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Mpls. Labor Slams Union-Busting Campaign

S. Africa Comrades Fight War

Arrested for Active Support of Boycott against Italy

BULLETIN
Five members of the Lenin Club of South Africa, adherents of the Fourth International, have been arrested and are now facing trial. They spoke on the question of the Native Bills. The charges have not yet been enunciated. Since the meeting was orderly, it appears they may be tried for sedition.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa.—The Italo-Abyssinian conflict continues to be the most important issue facing the South African proletariat. Because of our situation we are directly affected by any conflict on the African continent. It is our propaganda at present is therefore centered around this question.

Undoubtedly the South African workers and especially the native and colored workers are prepared in a militant fashion to demonstrate their solidarity with the Ethiopian people. Recently the Stevedores and Dock Workers Union of Cape Town passed a resolution to refuse to handle any goods destined for Italian East Africa. The Communist League immediately issued a special edition of the Workers Voice in support of the dock workers. A thousand of these were distributed free in the working class areas. Ours was the first organization to come out in support of the dockers' action.

The workers of Luderitz took similar action and refused to load any Italian vessel. The police immediately offered them the alternative of going back to work or arrest. The majority of the workers went back but a number preferred to go to prison. The Communist League sent the following telegram to the Luderitz workers:

"Communist League congratulates you on magnificent stand. Condemn police action."

We are preparing for an organized protest against the terrorist action of the police.

Sabotage Workers Action
In face of the militant mood of the workers, the stand taken by the so-called working class parties is indicative of the demoralizing influence which these parties have on the South African workers' movement. The South African Labor Party has not uttered one word on the matter. The Communist Party, like the Stalinists everywhere, is preparing to lead the workers on the road of social-patriotism. Recently the Stalinist controlled League Against War and Fascism, held a

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French C.P. Pleads with Laval to Jail the Fascists

Stalinists Outraged by Fascist Insistence on "Right of Insurrection"; See Salvation in "Purification of Police Force"

By H. F. ROBERTS
"Let no one try to intimidate us. At the present time it is insurrection which is legal."

"Insurrection is the most sacred duty!"
The voices speaking are those of French Fascists. In the mouths of revolutionary workers what meaning these words could have! But how do the French Stalinists react to these lines?

L'Humanite quotes them (Oct. 24) and adds:
"As incredible as it seems, this declaration has not been made a case for the courts."

Incredible as it seems!
Here is another Fascist quotation:
"The best way of succeeding is through violence. We will mobilize the tractors and use them as tanks."

Does L'Humanite remark, perchance, that the only thing wrong with these words is that they come from a Fascist instead of from the leaders of the French proletariat? No, friends, that would be outright counter-revolution. "Laval did not see in it (the Fascist declaration) a plot against the state. No prosecution took place."

Demand "Arrest" of Fascist!

The Stalinists want Laval to arrest de La Rocque. They want him to bring these naughty Fascists plotting against the state into the courts of the French bourgeoisie. And why not? Pick up another copy of L'Humanite. It is the issue of Oct. 23. Once again on the menace of a Fascist coup d'etat. What has Vaillant-Couturier to say?

"Once again our party, in the face of this plot against the safety of the state, concealed by M. Laval, declares itself ready to throw all its forces alongside of those ALL THOSE (emphasis in original)—H. F. R.) who are determined to repulse this plot and maintain order."

A little further on: "Mass action must obtain the liquidation of the Fascist League and the arrest of their leaders."

How?
"Vigilance. Coolness. Discipline. Union of all those who wish to defend the Republic!"

Such are the Stalinist slogans. Let the incredulous pick up any current issue of the leading Stalinist organ outside of Moscow and any day he can read the same kind of foul drivel.

