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This Week's Prizes!

First Prize—An original DAILY WORKER cartoon by one of the noted American Communist artists, Robert Minor, Fred Ellis or Lydia Gibson.
Second Prize—"Social Forces in American History" by A. M. Simons.
Third Prize—"Lincoln, Labor and Slavery," by Herman Schluter.

THE PARIS COMMUNE OF 1871 AND THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

By M. PERLIN, Worker Correspondent. Fifty-five years ago, on March 18, 1871, the working men and women of Paris arose in rebellion and established the great Commune of Paris. They tried to abolish the French aristocracy who lived in luxury from the sweat and blood of the vast working population.

Kansas City Gets New Master for Its Utilities

(By a Young Worker Correspondent.) KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 17.—In the present stage of finance capitalism the ownership and destiny of local industries and firms are not controlled as in former times by local conditions. This can be aptly illustrated by pointing out the results of the recent collapse of a Wall Street pool that has given Kansas City a new master of its electric power and light utility.

FINE 'MOVIES' OBTAINED FOR COMMUNE NIGHT

Drama, Pictures, Songs of Labor Struggle

Pictures seldom seen in a capitalist "movie" show, scenes from the picket line, clashes between soldiers and the workers, events of European workers' persecution, stories from recent American labor history, such pictures will be shown for the first time in Chicago Friday night, March 19, at Ashland Blvd. Auditorium as part of the splendid program prepared for the Paris Commune memorial meeting.

Literature and Revolution

By Floyd Dell

LITERATURE is created by its readers as well as by its writers. The readers decide by their acclaim what writings shall be considered of importance. They acclaim those writings in which they find expressed their own deepest feelings about the world they live in.

INTRODUCE BILL TO LIMIT SCOPE OF INJUNCTION

To Allow Workers to Picket Shops

NEWARK, N. J., March 17.—A bill has been introduced in the New Jersey senate which would make it impossible for any judge to issue an injunction against strikers picketing a shop. The following bill also provides that any acts that are on the statute books that are inconsistent with the provisions of the proposed bill are to be considered repealed.

PARIS COMMUNE CELEBRATIONS

Cleveland to Hold Bazaar. CLEVELAND, March 17.—The Cleveland International Labor Defense will hold its annual bazaar and dance on Sunday, March 21, at Moose Hall, 1000 Walnut St., in celebration of the anniversary of the Paris Commune.

Six Commune Meetings in Minnesota District

(Special to The Daily Worker) MINNEAPOLIS, March 17.—The international labor defense meetings to celebrate the Paris Commune in District No. 9 will be held on the following dates in these cities: Sunday, March 21, 1 p. m., Chisholm, Minn.

Judge Sets Date for Determining How Much Len Small Owes State

(Special to The Daily Worker) SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 16.—What amount Governor Len Small owes the state of Illinois will be decided at a hearing to be started on May 12 before Master in Chancery Charles Briggie.

Ask Investigation by U. S. Into Death of Ex-Exalted Elk

(Special to The Daily Worker) LOS ANGELES, March 17.—Washington officials will be asked to investigate the death of Carl Reynolds of Huntington Park, a Los Angeles suburb, Chief of Police Williams of Huntington Park, declared today.

BRITISH COAL COMMISSION OFFERS MINERS CLASS COLLABORATION PLAN

By LELAND OLDS, Federated Press. The British industrial crisis still centers around the miners although half a million metal trades workers are threatened with a lockout which is just another phase of the employer offensive against union standards.

Stewart-Warner Firm Fires Two Workers for Resisting Wage Cuts

Two workers were fired at the Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corporation Fullerton Ave. plant when they went to the office at the head of a delegation of workers to protest against the wage cuts that had been posted on the shop bulletin board to take effect in the grinding room.

Chicago Workers Demonstrate

Chicago will hold a Paris Commune celebration at the Ashland Auditorium, Ashland Ave. and Van Buren on Friday evening, March 19 at 8 o'clock with Bishop William Montgomery Brown, Robert Minor, editor of the New DAILY WORKER Magazine, J. W. Johnston and others speaking.

To Celebrate Paris Commune in New York

NEW YORK, March 17.—The lessons of the Paris Commune and their meaning to the American working class will be taken up at Central Opera House on Friday night, March 19, by Comrades Olgin, Gitlow and Zack with William W. Weinstein as chairman. Harry Fox will tell the meaning of the lessons of the Paris Commune to the young workers.

Farmer-Laborite of Minnesota Loses in Senatorial Contest

(Special to The Daily Worker) WASHINGTON, March 17.—An unanimous report, recommending dismissal of the contest brot against Senator Thomas D. Schall, republican, of Minnesota, by former Senator Magnus Johnson, farmer-laborite, will be adopted by the senate elections subcommittee which investigated the charges, Senator Deneen, republican, of Illinois, chairman, announced this afternoon.

