

Workers' Political Attacks

Unite Labor's Forces in the Labor Party

Manifesto of the Workers Party of America

Workers and farmers of the United States!

The workers—the producers—of this country stand before a great decision.

Shall the industrial workers and farmers unite their forces? Shall they form one great political organization of industrial workers and farmers to fight the political battles of these producers?

Small Labor Party is formed to carry on the struggle in the political arena to secure for the industrial workers and farmers more and better wages, higher standard of life, not only in the necessities of life food, clothing and houses to live in, but the opportunity for better education, for recreation, for enjoyment of all the good things of life.

The Farmer-Labor Party of the United States has called a great convention of labor to be held on July 3d. To this convention it has invited all trade unions, all organizations of farmers, all labor political groups to send delegates to enter into one great political party, the WORKERS PARTY OF INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AND FARMERS THE FORCES OF LABOR IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Workers and the Government

Political parties exist to advance the interests of the groups they represent. Every group has a right to become a political party. The power of the government is used by the group in power to strengthen its position and the competing group endeavors to wrest the governmental power from it.

The struggle of the industrial worker for better wages and working conditions is not only a struggle against the employers in the form of great capitalist organizations which own the industries. It is also a struggle against the government for the capitalists have unchallenged control of the government whether the Republican or Democratic party is in power.

What happened when the coal miners went on strike to maintain their wages and to protect their organizations against the open shop? The government stepped in. The government arrested the coal miners, arrested and served the capitalists, arrested the government.

What happened when the railroad conductors tried to prevent a reduction in their standard of living? They found that they had to fight the Railway Labor Board appointed by the government. They found a Daugherty in power, a court of government taking from them all rights of free speech, free press, freedom of assembly and the right to organize.

THE FARMER AND THE GOVERNMENT

The government under control of the capitalists is just as definitely the enemy of the farmer.

The capitalist who robs the industrial workers pays them low wages and compelling them to work under bad working conditions.

The capitalist who robs the farmer through freight charges, through heavy charges for storing and marketing goods, through low prices for what they produce and charging higher prices for what they buy.

The capitalist banks rob the farmer through mortgages, through the loans which they make in order to get through the bad part of the year.

Again it is the capitalist controlled government which is the great weapon of the capitalists in taking from the farmer what they produce. The government fixes freight rates in the interest of the railroad. Through laws passed by Congress it gives the railroad great subsidies, such as the 6 per cent guarantee of earnings which should have returned to the farmer.

Through farm credit laws and similar banking measures the government aids the capitalist banker in robbing the farmer.

Workers in the factory and mine and workers on the land alike suffer through the exploitation of the capitalists—exploitation in which they are united and which is upheld by the government.

LABOR DIVIDED

In the face of these conditions the forces of labor are divided. Some workers and farmers have supported the Republican Party and some the Democratic Party, to find that both parties served the capitalists. Other groups of workers and farmers have been divided into small, ineffective labor political groups.

Labor has no United Political Front—no organization uniting industrial workers and farmers into one solid, powerful, political organization to meet the parties of the capitalists and fight for the political interests of labor.

Workers and Farmers of the United States!

THE TIME HAS COME TO UNITE LABOR'S FORCES IN A LABOR PARTY IN THE UNITED STATES.

The experiences of the industrial workers and farmers have taught millions of these workers and farmers that they must unite politically in a class party of labor, if their organizations are not to be crushed and their standard of living forced down.

As a result of these experiences there has grown up a great demand for the organization of a labor party. Trade unions representing nearly 10 million workers have endorsed the idea of independent political action by labor through a labor party. The United Mine Workers of America, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, many of the railroad unions, are for the labor party.

Recently the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, the West Virginia Federation of Labor, The California Building Trades Council, and the Buffalo Central Labor Council have endorsed the formation of a labor party.

The convention called by the Farmer-Labor Party for July 3d presents the opportunity to realize the demand of these millions of workers for the formation of the labor party.

Every trade union, every farmers organization, every political organization, every labor union has been urged to send delegates to the July 3d convention.

LABOR MUST UNITE POLITICALLY.

The workers and farmers must challenge the rule of the great capitalists of Wall Street and make of the government an instrument to insure well-being and a higher standard of life rather than an instrument to help the Wall Street capitalists amass greater and greater fortunes for themselves.

FORWARD TO THE LABOR PARTY

FORWARD TO THE RULE OF LABOR AND THE WORKERS

REPUBLICAN IN THE UNITED STATES

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

WORKERS PARTY OF AMERICA

C. E. RUTENBERG, Executive Secretary.

Socialists Desert United Front

Reject Plan to Build for Labor Party

Two acts of its 11th Convention in the Cleveland Conference for the status of the Socialist Party in the American labor movement.

