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2,200 MORE MINERS STRIKE; 9,000 ALTOGETHER NOW

Aid Working Class Culture

THE proposal initiated by the John Reed Club of New York to unite in a fraternal way the great number of cultural organizations of working class character in a Federation, and the initial step toward that end in the Cultural Conference called for the New York area that will meet June 14, at Irving Plaza Hall, New York City, deserves the earnest support of all class-conscious workers.

Workers are human beings, besides being workers, and crave—and get, in some measure and kind—a social life outside of shop and outside of work hours. We should never forget that. The capitalists do not forget it, and they furnish the workers with such social pleasures as keep them culturally chained to capitalism.

Those who ignore the necessity for stimulating working class culture and cultural organizations, not only abandon this field to openly capitalist culture, but forget that those workers' cultural groups which spontaneously spring up tend, by their isolation, to fall under the influence of capitalist culture of a more insidious kind through reformist ideology, or a supposed "non-class" or "neutral" attitude toward concrete class struggles.

In the capitalist camp we see a definite crisis in their cultural apparatus, a reflection of the general crisis of capitalism and the shaking of its ideological influence. All the more need for intensifying and spreading proletarian culture.

In Germany, the most widely varied kind of groups are embraced in one Federation. Here we find such groups as singing societies, dramatic clubs, artists, writers, amateur photographers and camera clubs, students' groups in schools and those who are grouped together by reason of taking correspondence lessons in workers' schools, literary societies, free-thinkers, hiking clubs and all sorts of sports organizations, chess clubs, mandolin orchestras and even "radio listeners."

These have found it very helpful to federate for mutual cooperation. It should be even more helpful in the United States where, for instance, let us say a Finnish dramatic club finds few or none of really proletarian dramas to stage, whereas they can, by cooperation through a cultural center, discover and use the many and new dramas of revolutionary character known to a German dramatic society in another American city or even the same city.

Hitherto, all have lived an existence isolated from each other, knowing nothing of and not profiting by each other's experience, and tending to remain relatively weak from standing in isolated relation to the ever-growing revolutionary movement upon which in the final analysis they depend as it, in turn, depends upon them for all manner of assistance.

The New York Conference, then, will be a forward step in bringing these already existing groups together for mutual cooperation and will strengthen the cultural front against capitalism. This is altogether desirable, and it is hoped, the movement will go on from this first step to the formation of a national cultural federation.

Daily Worker Clubs

A SHARP TURN in the methods of work in building the Communist press is fully as necessary as in trade union work. In each case the key of success is in obtaining the independent initiative of the workers. To attain this, we have decided to stimulate the formation of Daily Worker Clubs. Numerous workers have asked that something of this kind be undertaken.

By chance this is undertaken now, while the Daily Worker campaign for funds is on. The campaign should aid, not cripple, the formation of Daily Worker Clubs. But to that end, it is necessary to explain just what the Daily Worker Clubs are to be, and the why and how, of their formation and activity.

The Clubs will be permanent, will remain after the Campaign, as an invaluable source of mass initiative. They will be very loose organizations, uniting from the bottom and even in molecular form, all who are or can be interested in the Daily Worker in any way.

They will cover a far wider field than the Red Builders clubs, limited as these are practically to unemployed workers who sell the Daily.

They must attract—by attractive activity, not by discipline or formal duty—all readers of the Daily, all Worker Correspondents, workers who use the Daily in factory or union work, factory paper groups and the large number of sympathizers who wish to contribute in one way or another to the revolutionary press. There should be no dues, and the whole organization must appeal for supporters on the freest possible basis.

The fact that the Daily Worker Family, those who read the Daily, is three times as numerous as the membership of the Communist Party, shows the immense field for such Clubs, which should be formed on the freest sort of voluntary association.

Such clubs were started some years ago, by the "Humanite", French Communist paper, which like the Daily Worker reached far wider than the limits of the Party. They were a tremendous success. In factories and neighborhoods loose and informal groups arose everywhere around the "Humanite". The French Party mistakenly became alarmed, fearful of this spontaneity of the masses, and killed these groups by attempting to turn them into Party nuclei and shop committees of the revolutionary unions. Let us learn from this costly experience and avoid choking the initiative of the workers and avoid all mechanical control of the Daily Worker Clubs.

This does not mean that the Party should not interest itself in the Daily Worker Clubs, on the contrary, it must aid their formation. In every center the Daily Worker Agent has instructions on how to proceed in this respect. General meetings of all readers, Daily columnists, Red Builders (who should be merged in the new and broader organization), worker correspondents and sympathizers, will be held.

These should not be tiresome affairs, but a social occasion, a little entertainment and much discussion of the Daily Worker, with all criticism and suggestions of workers to be written down and sent in to the Daily Worker editorial staff. Here, also, plans may be laid for collections to support the Daily, means of getting and keeping subscriptions determined, everything absolutely controlled by the workers themselves.

Even these general meetings will by no means suffice. The Daily will urge each reader to gather in his shop or neighborhood, a little circle or group to read and discuss the Daily or some special articles interesting to them. They will determine their own activities, correspond with the Daily directly, and occasionally all these circles in the given city may unite for a mixed social and business affair in support of their favorite paper, their own Daily Worker!

Long life to the Daily Worker Clubs! Let us mobilize this great army of readers of the Daily Worker and give them opportunity to express their initiative in their own way! Let the Daily Worker benefit by their criticism of its faults as well as their approval of its virtues! Build the Daily Worker Clubs in every neighborhood, shop, village, and town!

Cut out and mail at once to the Daily Worker, 50 E. 13th St., New York
SAVE THE DAILY
\$35,000 Save-The-Daily Worker Fund

Enclosed find _____ dollars _____ cents
We pledge to do all in our power to save our Daily by raising \$35,000 by July 1.

Name _____
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MUST HAVE \$1,000 A DAY!

Emergency!

READERS--

Only \$1,241.51 received yesterday. And this due largely to the fact that the Party units in New York met Tuesday night. Today and tomorrow we must get nearly \$2,000 a day to raise the rest of the \$5,000 needed to save the Daily Worker from immediate suspension. Can we do it? We can and must! Our creditors won't wait any longer. But the fate of the Daily Worker is in the hands of the American workingclass--not in those of the creditors. Action, and more action! TODAY! Stop the suspension of the Daily! Rush every possible cent by airmail or wire to the Daily Worker: 50 E. 13th St. N.Y. Management Committee, Daily Worker

Attacks on Scottsboro Defense Grow As Hearing on ILD Motions Nears

CHATTANOOGA, June 3.—As the day nears for the hearing (June 5) of the motions of the International Labor Defense for new trials in the case of all nine of the Scottsboro Negro boys, facing the electric chair on a framed-up charge of raping two white girls, the bosses and their tools are increasing their vicious attacks against the mass movement initiated by the I. L. D. and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights to save the lives of the nine boys.

The latest savage outburst against the defense occurred in local court yesterday, when a Negro worker who, under the influence of certain local preachers and N. A. A. C. P. leaders, had brutally beaten his wife because of her support of the defense, was openly congratulated by Judge Fleming and told to use a shotgun on the Reds.

Last Friday night Mrs. Bessie Ball, wife of the misguided worker, had attended, together with Oscar McDowell and his mother, a meeting at which delegates to the All-Southern

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Police Club and Shoot Youth But Charge 52 With 'Rioting'

(Special to the Daily Worker.)

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, June 3.—Charging the young workers whom they had assaulted with guns and clubs on May 30, with "rioting and inciting to violence" police forced through the arraignment of fifty-two of the National Youth Day participants.

Bond was set at one thousand dollars each in property. One young worker was charged with assault and battery and bond set at \$2,500.

A Negro worker, McClaren of Campbell, O., was charged with "malicious assault with intent to kill" with bond fixed at \$2,500.

The prisoners were severely beaten in jail by the savage steel trust police and appeared in court with bandaged heads.

McClaren almost bled to death

15,000 Textile Workers Back Shop Committee Fight on Cut

PAWTUCKET, R. I., June 3.—Two hundred workers of the Rolay Weaving Silk Mill at Pawtucket met and elected a provisional mill committee. They drew up demands and registered 1500 workers in the mill for action against the 18 per cent wage cut in the box loom department.

These workers demand increases in wages instead of cuts. They are preparing to strike on or before July 6, when the wage cut is scheduled to go into effect.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 3.—The General Fabrics mill strikers are standing firm, encouraged by the success in stopping the scabs and a feeling of solidarity with all other textile workers. Their strike committee has

voted support of the workers arrested in Lawrence and Paterson. The relief committee is organized and functioning. With the assistance of Workers International Relief trucks it has brought in much food from the farmers in the neighborhood.

The company management has tried to divide the workers by spreading the rumor that the Polish are leaving the ranks of the strikers. The strike committee points out the fact proved by check up that all the workers are still on strike.

