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PROTEST THE MURDER OF SIMMS AT COLISEUM TONIGHT

To the Kentucky and Tennessee Miners

An Appeal from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. A.

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE MINERS:

The cold-blooded murder of young Harry Simms, organizer of the Young Communist League and active in organizing the young miners, is a blow struck at the fighting miners of Kentucky and Tennessee. It is a desperate attempt to break the resistance of the miners to hunger and starvation in the coal fields.

In their plan to drive the wages of the workers to the lowest possible level, the coal operators are not only destroying the rights of the workers, to speak, assemble, to organize and to strike but are even robbing them of the right to hold memorial meetings and pay their respects to those that have fallen in the struggle. The coal operators and their henchmen, the county, city and state authorities, are exposing to the full that there is no democracy for the coal miners. That democracy is reserved only for the rich. Young Simms is murdered but Orden Miller, the gun thug goes unpunished.

Young Simms was a Northerner, a "foreigner," as the operators called him, who worked willingly and loyally to unite the ranks of the miners and create a powerful organization that will destroy the starvation and murder rule of the operators. With his life he has answered the shameful slanders of the operators and their murderous thugs that the National Miners Union and the Communists came to profit from the miners. Simms and the National Miners Union had been standing side by side with the Kentucky miners and suffering the worst blows of the terror.

Just because young Simms was a Communist, the operators murdered him, because the Communists are fighters, ready to give their lives to the cause of the working class. That is why the operators hate them, persecute them, flog them and shoot them down in cold blood as they do all honest fighters of the working class. The operators like the United Mine Workers leaders, praise them as "Americans" because they betray the workers and sell them out to the operators.

Why did they murder Simms? Because the fight of the miners is proving costly to the operators, because with each day's resistance the operators are finding it more difficult to carry out their plans to keep the miners in starvation, to keep them brutally enslaved. Because they know that the miners are learning the truth as to who are their friends and who are their enemies and the truth is making them strong.

The miners are learning that the Communists are right, that the Communists are telling the truth when they say that Kentucky as well as the rest of the country is ruled by the bosses and their agents and it is necessary to fight this rule, to overthrow the whole system of boss class rule, in order to be free. The sheriffs, the judges, the district attorneys, the mayors, the governors, are owned body and soul by the operators. That is why they carry out their rule and terror.

The government in Washington, the republican and democratic parties, are likewise owned by the Rockefeller, Ford, and Morgans who control the mines of Kentucky and Tennessee. That is why the government in Washington keeps silent about the bloody reign of terror in Kentucky. This rule is being exposed. The whole world is learning the truth of what is happening in bloody Kentucky and for that reason the agents of the bosses are crying that the Communists must be expelled, that Kentucky must be rid of the Communist movement.

But they cannot rid Kentucky of Communism, because the miners will take the place of those who have fallen in the struggle, because new Communists are rising every day from the ranks of the miners, because Communism grows not from without but from within, because the poverty, misery, starvation and terror are creating Communists every day directly in the South.

They cannot get rid of the Communists because they will not and cannot get rid of the hellish conditions which creates them, they will not get rid of the low wages, poverty and starvation. The operators are the ones that live on the poverty of the masses and the government is there to protect the rich profits of the bosses and is there to keep the masses enslaved.

Kentucky and Tennessee miners: Everyone can now see that what the operators said about the NMU and the Communists are lies. The Communists are not self-seekers. The operators and the government agents are self-seekers. They destroy everything to keep up their profits, they deny their own laws, they lie and slander, they pillage and murder, in order to keep up their profits which alone they hold sacred. The Communists are the most self-sacrificing section of the working class and that is why they are hated.

The Communists are not "foreigners," they are not "outsiders," they are bone of the bone and flesh of the flesh of the working class.

The Communists are not destroying the family. The boss class, the rich parasites that live upon the miseries of the miners, are destroying the families by hunger, poverty and starvation. The Communists are not imported from Russia—they are not "Russians." They spring from the conditions in the United States. They rise from the ranks of the American working class. They believe in the unity of the working class nationally and internationally. They believe in the slogan—Workers of All Lands, Unite! They are opposed to Negro discrimination and Jim Crowism because it divides the working class and because divided the working class cannot be strong. Negroes are lynched and white workers are shot down. White and colored workers must unite.

The Communists believe that the American workers should follow in the footsteps of the Russian workers who have rid themselves of unemployment and poverty, who have the six-hour day in the mines, who receive sickness and unemployment insurance, because the Russian workers have rid themselves of their bosses and have established themselves as the ruling class and are successfully building up a society serving the interests of the broad toiling masses—a system of Socialism.

The operators charge that the Communists have come to fight against the religious beliefs of the miners. This is only another lie. The Communists are trying to unite the workers no matter what their religious beliefs, to fight the operators. The operators are using the argument of religion to divide the workers. The Communists and the National Miners Union fight against any division of the workers on religious grounds.

The struggle in Kentucky is hard because the coal operators are well organized, because they have the thugs and the law in their grip and because the miners are only now organizing their ranks. The miners are growing stronger, the fight is making them understand the need for the stronger organization and by trusting only their own ranks, by getting rid of all false ideas, and by standing firmly under the leadership of the National Miners Union and the Communists.

Kentucky and Tennessee miners: Strengthen the ranks of the strike mine by mine. Answer the terror by building your organization solidly mine for mine and by uniting your ranks more firmly to compel the operators to yield to your just demands. Demand the withdrawal of the thugs, demand the withdrawal of the National Guard, demand the freedom of all arrested in the strike. Fight the treacherous United Mine Workers leaders. Join the ranks of the National Miners Union.

Young miners, take the place of young Simms, organizer of the Young Communist League. Join the ranks of the Young Communist League and build up a powerful organization of young Communists in the South to fight for freedom.

Miners, organize a Communist Party to lead your fight against the bosses and to fight for the overthrow of the present system of starvation rule. Forward in the fight against low wages, unemployment and war! Forward from present fights, to bigger battles, for the freedom of the working class.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

THOUSANDS PICKET AS A. F. OF L. DRESSMAKERS JOIN THE UNITED FRONT

Strike Meeting Today at Manhattan Lyceum
2 p. m.; 100 Bosses Plead for Settlement

Schlesinger Loses Control As Workers In Sweat Shop Exposes Boss Conspiracy

BULLETIN.

NEW YORK.—In order to organize aid for the United Front Dress strike, the Trade Union Unity Council of Greater New York, in agreement with the Workers International Relief, has issued a call to all militant labor organizations in New York City to send delegates to a conference to be held Saturday, Feb. 29 at the strike headquarters, 539 Sixth Ave.

Unions, leagues, fraternal orders and workers' clubs should elect delegates at once to this important conference. Those organizations who have no meetings this week to elect delegates should be represented at the conference by officers or executive board members. Credentials should be sent to the office of the T.U.U.C. or be presented at the conference.