FIRST—it rejected the invitation to the Labor Party Conference to be held in Chicago, July 3, at the same time renouncing its allegiance to the Cleveland Conference for Producers' Daily Forward, for making the most vile attack on Soviet Russia.

SECOND—it refused to repudiate any part of, or censure Abraham Cahan, of the Jewish Socialist Party in the American labor movement.

It also rejected the invitation to the Cleveland Conference for Producers' Daily Forward, for making the most vile attack on Soviet Russia.

Set June 4th for Sentence of Ruthenberg

CHICAGO.—There is only one fixed date on the court calendar in the Michigan Communist case, announced the Labor Defense Council in setting at rest rumors circulating through labor circles regarding the next move at St. Joseph, Mich.

“C. E. Ruthenberg, convicted of criminal syndicalism, has been fixed to appear before Judge C. E. White for sentence June 4. At that time, under Michigan practice, the defense will be permitted to move to have the case carried over to the state supreme court on a bill of exceptions. If Judge White grants the motion sentence on Ruthenberg may be postponed until the highest court has heard the case.

“No other case arising out of the department of justice raid on the convention in August, 1922, has been fixed for trial. The Labor Defense Council is pushing the defense campaign with energy and will be ready for the next attack by the Michigan prosecution.

Rumors printed in some of the eastern labor papers had quoted Asst. Atty. Gen. O. L. Smith of Michigan to the effect that Robert Minor will go to trial June 4 and that Wm. Z. Foster, freed by a hung jury, would be retried. Another rumor spoke of an intention by the U. S. government to take over prosecution of the case.

Speaking of “poison pen,” the worst yet in the editorial poison poured forth by the prostituted pen pushers on the kept newspapers of the country, not only against the Russian Soviet Republic, but against the militant labor movement everywhere. A strong Communist press will provide the antidote.

Since that time every mail address volume to the overwhelming decision. The unions now on record in the League vote extended over 40 States and 47 International Unions. In the thousands of locals in which the issue has been raised, we have been informed of less than a dozen which failed to approve of a Labor Party.

The opposition comes generally from officials. It has been especially in the case of the International Union of Mine Workers, where the issue and withholding the ballot. The following letter is typical of the kind of reaction received. We omit names of individuals and unions which are known to the League.

“In regard to the referendum you sent me, I would say that the secretary did not read it, and as you

Labor Wants Political Party of Its Own

By EARL R. BROWDER

Associate Editor, The Labor Herald

Labor wants a political party of its own. The truth of this statement has been decisively shown in the past few months, especially since the referendum went forth from the Trade Union Educational League.

“Yes” to the resolution: “That we endorse the formation of a Labor Party by the whole labor movement, to be based upon direct representation from the local unions, and to include an affiliated organization all existing working class political parties.”

Last month we reported the scope of the referendum ballots were taking.

Big Business Rallies Forces for Action Against Workers

By JAY LOVESTONE

Author of “The Government—Strikebreaker”

Close to 7,000 representatives of every phase of finance, industry and commerce have just adjourned their gatherings in the spacious Hippodrome and the gorgeous Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. They assembled at the conventions of the United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.

The delegates to the Convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce represented 1,480 trade and local commercial organizations; 14,500 persons, firms, and corporations holding individual membership and a general membership of 50,000.

In the Manufacturers' Convention there were represented 312 of the most powerful manufacturing associations in this country.

The delegates to these conventions did not gather to talk. They were the elite of our capitalist class and they attended to their business in excellent fashion. Their business was to devise ways and means of increasing profits, intensifying the exploitation of the workers and crushing labor beyond any recovery. The speakers hit straight from the shoulder.

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Capitalists on Offensive

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In the mother-tongue of American Big Business, there are no such words as “watchful waiting.” Their business was to devise ways and means of increasing profits, intensifying the exploitation of the workers and crushing labor beyond any recovery. The speakers hit straight from the shoulder.

This is the outstanding impression I received as an observer of our captains of finance and industry at work in their national conventions.

With the holy water of Fascism, Mussolini to strike the keynote in the proceedings. Barnes extolled the “enterprising spirit” of American individualism. He harped to this spirit the development of America's great industries. A vicious attack on Soviet Russia took a good deal of time from Barnes.

Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, followed Barnes. Hoover waxed even more eloquent over American individualism and the menace of Government ownership.

J. E. Edgerton, President of the National Association of Manufacturers, swung away from the workers.

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Peaceful Meeting of Amalgamated Clothing Workers Attacked in 100 per cent Kansas City

(Special to “The Worker”)

KANSAS CITY, MO.—The American Legion has begun an extensive campaign to have the American Flag displayed daily on buildings and homes. It was magnanimously stated that all not complying with this dictum would be branded as “Reds.”

The American Legion USE THIS METHOD OF CAMPAIGNING the parties of Kansas City, it may result in something of a shock, as the homes and buildings not displaying the flag daily will be conspicuous those displaying it.