Decree Laws—Against Workers

On Oct. 23 Laval issued a series of decree laws, already dealt with in a previous article in these columns, ostensibly aimed at the Fascist leagues. These decrees were aimed at and will be used against the workers. They were issued on

that particular date because Laval had to give Herriot something with which to come before the Radical Socialist party congress. This was (Continued on Page 2)

CONFIRMED!

Times Reporter Says News-men Get No News at All

Harold Denny, New York Times correspondent in Harar, Ethiopia, has indirectly confirmed the statement in the NEW MILITANT two weeks ago that all news from Ethiopia is censored, tampered with, inspired and even directly written by Mussolini's agents.

After speaking about a wholesale exodus of "disappointed war correspondents" and camera men from Ethiopia... "one of the greatest and most expensive flops in journalistic and newsreel history." Denny states the reasons for their departure in the New York Times, Sunday, Nov. 10:

"The reason is the almost complete absence of reliable news within the country and the inability to get even near the scene of fighting. . . .

"The causes of this situation are first, the congenital distrust of whites, partly due to the fear that the whites might eventually dominate the country like the rest of Africa and due to the shady characters of many of those from the Near East who have come here in times past seeking fortunes. United with all this is the fear of spies—and we all are suspect.

"Second . . . the great anxiety that foreigners might be killed. . . .

"In Harar, which is the nearest place to the front we are now allowed to penetrate, the activities of correspondents and camera men are rigorously circumscribed. The latter are not even permitted to take the most innocent pictures—and Harar is 200 miles from the nearest fighting, if any.

"So . . . Denny concludes, "treated very courteously by all classes except for an infrequent scowl or frown or even a rare stone thrown at our gait—we sit waiting for the big story which may never happen and which we probably will not be permitted to see if it does."

Here we have it from a reliable correspondent by obvious implication that news from the Ethiopian side is either the brain-child of some impatient, ambitious reporter or cooked up in the headquarters of the Italian General Staff.

It seems in Ethiopia too, no news is good news.

Overflow Meeting Backs 574

Biggest 'Peacetime' Gathering Roars Complete Solidarity

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 8.—The offensive of the old-line, reactionary craft-union A. F. of L. bureaucrats against the progressive, militant leadership of the general drivers union, Local 574, was met this evening by a mass meeting in which the machinations of Meyer Lewis, personal representative of William Green were exposed. The mass meeting, held in Local 574's hall, was attended by almost four-thousand workers—accommodated on two floors and outside of the hall by means of a loud speaker—and was addressed by numerous leaders in the labor labor movement.

Bill Brown Chairman

The chairman of the meeting, Bill Brown, president of the union, opened the meeting by declaring that Green-Lewis and Company had formed a "united front with the Citizens Alliance in order to break up everything 574 had gained for its members. Lewis said that Minneapolis is the worst spot in the United States. It is—for Citizens Alliance. But it is now the best place for the workers. Before 574 went on strike in 1934, Minneapolis was the worst place for the workers. 574 changed the picture. Now, whom do the workers go to when they are in trouble? Only one place, to 574. To whom do the Citizens Alliance go to when they are in trouble? Why to the corrupt and reactionary leadership of the A. F. of L."

Brown then introduced Ruben Latz, business agent of the Dry Cleaners Union. Lewis had announced the day before that this union had been purged of its Communist leadership. The next day, Lewis announced that the federal charter of the Dry Cleaners Union had been revoked.

Speech of Ruben Latz

"We have the honor to be purged," Latz began. "We told Lewis that his methods were not correct. He came to our executive committee and threatened to revoke our charter unless we severed all relations with 574. We said to him, 'We have no authority to do the things you demand. We represent the workers in our union, and we carry out their decisions. We will gladly permit you to appear before the members. They will decide, and we shall abide by their decisions.' But, no, Lewis would not appear before the workers. He threatened us in many ways, and said, 'I bring to you a mandate by virtue of the authority vested in (Continued on Page 3)

Latest Facts on Mpls.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 10.—Following are the important developments of the week:

Three representatives of International unions have arrived and joined Lewis.