J. Migdol, chairman of the strike committee, and Ben Gold, secretary, will report on the progress of the strike.

NEW YORK, FEB. 16.—New York's striking dressmakers, strengthened by new forces yesterday, dealt a crushing blow to the Schlesinger clique, to the Lovestonites, to the sweatshop bosses and to the Tammany Hall machine. The militant workers won a great and decisive preliminary victory—a victory which gave double assurance of the final triumph ahead.

As was expected, the Schlesinger gang, in league with the bosses, issued the order for its fake strike. But the Schlesinger gang had lost its power to deceive the workers and the call was lukewarmly received. The

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Chinese Communist Tells of Anti-War Fight of Masses in China, Japan

Anti-Imperialist Struggle Grows In Both Countries
Under Leadership of Communist Parties

Calls On Workers of Imperialist Countries to
Stay Bloody Hand of Japanese
Murderers

By MYRA PACE, Foreign Correspondent, Daily Worker.

MOSCOW, Feb. 16.—With the purpose of getting reliable and latest information for American workers regarding the situation in China and the Japanese invasion, today I interviewed Hwang Ming, representative of the Chinese Communist Party and a member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International.

"Today there is real war in China," Ming declared. "War in the air, on land and on sea. It began when the Japanese imperialists sent troops to Manchuria and has already spread to an attack on Shanghai and, according to a public statement of the Japanese War Minister Japanese forces plan immediate attack on all of China's main seaports. Fighting threatens also at Canton and Swatow. Everywhere the invaders go they spread havoc, slaughtering popula-

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Panic Stricken Wall Street Rushes Thru Inflation Act

WASHINGTON.—With internal financial collapse staring them in the face, with rumors of the abandonment of the gold standard by the U. S. circulating in authoritative quarters, and the menace of concerted and intensified French financial pressure threatening to hack away even the weak props that still maintain the financial structure of Wall St., the House of Representatives frantically steamrolled the Glass-Steagall Banking bill yesterday by an overwhelming vote.

So acute has the financial crisis become that the bill was rushed through with complete disregard for all parliamentary procedure after a secret conference of financiers with Pres. Hoover and Gen. Dawes, president of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The Glass-Steagall bill brings to a head the entire process of inflation predicted and exposed by the Daily Worker. It goes even further than the National Credit Corporation, and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in putting under way the most

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HARRY SIMMS—BEFORE HE WAS MURDERED

Four Pages Today; But Suspension Danger Still Strong; Rush All Funds

Four pages today—made possible by the splendid response of workers all over the country Sunday and Monday, which resulted in a total of \$2631 received in those two days. The question confronting us now is how long can we continue as a four-page paper—how long can we continue at all?

YESTERDAY'S TOTAL RESPONSE MAKES THE PERMANENCY OF A FOUR PAGE PAPER SOMEWHAT DOUBTFUL. MANY DISTRICTS DID NOT SEND IN ANY CONTRIBUTIONS, AND AS A RESULT, WE ONLY RECEIVED \$317.51. THIS IS A TERRIBLE DROP. TOMORROW'S RESPONSE MUST BE STRONGER, MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGARD OF THE WORKING MASSES OF THIS COUNTRY FOR THEIR LEADER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER, TERROR AND WAR.

The bloody terror in Kentucky, the spread of the united front dress strike in New York and Boston, the plans for next weeks big push to free the Scottsboro boys, the mobilization against imperialist butchery in China, these and a l other indications of the increasing workers struggles against growing boss terror, murder, hunger and war program, cannot be covered in a two-page Daily Worker.

That is why although the funds are still inadequate, the "Daily" is using the most heroic measures to bring out a four page paper today. We must keep up the four page Daily Worker. We must not drop back to two pages, we dare not allow the Daily Worker to approach the brink of suspension.

Revive the splendid response of Sunday and Monday. Rush funds immediately!
SAVE THE DAILY WORKER!

KENTUCKY COAL OPERATORS FREE MURDERER OF SIMMS

U.M.W.A. Helps Gun Thugs In Attack Against
Heroic Miners

Told Barbourville Schoolboys They Were Being
Deputized to Repel "Japanese Invaders"

The body of Harry Simms will arrive at the Pennsylvania station at 31st St. and Seventh Ave., at 8 a. m. From there will start the procession down Seventh Ave. to 28th St.; east on 28th St. to Sixth Ave.; south along Sixth Ave. to 14th St.; east on 14th St. to University PL, south to 12th St., and to the Workers Center where the body will lie in state till 4:30 p. m.

The mass protest demonstration will take place at the Bronx Coliseum at 7 p. m. sharp.

BULLETIN.

NEW YORK.—Tonight thousands of workers will fill the Bronx Coliseum, East 177th St., at 7 p. m., at the mass memorial demonstration for Harry Simms, young leader and organizer of the Kentucky coal strike, and leader of the Young Communist League. Simms was cold-bloodedly murdered at Barbourville, Ky., at the hands of coal operator's gun thugs, paid and hired by the Rockefeller and U. S. Steel Corporation interests.

William Z. Foster will be one of the speakers who will tell of the bitter struggle of the coal miners of Kentucky and Tennessee against starvation and bloody terrorism. Joe Weber, strike leader, whom the coal operators sought to murder, will tell of the stalwart leadership of Harry Simms and the role he played in the historic strike of the Kentucky miners. Other speakers will be a Negro miner direct from the strike field; I. Amier, district organizer of the Communist Party; Tony Minerich, co-worker of Harry Simms, and member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League.

Knox County, Kentucky, was flooded with coal operators' gunmen and national guards from Bloody Harlan when the miners there attempted to hold a mass funeral. The body of Simms was shipped to New York.

Tonight the workers of New York, battling in the needle strike, facing starvation by the millions, suffering wage cuts and hunger along with their Kentucky brothers, will meet to honor Harry Simms who died in the front ranks of the working class battle; against hunger and boss terrorism. All out tonight to the Bronx Coliseum!

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 16.—The great Kentucky-Tennessee miners' strike has not been broken by the recently intensified wave of terror that has resulted in the murder of Harry Simms, the arrest and jailing of more than a score of strike leaders as well as Harold Hickerson, New York playwright, the arrest and kidnaping of a group of famous writers who had come to the strike area with four truckloads of food for the strikers, the disruption of the memorial mass meeting yesterday in honor of Comrade Simms.

Organizational threads that were temporarily torn as a result of murderous terror are now being tied together again. The strike executive committee at a meeting today made plans for section strikes conferences this week throughout the strike area and for a union conference in Knoxville, Friday, to be attended by delegates from every struck mine. The policy of strengthening the strike on the one hand while making individual settlements on the other is to be carried out and picketing is to be continued despite federal injunctions to the contrary.