ORIGINAL SURVEY is to be supplemented as it far exceeds the “Kaiser” Burns' clumsy efforts of the past and present.

The dealers evidently have an over-abundant supply of American flags on hand, hence the “patriotic” interest in the disposal and distribution of the flags by the American Legion Street Service Organization, and those it represents.

It has become apparent that this patriotic, Street Service Organization is stimulating the activities of the local police department and is in close cooperation with them in their war on alleged “Reds.”

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers on strike here, were holding a peaceful meeting of membership only, when they were suddenly hit by the police and agents (in bounce) departed in disappointment.

Three large patrol buses were parked down the front of the houses ever since the beginning of their strike, and having six fellow-workers to defend themselves from the police. Several picketing were interrupted by this high-handed police action.

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As you know stands, their depravation may drive this American Legion Street Service Organization into existence. It is the existence by the manufacture of “degraded” persons and “radicals” whom it can arrest and thereby coddle the Employing Public's Farcy and thus maintain its right to shut out support in its “notoriously patriotic” activities.

Farewell Rally for Ruthenberg Awaiting Sentence Attend! Wednesday, May 30, 8 p. m. at St. Joseph, Mich. WEBSTER HALL, 1124 St.

Iron Heel of Master Class in Ohio Valley

(Special to "The Worker")

WHEELING, W. Va.—John Buba, a member of the Ohio Valley branch of the United Mine Workers and secretary of the South Branch branch of the Workers Party in this local area, has been convicted under the West Virginia "Red Flag" law of distributing seditious literature.

This vicious statute was passed by the West Virginia state legislature in 1919, and Comrade Buba's case is the first to be tried under it. Buba, almost 40, is not a native of the West Virginia area from which he was arrested. He is a member of the Communist Party, and his arrest was the result of a letter he wrote to the editor of the "Ohio Valley Worker" in which he attacked the government.

Sees Socialist Party in Retreat

(By Federated Press)

CHICAGO—The reported action of the Socialist Party in declining its invitation to convene at all labor parties and organizations is regrettable but will not interfere with our program, said Jay M. Harris, secretary of the Workers Party, in a statement today.

The national convention of the Socialist Party in New York seems to be running counter to the trend of labor feeling in this matter. The recent convention of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor demanded the formation of a Workers Party in order to represent the interests of conservative unions. They are accepting our invitation to discuss labor unity for industrial workers and have responded favorably.

"We shall be glad to welcome the Socialist Party as soon as it thinks the time for united action is here. We think the time is July 3rd, when convention opens to the Ashland Auditorium here."

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Back Caban's Stand Against Soviets

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front in his own state. The Chicago Farmer-Labor Conference followed the course of the Chicago Conference. The vote for maintaining affiliation with the Communist Party was 35 to 12. Those closest to Caban's Socialist Party to maintain its "purity." They didn't worry about Berger's trading with La Follette, or the attacks on Soviet Russia, they could overlook all these things if they could only maintain the isolation of the Socialist Party.

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Child Labor, Young Workers Urge

(By Federated Press)

CHICAGO—Opposition to Americanization and to the rule by the most extreme elements of the Communist Party was among the demands of the Young Workers League in second annual convention here. Resolutions were adopted on the abolition of child labor, the amendment of the National Labor Relations Act, and the establishment of a National Labor Council.

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The Government Shall Game

(By Federated Press)

It is a well known fact that Smith and his followers in the legislature have been warring with the Democratic administration since the election on a strictly anti-prohibition platform. The repeat of the Mullin-Cagan case became, therefore, the dominant question before the legislature during the past session. Miller, Smith's opponent, the personal view of his party platform, was the more vitally important, because his chief hope of success lay with the farmer class, and the Democratic administration is notoriously in favor of the enforcement of the prohibition measure.

Nevertheless, Smith and his colleagues showed a marked reluctance to support the passage of the bill for the double purpose of strengthening their foothold in New York City and of securing the support of their party, ordered its New York City delegation to vote in a man for the repeal of the Mullin-Cagan amendment.

So the ever republican politicians are in a position where they are compelled to act. What followed is a moral. Whether the lateness of one democratic assemblyman, which almost wrecked the carefully built-up majority, was accidental or not, it is hard to say. We are inclined to believe the latter. Be it as it may, the fact remains that the Republicans, by the typical old style leader, controlled the rank and file, stirring their worst passions in their rebellion aimed at them would be diverted to the trial issue. This is being carried on an unbroken extreme.

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A NEW COMRADE

By ROSE PASTOR STOKES

Six weeks ago, somewhere in Massachusetts, Comrade James P. Cannon, the founder of the Workers Party, was in the city of Boston. He was there to address a meeting of the Workers Party. He was there to address a meeting of the Workers Party. He was there to address a meeting of the Workers Party.