The Laundry Workers Local charter has been revoked; the Laundry Workers have issued an appeal to back 574.

Lewis has appeared before a number of business men's clubs, and various open-shop groups seeking support for his campaign.

William Green issued a statement in Washington denying that the Minneapolis "red purge" was part of a national drive to rid the federation of "reds". "The drive possesses only local significance," he said.

The Minnesota Leader (state organ of the Farmer-Labor party) came out with a front-page article denouncing Lewis' tactics and linking Lewis with an attempt on the part of the two old capitalist parties to break up the third-party movement in Minnesota.

The Minneapolis Labor Review (organ of the Central Labor Union) completely ignored Lewis' presence in town, saying not one word about him or his campaign.

T. E. Cunningham, president of the State federation of labor, denied that he knew anything of the plans of Lewis, and that he himself would disapprove any attempt to oust progressive trade unionists fighting for industrial unionism.

Denial by six members of the Teamster's Joint Council (which Lewis claims has pledged to reorganize the Drivers Union in Minneapolis) that Lewis has ever spoken to them or that they have ever seen him.

A great overflow mass meeting of the members of the progressive unions in Minneapolis, held Friday night at Local 574's hall, pledged solidarity against the splitting tactics of Meyer Lewis, Green and Tobin.

V. Dunne Lashes Fakerdom Before Mpls. Mass Meeting

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 8.—As workers are divided into small, weak craft unions. The workers sensing this fact, have entered into the A. F. of L. hoping that it would provide them with the industrial form of organization. They found that the craft structure of the A. F. of L. stood in the way. Ten to fifteen million workers stand ready to be organized—but they want industrial unions so they can strike back effectively at their exploiters.

Drive for Industrial Unionism

"Now some union leaders have felt this pressure coming from the workers—John L. Lewis, Dubinsky, etc. These men understand that the workers are determined to drive forward to real industrial unionism. Therefore they have brought the issue into the open because they are interested in maintaining their positions in the unions. This split has tolled off, like a death bell, the fate of Green, Hutcheson, and other arch-reactionary craft-union fakers. They understand that their life in the organized labor movement is limited to months unless they can tear the unions apart, terrorize the workers, and strike fear into all of those who are making the drive for industrial unionism.

"At the last convention they decided that they would have to strike and strike fast. They decided to throw their whole resources into the battle. They decided, also, that they had to make a spectacular start—to begin with a bang. They had to write in letters of fire across the sky that it meant death to any worker who dared raise his (Continued on Page 3)

F.-L. Paper Trounces Bill Green

Laundry Workers Solid Despite Revocation of Charter

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 10.—Almost two weeks have passed since William Green's representative, Meyer Lewis, began to the accompaniment of newspaper headlines his Holy War against the progressives in the Minneapolis trade union movement. To date, Lewis can record a discouraging lack of progress in his efforts to "purge" the labor movement. Accompanied only by the applause of the Citizens Alliance and the boss press, the representative of Mr. Green announced late yesterday that his plans for advancing the campaign against "communist leadership in Minneapolis trade unions" would be taken up with leaders of the State Federation of Labor. He said he expected the A. F. of L. to send other representatives to Minneapolis to take part in the drive.

Reasons for Drive Clear

The main reasons behind this latest vile attempt to split up and cripple the local trade union movement are becoming increasingly clear to the members of Minneapolis trade unions. At 574's mass meeting, these reasons were driven home by speaker after speaker.

First, the Minneapolis labor movement hasn't lost a strike in two years, since Local 574 first came on the scene. This is the only large city in the country with such a clean and magnificent record of labor victories. The dramatic struggles waged in this section have captured the imagination of the masses of American workers, and they are demanding that their unions follow out the same militant class-struggle policies that have proved so successful here. This drive against militant leadership in unions is planned by the Greens to save their jobs.

