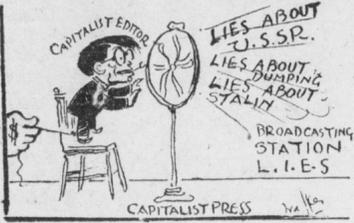


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Expose Stimson's Hypocrisy! DEFEND THE ARMED FIGHTERS FOR NICARAGUAN INDEPENDENCE!

MR. HAMILTON FISH has again broken into the press "demanding protection for American citizens." Indeed he says "A nation that does not protect its own citizens is unworthy of the name government." But Mr. Fish is not at all concerned with the protection of American workers from starvation. Indeed, he insists that the American government compel American workers to starve to death, rather than pay unemployment insurance from taxes upon the rich.

The only Americans Mr. Fish refers to, are the imperialists and their agents in Nicaragua. About these, Mr. Fish declares, "The American people do not propose to throw overboard their rights, wherever they may be." By the phrase "the American people," Mr. Fish means the American capitalists, since it is obvious that the American workers not only have no "rights" in Nicaragua, but have no rights in America either.

About Nicaragua, the whole chorus of imperialist hypocrites, is in full cry in all keys. Mr. Fish's bluster against the "new policy" of Stimson and Hoover is but the high key of imperialist arrogance to which the base of approval from the Borah's and LaFollette's are the imperialist apologists accompaniment—all blending in nicely to afford shelter to Mr. Stimson's hypocritical note about "no protection to Americans, and withdrawal of marines."

General Smedley Butler of the marines has already answered the liars who depict the fighters for Nicaraguan independence as "bandits." In effect, the general stated a year or so ago, that "Anyone who opposed American interests was declared to be 'bandits.'" And against the reports flaunted in the yellow press about Nicaraguan "bandits," beholding Americans, we refer readers to the report of Mr. Bruell, an investigator of the Foreign Policy Association, who has stated that the U. S. Marines themselves have beheaded Nicaraguan fighters for independence and exposed their heads in the public square!

These arrogant of Yankee imperialism forget that it is not in the same historical position as in the days of Teddy Roosevelt, and that precisely the hypocritical circumspection of Stimson and Hoover is at present the best mask of deceit to screen an intensified campaign to consolidate Yankee imperialism in Nicaragua. Incidentally, flowers of praise are gathered from such scoundrels as Borah and LaFollette.

The policy of Stimson is nothing other than the extension of the imperialist strategy in Mexico carried out by Dwight Morrow. It is the strategy of breaking up bourgeois opposition to Yankee penetration by minor concessions and the effort to consolidate bourgeois forces around Yankee imperialism and its native tools on a common program of intensified joint exploitation of the toiling masses, and fascist terror against the revolutionary movement of the workers and peasants.

The policy of Stimson and Hoover of "gradually withdrawing" marines, after they have built up Yankee-officered and controlled National Guards is part of this program; while Yankee warships patrol the coast and back up with the full force of American arms the native tools of Wall Street.

Against this whole hypocrisy, workers of the United States must demand—on May Day and afterwards—Hands Off Nicaragua! Immediate withdrawal of the U. S. Marines, Yankee officers of the National Guard and all other civil and military agents of imperialism—Full support to all forces engaged in battle against imperialism! All aid to the struggle of the Army of Liberation!

Defeat the Frame-Up!

IN the prison cells at Paterson, New Jersey, are five workers, victims of a vicious frame-up, in danger of their lives.

They are strikers. They fought with and for the workers as members of the National Textile Workers' Union.

For this, the Silk Manufacturers Association is attempting to send them to the electric chair.

Some of these workers are veterans of other strikes. They are being selected by the manufacturers to die.

Because a petty silk mill boss, who was a bootlegger as well, mixed in underworld life, died a month after being attacked by rival bootleggers' slugs, the fact that he was slugged while around the strike lines is being used by the silk barons to railroad five workers to death in the electric chair.

These silk mill bosses care nothing for Urban, their underworld colleague. They want to, they hope to break the National Textile Workers' Union by sending five workers to death.

Lurking in the shadow are the social fascist "socialists," who are enemies of the workers and the militant Union both as silk manufacturers and as social fascists. These scoundrels, of whom Urban was one, are united with the capitalist terror against the workers and their union.

All the forces of reaction are conspiring to send these five brave workers, one a working woman and mother, to death in the horrible electric chair.

It is a case that cries out to workers everywhere to protest! It is a part of the whole system of deportation, lynching and intimidation of the capitalists to crush the workers' resistance to wage cuts and starvation!

The story of Paterson must be spread to the far corners of the United States and the world! The frame-up must be exposed! The victims must be torn from the bloody jaws of capitalism! Every May Day marcher must cry aloud—Free the Paterson Prisoners!

Out on the streets May Day, demanding that the frame up stop! Strike on May Day to demand the right to organize and strike against wage cuts, for unemployment insurance! Defend the revolutionary unions by the Paterson strikers! Defeat the Frame-Up!

PLAN LAST DETAILS FOR MAY DAY TONIGHT AT MANHATTAN LYCEUM

NEW YORK.—Tonight, at 8 p. m., in Manhattan Lyceum, the final May Day United Front Conference meets, with delegates from all workers' organizations, unions, fraternal orders, sports, defense and cultural clubs. The big delegation assured already may be made larger by last-minute affiliations. This conference will work out the last details of the May First demonstration.

It is intended for the demonstrators to mobilize at Madison Square Park at 12:30 and to march from there to Union Square, in spite of the united front plans of the police, socialist party and fascist Veterans of Foreign Wars to hold Union Square all day away from the workers.

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The officials refused even this and again ordered her out. Workers in the hall wanted to know what was in the letter, and, on being told, insisted they wanted to hear it read, and that the union rules were that no matter what was in the letter it is the business of the officials to read it. Van Veen went back and was again ejected and one of the officials tore up the letter. They were expecting Muste to speak.

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Sadie Van Veen, representing the United Front May Day Committee, came to the Amalgamated Bakers' meeting Saturday afternoon in Labor Lyceum, Brooklyn, and was denied the floor by the officials. She

WALL ST. PREPARES WAR ON NICARAGUAN PEOPLE; RUSH MORE BATTLESHIPS

Begin Lying Stories of Torture to Stir Up War Hatred;
Rake Up Old Fake Yarns About
Banditry in Nicaragua

DEMONSTRATE MAY 1 AGAINST IMPERIALIST ATTACK ON NICARAGUANS

Liberation Army Pushes Fight to Drive Imperialists Out of Nicaragua; Support the Fight of the Nicaraguan Rebels

War against the Nicaraguan people is now being carried on by American troops, in the interest of the imperialists of Wall Street. The capitalist press is printing the usual horror stories against Sandino and the Army of Liberation. Not satisfied with the fact that warships leave for Nicaragua every day loaded with troops, machine guns, bombing planes and other war instruments, the capitalist press is re-hashing the torture-stories that were used to initiate the war against Germany and which are used to murder the Chinese revolutionists.

"Atrocity" Yarns.

The New York Sunday News, the Times, and nearly every other capitalist paper in the country print scare head lines packed with lies to stir up war against the Nicaraguan people. The main "atrocity" story is based on the living accounts of the group of imperialists who arrived in New Orleans Saturday on the S. S. Cefalu from Puerto Cabezas. Most of the men were involved in shooting Nicaraguan workers, and when they were defeated and a number of their group executed, they cooked up all sorts of lies about "torture" and "banditry" in order to increase the Wall Street armed forces in Nicaragua and confiscate more of the lands of the Nicaraguan people for the benefit of the American imperialists.

Stimson's Hypocrisy.

Hoover and Stimson, in order not to arouse the indignation and resentment of greater masses throughout Latin America, have issued a statement saying they have changed their policy in Nicaragua whereby troops will be supplied only for the coast lines. At the same time, daily shipments of troops were made to carry on warfare against the Nicaraguan people, and especially against the Army of Liberation led by Sandino, and the new forces of workers and peasants armies that are fighting the imperialist troops and the Nicaraguan...

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BOAST OF CUTTING WORKING FORCE

NEW YORK.—The "Lamp," publication of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, boasts of the economies it effected by laying off 10 per cent of their working force. The rest, however, has been speeded up.

Against evictions, for rent reductions!

Boss Lynchers Raise Funds to Defeat Struggle to Save Nine Innocent Negro Boys from Chair

Southern Landlords In
New Mob
Lynching

Intensify Terror
Take Negro Out of
Jail; Seeking
Another

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 19.—With millions of white and Negro workers rallying to the defense of the nine Negro youngsters framed-up and railroaded to the electric chair by an Alabama lynch court, the land monopolists and capitalists in other sections of the South are savagely intensifying their mob terror against the Negro workers.