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Growing Poverty in Germany

By ISRAEL AMTER

Germany's workers are steadily being impoverished. Despite the fact that the mark was stabilized at about 25.20 to the dollar, the cost of living continues to mount, while wages hardly increase. Profits increase while children grow paler. Dividends grow and twenty-five more men are unemployed than in 1929. The workers complain and the Social-Democratic coalition government matters. The mark loses in buying power.

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The Government Strikebreaker

By JAY LOVSTONEY

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Farmers for Labor Party

Editor, The Worker—I am very much interested in your Labor Party discussion in "The Worker," and also in other papers. It certainly ought to be a success because of the necessity for it. Even some of the farmers would join a movement of the kind.

The Nonpartisan League is dead of course. Having spent six years together with the Communist Party and the Nonpartisan League, I am convinced that the farmer must organize for himself. It is not a matter of class lines. Times are advantageous for this because 90 per cent of the farmers are bankrupt and many of them are losing respect and property (capitalistic) rights.

Who should be able to get 4000 farmers in North Dakota to do anything together with the Communist Party, the next presidential election. If this proposition can be secured in the other states, we will have the whole country 340,000 farmers to support the industrial workers in the coming fight. The Communist Party is a K. K. G. N. D.

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Socialist Party National Convention Delegates Remain Silent in Face of Attacks on Soviet Russia

Cahan Rages in Attack on Soviet Rule

By H. M. WICKS

A compilation of the most luscious back stairs gossip against Soviet Russia, emanating from the journalistic house of prostitution of the entire capitalist world, combined with the rapid ravings of his own distraught mind, constituted the keynote speech at the opening of the 11th National Convention of the Socialist Party in New York City, Saturday, May 10.

Abraham Cahan, publisher of the Jewish (Socialist) Daily Forward, delivered this address in place of Morris Hillquit who is now in Europe.

Cahan, who was a delegate, was introduced by Algeron Lee as "that old, loved and trusted fighting Socialist comrade," and immediately launched in a tirade that was so poisonous, impenetrable and obnoxious, that the majority of the delegates were stunned.

Only the immediate associates of Cahan—the scoundrels of the New York Call and others who owe their existence as ornaments to the Socialist Party to the Hillquit machine—appeared pleased.

Otto Brautwiler, the national secretary of the Socialist Party, smiled at the most amusing and servile manner, while Cahan's character was graced by a trained baboon in each "barge of bilgewater hurled at the leaders of the World Revolution."



...nomous sums in a bank in Switzerland for future use."

In dealing with the Communist movement in America he again repeated the intonations he used to effect that the friends of Soviet Russia, the only working class organization in the United States effectively fighting the famine in Russia, are a gang of thieves and that the treasurer has now "received," and that hundreds of thousands of dollars were stolen outright by Cahan himself, so boasted his activity was responsible for the failure of the tool of the day of the friends of Soviet Russia, an admission that, if true, brands him as more contemptible than any other capitalist on the planet. The creature was not only deliberately conspired to "repeal" the tariff, upon the helpless children of the famine region in Russia, but has the audacity to boast of a complete reform professing to represent a part of the labor movement in this country.

Admits "S. P." Failure

As Cahan raved on, he began to perceive that his remarks were making a bad impression. He was glared at by the delegates, few in number and scattered about the hall, and shouted that the Socialist Party has failed. The fact that so few comrades are present is proof that we are a failure. But in spite of the present failure there is hope for Socialism in the United States today, the same as there was in England 30 years ago. Ignorant of the vast difference in the economic life of Britain of 30 years ago and the highly developed industrialism of the United States today, this chameleon endeavored to explain his weird notion of the creation of political parties. About the only intelligible thing he said was that "we have got to go about it in an Anglo-Saxon manner. Like the balance of the newspapers as the head of the Socialist Party, this fact imagines that the same here must be overcome in a different manner than elsewhere in the world. Cahan then deflated the British parliamentary leaders. J. Ramsey MacDonald, C. Co., for dining with the King of England and said that he would welcome the day when the same performance could be repeated here in this country. As there are no hereditary kings here in the British Empire, Cahan was obliged to point himself with the spectacle of Victor Berger and Morris Hillquit present, who he thought had got hold of the First Lady of the Land.

After this digression his disordered mind soon wandered back to his pet aversion, Soviet Russia and he concluded by asserting that a group in Russia had got hold of a good thing and did not want to give up, as most of them were grateful. "In dealing with the Communists we must always fight them. Never show them any favors, but knock them on the head." This advice seems to have been followed by the yellow leaders of some of the needle trades unions who employ sluggers

Cannon Tells of Cities About Russia

By NORMAN Y. CALLENDER
Organizer, District No. 9

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The visit of James P. Cannon, National Chairman of the Workers Party of America, to Minneapolis and Saint Paul brought out three of the best meetings that have been held in the Twin Cities for many months.