Orvin Miller, murderer of Harry Simms, went scot free in a farcical trial in Barbourville yesterday during which County Judge Baker said: "Miller shot either in defense of himself or the other guard!" So it didn't matter." Lawson, the miner who was with Simms when the young N.M.U. organizer was fatally wounded, swore on the witness stand that Simms didn't pull a gun at any time and that Miller fired without warning.

Grief and resentment in the strike (CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE)

"Labor" Governor OK's
Wage Slash on Minn.
State Highway Job

ST. PAUL, Minn.—One of Governor Olson's proudest boasts was that he would not tolerate wage-cuts by the state while he was governor. This did not prevent him from trying to break the

Who Are the Hired Assassins of the Ky. Coal Bosses

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 15.—An investigation of Orvin Miller, the Kentucky coal operator's gun thug who cold-bloodedly murdered Harry Simms, reveals the following:

Miller is a degenerate who has been in the service of the coal operators as a killer for some time. At the age of 14 he was sentenced to the Kentucky state reformatory. After his release he was caught red-handed robbing the Cumberland Gap post office and was again sent to jail.

This training made him a fit murderer for the coal operators. He is of the type of Lee Flenor, Harlan gun thug, who murdered two miners last summer because they were distributing food to starving miners' children.

Cook Road Strike on Highway No. 11 last year. But now the governor has agreed to overlook the 45-cent an hour minimum, which will no longer apply to teamsters' contracts on state highways. This is what the construction company contractors have been fighting for all along. The new agreement with Governor Olson, calling for \$35 per month plus board and room, represents a big wage-cut for the teamsters.

Secret A. F. L. Report Shows Huge Growth of Unemployed

NEW YORK.—Secret reports on unemployment that the A. F. of L. officialdom does not want to get to the rank and file, are being issued. The Daily Worker has obtained a copy of the February 1, 1932, report issued by the A. F. of L. marked in capital letters "Not for Publication."

The report admits that "the unemployment situation in New York City was slightly worse in January, according to reports received from 266 trade unions. The most serious unemployment was reported in the building and clothing trades, food industries, water transportation. . . . For all trades, for the city as a whole, 36 per cent of the union membership was entirely without work (compared with 35 per cent in December) and 24 per cent on part time (compared with 23 per cent in December)."

In short 60 per cent of the A. F. of L. members in New York City are hit in some form or other by unemployment and have the prospect of seeing their families and themselves starve! No wonder the A. F. of L. doesn't want this fact published!

STRENGTHEN THE DRESSMAKERS' STRIKE! PICKET ALL SHOPS TODAY!

THOUSANDS PICKET AS A. F. OF L. DRESSMAKERS FLOCK TO UNITED FRONT

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men and women went out cautiously and with a determination not to be tricked as in the cooked-up lockout of 1930. Further, many of them took advantage of the order and immediately flocked into the ranks of the strikers under the leadership of the United Front Strike Committee.

That the International's call was a pure and unadorned one was very plainly exposed by a sweatshop boss, who was outwitted by the workers. The workers in his shop in the garment center announced that they would not walk out just to see what the reaction would be. The boss acted quickly enough. He called on the

Labor Conference Saturday

The United Front Strike Committee has issued a call for a conference of the entire organized labor movement in the city to act upon ways of supporting the striking dressmakers. The meeting will be held Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, in the main Strike Committee hall, 559 Sixth Avenue.

A mass strike meeting will be held this afternoon at Manhattan Lyceum, 62 E. Fourth St., at 2 o'clock. Ben Gold, secretary of the Needle Trades Industrial Union will be the main speaker.

Mass meetings were held yesterday morning, afternoon and evening for the strikers in the various halls. One of the largest meetings, conducted directly after the demonstration, was addressed by Ben Gold, J. Migdal, Rosa Worts, Charles Phillips and Lena Davis. The importance of unity was stressed and workers called out by the International, were warned against a betrayal and urged to elect shop and block committees at once.

The halls hired by the Schlesinger gang for the fake strike were but half-filled during the day and officials themselves reflected the lack of spirit manifested by those who were in the quarters.

Negro and white workers were busy yesterday on the picket line and in the streets distributing leaflets.

LETTER TO DAILY TELLS OF SWEAT SHOP CONDITIONS

New York, N. Y.

Daily Worker:

For a silk dress that the bosses used to pay 30 cents they now pay 16 to 18 cents. For the better line dresses for which they used to pay the operator \$2 they now pay 75 cents.

The bosses take advantage. They know that thousands of workers are out of jobs, that their families are starving. Therefore they cut the wages and make more profit out of the workers. In order to make \$2.50 a day in the dress trade today a worker has to work very hard.

There are many American girls in the dress trade. They must be organized to go out on strike and not to scab on their fellow workers. Every worker in the shops should speak to the workers around him about the United Front Strike. Point out to them how much to their benefit it is to join the strike.

police to chase out the workers and thus did his share in the conspiracy directed by the company union.

On the other hand, the United Front Strike Committee was well prepared to meet the intrigues of the bosses and the International. Under its guidance, thousands of strikers bearing banners with various slogans carried out one of the most stirring demonstrations recorded in the annals of New York labor history.

THOUSANDS DEMONSTRATE

The strikers assembled in front of Strike Committee headquarters at 559 Sixth Avenue and proceeded to the garment center. They reached their destination in time to meet the workers called out by the International. And the workers of the International, who had been tense and expectant, suddenly gave way to their pent-up feelings. They cheered the thousands under the leadership of the United Front Strike Committee; they served notice that they understood the tactics of the Schlesinger band, and in great numbers joined the militant strikers in the demonstration. Officials of the International, who witnessed the spectacle, were vexed, dumfounded and helpless. This was a development they had not fully anticipated.

DRIVE OFF THUGS

With their ranks swelled, the striking dressmakers marched along 7th Ave. to 39th St., then to Broadway and up the thoroughfare. At 35th St., a number of professional gorillas attempted a surprise attack. They surrounded two workers and assaulted them. At this point, however, the thugs were foiled. The strikers answered the challenge. They fell upon the gorillas and drove them into Macy's department store.

Throngs lining the streets cheered and encouraged the enthusiastic strikers in the face of Tammany's uniformed hirelings, who glared at the marchers and prevented many members of the International from joining in the procession.

MORE SHOPS STRIKE

But despite the efforts of the police to block the workers' entrance into the united front, a large number of International members joined the demonstration. A number of the International shops came to the United Front headquarters. Many more shops joined the strike yesterday.

100 Bosses Plead for Settlement

Other principal developments yesterday in the strike against sweatshop conditions included a meeting of the Central Strike Committee to consider the questions involving settlements. About 100 shop bosses have applied for settlements and their applications were taken up. The Committee has opened settlement headquarters at 799 Broadway and eleven rooms will be used for the delibera-

tions.

