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## SOVIET SCORES BLOW AT GENEVA WAR PLOTTING!

### 2,400 Strike Against Pay Cut as Doak Denies Bosses Are Slashing Pay

#### Resistance Would Be Justified If Wages Were Really Cut, Says Labor Sec'y in Hypocritical Statement

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Declaring that the workers were justified in striking in the event of wage cuts, but calling on them not to strike "because there have been no general wage reductions," Secretary of Labor Doak issued a statement yesterday which is designed to help the bosses put over their wage slashing drive now going on in full force.

Despite the fact that the Department of Labor reports wholesale pay cuts every day, in some instances pointing out that wages have been slashed as high as 50 per cent, Doak, following the policy of Hoover repeatedly defends these pay slashes by stating "living standards have been maintained."

At the same time, Mr. Doak was forced to admit that there have been many "rumblings" of impending pay cuts. He went on to say in his statement: "The administration has done everything possible to preserve the existing levels of wages and resist reductions, and as a general rule no reductions have been made by the major industries."

#### 2,400 Strike at Pay Cuts.

The fact of the matter is that on the very day Doak issued this statement, 2,400 workers in the Mishawaka Rubber and Woolen Manufacturing Company in Mishawaka, Indiana, went out on strike against a wage cut. Wage cuts have been put into effect in every industry in the United States. Just a few weeks before Doak made his statement the leading rubber manufacturing companies cut wages. Wages have been slashed in the steel industry; in the textile industry; agricultural wages have been shoved down from 33 to 50 per cent.

The "approval" or resistance against wage cuts by Secretary of Labor Doak follows a similar fake manoeuvre by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Realizing the deep-going discontent among the great masses of workers against the wage slashing drive that has been going on for nearly two years and is now entering a severer phase, Green and Doak seek to prevent struggle by saying "strikes are justified if wages are cut," and then Doak comes out with the statement that no wage reductions have been made, and therefore, strikes are not justified.

### PATERSON 5 HIT BAIL TRICKERY

#### Let Them Out One By One to Hold Off Demonstration

#### Ask M A S S Support New Sacco-Vanzetti Case Preparing

PATERSON, N. J., May 19.—Helen Gershonowitz, one of the five textile workers held in a murder frame-up in out today on \$2,000 bail. It has been stated by authorities that the others will be released later. The Passaic County courts retook bail last Saturday to prevent a demonstration for the workers as they left jail.

Their present trick of letting them out one at a time on bail is also to make a demonstration more difficult.

The Paterson workers are giving the frame-up victims a reception. Exposing the trickery surrounding the sudden refusal to let them out together on bail, the five Paterson defendants have issued the following statement:

"After spending nine weeks in the county jail, we were informed that on Saturday, May 16, we were to be released on bail. When suddenly—just before we were ready to leave—the bail was revoked.

"The bosses thought that by granting us bail, the working class would lose interest in the case, and we could be considered as ordinary criminals. This would make it easier for them to send us to the electric chair or to long terms in prison.

"But when the bosses saw that the International Labor Defense and the National Textile Workers Union were not fooled by these maneuvers and were preparing a demonstration on our release—they revoked the bail. They then tried to force a promise from our attorneys that no mass meetings or demonstrations were to be held. When the attorneys refused to agree to this—Assistant Prosecutor Beery said: "If you want to make of this a Sacco-Vanzetti case, then we accept your challenge and we'll show you our American colors." This statement completely unmasks the frame-up.

"This move of revoking the bail, involved not only the prosecutor and the bosses, but the socialist party, the leaders of the Associated, and of the American Federation of Labor which are united in an attempt to crush the National Textile Workers Union and railroad us to the electric chair.

"The silence of the local press, in spite of the manifold activities of the defense committee, is a carefully adopted policy, in line with that of the rest of our enemies to help minimize the political significance and change the whole case into a pure criminal one. In other words, we have become criminals, and as such they were going to treat us. Against this, we protest—and call upon the workers to line up behind the policy of the International Labor Defense and National Textile Workers Union.

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### Debts, Loss of Credit for Paper and Wage Obligations Are Threatening Suspension of the "Daily Worker"

#### \$1000 A Day for 35 Days Essential to Pay Back Loans, Meet Pressing Bills and Maintain Existence of Central Organ' of Party for Tremendous Struggles Ahead

#### Only Organized Support, Immediate Action Can Ensure the Continued Appearance of the Daily Worker; Friends of Daily Must Organize Into Permanent Groups; Rush Funds!

#### Workers, the Daily Worker is in danger! Only your contributions given immediately and without stint, can save the Daily Worker from suspension

In spite of all efforts to avoid it, the Daily Worker which, for seven years has never failed in leading the workers in battle against capitalism, will have to stop, will have to cease publication, unless all readers, all supporters and friends of the Daily Worker come immediately and materially to its support.

### 25 HIRED THUGS CLUB 10 PICKETS

#### Police Look On, Then Arrest Unionist

NEW YORK.—Twenty-five professional gangsters hired by the American Market, 93rd and 94th St. and Broadway, attacked ten pickets of the Food Workers Industrial Union yesterday, with iron pipes and block-jacks. The pickets put up a stubborn fight, but most of them were beaten up.

Five police in uniform and five plain policemen were on the scene before the gangsters attacked, and they chased the picket committee away to make it easier for the attackers.

During the attack by the thugs, the police massed on the sidewalk and looked on approvingly, and when the fight was over, they arrested the FWIU organizer, Hyman Reich. He had been badly clubbed, and was now charged with disorderly conduct. His case was to come up last night in night court.

### Put Back Furniture of Evicted Worker

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Mr. Cooper, the greedy landlord of the tenement house of 750 Driggs Ave., Brooklyn, got what he wasn't looking for. Nick Woies, a worker, janitor for years in the tenement house was evicted at the order of the landlord Monday, May 18.

The workers in the neighboring houses and those from the same house organized immediately and put the furniture back into the same apartment it was taken from.

The landlord called the police and got Woies arrested. The worker Woies, upon his release on \$500 bail reported to the office of the Tenants League of Williamsburg, 61 Graham Ave., and this morning appeared for trial at the Bridge Plaza Court, with a member of the Tenants League to defend his case. The judge was forced to discharge Woies.

## "We Are at War Now With Soviets!" Ex-Ambassador Gerard Blurts Out

NEW YORK.—"We are at war right now" with the Soviet Union, blurted out ex-Ambassador Gerard at a mass meeting of 500 held Monday night to celebrate "International Good-Will Day."

Gerard, who was ambassador to Germany when the United States entered the World War, was one of the speakers, together with such liberals as John Haynes Holmes, Channing Pollack and others, at this "peace meeting."

The Rev. Holmes pointed out the war preparations exhibited by the war preparations exhibited by the "enormous aerial display" coming to New York "to propagandize the nation for war."

Gerard came out in favor of these war preparations and let the cat out of the bag by directing his attack specifically against the Soviet Union.

### Admits That Air War Maneuvers Aimed at U S S R

At the end of his speech, which was repeatedly interrupted by boos from the audience, Gerard shouted: "The United States of America is going to continue to go ahead in spite of all the Soviets in the world." Gerard made it clear that the main brunt of the war preparations was directed against the Soviet Union and the socialist construction going on there now.

Meanwhile, the 672 bombing and other types of war planes that have concentrated in Dayton, Ohio, at a cost of \$3,000,000, are preparing for the war show at Detroit, Chicago, and then New York.

The concentration of 672 war planes at Dayton is the largest air war show ever attempted by any imperialist power. It follows a whole series of war preparations by both the army and navy and shows the nearness of war in view of the growing crisis of world capitalism.

The trouble at the liberal mass meeting broke when Holmes put in a motion condemning the air war maneuvers at Dayton as "a deliberate betrayal of the people" and an "insult to friendly nations."

Gerard refused to put the motion to the 500 assembled and opened up with a vicious tirade against the Soviet Union, thereby completely exposing, from inside sources, that the main purpose of these war preparations is for getting ready to attack the Soviet Union.

Quite differently from the capitalist papers which are suffering from declining circulation, the difficulties of the Daily Worker is a crisis of growth and comes along with a rapidly increasing circulation.

