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43 Million Squandered In Bunk Advertising

By LELAND OLDS (Federated Press Industrial Editor)

When you eat bread you are paying your share of a tax of more than \$40,000,000 levied each year by the giant milling interests to pay their exorbitant selling and advertising expenses.

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The higher cost of wheat in the United States is due primarily to the greater exhaustion of the soil which results in a smaller yield of wheat in the United States than in Canada.

The exorbitant advertising and selling expense in the United States is justified in the brief created by the Millers' National Federation on the basis of "the constant need of advertising well-known brands of flour in order to create and hold consumer demand."

Advertising a Waste. It is hardly necessary to spend \$43,000,000 a year to persuade the people of the United States to purchase necessary quantities of the "staff of life."

District of Columbia Citizen Urges Fight For Suffrage There

To The DAILY WORKER:—The Workers Party should agitate for suffrage in the District of Columbia, especially at this hour when the Teapot Dome scandal is boiling over.

Trotsky's Letter to Russian Communists

Note.—Today the DAILY WORKER concludes publication of letters written by Leon Trotsky, Minister of War in the Soviet government and member of the Central Executive Committee of the Russian Communist Party.

I AM far from having exhausted the question. I have, intentionally, refrained from examining many of its essential aspects, in order not to occupy too much of your time.

Moscow, Dec. 10, 1923. P. S.—I take advantage of the fact that my letter is published in the Pravda with a delay of two days, to make some supplementary remarks.

I understand that, when my letter was communicated to the ward meetings, certain comrades gave expression to the fear that my observations on the relations between the "old guard" and the young generation might be exploited for opposing the young to the old (!).

It is obvious that such apprehensions would only confront those comrades who, only two or three months ago, repudiated with horror the mere idea of bringing the question regarding the necessity of a change of policy up for discussion.

The present state of mind of the youth which, as is quite clear to every reflecting Party member, is largely symptomatic, has been precisely promoted by these methods employed for the sake of "absolute tranquility" which are condemned by the resolution unanimously adopted by the Political Bureau.

The tendency of the apparatus to think and to decide for the whole Party, is apt to lead to the author's Swivel Chair Hero Runs From Debate With Roger Baldwin

NEW YORK, March 20.—The open forum at the University of Pennsylvania doesn't mind taking the bull by the horns, if that expression may be employed with reference to a debate.

"I am amazed," writes the aggrieved Whitney, "that you have the temerity to insult me by asking me to appear on the same platform with Baldwin."

ity of the leading circles becoming based solely upon tradition. The respect towards the tradition of the Party is undoubtedly a very necessary element of the Party education and cohesion; but it can be a vital and resistant factor only, if it is constantly nourished and strengthened by means of an independent and active control of the Party tradition, i. e., by the collective elaboration of the policy of the party at the given moment.

Without this activity and initiative, the respect towards the tradition might degenerate into a stage-managed of an independent and active control of the Party tradition, i. e., into a form without contents. It is quite obvious that such a kind of contact between the generations would be entirely insufficient and unreliable.

It will then be relatively easy to overcome these or those "excesses" or exaggerations on the part of the Youth.

But before all, it is necessary to create the safeguard against the concentration of the Party traditions in the apparatus, and thereby ensure its remaining vital and renewing itself in the daily practice of the Party.

Even in the moments of the greatest stagnation, the activity and the initiative of the Moscow organization were, in spite of everything, more intensive than anywhere else.

The less the provincial Party apparatus opposes itself to this, the more systematically the provincial organizations will win thru the unavoidable period of criticism and self-criticism.

Charges that the American Legion has been discriminating against Negro ex-soldiers, refusing to help service men who have served in France in adjusting bonus claims because of their color, have reached the ears of the DAILY WORKER.

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"Committee of 15" Gives Girl Strikers Promise of Support

(Continued from page 1) such a big one that it should be taken up with the regular injunction committee of the Federation, also a committee of 15, on Monday, when the combined committee of 30 Federation as a whole to follow.

The committee knows now from the girls themselves that Dever's men are guilty with Crowe and if the mayor passes the buck to Crowe in the morning they will know it is bunk.

The question now is what the special injunction committee of 15 appointed by Gompers here will do against the Sullivan injunction.

Victor Zokattis, the representative of the DAILY WORKER, who volunteered to testify before the committee as to the beating up of girls on the picket line which he had witnessed and the arrest of himself as a policeman for his number, was not admitted.

