

GASTONIA STRIKERS PREPARE TO FIGHT LYNCHINGS

GIL STARTS NEW TERROR AGAINST MEXICO WORKERS

Raid Communist Party, Suppress Central Organ

J. S. Backs Reaction
Prelude to Church-State Alliance

(Special to the Daily Worker)
MEXICO CITY, June 10.—Paving the way for the new reactionary alliance between the Portes Gil government and the Catholic Church in an alliance which has been blessed and actively aided by Wall Street—the government has started a series of bloody repressions against workers' and peasants' organizations and their leaders which are without parallel in Mexican history.

Due to the rigid censorship enforced, news of the raiding and closing of the headquarters of the Communist Party of Mexico and the suppression of its central organ, "El Machete," late last Tuesday night, is reaching the outside world only today. This terrorist act, by which the Portes Gil government tore away the last shreds of its pretenses to "democracy," has aroused the burning resentment of thousands of Mexican workers and peasants.

Exposé Portes Gil.

The Mexican Red Aid has issued a protest, declaring that the police acted at the orders of President Portes Gil, who since the crushing, with the aid of American imperialism, of the landowner-clerical counter-revolutionary uprising, has himself become the conscious instrument of all the reactionary forces in the country. The Red Aid declares that it will continue to support the Communist Party and all left wing organizations against "acts of a government which has joined the international bourgeoisie, this being nothing more than an alliance of the nationalist government and imperialism."

The Red raids are being accompanied by other suppressive measures throughout the country. The government, not content with having murdered Rodriguez and Durango, peasant leaders, is aiming at the destruction of the entire militant National Peasants League. The peasant guerrillas, to whose efforts the speedy crushing of the recent reactionary insurrection is in large measure due, are now being forcibly disbanded. Many functionaries of the Communist Party, of the left wing trade unions and of the Workers' and Peasants' Bloc have been arrested.

In its supine fawning on Yankee Imperialism, the Portes Gil government has gone to the extent of even expelling the Communist, Herman Laborde, from the chamber of deputies. Laborde several months ago aroused the ire of the reactionaries

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HATTERS REJECT BOSS' DEMANDS

Trimmers' Meeting Today at 10 a. m.

That the rank and file hatters will fight the most recent offensive of the bosses, which includes a demand for the extensive use of non-union workers, and especially of youth in several departments, was clearly demonstrated at a rousing membership meeting of Local 8, United Hatters of America, held yesterday at 1 o'clock at Manhattan Lyceum, 65 E. Fourth St., and attended by about 600 workers.

Following the report of a recent conference with the employers by officials of the organization, rank and file members took the floor and let it be known that a stiff fight

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Millinery Picket Is Given Day Jail Term

Fannie Rothman, member of Local 43, Millinery Workers, arrested while on the picket line near the Princeton Hat Co., 57 West 38th St., was yesterday brought to Jefferson Market Court, where she was sentenced to serve one day in jail or pay a fine of \$5. She spurned the fine, and served.

The strike at the Princeton Co., has been on for many weeks, but picketing continues vigorously, according to leaders of the union.

Police Terror Won't Halt Mill Strikers in Gastonia



Police attacks like the above have not dimmed the Gastonia mill strikers' spirit and determination to win. Photo shows a militant picket being arrested.

U. S. IMPERIALIST INTERVENTION IN WEST INDIAN RAID

Oil Center in South America Involved

WILLEMSTADT, Curacao, Dutch West Indies, June 10.—Mystery continues to surround the raid of several hundred men, who seized the waterfront of this city, captured a quantity of arms and ammunition and kidnapped the local governor, commander of troops and several local police, later bringing them back unharmed.

Although the officials have been energetically spreading the story that these men were Venezuelan revolutionaries who needed arms and ammunition to fight the terror in Venezuela, yet there is a growing feeling here that they were an outfit encouraged by American imperialism who are anxious to seize this rich oil center. Curacao is only forty miles from the Venezuelan mainland, and receives most of the petroleum mined here, for refining. It is a strategic point for controlling Lake Maracaibo, the center of one of the world's greatest oil producing regions in the world. The development of this territory began only about ten years ago since when both American and British have been in keen competition for control, with the Royal Dutch Company as the main present holder.

