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EARL BROWDER

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# MINERS! DRIVE OUT THE SCAB HERDING U. M. W. A.!

## Smash the Enemies of the Miners!

EVERY worker throughout the country should rally to the call for relief to the striking miners who are battling against starvation and a united front of all enemies, open and concealed, of the whole working class.

It is imperative that these heroic strikers, their wives and babies be fed. Other workers must furnish the food which will be the munitions of battle in the class war now raging.

But even the sending of relief funds, workers must guard against them falling into the hands of the strikers' enemies, because the so-called "socialist" party, which is supporting the U. M. W. A., the company union approved by the mine owners, has resorted to a despicable trick to prevent funds reaching the only relief organization chosen by the strikers themselves, the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn Avenue, Room 517, Pittsburgh, Pa.

These "socialist" soundrels have opened a so-called "Miners' Relief Fund" at the same street address—on the floor above! All workers should be warned that this "socialist" outfit is working against the strikers, playing the bosses' games, trying to drive the miners into the scab organization they despise, the U. M. W. A. of John L. Lewis and Pat Fagan, trying to break the strike.

Send relief funds only to the miners' own committee, the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn Avenue, Room 517, Pittsburgh, Pa. Aid the strikers! Smash their enemies! The strike will be won on the picket line! Aid relief will help the picket line! The strike will be won on the picket line and in defiance of the outrageous injunction of the capitalist courts! The strike will be won on the picket line by mass picketing, defying the injunction and the attempt of the bosses, the United Mine Workers company union, the brutal police and the hypocrite Governor Pinchot.

The miners are learning that the state law "against injunctions" is a farce; learning that capitalist laws and capitalist government are always against the workers; learning that the only way to win their strike is to tear up injunctions and defy them by picketing in masses!

These miners, who already have suffered betrayal after betrayal by the U. M. W. A., are seeing a new attempt at betrayal. The capitalist press reports from Pittsburgh on Wednesday openly states that Governor Pinchot is supporting the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Company in driving the miners back at a wage cut in agreement with the U. M. W. A. It says:

"The company is willing to recognize the union (the scab U. M. W. A.—Editor), provided a satisfactory wage rate of 42 1/2 cents a ton for loading, instead of 45 cents, the highest rate paid before the strike."

The dispatch, which is from the United Press service, makes clear that the company is making a deal with the treacherous U. M. W. A., to give this scab outfit the check off in exchange for betraying the miners into a wage cut. The dispatch says:

"The operating company desires the reduction in wages in return for union recognition, which includes the check-off."

In short, the mine owners are bribing the officials of the U. M. W. A., the notorious Fagan and the rest, to sell out the strikers, to betray the strike against starvation into even worse starvation wages than before!

The miners will stand like a rock against this dirty game of sell-out! Against the U. M. W. A. and the bosses and the governor who are trying to drive them back at a wage cut! They will fight like lions and break the capitalist court injunctions by militant mass picketing! And to help them do it, every worker everywhere must rush to their relief! Send funds to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners Relief Committee, 611 Penn Ave., Room 517, Pittsburgh, Pa.!

## Governor Pinchot Admits He Is Trying to Break Mine Strike

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 19.—The demands presented to Governor Pinchot by Frank Borich, secretary of the National Miners' Union, and a delegation of 32 Negro and white striking miners, as reported by the Pittsburgh press, are as follows:

An open hearing in Pittsburgh on the mine situation.

Removal of all armed forces from strike area.

Release of all strike prisoners.

Establishment of the state unemployment insurance and relief to all unemployed miners.

No restriction of relief collections.

Abolition of injunctions.

Establishment of rights to speak, assemble, picket and demonstrate.

Abolition of terrorizing methods against foreign-born workers.

Abolition of persecution of Negroes.

Abolition of forceable dealing at company stores, the companies to pay miners in cash.

Abolition of company towns.

Cessation of efforts by Governor Pinchot and local authorities and strikebreaking organization to use power of the state to force miners back under the yoke of the United Mine Workers.

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## MASS PICKET TO SMASH INJUNCTION

Expose Judge As Tool of Mine Operators

Refuse to Starve

Miners Demand Right to Live

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 19.—The striking miners will march in masses on the Wildwood mine of the Butler Consolidated Coal Co. from all sides, in defiance of an injunction against picketing granted the company on Tuesday by Judge Rowand.

A resolution to that effect was adopted by the 302 members of the Central Rank and File Strike Committee at their meeting yesterday at 1 p. m. here in Irene Kauffman's Settlement Hall. The committee is the leading body of the strike, and is made up of members elected by the mass of workers at each of the mines of Western and Central Pennsylvania. Wednesday's meeting was the largest held so far and the hall was packed far beyond capacity.

The resolution defining the strikers' policy on the injunction was proposed by a rank and file member and adopted and was followed by a motion, also adopted, to make the picketing a mass demonstration of miners from nearby places.

The second most important decision of the session was to endorse the sending of a joint delegation of five from each of the seven struck Pittsburgh Coal Co. mines, plus a committee of five elected right in the session Wednesday of the Central Rank and File Strike Committee.

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## GERARD IN RADIO PLEA TO BOSSES

Wants Help for Fake 10-Year "Plan"

NEW YORK.—Continuing his efforts to divert the attention of the American masses from their misery under capitalism, James W. Gerard, appealed over the radio last night for support of the attack engineered by himself, Matthew Woll and others on the successful Soviet Five-Year Plan.

Woll, who is vice-president of the A. F. of L. and, quite appropriately acting president of the labor-hating Civic Federation, has transmitted to 600 organizations his proposal for a 10-year Plan to save capitalism by fooling the masses into the belief that capitalism can solve their misery. Most of the letters have been sent to commercial organizations. They call for a congress to "represent industry, trade, transportation, credit, finance, agriculture and service equipment."

In his radio address, Mr. Gerard intimated that the Sherman Anti-Trust act would have to be abolished to allow huger combinations of American capitalists.



From the left of state Capital, Harrisburg, Pa. June 19th during hearing of report from striking Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Co. rank and file delegation

## Scottsboro Tag Day in Chattanooga This Sat. and Sunday

CHATTANOOGA, June 19.—A local Scottsboro Tag Day has been organized for Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21.

Working-class neighborhoods, churches, lodges and fraternal organizations will be canvassed in and around Chattanooga. Additional funds will be raised in the South through the collection lists recently issued by the Southern districts of the International Labor Defense. These lists have been circulated in Charlotte, Elizabethan, Chattanooga, Birmingham, Atlanta, Tampa, Pensacola, Fort Lauderdale and New Orleans to date.

GIVE YOUR ANSWER TO HOOVER'S PROGRAM OF HUNGER, WAGE CUTS AND PERSECUTION!

## Mass Protests On Scottsboro Force Issue Into Pages of Capitalist Press

NEW YORK.—The angry protest of the international working-class against the frightful Scottsboro, Ala., frame-up and attempted legal lynching of nine innocent Negro boys are breaking through the conspiracy of silence with which the northern press papers have been aiding their southern class brothers in carrying through this brutal crime.

Twice within the past two weeks the capitalist press has been forced to report powerful demonstrations of German workers in front of American Consulates against the horrible crime being prepared by the southern lynch bosses and their white and Negro agents in the United States itself, the mass fight to save the boys which was initiated by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the International Labor Defense has so roused the Negro and white workers, and many sympathizers, that the boss papers are being flooded with letters protesting the hideous outrage. On two occasions within the past week, the New York Evening World-Telegram has had to print a number of these letters. These let-

## MINERS PICKETING WILL SMASH UMW-PINCHOT STRIKE-BREAKING

### Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 17, 1931

### MINERS PREPARE HUNGER MARCH FOR JUNE 30

More Miners Join the Strike

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 18.—Five hundred strikers from other mines marched on National No. 3 of the National Mining Co. today and pulled out all but a couple of hundred of the 900 working there. The rest promised to come out tomorrow. The company is owned by Carnegie Steel.

Seven hundred men struck at Elm Grove, West Virginia, one of the Paisley interests' Valley Camp Co. mines.

The press here reports that today in Florence mine of the Younghogony and Ohio Coal Co., Ohio, deputies attacked with tear gas a mass march of 300 men. Some broke through the cloud of tear gas, and heard the mine where mine guards set upon them with clubs and guns and wounded eight.

From Greene County, Pa., come reports of impending strike in eight mines, to each of which has been

### OPEN-SHOP MINE OWNER URGES MEN JOIN UNION

United Mine Workers Vital To Solution, Employer Of 300 Contends.

As a step toward stabilizing the coal industry and making conditions more tolerable for both operators and miners, M. J. McQuade of Pittsburgh, president of the Ben Franklin Coal Company, announced last night that he will call to Wheeling, W. Va., today 300 miners from the Shamona mine of his company, and invite them to form a local of the United Mine Workers of America.

Other outstanding developments in the 10-State coal strike yesterday were as follows:

The thousand operators and employed miners learned from surrounding districts in West Virginia (W. Va.) that the withdrawal of all police from picketing districts.

Judge Henry H. Rowand, in common with court, granted an injunction against the Miners' Union picketing in the Western Pennsylvania coal fields.

In accordance with instructions to all mine owners to require their employees to join the U. M. W. A. as a condition to better conditions in the coal industry which is described as in a desperate state.

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### Terminal Company Says It Will Run With Open Shop

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 19.—Fifty women on the Creighton picket line were attacked by deputy sheriffs today when they resisted an attempt to drive them out. Dorothy Luciasano, Bruna Blagoes and John Sara were arrested. Twenty-five hundred picketed at the Montour Mine today, beginning at 10 a. m.