In 1929 the Daily Worker issued 5,354,650 papers.—in 1930—so great was the demand of the workers for the paper to aid in their growing struggles—the Daily Worker published no less than 8,690,050 copies!

Workers, in order to do this the Daily Worker was put to a terrible strain. It was compelled to move. New and expensive printing presses had to be bought. The nation-wide campaign "For Work or Wages" the sacrifices to meet the first offensive of the capitalist class at the outset of the crisis, had to be made!

The Daily Worker had to meet the test. Already in debt, new obligations had to be shouldered. Administration expenses, never a large item in the total costs, were cut to the bone. The costs of publication were cut nearly in two.

But still the load of debt pressed upon us. Hardly a day passed during the first three months of this year when the Daily Worker was sure that it could go to press the following day. Appeals to the districts for emergency aid, while affording temporary relief, could not meet the need. Today as we go to press, we are not certain of publication tomorrow unless a considerable sum is received before press time tomorrow.

Workers, all of us must meet this situation. The Daily Worker urgently appeals to you. In the midst of the rising wave of strikes against wage cuts; with hunger marches and the fight for unemployment insurance rising as never before; in the fight for the protection of the foreign born; to struggle against the danger of imperialism war and intervention against the Soviet Republic, you, the workers, must save the Daily Worker to lead these struggles!

The Daily Worker is beginning a campaign to raise \$35,000 before July 1st. The Daily Worker hopes by making every economy possible, and by building up during this campaign an organization of Friends of the Daily Worker, to make similar emergency appeals unnecessary, or at least infrequent, in the future.

But today we are every friend of the Daily Worker and of the whole working class press, that unless we receive immediate and adequate donations, the Daily Worker will have to suspend.

For seven years the Daily Worker has stood in the forefront of every working class battle. It must not perish now! Its life is in your hands and its treasury in your pockets.

We appeal to you, each and everyone, to send every dollar available at once.

Address all remittances to:  
**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, DAILY WORKER,**  
50 East 13th Street, New York City.

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

### STRIVES FOR PEACE AND NON-AGGRESSION, SAYS LITVINOFF IN SPEECH

#### Exposes Lies About 'Dumping', 'Forced Labor' and 'Red Menace'; Aim to Cover Up Capitalist Crisis

#### Soviet and Capitalist Systems Struggling, But Soviet Workers Don't Want War

Completely exposing the attempts to prepare a war bloc of the imperialist powers against the Soviet Union, Maxim Litvinoff, in his speech on behalf of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics at the European Federation Commission of the League of Nations, meeting at Geneva, startled the assembled diplomats on Monday by putting forward a proposal based on "non-aggression" on the economic front.

The Soviet Union's declaration has become the leading topic of discussion, and, according to the United Press correspondent in Geneva, "it gave the Soviet chief delegate a leading position in the parleys, and again marked him as one of the outstanding figures at this European conference."

Call Capitalists' Bluff To call the capitalist bluff on the "dumping" charges, Litvinoff proposed that every country enter into a trade pact agreeing that no commodities will be sold outside of the country in which they are manufactured at a price below the price at the home market. In this manner, Litvinoff hit directly at the big trusts in the capitalist countries that have manipulated to keep prices up and in that way prolonged the crisis.

#### Vote Pocketbook Workers Strike

#### Left Wing Urges Broad Strike Committee

NEW YORK.—Monday the International Pocket Book Workers' Union members packed Cooper Union in a mass meeting and voted unanimously for a general strike in answer to the bosses' lock out.

The employers are demanding reorganization (the right to fire twice a year), wage cuts, etc. They have locked out a large number of shops, the Association shops.

The date of the strike was left to the conference committee. A 25 percent tax on the wages of those members who will remain at work in the shops that have agreements with the union, was also voted. The money is for use in the strike.

The left wing emphasized that the strike should be carried on not only against the bosses' counter demands, but for the 40-hour week, and for unemployment insurance.

The left wing also demands the broadening of the strike committee on a mass basis, and that the strike leadership should consist of rank and file workers elected directly from the shops.

#### Soviets Want Peace

The New York Times report of Litvinoff's speech goes on to quote him as saying:

"It would be naive to expect a capitalist state to assist in the construction of socialism in the Soviet Union or for the Soviets to further strengthening of the capitalist system. The question can only be one of economic agreements and dealings between capitalist countries and the Soviets, mutually advantageous, for which there is ample scope.

"It is time to realize the Soviet Union is a fact which has got to be reckoned with, that cannot be made to disappear by incantations of abuse and resolutions by individuals still clinging to the dream of somehow getting rid of it by magic. "I do think, however, that something might be done for the removal of phenomena unnecessarily aggravating our relations and prolonging the world crisis. This requires the avoidance of everything tending to an atmosphere of distrust. It seems to be that an established identical attitude toward all States would do much to facilitate the peaceful cooperation of nations. I should explain that I in no way intend to limit the soviet economically disposed to special enmity of States historically and forms of close relationship and self-determination, and the right to enter unions and federations must remain inviolable.

#### ARGUE CASE OF LI YESTERDAY

#### Decision Held Up; All Must Continue Fight

NEW YORK.—The case of T. H. Li whom the U. S. Government has ordered deported into the hands of the Nanking Government butchers, was argued yesterday before Judge Woolsey in the Federal court. The attorneys for the International Labor Defense, Shorr and King, made a fight for the right of voluntary departure to the Soviet Union. The decision in the case will not be handed down for a few days.

In the meanwhile the ILD appeals to all working class organizations, Communist Party members, friends and liberal sympathizers to rush funds to the ILD, 799 Broadway, Room 410, to carry on the struggle to release Li from the clutches of the executioners. Collection lists for this purpose will also be available within a day or two, but funds are immediately needed and should be rushed to the local ILD office.

### The Soviet Proposals

#### A Guarantee of Peace to the World's Peoples

"We are at war right now with a nation of murderers who have destroyed religion. The United States of America is going to continue to go ahead in spite of all the Soviets in the world."

THE above words are those of ex-Ambassador James W. Gerard, the same who declared that "59 men ruled America," speaking at a "peace" meeting in New York on "International Good Will Day"! This venomous expression faithfully represents the kind of "peace" and "good will" which American capitalism and its 59 rulers have in mind for the toiling masses of the world. It is capitalist savagery, barbarism and wholesale slaughter!

Consider this, workers, in contrast to the proposals of the Soviet Union as voiced by Litvinoff at Geneva on the same day! The capitalist press is forced to admit that the Soviet spokesman "over-shadowed all other speakers." More, Litvinoff is admitted to have "startled" the delegates from 27 capitalist nations with his proposals for peace in world trade, just as he startled them in 1927 with a proposal to the fake "Disarmament" Commission by the Soviet Union that all nations really and completely disarm.

It was undoubtedly "startling" for the suave and cultured diplomatic makers of imperialist war, gathered to push forward plans for war under the guise of "economic agreement," to have the economic basis of a guarantee for world peace thrust upon their consideration by the spokesman of the Soviet Union.

Indeed, it was to avoid such embarrassment that the spokesman for trench imperialism, Briand, had done everything possible to keep the Soviet out; and Litvinoff had full justification for his sarcastic opening remark that the geographers could now feel sure that the Soviet Union really in Europe after Briand's attempt to form an All European Union with the most of Europe's area left out.

The meaning of the Soviet proposals is the revelation that only the Soviet system can guarantee peace to the world's peoples. Speaking to these peoples, whose capitalist industries are torn with crisis and whose governments are preparing to plunge the toiling masses into a bloody world war more terrible than the last, Litvinoff raised his voice, speaking over the heads of imperialist diplomats, reminding the toilers of the world that only in the Soviet Union there is no crisis, no unemployment, no wage cuts, and no desire for war either in trade or by use of arms.

What a crushing refutation of the "inconceivably silly" charge of "Soviet dumping"! Do you want to stop dumping? Then let all nations pledge themselves to sell no goods in the world market cheaper than they sell these goods in their own country! What could be more simple? What argument more convincing?

But triumph and turn as they might, they will never voluntarily consent, and for this reason, although the Soviet proposal is the very soul of logic, the imperialist robbers and war-makers will undoubtedly seek for some hole to crawl through in an effort to explain to their peoples that the Soviet proposal is "utopian."