The tense and deep interest given the speaker during his talk gave evidence of the fact that the interest of the workers of America in the struggles of the Workers Republic is not abated. The clear and logical explanation which Cannon gave of the workings of the New Economic Policy was listened to with close attention, punctuated by bursts of applause, and approval as the speaker drew a picture of the steady and sure advance of the proletarian state to the world, as well as in internal affairs.

Cannon made no attempt to gloss over or evade the suffering and privation of the Russian masses during five years of Revolution, but explained clearly the fact that Russia, after her period of trial, is now emerging from the shadows and is on the road to still greater power and strength.

The listeners were eager to hear the details of the "NEP," and after Cannon had finished his talk, the speaker answering question after question in respect to the new development. The impression left by the speaker was one of renewed hope and confidence in the future of the Russian workers in their struggle with World Capitalism, and their struggle against wage slavery.

William H. Henry, the Indiana member of the Berger-Hillquit "ambassador" information committee, said that the Socialist Party was a member of the Vienna 21st International, which came at a dinner booth in the pool-hall of Milwaukee.

Finally Algeron Lee moved to order the speaker to be taken to the committee on resolutions. It was apparent that the discussion was reaching the danger point. Lee assured the delegates that in his opinion the Workers Party organizations will undoubtedly benefit materially as a result of the visit of their National Chairman to the Twin Cities.

New Attacks Show Russia's Need of Help

...DULUTH, Minn.—The Workers Party units of Superior and Duluth were arranged for entertainment with Youngster H. Talmont, at promoter's expense. He is a speaker for the Workers Party in the United States. The first meeting will be held at the Workers' Club, Duluth, on May 12, and the second in Superior, Workers Hall, June 10, also 8 p. m.

James P. Cannon gave a lecture here on "Russia Today," to an eager audience of 120 people. People who had been in this city before were talking like this: He is the best speaker that has been in this city and that the Workers Party will surely gain prestige among the masses of the workers with men of his type.

The trade union movement here is disgusted, due to the inability of the unions to protect the workers against the open shop attacks. The well known blacklisting system has been operating efficiently and the militant workers have been torn from the ranks, either to leave the place or else become subservient. What else can you expect in a steel trust town?

United Front at Boston

A United Front May Day Celebration was held under the auspices of the C. C. of Boston, Tuesday, May 1, 1923, at Lorimer Hall, Tremont Temple, Boston. Robert Minor was the principal speaker. Other speakers included: A. Konowick, Russian; J. Friedman, in French; and C. Samprinos in Italian. The hall was crowded to capacity. The collection amounted to \$342.22. When expenses were deducted there remained a net profit of \$236.87. This sum was divided equally among the four defense committees, namely: Russian Defense Council, National Defense Committee, Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee and the Merrick Defense Committee, Haverhill, Mass.

Defames Lenin and Trotsky

Practicing his attack with the declaration that the Bolshevik revolution was, at first an experiment and that he was anxious to see it succeed, but even then it was under the leadership of Communists, Cahan first asserted that most, but little regard for the Russian Revolution were sincere and then proceeded to contradict himself in the most brutal manner. Stopping to the gutter for epithets of degradation to hurl at Communist Lenin, Cahan declared that Trotsky is a "bombastic windbag" and that Lenin is a physical wreck and that his present physical condition "is undoubtedly due to his earlier complete moral collapse." There, in order that no one could mistake his cowardly attack upon Lenin, the mountebank Cahan, sneered derisively that the great leader of the Bolshevik revolution was a "muddled lunatic."

In almost any gathering of workmen on earth this vile attack would have been the signal for vigorous protests from at least a part of the audience, but in this Socialist Party convention the few workers present, almost all of whom were not at all, scarcely believing that they were professing to speak for the working class could see so low while the petty bourgeois elements remained motionless refusing to react to Cahan's obvious abuse for applause.

"Did you see in the papers above that \$13,000,000 fund sent out by the Bolshevik Government to corrupt the world?" asked Cahan. They received the latest piece of capitalist propaganda going the rounds against Soviet Russia. Baklanoff said that he had been asked for a report on expenditures, and he had given a simple minded fellow—a mere baby in intelligence."

Karl Radek, according to Cahan, is an adventurer who has a shad-ow in various European Parties and cannot be considered an honest man in any sense of the word.

Gregory Zinoviev, president of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, is the "rotten egg" of the whole Communist movement. "He shot 400 in Petrograd and some say he has deposited

and gangsters against the "left" opposition, but their own opinions are not shared by the delegates, who are looking at one another in bewilderment. Especially was the effect upon the out-of-town delegates noticeable. They had never heard anything to justify Cahan's assault upon Soviet Russia even from the most rabid capitalist propagandists.