More relief is needed at once for the General Fabrics strikers. The National Board of the National Textile

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HOOVER DIRECTS WAGE CUTTING IN RAILROAD FIELD

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Hoover is helping to put over a railroad wage cut. The facts are brought out in the threatened strike of 400 shopmen on the Louisiana & Arkansas Railway because of wage cuts.

The United States Board of Mediation was reported to have resumed its attempt to settle the strike. Some time ago when the strike was threatened Hoover appointed a special board of three to investigate whether a wage cut couldn't be put over without leading to a strike. When the report was made to Hoover he kept it secret—something never before done. From all facts available in Washington this report was for the wage-cut. Hoover was for it, but did not want the facts to get out so he quashed the report.

Now Hoover has ordered the Board of Mediation to try to settle the strike—with wage-cuts if necessary.

Says R. R. Wages Cut.

LONDON, June 3.—Sir George Hunter, the Tyneside shipbuilding magnate who has just returned from the United States, says that wages are being cut there.

"Even the railways are reducing wages and with cheaper production," he said, "competition with us will be still more severe."

Vare-Pinchot Gang Whitewash Graft on Philadelphia Relief

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 3.—The public hearings on the city charity racket were turned into a whitewash committee yesterday, both factions of the Vare and Pinchot machine agreeing to settle the matter by a social for the purpose of raising funds for the Youngstown NYD victims.

DETROIT, Mich.—The Detroit Young Liberators and ILD will hold a Mass Protest Meeting against the Youngstown Police Brutality on NYD on Friday, June 5th, at 8 p. m. at the Ferry Hall, 1343 E. Ferry Street, Detroit.

Reports will be given by Young Liberators who were beaten up and arrested by the steel scabbers. The Mass Meeting will be followed by a social for the purpose of raising funds for the Youngstown NYD victims.

MASS MARCH ON LIBRARY MINE SPREADS STRIKE; MEET TO WRITE DEMANDS

Strike Committee Session With Delegates from Many Mines Organize

Militant Picketing Answers Display of Force by Deputies and State Police

The rapid spread of the Pennsylvania mine strikes makes it urgent for the "Daily" to send a special correspondent to Pennsylvania to provide its readers with vivid, first-hand accounts of the coal strike there and to make the "Daily" play an active role in helping the miners to victory. We must not let the Daily go under with this great struggle on; rush funds!—The Editor.

BULLETIN.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 3.—Over 250 delegates in the district strike committee meeting this afternoon adopted the district strike call.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 3.—Two thousand two hundred more miners came out on strike today in four mines, making a total of 9,000 now striking and the struggle still spreading. Six hundred miners marched on Montour Mine No. 10 near Library, Pa., coming from various struck mines around the neighborhood. Montour mine is owned by the Pittsburgh Coal Co. Fourteen hundred walked out at this mine, in spite of elaborate mobilization of deputy sheriffs and state police at the call of the operators.

BUILD N. Y. METAL WORKERS LEAGUE

Foster Speaks at Mass Meeting, June 5

The New York local of the Metal Workers Industrial League is calling a special mass meeting of all workers in the metal industry, employed and unemployed. The purpose of the meeting is to lay the basis for the building of an industrial union for all metal workers.

The conditions of the metal workers are becoming worse every day. Wage cuts, speed up and unemployment is our lot. It is through the building of a powerful union that we will be able to better our conditions in the metal industry.

We call upon all metal workers from the shops and factories, especially the former and present members of the I. A. of M. the Amalgamated Metal Workers, the Brotherhood of Metal Workers, the Independent Spinners, Polishers Local No. 1, and all unorganized Metal Workers to come to the mass meeting, Friday, June 5, at 8 p. m., at Stuyvesant Casino, 142 Second Ave., corner 9th Street.

Machinists, tool and die makers, polishers, spinners, auto mechanics, molders, foundry workers, pattern makers, helpers, apprentices, radio workers, and all other workers in the metal trades to come to this mass meeting. William Z. Foster, General Secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, will be the main speaker. In addition, John Steuben, organizer of the New York local of the Metal Workers League, Fred Biedenkapp, former General Organizer of the Brotherhood and Amalgamated Metal Workers.

YOKINEN COLLECTS \$13.51 FOR SCOTTSBORO DEFENSE

A. Yokinien, recently expelled member of the Communist Party on the charge of white chauvinism, is proving his willingness, to carry out the demands of the Party to correct and overcome this. In connection with the Scottsboro Defense Campaign, Yokinien collected and turned in \$13.51 in one box.

CHARLES R. HELMS, director of Mayor Mackey's "Committee for the Relief of the Poor and Unemployed," testified that 64 per cent of all collections went as fees to the collectors. Thousands of dollars collected were not turned in at all. Liquidate Committee
Mayor Mackey has ordered the committee disbanded, and its offices

Tylerdale mine and Soudan mine of the Valey Coal Co. also struck today. The Soudan strike, of 300 men, is the first walk-out in the Bentleyville section and opens this territory for the spread of the strike.

Form District Strike Committee.
Approximately 80 members of the local strike committees who were elected to the district strike committee gathered this afternoon at Pittsburgh, and organized the District strike committee. It included representatives of the unemployed councils of the National Miners' Union and the women's auxiliaries of the N. M. U. in addition to representation from local strike committees and the unorganized mines.

Spread the Strike.

The district strike committee is issuing a call urging the spread of the strike to all mines, and for all miners of the Pennsylvania district to join the National Miners' Union, also united struggle of employed and unemployed miners against starvation. It calls for solidarity of Negro and white workers, building of the National Miners' Union. The strike committee sends greetings to the miners of Kentucky, Illinois, the Anthracite region, East Ohio, and West Virginia, urging them to join this struggle against starvation and to fight under the banner of the N. M. U.

The demands of the strikers are being worked out by the district committee at this afternoon meeting.

Six Arrested.

Six were arrested in this morning's march on the Montour mine, which was heavily guarded by state troopers and coal and iron police. Four were later released, and two were held for "trespassing." They will be defended by the International Labor Defense. The I. L. D. will also defend any strikers arrested.

Kamenovitch made the report to the district strike committee on the general strike situation. Myerscough will report today on unemployment, and there will be reports and discussion and action on organization, including strike strategy.

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Bedacht "Series" Must Appear June 10! Rush Funds!

The series of articles by M. Bedacht answering the Knickerbocker-Post "Holy" crusade against the Soviet Union, scheduled to appear in the "Daily" starting June 10, is one of the most urgently needed in the D. W. The workers are waiting for a detailed answer to the tens of thousands of lies spread about the Soviet Union.

But we will not be able to print this series unless the Daily Worker is kept alive.

Workers! Make possible this series and rush funds immediately to save the Daily from ignoble suspension!

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Trade Union Unity Council For Firemen's 8-Hr. Day

NEW YORK.—The Trade Union Unity Council of Greater New York at its last regular meeting, unanimously adopted the proposal of the Uniformed Firemen's Association for the 8-hour day for the firemen of this city, for which a bill designated as B. of A. No. 32 has been introduced to the Board of Estimates and has been referred to the committee on local laws for consideration. We urge that the committee makes its report and that the 8-hour day for city firemen be put into effect as quickly as possible," states a letter signed by Jack Johnstone, secretary of the T. U. U. C. and addressed to "the mayor and members of the Board of Estimates of the City of New York." The letter further states:

8-Hour Week.
"However, we do wish to express our surprise at the impossibly long hours (84 hours a week) that city firemen are compelled to work. We know of no other category of workers that work such long hours or that would not have gone on strike before now against such unbearable conditions. There are thousands of workers walking the streets, hungry because the city compels the firemen to toil 84 hours a week. While we do not wish to create the impression that reducing the hours of the firemen to 8 hours (without, of course, reduction in pay) would solve unemployment, the shorter work-day, together with government unemployment insurance, is one way of meeting the present economic crisis. This means the recognition of the right of the worker to a job—If industry or the government cannot supply work, then they must provide for unemployment insurance, to be taken from the profits of industry, from incomes over \$5,000 per year."
"The 'Uniformed Firemen's Association' is conducting a signature collection campaign to back up the 8-hour day bill.
"The T. U. U. C. sent a copy of its

letter to the Uniformed Firemen's Association and stated also:
"While we give full support to the struggle for the 8-hour day, for any category of workers, we wish to point out to the Uniformed Firemen's Association that firemen were used against workers demonstrating on Union Square on March 6, 1930, against unemployment. Amongst these workers were members of our organization. This was brought out in the discussion at our last meeting, but, despite the fact that this happened, the decision was unanimous to support the struggle for the 8-hour day. This is food for very serious thought for the Uniformed Firemen's Association. Fighting fires should not be turned into fighting workers who are hungry, who are unemployed, who have been evicted. We propose to demonstrate and fight against these conditions rather than submit to them."
"The letter to the Board of Estimates proposes that the latter hear a T. U. U. C. committee which is prepared to defend the 8-hour day before it. The letter to the firemen proposes that they send a committee to the T. U. U. C. "to discuss ways and means to help you in a practical way."