### HARRISBURG, Pa.

—Frank Borich, secretary of the National Miners Union who led a delegation of the Central Rank and File Strike Committee to expose the secret conference called by Governor Pinchot together with the United Mine Workers issued the following statement:

"The reason the Pinchot-United Mine Workers of America conference broke up without a scab agreement just now is not because of disagreement of wages. The Creighton and Ben Franklin agreements showed the UMW's is not trying to raise the wage scale. The reason is the mass protest of thirty thousand miners as preparations to smashing the scab agreement by mass picketing."

"The fake wage issue is designed to raise the UMW's prestige to try again later through state or federal mediation to effect such a scab agreement."

The Pittsburgh Coal Co. now says they will operate open shop. It will be met by mass picketing. A permit for fifty thousand hunger marchers, striking unemployed miners and steel workers to meet in Pittsburgh, East Side Park, June 30 at 1 p. m. has already been received.

Demands to be raised are: \$10 a week and \$5 additional for dependents, withdrawal of state police deputies, abolition of the Butler injunction, no evictions, gas, light and social insurance by state.

The Washington hunger march leaders went back to the Diamond mine and pulled out the whole crew of 130 men and took them in pit clothes to the Vesta Six picket line.

Jobless workers twice today picketed the Corrado and Bud-Davis Employment agencies here on Second and Grant which import strike breakers from Cleveland offices of Corrado, East Ninth at Public Sq. and International Agency, 207 Superior St.

Picket Cleveland Scab Agencies. The Cleveland agencies must be picketed. Corrado promises fare and board free but miners charge that a shot gun guard is placed over Corrado scabs at Youngstown after which they become virtual prisoners.

## ADVANCING RED ARMY IN CHINA NEARS NANCHANG

Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi Province, China, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Shanghai is being surrounded by Red Army troops, and its fall is momentarily expected.

The Shanghai report stated that 20,000 Nationalist Government troops were being rushed to Nanchang in an effort to bolster up the white guard defense.

"The Reds, with a strong grip on Southern Kiangsi," reads the cable, "moved northward, their advance approaching the gates of the capital. Fearing Nanchang would fall, the government hurried 20,000 more troops into Kiangsi with field guns and modern arms."

Chiang Kai Shek has not started out on his second much-heralded anti-Communist crusade.

Red advances were reported in new sections of China. Chengyangkwan, the A.P. dispatch said, "an important city 150 miles west of Nanking, was reported surrounded by Reds. No troops were available for its defense and its fall was expected."

### UNEMPLOYED AID MINERS

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., June 19.—The Unemployed Council has decided to send a letter of solidarity to the striking miners of Pennsylvania and Ohio in their fight against starvation and is pledging them full support in their struggle. They also made a collection of \$1 which was sent to the miners and have pledged to collect additional funds.

### Boss Papers Forced Report International Demonstrations

ters show how deeply the masses are stirred. Excerpts from some of the letters follow:

J. Goldberg writes, in part: "Considering the facts of the case, it is highly important that every fair-minded person should protest this legal lynching of a group of boys who are not much more than children. Even their trial was rushed through with unwonted haste and secrecy, with very little opportunity for defense. This affair should be brought to the attention of the whole world in order that justice may be done."

H. Kappelman, writes, in part: "We have accustomed ourselves to lynch law justice, but as yet we have heard little of mob-surrounding convictions. And now, when a member of the Bar from New York (here he refers to Joseph Brodsky, one of the I.L.D. attorneys in the case) comes

to the aid of the victims to assure them of their constitutional privilege and the right of counsel, we hear of some unknown citizens asking his leaving the State."

H. Marshall Fredericks, writes, in part:

"The Southern white man's hobby of hiding behind the skirts of his women to justify his thirst for killing black men, both in and out of the courts of justice, has been of such long practice that it is arousing the concern of the intelligent element of all groups."

The League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the International Labor Defense, the two organizations charged with the nine boys and their parents to conduct their defense call upon all persons and organizations opposed to this legal lynching to rally in a united front to the mass fight to save the boys. Moral and financial support will help to defeat this frightful outrage. Funds should immediately be rushed to the International Labor Defense, 80 E. 12th St., New York City.





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# Mine Strike Spreads in Ohio Despite Boss Terror

By BILL DUNNE.  
BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, June 16.—300 miners at Big Run, 760 at two Constanza mines and 200 at Gaylord No. 1 struck this morning according to reports received at the district headquarters of the National Miners Union and the District Rank and File Strike Committee, 2 North Side Lincoln Ave., Bridgeport, Ohio.

The Executive Committee of the District Rank and File Strike Committee, elected at the meeting held in Dillonville yesterday, following the closing of Roma Hall in Bellaire where the meeting was scheduled by city police and special deputy sheriffs, met in the district headquarters and made plans for carrying out the main decision of the Rank and File Strike Committee of 109 delegates for spreading the strike. The Executive Committee elected the following officers: Whitney Nelson, chairman; John Rollins, vice chairman; and Tony Minerich, secretary.

It selected a number of Ohio and West Virginia mines as concentration points where literature will be distributed and to which organizers will be sent. Reports of the members of the strike Executive Committee from their mines and sections show that in most instances where miners are still working the miners are only waiting to receive the strike call and direction as to how to proceed to organize and carry on the strike. In a number of mines also, as reports showed, a spontaneous strike has been prevented only by actual terrorization of the miners by armed special deputies, members of the American Legion and other methods of suppression. At one of the Bradley mines, for instance, American Legionnaires have set up a machine gun covering the approach to the mine and are threatening the miners with violence and even death if they strike as they have already declared their willingness to do.

The strike committee Executive declares that directly contrary to statements in the Pittsburgh, Cleveland and local press to the effect that the strike in Ohio and West Virginia is a result of threats to the miners made by National Miners Union organizers the situation is such that many mines have struck without a single organizer being present or a single leaflet being distributed to the miners and that only lack of forces available for organization work prevents the more rapid development of the strike against starvation and slavery in Ohio and West Virginia.

The meeting of the rank and file district strike committee instructed its executive to call upon all mine workers and their families to buy nothing in Bellaire and St. Clairsville and to defer payment of all bills till after the strike since in these two towns the breaking up of miners' meetings, the gassing of miners and their wives and children and other workers, the actual open declaration of war upon the striking miners and their leaders such as that in the Bellaire Leader of June 13, makes it clear that the business men of these communities and county authorities are supporting the starvation and

strike breaking program of the coal operators and the UMWA officials. The Strike Executive elected a special strike relief committee from among its members and is now proceeding to organize local relief collections. There is already dire need and suffering among the miners and their families as a result of starvation wages, part time employment and actual robbery of tonnage on the scales by the coal operators.

**Boss Press Lies.**  
An example of the so-called accurate and impartial reporting of the strike developments by the local correspondents of the Associated Press and the local papers is seen in an A.P. despatch carried in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Wheeling Register this morning. Both these news stories state that William Foster, organizer of the great steel strike in 1919-1920 and National Secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, who spoke at the picnic at Shady-side yesterday, was deported from Moundsville by police and 750 American Legion members who had volunteered their services. These despatches also state that Bob Sivert, District Secretary of the National Miners Union, and Frank Borich, National Secretary of the NMU, were among those deported. Neither Foster, Borich, nor Sivert were in Moundsville last night nor were they scheduled to speak at this meeting which had been arranged by local workers in the Paisley mine. The organizers deported by armed strike breaking coal-operators' agents were miners employed in Eastern Ohio mines until the strike. Sheriff Duff of Belmont County, according to the Wheeling Register of Monday, June 15, claims to have "struck a blow at the strike organization in Eastern Ohio" by the arrest of one Fred Sulvaskey "alias Frank Sylvester, 38, a Russian residing at Black Oak." A general charge against Sulvaskey appears to be that he is "one of the undercover organizers of the strike."

This terrific blow has not yet been felt by the rank and file strike committee of the National Miners Union and Sheriff Duff appears to have merely taken another step in his general policy of arresting and intimidating wherever possible all miners who refuse any longer to accept poverty and serfdom at the hands of the operators.

Not a single serious act of violence has been proved against the strikers up to date in the face of the most severe provocation by coal operators' agents and armed thugs of all descriptions with meetings prohibited and miners facing jailing in the most arbitrary fashion. The striking miners and their families have confined themselves to organized protest and picketing and a few cases of necessary self-defense against scabs and armed agents of the coal-operators.

The strike committee is sending another telegram of protest to Governor White calling his attention to the open incitement to violence against strikers and organizers and the caricature acts of suppression of workers meetings by city and county authorities.

## DEMANDS OF STRIKING MINERS

- The following are the demands for which to date 35,000 miners are striking:
1. Machine coal ..... 55c ton
  2. Pick coal ..... 77c ton
  3. Cutters ..... 12c ton
  4. Day Men ..... \$5.55 a day
  5. Helpers ..... \$5.40 a day
  6. Narrow work yardage 67c yard Cutters ..... 15c yard
  7. Payment for all dead work to be based on the day men's rate of \$5.55.
  8. Outside skilled labor .... \$4.50
  9. Outside unskilled labor .... \$4.00
  10. All supplies to be delivered to face and adequate supplies to be on hand at all times.
  11. Union checkweighmen at every mine.
  12. Recognition of National Miners Union.

## STEEL BOSSES LAY OFF 100

## Metal Workers Industrial League Grows

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
GARY, Ind.—The Gary Sheet Mills laid off over 100 men from all their shops last week.

The Metal Workers Industrial League is growing here. The workers, white and Negro, are forming a strong united front and are preparing to fight the bosses. All the workers I talk to around here say they won't starve, but will fight to the last ditch against this starvation.

