

The Young Workers Especially Suffer as a Result of Unemployment and Capitalist Rationalization. Young Workers! Join Your Adult Brothers in the Fight for "Work or Wages." Demonstrate March 6!

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## Only By Struggle Can Workers Win!

### Social Insurance in Capitalist America and Under Soviet Rule

The economic crisis has had the effect of sharply clarifying the immediate perspective of the working class. Large sections of workers have been made to understand that the most militant struggle will be necessary to fight for adequate social insurance. Millions upon millions are learning from the most bitter experience that capitalism has placed before them the alternative of accepting permanent unemployment, starvation, lasting wage-cuts and still lower standards of living or of waging a merciless struggle for immediate improvements in their standard of life. This struggle is effecting and drawing in all sections of the working class, skilled and unskilled, women and youth.

At the same time that millions of workers are faced with the prospect of permanent unemployment, the capitalist state has answered their movements for relief with the most violent suppression. The Wall Street Government, after returning \$160,000,000 in income taxes to the bosses, told the millions of unemployed workers that it would not contribute a single penny towards relief. The old age pension bills before a number of state legislatures are the rawest mockery of thousands upon thousands of workers thrown upon the industrial scrap heap at the age of forty or forty-five.

The pension bills submitted to the New York Legislature by the N. Y. Legislative Commission on Old Age Security, created last year, for example limits old age pensions to applicants of 70 years or over. In addition, those receiving the pensions would have to be residents of the state for the preceding ten years. At the same time, no fixed amount is provided for, with the assurance, however, that the average cost per person would not exceed \$242 a year. According to the estimates of the N. Y. Commission, there are 350,400 persons in the state over seventy of whom 51,000 require pensions.

This was hailed as the "truly American way of providing for the poor" by State Senator Mastick, one of the sponsors of the N. Y. bills. This is the "truly capitalist" answer to the growing army of workers who are deprived of a means of livelihood—at least twenty or thirty years before the miserable "charity" of the bosses would be doled out to them!

Even these sham concessions, which are nothing but hypocritical gestures, are being contested by the capitalists of America. Real social insurance against unemployment, invalidity, old age, etc. will not be achieved in the United States without the severest class battles on the part of the entire working class. This working class will learn from its own bitter experience. P. T. Sharnan, chairman of the Old Age Annuities Committee of the National Civic Federation (of which Matthew Woll is an official), speaking at the annual meeting of the open-shop National Association of Manufacturers, spoke in the name of the entire capitalist class when he stated:

"I am firmly opposed to State old-age pensions. . . . I am opposed to any kind of law that would in effect promise people the right of an income out of public funds upon condition that they reach a given old age in a specified state of poverty. . . . Such a law would lead to widespread pauperism and fraud. . . . We may be driven to the European system of compulsory social insurance, covering sickness, accidents, invalidity, old age, widows, orphans and unemployment. . . . I don't believe we want that. I say that unless we want to go to that extreme, we must cut out all thought of public old-age pensions."

New machinery, vast mergers, "old-age" employment limits are producing an ever growing army of jobless, penniless workers. As long as industry is in the hands of the capitalist class, the march of the machine will mean pauperization for ever increasing sections of the working class. In spite of the mounting productivity of industry, capitalism is proving its inability to feed the workers who have created the vast wealth of the country.

The Soviet Union, where the workers have abolished the rule of the capitalists, offers the sharpest contrast to the miserable lot of the working class under capitalism. Unemployment in the Soviet Union is practically solved by the advance of socially owned industry. Social insurance there now covers 11,000,000 workers, while over a million aged and invalid workers are receiving state pensions. The workers in the Soviet Union do not wait until they are seventy to receive a pauper's pittance. All wage earners in the workers' and farmers' republic are or will be temporarily disabled and physically unfit for work (or in case of severe illness, contagious disease at the home of the worker, or when nursing a sick member of the family), receives full wages.

Special provision is made for the care of mothers at childbirth. Factory women get four months leave of absence—two months before and two months after childbirth—with full pay. All other working women receive three months of leave with pay. In addition, a layette is furnished by the insurance fund, and a special allowance is made for the mother for nine months after the birth of her child, to provide special food and care.

The funds for this social insurance in the Soviet Union is provided through monthly payments by all State enterprises, factories and offices alike, and by all private business firms, the average amount being 12½ per cent of the monthly payroll. Nothing is taken from wages. Thus, \$510,000,000 is collected each year, while the budget for the year ending October 1, 1930, is more than \$675,000,000.

In the Soviet Union also, industry is developing rapidly on the basis of the seven and six hour day in connection with the introduction of the continuous working year. At the same time real wages are increased. In every capitalist country, overproduction has resulted in the steepest decline of production and the unemployment of millions of workers, while wages are cut.

Unemployment is the scourge of capitalist society which is rotting with plenty. Working men and working women as well as the working youth suffer from the most withering and intense speed-up, while constantly being threatened with the nightmare of unemployment, insecurity, sickness and hunger. The living example of the Soviet Union will not and cannot be ignored by the toiling masses in America.

Workers! The capitalists will not grant you a cent of real social insurance unless you fight for it! Expose the sham legislation of the capitalist class which forces you to starve until you are ready for the grave and then offers you a penny dole! Build the Communist Party, the Party that led the Russian working class to victory, your Party, into a powerful mass organ of struggle!

Prepare to win what the Russian workers won by the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a Workers and Farmers Government!

Employed and unemployed! Unite your forces! Build unemployed councils. Demand Work or Wages! Demonstrate in international working class solidarity on March 6!

## BIGGEST BOSTON SPARTA STRIKERS DRESS SHOP OUT REJECT FISHWICK

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 20.—The cloak and dress strike continues to grow, under the leadership of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union. Yesterday the biggest dress shop in Boston, Sul & Markowitz, was shut down tight. The cloak shops are struck.

Hundreds of strikers fought militantly on the picket line today against the police who tried to stop their distributing handbills announcing the strike, and against some of the company union goons brought in by Schlesinger, of the L.L.G.W., who is here now.

BELLEVILLE, Ill., Feb. 20.—The 404 miners on strike at the Sparta mine have answered every attempt of the United Mine Workers officials to split them and drive them back to work with the decision: "We all go back together or no one goes back." The company proposes to run its mine with only about 80 men, and to discriminate against the Negro workers in selecting those.

At the meeting held Monday Arthur Herchy, of the National Miners Union spoke together with M. Scherer, of the Workers' International Relief.

## U. S. BOSSES HEAD ATTACKS ON SOVIETS

### Friends of Soviet Union Mobilize for Defense

### Fear Five-Year Plan Pope Wants Private Property Protected

BULLETIN.

According to capitalist newspaper dispatches from Moscow, the Soviet Government has branded as a lie statements of the Jewish Telegraph Agency and the chief rabbi of Berlin that a group of Jewish rabbis in the Soviet Union were executed. However, the dispatch quotes the Soviet Government as announcing that a group of rabbis at Minsk has been caught in flagrant counter-revolutionary activity and were arrested.

(Wireless By Inprecorr)

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—The Executive Committee of the Friends of the Soviet Union decided to indefinitely postpone the International Congress which was to open this week-end, as the furious anti-Soviet campaign that is being conducted by the imperialists through their churches and other propaganda agencies, demands the presence of all leaders in their respective countries to organize the workers' counter-campaign for the defense of the Soviet Union.

MOSCOW, Feb. 20.—The "Red Star" organ of the Red Army featured a cartoon showing a Polish officer, and the pope leading a cannon trained against the Soviet Union, and credited United States imperialism with leadership in the Anti-Soviet bloc.

Dispatches from all parts of the world show the growing war threats against the Soviet Union, engineered by the imperialist powers under the leadership of American imperialism. (Continued on Page Three)

## MURDER PITT CAB PICKET

### Cop Shoots Worker in Back of Head

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 20.—The Parmalee cab corporation and the police assisting it killed their first man today in the strike of the 1,600 cab drivers. William Dreihold, 24-year-old cab driver, was shot in the back of the head and killed by Motorcycle Patrolman Harrison, Police Commissioner Peter P. Walsh, notorious for his strike breaking activity in the great steel strike, immediately exonerated the policeman of all blame though the evidence indicates the worker was killed in cold blood.

Dreihold was not a striker but was formerly an employee of the Yellow Cab Co. He was without work for a long time and was acting as a strikebreaker. (Continued on Page Three)

## 10 P. C. WAGE CUT ROCKFORD PLANT

ROCKFORD, Ill., Feb. 20.—Over 400 furniture workers heard Trade Union Unity League Organizer Joe Dallet present the T.U.U.L. program for unemployment Sunday.

The workers in the Rockford Republic Furniture Co. plant reported a 10 per cent wage cut. A meeting of the furniture workers again took place Monday. A committee of 16 workers, representing all departments, was elected to prepare for a strike.

## Forge Fascist Ring Around Soviet Union

(Wireless By Inprecorr) VIENNA, Feb. 20.—The Rote Fahne, central organ of the Communist Party of Austria discloses an agreement made between Mussolini and chancellor Schober, at the latter's recent visit to Rome, by which joint steps are to be taken at the League of Nations to secure support for the formation of a fascist militia in Austria so that Schober will be in a position to still more effectively butcher workers than he did in the June, 1927 rising when he was police president of Vienna.

Schober further agreed to hinder the import of agricultural products to Austria from Yugoslavia, Italy's rival on the Adriatic, while Polish and Hungarian imports should be favored. This signifies the closing of the fascist ring around the Soviet Union, extending from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

## JOIN IN DEFENSE OF SOVIET UNION

### Expose War Threats of Imperialists

Two leading atheist organizations in the United States, the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, and the Freethinkers of America, announced their support to the meeting called by the Friends of the Soviet Union, for Sunday afternoon, March 16, to expose the war preparations of the imperialist powers against the Workers Republic.

The meeting which will be held at the Bronx Coliseum, 177th St. and Bronx River, will be called to mobilize support for the Workers Republic against the growing attacks, led by American imperialism.

Charles Smith, president of the Association for the Advancement of Atheism, who a year ago was arrested in Arkansas in a fight on the state evolution referendum, and Joseph Lewis, president of the Freethinkers of America and author of "The Bible Unmasked," both agreed to speak at the protest meeting.