MILLINERS STRIKE AGAINST PAY CUT

Needle Union Leads Struggle of Trimmers

NEW YORK.—The millinery shop of Berg and Aronoff, 9 West 38th Street has been struck by the trimmers, members of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union, who are out in a fight against an attempted wage cut meant for all departments. The day before, the blockers, members of the company union, Local 2, came to work only to find scabs working in their place. They had been locked out because they had rejected a wage cut.
Yesterday, when the trimmers learned of it, they decided, after a shop committee meeting, that they strike with the demand that the wage cut be taken back so that all workers employed by the shop will not get the scab.

The blockers and trimmers are uniting in their fight against the cut, despite the fact that the blockers are members of the company unions. The Millinery Section of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union appeals to all its members to come to the membership meeting tonight at Irving Plaza, to hear the report of the strikers and plan for victory.

WARNER BROS CUT PAY OFFICE GIRLS

NEW YORK.—In a leaflet issued by the Office Workers' Union, office workers in the Warner Bros. Co., movie producers, 325 W. 44th St., are called upon to resist the 5 per cent wage cut recently instituted.
The wages of the Warner Bros. office staff which comprises some 1,500 office workers, ranges from \$12 to \$30 a week and the cut would be a serious reduction in the food and rent budget of the workers.
The leaflets were well received by the office girls.

"Five Year Plan" in the Central Theatre—A Review

If you want to see a vivid film-talkie exhibition of what is going on in the Soviet Union, see the "Five Year Plan," now playing at the Central Theatre, 47 and Broadway.
The talkie explanation accompanying the film expedition into every region and corner, adds wonderfully to value. From the frozen Arctic to sub-tropical Turkestan, the talkie shows the meaning of socialist construction. And this not only in terms of tons of wheat and kilowatts of power produced in the vast electric projects, but more than all—in the benefits the workers are deriving from the Five Year Plan.
You see the marvelous scenic pictures of every region, the variety of races, all touched with the magic of socialist construction—and at Bolshevik tempo—and with workers and peasants toiling and playing so enthusiastically and joyfully that the lie about "forced labor" is knocked out without a word being said about it.
The cultural side of the Five Year Plan receives adequate attention, and the improvement in workers' living conditions is especially plain—and can be, though of course the picture does not, contrasted with the conditions under capitalism.
The "Workers' Clubs" are, as shown, usually the most splendid buildings. The Caucasian and Crimean sanatoria for workers bring

SEND CALL FOR A FEDERATION OF CULTURAL BODIES

John Reed Club Moves To Call Conference For June 14

NEW YORK.—Initiating a call for the organization of a workers' cultural federation in New York the John Reed Club has sent out a letter to workers cultural groups and sympathetic bodies. The letter reads:
Dear Friends:
On June 14th at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St., New York, a conference will be called for the purpose of forming a Federation of workers' cultural groups in the New York area. We invite your organization to be represented. At your next meeting two delegates should be elected to this conference; or, if you have no regular meeting before June 14th, appoint delegates through your executive board.
The New York federation will be the nucleus around which will eventually be built an organization of all workers' cultural groups in this country.
The question of such a federation was raised at the World Conference of Revolutionary Writers and Artists, held at Karkhov, USSR, last November, and the American delegates, representing the John Reed Club and New Masses, assigned the task of initiating it.
On the basis of the Karkhov Conference, as well as of requests from many of the nearly 2,000 working class cultural organizations in this country, the John Reed Club now sends this call.
The benefits of such a federation are plain. It will act as a clearing house for the dissemination of ideas and experiences through the press and the publication of bulletins. Without in any way interfering with existing organizations, it will broaden the cultural front of the masses and make possible cooperation between various groups as such organizations already have in Germany and the U. S. S. R.
The Conference will be called promptly at 10:30 a. m., Sunday, June 14th, at Irving Plaza. The importance of your delegation to the success of the whole plan cannot be too greatly stressed. Please inform us immediately of the names of your delegates and the name and address of your secretary.
Fraternally,
**THE JOHN REED CLUB,
LOUIS LOZOWICK,
Executive Secretary.**

TAMMANY GRAFTED ON FLUSHING AIRPORT GET READY FOR WHITEWASH

The New York City Airport, Inc., of Flushing, part of the war preparations, is now under fire. Subpoenas were issued yesterday to the officers and employees. Borough President George U. Harvey of Queens and his public works commissioner, John J. Halleran, are involved in this new so-called Tammany investigation.
The airport property, valued at \$69,000, was advertised to those who would buy stock as being worth \$3,000,000, with improvements which would be valued at \$4,000,000. Judging by what the sewer scandal revealed in Queens, it goes without saying that the Tammany grafters have found in this a good source of graft.

Roosevelt Helps Power Co. Raise Electricity Rates

NEW YORK.—On the very day that Gov. Roosevelt of New York was voicing full-mouthed demagoguery against the "big power trusts" in agreement with Gov. Pinchot of Pennsylvania, the Public Service Commission, dominated by Gov. Roosevelt, raised the electric light rates for 50 per cent of the small users of electricity.
At this time of wage cuts, unemployment and starvation, a raise in the electric light rates in the workers' homes—rates already higher than the workers can pay—means a further reduction in the standard of living for the workers. For many workers it will mean a reversion to primitive methods of lighting. For the big power trusts, thanks to Roosevelt and the Tammany grafters, it means writing more dollars out of the

HILLMAN PLANS COMPANY STRIKE "STABILIZATION"

Collect Assessment for Gangsters Who Forced Girls Off Job

NEW YORK.—The strong arm committee sent by the Hillman machine to force girl lapel makers in Local 54 off the job, is now being defended by the Hillman machine at the expense of the rank and file.
At a meeting of Local 161 to which the girls had been fooled into transferring thinking they would get other jobs, a tax of \$5 was forced on all local members to defend the gangsters who attacked the girls.
At Local 19, the knee pants makers' local of the Amalgamated, an Election and Objections Committee was elected. The Board of Directors sent in a committee to supervise the elections. This committee of the Board of Directors immediately did away with the Election Objections Committee. They went further and over-ruled the decision of the last local meeting which decided that "all members no matter how much they are in arrears in dues because of unemployment and the slack season should be allowed to run on the ballot and also have the right to vote."
The Board of Directors committee gave yellow dog agreements to anyone whom they suspected of being a left-winger or a Communist. The yellow-dog contract called that the candidate swears that he does not belong to the Communist Party, the Trade Union Unity League, or any other left wing organization.
The Board of Directors called the workers ignoramuses, and said that they don't know what they wanted. The Board of Directors came to instruct the workers, and not to take orders from the rank and file, they declared. Because of the protest of

Roosevelt Helps Power Co. Raise Electricity Rates

smaller electricity users. On the other hand, the big corporations, the big users of electricity have had their rates cut. The difference is to be made up by mulcting the workers, by squeezing more dollars from the narrower pay envelope of the worker, or out of the diminishing savings of the unemployed lucky enough to have any.
How the raise in rates for the workers will increase the electric light bill, to the profit of the big power trust—that is to Morgan and Mellon—is shown by the following table:

If the bill was	Kilow. hrs. now	It will
\$0.35	5	\$1.00
.70	10	1.00
1.05	15	1.30
1.40	20	1.55
1.75	25	1.80

N. Y. State Issues Medals Not Food to Jobless Vets

NEW YORK.—The State of New York, which slugged and terrorized the Hunger Marchers who demanded Unemployment Insurance, relief for the one million starving jobless of New York, is now issuing War Medals to every World War Veteran who was a resident of the State when he entered service. For those who enlisted with the New York National Guard on the Mexican border in 1916 there is another Service medal. In addition there is still another imperialist decoration issued known as the Conspicuous Service Cross, which is given only to World War Veterans who lived in New York State when they entered service and received some kind of honorary mention.
This is the latest example of imperialist preparations for war and

BALLAM SPEAKS IN TRENTON FRI. Is Red Candidate For Governor

TRENTON, N. J.—John J. Ballam, Communist candidate for Governor of New Jersey, will speak in Trenton this Friday evening, June 5, at 8 p. m. on the local issues of struggle affecting the working class in New Jersey especially as they are brought into the forefront during the coming election campaign. The Republican and Democratic reactionaries met in Trenton on Tuesday and completed their so-called platform, which deals with the fake issue of booze, taxation and so-called "invisible government," the government of gangsters and racketeers. Ballam will expose the humbug of the reactionaries.
The meeting will be held at Arcade Hall, Trenton. This is the first meeting before the State Ratification Convention of the Communist Party takes place on June 14, at Laurel Gardens. All organizations are urged to elect their delegates and send in their credentials without delay.
Use your Red Shock Troop List every day on your job. The worker next to you will help save the Daily Worker.