Secondly, Minnesota is the only state that has broken politically with the two old boss parties and has built up an independent political party. The mass base for the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party lies in the trade union movement, and especially in the Minneapolis union workers. It has been pointed out that William Green is a Republican wheel-horse working together with Daniel Tobin and Executive Council politicians on the other Democratic of the A. F. of L. to make a drive on Minnesota on behalf of the old capitalist parties for the coming elections. They know that the best way to do this is to split the labor movement, to weaken it by driving from its ranks the most militant and devoted fighters.

Laundry Workers Stick to 574

On Thursday, Lewis revoked the charter of the Dry Cleaners Local No. 18005, after he and H. A. Bradley, president of the national council of petroleum workers had earlier given a clean bill of health to the Gasoline Station Operators Local No. 19802, which has just negotiated a contract with local employers.

Rubin Latz, business agent of the dry cleaners locals No. 18005 and No. 183 of the Cleaners and Dyers, stated that "we are not communists. The reason for this action is our friendship with 574." Norman Carle, chairman of the executive board of the Laundry Workers, issued a vigorous statement denouncing Lewis, saying:

"Lewis has demanded that we repudiate Local 574. This we flatly refused to do because 574 has been one of our most valuable friends and allies. We consider that they have contributed mightily to organized labor in Minneapolis, and that they are deserving of full support in their effort to win reinstatement in the A. F. of L. We believe that the attack by Meyer Lewis upon 574 is absolutely unjustified and clearly detrimental to the interest of Minneapolis workers. We therefore refuse to become a party to any such disruptive program. Our union was organized under the A. F. of L. and it is our desire to remain a part of that body, but we will not permit ourselves to be stripped of all union principles to do so."

According to Latz, the Laundry Workers Union will continue to (Continued on Page 4)

To the Soldiers and Youth of Italy!

MANIFESTO OF THE ITALIAN BOLSHEVIK-LENINISTS

Many of you have fallen in Africa; many more will suffer the same fate. You were told this was no war but merely an expedition, an excursion, that would lead to land, glory, and prosperity. What lies!

Forty years ago they told your fathers the same lies. They repeated them during the Tripolitan war in 1911, and during the World War of 1915-1918, which cost Italy 600,000 men. After forty years of suffering, misery, privation, and martyrdom, the Italian ruling classes have nothing to offer you, our sons and brothers, but to send you to the equator to die of fever, sunstroke, and thirst; to send you against a people who have done you no harm; a people who are themselves struggling to wrest a living from their barren lands.

Don't answer as the Fascists have taught you, "Me no frego" (I don't give a damn). Your masters and exploiters who have sent you to die in Africa don't give a damn for your lives; they are only worried about their profits. Is it really necessary to kill one another for the profit of these gentlemen back home who are flaunting the fortunes they have amassed at your expense, at our expense?

The band of demagogues, swindlers and murderers, who alone stand to gain by this war that is

killing you, say that Italy is too small for our people, that she must have a place in the sun. But we are not poor because our sun is poor, or because our land is poor. Take the largest empire in the world, England, of which you hear so much these days. What is the fate of the peasants of this empire? What is the fate of our brothers, the English workers? They are as exploited and poverty stricken as we. Just the other day the Welsh miners went on a hunger strike in the bottom of their mine, risking their lives for a little wage increase. The cause of our misery is this system of robbery and exploitation founded on profits, the capitalist system. Even "Il Duce," that unscrupulous old demagogue, capable of any deceit, is forced to proclaim that the cause of our poverty is the capitalist system. But what then? Why do we have Fascism? The capitalist system is based upon robbery, upon exploitation of the workers, upon private property. It is to defend this system of robbery and exploitation that Mussolini lends his support to your exploiters, the manufacturers, the landowners, the bankers, those who are now sending you to die in Africa. You have been deceived with talk of collaboration and equality between those who work and those who live by the work of others. The Fascist

corporations are a lie. There is not and cannot be equality or collaboration between exploiters and exploited. The Fascist state is an exploiters' state. The Stalinists and Communists, those whom Mussolini has killed, whom "Il Duce" has persecuted, imprisoned and tortured, fight for the workers' state.

