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# OPA WRECKS MANY PRICE CEILINGS

## Striking Miners Stand Firm For Social Demands

By Joseph Keller

APRIL 13—The 400,000 soft coal miners on strike since April 1 mean business about securing their precedent-making social demands before they will even consider the question of wages. This was brought home sharply to the stunned mine operators when AFL United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis and the UMW negotiating committee dramatically broke off negotiations on April 10 and stalked out of the conference room.

"We trust that time, as it shrinks your purse, may modify your niggardly and anti-social propensities," declared Lewis at the conclusion of a scathing statement he read to the operators just preceding his walkout.

From the very start of the mine union negotiations, the UMW representatives have insisted on the consideration of a series of life-and-death social demands going far beyond the wage question.

their control of state inspection boards. These "trivia" include scores of thousands of widows and orphans left to starve because the operators have blocked compensation.

### W. Va. Strikers Halt Operations At Strip Mines

By Gus Nickolias

(Special to The Militant) FAIRMONT, W. Va., Apr. 5—Striking coal miners in both District 31 of Fairmont, W. Va., and District 6 of Belaire, O., had carloads of pickets "visiting" non-union strip mines to see that operations cease.

By the second and third days of the national soft-coal strike, strip mines in this area had stopped work entirely, and the situation here is quiet.

There have been a few incidents in the Fairmont area where members of the supervisors' union performed non-contract work. This brought sharp reprimands from United Mine Workers District 50 officials who are determined to unionize and organize the foremen.

O. S. Bosley, president of the Fairmont supervisors' union, warned foremen that failure to observe their union's pledge to refrain from work during the strike, might constitute a "serious incident" in the miners' struggle. He did not reveal details of any violations.

### WHAT DEMANDS MEAN

These are directed at eliminating the terrible toll of accidents in American mines; providing adequate health, medical and sanitation facilities in the filthy, decrepit company towns; ensuring the welfare of miners' widows and orphans; compensating the injured and their families; restricting the price-gouging in the monopoly company stores and rent-gouging on company-owned dwellings.

To all these vital demands of the miners the smug, grasping operators replied that the mine union committee was merely bringing up "time-killing trivia with the obvious intent of stalling negotiations and creating a national crisis."

### TERRIBLE TOLL

These "trivia," as Lewis demonstrated at the very opening of negotiations, include the slaughter of 28,000 miners and injury of more than a million in the past 14 years. This casualty list comes from the refusal of the operators to provide proper safety equipment, their resistance to mine inspection and safety laws,

## New Relief Committee Aids Destitute European Workers

By Evelyn Atwood

(Special to The Militant)

The American Committee for European Workers Relief was organized last week to provide relief packages of food, clothing, medicines and other much-needed items to aid destitute European workers and their families.

The best fighters for labor are suffering terrible hardships and hunger as a result of the Nazi occupation and the chaos and devastation caused by the Allied armies.

Sponsors and officers of the Committee include individuals prominent for many years in labor defense and relief activities. National headquarters of the Committee is located at 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.

"The special task of our Committee," Rose Karsner, Executive Secretary of the Committee, explained, "will be to provide relief for those workers who have been in the forefront of the fight against fascism and reaction. Many of them worked for years in the underground movements against the Nazi terror and occupation."

"Some of them were deported. Their families were torn apart, some never again to be reunited. All their possessions were taken from them. Now they write to us that upon their return home they are 'without everything' and urgently in need of help."

These distressed families, she said, live in France, Holland, Belgium, Greece, and Italy where suffering is especially acute.

boinette Konikow, Chairman; George Novack, Vice-Chairman; Duncan Ferguson, Dr. Grace Carlson, Charles Jackson, Myra Tanner Weiss. The National Committee expects to extend its work by setting up Local Committees in many cities throughout the country.

"This Committee has emerged out of the work that a group of women including myself have been engaged in since June 1945," said Rose Karsner. "At that time we received appeals for aid from about a dozen impoverished families in France and began collecting packages of food and clothing to send to them. Since then, the list has grown to several hundred."

COMMITTEES FORMED In Paris, Rose Karsner said, the distribution of packages has been centralized through the Comité Internationale de Solidarité Ouvrière. Similar committees are now in process of formation in Belgium, Holland and Greece. These committees forward the addresses of needy families, and after the packages are received abroad, distribute their contents as equitably as possible.

