, scores of Socialists and labor papers have been suppressed, thousands of peaceful meetings have been broken up; all cherished constitutional rights and liberties of American citizenship were cynically trampled under foot and all representative government was practically abrogated by an administration, which has the audacity to pose at home and abroad as the leaders of modern "democracy."

The Socialists of the United States demand the immediate restoration of constitutional republican government in this country. We demand the immediate repeal of the infamous espionage laws, the immediate lifting of the despotic postoffice ban on radical publications, and the full freedom of speech, assembly and organization to the end that American labor may freely pursue its legitimate struggles for the emancipation of its masses.

We demand the immediate withdrawal of American troops illegally sent to Russia to fight the battles of Russian reaction, and we demand that the government keep its hands off Hungary and the other countries of Europe coming under communist control, to the end that the workers of Europe be allowed to organize their own lives and destinies, free from foreign capitalist and imperialist interferences.

Long live socialism and labor, long live the international of workers!

Soviet Representative Calls Stories of "Defeats" Lies

Says That Capitalists Are Making Desperate Efforts To Prevent Recognition Of Workers Government

During the past ten days the kept press of this country has been publishing daily dispatches telling of defeats of the forces of Soviet Russia. According to these stories the armies of the Soviet government are dissolving and tens of thousands are being captured some of whom have gone over to the enemy. In the following statement, Santeri Nuorteva, Director of the Russian Soviet Information Bureau, characterizes these stories as "lies," and points out that the present tactics of the kept press are the same as those used at the time the Prinkipo conference was under consideration:

"A perusal of the 'Russian dispatches' in the metropolitan newspapers of the last few days irresistibly raises the question: Will the American public once more permit itself to be fooled by deliberate lies about the Russian situation?"

"The world-wide press campaign against Soviet Russia has always been characterized by particularly vicious lies driven on the part of reactionaries every time some possibility arises to bring about friendly relations between Soviet Russia and the United States. It is natural that, now that victory in the Russian Civil War has been achieved, the Soviet government is extending daily over Russian territories, now completely under its control, the possibility of defeating that government is being admitted in all circles, and that the establishment of relations between Soviet Russia and the United States is being urged with increasing insistence. The forces opposed to such an outcome are desperately anxious to prevent the extension of military support to this force in the form of munitions, arms and materiel, and to make such a step very much more difficult for the Soviet government."

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But that does not help the case of the capitalist any. While some capitalists may be managers or executives, most of them are not. If the capitalist is also a manager he receives a salary as manager. His income as a capitalist has no relation to his services as manager. The capitalists in the modern industrial world are stockholders and bondholders who render no service, have no connection with industry outside of their mortgages in industry. They may never have seen the industry from which they draw their profits. They may not have the slightest

The workers of the world are bent upon eliminating the capitalist parasite. Obscuring the issue by confusing the capitalist and the managers of industry will not fool the workers. They know what they are after.

The executives, the managers, the men of technical ability will have their place in the new industrial system. If they can adapt themselves to the new conditions they will have their jobs and rewards commensurate with the services they render. If they are unwilling or unable to adapt themselves to the new industrial democracy the workers will develop men from their own ranks to take their places. It may take time to do that, there may be some temporary reduction in efficiency, but the goal is worth the price.

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What is the Bolshevik complaint in this country? Are wages low? Are men denied the right of suffrage? Are they oppressed by the government they propose to overthrow by violence? Are they taxed out of proportion to the benefits they enjoy? Is work scarce or impossible to get? What are these un-American Bolsheviks in America protesting for, anyway?

Formal political equality we have. But in practice it is a snare and a delusion. The class which owns the industries and is economically dominant controls the educational and publicity machinery of the country and through such control shapes the minds of the voters to suit its interests. It is perfectly safe for a ruling class to grant formal equality so far as voting is concerned, so long as it controls the way the voters vote. The American Bolsheviks, to use the Plain Dealer's American Bolshevists, to use the Plain Dealer's words, "don't or want formal equality, they want democracy that is not merely democratic in name, but the reality as well." In other words, they want democracy that means that the only way to get it is by wiping out the economically dominant class and establishing industrial democracy.

Well, when they elected men to represent them the government of the city of Cleveland these men were charged with "disorderly conduct" and thrown out because they voted in accordance with their conscientious beliefs.