The story that American imperialism had a hand in the events is heightened by the fact that the vessel which carried the "putschists" was an American vessel of the Atlantic and Steam Navigation Company. Immediately following the raid the American consul, Thomas W. Voetter, wired a call for American warships from Colon, Panama. Officials have clamped down on the facts, taking a very antagonistic attitude to anyone who tries to investigate the sources of the raid.

LONDON, June 10.—The foreign minister of Holland, Johnker F. Beelaerts van Blokland said that the Venezuelan government in his opinion had nothing whatever to do with the events. He refused to commit himself on what the government theory was as to who was responsible but did say that they are sending several warships to the scene.

Vital Joint Membership Meet of Section 2, 3, Tonight, Irving Plaza

A special joint membership meeting of Sections 2 and 3, Communist Party, will be held today, immediately after work, at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Pl. A complete mobilization of the membership is necessary as matters of extreme importance will be acted upon at this meeting. A roll call will be taken.

SERB-HUNGARY DISPUTE.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, June 10.—The Yugoslav government has instructed its minister at Budapest to protest to the Hungarian government the recent speech of Premier Bethlen in which he indicated that the country would work for return of the territory and citizens lost to surrounding counties under terms of the Versailles Treaty.

Workers in Settled Shops Pledge Aid to Fur Strike

Gold Denounces Untermyer "Investigation"; Many Meetings Mobilize for Struggle

A pledge that they would not only respond to the general strike call of the furriers, but that they would stay out as long as is necessary, was made last night by the workers in the settled shops at an enthusiastic meeting held at Webster Hall, 11th St. and Third Ave.

Every recourse at the command of these workers will be thrown into the struggle, they declared.

Vote Assessment. While no specific amount was set by the workers, the meeting decided that they would decide upon an assessment just as soon as the strike call is made.

The meeting, which was of an unusually significant character, was but one of the numerous being held by many groups of workers in preparation for the general strike call which will be thrown into the faces of the profit-glutted bosses now at any moment.

Gold Denounces Untermyer. Ben Gold, secretary-treasurer of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, who was the leader of the successful furriers' strike of 1926, denounced the "investigation" maneuvers of the scab "Joint Council," together with Samuel Untermyer, wealthy corporation lawyer, who is consorting with them.

Concluding a vigorous speech, in which he outlined the tasks facing the furriers, Gold declared: "We consider Untermyer, a lawyer and a member of the capitalist class, unfit to conduct any kind of an 'investigation' involving the workers."

Denouncing the mobilization of the police as preparations for an attempt to break the strike of the furriers, Gold declared: "We will fight for the right to strike and picket no matter how

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IRON STRIKERS TO MEET TODAY

To Decide on Policy of Settlements

Architectural iron and bronze workers will hold a strike mass meeting today at 6:30 at Irving Hall, 15th Street and Irving Place. The progress of the strike will be reported on and a discussion will take place on the question of making individual settlements, J. Rosenfeld, secretary-treasurer of the organization has announced.

According to the strike leaders, a large number of bosses have already made application to the union for settlements, but the strikers have thus far followed the policy of not making individual settlements.

The application for the injunction sought by the Madison Iron Works will come up tomorrow before Judge Tierny in the supreme court. Yesterday, John Cadlo, a striker, was arrested before the Tiffany Co., Maspeh, L. I., where he was picketed. He is now free on bail.

Gastonia Mill Owner Paper's Cry Is "Lynch"

The Gastonia Gazette for Saturday, June 8, shouts hysterically for electrocution and lynching of the jailed strikers.

"The electric chair should claim every one of the number who participated in the shooting," howls an editorial statement, but it does not content itself with "legal" frame-up advice.

"The Gazette has always counseled against mob violence, the editorial continues, in provocative, double meaning style. "It has not preached violence. It does not now. But we do insist that this is a clarion call to Gastonia, Gaston County and the state of North Carolina to clean out this Communist crowd whose stock in trade is violence in its worst form. The hour has struck. Uproot this evil or the Old North State will some day go down beneath a wave of murder and blood and death."

Incites to Murder.

Immediately below this wild yell, the objective effect of which is certainly to organize lynch mobs and direct them against the strikers, appears an editorial, entitled, "Their Blood Cries Out." It slanders the heroic strike leaders as "boastful murderers" and says:

"The blood of these men (Alderholt and the officers, not the men they bayoneted before the Loray mills) cries out to high heaven for vengeance. This community has been too lenient with these despicable curs from the dives of Passaic, Hoboken and New York. For weeks and weeks we have put up with insult and injury . . . we have put up with it . . . although fingers were twitching to get at them.