"Up to March first," she continued, "we were able to collect and ship 3,685 pounds of clothing and 1,920 pounds of food, totaling 5,605 pounds, or over

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### Wall Street And The Wonderful Lamp



## Japanese Workers Raise Demand For Control Over Production

By Charles Carsten

### IN THE NEWS

#### Cultural Influence

Interviewed on April 9 at the British Embassy in Amsterdam, Lord Inverchapel explained that the Indonesians "want the Dutch to stay, as they fully realize the social and cultural importance of the Dutch influence." He added that his own task in Java had been to create "the atmosphere" for the Dutch and Javanese leaders to confer, stating: "It cost me a lot of whiskey, but I succeeded."

#### Except The Books!

"It has long been the practice of the management in its annual reports and other messages to stockholders to provide information which will contribute to the fullest possible understanding of General Motors' position and its operating policies." (1945 Annual Report, General Motors Corporation.)

"We don't even open our books for our stockholders!" (Reply of GM Vice-President Harry W. Anderson to UAW-CIO demand "Open the Books of the Corporation" for union and public examination.)

#### Guess Who's Lying

"To the policies (foreign affairs) which Mr. Roosevelt gave the last years of his life to make effective, Mr. Truman has given loyal, consistent and successful support." (Editorial in N. Y. Times, April 12.)

"One year after his (Roosevelt's) death, his legacy is being defiled. The Hoover dreams are returning. President Truman ignores the behest of his dead leader and tears up the Yalta pledges." (Editorial in Stalinist Daily Worker, April 12.)

In their fight for jobs at living wages workers in Japan are using an effective weapon—workers' control of production. In numerous cases when Japanese employers refuse to meet labor's demands in strikes, the union takes over the business and operates it.

Complete figures on strikes using what the April 8 N. Y. Times, in reporting development, calls "labor's new weapon" are not available. However, the Times says the Japanese newspaper Mainichi listed the following in which workers obtained what they demanded through seizures:

"Five metal factories, seven chemical plants, five machine tool factories, two mines and a spinning mill, an electric factory, a furniture factory and a prefabricated housing factory, to which must be added at least two newspapers and three magazines."

"Sometimes continued control is part of their demands," adds the Times.

Japanese capitalists are blaming "threatened workers' control" as the "chief obstacle" debulging a return to full production.

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## Government 'Price Control' Agency Helps Big Business Drive To Hike Living Costs

By Art Preis

### Filipinos Demand U. S. Imperialism Get Out Entirely

The Philippines Civil Liberties Union denounced the Tydings and Bell amendments, now before Congress, which affect Philippine independence and permit the U. S. Government to purchase and retain property after July 4, 1946. "The amendments," declared the Civil Liberties Union, "would emasculate Philippine independence by perpetuating American sovereignty beyond July 4."

The Philippine press asked editorially, according to the April 7 N. Y. Times, "if the American eagle had become a vulture." It labeled the amendments "an unholy scheme of legalized looting to plunder the Philippines and convert it into a happy hunting ground for American business men."

The United States Government is being condemned for "embarking on a new policy of stripping her colonies in a resistless march toward the commercial supremacy of the world." BITTER PROTESTS

The whole Commonwealth administration is in violent opposition to the proposed legislation. Other Filipino groups have voiced bitter protests against the proposals, which they say, will permit Wall Street to continue commercial exploitation of the country.

Even President Sergio Osmeña, who was hand-picked by Washington, branded the amendments as "a curtailment of Philippine sovereignty and a virtual nullification of Philippine independence." He added that they violate the United Nations Charter recognizing "the equal rights of nations."

### Old "Gag" Law Used To Indict Phila. CIO Head

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 5—The District Attorney's office here has dug out a 110-year-old act, passed in 1836, in an attempt to victimize Harry Block, president of the CIO Council here, who with nine others was indicted today for alleged violation of injunctions against mass picketing in the recent General Electric strike.

Three true bills were drawn up against all ten. But the District Attorney is trying to "throw the book" at Block through a fourth bill, based on the 1836 act, which makes it illegal for an author, printer or publisher to use "contemptuous words tending to bias the minds of the public."