In Union City, Tennessee, a boss mob last night rode up in a swell automobile to the county jail and took George Smith, a Negro worker, from his cell and lynched him. Smith has been arrested on the usual charge of rape used by the bosses to get even with Negro workers who insist on getting wages for their labor.

On this same day, in Huntingdon, Tenn., a mob sought to lynch Henry Mumford, a Negro worker accused of shooting a Humboldt, Tenn. officer who attempted to brutalize him. While the sheriff hid with the keys, his wife met the mob and told them the wife prisoner had been removed to another jail.

"I was waiting for them when the cars drove up this morning," she said. "They were mighty nice about it and didn't come in." Every worker can imagine what would have happened if the "nice" mob had insisted on entering the jail, where no plan had been made to defend the Negro.

his increasing terror against the Negro workers give additional emphasis to the necessity of every worker coming out on the streets on May Day to demonstrate against the murderous boss system of lynching, starvation, wage cuts, and preparation for imperialist war against the Soviet Union, the workers' fatherland which points the way to the workers out of the capitalist system of starvation and terror.

Tile, Marble Setters Picket Today for the 8-Hr. Day; Organized

NEW YORK.—The 17 workers at the Excelsior Tile and Marble Co., Bronx, are ready to start picketing this morning to enforce their demands for the eight-hour day, 44-hour week, restoration of the 15 per cent cut in their wages, no overtime and recognition of the shop committee.

They met Saturday and elected a committee of five, which presented these demands, and the boss offered to grant all but the recognition. The workers met with the Trade Union Unity League and decided to insist on all the demands. They are now organized in the Tile and Marble Setters League of the T.U.U.L.

For full political and social rights and self-determination for Negroes! Against imperialist war!

REFORMISTS AID LYNCHERS

Support Court Room
Lynching of 9

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 19.—The boss lynchers of Scottsboro, Alabama, determined to carry thru their court room lynching of nine Negro youths, have raised a huge purse to employ the firm of Proctor and Snodgrass to assist the State prosecutor resisting the efforts of the workingclass to smash this murderous frame-up and railroad to the electric chair of these nine youngsters.

In the meantime, working-class resentment is constantly increasing as the true facts in this vicious frame-up are brought to light by investigations conducted by the International Labor Defense. Thru-out the country, workers and their organizations are thundering their protests and intensifying the preparations for huge May Day demonstrations and struggle against the boss system of starvation, wage cuts, terror against Negro, and foreign-born workers, and preparations for war on the Soviet Union and against the revolutionary masses of Nicaragua.

Southern Workers Rallying To
Defense

In the South, where the boss ideology of race hatred has taken strongest hold, white and Negro workers are uniting as never before. Meetings and demonstrations have been held in Atlanta, Ga., New Orleans, La., and Chattanooga, during

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Active Picketing in Olympic Strike; Call for Shop Committees

NEW YORK.—The strike of the Olympic Suit Case Co., 96 Bigger Street, which has been going on for more than a week is in a splendid condition. The strikers hold together and the shop has been picketed every day from 7 a. m. till 7 p. m.

Workers from other shops are to be found around the shop during the day. The workers in the shops are also responding with money contributions. The workers of the Metropolitan Suit Case Co. have already contributed for the strike close to \$2. Workers from other shops are also responding splendidly.

They must organize committees in the shops to help the strikers. The strike in the Olympic must be a beginning of an organization campaign in the luggage industry in New York and also in other centers of the trade. The left-wing group of the Suit Case and Bag Makers Union, affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League are taking an active part in the Olympic strike. They are doing their utmost to take care that the workers take an active part in the leadership of the strike, to make the wide membership of the union interested in the importance of the strike and to lay a strong basis for further organizational activity.

Rousing for May 1 Demonstrations in All Cities, Towns

110 Hunger Marchers
Leave Pittsburgh on
War to Harrisburg

Miners, Steel Workers
Arrests of Jobless
Leaders Everywhere

BULLETIN.
SHENANDOAH, Penn., April 19.—Two rousing meetings in St. Clair, meetings in Port Carbon, Frackville and Minersville were held when the lower anthracite unemployed delegation started to hunger march to Harrisburg. Meetings will be held tonight at Centralia, Fardville, Ashland, and Kulpmont. Tomorrow a meeting in Shamokin, the center of the strike of 11,000 miners will assure the strikers of the solidarity of the unemployed. The truck going with the hunger marchers is decorated with banners saying: "On to Harrisburg! Thirty Thousand Anthracite Miners are Starving! We demand Unemployment Insurance!"

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 19.—A hundred and ten hunger marchers left Pittsburgh Saturday morning for Harrisburg, the state capital, to demand passage of a state unemployment insurance bill. They were from Pittsburgh and from the mining and steel towns immediately around, and will be joined on the way by dozens more marchers from other such industrial cities.

The masses of employed and unemployed workers who picked these marchers to represent them at the state capital are watching eagerly news of their progress, and are building back of the march a great campaign for demonstrations May First to support the demands for insurance and to expose the whole capitalist system to the masses of the workers. Unemployed worker delegates will take an active part in the May Day Conference here to map out details of the demonstration.

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Woods Gives Dope On Unemployment; Press Must Not Publish It!

NEW YORK.—"With the assurance that what they have to say will not be published," Col. Arthur Woods, Hoover's unemployment committee head, and Asst. Sec. of Commerce Julius Klein will tell members of the American Society of Newspaper Editors "the unvarnished truth about unemployment and business conditions in this country," according to Editor and Publisher, newspaperman's magazine.

Woods and Klein will make their addresses at the banquet of the society at the New Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., April 18.

William Green, president of the A. F. of L., will address the editors on "The Press and Labor News" on Friday, April 17, at 2 p. m.

A confidential conference with Pres. Hoover will be held Thursday night, April 16. The Hoover conference is limited strictly to members of the associations.

Rush May Day Greetings

Have you sent YOUR May Day greetings to the Daily Worker? Has your mass organization sent its greeting? Send individual greetings (at 25 cents) and larger greetings from fraternal organizations, workers' clubs, trade unions, etc., before the following deadlines: Pacific Coast edition, Dists. 12, 13, 18, 19—April 20. Midwest, Dists. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17—April 22. Eastern, Dists. 1, 2 (upstate N. Y. only) 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 16—April 24. New York City and No. New Jersey, April 25. Greetings and ads from local dealers (\$2 per inch) should be rushed without delay. Thousands of greetings for May Day will be carried in the Daily Worker. Be sure yours is there!

SMASH TERROR AT NORRISTOWN, PA.

Score Socialist Crew in
Reading Meets

READING, Pa., April 19.—A fine augury for huge May First demonstrations against the capitalist-system itself, and for unemployment insurance is seen in the enthusiastic reception by the masses in the towns along the way to the Philadelphia section of the Pennsylvania state hunger march. The militancy, courage and dash of the marchers, who go through towns with hostile city governments, singing and cheering and shouting slogans, brushing aside the threats previously showered upon them and holding big mass meetings, is inspiring all the workers.

Expose Socialists.

The 128 marchers from Philadelphia have had additions to their ranks as they came along, and are now in Reading, where they are getting ready for the push on to Harrisburg, the state capital, tomorrow.

Masses of Reading workers met the mat the city limits, and marched with them through Reading streets, and attended a big mass meeting at the city hall where speakers exposed thoroughly the socialist party admin-

Coin Jobless Misery Into Solid Profits

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 19.—While over ten million starve, the big corporations take such profit from wage cuts, lengthened hours, and by refusing to do a thing for the unemployed, that the nationally known accounting firm of Ernst and Ernst is able to publish figures proving that an average profit of 6.49 per cent was made in 1930 by a list of 407 representative corporations in 20 diversified industries. This compares with 1.39 per cent profit for these industries in 1921, the last depression year, and with 11.35 per cent average profit in the boom year of 1929.

istration here. The city officials have been insisting there is little unemployment distress in their territory, and have refused to join in demands on the governor, meanwhile allowing the little relief to be cut down, and letting the constables evict those who can not pay rent because of lack of work.

Four open air meetings are being held in Reading.

Smash Norristown Terror

The hunger marchers were received with a tremendous ovation from the workers of Norristown, whose city officials had warned them that if they came through, the state police would be used to smash the procession. The lynching arguments of the officials fell on deaf ears, and seeing that they had no support whatever, the city authorities gave up the plan of attacking the hunger marchers. Four hundred local workers jammed a hall to hear speakers from the hunger march, and 60 more tried to get in but were unable because of lack of room. This spirited meeting, the first of its kind in Norristown, was a bold exposure of the lie that there is no unemployed problem in Norristown. As a result of the march and meeting, 73 Negro and white workers joined the unemployed council.