## Unemployed Texas Worker A Suicide

BEAUMONT, Tex., June 18.—Declaring he "couldn't continue with this mode of living," George E. Saums, an unemployed worker, committed suicide today as an ineffective and mistaken way of protesting against the bosses' starvation system.

## Arkansas Miners Robbed of Wages

## Families Starving and Desperate

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
FORT SMITH, Ark.—The miners are in a terrible condition out here in Arkansas. They are not living—they are merely existing. They have had very little work in over a year. Those who are working get only a couple of days work a week at \$2 to \$4 a day.

Then the miners are robbed of some of their pay by a fellow by the name of Bob Young, who has the contract of putting the coal on top. This Bob Young is notorious out here as a union buster and has done the miners more dirt than anybody in town.

## Wages Slashed On Oakland City Job

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
OAKLAND, Cal.—We carpenters, engineers and laborers working on Melrose High School building are being paid \$1 to \$2 below daily wage scale here. This job is supposed to be a public job, paying employees the standard wage scale, yet we are being cheated.



## WIR PICNIC FOR MINERS RELIEF

## Two Children From the Mine Fields

NEW YORK.—The Picnic and Solidarity Festival arranged by the WIR for miners' relief and the children's camp campaign, is only a few days off. Sunday, June 21st, work in the morning, thousands of workers will gather at Pleasant Bay Park, Unionport, Bronx, to spend a happy day in the open.

The Workers Laboratory Theatre and Proletbunk have written a special Solidarity Mass Recital for this event.

Two children from the Pittsburgh strike area—one a child-miner, the other the daughter of a miner—will be there to tell of actual conditions in the strike-hidden area.

Comrades Stokes and Turner, who received severe sentences in the Bronx boss courts for the crime of selling the Daily Worker will tell of their experiences while in prison.

All workers who come will have a good time. But what is far more important—they will show their solidarity with the striking miners, with unemployed workers, by helping the Miners' Relief Campaign and the WIR Children's Camp Campaign.

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# McKeesport Miners Out Solid On Strike; All Join Nat. Mine Union

## Build Rank and File Strike and Relief Committees

(By a Miner)  
MCKEESPORT, Pa.—The miners of the Hubbard Mine, of the McKeesport local coke company, came out on strike against starvation pay on June 11th.

## Children Toil in Fields Long Hours for Few Cents

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
Universal, Ind.  
There is much noise in the capitalist press that there is no child labor existing in the U. S. A. On my return from Indianapolis, I investigated and found that children are employed there of both sexes, between the age of 5 to 16, picking berries.

## Miners Children Fight With Parents In Strike Against Starvation

"We've got 7 in our family to eat. Sometimes we have black coffee and bread, and sometimes we have nothing. No dinner at all." Zita Lusiana, an eleven-year-old girl stated matter-of-factly. "Mine work ain't so regular," she continued.

Two children, one a child laborer of 17 who looks no more than 13, are now in New York, sent by the Pennsylvania-Ohio Striking Miners' Relief Committee to get funds for the fighting miners' families.

## First Truckload of Food to Miners Sent

Today the first truckload of food is being shipped to the striking miners. Now there are about forty thousand out on strike! With their families they number at least one hundred thousand. We must send them hundreds of carloads of food. We can only do this if thousands of workers get behind this program and work for it.

## MINE BOSS PRESS HIDES TRUTH

## Worker Asks to Join Communists

When the strike broke out here a newspaper reporter asked me to act as his guide and show him around the country. The next morning I went with him to Westland. When the trouble began Mr. Reporter began taking snapshots. When he went to the telephone I took his camera and snapped a scene myself—a picture of three state troopers brutally beating a 17-year-old boy. The pictures the reporter took were all of the miners, their wives and children throwing rocks at the police and fighting them. Not one of his pictures showed the brutality of the police toward the miners and their families. The reporter was very angry at me for taking this picture and told me that nothing of this kind could be turned in to his paper.

My interest in the Communist Party up till this time had only been my friendship with Pat Poohy, but after thinking of Mr. Reporter's conduct I determined to find out why such a picture was rejected. So I got all the back numbers I could of the Daily Worker, and now I know why the capitalists use their press so vigorously—because if the people learn the truth, the power and wealth of the bosses will surely and certainly be broken. I am ready now to become a member—an active member—of the Communist Party.

"Zita and me, we're gonna collect money to send back home to keep the strike going. We sure must win this strike. And we're gonna help the best way we can." It is a determination such as this, and the fighting spirit of the miners that drives them onward in their struggle against starvation. With nothing better than "black coffee and bread to eat" when the mines are running, and "sometimes nothin' at all" the miners' slogan is "Better Starve and Strike Than Work and Starve." Rush funds to 611 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., to help the struggle of the miners against miserable poverty and exploitation.

# Sidelights On the Hunger March to Washington, Pa.

Most of the marchers had been up since four o'clock picketing and pulling down news mimes, marching several miles often to do this.

One miner's wife said in a matter-of-fact way that she had gotten up at twelve, after three hours' sleep in order to do the family washing and ironing before going on the picket line.

Farmers in the neighboring districts, although hard up themselves, when visited by local strikers' relief committees give from what little they have. But this is not enough. In order for the miners to get even one decent meal a day, the workers of the rest of the country must rush to their aid at once. If you still have three meals a day, remember that there are thousands in the coal fields who've not had a square meal in many months. "Only beans—beans and beans" as one miner expressed it, "and darn little of that." One family for instance of eight members had one loaf of bread and some lettuce yesterday, nothing today, and the prospect of nothing tomorrow. Immediate relief is the most practical way the rest of the working class can support the coal diggers in their heroic struggle.

## CALIFORNIA MINIMUM WAGE LAW FOR WOMEN VIOLATED BY BOSSES THROUGH THE APPRENTICE SYSTEM

## Law Calls for \$16 a Week Minimum Wage for Women; Thousands Toil Long Hours for \$6.88 Skilled Girls Kept On Payrolls for Years As Apprentices At Low Wages

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
LOS ANGELES, Cal.—A few sessions back, the Legislature of California, forced by pressure from the workers, passed a law requiring employers of women to pay a minimum of \$16 per week. A severe penalty for failure to comply with this law was also forced into the act by popular demand. Since then, California, past master in the art of publicity, has let the world know that it was a state with a heart—a progressive state that protected the "poor working girl" from the ruthless exploitation of greedy employers and the perils of the street.

The bill was a model one as far as capitalist legislation goes—but as with all capitalist legislation, there was a joker. Inserted in the bill was a clause permitting apprentices to receive less than the minimum \$16.00 per week.

Since this famous piece of legislation has passed, girls and women are now hired as apprentices. They are paid as low as \$6.00 per week, on the pretext that they are learning a trade. Mexican and Negro girls especially, suffer from this form of hypocrisy.

This practice is carried on quite openly. The Woolworth, Kresge, Grand, and United five and ten cents stores carry about half of their girls as apprentices at \$12.00 weekly, although a girl can learn what is required from her in half an hour. Newberries does somewhat better, with \$14.00 a week.

Recently at Parisian Millinery Co. it was discovered that a girl had been in their employ for 2 years at \$8.00 weekly. She was already a skilled liner and maker, but was still listed as an apprentice.

Practically every industry in Los Angeles; department stores, restaurants, factories, etc. have their apprentices.

Sears and Roebuck not only employ apprentices but it has put them on the stagger system in a number of departments. In these departments the girls are divided into two forces, each working only three days per week—at three days' pay.

## Cannery Wages Down 15 Per Cent in Calif.

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
NILES, Cal.—Schuck's cannery here employs about 350 workers now. Most of the workers are town people and poor-small farmers' wives and daughters—some mere children.

We are canning apricots now and after 3 weeks the cannery will close. San Joaquin valley apricots are already overpriced and the growers are rushing shipments. So we are being rushed in turn. Our wages average about \$1.50 per day—a cut of at least 15 per cent over last year. This year less are employed here than usually. We did not pack any cherries at all this year, as the canneries claim they cannot pay but 2 cents per pound for them to the growers. In the orchards the cherries are rotting on the trees. Great over-abundance has been produced by nature, yet canned cherries sell at the same price to the consumers. Workers are half-starved, underpaid and shudder to think that the canneries will close again soon.

are taking advantage of the situation. Recently a scout with a smooth tongue, hanging around the Underwood Typewriter Employment Agency succeeded in obtaining 4 few desperate young girls for the brothels of Tia Juana. The official do nothing about this. The Los Angeles Record which poses as liberal and progressive tells nothing of this although many workers confused by their demogogy have written to them complaining of these evils. Only the united strength of the working class can put a stop to this form of exploitation and remedy these evils.

## RED CROSS AND S. P. UNITE TO FOOL WORKERS

## Offer Barren Land and a Few Seeds to Jobless

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
Reading, Pa.

I want to inform you that our so-called socialist party city administration is again getting on the job to make us believe that they are for us workers. They are now using the old City Hall for an employment agency in which they had the idea to make the workers believe that they can get jobs. But there are no jobs available so they turned it off to an agency to give the workers "land" on which to plant stuff, to exist on at the end of the summer.

The ground they are giving out is in Hampton Heights and the 18th Ward. In the latter place half of the land is under water and the other half is rock. The things that they give the workers to plant is half a dozen cabbage plants, a half a dozen tomato plants which are three feet high and will bear very little, and a few other seed, which are done up in big packages with red cross all over the packages.

I would like to know whether the socialist party and the red cross think that the workers can starve to death until these lousy plants will give them food at the end of the summer and that we will not be able to have more than a week of food out of it.

The workers of Reading will defeat the socialists because they fool the workers, we will support the Communist Party because they because they fight for the Workers' Unemployment Insurance—That's what we want!