But the toiling masses of all capitalist countries will not and cannot accept excuses. Just as in the London wheat conference, where the United States Farm Board, which has been totally unsuccessful in "reducing acreage"—and would only injure the masses even if successful—proposes this reactionary "plan," while the Soviet delegates oppose this as "leading to the lowering of the standard of living of the toiling masses," so the peoples of all capitalist countries must learn from Litvinoff's speech at Geneva that only the Soviet Union stands for world peace!

The Soviet in one blow has shattered the charge of "dumping," exposed that the standard of living of the toiling masses be raised, trade strikes abolished and the dangers of war dispelled.

# Broach Proposes A National Czar for Building Industry

## Fear of Strikes in Spite of Board of Claims and Fear of Revolt Against A F L Misleaders Back of New Proposition

By JACK SCHNEIDER.

"We propose the selection of one man—this Broach, better known as 'Little Caesar'—not content with one man domination of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, proposed a national Czar for the Building Industry.

Why does Broach propose a national Czar for the Building Industry? Here are some of the reasons.

The general economic crisis finds reflection within the building industry. The building bosses want to solve the crisis upon the backs of building workers.

Unemployment, official and unofficial wage cuts, speed-up, these are the answer of bosses to the demands of the building trades workers.

These conditions are bringing about a general and widespread discontent amongst the building trades workers which is expressing itself in the form of actual struggle against the officials of the American Federation of Labor building trades unions. The A. F. L. officials will not and cannot lead the workers into struggle against the miserable conditions forced upon the workers in the building industry.

It is to meet this situation and

to stem the growing tide of revolt on the part of the building trades workers, that the bosses, together with the Building Trades Department of the A. F. L., organized the National Board of Claims.

**Prevents All Strikes.**

The purpose of the National Board of Claims for the building industry is well explained by the statement of Oscar W. Rosenthal, chairman of the Builders Association of Chicago, to the bosses and the officials of the A. F. L. present at the conference held at Atlantic City last July. "It's a wonderful thing for the public; (?) it absolutely prohibits strikes in the building industry."

"Little Caesar" has continually posed as progressive. The membership of Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have learned through bitter experience that the word "progressive" when applied to Broach can only mean progressive in the interests of the bosses as opposed to the interests of the workers.

In a statement to the membership of the Electrical Workers Brotherhood in the April issue of the Journal of Electrical Workers and Operators, Broach both "fights" and licks the boots of the building bosses.

"We refuse to provide general builders with a club to swing over union officials—(no unions—J. S.)—in determining the union policies and actions or jurisdiction of work—and in the same statement Broach continues: "We also proposed that if union heads must have an outsider—the selection of one man—all trades to furnish a bond to abide by his decisions."

**Forcing Wage Cuts.**

Broach is fully aware of the fact that a National Czar for the building industry is the most effective means of further forcing wage cuts, speed-up and unemployment upon the building trades workers. He is well aware that the National Association of Building Trade Employers will have its purposes best served by a National Czar. But "Little Caesar" Broach must play his game of "progressivism" to the finish—he proposes an "impartial" (except to the interests of the bosses) National Czar for the building industry.

**Try To Fool.**

The statement by Broach in the Electrical Workers Journal is an attempt on his part to fool the building workers into believing that he is protecting and defending their interests. However, the workers are well aware of Broach's pet statement to the bosses: "The bosses first and not the union"—which in working class language means: "The bosses first and not the workers."

As a result of their present and past experiences with the A. F. L. officials, many building trades workers are now fully convinced that the A. F. L. and its affiliated building trades unions will not and cannot lead the workers into struggle against the miserable conditions that are forced upon them, that only the Trade Union Unity League, the new revolutionary trade union center, can and does lead the workers into struggle against the bosses and their attempts to placate the full burden of the crisis upon the backs of the building trades workers.

These workers now look to the Building and Construction Workers' Industrial League, 16 W. 21st St., New York City, to lead them into struggle against the bosses and their agents, the officials of the American Federation of Labor.

# B'KLYN WORKERS PROTEST SCOTTSBORO FRAME-UP

## Mass Meet and March Saturday, May 23

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Under the auspices of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the ILD a mass demonstration in the defense of the nine Scottsboro Negro boys will be held Saturday, May 23, at 12.30 p. m. at Court and Fulton Sts., Borough Hall.

A wide distribution of ten thousand leaflets is taking place this week, with the visiting of a number of organizations to insure a successful demonstration.

From the Boro Hall demonstration the workers will march four abreast through the Negro and Spanish section of Boro Hall to an indoor mass meeting for the organization of a strong branch of the LSNR in Boro Hall.

**What's On—**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Executive Committee of Workers Ex-Service-men's League**  
Meets at 8 p. m. at 79 East 10th St. Important that every member attend.

**Forewarn Party**  
To Comrade Manowitch leaving for the Soviet Union soon at 8:30 p. m. in the auditorium of the Cooperative Colony, 2700 Bronx Park East. Auspices, Women's Council 22.

**Brownsville Br. Unemployed Councils**  
Will hear a lecture by Sam Neslin at 120 Oshorn St., Brooklyn at 8:30 p. m. Educational meeting. All unemployed workers are invited.

**Workers Ex-Service-men's League**  
Open air meet at Tenth St. and Second Ave.

**Friendly Gathering**  
Under the auspices of the Council of Working Class Women number 8 will take place at 8 p. m. at 1629 Bathgate Ave., Bronx, to celebrate the finish of the English Class.

**Sacco-Vanzetti Branch ILD**  
Will meet at 8 p. m. at 1472 Boston Rd. Discussion.

**Brownsville Branch, ILD.**  
Will hold an open air meeting at 8:30 p. m. at Hopkinson and Pitkin.

# What's On—

**THURSDAY**

**Joe Hill Branch, ILD.**  
Meets at 6:30 at 13 E. 12th St.

**Scandinavian Workers Club**  
Fifth Ave. and 53rd St. (Glass and Lieberman Hall) will hear lecture at 8 p. m. on the "Five Year Plan and Socialist Construction in the Soviet Union."

**Open Air Meeting**  
Of the Yorkville Branch of the International Labor Defense will take place at 8 p. m. at 72nd St. and First Ave.

**Manhattan and Harlem Branches**  
Of the Friends of the Soviet Union will meet at Labor Temple. Adm. free.

**Plumbers TUU.**  
Important meeting at 16 West 21st St. Final preparations of affairs and other subjects of importance will be taken up.

**Special Meeting Youth Section**  
Of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union will take place at 6:30 p. m. at 121 West 24th St. All young needle workers are invited.

**Workers Ex-Service-men's League**  
Open air meeting at 24th St. and Eighth Ave.

**FRIDAY**

**Bronx Branches, Friends of the Soviet Union**  
Meet at McKinley Sq. Garden, 1258 Boston Rd.

**Workers Laboratory Theatre**  
Are planning a Scottsboro Play, Workers, Negro and white, are needed. Rehearsals take place Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays at 8:30 p. m. at 131 West 28th St.

**Trenton Workers Club**  
At 749 Crotona Park West will hear a lecture on the "Truth About the Scottsboro Case." All workers invited.

**Coney Island Workers Club**  
At 2921 W. 32nd St. will hold a lecture on the "Struggle Against Deportations and Lymphatics" at 8 p. m. Admission 15c.

**Volunteers**

Are wanted by the I.L.D. National Office, 789 Broadway, room 430. If you can write, or have an hour or two to spare, come up and help in Scottsboro work.

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"Workers, remember—if we are released on bail, it does not mean that the fight for our freedom is diminished, but that the workers must organize their forces ever stronger. We must build the National Textile Workers Union, the only organization which leads the struggle of the workers against wage cuts, speed-up and the worsening of conditions. In this way, and this way only, will we be able to force the bosses to free us.

**ELECTION COUNT IN NTWU TODAY**

Strike Sportswear Shop Against Wage Cut

NEW YORK—The Shop Delegates Council of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union elected officers of the Union and a new executive council Monday night.

The ballots are now in the hands of the election committee which counted them yesterday will make known the results of the elections today.