In Pottstown, the next stop after Norristown, 50 cheered the marchers at an outdoor demonstration, adopted the demand for state unemployment insurance, and demanded the release of Everett, Trade Union Unity League representative arrested in Harrisburg and sentenced to 80 days in jail for hunger march activities.

All the mass meetings participated in by the hunger marchers pass resolutions denouncing the attempted legal lynching of the nine Negro young workers in Alabama.

Use your Red Shock Troop List every day on your job. The worker next to you will help save the Daily Worker.

Bosses in Biggest Wage Cut Drive in U. S. History; Get Aid of A. F. of L. Officials

Concentrate Their Attack
On Rail and
Steel Workers

Plans for the biggest wage cutting drive against the American workers in the history of the country are well under way. The capitalist press is already advancing the propaganda under which this new and national wage cut campaign will go on. While the wage cuts, according to open statements made in the capitalist newspapers, will concentrate on cutting the pay of steel and railroad workers, it will be carried into every factory, shop, mine, office and mill in the country. Even now wages are being cut left and right, directly and indirectly, all over the country.

Months ago the Daily Worker printed facts about this wage cutting drive. It was shown how the railroad bosses insisted on wage cuts on

the railroads. Hoover put Doak in as Secretary of Labor with the express purpose of undertaking wage-cuts in the railroad industry. The big steel bosses, particularly the United States Steel Corporation, through the columns of the Wall Street Journal announced months ago there would be wage cuts. Now we have the reports of definite conferences of the bosses at which plans for carrying out these wage cutting drives were taken up.

"Wage reductions in some of the country's basic industries," writes the New York Times (April 18) "including steel, have been discussed tentatively here, some downward revisions may be put into effect soon."

This cautious manner of announcing a definite fact—that the bosses have the plans ready—is an attempt to disarm the workers and to keep them from struggle.

Push Plans For Wide Cuts
The Associated Press on Saturday

reported meetings held by the leading New York bankers and exploiters on how to carry through these wage cuts. Naturally, the details were not made public but the workers will soon feel them in their pay envelopes—in the form of heavy wage cuts.

The railroad bosses present at these conferences came out for heavy wage slashes.

"An important transportation executive"—the capitalist press, of course, refuses to name him—"expressed the belief that railroad wages would and must come down!"

Concentrate On Rail Workers
Nearly all the financial newspapers are carrying on a heavy attack against the wages of the railroad workers. The American capitalists own \$25,000,000,000 of railroad bonds and stocks. They insist on receiving high interest on these bonds and stocks. The crisis has cut down the income of the railroads. Instead of standing one cent of drop in their

profits that are squeezed out of the workers, the bosses want to put the entire burden of the crisis on the backs of the workers—they want their profits to come out of the wage cut that they intend handing the railroad workers.

Answer the Bosses May 1

Green, Woll and the other A. F. of L. misleaders have promised to break strikes to advance the wage cutting drive. This was the result of their agreement with Hoover and the leading bosses in November, 1929. Only the Trade Union Unity League, and its affiliated unions, supported by the Communist Party, is mobilizing the workers to organize and strike against wage cuts. The bosses' plans are made. Every worker must join the fight against wage cuts! Rally to the May Day demonstrations where the unity of the workers will be solidified, and the bosses' challenge will be answered by a counter-attack of the workers.

BLEYER WORKERS TO HONOR COM. PINKUS GORDON

Memorial Meeting to Be Held Tuesday

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—In memory of Comrade Pinkus Gordon, a devoted member of the Communist Party who recently died, will be honored at a memorial meeting which has been arranged by the Bleyer Shop Nucleus of the Communist Party.

The memorial meeting has been arranged for Tuesday evening, April 21, at 6 p. m. (right after work) and it will be held at the Workers' Center, 61 Graham Ave., Brooklyn.

The workers, and especially the workers of the Bleyer Shop, with whom Comrade Gordon has for years been co-worker and fighter in their interest, are called upon to pay tribute to the memory of our deceased comrade.

Through the activities of Comrade Pinkus Gordon, and with the co-operation of the workers of the entire shop, the bosses were forced to respect the workers in the shop and attempts of the bosses to cut wages and introduce speed-up were bitterly fought against.

Through the activities of our dear comrade the Bleyer workers valiantly participated in the defense of hundreds of workers throughout the country who felt victims of capitalist justice.

Through the activities of Pinkus Gordon a strong branch of the I. L. D. was organized in the shop.

The Bleyer Shop Nucleus of the Communist Party in arranging this memorial meeting calls upon all workers of the Bleyer shop to come to this memorial meeting in honor and memory of Comrade Pinkus Gordon for his activities in the revolutionary working-class movement.

FILIPINO LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS

Press Fight on U. S. Imperialism

NEW YORK.—The Philippine Anti-Imperialist League of the United States, an organization which is fighting for Filipino freedom, held its meeting for the election of the executive officers at 67 Sand St. last Wednesday. The following was elected: Sajona, president; Miriam Colles, secretary; Reid, treasurer; Lopez, publicity, activity and propaganda chairman; Gomez, publicity director.

This organization, while its name suggests Filipinos only, is open also to any other nationality who may desire to join, provided that he who so desires support and subscribe to its aims and objects. The Anti-Imperialist League is fighting against race discrimination, is fighting for immediate and unconditional independence of all colonial peoples from foreign imperialist domination and particularly of the Philippines. It is also in sympathy with any movement for the liberation of oppressed peoples.

Today, as never before, we need an organization of this kind when we are conscious of the exploiting machinery of imperialism around us. All workers and fighters against imperialism are called upon to join the Philippine Anti-Imperialist League. The address of the league office is Room 535-799 Broadway, New York City.

WIR Parent Branch Is Organized; Make Plans to Get Funds

A branch of the Workers International Relief, composed of mothers and fathers of WIR scouts was organized Monday night, April 13, at the Czechoslovakian Home, 347 East 72nd St.

Dorothy Ross, secretary of the New York district of the Workers International Relief, explained the purpose of the WIR and the necessity of workers organizing to support the strike and unemployment relief struggle of the working class.

The members of the branch elected an executive, and made plans for visiting organizations to make appeals for funds, in order to send children of unemployed, to WIR camps free.

The branch will meet every Monday night, at 347 East 72nd Street.

What's On—

MONDAY—

Workers Ex-Servicemen's League Will hold an open air meeting at 8 p. m. at 51st and Hopkinson Aves., Brooklyn, after which a branch of the league will be organized. All worker ex-servicemen of Brooklyn are urged to attend this meeting and then march to headquarters of the new branch.

W. I. R. Band Rehearsal Will be held at 51 W. 21st St. at 8 p. m. in preparation for May Day.

May First Pageant Rehearsals will be held at 350 E. 81 Street today and Thursday.

WEDNESDAY—

"May First" Lecture Will be given by Mary Adams, recently returned from the Soviet Union, at 8:30 p. m. at 1622 Bathgate Ave., under the auspices of Councils 8 and 24.

Building Maintenance Workers Ind. Union Fraction Meets at 8 p. m. on time, Place, 15 E. 12th St.

"Force is the midwife of every old society pregnant with a new one. It is itself an economic power."—Marx.

Congressman Says Living Standard Is Coming Down Here

NEW YORK.—A downward sweep of the standard of living of the American workers was predicted by Congressman Bertrand H. Snell, in a speech Thursday night before the St. Lawrence County Society at Hotel McAlpin. Snell said that the crisis was leveling out the standard of living of all workers (the meant in capitalist lands). His remedy was to pull down the tariff walls.

Besides, he saw "a gradual weakening today of the economic social structure of this government."

UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE SOON

Councils Holding Good Street Meetings

NEW YORK.—All workers' organizations, union locals and fraternal orders, tenants' leagues in Manhattan south of 59 St., and the Madison Square, Downtown and Waterfront Unemployed Councils, are called to send two delegates each to a United Front Conference on Unemployment to meet May 10 at 10:30 a. m. at Manhattan Lyceum. The purpose is to unite and co-ordinate the work of struggle against starvation in this territory. The details will be worked out of the daily struggle to stop evictions, get back fees from fake agencies, form house committees and tenants' leagues, conduct a struggle for a 20 per cent reduction in rents, and particularly to conduct a house to house canvass to gather information of the neediest cases of unemployed workers for which relief will be demanded from the city.

The conference is called in the name of the Lower Manhattan Unemployed Council, and organizations not yet receiving letters of invitation to it, should communicate with the secretary of the council at 16 West 21st Street.

FL Bureaucrats Scrap Over Booty; Accuse of Scabbing

NEW YORK.—Thursday night's meeting of the New York Central Trades and Labor Council witnessed the spectacle of Joseph Ryan, president of the council presiding over the meeting in a full dress suit. Ryan was in a hurry to get to a banquet given him by some of his exploiter friends.