The socialist party is only interested in keeping away the workers from their real work of ORGANIZATION. They want to be elected and therefore they give us gardens that mean nothing.



# The Costa Rican Trade Menace

By JORGE

MR. KNICKERBOCKER overlooked a Menace. Just when Menaces are most necessary to explain why Prosperity didn't come back in sixty days. Look at Costa Rica, for example.

Who knows what devilry is hidden there, in Costa Rica? Who knows, I ask! Listen, and I'll reveal to you some things, facts if you please, that all red-blooded Americans should be aware of.

Why are Americans discontented? Why was Warren Gamaliel Harding betrayed? Why did Coolidge choose not to run? Why was Hoover forced to bring forth a 20 Year Plan? Why was Fish? WHY?

And the answer, the cold-blooded truth, which it is high time all Americans who love their pork

don't understand the menace of Costa Rican trade. For might there not be more bananas per bunch on the six than on the eight! Of course there might! And trust those Costa Ricans to put them bananas on! Now you begin to understand the ruthless trade tactics of Don Cleto Gonzales Viquez!

What song writer, making an honest living out of selling songs such as "Yes, We Have No Bananas," can stand up under the avalanche of millions upon millions of bunches of bananas!

More, imported into the United States, while the lawmakers at Washington sleep with chorus girls, imported (the bananas, not the girls) over the protest of the American Legion, these enormous quantities of bananas are crowding the warehouses of our coastal cities, flooding the market in a yellow tidal wave of bananas that has put literally thousands of unemployed apple sellers out of business!

And all this is done with the help of American capitalists, who reeking not of their country, make money out of this godless traffic by investing in the United Fruit Company which imports these bananas, wholly ignoring the fact that the Apple Growers' Association is losing ground and will soon face bankruptcy!

What may be said of coffee we leave to your imagination. More than 44,000,000 millions pounds of coffee were exported by the Dictator Viquez in 1928—enough coffee to keep the whole world awake nights!

But the world awoke too late! Now in 1931, Brazil, driven to the wall by Costa Rican competition, is forced to burn its surplus coffee or dump it far out at sea! The world is getting a terrible lesson on Costa Rican trade methods!

An Accident? No! Bolshevism!

Naturally, all this is not accidental. It is deliberate! Few know that the money gained by this cut-throat competition in coffee and bananas is going for Bolshevism! Of course the Bolshevists will deny that it is Bolshevism, but Congressman Fish has decided that it is!

For Costa Rica, on August 4, 1928, passed a law which nationalizes all electric power available throughout the country! An insult to Insull! A defiance of the very laws of electricity, so to speak.

And, again, Americans will be surprised to learn that Costa Rica has frequently modified



and beans must hear is—Costa Rica!

Every American worker who sees his factory closing and the boss going to the seashore while he goes to the Board of Charities, must ask himself this question: What has Costa Rica to do with all this?

The traveler in Central America, admiring the palm tree lined shore of Costa Rica; the grocer of Cincinnati, busily short-weighting a customer; you, the reader, scanning these lines as you stir your coffee, never imagine, in your simple-mindedness, the dark danger that lies there under the tropic sun, there in Costa Rica.

I'll tell you. But it's hard to stretch the thing out for two dozen articles. Yet I'll tell you, for I am the Prize Piffle Peddler of the World! (No, not of the World, but the Post). But don't expect me to be one day in Rome and the next day in Norway, because the editor of the Daily Worker refuses to fake the date line. He's no newspaper man. He actually studies Hegel, and under-estimates the peril of Costa Rica.

Now that the history, flora and fauna of Costa Rica have been made clear to you, let us examine the menace of Costa Rican trade.

Men have been killed in Costa Rica! Fair young girls have been ruined in Costa Rica! Mosquitoes bite like the dickens in Costa Rica! Ah, ha! Malaria and mystery lurk behind its borders!

We dare say that you never heard of Don Cleto Gonzales Viquez. Isn't it so? Yet we must reveal the bitter truth! ... is President of Costa Rica!

Think of it! A man with a name like Don Cleto Gonzales Viquez is bound to be against America! The very syllables smell of intrigue, banditry, plots! Is he loyal to the Stars and Stripes? What an absurd question!

Bananas Bring Dismay.

For Costa Rica, with Don Cleto Gonzales Viquez at its head, is carrying on a ruthless campaign to ruin the young American sugar writers. And many more besides! You doubt it? Look at the facts! In 1925, Costa Rica exported 8,581,000 bunches of bananas valued at \$6,421,000. By 1929 it had increased its banana exports to 6,112,170 bunches.

What of it, you'll say, thinking that 6,000,000 bunches of bananas are less than 8,000,000. Huh! That is only a superficial analysis of those who

its Constitution. Laugh that off, if you can! For any country that modifies its Constitution is suspicious! Ask the Daughters of the American Revolution!

So the Costa Rican trade menace goes on, gaining slowly but surely on the United States. While from 1922 to 1930 U. S. exports to Costa Rica fell one per cent, Costa Rican imports into the U. S. A. fell only one-half of one per cent, and anybody can see that if this keeps on for two hundred years, Costa Rica will have reaped a harvest of gold from the dumbbell Yankees, while they argue about the tariff.

In closing, we again call attention to the menace of Costa Rica, and the fact that anybody with a name like Don Cleto Gonzales Viquez can mean no good to the American people.



# Tasks of the Communist Party in Porto Rico

By JOHN BELL

AMONG the countries in the Caribbean where we observe the absence of crystallized Communist parties, Porto Rico presents all the requisites for the objective conditions as the basis for the immediate development of the Communist movement.

What are the objective conditions? 1) The existence of a proletariat party organized in trade unions which for a long time have been under the influence of social-fascist leaders and the head of which is the arch betrayer Santiago Iglesias. We witness today a rapid organizational disintegration of the Federación Libre due to the long standing treachery of the misleaders of the Socialist Party and the American Federation of Labor; 2) the unorganized workers in the plantations who are the most downtrodden, exploited stratum of the toiling masses of Porto Rico are showing signs of combativeness and willingness to organize in class trade unions; 3) the oppressed non-proletarian masses of the island, the peasants and city poor, driven by despair and starvation as a result of the domination of Yankee Imperialism, are beginning to turn their backs to the native bourgeois politicians, the allianceists, unionists, socialists and the demagogic nationalists. They are ready to struggle for the complete national liberation of Porto Rico. Even Hoover was compelled to admit in his recent imperialist trip to the island, that there is a growing demand of Porto Ricans for the independence of their country. To what extent has Communist influence penetrated the very minds of the workers and poor peasants can be seen by the response of the masses to the calls of the Communists—although not yet organized in the homogeneous groups—at mass meetings and demonstrations against unemployment. In the city of Ponce, more than 1,000 workers responded to the call of the Communists on May Day in the Plaza Muñoz Rivera. The Communist speakers were cheered. The workers hailed the Soviet Union.

The economic crisis in the United States has tremendously accentuated the crisis in Porto Rico which dates back for years. Because of the very monocultural nature of the economy of the country, the crisis in the sugar market brought the country on the brink of ruin and starvation. More than 60 per cent of the workers are unemployed today. American imperialist domination of Porto Rico for the last 30 years brought untold misery and physical degeneration of the nation. More than 600,000 people are suffering from the dreadful disease of hookworm. The "blessings" of Yankee occupation can be found in Governor Roosevelt's report. For the

last 20 years 200,000 people died of malnutrition and 35,000 of tuberculosis in the last decade. Roosevelt's report presents the darkest picture in this history of Porto Rico. The huge surplus profits of American sugar barons and bankers and the native latifundists are extracted from the very blood of the toiling masses in the city and countryside. Illiteracy is widespread. There is a meagre provision for children's education. The Porto Rican children sit at school benches with their stomachs empty. They are pale, emaciated.

In the last years a series of spontaneous strikes took place. Because of the lack of militant and sincere leadership, the workers were betrayed by the yellow socialist leaders. The leaders of the American Federation of Labor are not interested to organize the workers. More than 40,000 women and children toil in the sweatshops. These yellow leaders consciously hinder the organization of the workers in the plantations (sugar, tobacco and fruit). The plantations constitute the key position of the imperialists and landowners in the economic life of the country.

In the face of this situation, important and urgent tasks confront the Communists of Porto Rico. The crystallization of Communist groups which must inevitably lead to the organization of a strong mass Communist Party, is conditioned by their daily activities in the class struggle. The Communist Party can only develop and thrive through the participation in the daily struggles of the working class in all aspects of the work. Let us enumerate some of the most immediate tasks of our Communist sympathizers and groups in Porto Rico:

1. Within the existing trade unions, controlled by the reactionary yellow leaders, the Communists must strive to organize revolutionary opposition or left wing groups on the basis of a concrete program for the betterment of the conditions of the workers, for higher wages, sanitary conditions in the shops, insurance against accidents, recognition of the unions, etc. The Communists must be the live wire within the left wing groups who are to explain to the workers the necessity for the militant struggle against the yellow leaders and win over the majority to their side around the program of immediate economic demands.

2. The organization of the unemployed workers into unemployed councils. Here the Communists must elaborate a program of action for concrete demands: Social insurance to the unemployed to be paid by the government and the imperialist enterprises, the funds to be administered by committees of workers. The unemployed councils must strive to link up their

struggle with the employed workers within and without the unions.

3. The most urgent task of the Communists is the organization of the agricultural workers in the plantations. These workers are the most exploited in the island and constitute the majority of the wage earners. The comrades must elaborate a program of partial demands in accordance with the existing conditions in the plantations. The organization of agricultural workers into revolutionary unions and their strike actions will shake the rural population and as Lenin said:

"Only the strike struggle is capable to shake off the lethargy of the countryside, to wake the class consciousness and the understanding of the complete necessity of a class organization for the exploited rural masses, to reveal to them in a practical way all value of their alliance with the workers in the cities."