This outburst, obviously official, coming from one of the foremost figures in the Socialist Party, brands him a potential assassin of the working class of the United States. Just as Scheidemann and Ebert in Germany perpetrated outrages against the revolutionary workers that even the Kaiser and his minions shrank from contemplating, the Hillquits, Berbers, Cahans, Onks, Lees and others of their ilk in this country "read beneath the vilest of capitalist birthings in their verbal assaults upon the vanguard of the working class. Potent assassins of the revolutionary workers, but not possessing the power to induce their aspirations, these soundbats at the head of the Socialist Party content them with the repeating and amplifying of the propaganda of the British government spy and newspaper correspondent, "Francis McGee," and the American detective and union smasher, William J. Burns.

Afraid of W. P. Communication

Secretary Otto Brautwiler announced that he had a communication from C. E. Rubenstein, secretary of the Workers Party, calling for a united front for labor. Instead of reading it he waited for action to be taken. Evidently the machinery was not in good working order for after a painful pause, Brautwiler announced that the communication was rather lengthy. Finally he read the communication with a motion to refer it to the resolutions committee. Then came a discussion of the International relations. Cahan here made two propositions submitted on the agenda. First that the delegates to the International Congress at Hamburg be instructed to vote in favor of unity of Socialists and Trade Union forces of the world. The second that the delegates be instructed to support the request of the Socialist forces for one International in the condition (1) that no party be admitted unless it specifically updates "Burgfrieden" or Social Peace; and (2) that no other condition be imposed.

William Karlin, a lawyer of New York, declared that the amendment to the second proposition to refuse to admit parties unless they repudiate Social Peace would exclude most of the leaders of the International and therefore it was not advisable to adopt it, thereby eliminating these "comrades."

Mayor Hoan Makes Blunder

Mayor Daniel W. Hoan, of Milwaukee, Victor Berger's man "Friday," asserted that both motions should be voted down, because Berger and Hillquit are now in Europe and can be trusted to act in the interest of the party at the Hamburg conference without instructions. "We have decided to hold aloof from all Internationals until one has been created that we can honestly join." The eminent mayor, whose historical achievement was his leading of the jingo Preparedness Parade in Milwaukee in 1916, is so ignorant of the Party to which he belongs that he did not know that the Socialist Party affiliated with the Vienna 21st International last year.

Ons declared that "no Socialist could oppose either of the propositions unless he could safely advocate the adoption of both propositions on the face of the Party to which he belongs the workers of the United States."

Thinking of Cahan's attack on California, with a plea to vote down both propositions. "Why should we, who have more than 12,000 members, presume to tell J. Ramsey MacDonald, and the leaders of the German Party that they should take care to ward their own government. We should not try to dictate to these

This is the gist of the appeal that is advanced by the Friends of Soviet Russia in the present nationwide campaign for tractors to be sent to the Soviet Republic. In the latest developments of world affairs it points out the complete justification for the attention to certain events before the American workers: "Cannons or Tractors?" Specifically it calls attention to certain events as an index to the entire situation.

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CANNON MEETINGS

James P. Cannon speaks at:
Monday, May 14, 8 p. m., Springfield, Ill.
Tuesday, May 15, 7 p. m., Chicago, Ill.
Wednesday, May 16, 7 p. m., St. Paul, Minn.
Thursday, May 17, 7 p. m., St. Louis, Mo.
Friday, May 18, 7 p. m., Kansas City, Mo.
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The Internationalism of Mr. Gompers

Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, has again shown his brand of internationalism by his statement in reply to the plea of the International Federation (Amsterdam) of Trade Unions for a general strike against war.

This is the same Gompers who up to his affiliation by the United States government with Woodrow Wilson's League of Nations and supports President Harding in his campaign to lure this country into the so-called World Court of justice, an offshoot of "The League."

Gompers is for internationalism for the capitalist ruling class. Any international action that will help the world banking cliques gets the approval of Gompers without his complete failure of... But for even the gesture against war, proposed by the Yellow Amsterdams, Gompers has nothing but rebuffs and denunciation. He declares that the internationalism of the workers is not... Those who think that it is possible to make effective a general and all-inclusive declaration that in the event of any war, no matter how defensive, there should be an immediate general strike of workers in all lands is an unreal and, and further, more, are seeking to promote a doctrine that is neither possible nor desirable to promote successfully.

These sound words of a big capitalist fighting labor not those of an official of labor. Discussion is permissible as to the extent and possibilities of world labor action. To say that such action is not possible is to confess belief in the complete failure of the working class struggle. To say that such action is not desirable is to play guilty to the charge of being a "Labor Lieutenant" of the capitalist class. Thus when Gompers says that world solidarity of labor is neither possible nor desirable, he is in fact completely out of the labor movement, and takes his place as a faithful tool in the ranks of the "open shop," anti-labor boss.