## Marine Workers Mass Meeting Is Strong for Industrial Organization

Several hundred, mostly unemployed, marine transport workers gathered at the corner of Broad and South Sts. yesterday afternoon to hear the Marine Workers' League speaker, B. Brown. Tomorrow, if the weather permits, another similar meeting will be held, on this or some nearby corner.

Interest of the marine workers was so great that many not connected with the M.W.L. came up to the speaker afterward and asked if he could not be back tomorrow.

The speaker stressed the need for organization. The M.W.L. has called a national convention to meet in April in New York, to organize an industrial union of marine workers. The speaker also got good response to his appeal to demonstrate in the worldwide unemployment demonstrations March 6.

## Keen and Saul Jailed for Norfolk Leaflets

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 20.—Joe Keen and George Saul, southern representative of the International Labor Defense, were arrested here today for distributing handbills calling a meeting. They are charged with vagrancy.

## TO ELECTROCUTE THREE AUBURN RIOTERS

SING SING PRISON, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Three Auburn prisoners who led the revolt last December, Claude Udwin, William Force and Jesse Thompson, are lodged in the death house and will be burned to death by the capitalist executioner.

## NEEDLE WORKERS HUGE MEETING PLEDGES ACTION

### Union Issues Call to Mass Demonstration Tuesday, Feb. 25

### Fake Peace Intolerable Demand 40 Hour Week; Smash Out Gorillas

Webster Hall was packed to the ceiling, seats full, aisles full, lobby full, and many standing last night when the needle trades workers turned out at the call of the Industrial Union, in a mobilization for driving through the organization campaign.

Particularly did the workers cheer for the program of a mass picket demonstration of all workers, particularly needle workers, in the garment section Tuesday, to fight for the 40-hour week and to put an end to the company union gorilla attacks.

The workers at the meeting enthusiastically voted to levy a tax of \$10 each on all members to carry through its campaign to organize all needle trades shops. Knowing the union need of money for this work, individuals and whole shop crews at the meeting came up and laid on the platform the amount of the tax.

Call To Action.

The workers adopted and the union is issuing the following statement:

"The Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union calls on all militant workers, and especially on the needle trades workers, to demonstrate in the garment district on Tuesday, February 25.

"Throughout the entire country (Continued on Page Two)

## SHOE LOCK OUT IN COURT TODAY

### Boss Makes Main Issue on Communism

The Schwartz & Benjamin shoe shop injunction hearing is turning on the question of whether a boss has a legal right to break his contract with the union and lock out his workers if some of them are Communists.

Schwartz, of the firm of Schwartz & Benjamin, was the only witness yesterday in the hearing, and will be on the stand today when the trial resumes at 10 a. m., in part 3 of the supreme court, Borough Hall, Brooklyn, before Judge Mitchell May.

Under cross examination, Schwartz admitted that he had read the letter of Commissioner Woods of the U. S. Department of Labor, urging all shoe bosses to break their contracts with the Independent Shoe Workers Union. Lockouts in 27 shops followed this request of the U. S. government, and the shops had injunctions granted them that were obviously prepared even before the lockout started.

Acted in Closed Season

Schwartz' story was contradictory; he first said he discharged a worker who refused to work. Later he said he called a meeting of the crew in his shop, asked them whether they were Communists, and they refused to answer, then held a meeting and refused to work.

The Union will have many witnesses to prove that the bosses in this shop locked out their workers after getting the U. S. Department of Labor letter, but that they waited until the busy season was over.

All workers in this shop and shop chairmen in all striking shops were urged by the union to appear in court today at 10 a. m. and the locked-out Schwartz & Benjamin workers should bring with them their weekly salary books.

## STRIKES AGAINST THROWING MATES INTO UNEMPLOYMENT, IN ILLINOIS MINES AND EUROPEAN METAL WORKS

### West Frankfort Miners in Class Solidarity Fight; Czech Metal Workers Strike at Dismissals; Jobless Begin Fight in Washington, D. C.

### Police Assault Buffalo Demonstration; 3,000 Answer Call of T. U. U. L. at Akron; Everywhere the Unemployed Battle for 'Work or Wages'

### Must Be Organized in Unemployed Councils



The Department of Labor admitted that employment dropped two per cent during January. This brings the jobless army up to the proportions of 1922. The 7,000,000 unemployed are being added to. Mobilize now for the world demonstration for work or wages on March 6.

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Feb. 20.—Four hundred miners at the West Mine here have struck against the discharge of twenty-six miners when new machines were introduced. Committees are being sent to Pinckneyville and Sesser mine owned by the same company to spread the strike.

This strike is a splendid example of correct class policy of the employed in struggle against unemployment, against the speed-up and discharge of workers into the unemployed army.

Also, the miners' local union involved stopped paying dues to either the Lewis gang or the Fishwick clique.

At Coello, Illinois, the Zeigler Mine No. 2, and the Old Ben No. 18 are closed down, with 2,000 more miners thrown into the ranks of the unemployed, but the strike policy of the miners against dismissal is the correct fighting line advocated by the National Miners' Union and the Trade Union Unity League.

(Wireless By Inprecorr)

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 20.—Seven hundred workers of the Mannesmann Engineering Works at Komotau, are striking against the dismissal of part of the workers. At Bruenn, the police prohibited all demonstrations of the workers, and attacked an unemployed demonstration yesterday, but managed to break it up only after a fight in which several were injured.

Under Hoover's Nose.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—A street meeting demonstration here arranged by the Council of Unemployed yesterday, was attacked by police and eight workers arrested after distinct resistance was shown by the crowd. Among the arrested were Comrades Harper, southern organizer of the International Labor Defense, Carter, the Chairman of the Unemployed Council, and Lawrence, section organizer of the Communist Party.

Immediate meetings of protest are arranged and the Unemployed (Continued on Page Three)

## JOBLESS FIGHT KENOSHA COPS FOR UNEMPLOYED

### 14 Arrested; Prepare for March 6

KENOSHA, Wis., Feb. 20.—It took the whole police force and the fire department to break the mass unemployment demonstration and the march of the jobless workers here today.

Five hundred workers gathered in Library Park, half an hour before the meeting was scheduled. Trade Union Unity League speakers addressed the meeting.

When Richard Tresvors, Joe Dallet, Donald Burke and George Scarborough were arrested, the unemployed workers marched to the jail and demanded their release. The crowd swelled to 800. Ten of the workers who demanded the release of the speakers were pinched in front of the jail.

Fourteen are now under arrest. The International Defense had the case postponed for a month.

The demonstration succeeded in placing the unemployment program of the Trade Union Unity League and the Communist Party before the entire city. Half of the workers in this city are out of work. All the jobless are talking about the March 6 world demonstrations.

The evening before, the T. U. U. L. held a meeting here. Four hundred and fifty workers attended. Kjar, Fisher and Dallet spoke.

## MASS PICKETING HITS THE MONROE

### Overwhelm Police; Win at Grand Concourse

A general fraction meeting of all members of the Communist Party who are food workers will be held at 8 p. m. today, at 16 W. 21st St. Bakers, grocery clerks, waiters and all other crafts will discuss important common problems.

The organization drive of the Hotel, Restaurant and Cafeteria Workers Union is developing with ever-increasing militancy and determination. Yesterday over 1,000 workers demonstrated at the Monroe Cafeteria on 35th St. where the union has called a strike. Hundreds of workers eating there left in disgust when they saw the picket demon-

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## WOMEN MOBILIZE FOR UNEMPLOYED

### Call Conference for Saturday

The conference on International Women's Day called by the New York District of the Communist Party for tomorrow (Saturday) at 2 p. m. in the Workers' Center, 26 Union Square, will also make plans for mobilizing the women workers of this city for the struggle against unemployment and the huge unemployment demonstration on March 6.

Tens of thousands of women workers in New York City are walking the streets hunting for jobs, while many thousands of working-class housewives shiver with their starving children in wretched houses, while their husbands tramp the streets in vain. The Communist Party aims to rally these proletarian women in a joint struggle with the men against the mass starvation that faces them and to make the International Women's Day celebration, March 8, a tremendous protest against unemployment.

The celebration will take place Saturday, March 8, at 8 p. m., in Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place.

## Death Penalty Ready for 13 Communists in Fascist Special Court

ROME, Italy, Feb. 20.—Seven members of the Slovene Communist Party face death when they go on trial before the "Special Tribunal for the Defense of the State" within a week: It is one of Mussolini's fictions that there are no death penalties in Italy, but this court is particularly exempted from that law, and almost always sentences to death. With the seven will be tried six who have not been caught yet. They can then be shot without trial on arrest.

The Communists are charged with membership in the party, with having arms and ammunition, and with plans to resist the fascist militia.

With them will be tried seven members of a Yugoslav nationalist organization.

## Painters Meet Tonight 1,500 Boston Road to Build Their New Union

Disgusted with the long hours, low wages, unemployment, unsanitary conditions, and the treachery of the A.F.L. officials, the painters are meeting tonight to push the building of a new and militant union that will fight for their interests.

The meeting is at 1400 Boston Rd., Bronx, at 8 p. m. All painters are invited, to meet and help in the fight for the seven-hour five-day week, better working conditions and real unemployment insurance, as well as a fight against the speed-up system. The new union will affiliate with the Trade Union Unity League.

The painters will meet hereafter every Friday at the above address.

RAILROAD FIRES 400. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Feb. 20.—The Ontario and Western Railroad has just laid off 400 workers. This is 75 per cent of the labor force in the shops.

Every new Daily Worker reader you get is a potential Party member. (Continued on Page Three.)

## TUUL CALLS ALL TO DEMONSTRATE

### Workers and Jobless to Unite for Struggle

The Trade Union Unity League, the American section of the Red International of Labor Unions, and the new, militant trade union center in U. S. organized at Cleveland last year, has called on all its member unions and all workers, organized and unorganized, to demonstrate against unemployment on March 6. The call states:

"Over 6,000,000 workers are walking the streets looking for jobs as a result of the economic crisis in the United States.