When they upheld a view of the war contrary to the view promulgated by the president they were thrown in prison by the hundreds because they differed with the official view of the government. I dare believe that in a "political democracy" the minority had the right to convert the majority to their point of view through facts and logic.

Congressman C. C. Dill, of Washington state has been talking to returned soldiers and gives this pessimistic view of their state of mind (pessimistic from the capitalist standpoint):

And here's Sammy Gompers, after selling workers body and soul to the Wilson Administration, calling Postmaster General Burleson a dictator. But didn't Mr. Gomper's friend, Wilson appoint Burleson and doesn't he keep him at his job of oppressing the workers on the post office department telephone system?

How quickly the kept press had the Hungarian Soviet government wiped out! And then they kept right on publishing dispatches telling what the same government was doing.

Bar Association's committee has not called a single private. The privates are the ones who have felt the impact of the unjust severity of the court-martials. It would seem that one of the first things for the committee to do, if it is to be a committee of justice, is to make certain that the military justice was sincere, would be to call a number of soldiers serving five, ten and twenty-year terms in the penitentiary, to get their views and find out from them just what their experiences were before the military courts. The witnesses, if they have been in court-martials, are the military attorneys who sit on the court-martials, not the privates. The privates have been subjected to military penalties.

Efforts and Sacrifice

Ansel pointed out that "dishonorable discharge" is one of the common penalties imposed upon the private for infraction of the military law, but

Exploiters Do Not Keep Promises

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overly confident that even the president's appeal to the capitalist industrial and commercial dictatorship will

Socialists declare that the working people who produce all the wealth are by right entitled to own and enjoy it. The capitalists and the War Labor Board states that the workers are entitled to but a small portion of that wealth and that the labor ex-

Whereas, The continued existence of craft units in given localities as at present appear to be distinctly desirable and necessary for the transaction of business of a technical nature; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Central Labor Council of Seattle and vicinity request all local unions within its jurisdiction to call upon their respective international to immediately submit the following proposition to a referendum vote of their membership:

Resolution No. 1.—Shall this in-

There is absolutely no attempt made to differentiate between political prisoners and those committed to Missouri's penitentiary for the usual crimes against society. I asked Warden Painter about this and his

ified by experience and ability to work under the jurisdiction of the union into which he or she may seek admission?

Proposition No. 3.—In case of favorable action upon Proposition No. 1, shall your delegates be instructed to seek out a benefit plan which shall be just and equitable to all organizations based upon the length of time the beneficiary has held continuous membership in the American Federation of Labor rather than the period of membership in any particular craft

as calmly as I have registered
at hundreds of hotels and the clanging
of the cell door did not disturb me
more than the slamming of my room
door by a careless bell boy.
'Life is the 'Great Adventure' and
I am living one of its most interest-

"Don't think that I am gloomy and lonely and unloved here, for I certainly am not. Through all the tragedy and pain, and much there comes sparkle, wit and flashes of humor, and, really, far more things to laugh

The former member of the International Socialist Bureau then told of her experiences in the prison factory. "One thing in my favor is that I now work," she said. "I am certainly thankful for my machine shop training."

Before her marriage to Frank P.

Kate O'Hare was employed in machine shop owned by her father, Thomas O'Hare.

"The work in the factory here does not trouble me in the least," she comments. "I understand that I have some of the best training for my fellow workers. Of course I feel a little self-conscious, but it is nothing serious. I am sure that by the time I am 25 years old, I will be able to make as good a 'hank' which is 55 jumpers each day."

"I have received so many beautiful letters from my friends that I am sure I will be glad to get letters from them. There is no limit to what I can receive. But I can only write one letter a week. That, of course, must be due to my family."

Kate O'Hare also asks that she be sent new books, as she cannot read any more.

There are 99

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overly confident that even the president's appeal to the capitalist industrial and commercial dictatorship will have much effect. When the organized labor exploiters traitorously repudiate their pledges made when war was declared and the workers con-

will respond to the president's appeal. They think more of their profits than they do of either their pledges or the president, and they figure that the maximum of profits will only come into the capitalists' coffers when wages have been forced down to what Karl Marx calls the "physical minimum."

But by all means let us celebrate "Job Sunday" and celebrate it with such enlightenment that the workers who participate will understand just what a "job" means under capitalism.