We are certain that large sections of the American labor movement are conscious of Gompers' active hostility to labor's real interests. Additional numbers of workers are waking up to the ever more hostile anti-labor role Gompers is playing. And in this awakening is born the strength being aroused in support of the campaign for Amalgamation, for a Labor Party, for the Organization of the Unorganized, and for world labor solidarity under the standards of the International Workers Order.

Gompers is himself dealing in unrealities if he fails to take notice of this rising tide.

Bryan's attendance at the Presbyterian General Assembly at Indiana, Ind., has been just one defeat after another. The churchmen even refused to endorse his anti-evolution campaign. But "Bill" Bryan can be depended on to discover another issue, albeit not a winning one.

A Victory for British Labor

The most militant section of the British labor movement has won an important victory in the King's appointment of Stanley Baldwin, rather than Lord Curzon, as premier to succeed Bonar Law, resigned.

It was only the powerful threat of labor, politically and industrially, that halted the decision to put Curzon, the King's foreign secretary, a die-hard foe of Soviet Russia, into power.

Curzon's attack on the International Workers Order in his 10-day ultimatum, bolstered with fabrications of falsehood such as only the British foreign ministry is capable of, was to be only the beginning. Curzon, if called to the head of the government, planned new aggressions against Soviet Russia.

The London Herald, the labor daily, had exposed warlike preparations, consisting of the dispatch of light cruisers and mine sweepers to Russian waters. The Daily Herald had been active in revealing the plots of British militarists ever since the manufactured protest of church and state dignitaries, on behalf of Butchkevitch, was sent to Moscow.

The Daily Herald showed that Great Britain was preparing for something more than a mere diplomatic rupture with Soviet Russia. When it made that charge it spoke for the 143 Labor Party members of the British House of Commons and for the 6,000,000 organized working-men and women of Great Britain.

Soviet Russia can get along without British recognition. The workers' Republic can even forego trade and financial relations with London. Soviet Rule can even stand against British imperialism and all its Paris allies. But it will mean another tremendous sacrifice for the workers and peasants of Russia.

But Curzon has been rejected. The selection of Stanley Baldwin indicates that the King's government is on the defensive. We can depend on the British workers to maintain their offensive. The Curzon, 10-day ultimatum will be jammed down the throats of British reaction. Krasin will stay in London. All of which should be an inspiration for the workers of the United States to push Washington into recognition of the Soviet Republic, that must have every possible opportunity to breathe and live, and grow to new strength.

Now it is \$2,000 German marks to the dollar, and still there are German "Socialists" in some other lands, who have hopes for the German capitalist republic.

Do you agree with us? Then join the Workers Party!

Let the Autocrat, Gompers, Be Taught He Is the Servant, Not the Master, of the Labor Movement

A Statement by the National Committee of the Trade Union Educational League

In his ultimatum to the Seattle Central Labor Council, Samuel Gompers gives one more illustration of his autocratic methods and reactionary policies. For a long time this central body has been an eye sore to Gompers. It has been exercising its rights within the A. F. of L. constitution, it has dared to break with the 19th Century labor unionism of Gompers and to think and act in accordance with our modern needs. It has endorsed amalgamation, it

has granted recognition of Soviet Russia, the Red International of Labor Unions, independent working class political action, and a host of other progressive policies. Because of this the Seattle central body has been marked for special effort, all too successful, has been made to narrow cell of his own restricted view of the labor movement. It is not only a narrow cell, it is a strait jacket of Gompers and to think and act in accordance with our modern needs, it has endorsed amalgamation, it

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parties in opposition to the... simply proven since more than a dozen... radical, Gov. William E. Sweet, Governor of Colorado... swept the election at the 1922 election. His election was paraded as one of the great achievements of the Gompers-La Follette-Keating "non-partisan" policy that fights the creation of a real labor party of the workers and farmers.

Even as late as its current issue, the Locomotive Engineers Journal, May, 1923, proclaims "Governor Sweet, a progressive Democrat, who is one of the most independent and liberal men elected last November, who will undoubtedly appoint a progressive Democrat to the senatorial office."

Edward Keating, democrat, former congressman from Colorado, now editor of "Labor", the railroad organ published in Washington, D. C., ran all the way home to Denver, in the hopes of having the senatorial mantle fall on him. It was Keating who led the fight against the Cleveland Conference for Progressive Political Action, against the admission of the Workers Party delegates, and against the building of an all-inclusive Labor Party.

But Keating's ambitions have fallen by the wayside. Gov. Sweet has not only remained true to the democratic party, but to the reaction within that party that controls its every action.

Keating's Gov. Sweet appointed the lawyer of the Santa Fe Railroad, Adams, who in favor of the anti-labor Black Capitalist International, the League of Nations, and takes a stand for an increased militarism and navalism. Thus the much-heralded "balance of power" in the U. S. Senate swings in favor of Wall Street and the "open shoppers."