COMMITTEE TO SPUR DRIVE TO SAVE THE DAILY

94 Organizations at Conference Give \$206; Pledge \$296

NEW YORK, N. Y. — An emergency committee to advance the drive for immediate funds to save the Daily Worker from suspension was set up at a conference at the Irving Plaza, on Sunday. Ninety-four organizations were represented.

A committee of ten was elected to build the machinery and furnish the driving force in the campaign.

In response to an appeal for funds the meeting raised \$206 in cash and \$296 in pledges to be paid within 2 days. Besides many affairs to be arranged for the Daily Worker, a group of speakers will visit organizations to make speeches on the need of the urgent need to respond to the appeal for funds. The speakers will also stress that in every working class struggle, every party campaign a circulation apparatus should be set up and workers' correspondent groups organized.

The Workers' Council and the International Workers Order were the organizations best represented, the party units sending 10 delegates and the Young Communist League not having a single member present.

Comrade Levin, business manager of the Daily Worker, spoke of the need of the paper in the workers' struggles and how during the critical days of 1917 in Russia the central organ of the party was not permitted to lapse.

A weekly bulletin of the activities of the Emergency Committee will be issued.

THERE'S ALWAYS JULIET 'OPENS 'INSIDE STORY DUE THURS.

John van Druten's comedy, "There's Always Juliet", opened at the Empire Theatre last night with Edna Best and Herbert Marshall playing the principal roles.

"Collision", a comedy adapted by John Anderson from the German of Rudolf Lothar and Erno Sebese, will have its premiere at the Gaiety Theatre this evening. June Walker and Geoffrey Kerr head the cast.

"Face the Music", the new Irving Berlin-Moss Hart musical satire about the Seabury investigation and other political events will have its first showing on Wednesday at the New Amsterdam Theatre. The leading players are Mary Boland, Hugh O'Connell, J. Harold Murray and Margaret Lee.

A. H. Woods' new production, "The Inside Story", a melodrama by George

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What's On—

WEDNESDAY

A regular meeting of the English speaking branch No. 524 of the International Workers Order will be held at 8:30 at the Prospect Workers Club, 1157 Southern Boulevard, Bronx

The Role of the Communist Party in the "Emergency" will be the subject of discussion at the Union Avenue Workers Club, at 8 p.m., 855 Union Avenue, Bronx.

A class for speakers on the procedure of the Emergency Bureau will start tonight at 8:20 p.m. at 168 East 14th St. Organizational units are urged to send delegates to this class. In-class 1932 to attend. No fee will be charged.

NEW RENT STRIKE IN THE BRONX

NEW YORK.—Forty tenants of the apartment house at 733-739 Arno Ave., the Bronx, went on strike yesterday for reduction of rent. The majority of the tenants have signed the strike demands and have given their pledge to the house committee to carry on the strike to victory.

The striking tenants have put forward the following demands:

1. 15 per cent reduction in rent.
2. Clearing the house of mice.
3. Cleaning the hot water system so that the flow of dirty water will stop.

The landlord has informed the tenants that he cannot afford to concede to the demand for reduction in rent; he has, however, been able to find sufficient funds to pay a stool pigeon whom he keeps in the basement to spy on the tenants and the house committee.

The tenants committee has issued a statement denouncing the vicious lying of the capitalist press in handling stories of the rent strikes that have been taking place throughout the city. The Daily Worker and Freiheit, says the committee, are the only papers carrying correct reports of and giving leadership to the striking tenants.

There is no doubt in the minds of the strikers that they will carry the strike on to final victory. The strike has the support and leadership of the Upper Bronx Unemployed Council.

MAURICE SCHWARTZ AT FRANKLIN THEATRE

Maurice Schwartz, noted actor of the Yiddish Art Theatre, is the vaudeville headliner at the Franklin Theatre, dramatic playlet by Anton Chekov, "The Life of an Actor".

Others on the bill include Frank Hunter and Mae Percival; Bob Ripa, George Jones and Stanley Hull, Starr and Castle, Dot Prober and Helen Olcott; and Alan Bowen. The photoplay feature is "Panama Flo", starring Helen Twelvetrees, with Charles Bickford and Robert Armstrong. The vaudeville program beginning Wednesday will feature Pepito, Spanish clown, with Juanita and Bombo; Harry Welsh with Harry Hills; "Havana"; Dorothy Murray and Harry Pane; and Homer Romaine; Lew Ayres in "Heaven on Earth" with Anita Louise and Slim Summerville, is the screen feature

Bryant and Francis M. Verdi, will open at the National Theatre on Thursday night. Louis Calhern, William Courtenay, Edward Ellis and Marguerite Churchill head the cast.

TO GET 250,000 SIGNATURES IN N. Y. FOR JOBLESS INSURANCE

NEW YORK.—In line with the decision of the National Unemployed Councils, the Unemployed Councils of Greater New York, issued the following statement on the campaign for the signature drive.

"Realizing that a successful struggle for unemployment insurance is a struggle against the attacks on the working class standard of living, is a historic struggle, a means through which to fight wage cuts, speed up, a necessary step in the American Labor Movement, it is imperative that we now make the signature drive the central campaign of the Unemployed Councils, a real mass campaign which will involve hundreds of thousands of employed and unemployed workers, men, women and youth, in the struggle for our demands.

"To present the collected signatures to Congress on May 9, a national delegation of 150 will go to Washington. This delegation, like, the Hunger Marchers will be elected through state conferences. Fighting Fund Stamps, issued by the National Unemployed Councils will be sold to cover the expense of this delegation.

"Our objective is the collection of a quarter of a million signatures in the New York District, 100 per cent indorsements in every block, house, and shop, from every organization and mass meeting where workers must be involved in the collection of the signatures and funds.

"The week of February 20 to 27 is especially set aside by the Unemployed Councils for house to house collection of signatures and funds.

"Unemployment Insurance Committees are to be established in every Unemployed Council, block committee, union, fraternal organization, shop, etc. These committees under the direction of the Unemployed Council in their territory to direct the work of the campaign.

"The Unemployed Councils of Greater New York calls upon the workers to rally around this most important campaign, secure signature lists as well as fighting Fund Stamps, immediately from the Unemployed Councils, 5 E. 19th St.

"The signature drive campaign must become a means to stimulate and fight for all local struggles for immediate and adequate relief; the drive must be a means of organizing block committees, of uniting the employed and unemployed workers in the struggle for unemployment insurance. This campaign can be successful only if thousands of workers in New York will be involved in it. The Unemployed Councils of Greater New York calls upon the working class organizations to rally all its forces in this campaign.

"Unemployed Councils of Greater New York."