**Knitgoods Shop On Strike.**

The workers of the Gropper Sportswear Apparel, 112 W. 38th Street unanimously responded to the call of the Industrial Union in a strike against a 33 percent wage cut and the discharge of three workers. The workers elected a strike committee and presented the following demands:

1. Reinstatement of the discharged workers.
2. Withdrawal of the wage cut of Knitters, Mender and Finishers.
3. Equal division of work.
4. Increase wage of looper to \$30 per week and examiner to \$19.
5. Recognition of shop committee.
6. Recognition of union representative to take up workers' grievances.

This strike is in line with the campaign conducted by the Industrial Union to organize the [Knitgoods] trade.

The [Knitgoods] department will have an installation banquet this Saturday at 8 p. m. at Astoria Hall, 62 E. 4th St.

The case against I. Weissberg, resulting from the frame up charges made against him by one of the bosses of the striking shop of Needleman & Bremner, was called in the Bronx County Session Court and was set for trial for Tuesday, May 28th at the same court. Tomorrow, Rubin Berger, is coming up for a hearing in the Jefferson Market court, on 2 charges framed up against him by the scabs of Needleman and Bremner and the detectives protecting them. This frame-up arises out of the mass fight that took place in front of the shop on Wednesday, April 29th.

In order to provide proper defense for the framed up active workers, the Industrial Union is calling a conference of shop chairmen and active workers for tomorrow, at the office of the union, to establish a defense fund.

**Furriers Open Forum.**

The Industrial Union is calling an open forum of furriers to discuss the fake maneuvers in the company union. The open forum will take place today, 1 o'clock at 301 W. 29th Street.

and dance. All the proceeds will go for the defense of the Scottsboro boys. Admission is only 25 cents.

# MURDEROUS GANG ATTACKS WORKER

PATERSON, N. J., May 19.—Isidor Zuckerman, a member of the Food Workers Industrial Union, working in a shop at Governor and Paterson Streets, which has been organized by the F.W.I.U. from the day it opened, was the victim of a brutal attack by company union gangsters.

The gang of about 10 was led by a \$70 a week paid agent of local 165, International Bakers, which stands for bad conditions and long hours. The gang had in it Philip Jacoby, the paid official, Sam Baum, Morris Strassberg, and Sam Nie, a butcher.

The latter struck at Zuckerman with a butcher knife, from the back while the others were beating him up with all kinds of weapons from in front. The knife cut through his coat and vest from top to bottom, but by mere good fortune did not slash his body.

Sarah Plotnick, a sympathizer passionately protested the outrage, and was herself beaten up.

The food workers are highly indignant at this assault and as determined as ever to organize Paterson.

# Ella May ILD Branch Holds Affair Sat. for Scottsboro Defense

NEW YORK—A concert and dance will be held by the Ella May Branch of the International Labor Defense this Saturday, May 23, at 8 p. m. at 1373 43rd St., Brooklyn.

An interesting program has been arranged, including the Workers Laboratory Theatre, the Freiheit Singing Society and a prominent singer. This will be followed by a yetcherinka

# THE ADVENTURES OF BILL WORKER



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Devine is now facing deportation because of the leading role he played in the Lawrence, Mass., textile strike several months ago. He has been out on \$20,000 bond while the International Labor Defense has been fighting the deportation proceedings. The fake charge of obtaining a passport on false pretenses has been concocted by the government in order to facilitate his deportation in addition to the possibility of a long jail term.

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# Hillman Forbids Meetings While He Puts Over A Contract

## Locals Ordered Not To Meet for Next Five Weeks, So As Not To Interfere With His Sell-Out; Already Defied by Members

NEW YORK.—In connection with the negotiations to renew the old agreement in the men's clothing market, Hillman issued an order that no local meeting of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers be held during the coming five weeks. This is part of the plan on the part of Hillman's machine to halt the movement developed by the rank and file committee of the Amalgamated membership to fight against wage cuts, speed up and piece work, for the rejection of Hillman's speed-up and wage cut agreement, and to put up a fight to better the conditions of the workers.

At the same time, while the negotiations are going on, there is another wave of wage cuts taking place throughout the city. Wage reductions have been forced on the workers at Simon Ackerman & Co., Ted Louis & Co., Koppelow, Marx, and Sirrota, and many others. The wage reductions now forced on the workers by the Hillman machine on the very eve of the renewing of the old agreement, should serve as a signal to the workers what they may expect right after the renewal of the agreement.

Disregarding the order of Hillman's machine not to have any local meetings, Local 19 of the kneepants-makers will meet tomorrow at 1 p. m. at Clinton Hall, 151 Clinton Street, to take up the question of electing a new trade board and new officials for the local, as well as to discuss the propositions of the rank and file committee of kneepantsmakers, made at the last local meeting, to struggle for week work against the maneuver of Hillman and Co., who want to renew the agreement under the old speed up and wage cut conditions.

# CANADIAN TRIAL SET FOR MAY 20

MONTREAL, Canada.—Denying all motions for the dismissal of the indictments against J. Louis Engdahl, of New York, general secretary of the International Labor Defense, Judge Charles A. Wilson in the court of King's Bench here set the trial for Wednesday, May 20.

The prosecution, which parades under the name of "The Crown," since the charges are brought in the name of "The King" was not ready for immediate trial, pleading for the two days' delay.

Judge Wilson, who is often referred to as the local "Judge Jeffries," in comparison with England's infamous anti-labor judicial tyrant, carefully plugged up all the loopholes that the defense lawyers, Garber and Calder, shot into the indictments, charging seditious utterances, unlawful assembly, seditious conspiracy and seditious assembly.

Judge Wilson himself brought in the last charge although it does not appear in the indictment, causing defense attorney Calder to remark, "It seems to be the policy here to charge up with everything in the hope of convicting us on something."

Previous to the meeting addressed by Engdahl in Montreal on January 30, it had been the habit of the Canadian authorities to deport speakers coming from the United States.

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# DAILY WORKER AFFAIR IN B'KLYN

## FRIDAY, MAY 22

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—With the beginning of the Daily Worker drive for \$35,000 Unit 4, Section 6, Communist Party, is holding a gathering and Tea Party for all workers and especially readers of the Daily Worker in Brooklyn.

The affair will be held at the Workers Center, 61 Graham Ave., Brooklyn, Friday, May 22, at 8 p. m.

At this affair a special program will be furnished. The City Editor of the Daily Worker, Harriet Silverman, will be present to address the workers.

All readers of the Daily Worker, especially those living in Williamsburg, Ridgewood, Boro Hall, and Green Point are expected to attend. All workers are invited. The admission will be free. Soviet movies will be shown.

Brooklyn rallies to be held Thursday eve, May 21.

The rallies will end with a large demonstration and mass rally at Grand Street Extension and Havermeier St., Brooklyn.

This mass rally will start at 8 p. m. All workers are called upon to participate.

# MASS PICKETING IN COLLINSVILLE

COLLINSVILLE, Ill., May 19.—The strike of 500 women and young girls of the Forest City Dress Manufacturing Co. is growing in militancy, in spite of the efforts of the A. F. of L. misleaders of the strike to keep the strikers from fighting against the injunction issued by Judge Louis Fitzhenry of Springfield, Ill.

Big picket lines took place Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, consisting not only of strikers but also of miners and other workers from Collinsville and nearby towns. The picketing brought immediate results in stopping the scabs from going into the shop and forced the company to shut down the factory. Eleven

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(By A Former Yorkville Mill Slave) YORKVILLE, Ohio.—"Wage-cutting a necessity". This has been the cry of the Whetling Steel Corp. particularly at Yorkville, Ohio, for several years. They have reduced wages to such a point that starvation is just around the corner.

Boise Jobless Forced To Sleep on River Banks

Boise, Idaho. Some are working on Dairy Farms for the measly sum of \$20 a month. These workers begin at 3:30 a. m. and work until 9 p. m. I have seen at least 100 of these jobless workers asleep on the river banks, these go without any food sometimes for three days. Then there is the lockup of the First National Bank, of about \$30,000,000 of gold coin and yet the bankers are still trying to squeeze the last cent from the farmers.

Seamen Forced to Slave 13 Hours a Day for Thirty-Five Dollars a Month

Baltimore, Md. My boss was forced to attend to three mess-rooms besides assisting the cook. This kept him busy for more than 13 hours a day. For this slavery he received the pitiful sum of \$35 a month. Water leaked always into the mess-rooms.