It is hoped that the workers and farmers of Minnesota will do these things into consideration as they prepare for the special election of October 11, 1923. There will be a primary on June 18, an election July 16. A start was made in the right direction last November when Henrik Shipstead was elected Governor of the Farmer Labor Party. It would be a criminal betrayal of their own class interests for the exploited in the cities and on the land in Minnesota, to allow La Follette, Keating, Adams, or any of the Jewish "respectable" candidates to enter the race to go to the people's ticket. There must be nothing short of a workers' and farmers' candidate on a class ticket.

The Lowest Level Yet Reached

The declarations of the 11th National Convention of the Socialist Party mark a new and lower level reached by this anti-revolutionary organization in its downward plunge into the black pit of reaction.

The developing tendencies within the Socialist Party were clearly revealed by the decision to trail with the Gompers-La Follette-Keating-Johnson brand of old party politics and to sabotage the organization of the Farmer Labor Party.

But the lowest level in the denunciation of the Socialist Party was also registered by the convention's approval of the speech of Abraham Cahane, editor of the Jewish "Forward Daily Forward," Cahane's position is now well known. His endorsement and publication of the Frances McCullough articles dropped him into the secret conspiratorial midst of the Russian counter-revolutionary emigrants in this country.

Even Boris Bradol, head of Russian (counter-revolutionary) National Society, in this country, charged by Norman Hapgood of the International Magazine with forged and manufactured propaganda against the Jews, will applaud Cahane's speech before the Socialist National Convention. Thus Cahane again, even as in the publication of the articles of the few-hating Cullay, becomes an enemy of the workers of his own race. And his views are endorsed by the Socialist Party.

It is inconceivable that the organized "Socialists" should find lower depths into which to descend. But, no doubt, they will learn lessons from the reactionists of the Second (Socialist) International. They will in turn transmit these lessons to those who are still content to linger in an organization that conducts its major attack against the first Workers' Republic, the Russian Soviet Government, against the Communist International, and against its American section, the Workers Party.

That was and is the policy of Cahane's Forward. It has been accepted as the editorial policy of the New York Call. It has been endorsed by the Socialist Party in National Convention. Scheidemann himself could ask for nothing more.

A Vesuvius Shakes Fascism

Our American Fascist of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and National Association of Manufacturers, will be the first to learn of the troubles confronting their friend, Mussolini, and his dictatorship in Italy.

Black gold will seize upon Judge Elbert H. Gary, of the Steel Trust, as he hears of the "heavy deflections" in the words of the New York Times, suffered by the Mussolini front, that Gary claims ought to be copied in the United States.

For the Mussolini ship sinking. The whole case is shown by the recent rebellions within his own cabinet. It has been made very apparent again by wholesale desertions from the Fascist ranks in the Neapolitan district. Even the censored reports from Rome indicate that a Vesuvius eruption has hit the White Guard gangs of modern capitalist anti-labor Napoleon.

"The premier is greatly grieved," announces the N. Y. Times, recording the feelings of Mussolini. In such terms did Marc Antony speak at the bier of the dead Julius Caesar.

We cannot yet say that the Fascist Dictatorship is dead. But it is dying. It was and is a dictatorship of the minority, of the capitalist, few over the many, who even imported bull fights from Spain to amuse the disoriented multitudes, even as Nero and others tried in the centuries gone. But the promises of Mussolini have not been kept. The Italian lire, only in lesser degree, like the German mark, keeps falling in value. The demands of the Italian workers are not met.

The crumbling of the Italian dictatorship will proceed, slowly perhaps, but sure for the time being. The dictatorship will be truly the rule of the workers, the rule of the majority, that will triumph because it will be supported by the many.

gives the Administration all the news that... All mention of any... of "Red Flag" in the British House of Commons is strictly censored.

"Indecent Crime," "Miscarriage of Justice" Two Views of the Conviction of Ruthenberg

Edmund R. Brumbaugh in an editorial, "Ruthenberg Is Ready," in the Mid-West Labor News, Official Organ of the Nebraska Federation of Labor, Omaha Central Labor Union and the Women's Union Labor League, writes:

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The Government-Strikebreaker

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"Too long have the militants in the American labor movement turned to the countries of Europe for inspiration and leadership."

This sentence, from the forward to Jay Lovestone's new book, expresses one of the most serious handicaps under which the American labor movement has long suffered. The failure of the workers' studies of the functioning of the American capitalist state power against the organized working class has been a major handicap. It has been the actual facts of the workers' struggles in these United States.

A strike under these circumstances is not only unjustifiable; it is un-American. In 1920, the Palmer raid attacks, when thousands of American workers were jailed, red led the first act, the Open Shop with its American Plans, Welfare Club, and Company Unions, lays bare all the organizers the very vital of the employers' Associations.

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