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## BRITISH LABOR UNIONS REJECT DIRECT ACTION

Trade Union Congress Makes Definite Decision—Revolutionary Policies Denounced.

Word comes from London that the British Trade Union congress at last Thursday's session rejected the "direct action" proposal of the Miners' federation by a vote of 3,870,000 to 1,050,000. Not more than one or two small groups supported the miners. The engineers, textile workers, railwaymen and general workers were overwhelmingly hostile.

Frank Hodges, secretary of the Miners' federation, moved the adoption of the "direct action" resolution in a speech which obviously revealed him as a man supporting a cause which he knew was hopelessly lost. Tom Mann, secretary of the Engineers' union, who advocated a strike, made a wild and declamatory speech which the delegates treated as a burlesque. The general feeling in the conference was that rejection was so certain little time was wasted in debate.

Nevertheless the advocates of political action took nothing for granted. J. H. Thomas, J. R. Clynes and Tom Shaw spoke with powerful conviction against the subversive and revolutionary policies which would range all other classes in Britain against a divided and discredited labor party. The discussion generally was on a high plane. The action of the conference, it is believed, will repair the damage that was done the labor party in the recent by-elections by the threat of "direct action."

Mr. Hodge of the Miners' Federation commanded considerable attention when he reproached the other unions for devoting all their energies to raise wages and for ignoring the fundamental problems underlying the cause of high prices. He blamed the government for forcing the miners to take up "direct action."

### IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, the Divine Creator in His great wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved and esteemed Brother Godfrey R. Oreson. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Butchers' union, local 12, in meeting assembled, do tender our heartfelt sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family of the deceased in the great loss of a husband and father. Be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy be mailed to the Labor World for publication.

BUTCHERS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 12  
LEO. BERNHARD, Secretary.

## BASE WAGES ON COST OF LIVING

Mine Workers' Journal Insists That Labor Is Entitled to Chance for Progress.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 18.—Shall the workers' wages be based on the cost of living or shall he be permitted to progress? asks the United Mine Workers' Journal.

"If the workers were to accept as final a wage fixed solely on a cost-of-living base, he would be but a degree removed from the position of a slave," says this labor paper.

"If we were compelled to battle, day in and day out merely to be able to work, eat and sleep, to feed hungry little mouths at home and to provide enough clothing to keep himself and family warm, what opportunity would there be for the worker to develop his mentality, to raise himself from the rut wherein he would accept a position as his station in life from which he could hope for no betterment? All interests, both civic and political, would be submerged by the greater necessity of providing for the daily animal needs.

"If the worker is to be regarded as a man instead of a chattel, if his rights are to be safeguarded instead of being violated, then it is only fair to allow him the full prerogatives to which he is entitled."

## SEA FOOD WORKERS GET 20 PER CENT INCREASE

NEW YORK, March 18.—Salt water fish workers (handlers) have advanced wages 20 per cent after an eight-days' strike. Their union is recognized and extra rates are provided for overtime and Sunday work. Knife men in the same calling have advanced wages 30 per cent without suspending work.

Fresh water fish workers have secured recognition of their union and advanced wages eight per cent. Oyster and clam workers have made similar gains, besides improving working conditions that will permit them to make an additional 20 per cent in wages.

TEAMSTERS STRIKE. WHEELING, W. Va., March 18.—Several hundred teamsters were forced on strike as a result of the anti-union attitude of employers. The teamsters recently organized.

## Turning Back the Clock for All Those Home-Builders Who Know They Need New Rugs

A breath of old times in this. We schedule for the March selling of all kinds of Rugs and Carpets—prices which are far below today's market—and start the sale off tomorrow morning. A thousand more words could not do justice to the importance of this event to those who build themselves "more stately homes" as the years pass by. Read, and let your judgment be your guide.

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Palisade Seamless Velvets, 9x12... 47.50  
Kirman Seamless Axminsters, 7-6x9... 34.75  
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## WORK 'AMERICAN PLAN' IN IDAHO

Employers' Association Starts 'Open Shop' Fight, But Closes Plants to Union Men.