"The 'Economic Council' formed by Hoover, is in reality a War Council directed against the working masses. Hoover's plan to overcome this crisis is a plan to further enrich the capitalists and degrade the working masses. This 'plan' is cloaked with phrases of 'class peace,' of relief for unemployed, for continued 'prosperity,' and is intended to create new illusions among the masses, while the real aim of the plan is to take advantage of cheap labor, with war preparations, to crush strikes and further intensify rationalization.

"In these capitalist attacks the workers will have arrayed against (Continued on Page Three)

## USSR PILOT FINDS EIELSON BODY

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Feb. 20.—The body of Carl Eielson, the aviator who lost his bearings and crashed in Siberia some months ago, has been found by a searching party headed by Commander Slipnev, a Soviet Union pilot.

PEORIA PRINTERS WIN. PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 20.—A \$1 raise and a reduction in the working week of two hours, have been won by Peoria union printers.

## FIGHT THE GROWING MEXICAN FASCIST TERROR

### The Wall Street-Rubio Government Backs the Imperialists Threats on U.S.S.R.

The Mexican Section of the International Labor Defense has issued the following statement on the growing fascist attacks on the revolutionary workers and peasants movement in Mexico, carried on by the Ortiz Rubio government, which on orders from Wall Street, broke relations with the Soviet Union:

"There has already been much publicity on the break-up of diplomatic relations between the Mexican government and the Soviet working class movement.

"The military authorities had received orders to stage a fake plot and to arrest all known Communists. News leaking out from official sources give a hint that the attempt on Rubio's life was prepared by elements very close and ambitious to succeed him at the Mexican's White House.

articles on the daily press were followed by a period of complete silence which was broken only by medical bulletins on the president's health. The military authorities continued their 'investigation' in complete silence, even refusing to deliver to the civil authorities charged with the course of investigations. Portes Gil, the cossack minister has not said a word yet, legalizing by his (Continued on Page Three.)

# NEEDLE WORKERS HUGE MEETING PLEDGES ACTION

## Demand 40 Hour Week; Smash Out Gorillas

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The needle trades workers are fighting militantly under the leadership of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union. In New York thousands of dressmakers are rallying to the union and fighting through shop strikes to unionize the dress trade. In Boston the mass of the cloakmakers have responded to the strike call of the Industrial Union and are fighting a brave fight for the 40-hour week and union conditions. In San Francisco the needle workers are rallying to the Industrial Union to fight against the attempt of the A. F. of L. and the Chamber of Commerce to smash the Industrial Union.

"The fake cloak strike and fake settlement with the company union introduced a vicious speed-up and slavery in the cloak shops. Thousands of cloakmakers are unemployed at the height of the season, while those who are employed are forced to toil many hours overtime at starvation rates. The wave of unrest among the betrayed cloakmakers is rising.

Kaufman and Underworld. The furriers are almost all unemployed with little hope of finding employment in the near future. The cynical solution offered to the starving furriers is the bringing back of the infamous Kaufman-underworld machine by the A. F. of L. and the fur bosses. The hope of the furriers is in a general struggle together with the entire army of unemployed workers, under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League.

"The men's clothing workers, the cap and millinery workers, are forced to work under the most miserable conditions: speed-up, reduction of wages, reorganizations, long hours and unemployment is the lot of these workers under the misleadership of the fake 'progressive' Muskettes, the Hillman's and Zarkisky's.

Criminal Conspiracy. Every dressmaker now clearly understands that a criminal conspiracy and sell-out were hidden behind the fake strike-lockout arranged by the enemies of the needle trades workers. Every dressmaker now understands that the fake strike-lockout was a vicious deal between the bosses, the state authorities and the company union, aiming to extort money from the workers to fill the coffers of the company union and to break the fighting spirit of the dressmakers.

"The criminal farce is over. Hill, quit and Schlesinger, the social-fascist betrayers of the workers, Lieutenant Governor Lehman, the banker and servant of the bosses, concluded the fake 'strike' settlement.

"What did the workers find in the shops? Instead of the promised increases in wages, they are forced to toil for the same starvation wages and even worse than those that prevailed before the fake strike. The promised forty hour week became a sham and a mockery and instead the dressmakers are forced to work forty-eight hours and in many cases even more. Instead of the promised unemployment insurance fund, many of the locked out dressmakers are walking the streets together with the many thousands of other needle trades unemployed workers. Instead of the promised union shop, the returned dressmakers again meet with the same slave-driving greedy contractor, the same mockery, the same speed-up, the same sweat-shop.

"What a 'victory.' This is the 'great victory' announced by the yellow trumpets of the reactionary 'Forward' and by the lying capitalist newspapers. Down with such a 'victory'!

"The company union is now seeking to force its betrayal down the throats of the dressmakers by means of a reign of terror. The underworld of New York, paid and directed by the company union, seeks to intimidate and club the dressmakers into submission.

"But the time has passed when the mass of dissatisfied dressmakers could be clubbed into submission by gangsterism.

"The capitalist police and courts are mobilized to defend and protect gangsterism. The police give freedom and protection to the gangsters while workers are being clubbed and arrested. The city and state governmental officials are partners to the conspiracy against the dressmakers; they are partners to the betrayal and sell-out of the dressmakers. Down with the police and court protection of gangsters! Demonstrate on Tuesday against police brutality and against the jailing of our comrades and best fighters.

Industrial Union Is Hope. Thousands of dressmakers have heeded the warning and responded to the call of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union. The Industrial Union must and will fulfill its mission. We call upon all dressmakers to rally to the organization drive in the dress trade. Refuse to submit to the fake settlement. Refuse to accept the sell-out. Organize shop committees. Organize a bank and file committee of action.

### Today in History of the Workers

February 21, 1907—Great Socialist victories in elections for second Duma in Russia, 1919—Kurt Eisner, revolutionary prime minister of Bavaria, Germany, assassinated by monarchists, 1914—Mass arrests of Communist trade unionists in Warsaw, Poland, 1925—Conference for Progressive Political Action dissolved at Chicago meeting, 1925—Red Front Fighters held counter-demonstration against nationalists at Magdeburg, Germany, 1928—1,700 Communist men and women executed by Chinese nationalist troops outside of Canton.

### Mass Picketing Monroe Brings More on Strike

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The tens of police, detectives and gangsters were helpless and many arrested pickets escaped from them. Reserves were called and five workers were jailed.

Of the workers arrested, Lewis Damoff, John Pico and Anna Specker, young worker, were held in \$2,500 bond each, charged with malicious mischief. The owner of the Monroe claims the pickets did him \$5,000 damage.

Close Restaurant. Frank Weber was passing with a motorcycle and some one put a sign, "This Place Is on Strike," on the rear of the machine. The police seized the cyclist.

One woman picket was clubbed into unconsciousness by the police. Another victory was gained in the drive when the Grand Concourse Restaurant, which was called on strike two days ago was forced to close down; the bosses refused to sign with the union.

The conditions of the workers in the hotels, restaurants and cafeterias are miserable, with the ever-increasing speed-up, long hours and low wages. Only the Hotel, Restaurant and Cafeteria Workers is leading these workers in struggle to better the conditions, against the united forces of the bosses, the police and courts, and the A. F. of L. (Food Crafts Council).

### New Workers School Course on Women Work

As part of the campaign which the Communist Party is now conducting for the strengthening of Party work among working-class women and to provide a firm ideological base for those actively engaged in the work as well as those who have recently joined the ranks of the Party, the Workers' School offers a course in Problems of Working Women. The course offered is devised to equip students with a thorough knowledge of the place of working class women in the present class conflicts. It is given Thursdays from 7 to 8:20 p. m. The fee is \$2.50.

### Labor and Fraternal Organizations

Exposition International Revolutionary Workers Esperanto Group 28 Union Square 1st floor, till Feb. 25.

I.L.D. Bazaar. Feb. 25 to March 1 at New Star Casino. Collect articles, funds, add sell tickets, volunteer at room 422, 759 Broadway and all branches.

Office Workers Union Dance. Friday evening, Feb. 21, Webster Manor, 11th St. between 7th and 4th Avenues. Negro Jazz Band, entertainment, refreshment. All workers invited. Admission 75 cents.

Bronx Midnight Performance. Saturday Feb. 21, 11:30 P.M. Soviet movie "New Babylon" Freiheit Gesangverein. At Boston Road Theatre, Boston Rd. corner Wilkins Ave. Freeman St. subway station.

Bronx Katovic Memorial. Friday night, 330 Westchester Ave., near Prospect Ave., room 17. Audiences Women's Council.

Art and Dance Eve. Sunday, Feb. 23, Unity Cooperative Auditorium, 1800 7th Ave.

Williamsburg I.L.D. Friday night, 105 Thatford Ave., Alexander on I.L.D.'s fight against race discrimination.

Unemployed Meeting. Friday, 8:30 p. m., 2700 Bronx Park East in Auditorium. Prominent speakers, admission free.

I.L.D. National Office. Wants volunteers for office work and typing. 799 Broadway, room 402.

Local I.L.D. Organizers and Labor Defender Agents, Sunday, 3 p. m., 26 Union Sq.

Foodworkers Dance and Concert. Also labor news reel, Saturday, Feb. 22, 8 p. m., 19 W. 21st St. Audiences Women's Department Hotel, Restaurant and Cafeteria Workers Union.

Japanese Meet. Friday, Feb. 21, 1809 Seventh Ave.

Respond to the call of the Industrial Union. Broaden the organization drive and prepare for a real workers' general strike in the dress trade, for the 40-hour week and decent conditions.

"Needle Trades Workers! Demonstrate your power on Tuesday morning.

"Demonstrate against the conspiracy of the company union, the state government and the dress bosses to maintain the sweat-shop. Demonstrate for the forty hour week and for an increase in wages. Demonstrate against the curse of unemployment. Demonstrate for the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union. Long live the struggle of the needle trades workers.

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# TO WHITEWASH STANDARD OIL BOSS PROBE

## 18 More Workers Will Probably Die

ELIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 20.—A complete whitewash for the Standard Oil Co. of N. J. in its murder of 11 workers in the Bayway refinery blast Tuesday seemed certain, with the report of two official "investigators," Union County Prosecutor David and State Labor Commissioner Blunt that they had reached the conclusion that the "accident was unavoidable."