Enough of Division Among the Workers. Let Us Unite, Unite Yourselves with All Peoples Who Suffer and Toil.

You have been given arms to kill Negroes who are as poor and miserable as we. Don't give up your arms! Judgment day has sounded for the real enemies of the Italian people. These enemies are not three thousand miles away in the middle of Africa, they are not the Ethiopian people; these enemies are at home, in Italy; they are the wealthy men, the big landowners, the bankers, the manufacturers, all those who live by our sweat, the Fascist leaders, Il Duce and his band of swindlers and crooks; all the profiteers of the royal and military circles. In Italy, not in Abyssinia, there is work to be done, a rotten system to be cleaned up!

Mussolini has told his bandit rivals that he isn't "collecting deserters." And we? Are we to collect Ethiopian bullets for the Italian capitalists? We want a "place in the sun," but that place is not in Africa; it is in Italy that we must win it.

Instead of going to your death in the arid mountains of Africa we say: Look for your land at home, in Italy. Don't take the land from the poor Ethiopians—and may they keep it from being taken. Take the land from the nobles, counts and dukes and landowners of Italy; the land that you and your fathers worked so that these nobles could lead a merry life in the cities.

Before trying to liberate the Abyssinian slaves we must abolish our own slave system. Don't you know that the Ethiopian slaves, those that still exist, are far better off than you? The Ethiopian slave is kept and fed by his master. And we? We belong to our masters, who can just as well decide our fate. But when we are no longer any use to them in making profits they throw us out in the street; they throw us away like old clothes. They are sending you to people the Ethiopian deserts with corpses in order to get rid of you. That is "the place in the sun" you are offered.

No, we cannot bring civilization and liberty to others as long as we tolerate this barbarous slave system, the capitalist system and its watchdog Fascism, among ourselves.

Throw the de Bonos, Cianos, and the Grazianis, the whole bloody band into the sea; fraternize with the Abyssinian soldiers; return from Africa and don't give up your arms.

There is another, a fairer and more glorious war to fight, the only just war, the war of the working people against their tyrants, against their exploiters, the war of liberation of the Italian people from capitalist tyranny and for the new society, the workers' state, the socialist society.

Soldiers and youth of Piedmont, of Lombardy, of Apulia, of the Isles, follow the example of the Abyssinian people, these people whom they call "savages." Yes, they have shown you they know how to fight "savagely" for their liberty, their land, their independence. Learn from these "savages"; fight for your liberty; turn your guns against your oppressors, fight for your land and your bread; liberate Italy by liberating yourselves from capitalism.

Enough of slavery "Giovanezza," this song of singing and death. Learn "Bandiera Rossa," the song of your fathers, the song that makes your exploiters, your real enemies, the generals, the manufacturers and the big landowners tremble with fright.

With "Bandiera Rossa" you will conquer, you, working class Italy, will conquer.

In Italy you will seize the land. In Italy you will take the factories. Where your fathers and brothers allied in 1920 through weakness, ignorance and through treacherous leaders, you will succeed.

Do you believe that you will not be able to govern alone? Form your committees of workers and peasants, your soldiers committees. A government of workers, peasants and soldiers committees will know better how to govern than a state composed of Fascist degenerates living on the working people and guarding the capitalist system.

Down with Fascism, the exploiters' state!

Down with Mussolini, traitor to socialism and to the Italian people; the lackey of the bankers; the oppressor of the workers and poor peasants!

Down with the monarchy and its camarilla!

Down with the Imperialist War in Africa; Long Live the Civil War in Italy! Long Live the Republic of Workers, Peasants and Soldiers Councils of Italy!

—The Italian Bolsheviki-Leninists.