"Kill Beal."

"It is high time that this community were rid of these undesirables. . . . But Beal is missing. . . . Some of his associates have been lodged in jail, but he is the bird this community wants to see jailed and punished. . . .

"The blood of these officers shot down in the dark from behind cries aloud. This display of gang law must not go unavenged."

The Gastonia Gazette, of the same issue, also features prominently on the editorial page, without a word of comment, a letter to the paper from a mill owner's friend, which says:

Rallies the Gang.

"You have played with the dirty gang of dogs till four officers of the law are shot. Now if this does not raise the indignation of the people so they will put this Communist trash away from here, you are not fit to be called Americans any more. If you want to put them away from here and need a leader, call at house 108 Dix St. and you will find one." The letter is signed by J. A. Mulwee, 108 Dix St., Gastonia.

MILL WORKERS' BUS DYNAMITED AT ELIZABETHTON

Threat to Rayon Labor That Talked Strike

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn., June 10.—A large bus was dynamited today at the Beulah Dean bus terminal, 15 miles from here. The terminal is near Stoney Creek, where many persons who work at the Bemberg-Glanzstoff rayon mills reside.

Some of these workers are strikers who were tricked back to the mills by the United Textile Workers Union agreement with the employers, which sold out a winning strike and gave the strikers nothing.

They are already talking strike, under the leadership of the National Textile Workers Union, and the bombing of the bus is considered here as a mill owner's reminder to them that dynamite, bombs and artillery are on the side of the employers.

No one was injured, according to word received here. The bus had been parked outside the terminal after a load of rayon workers from the night shift of the plant had been taken to their homes at Stoney Creek.

Shortly before the blast—which practically demolished the bus—an automobile was heard coming into Stoney Creek, and immediately after the dynamiting it was heard roaring out of town.

ALL LABOR TO DEFEAT MURDER FRAMEUP; MUST INCREASE SUPPORT TO TAKE BACK TENT COLONY: MAKE STRIKE VICTORIOUS

Workers International Relief Rallies All Forces to Feed Strikers Whom Bosses Offer Food As Bribe to Leave Union

Investigation Shows Workers Guard Saves Textile Strikers' Lives; Southern White Labor Realizes Lynch Law Is for All Workers

GASTONIA, N. C., June 10.—Lynch Law, the traditional weapon against the Negro masses, was today in full force against the white workers, when a corporation inspired mob tried to take Fred Beal of the National Textile Workers Union from the car in which officers were carrying him to an unknown jail in North Carolina last night.

Another deputy sheriff was shot by one of his brother officers at the funeral of Chief of Police Aderholt yesterday.

The 65 strikers who are held in various jails scattered about the state are not out of danger of lynching, for the local press, controlled by the mill owners is openly provoking upper and middle class elements who line up with the bosses to violence against the strike, and relief leaders. The first hearing of the arrested, scheduled for tomorrow, has now been reported postponed, and may take place Thursday. Meanwhile they are held incommunicado.

Defense Forces at Gastonia Unable to Say Whether Fred Erwin Beal Is Dead or Alive

By BILL DUNNE.

(Special To The Daily Worker.)

GASTONIA, North Carolina, June 10.—The International Labor Defense, and its attorney, Tom P. Jimison of Charlotte, three days after the attack on the strikers' tent colony in which the chief of police lost his life and two deputy sheriffs and a strike leader were wounded, is unable to say whether Fred E. Beal, southern organizer for the National Textile Workers' Union, is dead or alive.

The local officers and press state that Beal is in jail "somewhere in North Carolina" but it is known now that an attempt was made to take him and K. O. Byers, who was arrested with him in Spartanburg, away from the arresting officers in South Gastonia on Saturday night. The Raleigh News and Observer carries this story today for the first time. Local papers did not mention it.

WHEREABOUTS OF PRISONERS UNKNOWN.

The 60 or 65 workers—men and women—arrested after the attack on the tent colony have not been allowed to see either attorneys or friends. Even the whereabouts of many of the prisoners is unknown. The Gastonia authorities state that they are scattered around in six or seven different county jails but it has been impossible as yet to check up on these statements.