COPS BEAT UP STRIKERS AT DURABLE SHOP

Picketing On Despite Injunction

NEW YORK.—Intensifying their terror against the metal workers striking against a lockout at the Durable Tool and Die Co., the police on Monday brutally attacked a group of pickets slugging two workers into insensibility. One of them they later arrested on the fake charge of disorderly conduct. The arrested worker is George Chaikin, active member of the Metal Workers League. He was later released on \$25 bail furnished by the International Labor Defense.

The strike committee has issued a leaflet to those working in the metal shops in the vicinity of Canal St. where the shop is located, calling upon them to rally in support of the strike and pointing out that the lockout of the Durable workers is part of the scheme of the bosses in the metal industry to smash any attempt to organize and fight for the improvement of their unbearable conditions. Many workers around that neighborhood have expressed keen interest in the strike, and have promised to try and take up collections in their shops for relief of the strikers.

Yesterday evening the boss attempted to hand copies of a so-called injunction to the workers which is supposed to prohibit them from picketing. The workers threw the document away without looking at it.

The trial of the worker arrested on Monday is coming up in City Magistrate's Court, Tombs building, on Thursday.

WRITERS, BEATEN IN KY., TO HOLD MEET SUN. NIGHT

To Tell of Murders in Coal Strike

NEW YORK.—Beaten, kidnapped, bullied, arrested, and driven out of Kentucky, twelve writers, editors, and professional people will return to New York Sunday, February 21, to tell from first hand experience their story of terror and murder in the coal strike. A mass meeting will be held for them under the auspices of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners in the Star Casino, 107th St. and PaPark Ave., at 8 p.m. on this day. The National Committee has been co-operating with the International Labor Defense in providing defense for striking victims of coal company terror.

Speakers at the meeting will include Edmund Wilson, critic; Waldo Frank, novelist and critic; Malcolm Cowley, editor of the New Republic; Quincy Howe, editor of The Living Age; John Henry Hammond, Jr., journalist; Dr. Elsie Reed Mitchell, physician; Lister M. Oak, writer and member of the John Reed Club; Harold Hickerson, co-author of "Gods of the Lightning"; Mary Heaton Vorse, leading American labor journalist and novelist; Louis Colman, novelist, author of "Lumber"; A. M. Max and Benjamin Lieder, news reel photographers, who managed by ruse to save their films when the night-riders destroyed all photographic evidence of the terror they could find on the committee.

A challenge to the Associated Press to send a representative to meet charges of misrepresentation and biased news has been sent out by the National Committee. The committee charges that Herndon Evans, editor of the Pineville Sun, one of the mob leaders, is A. P. representative and is sending out streams of lies about the miners.

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12 UMW Mine Locals at Rank and File Conference

Planning Militant Fight

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 16. — Twelve locals of the United Mine Workers with a membership of over 15,000 of District 1, were officially represented at the preliminary organizational conference of the miners' rank and file movement of this district on Feb. 14, at Concord Hall, Olyphant, Pa.

In addition there were delegates from the local rank and file opposition groups and delegates elected at miners' mass meetings.

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The conference was the most enthusiastic ever held, taking place after the sell-out at the Indianapolis convention, and adopted a real practical program and demands for further development of the rank and file movement in which the central points were struggle against wage cuts, work for all miners and immediate cash relief and for unemployment insurance from the county and state governments.

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Chinese Masses in Shanghai Hail Victory of Chinese Red Army with Demonstration

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BULLETIN
"Intimate reports are that if Japan is not able quickly to accomplish her objective in China proper she may be faced with a Communist uprising at home. Her economic situation is very tense and Communism is stronger than appears on the surface."
The above is from the latest confidential letter sent by the Whaley-Eaton Service to American bankers and executives.

News of the capture of Nanchang and the enveloping of Hankow by the Chinese Red Armies has caused consternation among the imperialists and their Kuomintang watch-dogs, and jubilation among the Chinese toilers. The imperialists are rushing the removal of their missionary and mercantile agents from the Yangtze Valley in preparation for a war of desperation against the revolutionary Chinese masses and their advancing Red Armies.

In Shanghai the workers stormed the offices of the Citizens Emergency Committee in Shanghai Road, threatening to wreck the headquarters. The workers demanded food and shelter from the severe cold for the hundreds of thousands of destitute, starving workers in Shanghai who have been rendered homeless by the savage Japanese aerial bombing of the working-class districts of the city. The demonstration was led by the Chinese Communist Party, which is successfully rallying the masses to the national revolutionary struggle. The workers were viciously attacked by United States and British troops and police in the International Settlement.

A Shanghai dispatch to the New York Times reports:
"Hurry calls for the police brought aid, but the authorities are still apprehensive. Besides the problem of countless refugees, that of unemployment and hunger is becoming acute."
Workers Demand Hands Off Revolutionary China
The Chinese workers are refusing to starve. They are heroically resisting the imperialist looting and partitioning of China. The workers of the United States, sentenced to starvation and privation by the same imperialists who are making war on the Chinese masses, must support the Chinese workers' Workers of America Rally to the fight against imperialist war! Defend the Chinese Revolution! Defend the Soviet Union! Organize United Front anti-war committees in your shops, unions and other organizations! Demand the withdrawal of American armed forces from China! Demand Hands Off China! Hands Off the Soviet Union!
The American, British and Japanese imperialists are rushing warships against the advancing Chinese Red Army. They are removing their agents from the Middle Yangtze Valley. Wush, Changchow, Kiangyin, Changshu, Soochow and other Chinese cities are being evacuated in preparation for the bloodiest attack yet launched against the Chinese masses. The alarm and desperation of the imperialists over the failure of their Kuomintang tools to block the revolutionary mass movement is clearly reflected in the following Shanghai dispatch to the New York Times: **Red Army Controls Most of Kiangsi Province**
"Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi Province, has been captured by Chinese Communists, which gives the Reds virtual mastery of the entire province except the Yangtze River port of Kiukiang and a small strip of railway southward to Nanchang. (Nanchang is about 400 miles southwest of Shanghai and a little more than 300 from Nanking.)"
"It was in Kiangsi that Chiang Kai-shek's Government waged a desperate anti-Communist campaign last summer at a cost of 100,000 soldier and civilian lives and more than \$250,000,000. The attempt to defeat the Red Armies proved vain, despite continuous deceptive official announcements from Nanking that the government had been victorious."
Japan Hopes For Intervention
"The situation around Hankow and Wuchang is growing increasingly perilous as the Reds draw the surrounding net closer and closer. Intimations from high Japanese official circles indicated yesterday a hope that this revival of a Communist threat of domination of the interior Yangtze Valley might provoke intervention by the treaty powers in an effort to check the 'Red menace', thus aligning the world's major powers on Japan's side and supporting the advisability of using force in China. It is believed, however, that this hope will certainly prove vain, because Japan by her precipitate action in Shanghai has alienated even that part of foreign opinion approving her Manchurian adventure."
When the New York Times refers to joint armed intervention of the

imperialists as of the future and improbable at that, the New York Times lies. The American, Japanese, British and French imperialists are all engaged at this very minute in making war on the Red Army of the Chinese Revolution, on the revolutionary Chinese masses. The Wall Street imperialists are attempting to hide their murderous role in the bloody war on the Chinese Revolution! American workers! Demand the immediate withdrawal of American armed forces from China! Workers! Prevent the transport of munitions to the Far East! Soldiers at Shanghai Elect Revolutionary Councils