Al Smith Works Up All-American Canal As Campaign Slogan

(Special to The Daily Worker) ALBANY, N. Y., March 17.—Governor Al Smith's veiled attack on President Coolidge over the all-American ship canal from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic is regarded by republicans at the state capitol as a major move in the game being played by the governor to win the democratic presidential nomination in 1928.

Chicago Teachers Oppose Jingo Moves

Education for peace rather than for war is the unqualified demand for the teacher unions of Chicago in reply to the jingo resolutions of the board of education. The two unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor thru the American Federation of Teachers want their kind of training carried on "by means of education and sports rather than military training and by teaching the truth about the causes of war and its consequences."

Missionaries Insist on Right of Teaching Religion in Schools

(Special to The Daily Worker) SHANGHAI, March 17.—The China Christian Educational Association is trying to register the Christian schools in the country with the government bureau of education, as provided in the Chinese national regulations. As this law requires that religious instruction shall be non-compulsory a serious conflict has arisen.

I. L. D. HELPERS NEEDED TODAY!

WORKERS with hand and head and workers with automobiles—all are needed today and tomorrow at the local office of the International Labor Defense, 23 S. Lincoln St. Pluggers are to be distributed at the downtown street corners between 4 and 6 o'clock, broadcasting the news of the Paris Commune memorial meeting. And at 7 o'clock on both nights, Thursday and Friday, autos are to form a procession to advertise the meeting with torches and leaflets. The program at Ashland Auditorium on March 19 is worthy of a huge crowd. So please help to do your part in propagandizing!

CLEVELAND WORKERS COMMEMORATE THE PARIS COMMUNE by coming to MOOSE HALL, 1000 WALNUT AVE. March 21, Beginning at 2 P. M. Program as follows: GRAND BAZAAR opens 2 p. m. continuing to 11:30 p. m. SUPPER will be served from 5 to 6 p. m. Refreshments at all times.

THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE OF PHILADELPHIA invites you to commemorate THE PARIS COMMUNE on Saturday, March 20th, 1926, 8 P. M. at SLOVAC HALL, 512 FAIRMOUNT AVE. Speakers: Bertram D. Wolfe and Rebecca Grecht from New York, Rudolph Baker and Others.

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The Sharpening Situation in China

The tenseness of the situation in China becomes more sharp every day with the continued efforts of the foreign imperialists to crush the rising national revolutionary movement...

Leaving aside for the moment the question of the constant presence of foreign troops and warships on Chinese waters and land, with their implication of superiority, and domineering scorn for the sovereignty of the country...

No one should be deceived as to the basic factors involved. The bitter rivalry of the three great imperialist powers—England, America and Japan—on the one side, and the growing revolutionary Chinese movement on the other, are driving headlong towards a military conflict.

It lies, therefore, with Japan, which can hardly earn more hatred from the Chinese people than it already has, to take the first step, and all indications point to that as the likely development.

It is now twenty-seven years after the Boxer War. America is quite a different country from what it was then. Its interests are deeply rooted in China, just as are Japan's.

An Example of World Labor Solidarity

The news that the Swedish government has been obliged to take cognizance of the proposed legislation against foreign-born workers in America, thru the protest of the Scandinavian workers' organizations in this country and the forthcoming parliamentary interpellations which the Communist fraction in the Swedish Riksdag has announced will take place, is an example of the power of world labor solidarity.

It shows the importance of world unity of the working class, irrespective of individual or group political opinions, so that the toilers everywhere may be able to act as one powerful unit in the fight against the capitalist class.

The American workers must not wait for their European brothers to take the initiative in raising a protest against the cunning Aswell and McClintic bills for the registration, photographing, finger-printing and possible deportation of workers here.

The "native American" worker must lock arms with the foreign-born worker in this fight. They are already assured the support of their brothers on the other side of the ocean.

Every once in a while THE DAILY WORKER receives a letter, contribution, or publication of one of the innumerable nuts that infest the land of the free. Often, they expect comment. Well, here goes with one of them: "In Nizhni-Novgorod," writes one Chicago halfwit in his sheet...

While the workers of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics celebrate the ninth anniversary of the overthrow of the czar with a national holiday, the Fox News Weekly, an American film concern, shows its tender solicitude for the despot's family by displaying thruout the country a specially excavated film of the last doings of the corrupt and pervert court of Nicholas II.

Delegates Discuss the Report by Zinoviev

(International Press Correspondence)

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Feb. 22.—(By Mail)—The fourth session of the Enlarged Executive of the Communist International was opened today at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Comrade Brown (England): "I am in agreement with the theses in general. It would only be necessary to be a little more precise here and there. The theses paint the situation of English capitalism in rather too dark colors whereas its power of resistance is still very great.