ATTACKED INJUNCTION According to the indictment, Block violated this act when he attacked the original restraining order issued by Judge Thomas D. Finletter. Block's "crime" was his statement during a radio broadcast over Station WPEN on February 28 that the restraining order was "a phony injunction handed down by an anti-labor court."

Block, two international union representatives and seven officers of CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Local 155, were also indicted under three counts for alleged violation of laws stemming from the old Common Law of pre-Revolutionary War England, upon which the Pennsylvania legal system is still based.

Brushing aside all labor and consumer protests, OPA Administrator Paul Porter last week signed an order, approved by Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles, to remove price ceilings from several thousand consumer goods items representing about 15 per cent of all consumer goods in terms of dollars.

This action of the agency which is supposed to "control prices" gives legal cover and a great additional impetus to the inflationary drive of Big Business, which is seeking to rob labor of its recent wage gains and to augment huge profits through charging "all the traffic will bear" for scarce goods.

Through appeals to both Porter and Bowles, a joint committee of the CIO, AFL and railway brotherhoods unsuccessfully attempted to block the Office of Price Administration's inflationary order. The union committee warned that this action "is a major gamble with the economic future of America."

LABOR PROTESTS The order lifting price ceilings on hundreds of essential household items, as well as many products customary to the average standard of living in this country, was issued on the pretext that it would have no great bearing on the cost of living since it did not effect "necessities." Anything the masses don't need for mere survival is considered "not a necessity" by the capitalist government.

But the government is preparing to legalize extortionate price increases even for indispensable necessities. This was shown by the action last week of the House Agricultural Committee, which unanimously voted approval of a proposal to discontinue the present huge government subsidies to the meat trust and to permit the meat barons to rob the people directly through a six-cent a pound hike in meat prices. Meanwhile, the

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## WEST COAST LONGSHORE STRIKE IS CALLED OFF

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 6—In stop-work meetings and down the west coast, CIO longshoremen voted last week to postpone indefinitely their strike originally scheduled for April 1. This vote was taken upon the insistence of the Stalinist leadership of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, headed by Harry Bridges.

The ILWU leaders, who had already spent seven months in futile negotiations with the adamant Waterfront Employers Association, insisted on strike postponement "in deference" to a "request" by a government conciliator that the longshore workers place their demands in the hands of a "fact-finding" board. This is the government's latest machinery for stalling the workers and whittling down their demands.

ILWU DEMANDS This Stalinist proposition was made in spite of the uncompromising and brazen attitude of the Waterfront Employers Association. The latter's policy has been an attempt to bargain off a few-cents-an-hour increase in return for concessions which would drive down working conditions and seriously weaken the union. When their patience was exhausted the pressure of the ILWU membership for militant action, forced the leadership to agree to a strike vote. Ninety-two per cent of the men voted "yes."

Demands of the ILWU include an increase to \$1.50 an hour as against the present \$1.15; retroactive pay back to October 1, 1945, when the contract expired; \$2.25 for overtime and night work; \$3.37 for week-end work; and vacation pay. The employers refused to budge an inch until the strike vote was taken. They then countered with an offer of 18 cents. To this was attached, however, a series of demands which included a return to the old "preferred gang" system; speed-up; relaxing of safety provisions; and no retroactive pay. Their wage offer was later changed to 23 cents, but without vacation pay, which meant an actual decrease in take-home pay. On top of this, they demanded a form of "company security" which would require the

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# New War Will Doom Our Civilization

This is the fifth and concluding article in a series discussing the death-dealing weapons in the hands of the imperialist warmongers.

**By Eugene Varlin**

In previous articles, we sought to show that the development of new techniques and weapons of war will make World War III immeasurably more destructive and terrible than World War II.

There are the rockets, known as V-2's, which Germany introduced late in World War II and used in her air war against England. These can have a 5,000 mile range and a speed of 5,000 miles an hour. A rocket launched from the east coast of the United States could reach Russia in less than an hour. Models of greater range and speed are already in the experimental stage.

There are the weapons of biological warfare which are capable of infecting whole populations with fatal diseases like infantile paralysis, typhoid, cholera and leprosy. These weapons used in conjunction with rockets could rapidly spread deadly diseases over vast areas. Every major power already possesses weapons of this kind.

Horrible though they are, the weapons of biological warfare pale by comparison with the deadliest weapon in the arsenal of the imperialists, the atomic bomb.