FRAME "EMPROS" EDITOR, MANAGER

Charged With "Bank Rumors"

NEW YORK.—Charles Solon, editor of the Greek Communist weekly, Empros, and Harry Phillips, manager of the paper, were arrested Tuesday on framed charges in connection with a run on the Bank of Athens Trust Company, 205 West 33rd St.
The arrest was instigated by Greek fascists and is an attempt to strike a crushing blow at Empros, whose influence among the Greek workers has been increasing rapidly. The two workers were arrested by members of the bomb squad, and for many hours their whereabouts were cloaked with the utmost secrecy. Federal, state and city police authorities refused to give the New York District of the International Labor Defense any information. They were discovered by accident. Allan Taub, attorney for the New York I.L.D., was in night court, 314 West 54th Street, Tuesday night defending 44 workers who were arrested in connection with an eviction. While he was there the case of the two Greek workers was called, and Taub immediately presented himself as their lawyer.
The arrest of Solon and Phillips came as a result of an article that appeared in the Empros of May 29. This article contained the information that the officials of the Omonoia branch of the Pancreta, a reactionary Greek mutual aid society, had withdrawn \$30,000 from the Bank of Athens Trust Company without informing the members, many of whom also were depositors in the bank. As a result of this information, many Greek workers withdrew their savings from the bank. Solon and Phillips were then arrested on the complaint of Pane Dimon, assistant vice-president of the bank and charged with violating a state statute concerning the circulation of false information about banks. The penalty for this is one year in jail or \$1,000 fine or both.
The two workers will receive a hearing today (Thursday) in Jefferson Market Court. The Greek fascists at the head of the bank and the mutual aid society are bending all efforts to secure a conviction. The New York District of the I.L.D. calls all workers to help defeat this attack on the Greek workers and their militant organ, Empros.

CONCERT AND DANCE Saturday, June 6th

Downtown Workers Club
11 Clinton Street, N. Y. C.
Arranged by Unit 1, Sec. 1, C. F. 8 P. M. Admission 25c
RYAN WALKER, Cartoonist
Other Attractive Attractions on Program—JAZZ BAND.
PROCEEDS TO SAVE THE DAILY WORKER

ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCE Saturday, June 6th

Ukrainian Workers Hall
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Arranged by Section 1, Unit 2
Communist Party

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THE WORKERS' HEALTH TEACHER

A short time ago some rich ladies, or, to be exact, women of the lower, parasitic class, met in New York to discuss the mortality of women soon after childbirth. Mrs. Hoover, the president's wife, spoke. They were all "astonished and shocked" that this country has the highest death rate in a process which is so natural and is not a disease in itself. But what they did not reveal was that the 16,000 (sixteen thousand) mothers who sacrificed every year in the U. S. were mainly proletarians and that the main cause was the profit system under which we live. Many obstetricians, although overpaid as it is, are so intent upon making that in their hurry to do as many confinements as possible, use instruments when not absolutely necessary and disregard scientific rules of asepsis. They do not dare to work that way among the better informed women of the dominant class.
At this occasion I wish to attract the attention of the workers' wives to the fact that, if they give BIRTH in a maternity, where they are supposed to pay—always too much for what they get—for ALL the services they SHOULD NEVER ENGAGE AN OBSTETRICIAN FROM OUTSIDE AND PAY AN EXTRA FEE. This habit has been introduced of late and is an outrage.
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AR. A. LONE

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What's On—

NOTICE
Houseworkers' Brotherhood of Greater New York
Has transferred its headquarters from 217 E. Sixth St. to the Trade Union Unity League Building, 16 W. 21st St.

THURSDAY
Steve Katoevs Branch I.L.D.
Will hold an open-air meeting at 8 p. m. at Ave. B and Seventh St.

Printing Workers' Industrial League
Meets at 7:30 p. m. at 16 W. 21st St.

Joe Hill Branch I. L. D.
Meets at 6:30 p. m. at 132 W. 26th St.

Houseworkers' Brotherhood of Greater New York
Affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League, will meet at 7:30 p. m. at its new headquarters at 16 W. 21st St. All members are urged to bring their fellow workers along.

Brownsville Branch I.L.D.
Will hold an open-air meeting at 8:30 p. m. at Stuyvesant and Pitkin Aves.

Yorkville Branch I.L.D.
Holds an open-air meeting at 7:2nd St. and First Ave. at 8 p. m.

THURSDAY
Lectures
Given by Gino Perini at 8:30 p. m. at 2700 Bronx Park East (Co-op Colony). Subject: "Women of the New Russia."

Alteration Painters T.U.L.L.
Meets at 8:30 p. m. at 1490 Boston Rd. Discussion on Scottboro will follow business meeting.

Council No. 30
Will give a lecture on the "Role of Women in the Class Struggle" at 1210 Elder Ave., Bronx, at 8:30 p. m.

Council No. 54
Of Middle Village will have an open-air meeting at 8:30 p. m. at Steuben and Hylan Sts.

Friends of the Soviet Union
Open membership meeting of Manhattan branches will take place at 8 p. m. at Labor Temple, Second Ave. and 14th St. Admission free.

Hyman Speaks
At Open Forum at Memorial Auditorium, 344 W. 28th St., at 1 p. m.

Knitgoods Workers
Meet at the office of the union, 181 W. 28th St., at 8 p. m.

Military Workers
Meet at Irving Plaza at 6 p. m.

FRIDAY
Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League
Branch 1 holds its regular membership meeting at 8 p. m. at 79 E. Tenth St.

Young Defenders
Will hold an open-air meeting at Claremont and Washington, to be followed by a protest meeting against the Scottboro frame-up at Ambassador Hall, Meet at 1490 Boston Rd. at 7:30 p. m.

Important for Bensonhurst
A membership meeting of the Mapleton Workers' Club will be held at 1684 66th St., Brooklyn, at 8:30 p. m.

SATURDAY
Bill Hayward Branch I. L. D.
Of Brighton Beach and Coney Island will give a concert and dance at 8 p. m. at Ocean Side Hotel, 3033 W. 22nd St. Excellent program has been prepared.

Entertainment and Dance
Given by the Photographic Workers' Industrial League of the Trade Union Unity League will be held at Pythian Hall, 135 W. 70th St.

Dance and Entertainment
Given by the Bronx Hungarian Workers' Club and the Spartacus Sport Club, for the benefit of the Spartacade, will take place at 75 Westchester Ave. Good music. Admission 50 cents.

Entertainment and Dance for the Daily Worker
Will take place at Ukrainian Hall, 66 E. Fourth St. at 8 p. m. Admission 25 cents.

Concert and Dance
Given by the Communist Party, Unit 1, Section 1, at the Downtown Workers' Club at 11 Clinton St. will be held at 8 p. m. Admission 25 cents.

A Colorful Party and Dance
Given by the Communist Party, Unit 15, Section 6, at 8 p. m. at Lelievre Hall, 45 Ten Eyck St., Brooklyn, N. Y. All proceeds to the Daily Worker.

Women's Council 3
Will have a concert and party for the benefit of the Daily Worker at 3109 Avenue A, Bronx.

DROUGHT CROP FAILURE AND AGRARIAN CRISIS IS DRIVING MONTANA FARMERS TO RUIN

Grain Destroyed By Heat, Frost and Storms; Cattle Drop From Lack of Pasture; Water Sells At \$6 a Tank

(By a Farmer's Wife)

PLENTYWOOD, Mont.—One of the most serious droughts in the history of this section is threatening Sheridan County and its environs this summer. After practically dry weather for two years, the farmers who have been unable to pay their mortgages and taxes for several years are this year facing actual destitution with a crop failure evidently before them, and the price of grain as low as it is.

Grain Destroyed.

What grain has come up in this vicinity is fast being destroyed by the burning heat of exceptionally warm days or the killing frosts at night, or are cut off by fierce sand storms that have been raging over the bare farms. Stock of any kind has no pasture, and much of it has been driven from farms for miles around to spots where there are vestiges of green grass. Many of the milk cows are almost too weak to stand for lack of pasture or feed. In parts of North Dakota, which is just across the line from here, it is reported water has been selling at \$6 a tank.

Driven To Highways

Along the highways are other pictures of depression. Men and women from all walks of life and of all ages are tramping the roads, some going east, some west, many in hope of finding even a place where they can work for 16 hours a day for board. Fifty cents and \$1.00 a day are not unusual wages in this section for abled men for picking rock and doing other heavy farm work. In the stock-yards of many of the small towns one can often find five or six women or girls in search of work huddled together around a fire to keep them warm for the night, none of them having money enough for a night's lodging.

Teachers Pay Cut

Many of the County employees after last years taxes were paid were

Banks Deny Credit to Share Croppers and Poor Farmers

Idaho Farmers Look Toward Soviets

Buhl, Idaho.

Dear Comrades: I am a share cropper and I find it hard to get credit. Last week the grocery man told me that he could not give me credit any longer. I owe him a bill of \$10. When I asked the banker for a loan of \$150, he told me that I had no collateral. I have three horses, two cows and farm machinery that cost me \$400 and a crop on 40 acres of highly productive soil. This is no collateral in the eyes of these parasitical bankers.