It is known, however, through the report of sympathizers present when a number of prisoners were brought into the Gastonia jail, that the union members had been severely beaten and otherwise mistreated, bruised and bleeding, they were thrown into cells, they were denied water, the police and deputies continued to work on them with "third degree" methods.

Most of the arrests made in and around the tent colony after the battle, as well as the beatings of strikers, were carried out by what is known as the "committee of one hundred," the Manville-Jenckes Company's private organization of gunmen and sluggers.

BOSSSES THINK STRIKE IS BROKEN.

Manville-Jenckes officials are claiming gleefully that the strike is over and the union broken up. The Workers International Relief tent colony is under guard of special deputies which have been selected by the Manville-Jenckes Company. Among them are Major A. L. Bulwinkle, former congressman, company attorney; William Pickering, divisional superintendent of the Loray Mill; B. T. Hanna, Gastonia jailer and previously a hanger-on of the Manville-Jenckes Company in Pawtucket, R. I., Grady Morehead, mill boss.

These individuals are playing a prominent part in the attempt to frame up Beal—if he is still alive—and other strikers and union leaders such as Louis McLaughlin, who is hated by the mill officials and police and who was one of the workers bayoneted early in the strike. Pickering, Hanna, and Morehead have stated to the press that they were in the crowd at the strike meeting and heard Beal tell the workers to "shoot and shoot to kill." An attempt was also made to use certain statements alleged to have been made by Carter, one of the arrested men, but Carter, held in jail in Asheville, denies these statements in the local press.

The Gastonia paper continues to whip up sentiment against Beal, (Continued on Page Two)

OIL BARONS TALK 'CONSERVATION' TRY TERROR IN BETHLEHEM JAIL

Standard Oil Seeks to Crush Rivals

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., June 10.—A deadlock after a three-day argument between rival oil groups appeared the only possible ending to the Hoover oil conservation conference which got under way here today. It was addressed by Secretary of the Interior Wilbur, who characterized the gathering of oil barons as "the big hope of civilization."

Under the plea of "conserving the oil resources of the nation," the Standard Oil interests, which pushed the conference, seek measures which will consolidate their advantages over their smaller western rivals by aiming for an agreement to secure even greater curtailment of western

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CONVICT 17 WHO DEFY INJUNCTION IN FOOD STRIKE

Another Boss Bows to Cafeteria Union

Charged with violation of the injunction which forbids them to picket, or to carry on any other strike activities, 22 striking cafeteria workers who refuse to be driven back to the intolerable conditions that prevail in the open shops were tried in Special Sessions, Part I, in the Criminal Court building yesterday. Seventeen of the strikers were found guilty and sentence will be pronounced on June 14. One was discharged and four adjourned to June 13. Seven other strikers were found guilty of defying the injunction last Friday and sentence also postponed to the 14th.

Mass picketing demonstrations were held yesterday before two cafeterias, the Sunray, 313 W. 36th St., and the Brunswick, 237 W. 37th St. Five of the strikers participating in these demonstrations were arrested, charged with disorderly conduct. They were released on bail, to be arraigned for trial today.

One more cafeteria owner has signed an agreement with the union. (Continued on Page Five)

Gastonia Strikers Tell at Open Air Meet of Mill Center Conditions

Support for the Gastonia strikers voiced by several hundred workers attended an open air meeting last night at 14th St. and Second Ave. under the auspices of the Workers International Relief. The speakers were Kermit Hardin and Raymond Clark, Gastonia strikers; Veronica Kovas, Communist Youth League; Sylvan A. Pollack, editor, "Solidarity," official organ of the W. I. R. and A. Gordon. Several workers joined the W. I. R. at the meeting.

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when he waved an American flag captured by Sandino in the chamber of deputies and made a speech bitterly denouncing U. S. imperialism and exposing the complete capitulation of the Portes Gil government to Wall Street.

But despite the new reign of terror and the violent suppression of nearly all the so-called "democratic liberties," the Communist Party is carrying on. To its organ has been suppressed, it is rallying the Mexican workers and peasants against the attacks of the government and is calling on the peasants to refuse to give up their arms. At the same time it is exposing the maneuvers that lie behind the bloody suppressions—the alliance being formed between the Portes Gil government and the catholic church with Dwight W. Morrow, of the House of Morgan and U. S. ambassador to Mexico, acting as go-between, and the general betrayal of the Mexican revolution into the hands of Wall Street.