The atom bombs used on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were 20,000 times as powerful as TNT. Small, light atom bombs could be planted at strategic points inside a country before the outbreak of war. If this is done, World War III may begin and end when someone pulls the master switch that sets them off.

Atom bombs used in this way could wipe out the overwhelming majority of a country's cities and people in a few hours. Or atom bombs, like the weapons of biological warfare, could be launched by rockets.

**ONE WORLD OR NONE**

Today the atom bomb is an American monopoly. However, in the recently published book, "One World or None," Frederick Seitz and Hans Bethe, two atom scientists, say that "any one of several determined foreign nations" might even be ahead of the United States in five years' time. Dr. Urey, another atom scientist, believes that "if an armament race continues... the Russians... may have begun to produce bombs within about three years." If war should break out five years from now, several of the warring powers will be in possession of the atom bomb.

The development of the rocket and the atom bomb make it

# Former OWI Director Now Beats Drums For War On Soviet Union

**By Charles Carsten**

The book "One World Or None" is a symposium which contains articles by eleven eminent scientists analyzing the dire threat of the atomic bomb. Among the authors are Prof. Albert Einstein, Dr. Harlow Shapley, Dr. Irving Langmuir and other men renowned in the world of science.

These men are best qualified to speak and write about the scientific aspects of atomic energy. All of them are distinguished scientists and some were closely connected with the development of the atom bomb.

They conclude that if the nations of the earth engage in an atomic armaments race it will end in a catastrophic world war, during which, as Dr. Philip Morrison states, "the cities of men on earth will perish." This is the actual danger.

## SPEAKS FOR WALL ST.

But this is denied by none other than Elmer Davis. He sees a bigger danger. In a review of "One World Or None," carried in the March 30 Saturday Review of Literature, Davis asserts that "not the atomic bomb" but "the menace—of Russian aggression" is the main danger.

Until recently Elmer Davis was the director of the Office of War Information. In that job he laid down the World War II propaganda line for the U. S. intellectuals. Before and during World War II the army of authors, journalists and radio writers who supported American capitalism faithfully carried out the tasks assigned to them by Wall Street.

They justified Washington's imperialist aims by painting up the war as a holy fight against fascism and sold it to the people as a crusade for the "Four Freedoms," etc., etc.

Their new task is to prepare public opinion for war against the Soviet Union. Here is the bill of goods Davis now proposes they sell to the public.

Among "present political realities," says Davis, "the biggest, most enigmatic, and most ominous—Is Russia."

"Not the atomic bomb," continues Davis, "has overshadowed international relations in the past months; it is the menace—the more menacing because nobody knows how much it really amounts to—of Russian aggression."

He and his Wall Street masters are willing to gamble with the fate of mankind in their mad drive for world domination. Failing this, as Davis puts it, "we might better have no world at all."

The U. S. imperialists, however, do not expect to be the losers in the war they are planning. They are stockpiling atomic bombs. They are building a bigger air force and fleet. They are developing long-range, death-dealing rockets. And they are pushing research on even more devastating weapons.

During the war against Germany and Japan Davis spoke differently about the Soviet Union. Then he sang hymns in praise of Stalin and Washington's great ally, just as today he is teaching the intellectuals a battle song with which to whip up public opinion against the USSR.

Thus while Washington is busy preparing for war in the diplomatic and military spheres, Davis, bellwether for the hireling intellectuals, is carrying out the job of mobilizing public opinion.

Just as during World War II the former head of the Office of War Information set forth the propaganda line for Wall Street's intellectual prostitutes, so now in an unofficial capacity Davis is performing a similar function as director of the Office of War Preparations.

**OPPOSES SCIENTISTS**

The United States cannot divulge the secret of atomic energy to the Soviet Union as some scientists propose, asserts Davis, because "The Russians do not behave like people to whom we could safely confide the secret of the bomb."

Davis opposes the "world state" idea of the scientists, because "leaving 'out the Russian bloc would mean two world states, a rivalry whose probable outcome anyone can predict." And, it must be added, this rivalry is already a fact.

Why does he propose to ex-

**JOSEPH RAFFIN-DUGENS, OLD REVOLUTIONIST, DIES**

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

PARIS, March 26—Joseph Raffin-Dugens, Trotskyist militant and participant at Kienthal Conference of revolutionary internationalists headed by Lenin in 1916, died in Grenoble today at the age of 85.