An Impeccon dispatch from Shanghai reports that the defense of the working-class sections of that city against the Japanese imperialist murderers is shifting more and more into the hands of the revolutionary workers:
"The recent struggles at the point of the bayonet as the result of which the Japanese suffered severe losses and were driven back, were conducted almost exclusively by revolutionary workers and students. Revolutionary working women are also reported to have taken up the rifles dropped by the dead and wounded, and to have continued the struggle against the Japanese. The struggle against the Japanese is having the further result that the revolutionary elements in the ranks of the Nanking regiments are rapidly increasing their strength. The soldiers of the 19th Nanking Division have elected a revolutionary Soldiers' Council and issued a manifesto to the people of China in which they promise to fight to the death against the murderous Japanese invasion and call upon the masses to proclaim a revolutionary general strike and to take up a revolutionary guerrilla struggle in the rear of the Japanese, blowing up bridges, attacking the Japanese lines of communication and in general doing the invaders as much harm as possible in every conceivable fashion."

Kuomintang Cliques Attempting Betrayal
Using the so-called neutral International Settlement as a military base, the Japanese are pouring troops into Shanghai for a new and bloodier attack against the workers and soldiers defending the city. Seven Japanese transports arrived yesterday with additional troops. The Japanese now have more than 77,000 troops in Shanghai, in addition to the marine forces of the Japanese fleet in the Whangpoo River. The United States and British forces have set up barricades against the Chinese masses.

Preceding to be supporting the defenders of Shanghai, both the Nanking and Canton cliques of the Kuomintang are attempting to rehabilitate their influence with the masses. At the same time, both cliques are maneuvering with the imperialists for the disruption of the defense. Imperialist press dispatches from Shanghai report "a semi-official Chinese government spokesman" as predicting "a retreat of the Chinese forces defending Shanghai because of lack of munitions."

Imperialists in Sharp Clash Over Spoils
A sharp clash between the imperialists over the division of the loot in China occurred yesterday at Geneva. The League Council decided to "address a final appeal to Japan to cease hostilities at Shanghai." The Council is holding over the Japanese the threat of a special convocation of the League Assembly to take up the

question of an economic boycott against Japan. The British imperialists are especially concerned over the Japanese threat to seize the loot of other powers in China. The British Cabinet is considering calling an emergency meeting to "consider what action Great Britain is prepared to take" against the Japanese. Sir John Simon talked with U. S. Secretary of State Stimson over the transatlantic telephone. The governments of Canada, Australia and New Zealand are reported to be gravely concerned over the Japanese threat of conquest in the Pacific. The British Consul General at Shanghai yesterday filed another protest with the Japanese. This is the fourth British protest since the Japanese began their attempt to seize Shanghai and threaten British and United States loot and interest in the Yangtze Valley. The United States is considering making another protest.

Manchurian Partisans Wage War On Japanese
Chinese tools of the Japanese yesterday gathered in Mukden, Manchuria to carry out the Japanese plans for the formation of an "independent" Manchurian state. Proposals have been revived to have the state headed by Henry Pu Yi, the former "boy emperor" of China. In the meantime, over 200,000 partisan troops are waging heroic guerrilla warfare against the Japanese invaders in Manchuria.

LEGION STARTS HOAX CAMPAIGN FOR 1,000,000 JOBS

NEW YORK—Again the American Legion comes to the service of the Hoover hunger government by trying to spread the illusion among the unemployed that 1,000,000 jobs can be created when production keeps going down and hundreds of thousands daily lose their jobs.
The Legion with the support of the A. F. of L. strike-breaking officials today "officially" launched a hoax campaign promising "jobs."
An example of the fakery of the Legion is shown when they say that they have enlisted 5,000,000 "in a veritable army" to hunt out and create jobs. In this 5,000,000 they count 3,500,000 members of the A. F. of L. as part of the "veritable army" looking for jobs for others. The fact is that at least half of this 3,500,000 are themselves without jobs and many have been hunting for jobs for two years without being able to find them.
Not only are there no jobs, but workers who now have them face being discharged as production goes lower and as capitalism enters sharper phases of crisis.
The purpose of the "job" hunting ballyhoo is to keep the workers from fighting for unemployment insurance and immediate relief by the promise of work. No amount of "war time" stunting by the American Legion will feed the unemployed.

"Peace" Societies Aid Boss War Preparations in Geneva

NEW YORK—Aiding the diplomatic gestures of the imperialist delegates at the Geneva "disarmament" conference to hide their war preparations against the Soviet Union and for the redivision of colonies are the so-called unofficial observers. The spotlights of capitalist journalism have been turned chiefly on the official spokesmen of the imperialist powers. Little has been said of the "unofficial" spokesmen, who are there in great numbers, especially from America.

These "unofficial" spokesmen, however, became a center of attraction Monday, following a lull of the week-end holiday, when three members of American "peace" and church societies spoke over an international radio hook-up. The role of the so-called peace societies of rallying the masses in support of the imperialist war programs and away from the revolutionary struggle against war through their subtle mouthing of peace slogans was clearly exposed in these three.

The speakers were Michael Francis Doyle, chairman of the American committee coordinating activities at Geneva; Mrs. Frank Day Tuttle, director of the League of Nations Association, and Rev. J. F. Thornton, of the Catholic Association for International Peace.
Saying not a word about the war now going on in the Far East and conveniently overlooking the proposals of the Soviet Union for immediate and total disarmament, Mr. Doyle prattled about a new era of "world democracy" and "peace" which he said was being ushered in by the conference.

In calling on the American people to support America's policy of speaking of disarmament while American gunboats, marines and soldiers are being rushed to the Orient, while U. S. troops are patrolling Nicaragua, Mr. Doyle glibly said: "Never before in any congress of nations has public opinion been so recognized."
"The American people," he said, "revealing the smoke-screen nature of his pacifist phrases, 'should have pride in the part taken by their representatives and should not falter in their support.'"
Mrs. Tuttle's chief criticism against

which include more than one-sixth of all China. The Chinese Red Army now numbers over 350,000 while including the Young Guard, and the Red partisans, the Army totals a few million. It is fighting against the native and foreign exploiters for Soviet China and for the defense of the Soviet Union. The Chinese masses know that the Soviet Union is their best friend. Present developments in China emphasize the great danger of imperialism war against the Soviet Union as the Japanese seizure of Harbin proves.
Everywhere American, along with Japanese and other imperialist forces, are attempting to crush the resistance of the Chinese People. American warships often bombard towns in the Chinese Soviet territory and the Chinese Red Army along the Yangtze River. Today, in Shanghai alone, there are 19,000 troops and marines of the United States, Britain and France who threaten to attack Chinese masses demonstrating and fighting against the Japanese invaders. The movement of 100 United States battleships to Hawaii is a sinister threat against the Chinese people.