Conferences with Church Start.

MEXICO CITY, June 10.—Conferences started today between President Portes Gil and the two papal emissaries, Archbishop Leopoldo Ruiz y Flores and Bishop Pascual Diaz of Tabasco.

The announcement by Portes Gil on Saturday that the government would consent to no changes in the religious laws, made to cloak his crass betrayal of one of the most important achievements of the Mexican revolution, is fooling no one. Least of all the catholics themselves who are openly jubilant.

It is an open secret that the conferences include a fourth party, whether present in person or not is of little consequence. His name is Dwight W. Morrow, Wall Street ambassador to Mexico. Morrow returned to this city "suddenly" from the United States on Saturday, that it had been announced that he would not be back until July. He is here to tie the knot in the new marriage between the church and state.

Launch Organization Campaign for Negro Workers in Baltimore

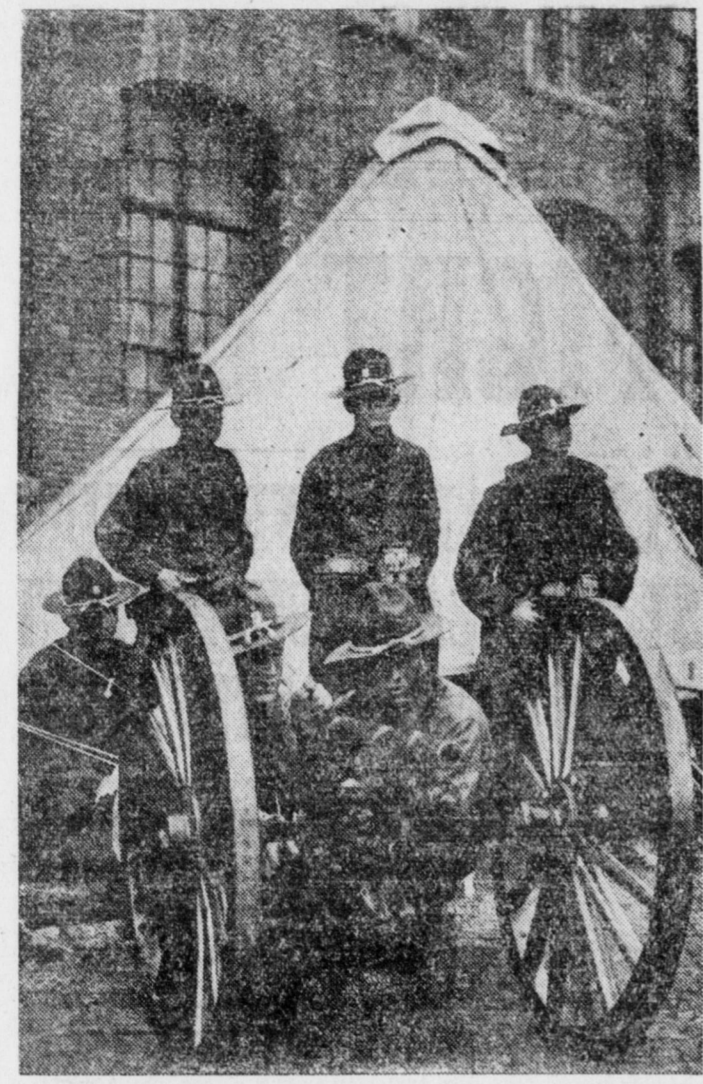
BALTIMORE, June 8. (By Mail).—The opening of the campaign for the organizing of the exploited Negro workers of this city of the open shop began with a successful open air meeting held under the auspices of the American Negro Labor Congress.

An enthusiastic audience of about one hundred Negro workers listened for two hours to speeches by Fred Welch of the A. N. L. C. chairman, delegates of the Marine Workers League, D. Flaiani, Trade Union Educational League organizer and Irving Keith of the Communist Youth League.

The chairman, a Negro worker, exposed the miserable conditions under which the Negro workers are forced to toil, and made an appeal for the A. N. L. C. which resulted in the enrollment of a number of new members. Further open meetings will be held in the coming weeks, the next one being on June 14 (Friday) at 8 p. m. at the corner of Penn and Lawrence Street.