He entered the French socialist party in 1918. Elected to the Chamber of Deputies in 1919, and serving there until 1919, he remained a consistent socialist internationalist throughout the whole war of 1914-18 despite the wave of chauvinism which swept throughout the world at that time. In 1916, he participated in the Kienthal Conference with Lenin as the representative of the French socialists who remained true to internationalism. Carrying out its decisions, he voted with two others constantly against the war credits and prepared the ground for the organization of the new International in France.

**BITTER SLOGAN**

Cruel punishment was administered in the presence of officers on the slightest provocation. Giving additional evidence that officers knew and approved of the savage treatment of imprisoned GIs, Elkin stated: "One 19-year-old boy was called out of ranks by a guard for talking in formation. He was told to dig a fox-hole in the frozen ground with his fingers. He worked at this for a half-hour—until his fingers were torn and bleeding. An officer idled a few feet away and watched the man."

Elkin told about the bitter slogan of the Lichfield prisoners, "Parade Rest—Twenty years." He explained it as meaning that the Brass Hats thought no more of sentencing an enlisted man to twenty years in the guardhouse than they did of issuing a routine command such as "Parade Rest."

After three days of imprisonment Elkin was released, but only because the Army needed combat paratroopers. At the end of the war, before he was granted permission to return home, he was forced to sign a statement declaring he had seen no atrocities during the war.

**EXPELLED BY CP**

In December 1920, at the Tours Congress of the Socialist Party, he was one of the leaders of the majority which voted to join the Third International and then organized the Communist Party of France.

Illness prevented him for many years from participating actively in the movement after 1924. During the whole war of

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## Atom Bombs Cost Million A Day

The United States government is spending \$400,000,000 a year to manufacture and improve atomic bombs, according to the United Press.

This \$1,000,000-a-day program is being financed out of the President's special war funds, which are in effect a blank Treasury check to be drawn on as Truman sees fit.

These tremendous sums being expended to stockpile atom bombs and to test their military uses indicate that President Truman's hypocritical professions of a desire for peace are really a smokescreen to cloak American imperialism's preparations for World War III.

## Strikers Demand Control Over Japanese Plants

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The workers have tried to increase production after taking over the plants. Mainichi, which is bitterly opposed to such actions, is forced to admit that the workers have succeeded in achieving this goal in at least two plants. But, of course, it would require the extension and development of workers' control throughout Japanese industry to show its real possibilities.

## LABOR ENSLAVED

Japan's plutocracy opposes workers' control of production on the ground that it violates their property "rights," and because it threatens to break their control over the economy of the country. They also wish to keep workers' wages at the inhumanly low level of the war and pre-war periods.

Before the war "Japanese industrial workers labored under

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conditions difficult to conceive," declares Andrew Roth in a book "Dilemma In Japan"—published last year. During the war, Roth continues, they "were reduced to slavery, slow starvation and inhuman toil."

Men not drafted into the army, and women between the ages of 12 and 60 were conscripted and forced to work wherever the government told them at a daily maximum for men of 1.60 yen (40 cents in U. S. currency), and for women one yen (25 cents). These men and women were forced to work 12 to 16 hours a day and permitted no more than two days of rest a month. Industrial exhaustion, says Roth, reached a "fantastic degree."

**MACARTHUR'S 'PROMISES' BRING NO RESULTS**

Despite MacArthur's promises to curtail their power, a few extremely wealthy Japanese families still control about 60 percent of Japan's economy. Allied with the smaller Japanese capitalists and the government which acts in their interest, they are making every effort to perpetuate these horrible conditions.

In order to fight effectively against the ruthless plans of the plutocracy, Japanese workers are joining unions at an ever increasing tempo. They are struggling with great courage and exhibiting admirable initiative.

## A Letter Of Appreciation From A Worker In Holland

The following letter of thanks sent last month to the sponsors of the American Committee For European Workers Relief, shows the dire needs of working class militants in Europe.

"When I was arrested and transported to Auschwitz, (Nazi Concentration Camp), the Germans took all my clothes away. So when I returned I was without everything. Now you will understand that every piece of clothing is welcome to me..."