The bourgeoisie is openly fingering off the mask of democracy. The proposal of the Independent Labor Party for an amalgamation of the Second and the Third Internationals is naturally out of the question, but we must nevertheless utilize this situation.

For this reason the socialist leaders want to gain time by their own united front proposal in order afterwards to break the real united front. The struggle against the offensive of capital and against unemployment must be connected with the struggle against the Locarno treaty and the Dawes plan."

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Our Public Schools -- By Sadie V. Amter

In the public schools of capitalist America study of child psychology is non-existent from start to finish, and the attitude of our pedagogues is that the child exists for the school—not that the schools for the child.

Use Corporal Punishment. The attitude of some of the teachers, does not tend to improve matters much for the children. In their conduct they appear to show as much impatience and bad temper as can be crowded into the school term.

Children are expected in such an atmosphere to learn something of discipline and self-control. They learn early to expect impatience and punishment from their teachers and principals and would be surprised to find anything else.

I have visited dozens of classes in different grades and different schools and I have spoken to as many teachers in the last few years. I have found that the children are considered and treated more or less like culprits, with the child as the accused and the teacher or principal as judge.

The three glaring faults of the schools (this refers especially to the primary grades) are as follows: first the hostile attitude of many teachers to the children, which I have described, second, the constant restraint of motion for the child and thirdly, the backwardness of the methods of teaching with the utter lack of understanding of child-psychology.

Speed-Up Systems in Schools. Take a little summary of the system. Forty or fifty children are asked to sit straight and pay attention for

Railroad Shopmen Protest Bad Conditions

(Special to The Daily Worker) SILLERICA, Mass., March 17 — As the Boston & Maine railroad makes its 93rd annual report, showing a net income of over five millions last year, shopmen of the road are meeting to complain of intolerable conditions of work.

Right and Left

The contributions made to the discussion on the report to the enlarged session of the executive of the Comintern made by Comrade Zinoviev, shows the diversified problems with which the parties of the International are confronted and how they are proceeding to solve them.

The British brother party, with its correct application of the policies of the Comintern, has shown itself to have made the greatest steps forward in the increase of its influence and power among the proletariat of England.

workers who were expelled in his company must be taken back into the party. The opposition stands with the Comintern, nevertheless the new course contains dangers which must be fought.

The party organization in Wedding stands upon the basis of the Leninist workers. The basic tendencies of the open letter are correct, nevertheless the letter attacked workers who represented a particular policy.

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crushed out in childhood, and they start demanding that kind of obedience found in the public schools. They want workers who will not easily be awakened to ideas and who are unable to analyze a situation because they have never been taught to think or analyze.

The millions of school children in this country will become the future millions in mines and mills and factories. Long hours of work will be demanded of them.

The teachers should realize that they are suffering from the same injustice directed against the working class child by the capitalist controlled school system and line up with the children for the betterment of conditions in the schools for both.

Marianna Miners Protest Against Anti-Alien Bills

MARIANA, Pa., March 17—At the last meeting of Local No. 2874, United Mine Workers of America, after long discussion a resolution was adopted protesting against the anti-foreign-born bills now pending before congress.

The resolution calls upon all for eign-born workers to join trade unions, and calls for united action against the bills on the part of the workers regardless of race, nationality, or political opinion.

Marianna is a mining town now carrying on a bitter struggle against the Bethlehem Steel Corporation which is making an effort to operate its mines under the 1917 scale by importing scabs.

Hancock Farmers Call for Alliance to Fight Fascism

HANCOCK, Mich., March 17 — The Farmers' Co-Operative Trading company at their annual membership meeting joined in the universal protest against the fascist terror in Italy and called for an international gathering to lay plans to combat fascism.

"Thirdly, there is Asia and the northern Africa colonial district with great revolutionary activity which can if the proletariat is able to seize power, lead to the formation of states similar to the soviets.

"Fourth, there is Europe, where the eclipse of capitalism has proceeded the farthest.

"The year 1925 has brot a certain progress in the stabilization of capitalism, however the time is too short to tell whether this process of stabilization will proceed or whether it is but a short interlude before the final collapse of the bourgeoisie.

CAPITALISM uses three shields to defend itself against the attacks of the proletariat: (1) the state apparatus; (2) the petty bourgeoisie and the peasantry; (3) the social democracy.

"In the countries where the Communist Parties have no possibilities of legal work it is the chief task of the Comintern to fight for these possibilities and to approach the question of work amongst the masses.

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Civilizing "Savage" Liberia



Hundreds of sky-scraping praises of the Firestone rubber interests, are telling of the protection that the rubber magnate will give the Liberians and of the great "civilization" that will come to "savage" Liberia with the development of the vast rubber plantations.