Bankers Help Landlords.

This is not an isolated case, but most of the share croppers over the whole irrigated tract here of 200,000 acres are in the same or even worse condition. The bankers are helping the big landlords and not the real producers.

The local newspapers are full of propaganda about Soviet "dumping" and "forced labor." They lie so much that the people are beginning to say: "I don't believe the Russians are doing all of that." I use the Daily Worker to point out their lies and why they lie.

Farm Pay Cut.

On the farms where workers were previously paid from \$50 to \$60 a month, \$20 to \$35 is now the wage scale—most of the workers getting \$30 a month.

I keep passing the Daily Worker around here and you would be surprised at the way a lot of the fellows have changed. They are talking about the Soviet Union. We are going to try and get an organization started here soon—a branch of the United Farmers' League.

—Sympathizer.

2nd Week of Campaign For \$35,000. Finds 16 Districts Motionless

Best Seller in Town

This is Comrade Cliff Clausen, Port Angeles, Wash., Daily Worker agent. He is putting the Daily Worker on the map in this burgh.

The eleventh day of the Campaign for \$35,000 finds practically every District in the country with the exception of New York and Chicago at virtual standstill. It is an interesting commentary on the extent of District responsibility, to the Daily Worker, when out of a total amount raised, as of June 1st, of \$5,426.02—\$4,621.09 of this amount was sent in by New York and Chicago alone. It is necessary to report that the other 16 districts combined, subscribed \$804.93, as of June 1st.

Why is District 5, Pittsburgh, with a quota of \$1,000 so silent in the campaign? Something must be radically wrong with a District apparatus that not only takes 11 days to raise \$8, but ignores all correspondence with regard to the Drive. District 3, Philadelphia, after sending an excellent plan of work in the Campaign, has fallen down completely. When a District as populous as Philadelphia with a quota of \$2,500 can only raise \$177 to date, it is certain that activity of comrades in this district is not what it should be.

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Scottsboro Defense Conferences

June 5.

Springfield, Conn. Indianapolis, Ind.—At Odd Fellows Hall, 530 1/2 Indiana Ave., at 7:30 p. m.

Baltimore, Md.—At Gallean Fishermen's Hall, 411 W. Biddle St., at 8 p. m.

June 6.

Chester, Pa., at Lithuanian Hall, 4th and Upland Streets.

New Brunswick, N. J.—At the Workers' Home, 11 Plum St., at 2:30 p. m.

June 7.

Danbury, Conn., at 14 Ives St.

Gary, Ind., at Croatian Hall, 23rd and Washington St., at 2 p. m.

Kansas City—2 p. m. Hall later.

Reading, Pa., at Bethlehem M.E. Church.

June 8.

Yonkers, N. Y.—At the Workers' Co-operative Center, 232 Warburton Ave., at 8 p. m.

June 12.

New Haven, Conn., at 36 Howe St.

June 13.

San Antonio, Texas, at the Colored Laborers Hall, 315 Virginia Boulevard.

New Britain, Conn.

June 14.

Detroit, Mich.—At 1343 E. Ferry St.

June 15.

Bridgeport, Conn., at 57 Cannon St.

U. S. Holds Chong For the Hangman Arrest Leader of the Chinese Workers

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Arrested last April when he led a demonstration of 600 unemployed before the Chinese consulate and the Chinese Six Company, Dea Chong, a militant worker is now held at Angel Island, awaiting deportation to the Chiang Kai-Shek hangmen.

Chong was picked out because of his militancy in organizing the Chinese workers. He was one of the organizers of the Chinese Labor League that affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League and also an active member of the Chinese Unemployed Council.

The Chinese workers who knew in Chong a tried leader, are rallying to his support and protesting his arrest. A committee has been elected to conduct a fight for his release and all white workers are urged to lend their support to aid the struggle to free Comrade Chong.

How Reformists Treat Lynch Terror

Facetious treatment of lynch murder by a Negro reformist press agency and the Negro reformist papers is the effort to curb the rising anger of the Negro masses against the brutal lynch terror.

It is in this same treacherous spirit that the top leadership of the N. A. A. C. P. and those papers and organizations under their influence are co-operating with the Southern boss lynchers in the attempt to strangle the mass united front movement instituted by the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights in the campaign to save the lives of the nine innocent Scottsboro Negro boys.

Negro workers! Repudiate the traitors! Take up the fight against lynching in earnest! Form a fighting alliance with the white workers to save the Scottsboro children and smash the lynching terror!

15,000 Textile Workers Back Shop Committee Fight On Wage Cut

The National Board at its session just concluded stated:

"The struggle of the 700 strikers in the General Fabrics has great significance for the silk workers in particular and for the Textile Workers of the entire New England section. These workers have been on strike for the past three weeks against the almost unbearable special speed-up methods that were introduced by the company. Every means of reducing the wages of the workers and decreasing their skill was made use of. Loom fixers, members of the United Textile Workers were made special victims of these efficiency schemes and their union instead of fighting for the needs of its membership co-operated with the management in preventing any fight.

"The strike is being fought by the workers against a national silk corporation with subsidiaries in New Bedford and in Pennsylvania. The strikers have raised the banner of struggle for better conditions, and have accepted the leadership of the National Textile Workers Union in what was only one year ago a stronghold of the United Textile Workers.

Answer U. T. W. The local organizer of the United Textile Workers, Powers, has issued a vicious attack on the strikers as "foreigners and Reds" hoping to provide a means whereby the Police and Department of Justice may break the strike.

The reply of the workers is the development of their strike demands

STEEL HELMET FASCISTS PROVOKE BLOODY FIGHT IN GERMANY; PRINCE SEES PARADE CALLING FOR NEW WAR

Socialist Convention Opens in Leipzig With Socialists Torn Over Question of Aid or Attack for USSR

(Cable by Inprecorr)

BERLIN, June 3.—The Stahlhelm (Steel Helmet) Fascist parade at Breslau was accompanied by a large counter-demonstration. Shootings and a bloody collision took place. The German crown prince, Generals Seeckt and Mackensen, as well as other prominent nobles and generals of the old regime, were present. Provocative speeches were made against Poland. The police attacked the counter-demonstration furiously. Over fifty workers were arrested. Many were wounded by police bullets. One fascist was killed.

A truckload of fascists bumped into a locomotive near Breslau, resulting in the death of four fascists. The parade demonstrated the Stahlhelm policy of restoring the monarchy, for the establishment of a fascist dictatorship to crush the workers' movement and for revenge on Poland, as well as for a united front against the Soviet Union.

Socialists Meet. Yesterday noon the Socialist Congress opened at Leipzig with a demonstration. Longuet, Vandervelde, Austerlitz and other European socialists spoke. Following the greetings the congress adjourned. On Monday the socialist leader, Tarnov, spoke concerning the bankruptcy of the capitalist system, but attacked the Soviet Union. Bruening's emergency decrees and the socialist support of the cruiser building program as well as other measures of Bruening have not been mentioned yet.

Tarnov declared that capitalism must not be forced along the path of collapse. He prophesied a new period of boom. In the discussion that followed, the left winger, Graft, protested against Tarnov's anti-Soviet incitement. Crispin followed against attacking the Soviet Union. The next speaker, Bieleck, supported the Soviet Union, declaring that the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics was the only hope of millions of workers.

The discussion was continued in the afternoon sessions. BERLIN, June 3.—On Thursday collisions between fascists and workers took place in Westphalia and caused two more deaths. A Communist and a member of the Christian Union died in the hospital. The Communist Party has appealed to all workers to go on a one-day strike on the day of the burial.

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Attacks On Scottsboro Defense Grow As Hearing On I.L.D. Motions Nears

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United Front Scottsboro Defense Conference, which was held here on Sunday, were elected. Mrs. Ball was one of those elected as delegates.

Upon her return home she was brutally attacked and terribly beaten by her husband, Reuben Ball, who, under the influence of the lurid and vicious lies spread by the local N. A. A. C. P. leaders and preachers, became furious because she had allied herself with the mass movement to save the nine boys. Mrs. Ball was saved from possible murder by the intervention of Oscar McDowell, who lives next door. She was taken into the home of the McDowells and nursed by Oscar McDowell's mother.

Next day, Ball's daughter had him arrested. When the case came up in court yesterday Ball told the judge that his wife was a Red, whereupon Judge Fleming congratulated the wife-beater and gave him the infamous advice to use a shotgun on the Reds. The judge, moreover, offered police aid the next time Ball wanted to beat his wife or attack workers supporting the defense of the Scottsboro boys.

In their desperation, in face of the growing unity of the white and Negro workers in the fight to save the nine boys, the bosses and their court further followed up the action of Judge Fleming with a police raid on the home of Oscar McDowell. Police today broke into their home and arrested McDowell, his mother and Mrs. Ball on a trumped-up charge of disorderly conduct for attending the defense conference. McDowell and his mother were later released.