The Trade Union Unity League yesterday called the killing of 11 workers by the Standard Oil Co. cold-blooded murder. It called on the Standard Oil workers to join with workers in other industries in New Jersey in taking part in the Trade Union Unity League convention for the Metropolitan Area to be held March 1, at Irving Plaza and 15th St., for the purpose of organizing the workers into powerful, fighting industrial unions.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 20.—The move to whitewash the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey for its murder of 11 and possibly more workers in the alcohol plant explosion at Bayway Tuesday; took definite form with the announcement of Union County Prosecutor Abe David that he would make no report on the cause of the explosion until the Grand Jury meets in May. By that time, the Standard Oil hopes, the explosion will have been forgotten except, of course, by those workers who have been permanently blinded or crippled, and the families of those workers whom the Standard Oil murdered.

David showed his intention to whitewash the murderous Standard Oil from the beginning, when he stated that he had discovered no indication of criminal negligence in his preliminary investigation.

Eighteen more workers, victims of the Standard Oil Co. speed-up greed for profits, and who lie horribly mangled in local hospitals, will, in all probability die, doctors admit.

Over a score will be permanently blinded, "ving testimony to the rationalization under the capitalist system, which lays off thousands of workers, as the Standard Oil has done, and murders and mangles the remainder in the terrific speed-up.

One fact stood out today as to the cause of the blast in the Bayway refinery, which on Tuesday killed four and horribly injured 64 more, seven of whom have since died. This was that a T-joint in a naphtha gas line, worn to a shell because of the company's disregard for the lives of its slaves, leaked.

### Workers Will Greet Porter at Labor Def. Bazaar, February 26

John Porter, New Bedford militant, tortured by the United States federal authorities since the New Bedford strike in 1928 in various military prisons, will be freed February 26, and will be greeted by the workers of New York at the opening day of the annual bazaar of the International Labor Defense, at New Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave.

The young worker has just been brought from the military prison at Alcatraz, Calif., to Governor's Island, by army transport, despite his request to be allowed to remain in California, due to his ill health. The I.L.D. protested to the highest authorities in the land, but the army officials were determined to continue their torture of the working class fighter.

### Communist Activities

Build the Party Concert and Dance. Saturday Night, February 22 Italian Workers Club, 2011 Third Ave. (Between 110th and 111th Sts.) Auspices: Unit 4, Section 4, Communist Party. Proceeds Daily Worker and II Laborator. Admission 35c. Tickets On Sale At Daily Worker Office.

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Section Three. Membership meeting, Friday, 7 p. m., 1179 Broadway.

Amalgamated Food Workers Fraction Friday, 8 p. m., at center. General fraction meeting.

Section One Affair. To help National Training. Saturday, Feb. 22, 8 p. m., 27 E. 4th St. Good program, movies. Admission 25 cents.

Section Seven. Unit and I.C.L. Negro directors, Sunday, 10 a. m., 126-15th St.

South Brooklyn Y.C.L. Open forum, Sunday, 7:30 p. m., 138 15th St. "Lincoln and the Negro." Questions, discussion, good time.

East Beach Open Forum. Of Unit and Section 7, C.P., Sunday, 7 p. m., 48 Bay 28th St., Solon De Leon: "Unemployment and Social Insurance."

### International Wireless News

Czech Police Terror Can't Stop Workers' Struggle (Wireless By Inprecorr)

PRAGUE, Feb. 20.—Comrades Pafousima, Semerad and Skala were sentenced to three and a half months imprisonment for issuing a shop paper.

Severe collisions occurred in Roderstadt between striking silk workers and the police whereby one worker was injured and five arrested.

### GREAT GROWTH OF UNEMPLOYED

Working Class Grows; Number Working Falls

During January there was an increase in the unemployed army by 2 per cent of all workers employed in manufacturing plants, according to the Department of Labor. This nails the Hoover-Davis lie with a terrific blow.

Unemployment is fast reaching the point of 1921-22, when there were admittedly 8,000,000 jobless in the United States.

The working class has grown in numbers since 1921, and if the decreases in employment continue, the unemployed army in the United States will assume greater proportions than in the entire history of capitalism.

These facts of growing unemployment are admitted by the New York Times (February 20, 1930), which says on its financial page:

"The Labor Department gave out its data of employment during January, showing decrease of nearly 2 per cent at the country's reporting manufacturing plants. This brings the average of workingmen employed to the lowest of any month since 1922, and average."

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# ALL COMMUNISTS TO AID TAG DAYS SUNDAY FEB. 22-23

## Raise Strike-Struggle Fund for N.T.W.U.

"All support to the National Textile Workers," says the District 2 office of the Communist Party, in a statement just issued, urging workers to take part in the tag day collections for the N.T.W.U. Strike and Struggle Fund. The tag days are Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22-23.

The statement says:

"In New York, with its 50,000 textile workers, practically unorganized, the field is open, and the workers are looking forward to organization. As in the rest of the country, the National Textile Workers Union is conducting a militant drive and will not stop till all of these workers are in the industrial union.

"In New Jersey, and particularly in Paterson, the workers stand before a strike. The silk and dye workers of that city are among the most exploited of the industry, particularly the dye workers. They work fearfully long hours at shamefully low wages.

Strike Must Come.

The National Textile Workers Union is conducting a drive in Paterson, having at the same time to fight not only the bosses, but the Associated Silk Workers and the United Textile Workers Union, which have lined up solidly against the National Textile Workers Union, against the workers. And in this struggle they have the full support of the textile manufacturers and the chamber of commerce.

"To conduct this fight in the proper manner, the workers of the entire vicinity must lend their aid."

### Workers Soccer Teams Play Feb. 15

Four workers' soccer clubs, the Workers' Gymnasium and Sport Alliance, the Freiheit S. C., the Hungarian Workers and the Co-operative S. C. will play Saturday, February 15, at Dyckman Oval, one block away from the Dyckman St. station on the Broadway-Seventh Ave. north bound line.

The proceeds are to go to the International Labor Defense.

### ART AND DANCE EVENING Sunday, February 23

Unity Cooperative Auditorium 1800 SEVENTH AVENUE

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# Gangsters Who Lose in Battle Find Boss' Court a Real Big Help

Dave Zechter and M. Colman were arrested and charged with felonious assault before Judge Gottlieb. They are held under \$1,000 bail each, and the case was adjourned to March 5.

They had been attacked by gangsters, one of whom was named Rinaldi.

Lisa Torent was assaulted last week by one of the company union gangsters named Joseph Phiori and he was held for the grand jury, which means whitewashing.

Tuesday, B. Silva, was arrested and framed up by the company union—he appeared before Judge Gottlieb and was sentenced to 30 days in the workhouse.

E. Stark and M. Roth and Landis case was again postponed to February 27.

Oscar Landis was assaulted by some of the Schlesinger gangsters, one of whom was held under simple assault.

Attorney Markowich, the I. L. G. W. lawyer, declared before the bosses' judge that his gangster committee as being attacked when they come into the shops and, therefore, he should appeal to the judge that he should help him make a stop to these attacks by the "Left Wing."

It is Mr. Markowich's gangsters who attack, but the workers do not exactly weep when they see these thugs coming into court with bandages and broken noses.

### Paterson Jobless Meet This Saturday

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 20.—To continue the fight for "work or wages" mass-unemployed meeting will be held under the auspices of the Paterson Unemployed Council, the Trade Union Unity League and the National Textile Workers Union, at 205 Patterson St. Union Hall, on Saturday, February 22.

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# TOSCANINI RETURNS ON THURSDAY NIGHT—NEW PIZZETTI WORK

Arturo Toscanini takes up baton of the Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra again this Thursday evening at Carnegie Hall. His program, which will be repeated on Friday afternoon and Saturday night at Carnegie, and next Sunday at the Metropolitan Opera House includes the Mozart Symphony in D major (Kochel 504); the world premiere of Pizzetti's Rondo Veneziano; the Venusborg scene from "Tannhauser" and Smetana's symphonic poem, "The Moldau."

ernardino Molinari's farewell program for the season this Sunday afternoon at the Brooklyn Academy of Music will have the following program, "Fingal's Cave" Overture, Mendelssohn; Concerto for violin in D major, Mozart; "Unfinished" symphony, Schubert; Notturno e Rondo Fantastico, Pich-Mangialli, Rakoczy march from "The Damnation of Faust," Berlioz. The soloist is Albert Spalding.

### "PRISONERS OF SOCIETY" AT ACME THEATRE

The Acme Theatre, on Union Square will present this Saturday a double-feature program consisting of the first popular priced presentation of a German film "Prisoners of Society." The motion picture features two of Europe's well known actors, Fritz Kortner and Hans Stuwe, supported by an able continental cast.

On the same program will be shown "Fighting for the Fatherland," which is an official compilation of actual motion picture taken of the war, and which has been called by one critic as forceful and real as "All Quiet on the Western Front." This program will continue for a full week.

Today is the final opportunity to see the Sovkino film the "She-Demon of the Steppes," also "The Einstein Theory" which is shown in junction with the same feature.

# Imperialists Hold Private Talks, As Naval Meet Closes

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The formal sessions of the race-for-arms conference are closed. But the imperialist delegates meet privately and maneuver against one another. Undoubtedly one of the topics of their secret conversations is the Soviet Union, and the preparation of attacks on the Workers Republic. Secretary Stimson and Senator Reed conferred with "labor" flunkey prime minister MacDonald at the House of Commons this afternoon. What the discussion covered was not revealed.

### DUNN TO SPEAK ON "RATIONALIZATION"

Robert Dunn, who has written extensively on the subject, and is author of "Labor and Automobiles," will take on "Rationalization" at 8 p. m. Feb. 23 at the Workers School Forum, 28 Union Square

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# JAPAN'S 'PROLETARIAN' PARTIES IN THE NEXT PARLIAMENT ELECTION

### The Communist Party to Break Thru the Crust of Terror With Candidates If Possible

#### Labor-Farmer Party A Foe of the Soviet Union, Social Reformists Split, Right, Center, Left

(This is the final, third, article upon the present situation in Japan. In the first article, the author dealt with the recent dissolution of the Japanese parliament, how this came about, the regime of the militarist Tanaka, his persecution of the workers, leading up to the arrest of 2,000 last April, of which \$25 are now being "tried" with the possibility of many death sentences being given. In the second article, the economic situation and internal and foreign policy was exposed.—Editor)

By S. Sakurai.  
On this occasion we need to glance for the so-called "proletarian" parties and their respective relation to the revolutionary masses of Japan. First of all there is the "Shakai-Minshuto" or the Social Democratic party headed by ex-professor Isoo Abe. At the time of the first National Convention of the party in 1927 the membership of the party was some 7,000. Its main support was coming from reactionary "Sodomei" unions, the A. F. of L. of Japan.