More Pickets Arrested. More pickets were arrested yesterday while the "Committee of 15" was discussing whether they should or should not go on the picket line.

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Send in Your News

The Daily Worker urges all members of the party to send in the news of their various sections. Every Party Branch should appoint its own correspondent and make him responsible for the news that ought to be sent in to The Daily Worker.

Modern Music Wins Over Old Time Stuff At Orchestra Hall

By ALFRED V. FRANKENSTEIN. Musical antiquity and modernism were forcefully contrasted at the concert of the Chicago Symphony orchestra at Orchestra Hall last Friday and Saturday.

Wanda Landowska performed a concerto for harpsichord by Handel. The harpsichord is the instrument that preceded the modern piano, and it has not been in general use for nearly two centuries.

The concert brought to performance, for the first time in America, a symphony by Arnold Bax of London which is barely a year old.

Other comparatively modern works were Debussy's nocturnes, "Clouds" and "Festivals." All the peace and calm that Bax lacked Debussy had, and he put it into these tone pictures, one of the peaceful, airy passages of clouds, and the other of the ecstatic, inspirational effect of darkness.

New York Teachers Urging Legislature For Higher Wages

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Nearing Addressing More Meetings in Connecticut Towns

(Special to The Daily Worker) NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 20.—Scott Nearing's debate with Professor Petrunkevitch was such a success and the recent meetings thru the state addressed by Alexander Trachtenberg were so well attended that the Workers Party in District 15 is going ahead with its campaign with more enthusiasm than ever.

More Meetings in Connecticut Towns

Nearing is now billed for three engagements in Connecticut: He speaks in the Casino hall, Stamford, March 20; Grand Theatre, Hartford, March 23 in the afternoon; Bridgeport, March 23, in the evening.

The Young Workers League of New Haven intends holding a mass meeting to double its membership.

The Tolstoy drama, Polikushka, in motion pictures, will be shown in Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury and Ansonia, if present plans do not miscarry.

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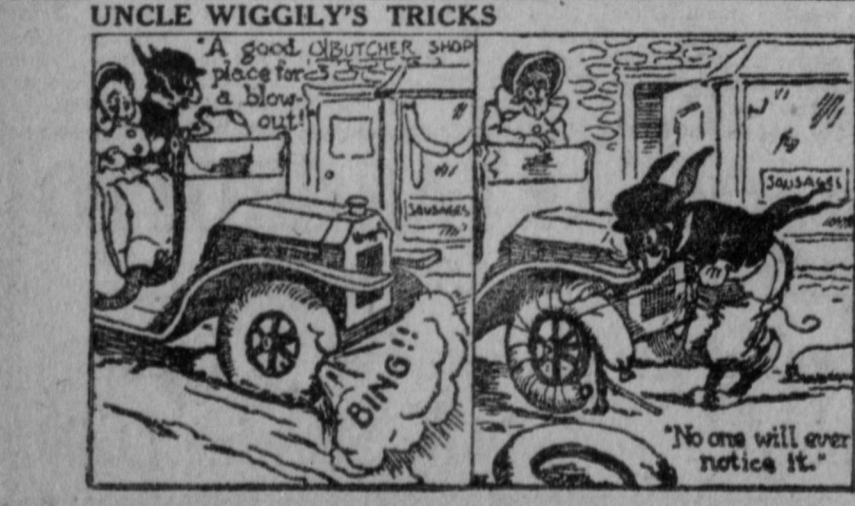
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MILITARY RULE STILL PREVAILS IN GERMANY

Yellow Socialists Play Usual Dirty Role

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER (By The Federated Press)

BERLIN.—A decree has been issued by the government, to the effect that the military dictatorship of General von Seeckt and the reichswehr (national guard) is ended, but a "civil" dictatorship has been set up instead.

That is President Ebert's answer to General von Seeckt's letter to the effect that the country is now "safe" and "stable" enough not to need any state of emergency regulations.

The parties of the Right immediately started a campaign of resolutions and petitions not to surrender the country to possible anarchy, but to provide some special means for maintaining Law and Order.

The minister of the interior a few hours after the decree had been issued, issued an order specifically exempting Bavaria from the provisions of the decree.

In Bavaria a state-of-emergency law prevails which is aimed solely at the workers and at the parties standing for republicanism, while monarchistic parties and organizations continue to flourish and prepare for "der Tag" when they can take the rest of Germany by surprise and re-establish monarchism.