Masses Furious at Kuomintang Betrayals
"This is one phase of the war now raging in China. Another phase is the sharpening possibilities of open conflict between the Japanese and American imperialists over the division of the spoils and the chance to exploit the Chinese people and their natural resources."
"The Chinese masses are infuriated by the traitorous policy of the Kuomintang Nanking government regarding the Manchurian invasion. During the past three months, the Chinese workers have sacked Nanking government and Kuomintang headquarters in many provinces of China. Nanking students and city poor in December destroyed all the Kuomintang offices and the Kuomintang newspaper offices in that city, shooting a member of the Kuomintang Central Committee and wounding two others.

Sack Kuomintang Government Offices
"In Shanghai in December the masses sacked all Kuomintang headquarters and the offices of the city government. Arming themselves, they forced the head of the Shanghai city government to resign. In Poochow on December 3, there was a general strike of workers, students and small merchants against Japanese imperialism. There was a similar strike in T'ao Yark."
Chinese Soviets Gaining Power
"Our Chinese Soviet Government with its Red Army is leading the national revolutionary war against the Japanese and all other imperialists. The Chinese Soviet Government is constantly strengthening its position. Wherever the Chinese Red Army has been there no longer exists imperialist domination and oppression of the Chinese masses. The Chinese Soviet districts already include the major part of the provinces of Kwangsi, Hupeh, Honan, Hunan, Fukien and Anhwei.

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Strike Comm. Plans Section Meetings Thruout Strike Area
BULLETIN
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The liberal writers committee that was kidnapped and driven out of Kentucky after two of its members were severely beaten was informed here after renting the Press Club auditorium for a mass meeting Tuesday that the Negro miner who appeared before the Senate Committee would not be permitted to speak.
It was decided that the committee would go ahead with the meeting and insist that the Negro miner speak with the others. Negro workers in the audience will also denounce Jim Crowism as a weapon of the coal operators against the solidarity of the workers.
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area at the murder of Simms cannot be exaggerated. Many strikers' wives are still weeping over his death as if he were a son. The freeing of the murderer and the calling in of tin-horns (National Guard) has added larger and larger sections of the Kentucky and Tennessee workingclass that every agency at the command of the operators is being used to crush their heroic strike for a living wage.
The cringing fear of the Kentucky ruling class was revealed in all its naked cowardice yesterday when a full panoply of army, courts, police, state, county and city governments, newspapers and fascist elements in the American Legion and U.M.W.A. united to prevent miners from coming into Barbourville to pay their last working class honors to Harry Simms, their murdered strike leader. U.M.W.A. Leader Endorses Murder
James Shellhorse, local U.M.W.A. leader, openly expressed satisfaction at the murder of Simms. In a statement printed on the first page of the News Sentinel he said: "I, as one member of the United Mine Workers approve of the attitude of the law enforcement agencies in Kentucky in driving out the Red movement."
The News Sentinel says further: "Shellhorse says the United Mine workers would help the Kentucky authorities in driving out Communist organizations and that Sheriff Blair, Sheriff Broughton, are distinctly friendly to the United Mine Workers and have given him (Shellhorse) a little booklet containing letters of re-cognition which allows him absolute freedom in Bell and Harlan Counties for the pursuit of his work." These letters are from sheriffs of both Bell and Harlan Counties, Mayor of Pineville and John Pursifall, clerk of Bell County.

Not sixty as capitalist newspapers say, but several hundred National Guardsmen from Harlan county were called in by Governor Laffoon to smash the memorial demonstration. Although the operators were fearful of calling out the Barbourville National Guards because many local guardsmen are sympathetic to the strikers, hundreds of store-keepers, lawyers, doctors, city and county officials, students and loafers were deputized and provided with guns. Following the example set last Wednesday in Pineville, scores of school boys were also deputized and carried revolvers in their hands as they patrolled Barbourville streets.
It sounds incredible but it is an absolute fact that Barbourville officials told school-boys the reason they were deputized was that the Japanese army was about to attack Barbourville and they had to defend their homes against the vandals. Students believed the lie and many were furious when they learned they helped break up the memorial meeting. Every deputy was ordered to shoot to kill any miner who insisted on viewing the body of Simms lying at the undertakers' and no one was permitted to walk on the streets within hundreds of yards of where the body lay. Every bus, truck, railroad car, wagon and automobile approaching Barbourville from both sides was stopped and searched for miners. Union cards were taken from all miners and they were warned to return home immediately or be shot on the spot. It is probable that Simms' fingerprints were taken by Barbourville police. A police official told the undertaker that he was going to do this and when the undertaker went to the hotel to ask of Dorothy Wilks, W. I. R. nurse, and returned to the establishment with a refusal, the policeman had already left.
At 2:45 when the train for New York pulled in, the body was rushed to the depot by police. Only a miners' committee of two were allowed to accompany the body to the train.