The Social Democratic party made big strides, yet after four years of its existence its membership is not increased so impressively. For at the same time it gets support from the petty bourgeois circle it loses the radicalizing rank and file elements.

At the Fourth National Convention held early in December, the "Zenkokudomei" group of 7,000 workers, which had been expelled from the "Sodomei" last September because it demanded the breaking away of the "Sodomei" from the International Labor Office at Geneva and also the discarding of the "compulsory arbitration" in labor disputes, but which still supported the Social Democratic party—after bitterly assailing the reactionary policy of the leading officials such as Nishio, an MP, and Matsumoto, also leader of the "Sodomei," for accepting cash from certain capitalists for their services—

After that, Mr. Miyazaki and several others supported by 11,000 rank and file members of the party, started a party "cleansing movement." But the reactionary leaders acted quickly and Mr. Miyazaki and others who were leading the movement were expelled. A further split in sight. Although not 100 per cent for the present "Hamaguchi cabinet" this Shakai-Minshuto is not contemplating taking any action against the government. Of the seven so-called "proletarian" MPs that there used to be, five belonged to this party.

The Nihon-Masan-Taishuto or the Japan Mass party, perhaps, is a bigger party than the Shakai-Minshuto at present. This party was formed a little over a year ago by the amalgamation of seven parties. However since the core of this party is the former Nihon-Ronoto or the Japan Labor Farmer party, whose position was centrist, we can still safely define the present Nihon-Taishuto as a Centrist party. The principal supporting body of this party is the "Kumaidomei" which had split from "Sodomei" but did not join "Hyogikai" or the Left TU centre affiliated with RILU.

The recent statement made by the national office of this party in regard to the coming 57th session of the Diet said among other things that "the masses are demanding the dissolution" and therefore the Japan Mass Party "which represents the will of the masses," also "demands" immediate dissolution of the parliament and "expresses non-confidence" in the Hamaguchi Cabinet, etc.

However as this party is against any revolutionary program for the workers and peasants we cannot support any candidate of this party in the coming election.

Now we have come to consider the new legal Labor-Farmer party of Senegado Oyama and others formed last November. In spite of all the revolutionary pretensions of Oyama and others, they have turned completely to the side of the Social Democrats. They howl in vain that the new legal Ronoto they formed is the real successor to the one time revolutionary old Ronoto. One most eloquent expression of the degeneration of the New Ronoto is that it purposely dropped off "the defense of the Soviet Union" from its program in order just to get the legal status for the party.

At any rate this party of Oyama (which was formed on a clear defeatist) view point on the part of some of the renegades is an electoral machine. Naturally this party will exert its utmost effort in the forthcoming general election to get as many representatives in the parliament as it can. As disturbers of the working class front they have to be ruthlessly combated by the revolutionary masses in Japan.

The last but not least is the question of Communist party of Japan. Indeed the Communist Party of Japan has been dealt a terrible blow in the last two years. \$25 leading members of the Communist Party of Japan face heavy jail terms and some of them the guillotine.

The trial of 327 communists of

Tokyo district is to come up early this spring. Although the Communist Party of Japan is not annihilated it is now in a harder position to set up its own candidates in the coming election than in the spring of 1928.

However there is the "Labor-Farmer Alliance," which although not a political party like the former Ronoto is a strong alliance of workers and peasants for struggle, and which is to be mobilized by the Communist Party of Japan. It is apparent therefore that in some form or other candidates will be put up from among the comrades belonging to this Alliance, and if such be the case it is better for the militant workers and peasants of Japan to vote for these candidates. Nevertheless the strengthening of the Communist Party itself remains their utmost task.

There are some other local "proletarian" parties such as "Tokyo Musanto," formed by the now notorious "Rono group"—of Sakai, Inomata, Yamakawa et al; the "Aikoku Taishuto" or the "Patriotic Mass Party"; and a "party to be" of the splitting Zenkokudomei group from the Shakai-Minshuto, and others. The revolutionary workers and peasants of Japan in the coming election have to fight energetically these social democratic parties of all shades from "Shakai-Minshuto" to "Ronoto," not to speak of two major bourgeois parties.

The latest reports have it that the expected number of proletarian candidates is about 70, of which the Shakai-Minshuto will have 27 and the Nihon Taishuto 28. The chances are that of these seventy about 15 will be elected.

## Fight Mexican Fascist Terror

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silence the terrible crime which is being prepared on the arrested Communist and other working class leaders.

"On February 7, some of the leaders of the left wing trade unions were arrested. Few days previous Comrade Isaac Rosenblum, Polish political refugee was also arrested. The military authorities answer to inquiries made on the whereabouts of the imprisoned comrades, was that they had 'disappeared.' The same thing happened to other comrades arrested, among whom is Tina Modotti, secretary of the Caribbean Anti-Fascist Committee.

"On February 12, the following news reached here: 'Five comrades have been arrested in Jalapa, among whom is the well known Comrade Roberto Celis. They were immediately taken to the military presidium and shot, without even a semblance of a trial.'

"We are in fear now that a greater tragedy has been committed and that the greater part of the prisoners who have 'disappeared' may in reality have been executed. The government bloodhounds continue fiercely to hunt up all Communists still at large. The press keeps cowardly silent. The famous 'anti-imperialist intellectuals' like Diego Rivera and his ilk charge the Communists with provoking reaction, the coesack minister Portes Gil doesn't utter one word, and the juridical authorities do not dare say anything. In every part of the country the comrades arrested are immediately delivered to the military authorities. The government wants to close us in an iron ring, covering its mischiefs with the silence of the press sold to imperialism, isolating us from the masses in order to be better able to fill us with lead shots.

"This government of prostitutes and bandits is stupid enough to believe us alone and that its executing squads commanded by drunkard and illiterate generals can stop the inexorable march of the proletarian revolution.

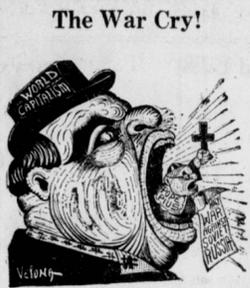
"The international working class has already in the recent past answered to our appeals. It is necessary that at the present time it mobilizes its forces more determinedly, more energetically than ever. Only on this condition will it be possible to save from the execution squad the best and most sincere leaders of the Mexican working class.

"We particularly appeal to the workers of the United States to demonstrate in mass and thereby stop the Mexican and Washington White House murder gang.

## Katovis Memorial Meet Fri. in Bronx

Sylvia Bleeker, organizer of Millinery Workers Local 43 of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, H. Movshovits and Chasanoff will speak at a Steve Katovis Memorial Meeting to protest the murder of this worker by the Tammany police, tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock at 830 Westchester Ave., Bronx. The United Council of Working Women has arranged the meeting.

All women workers of the Bronx are urged to attend.



Out of the Mouths of Our Exploiters.

## TUUL Calls All to Demonstrate

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them the triple alliance of the government, the employers, and the social-fascist leaders of the American Federation of Labor and the socialist party. The A. F. of L. as part of the employers and state apparatus has already in its no-wage-increase agreement with Hoover, begun to put into effect its expanded strike-breaking, wage-cutting program.

"The economic crisis in the United States is part of the world crisis of capitalism and as a result of it over 17,000,000 workers are unemployed in the capitalist countries. This means that world capitalism is dooming 17,000,000 proletarians to starvation. Will the American worker stand by and starve? We say decidedly no!

"The Trade Union Unity League and all affiliated organizations welcome the call for March 6 as an international day to struggle against unemployment and calls upon the American working class employed and unemployed to demonstrate in solidarity with the workers in all capitalist and colonial countries.

"Workers, whether you be organized or unorganized, whether you be employed or unemployed, Negro or white, working women or youth, unite in common struggle against the vicious attack made upon our class.

"Organize Councils of the Unemployed, prepare for huge, militant demonstrations in every city in the United States, not mere protest demonstrations, but an organized, fighting demonstration of all workers to fight for 'Work or Wages'—'Immediate Relief,' fight for unemployment insurance, against speed-up, against wage-cuts, for the seven-hour, five-day week, fight the capitalist war preparations against Soviet Russia, the workers fatherland.

Work or wages!  
Full equality for Negro workers!  
The united front of employed and unemployed against the bosses and their government!

Organize and strike against all wage cuts!  
Defeat the social-fascists of the American Federation of Labor and the socialist party!

Build the Trade Union Unity League! Build shop committees!  
Build class struggle unions in every industry!

Working Class Grows; Number Working Falls

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age payrolls to the lowest since August, 1924."

This decrease in employment took place despite the slight rises in steel and auto production. But even these "rises" are slowing up, and the downward trend is taking a sharper turn.

"Iron Age," organ of the steel bosses today admits that steel production "has lost the momentum that caused it to rise so rapidly in January. Demand is uneven, with declines in certain districts offset by increases in others."

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# GENERAL ELECTRIC IN CHICAGO THROWS 8000 MORE ON STREET

### Women Workers in Some Departments Raise Hell When Told of Lay-Offs

#### "All Out on Streets March 6", Writes One Worker, Laid Off

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHICAGO.—On February 7 and 8 there was a general lay-off in the Western Electric Co. The following departments laid off part of the workers:

Switchboard, 1,500; electrical devices and appliances, 2,300; general offices, 400; engineering dept., 365; power plant, 75; maintenance dept., 310; telephone device dept., 1,035; radio appliance dept., 1,400; total, 8,000.

In some departments, like electrical devices where the workers are mostly women, when told of their

discharge, they put up such a row that police of the whole plant were called to put them out of the building.