The Fifth Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions has elaborated concrete suggestions as to the close collaboration and alliance that we must strive to establish between the city and agricultural workers. It is, therefore, fundamentally important, that we must organize the thousands of unorganized workers in the cities into revolutionary independent unions. This, of course, does not mean that we must not organize our left wing opposition in the reformist unions.

4. The Communists must be in the leadership in the movement for the national liberation of Porto Rico. The bourgeois political leaders are using more demagogy than ever in an attempt to retain their influence among the masses and check the growing demand of the people for complete independence. They also are for the "independence" of Porto Rico but in reality they work hand in hand with Yankee imperialism. The socialist party sends its representatives to the White House for more American loans the huge interests of which are to be paid by the workers and peasants. The Nationalist Party is more demagogic with its "left" phrases on this burning issue before the people of the islands. They must strive to win the toiling masses and the petty bourgeoisie, the students and city poor for the struggle for the independence of the island. On the basis of a concrete program of partial political demands, the Communists will succeed to lead the working class of Porto Rico

for the hegemony in the struggle for national liberation.

In carrying out the above outlined tasks, the Communists will gain strength and prestige among the working class and the oppressed people. In the course of their activities, the Communists must and will secure the most militant elements in the trade unions, mills, plantations, shops, etc., for the building of the Communist Party of Porto Rico. The members of the existing Communist groups must be immediately organized into shop or street nuclei. They are to regularly pay their monthly dues at their unit meetings.

The passivity of the Communists and the lack of initiative for Communist work, is due to the lack of understanding of the daily tasks. However, we feel certain that the above given suggestions as to the immediate tasks of our comrades, if carried out, will ensure the way to the formation of a strong militant and mass Communist Party capable to lead the oppressed masses to the overthrow of imperialism and the rule of native bourgeoisie in Porto Rico and the establishment of a Workers' and Peasants' Government.

(An important article on Trade Union and Party work will appear in the next Party Life Column.)

## SCABS WANTED

## Help to Win Miners' Strike By Saving the Daily Worker

This article was written more than a week ago, but its publication has been unavoidably delayed. The number of miners on strike today is 35,000.—Ed.

By F. BORICH.

WHILE this is written over 30,000 Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia coal miners are striking under the leadership of the National Miners Union. The strike is spreading like wildfire. When these lines will reach the Daily Worker readers additional thousands will be striking and the tempo of its spreading will increase.

It will spread because this is a strike against the devastating mass hunger among the miners and their families, hunger unparalleled in American history. THE MINERS ARE DETERMINED TO DEFEAT THE HUNGER.

Every single mine now on strike has elected Broad Rank and File Strike Committees. Thousands of miners have joined the National Miners Union. Dozens of mass meetings are being held daily under the auspices of the N.M.U. with thousands of miners attending. A mass picket line is organized and led by the N.M.U. in front of every striking mine with men, women, children, negro and white, participating. Marches of the striking miners and the unemployed miners are being led by the N.M.U. daily to spread the strike. General Strike Committee meetings of the unanimously elected miners representatives is being held Wednesday in Pittsburgh to formulate the demands and the policy of the strike.

The United Mine Workers, with the best speakers and organizers in the field, with gangsters and thousands of dollars at its disposal, with the widest publicity of the capitalist press and the widest distribution of leaflets by the jailed gangsters, was not able so far to hold a

single mass meeting in spite of many attempts. The miners refuse to attend. The U.M.W.A. organizers are being driven out of the field. Few of their followers are trying to scab. They are organizing back-to-work movements. Not one miner in course of the strike joined the U.M.W.A.

And yet, in view of these undisputed facts, the capitalist press of the whole Western Pennsylvania is printing miles long stories playing up the U.M.W.A. as the leader of the strike. This is being done in an attempt to prevent the spreading of the strike which means a defeat of the strike. They know that the miners will refuse to strike under the leadership of the U.M.W.A. The capitalist press, in long editorials and special articles, is urging the coal operators to sign an agreement with the U.M.W.A. if they want to prevent the growing strength of the National Miners Union. The claim that the U.M.W.A. will co-operate with the coal operators to "stabilize" the industry. Unheard of campaign lies is being organized against the N.M.U.

In order to counter-act these lies, in order to expose the strike breaking role of the U.M.W.A. in order to bring the militant program of the N.M.U. to the miners, we need tens of thousands of copies of the Daily Worker every day, especially as we have no official organ of our own. But the Daily Worker finds itself in a severe financial crisis which threatens its very existence and cannot afford to send us the necessary.

Therefore, in the name of the striking and starving miners, we appeal to all the readers and sympathizers of the Daily Worker to rush funds to the Daily Worker enabling it to send tens of thousands of copies every day to the striking miners. In this way you will help tremendously to win the miners' strike which is directed against mass hunger.

## Party Life

Conducted by the Org. Dept. Central Committee, Communist Party, U. S. A.

Some Notes from St. Louis  
A Note from A Migratory Worker

1) Three Negro workers became interested in the movement. After some discussion among themselves they decided to join the Communist Party. One of them came to the Party headquarters on a Monday. There was a meeting of the unemployed council then, so he joined it. The second worker came on a Tuesday. The Party unit met then. He filled out an application and joined. The third one came on a Thursday. The International Labor Defense met that night. So he joined the International Labor Defense. For three months after this happened, the three of them thought that they belonged to the same organization, the Communist Party.

2) Comrade K. became interested in the Party last November. He read about it in the capitalist press. As a worker he learned from his own experience that his place was in the Communist Party. He wanted to join, but he couldn't find the Party or any of the organizations connected with the Party. He couldn't even get a hold of the Daily Worker or of anything at all to get in touch with us. Only a few days before May Day one of the workers in the shop where he is working came over to him and gave him a leaflet, that was given out on the street, saying, "Here, you were talking about communism, they are going to have a meeting." That, finally, brought him to us after six months searching for the Party.

3) A Party speaker calls upon an audience of workers, in the name of the Party, T.U.U.L., I.L.D., Unemployed Council, L.S.N.R., Y.O.L., to join the movement. A worker, who came to the meeting having in mind to join the Unemployed Council, asks another worker, "Does he want to join the whole bunch of them?"

M. M.

## A NOTE FROM A MIGRATORY WORKER.

I joined the Communist Party May 1, 1931, but until now it is impossible for me to send you my address because I am unemployed and have no home. In the meantime, do not destroy my application card.

When I find a job in Chicago I will send you my address. I will help the Party financially and also through agitation. I am spreading propaganda from town to town as I look for work, especially the farms, among employed and unemployed. In small towns we are given a place to sleep for one night and some bread to eat and the following morning we have to leave.

This winter I traveled about 50,000 miles all over the U. S. A. and I find great sympathy for the Communist Party, but the Party doesn't know about it because these workers are scattered throughout the small mining towns and when there is a parade like May 1st, again we don't find them there.

Capitalist vermin are spreading lying propaganda against the C. P. in the U. S. A. and against the Soviet Union. There are many workers who are misled but for that very reason we must work hard to expose these lying capitalists and their tricks.

(An important article on Trade Union and Party work will appear in the next Party Life Column.)

## FROM EDITOR TO READER

### Faith in the Working Class

THE other day a reader wrote us about something called the "Industrial Union League," which held a meeting in a New York suburb, spending most of the time attacking the Communists. They put out a leaflet which speaks about "socialist industrial unionism." Sounds kind of "radical" to most people.

Now workers should realize what all this means. The "Industrial Union League" is neither "industrial" nor a "union" nor a "league." It is something that a few members of what there are in the "Socialist Labor Party" (and they are damned few!) play with in order to prevent workers from joining the Trade Union Unity League, the only revolutionary trade union central organization in the U. S. A. The only

one supported by and guided by Communists, yet open to all workers.

What has this got to do with you? you may ask. Well, we just wanted you to understand how Communists are different than the S. L. P. Why Communists are attacked by the S. L. P. And what's all the row about. Because many workers think: "Why can't these radical groups get together? Why fight among yourselves?"

Yet, if you really know the life of Lenin, you'll remember that the biggest part of his work was fighting against misleaders of the workers who pretended to be "socialists" and "revolutionists." Only by firm fight against such people was the Russian working class prepared to overthrow capitalism.

The S. L. P. leaflet mentioned talks about capital and labor. But it says that "The fact



## On Fraternal Orders

Recently a worker, who correctly opposes the so-called "fraternal orders" under capitalist control, which stultify class struggle, wrote us, adding an objection to the I. W. O. (International Workers Order) which he claims has "high rates which keep many out," and that "one reason is the \$100 a week jobs and so on." He adds:

"The average worker's wage is \$28 a week and less. A worker's organization should have executives that live like workers and act like us on the same average pay. Those that get more are opportunists."

Well, opportunism must be measured by something more than a salary. We chaps on the Daily Worker once in a while make opportunist mistakes right when we miss pay days entirely. And the I. W. O. officials are, we think, keeping the class struggle pretty well to the fore. But we inquired about all this and, as informed by the I. W. O. secretary that:

"The I. W. O. as a fraternal benefit society has lower rates than any other fraternal organization, much lower than the German Krankenkasse, Woodmen of the World, Workmen Circle, etc." As to those supposed \$100-salaries, he tells us: "There can be no question but that the officials of the I. W. O. are getting salaries which are scheduled for the proletarian fraternal organizations. The scale of wages for the officials cannot be higher than \$50. This is a decision of the I. W. O. National Executive Committee."