Your Union Meeting

Third Friday, March 21st, 1924

- No. Name of Local and Place of Meeting. 237 Bakers and Conf., 3420 W. Roosevelt. 238 Bookbinders, 175 W. Washington St., 6 p. m.

East St. Louis Trade Unionists Threaten Strike on April 1st

By R. KRAMER (Special to The Daily Worker)

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., March 20.—A strike is threatened here by 6,000 laborers and cement men in the building industry if the 10 cents per hour increase is not granted by the Master Builders Association.

They are now getting 70 cents per hour and asking for 80 cents. The Builders so far have refused this demand.

The mechanics, carpenters, steamfitters, and plumbers also asking for an increase of 25 cents per hour, so it looks that if the Builders Association will stand pat and refuse the increase as they did till present, then a general strike may be expected April 1st, that will tie up about 52 jobs under construction and involve approximately 20,000 men.

PITTSBURGH COAL DIGGERS PREPARE FOR CONVENTION

Ready to Clean Up on Lewis Gang

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 20.—"How to beat the machine" was the subject discussed at a delegate meeting in Charleroi, Pa., by Progressives from the Mon River section of District 5, United Mine Workers of America.

Besides instructive speeches by Jimmy Oates and Thomas Myers-district, the delegates talked of the district convention which will convene in Pittsburgh on Monday, March 24.

Such matters as the impeachment of the officials for maladministration, the revising of the district constitution, the rotten conditions that prevail in the district and many other things too numerous to mention were thoroughly discussed.

Some brought reports of personal investigations of "Blue Sky" locals that were represented by organizers at the National convention, which were to the effect that many of the supposed locals are attached to mines that have been finished for years, while others have been closed down for long periods of time and did not hold meetings to elect delegates.

This will not be permitted at Pittsburgh if the Progressives can prevent it and they are confident they can. Of course, they expect that the attempt will be made and that Phil Murray and "Finch-hitter" Green will be here to help Fagan get by with the stuff, but the miners are confident that the "Monarchs" from Indianapolis will be held in check, a la Kansas.

Besides this meeting, three others were held, each with the same objective, i. e., the firing of the machine! Watch the smoke in Pittsburgh.

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Hangman Governor Of California Denies Reprieve to Youth

By MIRIAM ALLEN DEFORD (Staff Correspondent of Federated Press)

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., March 20.—Hardly has the body of Aurelio Pompa, the Mexican boy to whom Governor Richardson denied a reprieve to investigate his claim of perjury in his conviction, been cut down from the gallows, when California is faced with another scandal in a hanging case. A law was passed two years ago forbidding the hanging of any person under 18. Now a boy, William D. Hard of Yreka, has been placed in the death cell, to be hanged May 23, who says he is only 17. His mother says he is 17; he looks 17.

But, like many boys who are trying to be "hardboiled," he has at various times claimed ages from 18 to 20. There is no record of his birth and the family has not lived long in Siskiyou county, where the murder occurred. His mother, who came here with him and clung to him silently till the doors of the death cell closed on him, says she will go to Governor Richardson and beg for clemency. The governor is on record as a friend of hanging, and has almost never granted a reprieve to a man sentenced to death.

The admission of Hard and Ronald C. Erno, his accomplice in the crime, has made the population of the "death row" ten men, the largest in its history. There are besides three men in the Los Angeles county jail condemned to death, whose cases are before the state supreme court. Opponents of capital punishment point to this situation as a proof that hanging does not deter from murder.

Pardoned To Die

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—John E. Weller, who as cashier stole \$170,000 from the First Bank of Savings of Fort Bragg, was released from San Quentin by a telegraphic vote of the prison board in order that he might die at home, his death occurring the same day.

One wonders if this "most remarkable pardon ever issued by the state" would ever have been granted if Weller had been guilty, instead of embezzlement, of membership in a radical labor union, and if his relatives had not been wealthy and influential.

Every new DAILY WORKER reader means a new recruit in the ranks of militant labor.

MA ORGANIZE THIRD PARTY IN OKLAHOMA STATE

Political Lines Split Wide Open

By ERNEST R. CHAMBERLAIN (Staff Correspondent of Federated Press)

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 20.—Approximately 800 delegates are expected to attend the convention of the Farmer-Labor Reconstruction league to be held at El Reno this week.

Political lines are badly split in Oklahoma. A stiff fight is expected on the floor of the convention over the policy of again making a nonpartisan fight or launching a third party.