Now where is Hoover's promises and his "prosperity?" This lay-off is a sample of his lies.

We workers of the Western Electric and all over must realize that we must take the factories in our own hands. To do this we must organize and join the Communist Party.

So all on the streets March 6!

CHICAGO WORKER.

## Mott Pottery Fires 700; Trenton Jobless Militant

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

TRENTON, N. J.—At the Mott Pottery Works in this city, where over 1,000 workers worked, today only 300 are employed. Day after day I'm out on the street looking for work but none is to be found.

Many of us workers gather at the city employing agency. When all hope is gone we gather across the agency where the Stacy Park is located near the Stacy Hotel. The dicks and cops keep us moving all the time, it is too embarrassing to have us workers in front of the Stacy Hotel where the big guys enjoy life. Mind you we are called bums.

I attended the unemployed meeting called by the unemployed council, and to my surprise the dicks

who were busy chasing us from the employing agency and the Stacy Park were at the meeting, I guess they had intention to chase us from the meeting. Of course the speakers were alert to their schemes and the workers militancy certainly changed their mind.

I read in the Daily Worker that over 12,000 workers are unemployed here, take my word, it looks as if the whole town is out of a job. At least 20,000. We will demonstrate March 6 in spite of the fact that the bosses promised to send out the police and firemen to break up the demonstration. We are not afraid.

I can not see my family starving any longer. I'm willing to start anything. A POTTERY WORKER.

## Half Miners Jobless at Six Mile Run, Pa.

(By a Worker Correspondent)

SIX MILE RUN, Pa.—I want to tell you of the conditions that prevail among the working people of this vicinity, a mining section. More than half the workers are idle, and those that are working are on a two day a week time, with wage reductions at that.

Several of the mines reduced the price of mining from \$1.01 a ton to 80 cents. Quite a handsome reduction. For my part I haven't worked two days a week for the last four years.

The workers are in a deplorable condition and are in a fighting mood.—S. E.

## The Exploited Janitors Must Organize

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Worked for National City Bank building as janitor for starvation wages, \$85 a month. Men start work at 4 p. m. and keep on eating dust until midnight. Women must get up 3 a. m. to reach the place on time. A few minutes late, and job is lost.

production is at a very low point, because of mass overproduction and the constant shrinking of the markets. Iron Age is very pessimistic about increased steel orders coming as a result of any promised upswing in auto output.

For the workers this means long-lasting unemployment.

There is one fact in the present crisis that in itself smashes the capitalist claims of Hoover, Barnes and Lamont particularly, that there is an improvement in business conditions. That is the constantly declining freight-car loadings. Freight car loadings are an accurate guide to the circulation of commodities.

For the week ended Feb. 8, 1930, freight-car loadings dropped 69,450 cars below the same week in 1929, and 12,313 cars below the previous week. This is the smallest amount of car loadings for any month since 1922.

One thing that must clearly be understood is that the present,

growing, sharp crisis of American capitalism, which is deepening the world crisis, is a part of the insoluble crisis of the whole capitalist system growing out of the World War, and the general decay of world imperialism.

If any increases in production are obtained, they will be on the basis of terrific rationalization, speed-up, and mass wage-cuts. They will be based on a sharp worsening of the conditions of the workers and further increases in the mass unemployed army.

The importance of the struggle for unemployment insurance and relief becomes greater as the facts of the crisis become clearer.

Mobilize for the world fight for work or wages, March 6!

Admits Attacks Political.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Lord Birkenhead, leading British imperialist opened a vicious attack in the House of Lords today on the pretext of the anti-religious movement in the Soviet Union. Lord Birkenhead's speech was a virtual demand for war against the Workers' Republic.

Birkenhead demanded that the "labor" government come to the rescue of the kulaks in the Soviet Union. The lord said that the action against the church in the Soviet Union was due to "political motives," and at the same time revealed that the religious attacks on the U.S.S.R. are due to economic and political reasons.

He pressed the quite willing "labor" government to take steps against the Soviet Union. The faked "details" of the religious propaganda started by the pope and echoed by the whole pack of religious jackals throughout the world are dropping into the background, and demands for an assault on the Soviet Union is taking its place with the open espousal of drastic action by the imperialist leaders.

Pointing out that the religious attacks are not the main issue, Lord Birkenhead said, "If it is true that these persecutions are political, then the reaction to them in Britain equally is purely political."

Lord Birkenhead is a leading ex-

# U. S. BOSSES ATTACK SOVIET

### Pope Wants Private Property Protected

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In Germany counterfeiters of Soviet money, who had received support from the German government, were freed. The purpose of the counterfeiters was to start a counter-revolution in Georgian Soviet Republic. At the trial it was shown the chief British imperialist, Henri Deterding, of the Royal Dutch Shell Oil Co., backed the counter-revolutionists.

The anti-Soviet front reaches from Kerensky, to Pope Pius, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the French government who backed the Koutiepoint agitation against the U. S. S. R., and is headed by Wall Street, which heads all the attacks on the Workers' Republic.

Pope Wants Private Property Protected.

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 20.—The Observator Romano official sheet of the Papal religious dopestier clarifies somewhat the real issues behind the smoke-screen of a religious attack on the Soviet Union, in its today's issue.

Observator Romano points out that "it is a pity the powers did not accept the Pope's suggestion that recognition of the Soviet Union be conditioned on Russian freedom of conscience and religion, and the safeguarding of church property."

For the Papal dictators to speak of "freedom of conscience" is a huge joke, but the meat of the matter is contained in their demand for the "safeguarding of church property," and of course, the logical meaning of the safeguarding of all capitalist private property. This brings out clearly the fact that the imperialists and their religious opium-peddlers fear the rapid development of socialism in the Soviet Union, and the elimination of the kulaks and other capitalist forces of reaction.

It is for this reason they call for a holy war (in reality an imperialist war headed by the chief imperialist power, the United States) against the U. S. S. R.

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# Policeman Murders Pittsburgh Striker

### Police Assault Buffalo Jobless

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The feeble alibi of the policeman is that his gun went off accidentally when the motorcycle he was riding in pursuit of Dreibold's auto turned a corner.

Dreibold's brother, in the car, rushed him to the hospital, where he died. The brother was arrested by the same policeman who killed Dreibold.

Pittsburgh district of the Communist Party has issued a sharp statement, bitterly denouncing the murder and calling for the organization of workers' defense groups. The Communist Party characterizes the killing as a brutal and cowardly murder. It urges the strikers to reply by intensifying their mass picketing, by broadening the strike to include all transportation workers, and by defiance of the injunction.

This murder, says the statement, removes the last vestige of the sham "impartiality" of the police authorities in this strike.

Junior Labor Sports Out for TUUL Prize

The Junior Section of the Labor Sports Union has just completed 42 games of its basketball tournament. There are five teams left to play out four more games to decide the championship team and the runner-up. The team winning first place is to receive the cup donated by the Trade Union Unity League. Both first and second teams are to receive medals.

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# INTENSIFY RECRUITING OF MEMBERS

By LOUIS KOVESS.

THE first day is today and five more are left for an extremely intensified drive for new members.

Why do we have to intensify our recruiting work in spite of the fact that we filled 90 per cent of our quota? Because since the establishment of this quota, the crisis of American capitalism and of the world capitalism, as a whole, developed swiftly, one might say, almost more rapidly, than it was foreseen by the Tenth Plenum of our Party. At the time, when the apostles of the "primacy of the outer contradictions" honor with a banquet the coming Victorian Era of American capitalism (with the help of the police toasters) the American unemployed are storming the City Halls. Imperialist America is going deeper into the crisis. Our revolutionary program is more and more becoming the point of attraction for the workers. The quota which seemed to be a quite high estimation of our capacity to fulfill it, is not high enough today. We must surpass it.

The same reasons which urge us to intensify our membership drive in the remaining last few days, at the same time enable us to find the correct direction of our work. The deepening economic crisis, which necessarily will be followed by changes in the superstructure, will shake to its roots the old capitalist parties, driving the working class towards the Communist Party. The petty bourgeoisie and some highly skilled workers will move towards social fascism and will hasten even to a greater degree than today a unification of the oppressive forces. Ideological differentiation on class lines will follow. The crisis will bring into motion tremendous masses for economic-political struggles. It is of decisive importance to gain strength in the great industrial

plants and in the basic industries. The Political Secretariat of the Communist International correctly called the attention of our membership for more orientation towards these basic factors in our drive. And there should be a more serious start than hitherto towards remaining on this path.

Did we do everything possible in attaining this?

Far from it! Let us take our street nuclei. In many street nuclei we have individual comrades working in large enterprises and, if we take our recruiting drive as an example, they discuss the recruiting drive in the unit in a general way. If they get one, or two new party members, they get them from a language club, or the neighborhood. Certainly this is generally so. But this should be only the exception. Many comrades working in the language fractions did excellent work through the fractions. But they did not get new party members. We must see in this that there is quite a difference in the quality of a new member if he is taken into the Party from a sick benefit society or from the shop. First of all, if they are taken into the party directly from the shop, mine, factory, etc., from the petty bourgeois circles, they approach our Party problems more correctly from the start. Secondly, if they are taken into the Party from the place of their work, their main work will be in the factory. Many of those who come into the Party from fraternal organizations remain for a long while almost exclusively in the language movement.

The membership drive must go on through language fractions, too. But our main task is to concentrate our efforts to get new members from the shops, factories, mines, especially from the basic industries and large enterprises.

# The Organization of Mass Demonstrations

By J. WILLIAMSON.

TO carry thru the political tasks and campaigns, necessitated in the present situation, it was necessary that the Party consciously direct its activities to the shops to win the masses of workers for struggle in support of the political campaigns of the Party. Without lessening this activity, it is necessary that the Party, particularly thru rooting itself in the factories, mobilize the workers in open mass demonstrations on the basis of the burning political issues affecting the working class.

The very conditions impelling these mass demonstrations, also impel the government to become more vicious in their attacks on us. It is therefore necessary that our Party must (1) learn how to mobilize the masses most successfully on short notice, (2) learn how to organize the Party membership and organizations quickly and effectively and (3) learn how to organize the workers to defend themselves against the attacks of the police and the extralegal forces of the state.