The fight to crush the power and influence of union labor has extended into Idaho. The attack comes from both the east and the west. It is the same old "open shop" subterfuge, with the shops of the union haters closed to union labor. A communication on the subject was read by acting reading clerk, H. R. Tinkham, at the meeting of the Federated Trades assembly last Friday evening.

The assembly voted to request The Labor World to publish the communication which is sent out by the Idaho State Federation of Labor and endorsed by every city central labor union in the state. It reads as follows:

"This is to inform your organization that the industrial despots, haters of labor who would destroy unionism, sponsors for the misnamed 'American Plan,' have recently begun their activities in Idaho and in several of our towns and cities where trades unionism has been effective, have declared for an open shop policy. The 'open shop' declaration is a subterfuge. The object is to crush labor. To combat this menace, unionists of Idaho are appealing for assistance.

"We are not asking for financial aid. What we are asking is that fellow craftsmen from other states remain away from Idaho until we win the fight. We can win—we are winning now—but to wage the fight to a successful conclusion, we must thwart the attempt of employers' associations to flood the state with misleading advertisements as to labor conditions here.

"Our state is small in population a score or more of men brought into a score or more of men brought into every town would flood the state with unemployed men unless they choose to work under conditions laid down by the open shop advocates. To prevent this flood of men whom the employers' associations will doubtless endeavor to persuade here, we are asking all craftsmen to investigate conditions before coming to any section of Idaho."

## SAYS TEACHERS MUST STAND UP

Writer in American Teacher Holds Good Can Not Come Save Through Own Efforts

NEW YORK, March 18.—There is only one way for the American teacher in his present difficulties and that is to stand up, says Edwin J. Brunner, writing in the American Teacher.

"Through his own efforts, not through the charitable efforts of others, he must compel society to dignify adequately and to recompense him adequately.

"Which is the mere American—to slink away one by one, or to stay on the job and unite to secure rightful dues owed by society to the educators of future society?

"Wherein is manifested any American spirit in waiting until outside professions are so alarmed about your status that they take up the cudgel and wield it for you?"

BINDERY WORKERS OUT. AUGUSTA, Ga., March 18.—Bookbinders and bindery women have suspended work to enforce wage increases that will re-establish pre-war living standards.

## ASK PRINTERS TO HELP MACHINISTS

Local Union Requests Print Shop Employees to Assist Them In Hot Fight.

The local union of Machinists is in receipt of a request from Machinists' union, No. 45, of Newark, N. J., to advise the fact that the Humana and Klymax feeders used on job printing presses are made by non-union machinists. Workers in the printers' trades are asked to assist in a campaign to influence the Humana company of Newark to unionize its factory.

According to information received from the Newark union the machinists employed by the Humana company have not been identified with union labor. They recently joined the Newark Machinists' union and shortly after presented to the company a demand for the eight-hour day, an increase in wages over the present rate of 60 cents an hour and recognition of the union. Two conferences were held with officers of the company, and without any intimation on the part of the union that drastic action would be taken, the company on March 1, locked out the entire shop.

Appeal is made to members of the printing trades to interview representatives of the Humana company, when visiting the printing shops of Duluth and notify them that union labor is discouraging the use of the Humana and Klymax feeders so long as they are made by non-union machinists. The local Machinists' union would appreciate reports on the results of the work against this firm here.

## BLEATING TOM BLANTON IS JOKE OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Blanton of Texas is a joke in the house of representatives. He maintains the spotlight when only one objection by a member of the house is necessary to defeat a wage increase that is attached as a "rider" to an appropriation bill. Blanton's other "long suit" is to talk on everything and object to everything that means an expenditure of money.

Last week one of his colleagues stated on the floor of the house that "we ought not to criticize the gentleman from Texas for complaining about a rule which for four hours did not permit him to make a speech."

The house cheered this statement and Blanton subsided—for the moment.

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## UNION MOBBERS ARE ARRESTED

Detective and Policeman Who Kidnapped Union Organizer Jailed on Warrants.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 18.—Four city detectives and one policeman have been arrested on the charge of kidnapping J. B. Lawson, international representative of the organized streetcar men. The warrants were sworn out by Lawson, who states that on Nov. 9 last he was forcibly taken by the five officers, under threats of death, in an automobile to Springfield, Tenn., and then forced to buy a ticket to Chicago. He was warned if he returned to Nashville he would be killed.