After every revolution marking a progressive phase in the class struggle, the purely repressive character of the State power stands out in bolder and bolder relief.—Marx.

Send Militia to Provoke Gastonia Violence



Here is the Gastonia Howitzer Company, sent by the Gastonia mill bosses to provoke violence and thus provide an excuse for an attack of troops and police on the strikers. The strikers were the victims of such an attack by Gastonia police and company thugs, in which Sheriff Aderholt was killed.

Defense Forces at Gastonia Unable to Find Fred Beal

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Amy Schechter, Vera Bush, McLaughlin and all others considered to have played a leading role. The atmosphere in Gastonia is murderous. The county attorney there informed Defense Attorney Jimison that it would be dangerous for him to attempt to see the prisoners held in Gastonia. It will probably be necessary to get out a writ of habeas corpus to force the authorities to give the prisoners a hearing. The hostility to the strikers and union leaders is confined mostly to the mill officials and the business elements.

Among the workers there is the feeling that the sole responsibility rests on the Manville-Jencks companies and the authorities. One of the local American Federation of Labor officials, whose name cannot be used for obvious reasons, stated privately that "the police and deputies got what they were looking for."

The line of the prosecution has been indicated already by such statements as that made by Gilbert, one of the wounded deputies and the outstanding persecutor of the strikers, notorious for provocation and slugging at every opportunity. His version of the affair is that the police and deputies, following the attack on the picket line in which the strikers, men and women, were beaten and choked, rode up with their car and got out on a lot next to the headquarters of the strikers, that they were fired on as soon as they had been challenged by Harrison—one of the wounded striker guards. The only police officer not wounded is one Hoard.

DISCREPANCIES IN PROSECUTION'S STORY.

It is here that the discrepancy between the deputy's story and that of others present appears. Hoard was not hit because at the moment the firing occurred he was chasing a striker in back of one of the buildings in the W. I. R. tent colony where the striker headquarters is located. This indicates that the police and deputies were attacking before the strikers fired. So far all hostile stories come from individuals who are known to be either on the payroll of the Manville-Jencks Company or under their influence for other reasons.

An application made by Jimison for permission for Juliet Stuart Poyntz of the International Labor Defense and Alfred Wagenknecht, of the Workers International Relief, to interview the prisoners has been denied. Wagenknecht has announced that strike relief will be continued and that the deputies must be removed from the grounds of the tent colony at once.

James Reid, president of the National Textile Workers' Union, and Albert Weisbord, secretary-treasurer, arrived today. They announce that organization work will be intensified and extended and that the defense of the union members charged with murder and attempts to murder will be made a national issue.

Plans have already been made to route nationally known speakers for mass meetings in all the principal industrial centers of the North and South to utilize the tremendous interest in the Gastonia case, to show the immediate necessity for organization of the textile workers and breaking the autocratic power of such corporations as the Manville-Jencks Company.

BOSSSES INCITING MOB TO MURDER MILL STRIKERS

Workers Guard Heroically Protects Workers

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the action of excited deputy sheriffs in pumping lead into Deputy George Moore, while all were firing a general and reckless fusillade of shots at a fleeing striker they wanted to seize and add to the frame-up proceedings, convinced many that the same sort of accident might have happened to the four deputies and the chief shot Friday.

The tent colony is still in the hands of the police, and a lynch mob of twelve patrolling the roads around Gastonia stopped the car in which City Councilmen Robert Craig and Policemen H. C. Jackson and Thomas Rankin were carrying Fred Beal and K. O. Byers to a jail in North Carolina from Spartanburg, S. C., where they were arrested and charged with "complicity in the murder of Aderholt." The mob demanded the prisoners, and the police claim that they refused to give them up. It is stated here by others agitating for the killing of Beal and other strike leaders that a mistake was made in sending such a small crowd, as the police were almost as numerous as the armed lynchers, and were afraid of ridicule for "yielding" to such a small force.

The situation is very tense; the Gastonia Herald is calling for the electric chair for all those who are not "taught North Carolina justice" by the lynch crowd before going to trial. There is common talk of a new and more destructive raid on the colony in preparation which shall absolutely destroy every tent and run the families out of town.