George Wilson, deposed president of the A. & M. State College, has declared that he is thru with the Democratic party. He has been mentioned prominently as the radical choice for the endorsement. If the convention goes into the democratic primary he is expected to file as an independent unless the law now passed by the lower house of the legislature is also passed by the senate and signed by the governor which would permit a state third party.

Wilson will organize a Farmer-Labor party machine to support the national movement independent of the league fight in the Democratic primary. He will thus give the league a card in the hole should they be defeated in the primary. This seemingly in view of the fact that Walton's betrayal and subsequent impeachment has put the entire party and election machinery in the hands of reactionaries.

The regulars who once sought to force radicals to stay in the party by denying them the right to organize a new party are now sick of their erstwhile bedfellows. Prominent Socialists are continually bobbing up in their "harmony meetings" and tearing the hide off Democratic saints. The recent election of a state chairman resembled a riot. Police were called to enforce rulings of the chair as delegates hurled accusations at the governor and proclaimed that "a bolshevik was a poor man trying to get by."

The regulars now see that it is better to let the "reds" bolt to a Farmer-Labor party than to the Republican party, and a third party will probably be in the field and have delegates at the national conventions.

Greek and Armenian Comrades Hosts to Detroit Sub Getters

(Special to The Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Mich., March 20.—Detroit DAILY WORKER "go-getters" took the evening of Saturday, March 15, and enjoyed a banquet under the auspices of the Boost Our Press Club. Tables were set in the auditorium of the House of the Masses.

Bill Dunne, of the DAILY WORKER, who was to have cut up as toast master, telegraphed that he "has missed connections coming from Minnesota where we scored a tremendous victory for our Party in four different conventions. Could not leave sooner and am sure that this telegram with this news will be a good substitute for me. Best wishes to the Detroit comrades."

Maurice Sugar was hurriedly conscripted to serve in Dunne's stead and was given an ovation when District Organizer Owens announced the change. However, those most vociferous in their applause regretted it a moment later when Comrade Sugar, who is familiar with the private lives of most of those present, began telling what he knew.

The English branch of the Workers Party was given a beautiful banner for securing the most subscriptions during the drive. Joe Ferris received \$10 in gold for getting the most subs, and Bud Reynolds drew down \$5 in gold for coming in second best.

Full credit for the success of the banquet must be given to the Greek and Armenian comrades, who took full charge of preparing and serving a dinner that will long be remembered.

Arrangements have already been made to continue the drive in response to the call for 10,000 subs by June 15. Detroit is determined to maintain its reputation as the premier DAILY WORKER sub-getter city in the country. Let Chicago take warning.

Bystander Killed by Scabs

NEW ORLEANS, March 20.—In August of last year Felix Chetta, an innocent bystander, was shot and killed in a battle between armed scab carpenters and peaceful union men. Two scabs were arrested charged with murder. This week Assistant District Attorney Tom Craven announced that he would abandon the case as he was unable to prove who fired the fatal shot. It is said that all scabs were heavily armed during the carpenters' strike.

RIFLE SQUAD TO SHOOT WORKERS IN WATERBURY

Police Are Ready for "Labor Trouble"

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WATERBURY, Conn., March 20. The Waterbury Herald carries a news story about the visit of two clothing worker organizers from New York and their attempt to speak with the unorganized workers of Luria Bros. Cloak & Suit Mfg. Co. and the dispatching of detectives to the plant to warn the men against "doing any intimidating." Then follows this paragraph in bold type:

"Waterbury expects labor trouble this spring, however, and the police are already preparing for any emergency that may arise. By order of the board of public safety and Superintendent of Police George M. Beach a rifle squad has been chosen. The squad is drilled twice weekly so it will be efficient should the occasion arise."

On the same day the following editorial appeared in the Herald, same paper:

Waterbury Ready For Murder. "A news item in the Herald today announces that there is likely to be some labor difficulties in Waterbury this spring and that the police are getting ready for it by organizing a rifle squad.

Waterbury is the only place in Connecticut, and probably in New England, where war-like preparations are made every time there is a hint of a dispute between the employes and the bosses of the community.

"The artillery is for the purpose of murdering the employes, of course. It would never be turned against the employers. No rifle squad would ever be trained to shoot at a factory owner. That would be Bolshevism.

"A city government which deliberately sets about using rifles and machine guns to overawe its citizens who work for a living should be heartily ashamed of itself in the United States of America.

"Murdering people never settled an industrial problem. 'Yes, murder is the word.'"

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