Although American labor history is rich in struggle and militancy, this has been generally spontaneous, and has lacked organized leadership. The Communist Party itself, as well as the workers during this same period, have had little experience in developing and organizing mass demonstrations. The largest mass demonstrations on a national scale were the Sacco-Vanzetti, but these were not under direct Party leadership, but generally of united front committees, with liberals and anarchists in key positions, who, instead of developing and extending them, tried to limit their size and dampen their militancy. The most successful mass demonstrations under the leadership of our Party, were International Red Day and May 1 of last year. Even these did not mobilize sufficient masses direct from the factories as well as many other shortcomings.

For More Successful Demonstrations. In recent years there have been organized under Party auspices, or through the influence of the Communists working within non-Party mass organizations, numerous small demonstrations on various political issues (China, Nicaragua, Porter, Rakosi, Cuba, etc.). While commending the holding of such demonstrations, today we must also examine their weaknesses, so that we will be able to organize mass political demonstrations more successfully.

These latter type of demonstrations were usually arranged with the knowledge of only the membership of the Party or sometimes only the leadership. Suddenly, a few hundred Party members would appear at noon time, before the White House, National City Bank or some consulate, and picket back and forth, thus "demonstrating" before the office workers and few laborers in the vicinity, instead of mobilizing the workers in the factories thru systematic agitation to participate in a mass demonstration on the basis of the political issue involved. Too often the "success" of this type of demonstration was measured by the amount of publicity and pictures printed in the morning scandal sheets. In fact, we paid more attention to mobilizing the photographers and newspaper reporters than the masses of workers.

Recognizing these shortcomings of the past, our Party has recently called for an abrupt turn in our methods of organizing mass demonstrations. Instead of demonstrating before the workers, we must openly call upon the workers to demonstrate under the political leadership of the Communist Party, on the given political issue. In addition to issuing an open call, it is necessary that the Party conduct the necessary mobilization work in the factories, unions and mass organizations. With the rising tide of militancy amongst the workers, we must have confidence in the responsiveness of the masses. The first application of this line, such as in the New York Haiti and the Katovis demonstrations, proved the correctness of this change in policy.

Mobilization Necessary. The carrying thru of successful demonstrations, necessitates the complete mobilization of the entire Party and its machinery. The membership must be mobilized thru the nuclei, to arouse the workers in the factories, thru leaflets, pamphlets, Daily Workers, personal agitation, factory gate meetings, shop papers, etc., to respond to the call of the Party for the particular demonstration. Similarly every department of the Party must be put into simultaneous motion, to mobilize the workers in

the unions, shop committees, auxiliary organizations, clubs, fraternal, etc., to respond and participate in the demonstration. We must always work for, if time permits, the endorsing of the demonstration, by unions, the T.U.U.L., relief and defense organizations, clubs, etc.

The calling of mass demonstrations does not mean that the Party has not got to prepare well in advance. On the contrary, the Party must plan the entire demonstration. First, the location is of importance. This varies according to situations. Sometimes open squares, or government buildings may be vantage points, but much more must we organize our mass demonstrations in working class sections of the cities.

Adequate study of the location, approach, defense, the question of retreat or advance as well as the time of dispersal, must be given by the leading Party Committee. Thruout the demonstration the Party members must form the backbone of the demonstration. Dealing with this question, the Comintern at its Third Congress, in its Organizational Resolution, states, "The backbone of the demonstration must be formed by a well instructed and experienced group of diligent active Party members, mingling among the masses from the moment of departure from the factories, up to the time of dispersal of the demonstration." In all circumstances, the demonstration must not end our campaign and activity. The mass demonstration must be the means of broadening and deepening our campaigns.

# Marx On Religion

THE religious world is but the reflex of the real world. And for a society based upon the production of commodities, in which the producers in general enter into social relations with one another by treating their products as commodities and values, whereby they reduce their individual private labor to the standard of homogeneous human labor—for such a society, Christianity with its cultus of abstract man, more especially in its bourgeois developments, Protestantism, Deism, etc., is the most fitting form of religion. In the ancient Asiatic and other ancient modes of production, we find that the conversion of products into commodities, and therefore the conversion of men into producers of commodities, hold a subordinate place, which, however, increases in importance as the primitive communities approach nearer and nearer to their dissolution. Trading nations properly so called, exist in the ancient world only in its interstices, like gods of Epicurus\* in the Intermundia,\*\* or like the Jews in the pores of Polish society. Those ancient organisms of production are, as compared with bourgeois society, extremely simple and transparent. But they are founded either on the immature developments of man individually, who has not yet severed the umbilical cord that unites him with his fellow men in a primitive tribal community, or upon direct relations of subjection. They can arise and exist only when the development of the productive power of labor has not risen beyond a low stage and when, therefore, the social relations within the sphere of material life, between man and man, and between man and nature, are correspondingly narrow. This narrowness is reflected in the ancient worship of nature, and in the other elements of the popular religions. The religious reflex of the real world can, in any case, only then finally vanish, when the practical relations of everyday life offer to man none but the perfectly intelligible and reasonable relations with regard to his fellow men and to nature.

The life-process of society, which is based on the process of material production, does not strip off its mystical veil until it is treated as production by freely associated men, and is consciously regulated by them in accordance with a settled plan. This, however, demands for society a certain material ground-work or set of conditions of existence which in their turn are the spontaneous product of a long and painful process of development.

\*Epicurus was a Greek philosopher who lived from 341-270 B. C. He was the founder of the Epicurean philosophy according to which happiness is the chief end in life. But real happiness, Epicurus maintained, could only be had in self-restraint.—Ed.  
\*\*Spaces situated between worlds.—Ed.

Fight the Right Danger. A Hundred Proletarians for Every Petty Bourgeois Renegade!

# "WE'LL FIGHT!"

By Fred Ellis



# The Relation of the Workers Party to Religion

NOTE—This is the second installment of Lenin's article on Marxism and religion. At a time when the imperialists are seeking to split the working class along religious lines, when they are using religion for an ideological campaign preparatory to an armed attack against the first workers and peasants republic, it is especially important to make the position of the Communist Party clear to every worker.

By V. I. LENIN.

Whoever has not thought out fully the fundamental principles of dialectical materialism—that is, of the philosophy of Marx and Engels—can misunderstand this basic principle, or at least not understand it at once. How is this? Shall the propaganda of the spirit, the propagation of certain ideas, the fight against the thousands-of-years-old enemy of culture and progress—that is, the fight against religion—be subordinated to the class struggle—that is, to the fight for definite practical aims in economics and politics.

An objection of this character belongs to those customary objections to Marxism which rise from a complete ignorance of Marxist dialectic. The contradiction which troubles those who argue thus is the living contradiction of living life, i.e., a dialectical not a verbal or artificial contradiction. To place an absolute unbridgeable barrier between the theoretical propaganda of atheism—that is, the annihilation of religious belief in certain sections of the proletariat—and the success, progress and conditions of the class struggle of these elements means not to argue dialectically, but to turn what is a movable relative barrier into an absolute barrier, to separate forcibly what in living reality is inseparably bound. Let us take an example. The proletariat of a given place and industry is divided, let us suppose, into the progressive section of conscious Social Democrats, who are naturally atheists, and backward workers, who are still bound to the village and peasant traditions, who believe in god, go to church or are at any rate still under the influence of the local priest, who has, let us suppose, formed a Christian trade union. The Marxist must unconditionally place in the foreground the success of the strike movement, must resolutely in this struggle work against any division of the workers into atheists and Christians and actively expose any such division. In such circumstances atheist propaganda can be seen to be both superfluous and harmful, not from the point of view of the philistine who does not want to frighten off the backward sections, or to forfeit an electoral seat, but from the standpoint of the real progress of the class struggle, which under the conditions of modern capitalist society will bring the Christian workers over to Social Democracy and atheism a hundred times better than bare atheist propaganda. The preacher of atheism would at such a moment and in such conditions only be playing into the hands of the priests, who would wish nothing better than a division of the workers, not according to their participation in the strike, but according to their belief in god. The Anarchist, who preaches war on god at any price, would in reality only be helping the priests and the bourgeoisie (just as the Anarchists in their action must be a materialist—that is, an enemy of religion—but a dialectical materialist—that is, one who takes up the fight against religion, not abstractly, not on the basis of an abstract, purely theoretical, unchangeable preaching, but correctly, on the basis of the class struggle, who practically accomplishes his object and teaches the masses most widely and best. The Marxist must be able to take into consideration the whole concrete situation, must know how to find the border line between anarchism and opportunism (this border line is relative, movable, changeable; nevertheless it exists); he must neither fall into abstract phrase-making empty "revolutionary" of the anarchist nor into the philistinism and opportunism of the small bourgeois or liberal intellectual, who shrinks from the fight against religion, for-

gets this task of his, reconciles himself with the belief in god, and lets himself be led, not by the interests of the class struggle, but by petty, miserable considerations—to cause pain to no one, to drive away no one, to frighten no one—who guides himself by the wise rule, "Live and let live," etc.

From this standpoint also must be determined the special questions which bear on the attitude of social democracy to religion. The question is, for example, asked whether a minister of religion can be a member of the Social Democratic Party, and this question is commonly answered, with any reserve, in the affirmative, by a reference to the experience of the West European Social Democratic parties. This experience, however, is not a simple product of the application of Marxist doctrine to the labor movement, but is a consequence of particular historical conditions in West Europe, which are absent in Russia, so that an unconditional affirmative answer to this question is here incorrect. One cannot say absolutely and for all conditions that ministers of religion cannot be members of the Social Democratic Party, but neither can the opposite rule be laid down. If the minister comes to us to common political work, and fulfills his party work with understanding, without bringing himself into opposition to the party program, then we can receive him in the ranks of social democracy, since the opposition between the spirit and fundamental principles of our program and his religious convictions can only concern him and remain his personal contradiction; a political organization cannot examine its members as to whether there is not a contradiction between their conceptions and program of the Party. But an instance of this type could naturally only be a rare exception even in Western Europe, and in Russia it is still more improbable. If a minister should enter into a social-democratic party and then wish to take up his principal and almost his only work an active religious propaganda in the party, the party would undoubtedly have to expel him. With regard to groups of workers who have still retained their belief in god, we must not only admit them into the party, but should energetically draw them in; we are absolutely against the slightest injuring of their religious feelings, but we win them in order to be trained in the spirit of our program and not in order of take up an active fight against it. We allow inside the party freedom of opinion, but only within certain limits, which are determined by the freedom of the formation of groups; we are not obliged to go hand in hand with those who actively propagate points of view which are rejected by the majority of the party.