Two Chicago Banks Crash On "Jubilee Week"

(By a Worker Correspondent) CHICAGO, Ill.—Recently there was considerable noise made by the Tribune and other papers about so-called "Jubilee Week," which was organized to "pep up" business for the big grafters, store keepers and other big bellies and to humbug the workers who still have a few pennies left into spending them.

Texas Oil Workers Must Work 12 Hours Daily; Get 25 Cents Pay Cut

Brekinridge, Texas. The pumps in this oil field work a 12-hour tower. They work from noon to midnight. The pumps had formerly received \$5.25 per day, out of which they were forced to furnish their own gasoline and lubricating oil. Their average mileage per tower is 25 miles. Now the bosses have forced a wage-cut on the oil workers, taking 25 cents off per day. The bosses have suspended the vacation and 5 days without pay each month is lopped off the pay check.

Negro Workers Toil Under Fierce Conditions in Washington Hotel

Washington, D. C. No porter earns more than \$16 a week. The head porter is a tool of the bosses however. He sees to it that all the porters who are supposed to get their vacation pay, are fired.

Tonight! Be sure to come on time and see all of the program: TAYLOR GORDON, Concert Singer, HALL JOHNSON NEGRO MALE SEXTETTE—MICHAEL GOLD in a short talk—15 ARTISTS in a CARTOON REVIEW—and dancing until you have enough! New Masses Birthday Party and Ball WEBSTER HALL—119 E. 11th STREET

Scottsboro Defense Conferences

May 22. Erie, Pa.—Hall to be announced. May 23. Buffalo, N. Y., at the Michigan Avenue "Y". May 24. Chicago—Forum Hall, 323 E. 43rd St. New Orleans, La.—At Marine Workers' Hall, 308 Charles St. Charlotte, N. C. Hall to be announced. Rockford, Ill. Hall to be announced. Youngstown, O., at 334 E. Federal St., at 2:30 p. m. Rockford, Ill., at Viking Hall, 704-7th St at 2 p. m. Milwaukee—At Labor Temple, 808 Walnut St., at 2:30 p. m. May 25. Philadelphia, Pa. At the Knights of Pythias Hall, 19th and Lombard Sts. May 26. Washington, D. C., Galilean Fishermen's Hall, 320 F. St., S. W. at 8:30 p. m. May 27. Pittsburgh, Pa.—At the Pythian Temple, 2011 Center Ave. May 28. Minneapolis, Minn. Hall to be announced. Boston, Mass. Hall to be announced. May 29. Cleveland, Ohio, at Spiro Hall, 3804 Soville Ave. St. Paul, Minn. Hall to be announced. Duluth—Superior, Minn. Hall to be announced. May 30. Chattanooga, Tenn.—Hall to be announced. Newark—At 90 Ferry St., at 2:30 p. m. Elizabeth, N. J. Hall to be announced. St. Louis, Mo., at Hibernian Hall, 3619 Finney Ave., at 2 p. m. June 5. New Brunswick, N. J.—At the Workers' Home, 11 Plum St., at 2:30 p. m. Indianapolis, Ind.—At Odd Fellows Hall, 530 1/2 Indiana Ave., at 7:30 p. m. Baltimore, Md.—At Galilean Fishermen's Hall, 411 W. Biddle St., at 8 p. m. Gary, Ind.—At 2 p. m. Hall to be announced. June 6. Chester, Pa., at Lithuanian Hall, 4th and Upland Streets. June 17. Gary, Ind.—At Croatian Hall.

Seaman Communists Gain in City Vote; Fascists in Clash

(Cable By Inprecorr.) BERLIN, May 14.—Municipal elections in Kalkberg gave the Communist Party five seats as against four for the socialists, four for the bourgeois parties, four for the fascists and one for the centrists. Yesterday evening a fierce collision occurred in Friedrich Strasse between the Hitler and Stennes factions of the fascists at a meeting. Police intervened, conducting the Stennes fascists from the hall. In Coblenz, the police have prohibited the holding of a Whitunside meeting of the Communist Party

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MASS PICKETING IN COLLINSVILLE GARMENT STRIKE

Misleaders Help to Break Strike (CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) workers were arrested. Eight of these were workers. The Collinsville Herald on Friday reported that "nearly a thousand persons gathered at the factory to prevent the girls who had been working for the past two weeks from getting into the building."

REGISTER NOW FOR THE SCHOOL

With the opening of the summer term of the Workers School drawing near, many workers have registered for the important courses offered. Heavy registrations are especially recorded in such courses as Fundamentals of Communism, Political Economy and Leninism. Two classes in Fundamentals of Communism are to be conducted by Comrades M. James and V. Jerome on Monday and Thursday evenings respectively.

Writers and Artists Organize Committee in Support of I. L. D. Defense of Scottsboro Boys

Members Include Theodore Dreiser, Lincoln Steffens, Dr. Franz Boaz, Susanne LaFollette, Burton Rascoe, John Dos Passos and Many Others NEW YORK.—Release of the nine Scottsboro Negro boys sentenced to burn July 10 on a vicious frame-up charge of rape is demanded in an open letter to the governor of Alabama, made public yesterday by a defense group headed by Theodore Dreiser and Lincoln Steffens.

The case involves nine young Negro boys, three of them 14, who have been sentenced to die in electric chair on July 10. The open letter declares their conviction to be "the most outrageous travesty of the present decade—a lynching concealed in the form of law." The letter follows, in part: "The court record shows that the boys, on trial for their lives, with many questions of fact at issue, were forced to trial seven days after their arraignment with obviously no opportunity for a sifting of evidence or a search for witnesses. These unlettered Negro boys, isolated in jail up to the time of their trial, had no attorneys of their own choice, and the court record shows that the two attorneys appointed for the defense even failed to avail themselves of the opportunity to speak to the jury to ask for an acquittal. These attorneys did not communicate with the parents of the boys (all minors) and the record in at least one case indicates that not only were many eyewitnesses not examined but no adequate service was performed for the accused boys in cross-questioning of the state's witnesses whose testimony was of the most sketchy character."

FORCE FREEDOM OF Y. STROMBERG

Supr. Court Changes Cal. Court Decision WASHINGTON, D. C.—Due to the intensive campaign waged by the International Labor Defense, and mass support given it, the Supreme Court of the United States reversed decision of the District Court of Appeals of California convicting Yetta Stromberg, 19-year-old member of the Young Communist League, for flying the red flag at a children's camp. The decision as handed down by Chief Justice Hughes makes it a matter of technical interpretation of the California red flag law. In the best sanctimonious and hypocritical manner of the chief judicial organ of the capitalist class the decision says in part in commenting on the California "red flag" law: "We have no reason to doubt the validity of the second and third clauses of the statute as construed by the state court to relate to such incitements to violence."

"Daily" Apparatus Must Be Tightened

The circulation of the Daily Worker is a fair barometer to the rise and fall of activity with the "Daily" on the part of comrades in the field. The summary of this week's tables shows that they are not taking advantage of opportunities for spreading the Daily in strike regions and as a result the circulation of the Daily is not keeping step with the pace of events. Workers everywhere are striking against wage cuts. Most of these strikes are being organized, led and won by our revolutionary trade unions, and yet the Daily Worker, the only English Daily supporting the strikers, is not reaching the masses of workers.

Campaign On to Save Daily

The financial campaign for \$35,000 to save the "Daily" begins today. Every worker is expected to throw his entire energy into making this drive a success. Bundles of the Daily should be ordered in large amounts to acquaint the masses with the purpose and plans of the drive. Hundreds of Dailies should always be on hand at the mass meetings. Street meetings should be immediately followed up with street sales of the Daily. We depend upon every worker in shop, factory and mass organization to mobilize as they did on May Day, to come to the aid of the Daily Worker and pledge themselves to carry on the will of the workers to organize and struggle against the bosses.

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# The Meaning of 17,000 Communist Votes in Los Angeles

Editor's Note:—This article on the very significant primary election in Los Angeles, in which 17,000 votes were cast for the Communist candidate, deserves special attention. Not only does this vote show the huge possibilities developing before the Party everywhere, but the practical experiences involved will help our workers in the field in other places to better guide their work.