"The Nazis have brought great misery over me. They took nearly all my family away. When I returned, I found only my younger sister and my elder sister's child, who were both hidden during the occupation. Now we three live together in our old house and try to make the best of it."

"I have no family or friends in America, so it was a great surprise for me suddenly to get post from there and to know that some people abroad think of me."

## Demonstrating Workers In Tokyo, Japan



This scene of Japanese government railway workers demonstrating for a wage increase in January, was one of the previous indications of an upsurge of labor in Japan. Now news has come that Japanese workers have set up workers' control in many factories.

# Big Brass Covers Guilt Of Lichfield Officers

Last week the Big Brass of the London Area Headquarters continued their attempts to whitewash high-ranking officers guilty of ordering the beating and clubbing of wounded American soldiers at the Lichfield, England Guardhouse.

Captain Earl J. Carroll, former prosecutor in the court-martial of Lichfield guards, is now threatened with court-martial for giving the facts of the case to newspaper reporters. The Inspector General of the London Area compelled him "to make a sworn statement that he will have no further dealings with the press," according to FM, April 8.

Carroll had charged that the enlisted men on trial were the scapegoats for the crimes of their officers whose orders they were carrying out. He placed responsibility for the brutalities committed at Lichfield on former commander of the depot, James A. Kilian and his staff.

**TERRORIZE WITNESSES**

Meanwhile, five GI witnesses, all former combat infantrymen, have been terrorized by threats and beatings into refusing to testify. These men are being held at the London guardhouse.

One of the men, Robert E. Cox, said that the London prison officer, Capt. Wm. Coss, was "on the same status as the accused Lichfield officers" and "has shown hatred toward prosecution witnesses," according to an April 11 United Press dispatch.

Another witness, Thomas H. Ryan, said Capt. Coss "pushed me around the cell, grabbed me by the collar and used profane language."

These men have appealed for protection from "some high officer at Washington" or from

**WEALTHY FEAST AS POOR STARVE IN HUNGARY**

Inflation is becoming a nightmare in Hungary. Nothing like it has been seen since the German inflation following World War I. The pengo is steadily dropping.

"Officially \$1 is worth about 1,000,000 pengos," according to the April 6 N. Y. Times, "but on the black market the price is much higher and changes daily."

On April 1, for example, it was 18,000,000 pengos; on April 4, 22,000,000.

As a result of the inflation and the scarcity of food, the workers are on the verge of starvation. However, as in other European countries the rich fare well.

**VIOLENT CONTRAST**

"Nowhere else in Europe," states the Times dispatch, "could such a violent contrast be found between the standard of living of most of the population and those few who have become friendly with the British and Americans or by some other means have gained access to expensive restaurants."

Food available for foreigners and the wealthy is completely beyond the reach of Hungarian workers. For them, says the dispatch, "the situation is very serious."

# New Relief Committee Aids Destitute European Workers

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two and a half tons of relief. Today we are shipping an average of 50 packages a week. However, this is far from meeting the needs of these poverty-stricken families. Through the expanded activities of our Committee, we aim to continue sending additional and adequate relief for as long as it is needed."

## NEED FUNDS

Pointing out that heavy expenses and extensive labor are involved in packing, crating and shipping these many individual 11-pound relief packages, Rose Karsner stated that the Committee must also undertake to raise the funds necessary to defray these expenses. In addition, funds are needed to purchase many items of food and medicine not otherwise obtainable. She said there is an appalling amount of undernourishment and many diseases resulting from poverty and malnutrition.

"The suffering is so vast, and there are so many destitute families and starving children, that there cannot be too much relief," she said. "Through the newly-organized Committee we plan to expand our activities so as to insure at least a minimum of relief for these impoverished working-class families."

Readers of The Militant are urged to contribute food or clothing for packages, and funds to help defray the expenses of shipping packages and other Committee work. Send these to the American Committee for European Workers Relief, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.



ROSE KARSNER

Rose Karsner, Executive Secretary of the American Committee for European Workers Relief, is widely known in the labor movement for her years of activity in labor defense and relief work.

In the 1920's, during the terrible Russian famine, she was National Secretary of the "Friends of Soviet Russia," which helped to save millions of lives.

Until 1928 she was Assistant Secretary of the International Labor Defense Committee. In recent years she has been prominent in the work of the Bellus Defense Committee and the Civil Rights Defense Committee.

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