To include demands for the loomfixers who are members of the U.T.W. and many of whom have joined the National Textile Workers Union. The strikers have sent out committees to organize throughout the entire Blackstone Valley, and realizing that their struggle is a national one they have sent organizing committees into Lawrence and Paterson in order to assist in the work of the union there and to collect relief for their own strike. The General Fabrics strikers are showing the way to organize. The very workers should support the General Fabrics strike by giving liberally in their collections and by sending in funds to the National Office of the Union at 1755 Westminster St. Providence, R. I. Donations should be marked "General Fabrics."

but Mrs. Ball was fined \$10, evidently because her husband had beaten her. The husband was released, with the congratulations of the judge.

On the same day of his release Ball began to play up to the expectations of the boss judge by striking Mrs. McDowell on the head with a wooden block, because she protested against his tearing up a copy of The Liberator in her home.

Ball also carried out the advice of the judge to use a shotgun on those supporting the fight to save the nine boys. Oscar McDowell was in his yard getting some salv from a neighbor to use on his mother's head when Ball opened fire on him with a shotgun. Both were arrested and held on the charge of felonious assault with intent to kill, although it was Ball who had used the shotgun. Moreover Ball was immediately released, while Mr. McDowell was held in jail and only released when the I. L. D. furnished bond for him.

Ball's attack on his wife and his later treacherous activities against those fighting the legal lynching of the nine innocent Scottsboro boys is a direct result of the activities of the N. A. A. C. P. leaders and the local preachers under their influence, who, for days before the All-Southern Defense Conference, were busy visiting churches and organizations in an attempt to terrorize the workers to keep them from supporting the defense of the boys. In many cases they threatened workers with arrest if they dared to support the united front fight to stop the legal lynching of the nine boys.

This latest outrage against the defense and the lives of the nine boys, far from scaring away the masses from the fight to save the boys, will only serve to further enrage the white and Negro masses and to rally support for the defense.

Southern Pacific to Fire 100 More Workers This Week

Sacramento, Cal.

The Western Pacific at the Jeffries Shops in Sacramento has laid most of their workers off. The only work that the W. P. is doing at this time is what they have to do on the locomotives and loaded freight that must be repaired before it is sent out.

The only way to do away with such conditions is to join into the Railroad Workers Industrial League and force the bosses to shorten the hours with no reduction in wages and to pay unemployment insurance to all unemployed workers.

United Fruit Pays Navy Men in Booze for Dirty Work in Honduras

Albany.

His experiences in the navy on the Pacific also were revealing. "The Navy makes lots of movies of their own, as well as some that they give to Hollywood. Boy, those camera-men sure are well treated in the Navy!"

Yes, the United Fruit Co. treats the gobs swell, and the Navy treats the camera and newspaper men swell. It's a swell game.

This gob, now on his way to the folks back home, will soon see the other side of this swell game. He's got a copy of the Daily and some pamphlets which will make him see sooner.

Hundreds More Workers Fired in Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Pa.

closed down entirely, the workers getting their last pay of \$11. The John Wanamaker Store also recently laid off 400 women workers. This happened on the 18th of May. The city water station down town on Twelfth St. also closed down, firing everybody. These workers were already working under the stagger system.

The papers state that employment is increasing. All that we workers can see is a decrease.

Mass March On Library Mine Spreads Strike; Meet To Write Demands

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starvation by means of the spread of the strike, and "building of the National Miners' Union."

Oakland Street Car Force Cut in Half

OAKLAND, Cal.—Extension of one man service cars in Piedmont has been carried out. Grand Avenue to be next, followed throughout the city. Also curtailed form of service to be given.

The company has threatened to raise 10 cents fare instead of 7 cents. Last month the State Legislature has voted to abolish the paving between car tracks for the company. In spite of this tremendous gift of the state, the fare is to be raised.

The workers ride the cars so a heavier burden will be forced upon them. Workers are running upon them and they will be forced to slave harder for their living for less money. Workers have received wage cuts a while ago through re-shifting of jobs. Layoffs have taken place to less than half of original force. Those remaining on the jobs speeded beyond human endurance.

Vare-Pinchot Gang Whitewash Graft On Philadelphia Relief

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closed. A "benefit" scheduled to be held in Convention Hall on June 18 is called off, and what few dollars are actually in the treasury of the committee are turned over to the Lloyd committee (a bankers' organization which used the jobs for "made work" at scab wages as part of a wage cutting drive). The Lloyd committee has now suspended operations and fired all the men it had given work to.

The net result of Philadelphia charity so far is very little for the jobs, and even that little now discontinued, but big graft, so big that a political squabble took place for control of it. A new fight is looming over the \$3,000,000 appropriated as a result of the hunger march. The city government proposes to give it to the Lloyd committee.

Jobs Demand Fund

But the jobs will take a hand in the matter. The Trade Union Unity League is arranging a city-wide demonstration to demand that this money be turned over to the committee of the unemployed for distribution.

At the hearings yesterday, M. H. Powers, secretary of the Philadelphia district of the Trade Union Unity League, demanded the floor to testify on the absence of relief and make the demands of the jobless themselves known, but the council meeting broke up at once.

ANOTHER WAGE CUT

ALBANY, N. Y.—The Hunt-Helms-Ferris Co. put over a 10 cent wage-cut here last week for all steady employees. They cut the extra help from 50 to 45 cents per hour. This company is a national manufacturer of lamp machinery.

RECEIPTS DROP AGAIN; ACT TO SAVE THE "DAILY!"

The totals for Tuesday tell why the Daily Worker finds itself in such a critical situation. Only \$306.35 for the day. Comrades, our campaign is going down instead of up! The districts outside of New York and Chicago still show no life. But no district is up to the mark. The Daily Worker faces suspension! Only quick action can save it!

Tuesday's contributions follow:

Table listing contributions from various districts and individuals, including District 1, District 2, District 3, District 4, District 5, District 6, District 7, District 8, District 9, District 10, District 11, District 12, District 13, District 14, District 15, District 16, District 17, District 18, District 19, District 20, District 21, District 22, District 23, District 24, District 25, District 26, District 27, District 28, District 29, District 30, District 31, District 32, District 33, District 34, District 35, District 36, District 37, District 38, District 39, District 40, District 41, District 42, District 43, District 44, District 45, District 46, District 47, District 48, District 49, District 50, District 51, District 52, District 53, District 54, District 55, District 56, District 57, District 58, District 59, District 60, District 61, District 62, District 63, District 64, District 65, District 66, District 67, District 68, District 69, District 70, District 71, District 72, District 73, District 74, District 75, District 76, District 77, District 78, District 79, District 80, District 81, District 82, District 83, District 84, District 85, District 86, District 87, District 88, District 89, District 90, District 91, District 92, District 93, District 94, District 95, District 96, District 97, District 98, District 99, District 100.

Santal Midy advertisement for bladder and kidney weakness, including a small illustration of the product box.

NEGRO WORKERS! RALLY TO SAVE "DAILY WORKER"

By WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
Member Executive Committee, League of Struggle for Negro Rights

ONE of the most vicious attacks upon the lives of Negro peoples in America is the attempt of the ruling class of the South to legally lynch nine Negro boys in Scottsboro, Alabama. The long history of mob violence and lynchings knows no page blacker than this. Yet the capitalist press of America even in the largest cities is silent. The preparations for this mass murder of Negro boys are being concealed by the press of the class that is preparing the execution. One cannot forget that this same white ruling class press has on occasions printed news of a lynching before it took place, even naming the time and place.

er of the Liberation Movement of the Negro people.

This is not an accident. The Daily Worker speaks for the Communist Party. The Communist Party is the only leader of the struggles of the working class of America, Negro and white, against ruling class terror and against the starvation system of the bosses. It is the only leader of the struggle of the inhumanly oppressed Negro and white farmers of America. The major part of the Negro press in the hands of the Negro capitalists has deserted the liberation struggles of the Negro masses. Their interests are in common with the interests of the Negro landlords, the big Negro preachers, the Negro insurance men and bankers. Their profits come from the exploitation of the masses as does the profits of the white ruling class.

Can We Afford to Lose 'Daily'?
Can the Negro masses afford to lose this weapon in their struggle against the hell of segregation, jim-crowism and ruling class mob terror? Can the nine Scottsboro boys afford to lose this weapon of defense? Not without grave danger to their lives. Yet the Daily Worker is in a terrible situation. Its finances are so low, any minute may see it suspend publication.

Action at once is necessary! Only the workers can save their paper! Every cent counts. Negro workers, rally to the support of your paper. Rally to the support of the press that is uniting the Negro and white workers of America to overthrow the system of boss oppression, starvation, jim-crowism, of lynching and mob terror!