So it seems, comrade, that you're a bit mistaken on both complaints. There are no "high rates" and no "\$100 a week jobs." And, if you still think they are both too high, well, we guess you better join the I. W. O. and undertake, with the rights of a members, to change 'em.

## Not the Same Appeal

The guy who slides up to you and offers you a bottle which he calls "Pre-War stuff," is logically to be suspected. The same applies to the attempt by Haldeman-Julius and Fred Warren to palm off a paper they are starting as the pre-war "Appeal to Reason."

The old Appeal to Reason was a paper, in pre-war days, of socialist agitation, fearfully vague on basic theory but striking a popular note of protest at capitalism dished out with utopian promises that "under socialism things will be different."

That doesn't answer the question today, when any movement has to respond to concrete struggle, and has to stand for socialism in its living form in the Soviet Union—or stop being a movement. The so-called "socialist" party, Abramovitch, czarist, white guards and all, has given its blessings to the idea of "reviving" the Appeal to Reason, so any worker can see what kind of counter-revolutionary dope sheet it will be.

But there has been an awkward thing to explain. If the Appeal is being "revived," why did it die? Why did it stay dead for over a decade? A Montana farmer who was once its supporter but who now knows that the only party of really socialist policy is the Communist Party, and the leading English paper in this country that fights for the toilers is the Daily Worker, tells us why the old Appeal to Reason died:

"Fred Warren and Emanuel Haldeman-Julius of Kansas are trying to revive the old Appeal. They betrayed the workers during the war, by calling it the 'New Appeal,' and backed Woodrow Wilson. The militant workers quit it and now they say it went under during the war and if the workers will support them they will revive it."

"They are going to fight for 'so-called justice,' whatever that means. It is my opinion that they want to stem the tide of the workers to the Communist Party and betray them in the coming war just like they did in the last imperialist World War."

Listen how these scoundrels try to lie out of their past betrayal:

"The Appeal failed because of the black reaction during and after the World War, when for some years Socialist propaganda could find no audience and Americans in particular exhibited a bitter resentment or cynical indifference toward discussions of social reform."

Horse feathers! Just like social-fascists to lay their own treachery to the masses!

And everything that Haldeman-Julius says in his present paper, the "Freeman," shows that the "revived" Appeal will do just what our former reader of Montana says. A lot of gabble about how beautiful everything "will be, under socialism, but—but the Soviet Union is not mentioned, and as an immediate aim, he proposes "Justice and sanity in government."

Gentlemen, your "pre-war" socialism is fake!

appears that labor is sound asleep."

People who write such stuff as that have no faith in the working class. Think! From the great mine strike we hear the following:

"The unadorned facts are that the men, women and children of the Western Pennsylvania coal fields show no awe whatever in the face of the armed forces; that they have reformed their picket lines as many as four times and charged through tear gas barages behind which lay barricaded professional killers armed with machine guns. The workers had only sticks and stones."

Yet the S. L. P. says "labor is sound asleep." The Communists say that it is the S. L. P. which is sound asleep! The Communists get the support of the masses because they have faith in the masses. The Daily Worker is not just kidding you when it asks you, thousands of you workers who are not members of the Communist Party, to form Daily Worker Clubs in order that the Daily may benefit by your advice and your criticisms. We mean every word of it.

Only because we are Communists do we open our door to workers, to the masses. Comrade Stalin, writing about Lenin, who had deep faith in the masses, bitterly attacks those who lack that faith. He says, in part:

"The theoreticians and leaders of parties, who know the history of the peoples, who have thoroughly studied the history of the different revolutions from beginning to end, sometimes fall victims of a certain shameful disease. This disease is called 'fear of the masses,' lack of faith in the creative genius of the masses."

Comrade reader, we don't have that "shameful disease." No real Communist does. We mean what we say when we urge you to form Daily Worker Clubs, your own organization, a club which should be a social affair absolutely voluntary, free from dues, tiresome rules and "stiff-necked-ism," if you get our meaning, but helpful to your favorite paper, as we are helpful to you. We have faith in the working class.



# HOW THE WORKERS ADVANCE IN THE SOVIET UNION

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By MAX BEDACHT.

## IX. The Cultural Advance of the Soviets.

The revolutionary advance of the Russian workers to the position of the ruling class created colossal tasks for them. The supposed high culture of the ruling landed aristocracy in Czarist Russia only emphasized the bitter antagonism of czarism to mass culture. The white spots of the "culture" of the ruling classes only brought into sharper relief the utter darkness in the cultural life of the Russian masses. Under Czarism less than 28 per cent of the entire rural population could read. In the cities 40 per cent of the population were illiterate. Illiteracy gripped 64.5 per cent of the entire population of Czarist Russia. But even these fearful figures cannot give a complete picture of the problems which the cultural revolution of the Soviets must solve.

Capitalism developed within feudalism. Socialism cannot develop within capitalism. The economic organization of capitalism developed even before the capitalists were the ruling class. The capitalist revolution did not have to establish capitalist economy. It merely had to establish the political conditions for its further expansion. The nucleus of the administrative and technical staff needed by capitalism for the further expansion of its economic system had been trained in the capitalist industrial and commercial relations and transactions existing and developing under feudalism.

The workers do not have such favorable conditions for their revolution. The economic system which the workers' revolution must establish is not a further development of the old capitalist system but a complete replacement of it. The task of the proletarian revolution is not further to develop the capitalist world; its task is to build a new world. This new world must be built with the materials provided by the old capitalist world.

The most important of these materials is the working class itself. Out of this material the proletarian revolution must build its government; from this material it must man its new economic structure, its administrative apparatus; from this material it must recruit its cadres of educators.

The capitalist cadres of these categories can be used by the proletarian revolution only to a very limited degree. The cadres of administrators, technicians, educators, etc., taken over from the capitalist order are dominated by a bourgeois ideology (capitalist way of thinking). For them the taking of power by the Russian workers was an intolerable presumption. They were antagonistic to the proletarian revolution. They fought it. In

the leading positions of the government and the industry they resisted the building of the new world. Out of their ranks the counter-revolution recruited the most active sections of its forces. After the defeat of the counter-revolution these elements settled down in the hope that their government could not last long. They consented to take positions in government and industry; but in these positions they waited for the collapse of the Soviets. When the success of the Soviets and the progress in the building of socialism put an end to their hopes of a bourgeois degeneration of the proletarian revolution, their opposition again changed from a passive into an active one. They again became soldiers of the counter-revolution, this time on the economic front. By means of sabotage, of mis-direction of efforts, etc., they fought socialist progress. The Shachtly trial and the recent trial of the Industrial Party bear witness to this fact.

The bourgeois intelligentsia, technicians, instructors, etc., remain a foreign political body in the growing socialist state almost to the end. A complete assimilation of this element is possible only in the melting pot of the final success of socialism.

Under these conditions it is clear that the success in the building of socialism cannot be based on these elements. They are some of the indispensable materials left by capitalism for the construction of socialism. They can and must be used in this construction; but they cannot be entrusted with it. The working class itself must supply the forces which will assure the success of the Soviets.

The Russian working masses were left by Czarism in darkest ignorance. The November revolution made them the rulers of Russia. The revolution gave them power; but for millions of them it afforded also the first opportunity to learn to read. Through painful and difficult efforts they had to acquire the ability to be the government; they had to learn to be administrators of industry; they had to develop into technicians; they had to learn to be military leaders against the well-trained generals of the counter-revolution.

It is clear therefrom that the problem for the Russian masses was not merely to acquire "culture." The prevailing culture was a product, an expression and a stronghold of Czarist rule and of capitalism. The toiling masses need a different culture—a culture that grows out of their own life and out of their own class needs; a culture that grows out of the revolution itself. The proletarian revolution is developing such a new culture; as it develops it this culture becomes itself a revolutionary force in the building of the new world.

complaining that the absence of freedom of the press in Soviet Russia deprived the Russian masses from choosing their reading matter, the Soviets were making almost superhuman efforts in teaching these masses how to read. In 1928 already 87.2 per cent of all children from 8 to 11 years of age were provided with schools. The Red Army was turned into one big elementary school which taught not only how to defend the revolution, but also how to understand and to build it. Every step forward which was made by the Soviets was accompanied by efforts to make the next step easier, to develop new administrators, new technicians, new instructors.

Contrary to all previous ruling classes, the working class as the ruler is interested in the education of the masses. All previous ruling classes based their education on the science of oppression and exploitation. The education provided by the proletarian rulers of the Soviet Union is based on the science of ending oppression and exploitation; it is the embodiment of the science of revolution, of socialism.

This revolutionary content of the tremendous educational efforts of the Soviets is another crime charged against them. To fill millions of workers' children with the trash that they must be satisfied with their lot of slaving for capitalist profits because capitalism in return supplies one out of every 20 million of them with the theoretical chance to become president some day is called "free" education. But to teach the workers' children the science of the conditions and the materials of building a better world—that is called misusing science in the interest of a class.

In spite of all opposition the Soviet Union proceeds with the work of achieving the cultural elevation of the masses on the basis of Marxism-Leninism. This science has led the Russian masses in their struggle for freedom from capitalist exploitation. It is guiding them in the building of socialism. It teaches them the basis and conditions of social life and thereby enables them to change their slavery into a mastery over the social forces.

The cultural revolution taking place in the Soviet Union is freeing the masses rapidly from the remaining mental shackles of capitalism, just as the political revolution has freed them from the political shackles and the economic revolution is freeing them from the economic shackles of capitalism.

Workers who do not wish their names published because of possible persecution should indicate this in sending in their contributions. Collectors should ask those who contribute whether they want their names printed.