On the other hand, all the forces of militant labor are rallying to carry on the fight, to reorganize the strike relief, to rebuild the tent colony, to continue picketing and win the strike. The Gastonia strikers must now build their Workers Defense Corps to defend themselves against the lynchings being prepared.

Hundreds of workers from surrounding towns are flocking to Gastonia to protect the strikers. All workers agree that if it had not been for the determined resistance of the Workers Guard at the tent colony, their alertness in stopping every attempt of the mill owners' secret agents to poison the camp water supply, their announced willingness to shoot to pieces any masked mobs which might be organized to destroy the strike headquarters, as the first headquarters and relief offices were destroyed, there would not have been a police raid; but the lynchers would have done the job, probably with terrific loss of life among the strikers, as was the case years ago at Ludlow, Colorado.

As it was, although many strikers were arrested and some were beaten, only one striker was shot and four of the raiders were hit, one fatally.

The lynching methods, which many white workers, even in the South, have used against Negro workers, do not look the same to them now, when the business men of Gastonia are demanding that white workers be lynched.

Otto Hall, Negro organizer for the National Textile Workers' Union, spoke at Gastonia just before the shooting and then addressed a meeting at Bessemer City. On his way back sympathizers from Gastonia stopped him and warned him of lynch mobs seeking his life. Hall escaped and the entire incident opens the eyes of Southern workers to a new situation. White workers who have been incited into race wars and race murder, find that the employers who whipped them on are now calling for the death of white and Negro workers alike, and rally against this menace as sensible men would, by protecting their Negro fellow-workers against the common enemy.

The tent colony, which inspection showed later, was wrecked in an even more wanton and destructive fashion than was at first indicated, is still inhabited by hundreds of strikers' families, living among their shattered furniture and trying to use their torn and bullet pierced cooking utensils.

James P. Reid, national president of the National Textile Workers' Union, is expected here today, coming down from the union headquarters in New York to take personal charge of the organization work.

The mass demonstrations before the Friday raid have already drawn many of the textile workers out of the Loray mill, and reports from inside state that a mass insurrection is brewing there. These workers are new to labor struggles, and many of them did not realize that they were working to the injury of their fellow-workers outside. The attempt at mass murder, and the cruel attempts at lynching and frame-up of men they know and respect, has awakened many of them. They are ready to join the strike in large numbers.

Attorneys for the International Labor Defense, whose national secretary, Juliet Stuart Poyntz, arrived yesterday, are demanding that the strikers and relief workers be released on bail, and are attempting by habeas corpus proceedings to force the judges to pass on the 65 workers, who are held on no evidence whatever, and so far on only

Gastonia Strikers Spirit Unbroken Despite Attack by Co. Police, Thugs



The attack on Friday night by police and company thugs failed to break the spirit of the Gastonia mill strikers, who are all the more determined to stay solid until the strike is won and to resist the attacks of the police and thugs on their tents.

very informal charges of "murder" and "inciting to murder."

A nation-wide appeal is being issued immediately by the I. L. D. to rally all labor back of this defense and stop what seems to be a combination of the Centralia (Washington), Wheatland (California) hop fields, and Ludlow (Colorado) massacre frame-up proceedings.

Alfred Wagenknecht, executive secretary of the Workers International Relief, who arrived here yesterday from New York, stated today that the authority of the W. I. R. over the tent colony will be established and food again furnished to the strikers. The W. I. R., Wagenknecht added, will insist that the mill deputies leave the tent colony at once. The deputies have been in the colony since their raid on it Friday night. With the deputies patrolling the W. I. R. and union headquarters the relief work is being hampered.

"The gesture of the authorities to furnish food," said Wagenknecht, "is a strikebreaking move on the part of the mill men and must be answered by the workers of America rallying to the aid of the strikers. The W. I. R. will again furnish food to the strikers and defeat the plans of the Manville-Jencks Co. All workers and friends of the labor movement who want to defeat the murder frame-up plans of the bosses and their allies in public office, all those who want the strike to continue until it is won will send funds at once to the national office of the Workers International Relief, 1 Union Square, New York City."