TARGET PRACTICE—



By BURCK

Red Sparks
By JORGE

The New York School System

Very recently some gentleman in the Tammany Board of Ignorance, which is misnamed "Board of Education," figured out that it would be a grand idea to expell all children from the schools who show signs of intelligence enough not to agree with the notion that capitalism is perfectly all right.

That being the case, it is well to examine just what kind of "Board of Education" New York endures. Firstly, we may call attention to the fact that a test made public recently, a test carried out by absolutely kosher capitalist educators among some 2,000 pupils, revealed that these victims of Tammany knew apparently much less, even of simple factual knowledge, than if they had stayed home and played with the cat instead of attending classes.

Further, not so long ago, it was revealed that the big cheese—or cheeses—of the Board, having had some brighter persons write text-books, not only assumed authorship of such books, but managed to get them "approved by the Board (not a hard task) and made bags of money from their sale. Quite like Tammany.

Now an investigation—doubtless by rival grafters but none the less useful—exposes how this "Board of Education" get land on which to build schools. On May 28, a gent named Fly Maran, testified before the investigators, admitted a situation which, boiled down into an example, is briefly revealed in the following:

Maran owned a track of 200 lots on Sedgwick Ave. in the Bronx. About March 1, 1927, a bozo named Horowitz came to Maran for an option on thirty of these lots, which he selected carefully from all the rest. A month later, in April, the Board of Education began to discuss buying land somewhere in that neighborhood for a school. On May 25, 1927, the Board of Education definitely decided to buy just 30 lots—and as luck would have it—precisely those thirty lots which Horowitz had selected.

Horowitz had paid no money nor had he signed any papers, and Maran was happy that he had such a wonderful friend, so happy, in fact, that when he was paid \$169,000 for those lots, he presented Horowitz with \$6,500. Maran said Horowitz "knew who to go to" so he sold another school site and paid Horowitz \$10,000. Horowitz evidently had the Board of Education eating out of his hand.

Now let's see something else. A reader sent us a copy of "The News Outline," a little sheet put out for children in the public schools. We got the edition of March 9-13, entirely devoted to the vilest kind of lies about the Soviet Union. It is headed: "Will Other Nations Buy Russia's Goods?" and it spins a long yarn about "how Russia produces her goods," the old story—forced labor, "the use of men who are not paid for their labor," and "the products of their labor belong to the state and not to the men who do the work." Nothing is said about school sites or text books.

But the sting of the thing is in a "True-False Test" at the end; statements which the pupil is supposed to respond to as "true" or "false," so that the teacher can judge, supposedly, if the pupil has learned what was said.

The kid who answers "true" to the test statement: "Russia forces men to work in lumber camps" is judged to be a bright boy who has learned his lesson. But if he answers "false"—er, ha!—then he is not only a dull scholar, but is listed among those "reds," the Pioneers, whom the Tammany grafters in the Board of Education want to expell from the schools.

We don't think it necessary to say any more about the N. Y. Board of Education.

"Maryland, My Maryland"

A reader tells us that he has discovered why the Maryland legislature and governor were "too busy" to receive the Unemployed Delegation and Hunger Marchers, so "busy" that they had the police beat up about twenty and throw them in jail to keep from being disturbed in their "important" deliberations. He says:

"The other day while going over the files of the Washington Star of last March, I came upon a news item from Annapolis, dated March 14, which reads as follows:

"Tabby the Cat captured the attention of the Maryland House of Delegates yesterday, and it began to appear that stealing a cat would become a crime. The Bill, sponsored by the Maryland Cat Club, to make cats of equal value with dogs as legal property in the eyes of the law, was advanced to the third reading file. The Bill, introduced by T. Warren Rice, of the Sixth Baltimore District, would punish theft of a cat by imprisonment up to three months."

Clearly, legislators occupied with such pressing matters of state, have no time for the unemployed, tens of thousands of whom throughout Maryland may, it is true, be tempted to steal a cat and fry it for supper. As for us, we are tempted to parody:

For life or death, for war or weal,
Thy peerless chivalry reveal,
And pass a law, a cat to steal,
Gets ninety days, in Maryland.

O. Shaw!

From London we are told that there is an uproar in Catholic church circles because George Bernard Shaw, in a radio speech about Joan of Arc, inferred that the "Maid of Orleans" was totally lacking in sex appeal. The high church "dignitaries" say that such a remark is "a criminal insult."

We cannot decide who is correct, never having met the girl. Perhaps she had Clara Bow out-classed, as the protest of indignant "holy fathers" seems to imply. But what we are certain of is that the Catholic church, which burned her to death at the stake, are poor pleaders against anyone else "insulting" her memory.

Tell Your Landlord

An Associated Press dispatch last Friday opened up as follows:

"WASHINGTON, May 29.—As official Washington views it, a downward adjustment of rents appears necessary. There is generally a surplus of space in all dwellings with the single exception of one-family houses."

Of course you shouldn't wait for "official Washington" to do anything about it. Reduced rents are "necessary," but they never will be reduced unless tenants get together in Tenants' Leagues and refuse to pay any rent at all until rents are cut. You can use "official Washington" authority, however, to back up your demands.

Railroad Workers, Organize and Strike Against Wage Cuts!

By WM. Z. FOSTER.

IMPORTANT mass struggles are looming on the railroads. The companies are preparing to cut the workers' wages. The labor bureaucrats are shaping up to help them do it. The National Railroad Industrial League is mobilizing the workers to strike against the threatening cuts. All of which is leading straight to mass struggles of major character on the railroads.

It is plain that the railroad magnates are now out to back up their intense speed-up on the railroads, by making wholesale slashes in railroad wages. For weeks past, they have been preparing the public mind for this by systematic propaganda in the capitalist papers. Now they are taking definite steps to this end. Their program is brutal and insidious.

The railroads are starting out by demanding that the Interstate Commerce Commission grant them large increases in freight and passenger rates. They know that, with the country in crisis and price levels falling generally, their chances to get substantial rate increases are not good. But they aim to win in another way. They will utilize a refusal or only partial response to their demands as an excuse for a deep slash in railroad wages.

Naturally, the companies will count on the labor fakers to help put across their wage cut. Nor will they be disappointed. The railroad "chiefs" are all set to do this under cover of an elaborate and insidious "left" maneuver. That is, they will make a sham resistance while at the same time steering the movement into channels of surrender.

The way the little game is planned is this: When the companies finally make definite wage cut demands, the A. F. L. and Brotherhood leaders will vociferously oppose them. They will talk resistance and make a show of militancy (all of which will enthrone Mr. Muste). They will even take strike votes of the workers.

All this will mean nothing except to throw dust in the eyes of the workers. In due season, the companies, the government and the labor-fakers will play their trump card, the Watson-Parker law. When the sham battle has gone far enough, so that the labor misleaders hope they may retain their hold upon the workers, then the government, under the terms of the Watson-Parker law, will step in, declare a state of emergency, and steer the whole thing into arbitration, where, of course, the railroads will get the wage cut they demand.

Although the Watson-Parker Law arbitration is technically "voluntary," the government can easily create a situation where in practice it becomes compulsory. And in any event, the A. F. L. and R. R. union leaders, who all supported the Watson-Parker Law, will make no fight against its application in the "emergency."

Indeed, already these union chiefs are preparing the workers' minds to accept a wage cut. They are putting forward the 6-hour day with corresponding cut in pay, and they are circulating among the workers, through their devious union channels, arguments to the effect that owing to the "large" decreases in the cost of living, the railroad workers must accept pay reductions.

Thus the stage is all set, with unparalleled trimmings of hypocrisy and camouflage, for a further wholesale reduction in the railroad workers' standards of living. The program of the treacherous labor leaders fits in perfectly with that of the railroad companies. The railroad workers are up against a cold-blooded united front of government, companies and labor fakers.

It is the basic task of the National Railroad Industrial League to mobilize the railroad workers to smash this gigantic conspiracy. This can only be done by organizing the workers to strike against the impending wage cut and against the unholy trinity of government, bosses and union leaders who are trying to put it into effect. But in turn, the National Railroad Industrial League can accomplish this only if it has the undivided support of every TUUL organization. The struggle against the railroad wage cut now must occupy the very center of TUUL work everywhere.

The National Railroad Industrial League has launched a most active campaign to fight the coming wage slash. Its central slogan is "Organize and Strike Against Wage Cuts." This it picks up with its fight for the 6-hour day with-

out reduction in pay and for unemployment insurance. It is also developing programs of local demands in the various railroad shops, round-houses, railroad systems, etc.

These general and local demands are supported by an intense campaign of organization. Joint grievance committees, to include organized and unorganized, are to be set up in the various shops, yards, etc. Local leagues are being organized to include all NRIL supporters. Minority groups are being built inside the old unions. Unemployed Councils are being established in various railroad centers. All these organized bodies, together with sympathetic local unions, are linked up locally into Railroad Workers United Front Committees of Action.