By EVA LEDER

OVER 17,000 votes have been cast for comrade Sandler, the candidate for the Communist Party for Board of Education, in the primary elections in Los Angeles, on May 5. This is a great vote for a Communist candidate in a city as Los Angeles, where the police persecution and terror against the revolutionary working class, and especially its leader the Communist Party, is so great. The C. P. was not able to hold an election campaign meeting, without the police and the Red Squad breaking it up, arresting and beating up our speakers and the candidates.

Fake "No Party" System.

Los Angeles is a city of "no party politics." It means that on the ballot there are "no" party candidates but "independents," supported and endorsed by various parties, and various groups of capitalists.

This "no party system," of course, is one of the greatest pieces of hypocrisy and demagoguery on the part of the Los Angeles bosses, and is intended to mislead the working class voter, not to give a political expression to the workers' vote, on clear party basis embodying a crystallized division on class lines. The boss class of Los Angeles has actually abolished, not the two party system, which would not be a bad thing, but the party system as such, and has substituted the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce for both—the Republican and the Democratic party. But it does not say so openly.

In the election campaign, therefore, such fake slogans as "keep the schools out of politics," etc. are being raised, just as if the Chamber of Commerce (who nominates and elects its own candidates), would not be the real boss party, representing the interests of the boss class in the city.

**Sandler Vote—Largely a Vote for C. P. Platform**  
For the workers, after the present primary elections, this state of affairs is of importance and is causing some "brain racking": were the 17,191 votes cast for the C. P. candidate (with emphasis on the C. P.) or were they casual votes? Many comrades think that this vote is of no significance whatsoever. "The voters," they say, "did not vote Communist; they voted for a name." They say more: "If," they add, "we would have had the hammer and sickle on the ballot and over 17,000 votes would have been cast for that, we would know that this was a Communist vote, but as it was—who knows?"

Of course, we agree that if the hammer and sickle were on the ballot it would be easier to determine that it was a Communist vote. But the fact that the hammer and sickle were not on the ballot does not mean, however, that the vote was not Communist and of no significance at all.

For after all it must be understood that all other candidates that ran, were boss candidates, and had plenty of publicity. The voter knew their names pretty well. And if this is the case, why should the voters, coming to the polls, vote "casually" for Sandler?—Why not vote for the names that stared them in the eyes the whole time of the election campaign, the names the voter heard over the radio, but for Sandler?

Still we can't say that the whole 17,191 votes were conscious Communist votes.

First of all, our campaign was not developed broadly enough. It is true we distributed 75,000 leaflets, and on the whole—good leaflets.

We had some open air meetings, even though broken up by the police; some shop gate meetings. But the work generally was started too late, not systematic, not the necessary enthusiasm on the part of the Party membership, and it is pretty hard to say that our campaign work can be responsible for the 17,191 votes for comrade Sandler.

We must account for some casual votes, of some not too informed voters, who voted for Sandler, and would not have done so if the hammer and sickle were on the ballot—near Sandler's name. This category of the vote is very small, very limited.

**Shulem Vote—Factors to be Considered**  
Another point is raised: our candidate, Comrade Shulem, in District No. 9, did not get more than 200 votes. "This shows that the vote for Sandler was not a vote for a Candidate of the Communist Party."

This reflects not on the Sandler vote, as those comrades want to impress us, but something else. Our campaign in District No. 9 was totally not developed. Whereas the Roosevelt High School situation, with comrade Sandler coming to the Board of Education, putting up a fight there, and at other meetings speaking to the workers, facing the workers, to be sure, not as much as necessary, but to a certain extent, made

him known to the workers; Comrade Shulem, the candidate in District 9, has made no appearance at any meeting; has not in any shape or form convinced the masses that he will be capable to represent them and the Party in the city council; the workers in District 9 did not know Comrade Shulem. Choosing the proper party candidate for the ballot, is therefore a thing of greatest importance to be considered in our election campaigns.

Then, of course, we must have in mind the difference between the two posts that the Comrades ran for. The worker still takes elections pretty seriously. Whereas for a lesser important position, such as the Board of Education, a worker "can afford" to give a sympathy vote, for a candidate for the city council, "his" coming city administration, he, the worker, is more careful as to whom he is going to vote for, and is more reluctant about "throwing out" a vote.

In our campaigns we have not as yet convinced the workers that those candidates we put up will be able to administer "his" city affairs. We have, not yet, in a very concrete manner, convinced the workers that our candidates really represent their day to day, his real interests, and will be able to work for them.

The vote cast for Comrade Sandler, while it may not be a "complete" Communist vote, (for the Party emblem was not on the ballot), is a combination of a protest vote against the capitalist candidates and the bosses that put them up, and a vote for the Communist Party platform that included the most elementary needs of the workers; with the greatest portion of the vote for the latter.

Socialist Party Defeated

While the Socialist party candidate, Busick, got in District No. 9 1,188 votes, still this cannot be considered as a "Socialist" victory. For the "Socialist" party in Los Angeles entered this campaign as a real boss party.

The slogans, "Vote Socialist to Avoid Revolution," "For an Americanized System of Production," "We don't want what happened in Russia to happen in America," etc., were supplemented with: "Socialism promises \$100 a week to every worker, and two cars to every family." Again and again they assured the voters that "the Socialist party stands for private property," etc. They not only assured the voters that they stand for capitalism in principle, but that they are "good Christians":

"Socialism is applied Christianity. Under Socialism you will not have to say 'I believe in Christianity'; you will say, 'I practice Christianity'. Socialism will destroy hypocrisy in religion and give real religion a chance."

Says the May number of the New Era, that has not a word to say about May Day, except: "On May 5 you can demonstrate at the polls; you don't have to demonstrate in the streets and get your heads split."

And in addition to this—the S.P. spent much money for its campaign. It had special "election headquarters of 'Bill' Busick." It made much noise about what it will do when elected. It did not face the police terror the C. P. faces in its work. It demanded from the voters to elect "Bill" Busick on the place of "the late" politician Williams (who died a few weeks prior to the elections), because he too, Williams, was a "Socialist" at a previous stage of the game. In the May issue of New York, the "Socialists" declare with great pomp: "Busick takes lead in Council race; place in final ballot sure."

Still—the mountain gave birth to a mouse; after declaring itself for capitalism, and as the greatest fighter against the workers; after such an "alarming campaign," the S.P. got only 1,188 votes for its "highest gun," Busick, and only some 400 votes for its other candidates, and was not placed on the ballot.

The latest check up shows that comrade Sandler got approximately 2,300 votes in District 9. It must be remembered that Sandler ran on a complete revolutionary working class platform, the platform of the C. P., not as Busick, on a boss platform.