Receipts Wednesday were a little improved, but not enough. A total of \$905.30 came in, but this is still below the \$1,200 a day needed to save the Daily Worker (New York) contributed the greater part of this—\$555.30, while most of the other districts except 13 (California) fell down badly. District 13 contributed more than it has in any single day, \$112.30, and was second in the list. Keep it up, California, you have a long way to go!

Table showing financial contributions from various districts. Columns include District numbers, names of districts, and amounts. Includes a summary section at the bottom with 'Total' and 'Total to date' figures.

### MINERS PREPARE HUNGER MARCH FOR JUNE 30

More Miners Join the Strike

The march was decided upon by the Central Rank and File Strike Committee, 302 members from all the mine strike areas, meeting here Wednesday. The march will take place June 30.

There will probably be two other marches either shortly before or just after the Pittsburgh march. These will be in Fayette County, on the county seat at Uniontown and in Westmoreland County, on the county seat at Greensburg. Both these counties are full of jobless miners.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 18.—The steel workers are moving to the aid of the striking miners, and are beginning to organize also for their own cause. A conference of steel workers and mine strikers, both employed and unemployed workers, has been called by the Central Rank and File Strike Committee of the National Miners Union, and the Metal Workers Industrial League of the TUULU to meet in Pittsburgh at Irene Kauffman Hall, 2035 Center St., at 3 p. m., Saturday, June 20.

Each miner member of the strike committee is spreading the word among the rest of the strikers that each is to agitate for the support of the conference among the nearby steel workers. Many of the steel towns are literally surrounded by coal mines.

The conference will work out plans for organization of relief in the steel towns for the striking miners, for other aid, particularly in hunger marches, and will plan a drive to organize the steel workers to put up a fight for their own demands.

There are continual reports of wage cuts and lay offs among the steel workers.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 18.—A committee of striking miners is turning the middle west with Marcel Scherer, national secretary of the Workers International Relief to organize collections of food, clothing

### GOVERNOR PINCHOT ADMITS HE IS TRYING TO BREAK MINE STRIKE

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plan their scab activity. The governor conferred with Samuel Purslove, president of the Terminal Coal Co.; Horace F. Baker, legal advisor to the company, and Phillip Murray, international vice-president, and Fagan of the United Mine Workers.

Bosses, Governor, U.M.W. Unite.

From the statement of the governor it is clear that the company, the governor and the U.M.W. are in perfect agreement and are going to do all they can to ram the scab agreement down the miners' throats.

Resolution passed by the miners who sent the delegation to Harrisburg, repudiating the U. M. W., said, in part:

"We denounce this conference as an organized effort to break our

### ILD HITS POLICE AID TO LYNCHERS OF NEGRO TOILER

CHATTANOOGA, Ala., June 19.—No trace has been found of Thomas Jasper, 35-year-old Negro worker, who was taken out of the city jail at Huntsville, Ala., on Tuesday by two white men. The police admit their belief that the worker has been lynched.

In an attempt to explain how the two white men could enter the prison and break open the cell in which Jasper was confined, the police give the alibi that in their absence in answering a fake emergency call the men filed off the door of the jail.

Police claim ignorance of the identity of the men, but as Jasper had been locked up on a charge of annoying a white girl engineered by his employer the general opinion here is that one of the two men was Jasper's boss. Jasper had been demanding his wages of the boss. Charges of "rape," etc., usually follow such demands by the enslaved Negro workers.

The open collaboration of the police with the two boss lynchings is

St. Paul Daily Worker Readers Meet Sunday

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 19.—A meeting of the St. Paul readers of the Daily Worker for the purpose of organizing a Daily Worker Club will be held Sunday at 10 a. m. at the Workers' Center, 303 Jackson. Sunday evening a meeting of the Twin Cities Daily Worker agents will be held in the Trade Union Unity League Hall, 124 1/2 S. Fourth St., Minneapolis.

A meeting of the Minneapolis readers will be held Monday night in the T. U. U. L. Hall. E. Levin, manager of the Daily Worker, will speak at all three meetings.

### Irish Republicans in Demonstration

LONDON.—A huge demonstration of Irish Republicans assembled yesterday evening outside the Mountjoy Prison in Dublin in support of the hunger strike of the political prisoners. The demonstration was followed with a meeting in the center of the city, and a Prisoners Defense League was organized.

Police charged the demonstration and over twenty persons were injured and sent to the hospital with head wounds. The police threw a cordon around the prison. The crowd attacked the police cordon using chairs as weapons. Several police were injured and many persons were arrested.

BUCHAREST.—The Romanian parliament annulled five mandates of the Workers and Peasants Bloc on technical reasons. Great workers demonstrations yesterday evening protested against the mandate robbery. A large police force finally succeeded in dispersing the demonstrations.

Socialists voted for the annulment of the workers mandates which is now distributed amongst other parties, the socialists receiving one as a reward of their treachery.

### MASS PICKETING TO SMASH THE INJUNCTION

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the combined group to go in a body, travelling all night Wednesday night, to Harrisburg. There they will walk into the conference between International Vice President Murray of the United Mine Workers of America, President Purslove of the Pittsburgh Terminal, and Governor Pinchot, and tell the assembled fakery that they can not make an agreement to settle the strike in the company's mines through the United Mine Workers.

Meanwhile, it was voted, there will be mass picketing of all the Pittsburgh Terminal Mines Thursday, to back up the delegation.

Frank Borah, National Secretary of the National Miners Union will head the joint delegation, and act as spokesman.

The resolution on the injunction is as follows:

Resolutions of the District Committee "Judge H. H. Rowand on Common Pleas Court has just issued an injunction restraining the striking coal miners from picketing, assembling, or urging workers to strike at the Wildwood Mine of the Butler Consolidated Coal Co. This injunction, which in substance attempts to deny the right to strike, is declared by the Pittsburgh daily press of June 16 to be "one of the most drastic and far reaching of any labor controversy in the history of Western Pennsylvania."

Judge Rowand's injunction is a direct and deliberate attempt to break our strike. Its issuance shows Judge Rowand to be a tool of the coal operators in their efforts to force the miners deeper than ever into the morass of poverty and destitution. It is also an effort to check the rising wave of unrest and of struggle among the steel workers, and workers generally in the Pittsburgh area.

"Our strike is a strike against starvation. Thousands and thousands of miners have had no work for a year or more. Those who had jobs are working only part time and getting wages of not more than one-third of formerly. Consequently, actual famine conditions stalk throughout the coal fields. Our children are being starved in their growth for want of proper food. Our families lack the most elementary necessities

of life in the land of plenty. While working we often went to work hungry. The unemployed, denied unemployment insurance or any relief worthy the name, are in a desperate condition. Our strike is a struggle against this impossible and intolerable misery.

"Now comes Judge Rowand with his injunction. This judge, himself supplied with all the necessities and luxuries of life, callously and autocratically issues this restraining order, aimed to deprive us of the right to strike, of the right to fight to protect our interests so that the employers may reap still bigger profits. Judge Rowand, like other autocrats, thinks that at the beck and call of the coal operators, he can off hand sentence the miners to starvation.

"But we refuse to starve. We demand the right to live. We demand food for our children and for our families. We demand the right to strike, to picket, to assemble, and we will exercise these rights.

"This injunction comes in the train of a series of attacks by the state and county authorities, upon the miners, including the flooding of the strike area with state police, deputy sheriffs, etc., the wholesale eviction of strikers, Governor Pinchot's refusal to have a public investigation of conditions in the coal industry, his attempt to force the miners back into the strike-breaking U. M. W. A. in spite of the fact that 98 per cent of the strikers are members of the National Miners Union. Even as Judge Rowand directs his atrocious injunction against us, Governor Pinchot, with an eye on the United States presidential nomination, is telling the world what a reign of justice and liberty exists in the strike zone of Western Pennsylvania. The whole working class in the Pittsburgh district will protest this outrageous injunction.

"The miners do not agree with Judge Rowand's usance that we be driven back to work or to starve. On the contrary, we insist upon our rights to strike in support of the demands we have submitted to the

### GERMAN MINERS GREET STRIKERS Berlin W.I.R. Pledges Strike Support

The miners and workers' International Relief of the Ruhr District, Germany, joined in sending a message of proletarian solidarity to the striking miners of Pennsylvania, Ohio, as follows:

The Mine Workers' Conference of the Schachtelruege and the Ruhr District send warm revolutionary greetings to the Pennsylvania-Ohio miners and wish them the greatest success in their struggle. The miners of the Ruhr district are preparing their own struggle against wage-cuts and starvation program of the Hunger Dictatorship. Long live the struggles of all miners against the murderous mine capitalists. Long live the solidarity of the whole working class!

(Signed) Council of Miners and W.I.R., Ruhr District, Germany.

The W. I. R. of Berlin has cabled greetings to the miners, urging the support of the N. M. U. and W. I. R. The Central Committee of the W.I.R. sends greetings of flaming solidarity to the striking Pennsylvania-Ohio miners. The German workers, struggling against the wage-cut offensive against the Young Plan and against unemployment, appeal to the working class of America to support the National Miners' Union and the Workers' International Relief in their present struggle.

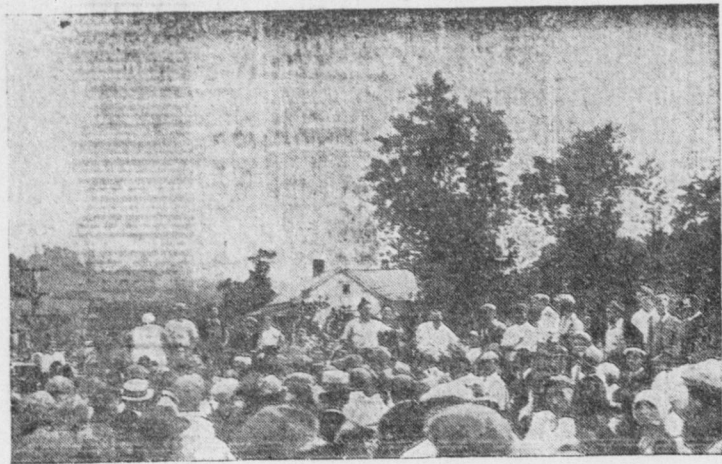
operators and the state government. The miners will continue to picket the mine of the Butler Consolidated Coal Co. in the strike area. We are fighting against starvation and for the right to live."