Another example. Should one under all circumstances condemn a member of the Social Democratic Party for the declaration, "Socialism is my religion," as one would for the propagation of points of view which correspond to that declaration? Oh, no. A deviation from Marxism and therefore from Socialism is very definitely here, but the meaning of this deviation, its specific gravity, as it were, can vary in different situations. It is one thing when an agitator or someone coming before the masses speaks in this way, in order to be better understood, to draw interest into his subject-matter, to express his point of view more vividly in forms which are more accessible to the undeveloped mass; it is quite another thing when a writer begins to propagate some god-construction or "god-constructing" socialism (for example, in the spirit of our Lunacharsky and his associates). Just as in the first case censure would only be captious cavilling or an unneeded-for limitation of the freedom of the agitator, the freedom of the teacher's methods of work, so in the second case censure by the party is necessary and obligatory. The maxim, "Socialism is my religion," is for the one a form of transition from religion to Socialism, but for the other—from Socialism to religion.

(To Be Continued.)

# STARVE OR FIGHT!

A Challenge to the Unemployed

By GRACE M. BURNHAM, Labor Research Association. (Continued)

The Senate Investigation of 1928-1929. APPOINTED in May, 1928, "to investigate the causes of unemployment and recommend such legislation as seems advisable," the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, sidestepped every proposal which could be of any real value to the workers.

The Committee took no evidence on the question of speed-up and the countless efficiency methods directly responsible for the increasing accumulation of the unemployed. And it dismissed the fundamental problem of shortening hours in these words: "The printed evidence—submitted to the committee—contains suggestions of the shortened work day and the reduced working week. . . . However, in the time your committee had for this subject no opportunity presented itself for the consideration of legislation on the subject and your committee has nothing to suggest at this time." Regarding crises, which throw additional millions of workers on the streets, the committee left to private industry "recognition of its responsibility to stabilize employment within the industry." Its recommendation for taking a census of the unemployed in 1930 is in line with the proposals of Secretary of Labor Davis' Accident Prevention Conference in 1926, which, while admitting that industrial deaths in the United States totalled at least 25,000 annually—and non-fatal accidents well over 2,500,000—voted for the keeping of better accident statistics!

Regarding the United States Employment Service, the committee hesitated to go further than to recommend its reorganization "as completely detached from the operation of exchanges throughout the states as it is possible to be." With no proposals for federal appropriations, trained staff or workers' control, this continues to leave the worker at the mercy of the corporation employment departments and the unscrupulous private employment sharks.

"The government should adopt legislation without delay," is the sole constructive proposal of the committee, "which would provide a system of planning public works, so that they would form a reserve against unemployment in times of depression." We have already seen the real purpose of this utter inadequacy.

Unemployment insurance, the most essential and immediate measure for the assistance of the unemployed, is dismissed as follows:

"Government interference in the establishment and direction of unemployment insurance is not necessary and not advisable at this time."

"Private employers should adopt a system of unemployment insurance and should be permitted and encouraged to adopt the system which is best suited to the particular industry."

"If any public insurance scheme is considered, it should be left to the state legislation to study that problem." (Italics mine).

These conclusions on unemployment insurance, which virtually amount to instructions to employers' lobbies and politicians to oppose all measures for state or federal legislation were no accident, nor were they wholly the result of evidence heard by the Senate Committee. They were definite orders from President Hoover who is always on the alert to protect the interests and promote the profits of private business. Speaking before a meeting of managers of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company while he was still Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Hoover said: "Unemployment insurance in the hands of a great institution such as yours is not socialism. Insurance in the hands of the government is the encroachment of bureaucracy into the daily life of our people, and we do commend to your officers that here remains the one great field in which insurance can be employed scientifically, founded on a basis of actual savings, contributed to by the employer, and in which you can provide one of the greatest safeguards to our social stability." (Italics mine).

It is not in the increased profits to the life insurance companies that we are here so much concerned although that is of great importance in fighting these companies who are powerful opponents of social insurance. (The legal reserve life insurance companies of the United States commanded in 1929, assets of seventeen billion dollars for investment purposes.) It is in the implication that unemployment insurance in private hands can "provide one of the greatest safeguards to our social stability"—i. e. to the status quo.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company was not slow to grasp these implications in the Hoover address. "If permission is given by the State legislatures," declared that memorandum submitted to the Senate Committee, "this challenge will be accepted." And then added significantly: "Might it not be one solution of the problem to have life insurance companies undertake for employers the trusteeship of industrial depression reserve, or unemployment premiums, and agree to pay certain amounts to certain employers under prescribed conditions? . . . Such contract might well provide that no employee should be covered until at least six months' employment had been rendered; that for the purpose of the contract unemployment would be defined as time lost through the inability of the employer to provide work; and that voluntary resignation or dismissals on account of inefficiency were risks not insured against. Under such a contract the real purpose of unemployment insurance might be accomplished, while the drones, wanderers, those who have a lack of moral fibre, inadequate mental, or physical equipment, lack of judgment, adverse fortunes, etc., would be left to their own resources." (Italics mine).

Clear enough for any worker to see. The government intends to mobilize the powerful life insurance interests to support the production drives of the employers. Any militant worker who strikes, any unfortunate worker, who cannot keep up the pace, any "agitator" who is fired for "lack of judgment," could be victimized under such a private insurance agreement by being left to starve, or to put it more subtly, "left to his own resources." And any employer who rashly makes agreements with the left wing unions would find himself operating outside of the "prescribed conditions." Already the United States Department of Labor has given sharp evidence of its in-

tentions to interfere along similar lines by warning Brooklyn employers against agreements with the Independent Shoe Workers Union, a left wing organization.

This is the meaning of the Senate Committee's report on unemployment. This is the reason why the fight for national and state unemployment insurance becomes the paramount issue in a real workers' program for the relief of the unemployed.

(To Be Continued)

# Questions and Answers on Unemployment

Below we give the first of a short series of "Questions and Answers" on the world crisis, unemployment and the tasks of the revolutionary trade unions, issued by the Red International of Labor Unions.—Editor.

Question 1. What is the meaning of the present economic crisis and what is its scale?

During the post-war period the leading capitalist country was the U.S.A. While capitalism in England and on the European continent was showing signs of decay and decline, in America the industry and the productive forces were, relatively speaking, developing rapidly. Between 1922 and the autumn of 1929 we saw, what can only be qualified as an incredible increase of production in this country, an increasing trade, a growth of the load turnover and an extension of the export trade, etc.

Especially rapid was the development of the engineering and machine manufacturing industry, the production of automobiles, as well as the chemical and electrical industries. This prompted the bourgeois and petty-bourgeois economists to assert that there were no signs of a crisis in the U.S.A., that the capitalist system had been organized so well in the U.S.A. that all crisis or stoppages in production could be avoided, and that organized capitalism in the U.S.A. guaranteed the continuance of "prosperity" forever.

But during October and November, 1929, a big stock market crash occurred in the U. S. A. The price of stock and other bonds, inflated to an incredible degree by the continual demand, suddenly began to fall rapidly ruining hundreds of thousands of small share-holders, especially members of the medium and petty-bourgeoisie and the labor aristocracy who had invested their savings. According to the estimates of one bourgeois economist, during the first week of the crash, the small share-holders lost between 60 and 75 billion dollars.

Marx wrote that the characteristic feature of an economic crisis is that it always begins with a crisis on the money market. This is what we saw in the U. S. A. Several weeks before the stock market crash it was evident that industry was suffering from over production and a slump. In fact, the crisis on the stock market was only the natural result of the disproportion between the stock prices inflated by speculation and the slump in the industry.

On the other hand the stock market crash and the ruin that it brought in its train for entire sections of the bourgeoisie simply deepened the slump still further. And the crisis spread to the industry. During the last two months communications are being published in the newspapers almost every day on the further curtailment of production in the chief branches of industry, on workers being discharged, entire enterprises being closed down, etc. All this points to one thing: the economic crisis in the U. S. A. is deepening.

But can the U. S. A. outlive a crisis which would leave the other countries unaffected? Of course not. World industry and economic relations are so interlocked at the present time that any economic upheaval even in the most distant and least important of the countries has a direct influence on trade and industry elsewhere.

What then can we say about the U. S. A., this leading capitalist country? Leaving aside the concrete facts for a moment, even from the theoretical point of view we could say quite definitely that any economic crisis in the U. S. A. must affect economic life in other parts of the world.

And this theoretical conclusion has been fully borne out by the developments. Information received from Germany, Austria, Poland, England, Sweden and elsewhere shows clearly that they have felt the repercussions of the crisis in the U. S. A. and that these countries too are entering a phase of economic depression.

Thus we see that the crisis has spread far beyond the boundaries of the U. S. A., that a world economic crisis has set in which is having a profound effect on the economic life of the whole capitalist world.

# Some Flashes From the Recruiting Drive

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, the center of the steel industry, which had a quota of 15 in the Recruiting Drive has already tripled this and have recruited 45 new members, of whom the majority are steel workers.

Nile, Ohio, another steel center, where there was no Party in existence has already established a Party unit with 15 members, while Warren, Ohio, has already gone over the top of its quota.

The coal miners in the Party, in the Ohio District are determined that the steel district shall not defeat them, and have therefore issued a challenge in the spirit of revolutionary competition to the Party members in and around Youngstown. Youngstown, Niles, Warren, etc., all maintain that the coal miners are dreaming if they expect to get ahead of the steel workers in the Drive, but the coal miners have shown by their past and their struggles that they have real determination and will go through with anything they start.

Another steel city, Canton, Ohio has already recruited 11 new members and in Massillon, Ohio, there has been organized a Party nucleus also.

Yorkville, O., one of the mining centers has already begun to pick up the challenge to the steel section and starts with four new members, and promises to organize two shop nuclei within the next week.