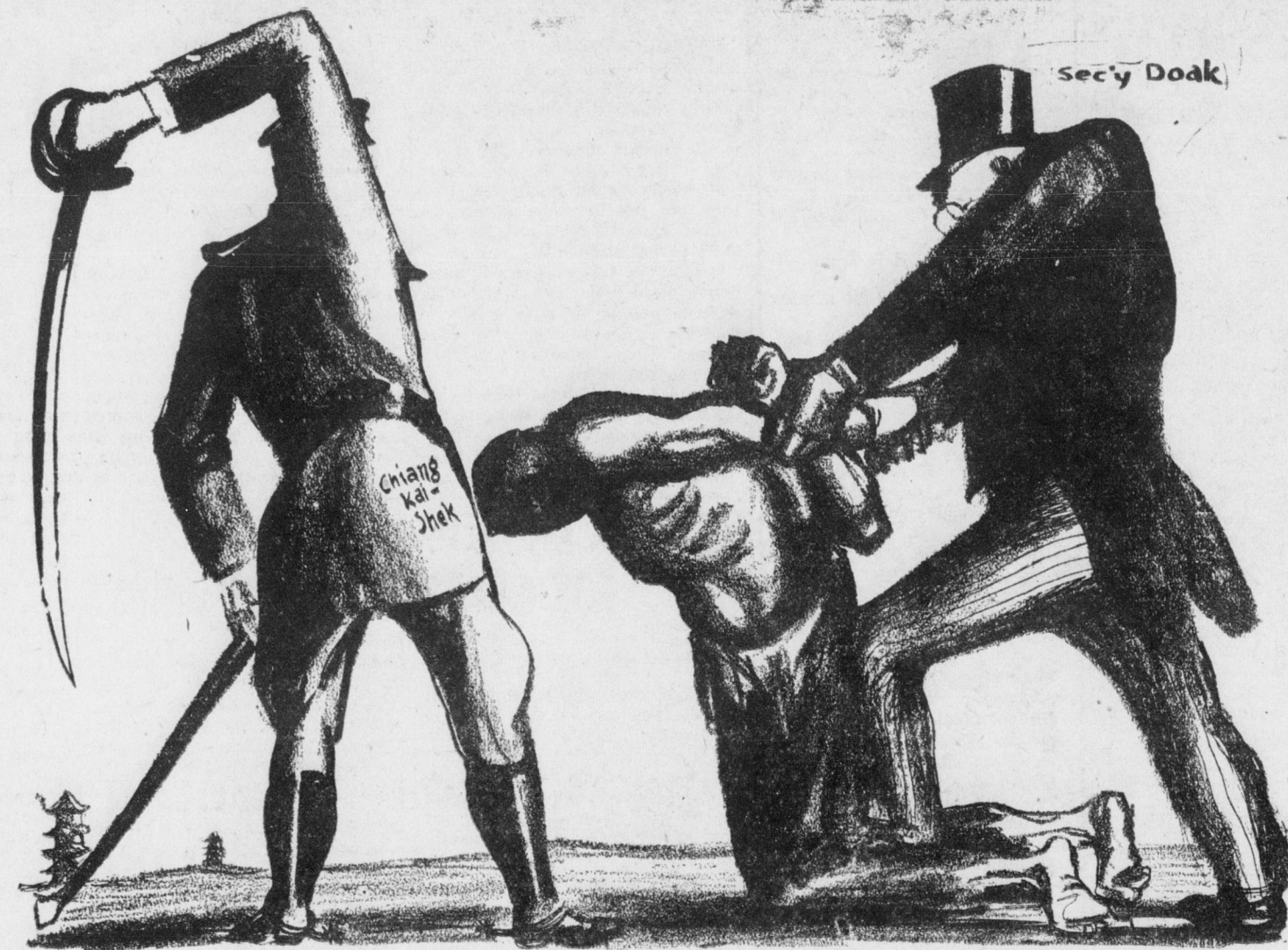
In the face of these facts the votes cast for the Communist Party are of even greater significance. It shows the prospects for our work, hitting over the head any pessimism regarding our work here. Our Party locally must do everything in its power to consolidate this election victory. We must, at once, take every step possible to get in touch with this great number of workers who voted for our candidates, and organize them for the revolutionary class struggle.

**Our Election Campaign is not Ended**  
Although it might be thought, as some comrades have already said, "the election campaign is over," this is not so, especially for us.

The Los Angeles Times states in an editorial on May 7, that "there are 12 candidates for the June ballot—with an active fight indicated in each instance." The Party adds two more to the ballot—Shulem and Sandler, whose names the workers are asked to write in on the ballot on June 2. The Party also calls upon all workers in all other districts where the Party has no candidates—not to vote for any of the boss candidates, but to write in: "I vote for Communist Platform." Instead. We must carry on a lively campaign to mobilize, if not all, a great part of the 17,191 voters, to vote for our Party platform, for unemployment insurance, etc.

For this task the Party must get to work at once, in the short time left between now and June 2.

# THE EXECUTIONERS



T. H. Li, Chinese revolutionary student, is facing sure death because of the insistence of Sec'y. Doak to deport him to China, despite the fact that the Soviet Union will give him refuge.

# Capitalism Apologizes Itself

3—The Gap Between Cost of Living and Wages  
By HARRY GANNES.

Apologies for the existence of capitalism are handed out effusively by the banks. The main purpose is to supply arguments to the bourgeoisie against the growing force of the idea of a workers' state with planned economy.

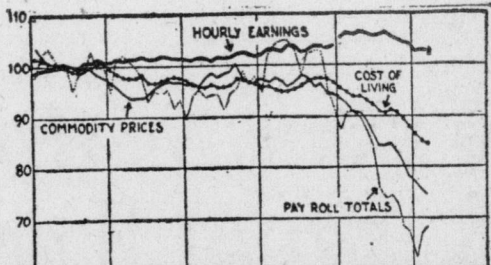
Is it strange that the last two issues of the National City Bank of New York bulletin should devote the greater part of its pages to attacking what it calls Marxist ideas? In reality it becomes a defense of the right of the capitalists to exploit the working class.

The concluding note of the April issue of this imperialist bank bulletin promises that: "This discussion will be continued next month showing the net income return of all manufacturing industries for the year 1929, the distribution of wealth, causes of the existing world depression, unemployment, etc."

But a reading of the May issue shows that the banker economists changed their minds. They don't say a word about the distribution of wealth or unemployment. Instead they resort to a lot of lying arguments by the use of which the bosses can put over wage cuts.

The main argument is that the bosses can speed the workers up as much as they like and whatever results from this rightfully belongs to the parasites because they did the investing.

Then they go through a long-winded process to "prove" that the workers are getting more than they are entitled to anyhow.



The above graph from the May issue of the National City Bank Bulletin shows the heavy gap between the cost of living which is at about 85 and the pay roll totals which is down to about 68. On the basis of this cost of living the bosses want to cut wages (the total pay rolls) still lower and in that way further impoverish the employed as well as unemployed workers. In spite of the "high" hourly wages, the actual pay roll is far below the cost of living.

They put up the brilliant argument that the 10,000,000 unemployed really don't have to starve. They can all become manufacturers! "Any person is free to enter any honest business and manage it as he sees fit," they proclaim. The workers on the breadlines have been wasting their time waiting for some stinking soup. They should have started automobile factories, or compete with Andrew Mellon by building up a new aluminum trust!

The banks use the stale argument of the capitalists that, since commodity prices are falling, wages must come down, so that the worthy investors need slave at playing bridge, swimming, golfing, boozing in Florida, or sweat away their lives at the roulette tables in Monte Carlo, can get their usual profits.

But the National City Bank scribbler who was devoting his time to arguing for the existence of capitalism and for lower wages for the workers on the basis of the decline of commodities, did not consult his fellow liar who discussed a very interesting table about wage rates, living costs, prices and payroll tables in another part of the bulletin. This table we reproduce in this issue of the Daily Worker.

What does it show?

It shows that the cost of living is at the index number of about 85 while total payrolls are at the index number of 68. In other words, there is a twenty-point gap between the amount of money the workers get and what they have to pay to live! Yet the capitalists try to use this as an argument for cutting wages still further. Even commodity prices (and these always refer to wholesale prices which the workers cannot obtain) are far above total payrolls.

The National City Bank Bulletin writer who discusses this table admits:

"The line next to the bottom is the Bureau of Labor Statistics index of wholesale commodity prices, and its position below the cost of living indicates that those who gain their livelihood from the production of these commodities have suffered a decline in real wages."

In short, wages have been cut faster than the drop in wholesale commodity prices. The argument that wages must come down to prices is one of the most vicious lies peddled by the capitalist class. Wages already have gone far below wholesale prices.

Even the lying figures of the capitalist bankers cannot hide the growing mass improvement of the working class. Hence they resort to more theoretical arguments for the right of capitalism to continue to exist, and proceed to an attack against the Soviet Union because they know the workers look in that direction for a solution to their misery.

# The Indiana Hunger March

GARY, Indiana, May 19.—The Indianapolis state hunger march of May 2-4 has already intensified the struggle of the jobless and has built up the prestige of both the Trade Union Unity League and the Communist Party very considerably.

The mass meetings, particularly in the Calumet section by which the marchers were rallied and which endorsed the demands for unemployment insurance, etc., were themselves important demonstrations. They culminated in the May 1 demonstrations, which, since the capitalist press had to take notice of the march, were also advertised and built up.

There were 184 delegates, and more could have been obtained if there had been room in the trucks. The shortness of the time, and the necessity for covering the larger cities by a circuitous route, caused the marchers to go by borrowed trucks and cars.