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# 35,000 MINERS STRIKE AGAINST STARVATION; HELP WIN, SEND RELIEF!

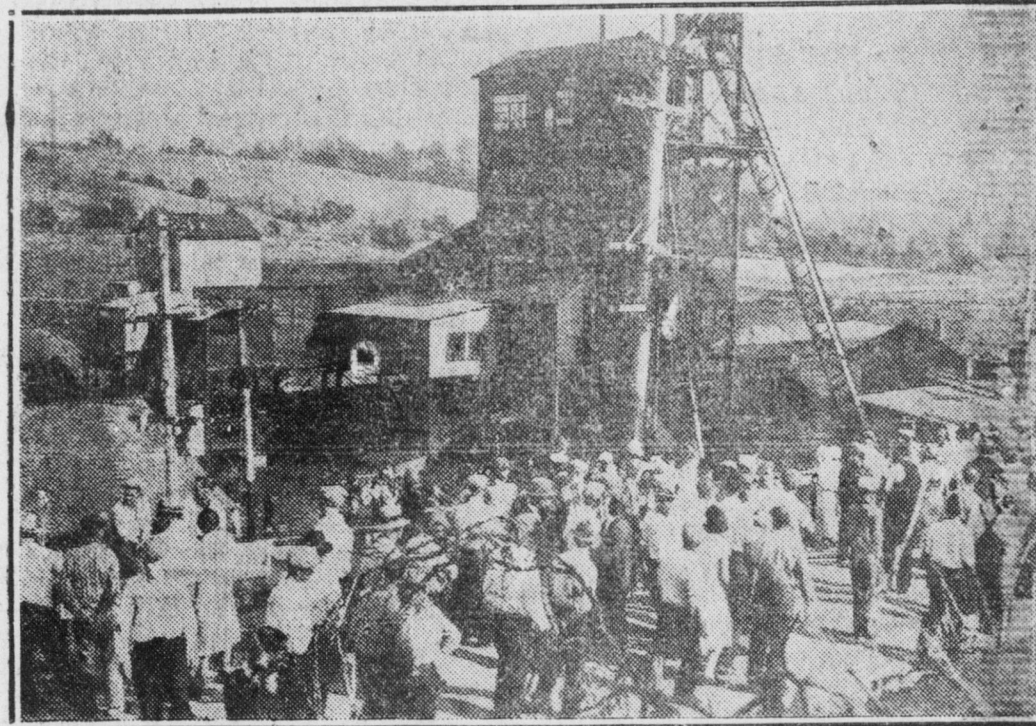


Showing Leo Thompson addressing strikers' mass meeting attended by over 2,000 at Lafferty, Ohio, before march to St. Clairsville jail started. June 11, 1931.

**WHY 35,000 MINERS ARE STRIKING**

MINERS' UNION	APR 16 TO 30 1931	Amount	MAY 13 1931	P. R. No. 14	No. 1963
Pick Coal	21.90	9.64		<b>CARNEGIE COAL CORPORATION</b> CEDAR GROVE MINE STUDA, PA. PAY TO THE ORDER OF <u>Mike Ruzman</u> \$ .07 --- Only seven cents --- DOLLARS IN FULL SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS PER STATEMENT HERON. (TO BE HELD FOR PAYROLL PURPOSES ONLY) <b>CARNEGIE COAL CORPORATION</b> TO <u>Peoples National Bank</u> AUDITOR SCROTTSTOWN, PA.	
Moh. Coal	2.00				
Out By Moh.		1.80			
Yes Entry		1.92			
Clay Vains and Spars					
Sundry					
Date					
Total Credits		13.16			
To Smithing	.09				
Rent					
Coal					
Explosives					
Lamp-Sundry	.50				
Doctor	.50				
A & D					
Store	12.00				
Total Deductions		13.09			
BALANCE		.07			

After 2 weeks' toil, this miner received 7 cents in wages.



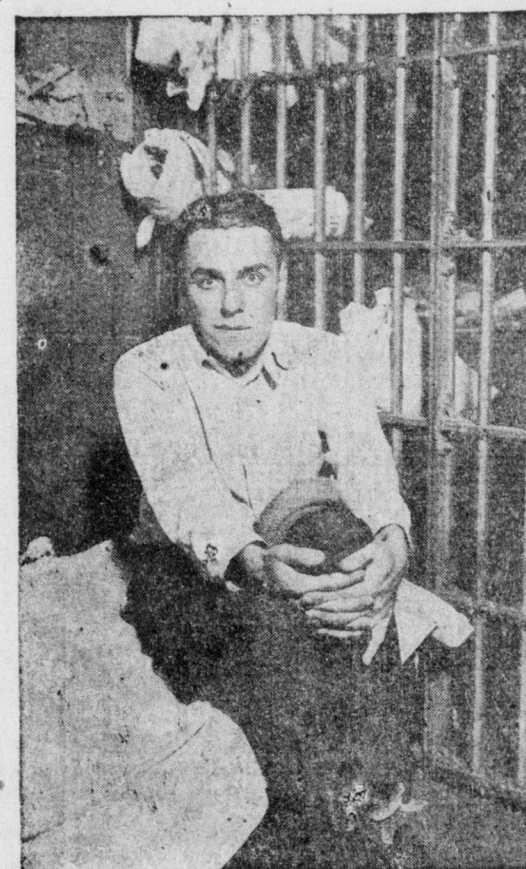
Strike pickets at the Lafferty mine, near St. Clairsville calling on their fellow workers to join the strike. The strikers went from mine to mine where they met enthusiastic response, a total of over 35,000 joining the ranks of the strikers under the leadership of the National Miners' Union, striking against starvation. The strike is still spreading despite the vicious terror of the bosses, backed by Governor Pinchot, and the scabbing U. M. W. A.



Showing Tony Leone, a sympathizer, collapsing under effects of tear gas and black-lucks in Ohio, June 11, 1931.



Chief strike-breaker, Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania, shaking hands with one of his lackeys. Pinchot tried to fool the miners about the right to picket at the very moment one of Pinchot's judges issued a sweeping injunction against the miners in order to make Pinchot's strike breaking activities easier.



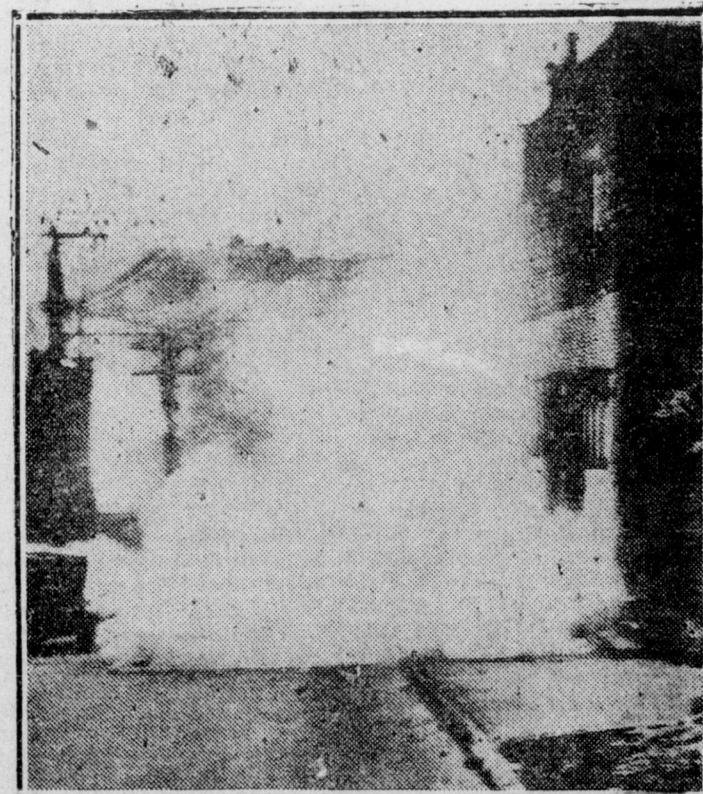
Showing Leo Thompson in his St. Clairsville County jail cell after being arrested at protest demonstration on June 11, 1931.



Cross section of the hunger march of 15,000 miners and their families in Washington, Pa., Wednesday. The marchers demanded, among other things, relief from the county government.



Stella Baubles, a strikers' daughter, unconscious and overcome by gas. June 11th, 1931. St. Clairsville, Ohio.



A view of a barrage of tear gas shot at picket lines in one of the Ohio mines. These war tactics of the mine bosses, their gunmen and state police are not stopping the spread of the mine strike in West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania.



William Z. Foster, secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, with which the National Miners' Union is affiliated, talking to striking miners at an outdoor mass meeting near Clairsville, Ohio. He is urging the miners to spread the strike and to beware of the strike-breaking activity of the United Mine Workers of America.



On the scene, in the pay of the coal bosses. Typical mine thugs and police used against the militant miners in the attempt to break the strike against starvation.



Forced out of the miserable company shacks of the coal barons, unemployed miners near Pittsburgh have been driven to the extent of seeking shelter in hovels made of boxes. Adding to this misery, police burned up the "homes," seen above, so that the jobless miners' holes would not hurt the site of the bosses living nearby.