During a jurisdictional fight between the stationary firemen and the stationary engineers unions, the delegate for the machinists got up and mentioned that "this jurisdictional fight is causing strike-breaking. Because the machinists want to avoid the \$160 assessment, they are joining the engineers."

The whole matter was finally referred to "Brother Green and Brother Morrison" to be hushed up in secret.

COMPETITION ON FOR LABOR UNITY

Organizations to Build Subscription List

NEW YORK.—The Trade Union Unity Council of New York has another immense campaign to increase the circulation of its official organ, the "Labor Unity," so that it will be possible to issue a weekly New York edition of the Labor Unity, reporting all New York struggles.

It is a six-month campaign. April first up to October first of which the main tasks are to reach between seven and eight thousand New York readers of the Labor Unity.

The Council has set quotas to all of its affiliated organizations.

The Council has also decided to send a Labor Unity delegation to the Soviet Union for Nov. 7. It is the 14th celebration of the Russian Revolution. The Council will pay all the expenses necessary and is assuring the delegation that they will get a big reception in the Soviet Union. One thousand yearly subscribers is set for one delegate and the one that gets the majority will be the winner.

Organizations should call on other organizations of equal size to compete to reach the quota set by them. Many large organizations can have a delegate of their own by getting one thousand yearly subscriptions by October 1st.

Get in touch with the District Office at 16 W. 21st St., for a speaker at your next meeting.

Banquet to Greet Il LAVORATORE

Italian Communist Paper Reappears

NEW YORK.—"Il LAVORATORE," the fighting Italian organ of the Communist Party, will resume its publication after a temporary suspension. This will be an event of great political importance for the Italian masses, deprived during the suspension, of their only collective organizer, of their indomitable champion in the struggle against misery and starvation, and left at the mercy of "Il Nuovo Mondo," the yellow daily that concluded its treacherous and adventurist career by becoming, quite recently, the official organ of a dissenting fascist group headed by Fama, leader of the Ku Klux Klan.

But the fact that "Il LAVORATORE" will resume its leading post in the class struggle is a event of great importance not only for the Italian masses of this country but also for the toiling masses of Italy, engaged in a fierce struggle against fascist reaction and oppression, and for all the masses of all nationalities involved in the country-wide offensive against the fast advancing fascistization of American capitalist reaction.

To celebrate such a significant event more than two hundred organizations will send their delegates to a big banquet on the 26th of April at 5 p. m. in the Workers Center, 35 East 12th Street.

All organizations which did not elect their delegates to this banquet are urged to do so and send their donations. They are also urged to notify not later than the 26th of April how many copies of "Il LAVORATORE" they wish to purchase. Copies must be paid in advance at the price of 3 cents each.

The first issue of the Italian weekly will contain greetings from tens of mass organizations. These greetings must be sent in not later than the 26th and paid in advance, too, at the rate of \$1.25 per inch.

Tickets for the Banquet are on sale at 50 cents in the office of "Il LAVORATORE," 35 East 12th St. They must be bought not later than the 22nd of April.

Fight lynching. Fight deportation of foreign born. Elect delegates to your city conference for protection of foreign born.

Need Vehicles for May Day

All Party members and sympathizers who have trucks, cars or motorcycles which can be used for May Day should register at the headquarters of the United Front Committee, 16 W. 21st St. Telephone Chelsea 3-0962.

THE ADVENTURES OF BILL WORKER



FURNESS PRINCE LINE FORCES STEWARDS TO DO STEVEDORE WORK

Get Paid \$1.50 a Day and Three Skimpy Meals; Load Supplies and Chandlery

Conditions Aboard British Boss Owned Ships Bad All Around

(By a Worker Correspondent)
Instead of hiring longshoremen the Furness Prince Line, at 34th St. and 12th Ave. at Pier 74, North River, is forcing the stewards on the M. S. "Western Prince" to do much of the stevedore work in loading supplies.

The stewards are paid \$1.50 a day and get three skimpy meals and most work from 8 till 5 in the evening loading coke, heavy tools, soap and other such supplies. They were also forced to load 100 lb. sacks of flour.

For this they receive tea and bread and butter for breakfast, pork and beans and B. & B. for lunch and potato chips and one pork chop and coffee for dinner. They are forced to supply their own cups and knives and forks, which causes a great deal of inconvenience to the men.

Refuse to Load.
When one of the stewards refused to load the flour, saying that it should be done by regular longshoremen, the second steward said: "You must be a Communist."

The delegate of the International Longshoremen's Association was around and appeared pleased with the situation. When his attention was called to the fact that the Furness Line should hire stevedores at regular wages, he snarled: "Mind your own business."

The stewards are slave-driven for long hours for \$45 a month. Work from 5 in the morning until midnight is not uncommon aboard this ship. The officers maintain a near-military discipline, as in the British

navy, and the class lines are drawn very tight.

The stewards are forced to do many other odd jobs and are very much discontented.

Officers Get Best.
In contrast to the hard lot of the workers the officers eat of the very best and act as "gentlemen." The following menu, taken from the officers' mess, gives one an idea of how high they live:

- Luncheon.
Soup—Potage St. Germain.
Fish—Fried filleted corbina.
Entrees—London hot pot, corned pork, Boston baked beans.
Vegetables—Potatoes: Chipped.
Grills (to order, 15 minutes)—Filet steak and onions.
Cold Buffet—Roast mutton, ox tongue, roast beef.
Salads—Chou rouge.
Sweets—Delaware pudding, lemon pie.
Cheese—Eliam.
Fruit—Meon.
Tea and coffee.

REFORMISTS AID LYNCHERS

Support Court Room Lynching of 9

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the last two days. Under the leadership of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the International Labor Defense, a Provisional Scottsboro Defense Committee has been formed in Chattanooga, and a conference called for May 3 in that city.

Break Thru Illegality To Protest
In Birmingham, Ala., despite police persecutions and boss laws illegalizing the Communist Party and the Young Communist League, the two lead a militant protest demonstration yesterday in East Birmingham, against the shooting down of Babe Daves, Negro worker, by police last week, and the Scottsboro legal lynching. A telegram was sent Governor Miller of Alabama demanding immediate release of the nine boys and pledging the masses to a militant campaign to stop their murder.

Negro Reformists Support Boss Lynchers
NEW YORK. — In the meantime, the Negro reformists and their press continue their open co-operation with the southern boss lynchers, in spite of unanswerable proof that the boys are innocent of any crime, that they are not even the ones who had a fight with the six or seven white men on the freight train, in whose company the two prostitutes who are supposed to have been "raped" were traveling. The attitude of the Negro reformist press is clearly expressed in an editorial in the current issue of the Chicago Defender which quotes with commendation the praise of T. H. Alexander, a southern boss editor, for the court room lynching at Scottsboro. The Negro World, the Amsterdam News, the Pittsburgh Courier, the Afro-American and others continue to report the case from the viewpoint of the southern landlord and capitalist lynchers. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Urban League, the Universal Negro Improvement Association (Garvey Movement) continue their support and acquiescence in the legal lynching.

Reformist To Support Lily White House
In Washington, this coming Wednesday, Dr. Moton of Tuskegee Institute, T. Arnold Hill, of the Urban League, will confer with President Hoover in a move to boost Hoover's presidential campaign for 1932. None of these reformists will raise their voice against the thirteen lynchings which have occurred so far this year, or against the Scottsboro court room lynching.

Negro Workers Raise Protest in Churches
The Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, Branch No. 1, New York City, the Greater Boston May Day Conference representing 22 organizations and embracing thousands of workers; the Youth Section of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union; the Philadelphia Polish Section of the International Labor Defense, and mass meeting of several hundred colored and white workers in the Hippodrome Hall, Buffalo, New York.

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In the Detroit district where the campaign to save the nine youths had apparently reached a higher form than in any other district to date, the following organizations have sent protests:

Detroit Rallies Tremendous Protest Movement
The congregation of the First Baptist Church of Detroit (Negro) sent resolution and telegram, with \$1.10 donation to defense; First Baptist Church of Hamtramck (Negro) resolution and telegram with \$3.70 donation; the students of the Auto Mechanical Schools, resolution and \$4.20 donation; Detroit Workingmen's Co-operative Restaurant, resolution and \$5.10 donation; Workers' Camp Conference, representing 42 workers' organizations, resolution and \$5.62 donation; Workers' Camp of Detroit, resolution and \$5.00 donation; South Slavic Ruthenberg Branch I. L. D., resolution; Mass Protest Meeting of 500 white and Negro workers, in Hamtramck, Mich., resolution and telegram; Mt. Carmel Baptist Church (Negro) resolution; The Jewish Dramatic Studio of Detroit, resolution, telegram and \$1.00 donation; Russi nWomen's Progressive Club, resolution, telegram and \$2.00 donation; Macedonian Baptist Church, resolution; Unit No. 6, Communist Party, resolution and \$1.05 donation; Bulgarian Macedonian Working Women's Krupskaya group, resolution and telegram; Young Communist League dance of 400 young Negro and white workers, resolution; "Young Worker" Conference, representing 7 youth organizations; resolution.