Wagenknecht stated that as a result of the arrest of all W. I. R. representatives no food has been distributed for the last three days. The strikers have been going around hungry. The food in the tent colony was destroyed by the police and deputy sheriffs. The destitute strikers are in a desperate condition as a result of the starvation that is facing them. The arrest of Caroline Drew and Amy Schechter, W. I. R. representatives here, was part of the Manville-Jencks Co. plot to break the strike by mass terrorism and starvation. It is now becoming clear that the police attack on the tent colony Friday night was well planned. After the workers were shot at, beaten, some of the tents destroyed and strikers, their wives and children thrown into the road, the next move would be to stop the food supply. The arrest of Drew, Schechter and the other W. I. R. relief committee workers confirms this.

OIL BARONS TALK 'CONSERVATION'

Standard Oil Seeks to Crush Rivals

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production than is provided by the government oil lease order.

The appointment of a commission is the most that is expected from the conference, at least one government official believes.

One of the main tasks of the proposed commission, it is expected, would be to try to whip public lands states of the west into line by obtaining modification of the leasing order of last March which cancelled leases on public lands and stopped all prospecting for oil and gas. Those hit by such action, and who declared their firm resistance to such proposals even if they are brought before the conference, are generally mining groups whose interest in oil production is only incidental, yet large enough to be hurt by the encroachments of the Standard Oil companies.

The "absolute necessity" of conservation to enable the United States to fight rival oil trusts in opposing countries was the keynote of the speech of Mark L. Regua of Los Angeles. "Isolation of the problem within the United States is an impossibility," Regua said. "The interests in the Dutch East Indies, in Mesopotamia, Iraq, Russia and South America have direct relations to conditions in the United States."

Textile Strikers Get \$200 from Milwaukee ILD; Picnic June 16

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 10.—Hundreds of workers will attend the picnic arranged for the defense of the Southern textile strikers by the local International Labor Defense at Gehaj Grove, west of 8393 Greenfield Ave. West Allis, on Sunday, June 16.

A sum of \$200 was collected for textile strike relief by the I. L. D. in cooperation with the Workers International Relief in its recent house to house collection. Jewish, Slav, Russian, Finnish and other language organizations aided the drive.

TRY TERROR IN BETHLEHEM JAIL

Dicks' Menace Workers Arrested at Meet

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Herbert Benjamin, district organizer of the Communist Party, was taken for a grilling. He was led into a darkened room, his spectacles removed, and the detectives grouped about him in an attempt at intimidation. After his answers to their questions, he was held on a charge of "disorderly conduct."

All taken in the raid were placed under the same charge and fined \$25 and costs. They were committed to county jail on default of fine.

The police were ready to shoot to break up the meeting, they told Benjamin. "You guys ought all of you be stood up against a wall and shot," the authorities said.

Anna Berlak, a young worker of Bethlehem, was picked up by police the day before as she sat eating in a restaurant and haled before the magistrate, charged with distributing leaflets.

Steal Bail.

Her bail of \$45 was immediately forfeited at the hearing scheduled the next day at four o'clock, despite the fact that she was on time. The magistrate insisted she came late and pocketed the money.

The police terror in this city is so great that reporters of out-of-town capitalistic papers were arrested with the workers. The Bethlehem Steel Company, of Charles Schwab, the saintly capitalist, is behind this absolute reign of terror in the steel city.

Two reporters of a Philadelphia capitalist paper were pulled in "for being in the crowd." One of the newspapermen was brutally beaten about the neck and body when he protested. His notes on the meeting were snatched from his hand and torn up by County Detective Schweitzer, the principal tool of the Bethlehem Steel in the raid.

Our own age, the bourgeois age, is distinguished by this—that it has simplified class antagonism. More and more, society is splitting up into two great hostile camps, into two great and directly contrasted classes—the bourgeoisie and proletariat.—Marx.

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Some of the female politicians of the three British capitalist parties of England returned to parliament in the recent elections are shown above. Left to right, above, Marian Philips, Labor; Miss Megan Lloyd George, daughter of the old and faithful henchman of British imperialism, Lloyd George, Liberal; Susan Lawrence, Labor, one of those who aided in the betrayal of British workers in the general strike. Below, left to right, Margaret Bondfield, Labor, of Blanesborough Report fame, who recommended a reduction in the unemployment dole by the government; "Lady" Cynthia Mosley, one of the Labor's "aristocrats," whose comfortable fortune came from the sweat of the workers, and Ethel Bentham, another one of Labor's wealthy members. All will serve their British bosses well in parliament.