Proportion No. 2.—In case of favorable action upon Proposition No. 1, shall your delegates be instructed to work but a plan, at said conference, for the interchange or transfer of card without cost into any local union by any member of another union?

Proposition No. 5.—In case of favorable action upon Proposition No. 1, shall the plans worked out in said conference be submitted to our membership for ratification together with any further suggestions from the conference calculated to facilitate the operation of the proposed plans, and

Resolved, That all local unions in this community, having the ability, be requested to communicate with all local unions of their own crafts, urging favorable action upon these resolutions, sufficient copies of which will be furnished by this council; and further be it

Resolved, That each Central Labor

Respectfully submitted,
**SEATTLE CENTRAL LABOR
 COUNCIL.**
JAMES A. DUNCAN, Sec'y.

"There are three real 'politicals,' Emma Goldman, a wonderful little Italian girl of 18, and myself. There is another 'espionage,' but she is just a poor, simple, old soul about as dangerous to the government as an unoffending Jersey cow.

Next in rank are the women who have disposed of undesirable husbands, and at this point I want to expound for all my male friends a bit of wisdom: If you chance to have one of those meek, patient, quiet, long suffering wives, beware that you do not try her too far, or some morning you may wake up in paradise—or the other place. If you have chanced to get a temperamental lady, of shrewish

Kate O'Hare then told of her experiences with the other prisoners. She likened her efforts to get in touch with the driftwood thrown up by the criminal world, to the obstacles encountered by the clergymen of

books in the prison, and there is not book, magazine or partial of reading matter supplied to the women. There is a prison library, but it seems to be a nonpolitized exclusively by the male prisoners.

The food served is eatable only as a last resort. Those prisoners who have money, or with friends outside, can get "candy" or other things they want in the way of cold food sent in. "It will take some thought for me to work out a balanced ration," says Mrs. O'Hare. "But I will do the best I can." Tell her that you are a woman and you will be very glad to have any sort of home made jams, jellies and pickles, in fact, anything that is put up in small containers. Socialists

In speaking of the presence of Miss Goldman and the little Italian girl, Mrs. O'Hare said: "I failed to learn, Mrs. O'Hare said: "It is certainly a great thing for me to have two women like the two 'politicals' with me here. Miss Goldman is a very fine and sweet and intelligent companionable, while the little girl is a darling. We really have very interesting times."

As a parting word, Mrs. O'Hare said: "Well, all the same, I am sure

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 Socialist Party of Ohio
 Meets Every Thursday, 8 P. M.
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 day of each month, 2:30 P. M.
 at 1414 Ohio.

LOCAL CINCINNATI
Meets Every Thursday, 8 P.M.
Lectures Every Sunday, 3 P.M.
SOCIALIST HALL
1316 Vine St.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF AMERICA, YOUNGSTOWN, O.
Meets every Friday, 8:00 P. M.
at Bushnell Hall, 127 N. W. 4th
Federal St., Third floor.

LOCAL WARREN LOCAL HAMILTON

<p>Meets Every Thursday at 7:30 P. M. Labor Organization Hall, E. Second St., New Richmond, Nat'l Bank, Warren, Ohio</p>	<p>Meets Every Friday Evening, 8 P. M.</p> <p>SOCIALIST HALL, 28 High St., Third Floor.</p>
<p>Local Kenmore</p> <p>SOCIALIST PARTY OF OHIO Meets Every Thursday 8:30 P. M.</p> <p>BITTERHOFFS HALL, Cor. 14th St. and Boulevard Kenmore, Ohio.</p>	<p>Local Canton of the SOCIALIST PARTY Meets Every Thursday 8:00 P. M. at Socialist Headquarters, 323 Buchanan St. E. W.</p>

LOCAL RULES

<p>LOCAL SANDUSKY Socialist Party of Ohio Meets First and Third Wednes- days, Each Month, 7:30 P. M.</p> <p>FUCHS HALL Cor. Monroe and Fulton Sts.</p>	<p>Socialist Party of Ohio Meets every 2d and 4th Sunday of the month, 2:30 P. M. Study Class every Sunday, 8 A. M. Dinner and social every Sun- day, 7:30 P. M.</p> <p>MASONIC HALL 764 N. Chestnut St.</p>
<p>LOCAL TOLEDO Meets every Tuesday Evening, 8:00 P. M. Speeches and singing</p>	<p>Branch Meets TIPPIN Bldg.</p>

the first Sunday. General party
meeting first Sunday of each

month, 3 p. m., 213 Michigan St.