Successful mass meetings were held in Marion, Anderson, Munice, and could have been held in other cities on the way if there were time.

All Forces Against.

The state forces: Chamber of Commerce, Employers' Association, the leadership in the American Legion and of the United Mine Workers, the socialist party and big capitalist concerns realized the importance of the march at once, and did everything to demoralize it, in vain. They got the state police to co-operate with all city police on the way, and in some cities nothing but engine trouble developing in the middle of town enabled the marchers to mingle with the masses and distribute leaflets, etc.

The committee of three which interviewed the governor was searched for weapons as they went in. The governor was fluctuating back and forth between wrathful arbitrariness and a pretense of bluff cordiality. He made promises to "look into it," but did nothing.

The workers learned from the arrest of Luesse, chairman of the state unemployment insurance committee, from the experience of having the demonstration at the state house broken up by police and driven to Military Park, that the capitalist state is against them, that it wants them to starve.

When force failed, the reactionary organizations had to resort to demagoguery. But in doing so, they had to admit a great deal. Thus, J. E. White, prominent in Legion circles and mentioned as the next Indiana State Commander of the Legion, had to say: "The truth is that the statements (in the Hunger March leaflets) their leaders make are all true. That shows intelligent leadership at last."

Native Americans.

Most of the delegates were native Americans. About 20 per cent were Negro workers. They came from practically every basic industry, and as they report back, organization of unemployed councils and the struggle for concrete relief in specified cases, and for more relief in general, must be speeded up.

The experience of the marchers in Marion is particularly interesting. The committee received a letter before the march started, that "The United Workers of America has received some of your leaflets and is 100 per cent back of the

By BURCK

Sec'y Doak

*Red Sparks*

By JORGE

### Having a Good Time in Brazil

A cable from Brazil to the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange in the N. Y. Times of May 13, relates the following:

"The Official Coffee States Council already is purchasing coffee for destruction. The press and others are being invited to attend the acts of destruction expected this month. The council is studying reform regulations for the Santos, Rio and Victoria Exchanges, with a view to facilitate deliveries and realize purchases for destruction."

That's nice, isn't it. That proves that capitalism is a marvelous success! Do you pay any less for a cup of coffee in your restaurant? You don't! But coffee is so plentiful that they are destroying huge quantities! This proves that Mr. Knockerbocker is absolutely right in writing against the "Red Trade Menace!"

The egg-smashing contest in California recently, and the storing of 200,000,000 bushels of wheat by the Farm Board to keep up the price of bread, together with this coffee destroying ceremony in Brazil—and in the midst of starving millions of workers—all this would never, never be done by the "Red Menace!" In fact the Reds are a menace to such a dangerously insane system of starvation of the many for the profits of the few!

Walk up close, Mr. Knockerbocker, and take a look at the working class of the capitalist countries! That is your "menace," because the workers are getting all-fired tired of starving to death in the midst of plenty!

### Try It Yourself

Did it ever occur to you, readers of the Daily Worker, that you might do a little job yourself in contradicting hokum you see in local capitalist papers.

We have no illusion at all about the role of the capitalist papers. They are to defend capitalism and attack Communism, and they will continue to do so. You cannot "convince" their editors. But in their effort to appear upholders of "democracy" they sometimes run columns of "letters from readers," "voice of the people" columns, and so on, which you should make use of.

Every day's mail pours into the Daily Worker office a stack of clippings from local newspapers. We are glad to get them, too. They often furnish us with material for comment, and even though we don't use them, they help inform us of what is being said on many subjects.

But it is obvious that when an article appears in a local paper in Ohio or California giving some falsehood about the Soviet Union or the Communists, that it is very necessary to have it contradicted right in that same paper than anywhere else. What the Daily Worker might say about it might never reach the readers of that local paper.

Think it over, comrades. When you see articles in your local papers, get out your own pen and ink and, using the information you can find in the Daily Worker and other papers, sit right down and send an answer to the editor of that local paper, telling him you want it printed. Maybe he won't print it. But maybe he will. Don't make it so long that it will be refused space on account of length. Make it to the point and don't wander away from that point. If the paper has a "readers' column" of any kind, mark it down for that.

Of course, there will be no revolution accomplished by this. But it helps some in making the edge off capitalist lies. Really there are so many these days that the Daily Worker can't keep track of them all. So try it yourself and let us know how you come out.

### Help Starve the Mosquitoes!

There is a great fuss in Washington about "economy." Hoover is "paring" the rime off the government wage workers who—hitherto—have had the mistaken notion that "keeping their mouths shut" would keep them in a well-paid government job.

Thousands of them are going to be fired. Thousands more are going to find an empty spot in their previous pay—which was none too big as it was.

But all this "economy" business is forgotten when it comes to making Herbert Hoover comfortable. News items tell us that "government agencies" are all busy with "added new weapons in their efforts to keep President Hoover from being bitten by mosquitoes."

Now this is a pretty howdy-do. One method is "an improved method of spraying oil"—probably from Teapot Dome—although whether it is to be sprayed over the mosquitoes or the presidential carcass is not clear. Still another method "is a fish from the Carolinas," which is to be imported as a sort of Fish Committee to patrol the streams and pools against any Soviet dumping of mosquitoes.

After all, while we have no love for mosquitoes, our heart flops over with pity at the thought of any mosquito so rash as to settle on the hide of the Great Engineer, Prophet of Prosperity in 60 Days. We warn the mosquito that there is no appropriation for "human food" available, and a bite is, after all, only a "dole" and is certain to produce instant death—to the mosquito.

### As Rat to Rat

In Duluth, Minnesota, the dock workers are giving scabs a run for their money. One scab was chased clear up to a roof. From there he went to throwing bricks. One of the bricks hit a passer-by, a Negro worker, if we are informed correctly, and broke his leg.

Naturally, a big fuss was raised and a cop appeared who thought that the man on the roof was a striker and the one with the broken leg was a scab. So he drew his gun and threatened to shoot the scab if he didn't come down. The scab wasn't the least bit afraid. The fear that he had when the strikers were after him vanished when he saw the cop, even if the latter was cursing him and threatening to shoot—that was all a little mistake, a mistake that should be and could be corrected. So he yelled out:

"Don't shoot me! I'm a scab!"  
And he wasn't shot. In fact he knew his cop. The cop let him go and sent the Negro whose leg had been broken to the hospital.

# Agricultural Workers in N. J.

By HEINZ SCHROETER.

THERE are 28,000 agricultural workers in the state of New Jersey. As much as in all the textile mills or in the electrical manufacturing concerns of the state. These workers labor under wage labor conditions on dairy farms, farms, stock farms, truck farms, greenhouses, orchards and nurseries.

There are 3,000 children between the ages of 10 and 17 years of age working as farm laborers.

The wages range all the way from working for board (meals) only to \$25, \$30 and \$40 a month with room and board. Day workers receive now \$1 a day and board, or \$2 without board. This also includes piece-workers. The hours of work range anywhere from 10 to 15 hours. From sun-up to sun-down. Board is getting poorer.

Unemployment has grown tremendously among the agricultural wage workers, due to the industrialization of farming. The number of farms and amount of land under cultivation has decreased, but the value of farm machinery used has nearly doubled. With less farm labor, fewer acres and fewer farmers, production continues to increase.

Nearly four-fifths of the farmers of the state hire agricultural labor. The center of truck or vegetable growing is in the southern part of the state. In Burlington, Cumberland, Monmouth and Salem counties. Dairy farm labor centers in the northwestern part of Sussex, Hunterdon, Salem and Warren counties.

Big capitalist farmers, such as Walker-Gordon Dairy Farm in Plainsboro; Minch Bros., who own 15 farms in Bridgeton, and Repp Bros., in Glassboro, make proper concentration points for organization of the agricultural wage workers into an agricultural workers' union.

The Imperial Valley strike of California has clearly demonstrated that work can be done among the agricultural wage laborers, the proletariat.

To win over all the exploited and toiling strata, the poor farmers of the countryside, the Communist Party must place its reliance on the agricultural proletariat.

The Party must secure for itself the wholehearted support of the agricultural laborer and the rural poor. The agricultural laborers must be organized in separate organizations and all possible support be given them in their struggle against the rural bourgeoisie.