

KUOMINTANG LEADERS SLAUGHTER WORKERS

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the second installment of the report made by Sou Chao-jen, chairman of the All-China Labor Federation, delivered at the second meeting of the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat, in Shanghai, February 4, 1928. Today's installment tells of the wholesale execution of labor leaders and the ruthless suppression of trade unions by the Kuomintang generals, operating with the imperialist powers. The DAILY WORKER publishes Sou Chao-jen's report in full because it is an excellent general survey of conditions prevailing in China.

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The Kuomintang has become the hangman of the bourgeoisie, the militarists, the imperialists, and the landlords. They have cancelled all agreements of the trade unions; suppressed all the unions; denied all the so-called freedoms to the workers. They say that strikes, meetings, publications, etc., which have the previous permission of the Kuomintang are permitted, but no permissions are granted except for some reactionary maneuver of their own, or to carry out some blackmailing scheme. Workers live under the worst white terror. The Kuomintang has broken relations with the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, although the proletariat of the USSR has helped China for several years. Workers of China recognize the USSR as our closest friend, which cannot be dispensed with.

The reaction uses the Kuomintang to slaughter the communists. (Since April no party in China has been revolutionary except the Communist Party). They break up the trade unions, arrest the leaders and kill them; they appoint traitors or bourgeois officials to "reorganize" the trade unions, attempting to take them over to be governed by the reactionary Kuomintang. These things happen all over China.

Murder Labor Leaders.

They began the reaction in February in Kanchow, Kiangsi Province, by assassinating the chairman of the Provincial General Labor Union. In Shanghai in March the workers made insurrection against Sun Chuang-fang, and helped the southern armies, taking the city with the workers forces before the army arrived; but when Chiang Kai-shek arrived he killed hundreds of workers as his first act. In Shanghai the Kuomintang has never stopped arresting and killing the trade union leaders.

In Kwangtung in April, the militarists Li Chi-san made a coup d'etat, arrested 2,000 workers in one night, and shot 100 of them without announcing their names. Among those murdered was the chairman of the Canton Workers Assembly. In Hunan the Kuomintang leaders killed thousands. In Hupeh they forced the workers to accept worthless military notes for wages; when the arsenal workers demanded good money, they killed their leaders and suppressed the strike with military force. They killed the Ricksha Coolie union leaders, as well as the officers of the Textile Workers Union. The railway workers of Wuhan made demonstration to demand payment of back wages, of which 11 months are owing, and were suppressed by White Terror.

Feng Kills Workers.

In Honan, under the "Christian General" Feng Yu-hsiang, 300 textile workers were slaughtered for striking; the Honan General Labor Union was suppressed and the leaders killed because they supported the railway workers in the demand for back wages. In Szechuan hundreds of workers were killed in the suppression of the trade unions. In Amoy, when the workers gathered to demand the release of their arrested leaders, the troops fired into them, killing many. In Anhui, the same events; the chairman of the General Labor Union there was arrested because of advancing a demand for wage increases, and he has disappeared, his fate being un-

Murders Workers



General Sun Chuan-fang, northern war lord, who has murdered thousands of workers in his campaign of terror. Sun's forces include about two thousand White Guard Russians.

Communist Candidate In Argentine Election

BUENOS AYRES, March 26.—The Communist - Workers' Party has named a woman as its presidential candidate in the elections which will be held on April 1st. The voting which is expected to be especially heavy will be for parliamentary as well as presidential candidates.

The candidates for the major parties are Dr. Hipolito Irigoyen and Dr. Leopoldo Melles, running on the Irigoyenista and Anti-Personalista parties respectively. There are few fundamental differences in the platforms of the major parties.

His Own Medicine

PHILADELPHIA, March 26.—Sheriff Thomas W. Cunningham was arrested here shortly after noon today by Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms John M. McGrain of the U. S. Senate for contempt of the senate. He was arraigned immediately and freed on \$1,000 bail pending a hearing on a writ of Habeas Corpus.

Date for the hearing on the writ has been tentatively set for next Monday.

FLYERS REACH LONDON

LONDON, March 26.—The German flyers who left Tempelhofer Field at noon today on the first leg of what is believed to be a trans-Atlantic flight, arrived at Baldonnel Aerodrome this afternoon, according to the newspaper, the Irish Independent.

known. In the north, in Fengtien, seven miners were killed for going on strike. In Peking 12 railway workers were shot for demanding back wages, which have not been paid for 9 months. In Kuangsi hundreds have been arrested and shot. In all districts the same or similar stories could be related.

But the revolutionary sentiment of the working class has been no means decreased. The workers continue to struggle under their original unions.

(To Be Continued).