Hunger Marchers Voice Resentment.
The Pennsylvania Hunger Marchers also sent their protest and are supporting the campaign of the ILL and LSNR for a mass protest meeting, Wednesday evening, April 22, at the Pythian Temple, 2008 Wylie Ave., Pittsburgh.

Factories Challenge Each Other in USSR for May Day Showing
MOCOW.—The workers of plant No. 1 in Tula have addressed an appeal to the Soviet proletariat to call upon the workers and factories of the whole union to organize a roll-call on the Five-Year Plan. This appeal has awakened wide echoes among the workers. In many works and factories improvised meetings have been held, at which the appeal of the Tula workers has been discussed.

The workers' initiative in Tula is welcomed everywhere, especially the appeal directed to the Donetz basin to promise to respond to the roll call at once. The workers of many undertakings have chosen April as a month of proletarian preparations in the masses for the second anniversary of the socialist competitions and for the May First celebrations.

"Force is the midwife of every old society pregnant with a new one. It is itself an economic power."—Marx:

New Gov't of Spain Promises Aid to Big Landowners, Church

Prepare Terror for Masses; League of Nations Fears Effect of Spanish Revolution in Further Upsetting Stabilization

One of the first acts of the provisional government of Spain, besides attempting to suppress the workers' and peasants' uprisings under the leadership of the Communists, is to assure the Catholic Church and the big landowners that they would be protected in the ownership of their huge landed estates and in their right to exploit millions of peasants and workers.

A cable dispatch on Sunday to the League of Nations states that Minister of the Interior of Spain Miguel Maura emphasized "that there is absolutely no intention of confiscating properties belonging to the church."

The Catholic Church in Spain is the largest individual landowner, exploiting millions of peasants and receiving from 60,000,000 to 70,000,000 pesetas yearly in revenues. The announcement of Maura is further proof that the feudalists have little to fear from the new government. Even the so-called separation of church and state, Maura said, "will not be carried out with a high hand." Every concession will be made to the feudal landowners and to the church. Terror and murders will be the lot of the workers and peasants.

Elections are being planned for May for a constituent assembly. The object of the constituent assembly, according to spokesmen for the provisional government, will be the drawing up of a constitution. All parties are advancing candidates for this election. The Communist Party is pointing out the fact that the capitalist republicans and the socialists are protecting the interests of the feudal landlords and calls upon the masses to mobilize for a workers' and peasants' government.

Dispatches from Geneva, seat of the League of Nations, tell of the fear of the leading imperialist powers arising out of the overthrow of the Spanish monarchy. While they have full confidence in the new government, the leading imperialists do not like to see the masses stirred into action. The effect of the overthrow of Alfonso "will be seriously to increase the existing uncertainty in Europe, especially coming as it does on top of the growing political uneasiness caused by the Austro-German customs union agreement."

Thus cables Clarence K. Streit, New York Times correspondent in Geneva. He also points out that in order to keep themselves in the saddle other monarchists and fascist dictators will drive to war. This struggle to war and the spreading of the mass discontent is making it more difficult for the capitalists to get out of the present world economic crisis.

Protests Against Legal Lynching of 9 in Alabama Grows in Last 2 Days

During the past two days the following additional working class organizations added their protests to the growing wave of working class indignation:

Workers' Answer Bosses' Threat!
The expressed determination of the Alabama bosses to go through with the railroad and lynching of these innocent youngsters must call forth the greatest efforts on the part of the workers to smash this court room lynching. Funds must be rushed immediately to the national office of the International Labor Defense, at 80 East 10th Street, New York City, so that the defense is not handicapped. More and more protests must be sent the governor of Alabama, more and more meetings must be held to mobilize the entire working class against this horrible frame-up. Preparations for the May Day demonstrations must be intensified tenfold in order to bring out huge masses of workers on the street in militant protest against this horrible frame-up against starvation, wage cuts, and for defense of the Soviet Union.

Providence Workers Prepare for Big May Day Demonstrations
PROVIDENCE, R. I. — A United Front Conference called by the National Textile Workers Union was held Tuesday, April 7.

It was decided to hold a noon-time demonstration at Monument Square (which is forbidden by city ordinances to "non-patriotic" organizations). Mayor Dunne was conveniently out of town when a committee elected by the conference visited him, but it will visit him again Monday, April 13.

The mill workers of Pawtucket and Olneyville will be particularly mobilized this year for the May Day demonstrations both in the daytime and evening or for two indoor meetings. An indoor meeting is being held in Pawtucket under the auspices of the National Textile Workers Union and one in Providence, under the auspices of the May Day conference.

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GERMAN FAKERS SCAB ON STRIKE

Fascists Kill Worker; Injure His Brother

(Cable By Inprecorr)

BERLIN, April 16.—The Berlin building trades workers' strike was called off by the revolutionary leadership owing to the systematic scabbing of the reformist leaders. Several jobs are still on strike against victimization. The reformists have allied themselves with the employers driving revolutionary workers from jobs. The owners demand a reformist union card as conditions for employment.

The building trades workers' strike in the Ruhr is also broken for the same reason. Building trades strikes in other provinces are proceeding strongly, including those at Halle, Magdeburg, and Dresden.

The revolutionary union opposition is leading the strike of the Rhine shipping workers. The Mannheim docks are paralyzed.

In Oberhollen, near Mainz, following collision between the Stahlhelm (steel helmets) fascists and workers, where by the fascists were defeated, the fascists shot the worker Hans Kraemer dead, and seriously wounded his brother Fritz. The murderers and two of their accomplices were arrested.

110 Hunger Marchers Leave Pittsburgh On Way to Harrisburg

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through working-class sections, stopping traffic, following an open-air meeting at West Park, N. S. They had taken part Friday night in the mass meeting attended by many hundreds of workers who filled the Irene Kaufman Auditorium. The Pittsburgh workers, giving a rousing send-off to the hunger marchers, enthusiastically applauded the demands outlined by the speakers for the passage by the state legislature of the unemployment insurance bill and the immediate appropriation of \$42,000,000 for unemployment relief. All speakers denounced the Jim-Crow methods used by the employers of Western Pennsylvania and exposed the frame-up of the nine Scottsboro, Ala., Negro young workers.

The hunger marchers carried dozens of placards with slogans demanding unemployment relief and urging organization into the National Miners' Union and the Metal Workers' Industrial League.

Fatal Eviction.
While the hunger marchers were preparing to leave for Harrisburg, Andy Susko, a jobless steel worker of 82 Main St., Fair Oaks, Pa., who lost one leg in the steel mill, was forced to stand by and see his wife and seven children dispossessed from their home. As the last of their furniture was taken out of the house, Susko's starving wife drank disinfectant and is now lying seriously ill in Sewickley Valley Hospital. Susko went to the office of the McCIntire Marshall Co. plant in Leetsdale and demanded immediate employment or food for his family. He was told to get out and detectives were immediately put on his trail. The police claim that Susko drew a revolver, whereupon they threw tear gas bombs at him, overpowered him and dragged him to jail in handcuffs, where he is now.

M. Stern, district secretary of the International Labor Defense, is now in Ambridge, investigating the case and preparing to take over the defense of Susko. The Unemployed Council of Ambridge, together with the Metal Workers' Industrial League, is mobilizing the workers for a protest against the jailing of Susko, and is securing relief for his family. The hunger marchers, at the open-air meeting on Saturday, protested against this outrage against the jobless workers.

Defend Jobless Leader.
The I. L. D. is also preparing immediately to fight the frame-up which has been placed on Eddie Sheradowsky, along with ten more steel workers preparing to come to Pittsburgh from Ambridge to take part in the hunger march, was arrested at the railroad station and accused of having broken into a jewelry store on Friday night. A fight will be made to release him at once.

The hunger march, which began from Pittsburgh Saturday morning, is the continuation of the hunger march of 17 coal miners from the Avella section, who tramped to Washington, Pa., the county seat, on Friday, to demand relief. Nearly 300 Avella miners marched 20 miles from Avella to Washington, to be met by state cops and refusal to see the county authorities. Their determination won them the right for their committee to talk to the authorities, who gave them the usual promises and nothing to eat. Seventeen of these miners, among them many Negro miners, marched 20 miles further to Pittsburgh, to the send-off mass meeting, where an ovation was given them.

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Many Rockford, Ill., Road Construction Toilers Are Laid Off

Editor, Daily Worker:
The city of Rockford, Ill., has been employing few of the city's unemployed workers in some kind of a sewer job, and for a very low pay. Last week 35 men were replaced by machinery, and probably more will follow.