Sensational disclosures are promised when these mobbers are placed on trial. It is hinted that others will be implicated.

## INDIANA JUDGE HOLDS PICKETING IS LAWFUL

INDIANAPOLIS, March 18.—Circuit Court Judge Ewbank refused to sustain a city ordinance that makes picketing unlawful. Last September the city council passed this legislation and a score of strikers have been arrested, not because they attempted to coerce, intimidate or assault strike-breakers, but because they picketed in a peaceful manner.

Judge Ewbank rules that before strikers can be deported from picketing it must be proved to the satisfaction of the court that their purpose is unlawful.

## BISBEE MINE FOREMEN WANT TO DO JURY DUTY

TOMBSTONE, Ariz., March 18.—While attempting to secure a jury that will try the mobbers who deported Bisbee miners in July, 1917, the state's attorney said:

"We are up against the prospect of a lot of fellows who are breaking their necks to get into the jury box." The defendants include officers of mining companies and business men. In examining J. W. Campbell on his juror qualifications, he said he was employed at the Copper Queen mine, had taken part in the deportation, but he "had not had any opinion."

## SEATTLE UNIONS TO MEET

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., March 18.—The annual convention of the West Virginia state federation of labor will be held in this city beginning Monday, May 19.

## PALMER BLAMED FOR SUGAR COST

House Orders Investigation of Attorney General's Conduct In Sugar Conspiracy.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The house of representatives has ordered an investigation of Attorney General Palmer's "admitted concurrence" in the fixing of high prices for Louisiana sugar. The chairman of the rules committee, who reported out the resolution, is quoted in a local newspaper as privately declaring that the judiciary committee might impeach the attorney general.

Mr. Palmer's friends charge that he is the victim of politics. It is regrettable that this patriot, whose injunction stopped those awful coal miners from ruining the country last November, should now be the target for men who cheered him when he "saved the nation."

## STRIKE CUTS PROFITS OF BIG STEEL CONCERN

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 18.—The annual report of the Lackawanna Steel company shows a profit decrease of \$8,000,000 last year. The company blames the steel and coal strikes. While the former movement was on the company frequently announced that "production is normal."

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## FORCE SOUTH TO MOVE FORWARD

North Carolina Labor and Farmers Wake up and Combine Against Reactionaries.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 18.—Organized wage earners and farmers have agreed on a questionnaire that will be submitted to political candidates in this state. Special interests have attempted to block this movement by playing one group against the other, but the trade unionists and farmers refuse to divide.

It is proposed to check rent profiteering by fixing rentals of not over 12 per cent upon valuation as shown by the tax books, plus same percentage on the value of improvements; this not to apply to share farming.

Candidates will be asked how they stand on a child labor law that will be divorced from school, welfare or other law as now existing. Another query is: "Would you favor the Australian ballot system, whereby every man entitled to vote can cast his vote free and untrammelled and without intimidation, coercion or espionage, thereby insuring a fair and honest election?"

BIG BISCUIT PROFITS. NEW YORK, March 18.—The Loose-Wiles Biscuit company has declared a dividend of \$74.05 on its second preferred stock. The 1918 dividend was \$35.45.

## BOSTON POLICE WANT STRIKE INVESTIGATED

BOSTON, March 18.—The Boston Policemen's association has asked the state legislature to appoint a commission to investigate the recent policemen's strike. The policemen declare that the public is unacquainted with conditions which they failed to remedy and which forced them on strike. They insist that the strike could be averted and that all the facts should be made public.

## MACHINISTS STRIKE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

BEVERLY, Mass., March 18.—Between 2,000 and 2,500 machinists employed by the United States Machinery company have suspended work to abolish the individual contract system and to secure the establishment of grievance committees. The company is opposed to unions and wants to adjust grievances with each individual. In defending its position it hawks about "freedom," "the open shop" and "liberty."

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