



The "Telegram" and Bread Riots

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THE New York Telegram of August 20th, dealing with the masses of unemployed who gathered around the new municipal employment office in a fruitless search for work, sneers at the lack of militancy of these workers. It declares, "These are a silent army. No spunk. They are too spiritless even to talk back to the cops."

But "The Telegram," seeking for clubbing matches by the police, may be reassured in its lust for fight. It and its beloved capitalism will soon get more than plenty of fight from just these workers. If the Telegram believes the masses of workers will peacefully starve, it is due for a rude awakening. The workers won't starve, they'll fight.

Various factors have tended to retard the growth of militancy and radicalism among American workers: the relatively high standards of the skilled workers, widespread "prosperity" illusions, social betrayal by the A. F. of L. and the "socialist" party, etc. It has been difficult for the workers to realize the seriousness of the present crisis, and that it would not "soon blow over," as Hoover and a myriad other capitalist spokesmen have vociferously averred.

But month after month of unemployment is having its inevitable effects upon them. The slender resources of millions of unemployed workers are exhausted, the government stubbornly refuses to grant them any relief, the Communist Party builds its prestige and organization among them. All these things lead to a great intensification of the struggle.

The winter months will bring matters to a keen struggle. The masses of unemployed with no income whatsoever and confronted with evictions and empty cupboards, will fight and fight militantly. In all probability, during the coming winter, many cities will be the scene, not only of general mass movements of the unemployed, but of fierce bread riots of hungry workers. The unemployment movement will be made the sharper by the struggle against wage cuts in the industries.

The Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League must redouble their efforts to give organization and leadership to the harassed workers. In the elections many thousands must be awakened and drawn into the struggle for the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill. Every preparation must be made to give revolutionary direction to the coming class struggle.

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and the longshoremen must understand that all of these efforts are but a desperate attempt of the stevedores to keep the workers from organizing. The stevedores are determined to force the longshoremen to accept the present poor working conditions and the wage cut that will be forthcoming and which was prepared for a year ago at the wage conference. At this conference the employers notified the delegates that some of the employers wanted to cut wages then, but they only refrained because they wished to continue to cooperate with the officials of the I. L. A.

Definite warnings were given the officials that they must prepare to accept the wage cut in the future. Since then the world crisis of capitalism has had its effect upon the marine industry and the bosses will try to force the workers to shoulder the burden of the crisis by wage cuts.

During the past few months the stevedores have begun to cut wages by using non-union 50 cent men in the place of 85 cent men. It is already rumored that McCanna Sugar Company, which has no agreement with the I. L. A., will cut wages 15 cents in September.

Strike against wage cuts! Organize and prepare to fight for better conditions! De-

Organize and Wage

By JOHN SCHMIES.

THE immediate perspective of the TUUL and its affiliated unions, is the central slogan organize and strike against wage-cuts. This slogan itself signifies that the revolutionary trade union movement in this country has reached a higher stage of political struggle than ever before. The programs of our affiliated red unions and national industrial leagues call for the immediate mobilization of their respective membership to put this slogan into action.

Is this the correct slogan at the present stage of the class struggle in this country? Now let us see what the facts are. Generally speaking we can see that as a result of the economic crisis the bosses in the industries are more than ever trying to overcome the crisis by increasing the system of rationalization, which means more wage cuts for the workers, increased speed-up and general worsening of their working conditions, as a result of this program of the bosses further radicalization of large masses of workers as well as, an increased fighting mood is taking place.

The Role of the A. F. of L. Leaders. Organizing Against Betrayers.

The workers in the mining industry are more and more awake to the policy of the Lewis' and Fishwicks, of open sellout and betrayal, which is being counteracted by organization and strikes among the rank and file workers in the mining industry. Unemployment in the mining industry is greater than ever before, but in spite of all this, the class solidarity between the employed and unemployed masses of miners is growing at an ever greater pace. All this is developing into an open challenge against the coal barons, and their agents, the fascist and social-fascist leaders of the A. F. of L.

The same conditions—as outlined above—holds true for the metal industry. Warton, president of the International Association of Machinists, as well as the reactionary leadership of the other metal trades in the A. F. of L., is openly advocating and working for the rationalization program of the bosses and their government. Not only have they nothing to offer to the ever increasing army of unemployed, or against the increased system of rationalization, but here, too, in the metal industry, these leaders, together with the bosses, are openly fighting the militant spirit and the militant demands on the part of the hundreds of thousands of metal workers, but again we find that in spite of all this the Metal Workers Industrial League, and the Auto Workers Union of the TUUL are taking the lead and the initiative in developing strikes and leading the workers against the unbearable conditions in the metal industry. The same thing can be stated for the marine industry where, for instance, we find in the city of Philadelphia the leadership of the A. F. of L. as well as the remnants of the I. W. W. (who are the leading elements) are organizing together with the city police department and all other stool pigeon institutions against our Marine Workers Industrial Union, which is fighting for the improvement of working conditions and higher wages on the Philadelphia waterfront.

man! unemployment insurance! Build a real union! These are the slogans put forth by the Marine Workers' Industrial Union and around these slogans the workers have rallied by organizing into the M. W. I. U. Eight hundred men have already joined the union. Only under the leadership of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union can the longshoremen successfully wage a battle against the stevedores.

The Marine Workers' Industrial Union calls upon all longshoremen, upon the rank and file members of the I. L. A. and I. W. W. and the unorganized men in the ports of New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia, to elect delegates to the Atlantic Coast district conference, to be held in Philadelphia, Sept. 7th.

At this convention the longshoremen must draw up their own demands and map out a complete program of action to put these demands into effect. Coast-wise and deep-water men, Negro and white workers, all the ships and docks must send delegates. By making a united front wage conference here they will be able to put up a united front to the bosses and will prevent another sell out by preparing to back up their demands by organizing and striking.