The Winnebago County also has a road construction job going on. A month ago about 200 were employed there. Forty cents an hour is all the workers there get paid. The working day is 8 hours, and 3 days a week. Twenty cents a day is deducted for transportation. Some weeks we were only about to work one or two days, but just the same we were expected to buy food, clothing, coal and pay rent out of this money. Some of the workers have a family of 8 and 9.

We were also speeded up like hell, especially in one gang, the straw boss in that gang is a real mad slave driver. If someone happens to look up then he is over there right away, and asks if we haven't got anything to do.

A couple of weeks ago half of the crew out there was laid off. The job is soon finished, so the rest will soon be going too. Some probably will be transferred over to another city or county job.

The county used to give out milk free, for some of the unemployed workers' babies, but last week they even shut this off. Maybe that was some few still get, but the majority got their milk shut off.

Organize in the Unemployed Council and demand and fight for real relief. —C.R.

Albers Flour Co. Shuts Down Plant Completely

OAKLAND, Calif.—Albers Flour Co. recently laid off all men, shutting down the plant completely. Now they have opened it up with a limited force of workers and cut our pay of 50 cents per day, regardless of what we were getting before on our different jobs. How long will we workers stand

for this? Wages are so low we can only keep the spark of life within the body. Our vitality is being snapped gradually and we will be on the scrap heap shortly.

Let's fight wage-cuts! Organize! Get in touch with the Trade Union Unity League at 369 Ninth St. —WAGE SLAVE.

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PICKER, OKLA., ON THE MAP
"Just got Picker, Okla., going and have a right enthusiastic young fellow who thinks he can dispose of 25 copies a day," says W.O.G., new section organizer who promises action in Webb City, Mo., part of "3 owns with about 8,000 Negroes in sad mining district." Grand Rapids, Mich., reports "better plan of work or D.W. sales and closer check-up in D.W. income," assuring us they'll "pay-as-we-go and work energetically to pay off old debts also."

A good reminder to other districts, "employed Councils, Red Builders, etc., that payment of bills must go and in hand with bundle orders and increases.

Likes Daily—Wants to Sell
Ed Z. of East Boston writes, "Received first copy of D.W. today and

glad to read it. But now I want to sell it here." He's getting 5 a day, and also wants to sell literature to Portuguese, Italian and Spanish workers. Good opportunity to promote feeling of unity between native and foreign-born workers!

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wired \$20 on March 26, \$40 a day later, "collected through the efforts of local unit of the Communist Party, \$27.50 of which came from Ukrainian Settlers Alliance." Then came contributions from the Brooklyn Proletarian group of 126 E. 93rd St. who sent \$8 "to pay for extra bundles sent to anthracite miners" during the recent strike. We appreciate both contributions, and hope other workers' organizations will continue to send their little bit toward a better, more widely circulated revolutionary daily.

WORKERS! NEGRO AND WHITE! DOWN TOOLS ON MAY DAY!

Tammany Corruption--Corruption and Decay of Capitalism

(Statement by District Committee, Communist Party, District 2.)

April 14, 1931.

THE Tammany Hall city administration, in control of New York City for years, stands exposed today as the most corrupt, grafting political machine in the world. The fake investigation now going on brings to the surface only a few insignificant details of the deep going corruption that embraces the entire city administration, every public official, from the grafting Mayor Jimmie Walker down to the bought and paid for judges, the police and every Tammany Hall office-holder.

Corruption and graft is not limited to Tammany Hall. Corruption is inseparable from capitalism. Corruption is just as much a part of capitalism as the nose is part of the face. It is a symptom of the decay and decomposition of the entire social system. The Tammany Hall machine, representing the complete control of Wall Street finance capital of the city of New York, is in the midst of a sharp fight between the Walker, Roosevelt and Smith groups over the spoils of hundreds of millions of dollars, systematically placed into the pockets of Tammany henchmen out of city funds, fat jobs, police and underworld rackets. The opposition parties are trying to benefit by the struggle within Tammany Hall.

The opposition machine of the republican party and the third party of capitalism, the social fascist socialist party, sharpening their teeth to the presidential elections in 1932, wish to make political capital out of so-called fake investigations of the city administration, and hope to throw sand into the eyes of the workers in order to withdraw their attention from unemployment and starvation, vicious wage cuts, and speed-up, the fierce persecution of Negro and foreign born workers and growing attacks against the conditions and standards of all the workers of New York.

More than one million workers are out of jobs in New York City. Over 2,000 families are evicted from their homes daily. The cost of living and rents are sky-high, while hundreds of thousands of workers, particularly Negro workers, are herded into filthy tenements. Starvation and near-starvation face not only the unemployed, but hundreds of thousands of part-time workers. Those who still have jobs are suffering wage cut after wage cut, while the speed-up becomes ever more brutal and killing. Suicides, insanity, crime and prostitution are growing at an alarming rate in the city, but the corrupt grafting Mayor Walker and his city administration, wallowing like hogs in the cesspool of graft and corruption, refuse to listen to the demands of the unemployed.

The only answer of the Tammany administration, aided by the republican and socialist party to the demands of the unemployed are police clubs and jails. The March 6th delegation of 10,000 unemployed workers last year, were sent to the penitentiary by the same judges who today are guilty of graft and of preying upon innocent women. Time and again delegations of unemployed and employed workers placed their demands for immediate relief and unemployment insurance before the city, and each time the unemployed were clubbed and beaten by the same police who are today shown to be working hand in hand with the underworld, who grow fat and framing up of women.

The republicans in the city administration not only sanctioned but applauded the slugging of the unemployed and the sentencing of their leaders to long jail terms. While one set of Tammany grafters is investigating the other, the republicans "investigate" Tammany Hall and Tammany Hall accuses the republicans in the city administration of graft. The social fascist preacher, Norman Thomas, in chorus with liberal politicians, rave about "clean government, honest politics," in preparation for vote catching in the coming elections in the Fall. In reality, they all present one united front with Tammany Hall against the employed and unemployed workers. In Albany the hunger marchers tried to place the demands of the unemployed of this state for immediate unemployment relief, against evictions, for free gas, heat and light for the unemployed, for lunches for the children in the schools, against wage cuts and speed-up, for lower rents, for the workers unemployment insurance bill, and were murderously attacked by the republican controlled state troopers. The entire state legislature, democrats, and republicans passed a resolution, highly praising the murderous attacks of these thugs. Governor Roosevelt is directly responsible for the brutal police clubbings and attacks of the unemployed workers.

The holy preacher, Norman Thomas, with the entire leadership of the socialist party approved the slugging of the unemployed only demanding more efficient methods on the part of the Tammany thugs. These socialist leaders while using working class language to fool the workers, are part of the bosses' strike-breaking machinery to betray and sell all workers struggling against miserable conditions. They are combined with the gangsters of the underworld, the police and the injunction judges, in every fight of the New York workers against wage cuts, long hours and speed-up. Today, as the third party of capitalism, the socialists support the system that breeds mass unemployment and starvation, the system that is today driving down the living standards of all workers to the semi-starvation level. The socialist lawyers and socialist union officials work together with the judges who are today exposed as grafters and racketeers, get out injunctions and send hundreds of workers to jail under Paragraph 600 of the penal code, one of the most vicious strike-breaking laws that have ever been enacted by a capitalist legislature.

While it squanders millions robbed from the workers in graft, the city administration did not assign one cent in the original city budget of last October of more than \$620,000,000 for the unemployed. It was only after the militant demonstration of the unemployed at City Hall on October 16th that they appropriated a miserable \$1,000,000 for charity. Through a special alien squad set up by Mulrooney, the city administration is assisting the Federal Labor Department in the vicious drive against the foreign born. Hundreds of foreign born have been rounded up for deportation within recent weeks. Foreign born workers are taken off jobs or rounded up in meeting places and rushed off to Ellis Island. The Negro workers are made the victims of worse and worse discrimination. Unemployment is especially severe among Negro workers. The Tammany city administration and the republicans are discriminating against Negroes even on bread lines. With the aid of the

socialist party they are doing their best to set the Negro workers against the foreign born, and white against Negro in order to smash the unity of the working class. In one complete united front, Tammany Hall, the republicans, socialists, police department and the fascist Veterans of Foreign Wars are now trying to keep the workers from demonstrating on May Day at Union Square.

Workers of New York, the exposure of the Tammany Hall machine can be duplicated in every city of the country, including socialist controlled Reading, Pa., and Milwaukee, Wis., where socialist police evict unemployed workers' families, club and jail the militant leaders of the unemployed. The socialist fakery, Thomas, Hillquit and Co., are part and parcel of the entire capitalist system, and support and attempt to perpetuate graft and corruption, unemployment and starvation, wage cuts and bosses' war. Whether Tammany Hall, the republicans or socialists have the political control, the conditions of the workers will remain the same until the workers organize their forces and, under the leadership of the Communist Party and revolutionary trade unions, destroy the entire system and establish a Workers' and Farmers' Government in their country.