The NRIL has called a national railroad conference to take place in Chicago early in August. Preliminary to this, local conferences will be held in all possible railroad centers. The task of the local conferences will be to arouse the workers against the impending wage cut sell out and to unite them under the leadership of the NRIL. The purpose of the national railroad conference will be to give national expression to the entire movement.

The railroad workers are in a fighting mood. Conditions—unemployment, speed-up, etc.—are intolerable and always growing worse. The old union policies are bankrupt and the rank and file have largely lost faith in the union leaders. This fresh attack by the companies, supported as it is by the labor fakers, is a last straw. Given proper leadership by us, it will provide the occasion for a great mass struggle against the companies and the reactionary trade union bureaucracy.

The TUUL must throw every available force into the struggle. The great task now is to build local organization—local leagues, minority groups, grievance committees, united front committees of action. The holding of successful local conferences is tremendously important. The national conference, built upon delegates from the local conferences, must represent a real mobilization of the workers. It must be able to command the attention and support of great masses of railroad workers and unite them for the coming struggle.

This situation is a real test of the TUUL's ability to organize and lead the workers. Let us not be found wanting. Let every local TUUL group and supporter take up with all earnestness the task of organizing the railroad workers for struggle.

The IWW in the Camp of Social Fascism

By SYDNEY BLOOMFIELD.

ALTHOUGH Sam Gompers, the arch enemy of the workers, who is now rotting in his grave between the graves of Andrew Carnegie and William Rockefeller, started his career as a "radical," it was at the most trying moment when the Haymarket martyrs needed the help of the labor movement most that Gompers announced that he would have nothing to do with these working class leaders who were facing the gallows.

Gompers' role as "labor lieutenant of capital" started very early in the history of the labor movement in this country.

The I.W.W. has reached the point at which Sam Gompers left off when he died with the curse of the working class on the lips of every militant working man and woman. Every militant worker today curses the I.W.W., which is today an open fascist instrument of the capitalist class, only it is a very weak one.

On May Day, 1930, the I.W.W. had their soap box out on the Skidroad in Seattle. In response to the call of the Communist Party thousands of workers came to the May Day demonstration, which was twice broken up by the police, who herded the workers over to the I.W.W. soap box, where the fakers were condemning the May Day demonstration. This same faker who spoke for the I.W.W., stepped off the platform and shook hands with the cops, congratulating them on their "good" work done.

Last May Day the Wobblies told the workers not to go to the Communist meeting, where they would get their heads clubbed, but to come to their meeting because they would be more safe. This is an example of the extent to which the Wobblies have degenerated. This year about ten thousand workers re-

Party Life

Burocratic Carrying Out of Fraction Decisions

By JAMES GREEN

THE section committee of section five decided to call a meeting of all comrades active in the unemployed branches, and the comrades assigned by the units to do work in the unemployed branches.

At this meeting, the work of the two unemployed branches of the Bronx was reviewed, and the following situation was found:

1. That both unemployed councils are functioning in the old, unsystematic manner. Open air meetings are being held now and then, eviction cases are being taken care of, but no systematic, planned, organizational work is being carried on. The reason for this state of affairs was the fact that there is no stable leadership in either of the branches. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to shift our forces from the Boston Road Unemployed Branch to the Bathgate Ave. Branch, and concentrate all our forces to build up this branch properly. Out of the 15 comrades present at the meeting, five were assigned who were to be personally responsible to the section committee for the proper functioning of the fraction in the unemployed branch. One of them, a member of the section committee, and 3 other members of the sub-committees of the sections.

After this decision of the unemployed fraction, the secretary of the Boston Road branch who was present at this fraction meeting, instead of calling a meeting of the unemployed branch and utilizing the fraction members to convince the non-party members of the necessity of combining the two unemployed branches, simply wrote a note in which he announced the dissolving of the branch, or the fusing of the two branches, and he mailed this note on the door of the meeting place of the unemployed branch. When he was approached by non-party members, asking why this branch was transferred to Bathgate Avenue, he said that it is a Party decision. The impermissible manner of carrying out fraction decisions is instrumental in destroying the influence of the party in unemployed branches. It is instrumental in driving away even those workers who joined the branches as a result of the activity of the party. It is high time for all party members who are working in mass organizations to know that the party through its fractions does not decide in the name of the organizations, but only brings forward proposals which the entire membership should discuss and vote upon. And it is the duty of the party members to convince the non-party workers in the mass organizations of the correctness of the fraction proposals.

In connection with the above case, we must point out one more thing: in the last Organizer of the District, in connection with unemployed work, the following sentence appears: "In one section, the section organizer gave instructions to the secretary of the unemployed branch to change the territory of the branch without taking up this question in the fraction and in the branch."

This sentence quoted from the District Organizer, refers to section five. From the above, it can be seen that this was not the case. This does not mean however that the section organizer is not guilty of failing to make definite arrangements to see that the decision of the fraction is properly carried out in the unemployed branches.

sponded to the call of the Communist Party to come out on the streets in Seattle. Although about three thousand workers were in the main body of the demonstration, the police prevented many thousands of workers who jammed the street corners from joining the main body of the demonstration.

This year the I.W.W. did not even dare to come out, knowing that they would face the wrath of an infuriated working class who have experienced the treachery committed by the I. W. W. fakers. International Labor Day this year found the I. W. W. for the first time off the streets of Seattle, and nowhere in sight of the thousands of workers who came out on the streets.

Of what significance is May Day to the Wobblies when all the fascists were celebrating May First as a patriotic holiday on which the American child is hypocritically glorified? The business men's "Mother's Day" is of greater significance to the respectable IWW fakers. The absence of the IWW on the streets of

Graft and Gangsters

By HARRY GANNES

Why Governor Roosevelt Stopped the Graft "Investigation"

How Sam Nesson and the other delegates of the Unemployed Council were viciously beaten at the order of Mayor Walker because they exposed grafting in the Board of Estimates in New York City was shown in the previous articles. The origin of graft in the United States; the rise of Al Capone and his close association with the Republicans, Democrats, bankers and exploiters in Chicago was traced.

AFTER Mayor Walker left New York on one of his frequent vacations, early in 1931, the Smith-Roosevelt Tammany faction increased its pressure, not to expose real conditions, though it was necessary to bring out a few of the less important incidents, but to force the Walker group into line or out of the grafting machine. Retaliating, Charles F. Kerrigan, one of Walker's henchmen and assistant to the Mayor of the City of New York, threatened to uncover some of Al Smith's grafting in the Bank of United States. Al Smith and dozens of other Tammany Hall politicians had stuck their fingers deep into the Bank of United States, robbing it of millions. Kerrigan published his threat in all the New York newspapers. His statement printed by the New York Times, March 15, 1931, warned the Smith-Roosevelt group that too indiscriminate talk of graft in New York City would be followed by even worse exposures against Al Smith by the Walker outfit. Kerrigan threatened:

"There are some people in high position who will stop at nothing to prevent the orderly disclosure of this failure (Bank of United States) and the punishment of those responsible therefor. These people are working in many ways, but working to the same end, and the end is to prevent an expose which will shake not alone the banking world but some parts of the political world to their foundations."

Governor Roosevelt, threatening the rebellious Walker regime in Tammany Hall, used as his lever a set of charges drawn up against the Walker administration by a group of faithful supporters of capitalism. The petition for "investigation" of the Walker regime was signed by Dr. Stephen S. Wise and the liberal syndicalist, John Haynes Holmes. Their language is mild, careful not to scrape beneath the surface, yet they cannot refrain from pointing out that grafting in some form or other took place in the following city departments:

- The Board of Standards and Appeals.
- The Department of Licenses.
- Condemnation Proceedings.
- Health Department.
- Director of Budget.
- Department of Hospitals.
- The Dock Department and the Sinking Fund Commission.
- Recalcitrant Officials and the Grand Jury.
- Magistrates Courts.
- Police Department.

\$33,000,000 More Chunk
Through Condemnation Proceedings (taking property for city use) alone \$33,000,000 was handed out in graft to "friendly" property owners whose property was required for city purposes. As the liberal complainants put it, this was due to the "failure to correct a situation in which property owners represented by political counsel have frequently received in condemnation awards four and five times the assessed valuation of their property."

Early in April, 1931, Governor Roosevelt declared he would not "investigate" the charges

Seattle this May Day was the final step in the descent of the IWW into the cesspool of fascism. And rightly so. After all, May First is the workers' holiday and not the fascist holiday. The IWW is supposed to stand for Industrial Workers of the World, but this May Day proved finally that they are not concerned about the workers of the world nor are they the Industrial Workers of Seattle, nor even the Industrial Workers of Skidroad, for there was not a trace of the Wobblies as an organization on the streets of Seattle on May First.

Whatever rank and file member still had any illusions about the IWW being a workers' organization, who came out to celebrate with the IWW, could not find it on the Skidroad and showed his solidarity with the workers by joining with the real organization of the workers, and that was the demonstration led by the Communist Party.

(To be continued)