The Statistician

- General Survey of the Most Active Locals of the State of Ohio.
Based on the Reports of March, 1919.

No. of					
Rank.	Local.	G. S.	On Roll	Pct.	Month
1—	Columbus	27	37	1000	1000
2—	Youngstown (Lithuanian)	20	20	1000	
3—	Youngstown (Czechoslovakian)	12	12	1000	

4—Grover Hill	10	10	1000	1000
5—Continental	6	6	1000	

6-Marysville	5	5	1000	1000
7-Cambridge	10	41	999	
8-Montpelier	22	23	966	
9-East Liverpool	63	66	955	
10-Yongstons (South Slave)	116	122	951	
11-Cincinnati (German)	29	31	855	
12-Kenmore	45	50	900	
13-Cineaut	15	17	882	
14-Yongstons (report of 4 branches)	207	239	875	

15--Niles	79	95	831	76
16--Steubenville	14	17	823	81

17--Hubbard	20	27	818
18--New England (4 members in a local)	1	1	800
19--Canton	26	26	766
20--Cuyahoga County	2182	2175	781
21--Warren	51	40	775
22--Hamilton	285	285	770
23--Seneca County	55	70	767
24--Youngstown (Steaminavian)	15	20	760
25--Wadsworth	12	16	750
26--Columbus (English)	114	124	741
27--Canton	56	76	737
28--Clark County	24	33	737
29--Youngstown (English)	46	67	737
30--Sandusky	28	41	682
31--Lorain	56	53	679
32--Massillon	47	75	660

34—Ashland	5	9	555	55
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36-Montpelier	25	34	471	..
36-Norwood	21	46	456	40
37-Portage County	32	80	(000)	..

COMPARISONS.

February, 37 locals reported; March, 34 locals reported.

February, 4421 good standing of reported roll of 5992 members, percentage .738; March, 3817 reported in good standing of roll of 1955 members percentage .777.

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP.

March report from 34 locals, of entire list of at least 90, shows that

they have secured 527 new members as against 37 locals securing but 45 during the month of February.

Locals.	New Members.	U. S. G. S.	Pct. of Good Standing Jan. to Feb.
Cambridge	18	40	45
Dover	4	12	33
Youngstown (English)	14	44	39
Lorain	8	36	22
Youngstown (Lithuanian)	6	39	20
Youngstown (South Slavic)	15	116	12
Youngstown (Scandinavian)	2	15	13
Cuyahoga County	271	2482	11
Canton	6	56	11
Great River	1	10	10
Norwood	2	21	10
Hamilton	22	229	9
Green River	6	6	100
Galion	7	37	08
Hubbard	2	39	06
Seneca County	5	53	09

At the test has been 5 per cent, the new members to every 20.

standing, all other locals worthy of mentioning, but have not succeeded in the test, are given below, alphabetically arranged with number of new members

secured: Clark County 1, Columbus 1, Kenmore 1, Merrill 1, Niles 1, Toledo 38, no information.

Comrade Reader! If you local among the many that fail to report to the State Secretary? If so, wake up your officials and get them to do the job, from now on. We need the month of April, 60 locals to report 60 new members. Can we do it? We can and we will

W. J. CATLIN, Youngstown.

Who Wants War?

FREDERICK A. BLOSSOM.

Who wants war? Who is it that is trying to get us into trouble with Mexico and Africa working the workers of every country, always the ones who say the loudest

man across the Rio Grande to kill their Mexican fellow workers? Who

The workers of America have no quarrel with the workers of Mexico or with the workers of England. They have no interest in disputes over Mexican mines at home, or foreign wars in South America, or the Orient. All they demand is to be left in peace to do the work of the world and to enjoy the fruits of it.

out of the agony of mankind. The workers, who are the immense and suffering majority of humanity,

The matter class, the privileged few who live by the toil of the masses find we highly profitable business. They will continue to grow richer year after another in the ownership of their money-making machines until the workers of the world, retaining their miserable condition