There can be no "clean" government or "honest" politics, while capitalism exists. Thru these fake investigations, the socialist fakery are not fighting Tammany Hall. The fight against Tammany Hall is part of the fight of the workers against the republican and socialist parties, and against the entire system. It is the fight against unemployment, evictions, wage cuts, for the 7-hour day with no wage reduction, for the right to organize and strike. It is the fight against discrimination and lynching of Negroes, against deportation and persecution of the foreign born, against imperialist war and for defense of the Soviet Union. This is the fight that is led by the Communist Party and the revolutionary unions. The Communist Party calls upon the unemployed to join the unemployed councils, the employed workers to join the Trade Union Unity League, Negro and white together. Working class solidarity, organization and mass struggle must be the answer of the working class to the Tammany Hall machine, to the republican and socialist parties, enemies of the working class. Support the Communist Party in its program to organize the working class. Support it in the coming aldermanic election campaign. Organize May Day Committees in every shop, trade union and workers' organization. Workers still in the socialist party and those supporting the fascist leaders, Thomas, Hillquit and Co., renege these enemies of the working class. Condemn their united front with the police, fascist Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Russian white guards and mobilize with the other workers at Madison Square, forward to Union Square under the leadership of the United Front May Day Conference, April 20th at the Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St., N. Y.

Mobilize in the shops, in every workers' organization for a mighty demonstration on May Day, the day of International Working Class Solidarity, in the struggle against capitalism. Join the Communist Party, the Party of your class. Turn the capitalist offensive into a counter-offensive to smash capitalism, to establish a Workers' and Farmers' Government in the United States.

District Committee, New York District, COMMUNIST PARTY OF U.S.A.

Prebare for May Day With Daily Worker

By HARRY GANNES.

THIS May Day sees the drive against the wages of those workers who still have jobs left raised to a higher pitch. The entire capitalist press is yelling for pay cuts. Unemployed workers are closer to the starvation level. We see the "socialists" getting active to stave off militant action of the workers against capitalism.

It does not require much argument to convince the revolutionary workers of the necessity of spreading the Daily Worker to mobilize for May Day. But because this has become a "routine" matter many overlook the importance of increasing the circulation of the Daily Worker as a means of rallying hundreds of thousands for May Day around the concrete issues of the every day struggle.

The workers are hungry for news of the fight against capitalism. They want a way out, a road of struggle against wage cuts. This information is contained in the Daily Worker. May Day will be a rallying point for these fights, uniting all the revolutionary workers throughout the world, in a mighty protest and fight against capitalism.

All workers must know what May Day stands for. They can be drawn into struggle. And the Daily Worker is the best single means of doing it. It must be distributed in the shops to get workers to lay down tools and participate in demonstrations; in the breadlines, on the streets, at workers' homes, to organize the unemployed to demonstrate for employment relief and insurance; to secure the participation of all workers' organizations and working class neighborhoods, and to draw them to the rallying centers of revolutionary struggle on May Day.

Workers! Join the Party of Your Class!

Communist Party U. S. A. P. O. Box 87 Station D. New York City.

Please send me more information on the Communist Party.

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Mail this to the Central Office, Communist Party, P. O. Box 87 Station D, New York City.

"INVESTIGATING"

By BURCK.



Down Tools! Demonstrate on May 1!

Employed and unemployed auto workers:

Increased wage-cuts, speed-up, mass unemployment, in short, misery and mass starvation is the lot of the masses of automobile workers in Detroit and vicinity. On the other hand, the millions of dollars profits for the automobile manufacturers are increasing. Over 44 million dollars profits was made by Henry Ford in 1930. This holds true for General Motors and other automobile concerns. These millions of dollars profits were made out of the sweat and blood of the very same automobile workers who are confronted with this increased misery and mass suffering. The spring pick-up in the automobile industry is a thing of the past. All the propaganda in the capitalist newspapers about the return of prosperity is being exposed by the increased misery of the masses of workers. In addition to all this, the city relief institutions are making a wholesale slash upon the meager relief which they were compelled to give as a result of the fighting demonstrations and activities of the TUUL unions and the Unemployed Councils.

The automobile manufacturers, together with the city administration under the direction of Mayor Murphy are doing everything possible to shift the whole burden of the present economic crisis which is developing ever deeper in the automobile industry upon the shoulders of the masses of employed and unemployed automobile workers. Wage-cuts from 10, 20 to 50 per cent are taking place at the present time. The speed-up program is being applied as never before in the history of the automobile industry. In addition to the already over 200,000 unemployed auto workers part time work (stagger plan) is increasing, and as a result further swells up the army of the unemployed.

The leadership of the Detroit Federation of Labor under the lead of President Frank X. Martel not only failed to give leadership and guidance to the increased militancy which is developing among the masses of auto workers, but on the contrary they are part and parcel of the machinery of the automobile manufacturers and the city administration in helping to further force upon the workers this brutal system of mass exploitation. Not only are they not the leaders of the masses of workers in Detroit, but they are the open agents of the bosses and all their city machinery.

While this misery and suffering is increasing among the automobile workers in Detroit and vicinity the automobile workers in the Soviet Union as well as the workers generally abolished unemployment and are steadily increasing their social and economic standard under the successful Five-Year Plan of the Soviet Union in building up a new social order. The workers in this country will demonstrate and protest on May Day against increased wage cuts, speed-up, mass misery and starvation. The workers in the Soviet Union will celebrate on May Day the successful achievements of the workers and peasants in the building up of socialism. We auto workers must become a part of this fighting movement and prepare for a counter-attack against the wage-cut and speed-up program of Ford, General Motors, and all other automobile manufacturers.

Down Tools on May Day! must result into building up of a militant fighting industrial automobile workers union under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League embracing all workers in the automobile industries regardless of race, color, creed or nationality.

The building up of a fighting May Day demonstration must be made into a challenge against the bosses' policy of discrimination against Negro, foreign born, youth and women workers. Organize and strike against wage cuts and speed-up! must become the immediate aim of the automobile workers. The militant upsurge and mass discontent must be crystallized into real militant shop organizations under the leadership of the Automobile Workers' Union. The building up of May Day Committees, the building up of Grievance Committees in the different departments and shop organizations is the immediate task of all employed automobile workers. May Day, the revolutionary day of struggle, must further spur on both employed and unemployed workers for immediate unemployment relief and for a

The Role of the Boot and Shoe "Union"

By MAX HENKIN

CONDITIONS in the shops are ripe for organization. A tendency on the part of the employers to lower the living conditions of the workers is constantly in progress, a tendency from which the Shoe manufacturers are not excluded. The reports issued by the State and Federal agencies show that payroll is decreasing faster than employment; while employment dropped 10 per cent, wages have dropped 15 per cent. Lengthening the hours, speeding-up the workers, cutting wages—is the bosses' solution for the crisis. Despite the fact that the cost of living has dropped but very slightly, wages as low as \$3 to \$4 per day for a 10 to 12 hour labor day are quite common among the Shoe Workers.

The workers are in a rebellious mood. Shop Committees in various shops are calling upon the Shoe and Leather Workers Industrial Union describing the inhuman conditions to which the workers are subjected in the shops and clamoring for organization. The hour of offensive has struck. This must become the slogan of the Shoe workers in every shop. The greed of the employers for profits at the expense of the workers must be resisted; definite organizational methods must be applied in order to lead the workers into struggle to improve their working and living conditions.

In their struggles the workers must not be misled by betrayers of their cause, such as the officialdom of the Boot and Shoe and Protective Unions. The "Boot and Shoe Workers Union" is thoroughly discredited and despised among the Shoe Workers. The strike-breaking activities it conducted at the Sigman & Cohen, where it struck under the leadership of the American Union, and at a number of shops that were striking under the leadership of the Independent Shoe Workers Union, such as Bernard Shoe Co., Brooklyn Shoe Co., Morris & Silver Shoe Co., etc., expose the treacherous role of the Boot and Shoe. Shoe workers had a chance to learn about the conditions in the shops controlled by the B & S W U (hours—plenty of them, miserable wages), forcing the workers to buy stock of the firms they work for under the guise of "partnership," giving the bosses the right to hire and fire—such are the "UNION CONDITIONS" of the Boot and Shoe in the shops controlled by them.

Being a part of the American Federation of Labor, it pursues the policy of enslaving the workers and of killing the least resistance shown by the workers against the bosses.

In a letter sent to the manufacturers, the B & S offers its strike breaking assistance to the masters. One of the suggestions in that letter is... "a strong manufacturers' association that would enforce rules of the association..."

The interest of the bosses is always in mind of the traitors. The workers can be better exploited. More profits can be extracted. Hence

gigantic fight to demand unemployment insurance at the expense of the millionaires and billionaires. Not a cent for capitalist war preparations but every dollar to the unemployed! must be made into a mass fighting demand of the Detroit automobile workers.

All automobile workers, Negro and white, women and youth, forward to the May Day demonstration in Grand Circus Park!

Rally to the international May Day movement of the world working class!

Set up your May Day Committee for this fighting May Day movement!

Build your Grievance Committees in all the Departments!

Build the revolutionary unions, the Automobile Workers' Union!

Fight for a 7-hour, 5-day week with full pay!

Fight against eviction of unemployed workers!

Fight against the cutting down of relief of unemployed workers!

Demand an immediate increase in relief!

Fight for unemployment insurance!

Long live May Day, international day of struggle!

JOHN SCHMIES.

For the Auto Workers Union.

the desire of the bosses' friend—the B & S—a strong "Manufacturers Association."

The letter further states:

"...a settled policy to adjust all differences between employer and employee by arbitration..." A basic feature in the age long policy of the A. F. of L.—arbitration—the method applied to defeat the militancy of the workers. A "prominent citizen" selected as arbitrator. Workers know too well what this means. They have learned the lesson and know that no shareholder, be it a "prominent citizen" will decide in the interest of the workers.

The leaders of the B & S are conscious of the fact that Shoe workers know them too well. Therefore, new methods are applied to get the workers. "Progressive" elements and various tools are employed to spread rumors of a possibility of improving the B & S from within. Workers forced into the "Union" because of being employed in one of their shops, turn with disgust watching the close collaboration between the boss and the "Union" officials. Such is the record of the Boot and Shoe. The same applies to the Shoe Workers Protective Union, a long list of sell-outs and betrayals in various Shoe centers where they were active.

The only union in the field that is leading the Shoe workers into struggle for better conditions, is the Shoe and Leather Workers Industrial Union, affiliated with the TUUL.

The S & L W I U, formerly the Independent Shoe Workers Union, has proven its militancy and sincerity through the periods of bitter struggle. All the enemies combined, have failed to break the organization. A momentary retreat—consolidation of the forces—and back in the field of battle—constantly calling, urging the shoe workers to join its ranks, and once again to fight militantly to improve the conditions in the shops.

A New Phase—New Methods of Struggle

Old structure of organization, old methods of work no longer serve the purpose. Activity in a shop without building a shop committee is no longer a successful method of organization. Instances where shop committees have offered serious resistance to the vicious demands of the bosses are numerous. The aim and practice of the S & L W I U is—a shop committee in every shop. Many workers have a vague idea of what a Shop Committee is and what is its function—therefore the underestimation of its importance. At the meetings and Open Forums conducted by the S & L W I U the new methods of organization—the Shop Committee—is constantly being explained to the workers. The Shoe workers must adapt themselves to it. Grievances arising in the shop must be taken up by the Shop Committees. The best and most trustworthy elements in a shop are the ones to form the shop committee which shall be in constant and close contact with the Union.

Glorifying the past and moaning over the present will not solve our problem. The conditions in the shops are a driving force towards building a militant organization. The only way to resist the lowering of the standard of living and to re-establish decent conditions in the shops is to make a united effort and to build the SHOE AND LEATHER WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION.

Uncover Starvation and Misery

The capitalist press, the agents of the ruling class, has been publishing less and less news about unemployment. It hides the starvation of the unemployed workers' families. We must constantly expose the miserable treatment of families of the unemployed by the city governments and charity institutions. We must uncover all cases of starvation, undernourishment, sickness. We must publish these cases in our press, in the Daily Worker, in Labor Unity, tell them at all workers' meetings. Unemployed Councils should publish bulletins to inform all workers of the starvation and misery of the unemployed.



Reversed Prayers

Some people who think they are atheists give us a pain in the neck. "We are not jesting," they say, in proposing that there be a "Blamegiving Day" as against a "Thanksgiving Day." Such is the bright idea of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism.

There has been drouth, they say. Also unemployment. Quite true. They add: "The cropless farmers and jobless workers are not at fault." True again. And certainly it is a mockery to set aside a day to "give thanks to God" for "blessings which they have not received."

But it is equally stupid to give thanks to God if they did receive them. So the mere basing of atheist argument on the absence of "blessings" is a prayer turned wrong side out.

And basically the whole proposal is a brilliant example of bourgeois stupidity posing as atheism. They say the "cropless" farmers are not to blame for their poverty. And that God is, because he sent no rain. This is a recognition, not a denial of God.

And what about the farmers who got plenty of rain and harvested abundant crops, but cannot sell them? How do these bourgeois "atheists" allot the blame in this case? They don't. They just dodge the question.

If they were not soaked in bourgeois ignorance, they would know that the "drouth stricken" farmers were stricken year after year before the drouth came, by rack rents, by debts, by taxes, by monopoly control of everything they buy and sell.

They would know that if it were not for these previous robberies, the farmers could have endured the drouth. That if it were not a requirement of capitalist blood-sucking, that even with the drouth finding them as it did, already robbed and impoverished, the farmers would have been freely given all necessary relief, just as they are given it in the Soviet Union in such emergencies.

Of course, the jobless workers "are not at fault." But who is? These bourgeois atheists say it must be God—the God which they deny exist! And they "appeal to every lover of logic" to support this nonsense!

Being bourgeois, they do not admit that the bourgeoisie is to blame. They ignore capitalist property relations, the wage slavery of capitalism and its inevitable result in unemployment for workers and impoverishment of toiling farmers, and return to religion; standing it on its head and calling it "logic!"

As we said before, they are not atheists, but bourgeois; and they give us a pain in the neck.

A Friend of the Veterans

Mr. Adolph Ochs (pronounced "OX" and signifying "Bull") is, quite appropriately, the owner of the N. Y. Times.

Being one of "The 59 who rule America," yet, evidently among the "idle" which the New York Times is always urging be put to work, Mr. Bull—excuse us, Mr. Ochs—was passing the cold March weather in Hawaii.

While there, reports the magazine "Time" of March 9, Mr. Ochs, "expressed himself" to the paper known as the "Honolulu Advertiser." He really should have sent himself by freight, because he split all the beans in the pot talking about the cash bonus for vets.

For example, while his paper makes a great fuss over the brave vets, who upheld their country from being invaded by the "Hun" and whom it now calls on to save from the Reds, although it got off some nasty cracks at the vets who wanted the bonus paid, never slipped so far as its owner, Mr. Ochs.

For in giving his reason against the cash bonus, Mr. Ochs, owner of the N. Y. Times, said that if the vets got the money—"It would be a feast for a short while and then famine again for a majority of the recipients. A fool and his money are soon parted."

Do you understand this, vets? The owner of the N. Y. Times says that a majority of you are fools! And you surely will be if you follow the advice of the New York Times.

On Things Cultural

The organization of the John Reed Club of Detroit proceeds apace, we are told, and it is added that all aspiring applicants who know on which side of the class struggle the writers, artists, and other cultural workers belong, should ring up or write to Bob Cruden at 1799 Eason Avenue.

By the way, the Workers' Laboratory Theatre (address 1313 West 28th St., New York), says it wants working class plays, short skits, and so on. It seems that demands are coming in from various parts of this benighted land for revolutionary plays.

The boys and girls that are called "intellectuals" have a place in the revolutionary movement. But it's mostly an empty chair. They will have to shed the dirt of bohemianism (which is bourgeois dirt) and the taint of cynicism (which also comes from the bourgeoisie).

Benighted land is right! Of course, there are reasons for it, but it's high time that the American revolutionary movement was producing novels and plays and short stories reflecting what richness of struggle there is in the life of the American working class, both past and present.

Where are the writers who will give us tense dramatic novels of the great battles of 1877, when the workers drove the soldiery out of Pittsburgh and St. Louis was ruled by the workers for ten days?

And what about a great novel of the strikes and 8-hour movement of 1886, which gave the world May First as a fighting day of the proletariat? Or even one act skits on current events, let us say, Hoover in Puerto Rico.

We will venture to state that some of the writers don't even know what happened in 1877! They are too self-opinionated to concede that they have anything to learn. They—not all, of course, but too many—take a lofty pride in the accusation that they are living "in ivory towers" when, as a matter of fact, they are living in a lavatory.

The movement needs writers, artists, all kinds of cultural workers, and while we hope they'll become Communists, that, certainly, is not a requirement for joining the John Reed Club, which should welcome all who generally stand on the workers' side of the class struggle as John Reed did.

But they shouldn't high-hat the workers and expect to have their "ivory towers" looked upon with awe.