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Try to Close Calif. Trial to Public; Fear Mass Pressure
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 16.—Additional documents of the Workers Party which were confiscated years ago, were read at the trial of the 44 workers which was reopened at Long Beach.
Judge Wallace closed the trial to the public because of the many telegrams demanding dismissal of the cases. Attorney Leo Gallagher's fight resulted in opening tomorrow's session.
Hynes, head of the Red Squad, despite any police brutality denied the defendants exhibiting bruises.
The trial began February 2nd after police arrested 100 workers on Jan. 15 at a lecture on the "Economic Crisis," by Sam Darcy, district organizer of the Communist Party. The charges for attending this lecture are:
"will assembly to violate the Criminal Syndicalism Act., and the trial has been turned into an open attempt to outlaw the Communist Party. While days have been spent by the bosses' court in reading from literature and pamphlets in order to fasten charges of "belief in force and violence" on the workers and the Communist Party.
Protest resolutions should be sent at once to Governor Rolph, of California, the mayor of Long Beach and the presiding judge at the trial, Charles Wallace. Cour Geeson Schlaus building, Long Beach, Rush defense funds to the International Labor Defense, 120 Winston Street, Los Angeles. Over two hundred organizations have already wired protests for attending this lecture are:
PANIC STRICKEN WALL STREET RUSHES THROUGH INFLATION ACT
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failed to stem the tidal wave of bank failures. The Hoover inspired campaign to prevent "hoarding" was also resorted to and failed.
It was found that even the estimates of Wall St. as to the "needs" of banks and industries on the verge of bankruptcy were too low. The \$2,000,000,000 allotted to the Finance Corporation was found to be pouring into an empty hole with absolutely no effect on the financial and industrial crisis.
This Thursday an emergency conference was held with Wall St. financiers, President Hoover and General Dawes, president of the Finance Corporation. The details of this conference were refused publication on the floor of the House of Representatives yesterday. In the Whaley-Eaton Letter Service, a letter that is sent out confidentially to business executives, the details of this conference were given and a measure of the panic with which Wall St. is facing the deepening crisis was brought out.
The letter stated:
"There was IMMINENT DANGER OF THE UNITED STATES GOING OFF THE GOLD STANDARD." It says further that Wall Street has "been presented with the ultimatum: This or ruin." So critical is the situation that the letter speaks not of inflation but of "averting disaster." The letter further states that "The burden of (governmental) debt is so great that it is unmanageable unless there is a change in the purchasing power of the dollar, i.e., an increase in commodity prices."
TEACHERS' PAY CUT IN OREGON
PORTLAND, Ore.—Portland school teachers have received a 25 per cent cut to go into effect this fall. The school board is issuing a series of short term notes to the amount of two million dollars to cover the July payments for six months due to the teachers. This is a silent admission that the banks have refused a loan to the board and creates a strong possibility that they will not be paid. Tax collections have fallen off about 12 per cent of the anticipated figure this year, adding to the crisis in the school board funds.
Martha Jonhon, 40, a school teacher, unemployed for two years, desperate because of debts, committed suicide here today. This should be observed by the teachers as a lesson to be prevented by militant action on their part. The leaders of the so-called "Teachers Union" finds funds to spend on radio broadcasts, but have not said anything about resisting the wage-cut. Teachers should organize their rank and file committees to prevent the cut and for payment of their wages.
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Party Recruiting Drive

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By A. NEWHOFF (Chicago).

THE recruiting drive is well under way. The entire Party is now engaged in recruiting workers to our Party with special concentration on workers in the basic industries, Negro, women and youth.

The Chicago District challenged the Pittsburgh District and sent a representative to the Pittsburgh District to bring the challenge and also to learn from the Pittsburgh District how to build the revolutionary trade unions, and to work in the shops and mines. Did we achieve any results?

It is necessary to state that the reason we especially challenged the Pittsburgh District is because the two districts are similar in basic industries (mining and steel) and in building the Party the exchange of experiences of the two districts would be valuable. The Party membership in Pittsburgh was recruited after the Penn.-Ohio strike last year while the Chicago district recruited hundreds of new Party members as a result of the fight for Negro rights and the August 3rd events, when 3 Negro workers were killed in an eviction demonstration. While the Chicago District has a mass unemployed movement, Pittsburgh has a very small movement; Pittsburgh has a mass trade union movement, the N. M. U., while Chicago is very weak in shop work and trade union work generally.

That is why we challenged the Pittsburgh District in order to especially turn the whole membership of Chicago in this campaign to work in the factories, mines and to link up the unemployed movement with the employed workers.

The comrades in Pittsburgh enthusiastically responded to the challenge. In one section, the New Kensington Section, at a Section Conference, the membership greeted the challenge by doubling its quota and concretely pointing out where these workers can be recruited, from mines, in the section, aluminum plant, steel mills and an asphalt plant through the development of local struggles.

Also, the steel mill nuclei in Pittsburgh responded well and challenged similar units in the Chicago District. Everywhere in the Pittsburgh District where the N. M. U. conducted the struggle there is wonderful support for our union and the Party. We can see by the figures of the first few weeks of the drive that Pittsburgh is developing the drive properly. Chicago has not yet made the turn in this campaign, because the proportion of the employed to the

unemployed workers recruited into the Party is still the same 20 per cent, while the recruiting in Pittsburgh of employed workers is proportionately much higher. The third week of the drive numerically in Chicago is 132, but the amount of recruits from the shops is very poor, although some sections have done quite well. One of the reasons, as the section organizers stated, was because the membership of the sections has not yet been mobilized in the campaign. This the District Committee has reacted on by sending a letter to each member of the Party, explaining the campaign and calling upon the membership to help break down the bureaucratic tendencies and formalism in order to swing into this campaign.

Revolutionary competition between the sections has had some response, but not enough. The membership of the Party is becoming aware of this powerful weapon in our struggle. However, the leadership of the Party, especially some sections, look upon revolutionary competition cynically. Wherever the rank and file of the Party has been approached to engage in revolutionary competition, it has had wonderful results, stimulating the drive and properly turning the Party in this campaign to the basic work in the shops and mines, building the TUUL.

In some sections in Chicago revolutionary competition is engaged in by all the nuclei. Then there are some sections that have not even considered this in challenging other sections. In the experiences of recruiting and keeping the new recruits for the Party, the agitprop department can be a powerful factor. The exchanging of experiences are of much valuable aid in building the Party.

The comrades in Pittsburgh who are practically all new Party members are showing that with the aid of revolutionary competition the drive for new forces in our Party, to especially guide the unions and the unemployed movement to build shop nuclei which is of decisive importance, enormous achievements can be made. The lesson that Chicago can learn from Pittsburgh, of the new forces that are leading the movement, is that we can build our revolutionary trade unions, that we can organize the workers in the shops and mines, and in this campaign we can carry out with political understanding and concrete organizational application the recruiting of workers from the basic industries and successfully link up the struggles of the employed and unemployed workers.

ORGANIZATIONAL — AGITATIONAL — PROPAGANDA WORK AND THE RECRUITING DRIVE

By DAVID GORDON.

THE Party Recruiting Drive brings sharply to our attention the need for coordination of our organizational work with that of agitation-propaganda activity. The question of agitprop work spells the relationship between our Party theory with our Party practice. The understanding of the linking up of these two phases of our activity means better understanding of how to win Party influence over the masses and bring them into the Party organization.

Although the need for such co-ordination of org-agitprop work seems obvious we, nevertheless, are forced to observe that attitudes have been expressed to such coordination which need a few words of explanation.

For instance, it has been expressed by a leading comrade, that he did not see the need for having a joint org-agitprop department meeting in which to discuss the relationship between these activities. Although there was finally agreement that such meetings should be called, it is now some 6 weeks since action on this was to have been taken. It is imperative that such meetings are held from time to time. Such hesitation and postponement comes from an underestimation of the need for coordinating this work.

We have continually stated that there is a wide gap between our political influence and our organizational strength. It has been usually stated that it is because we are "poor organizers" that we have not been able to build the Party, the Young Communist League, our revolutionary unions and other revolutionary organizations. By this was usually meant, or very much implied, that we don't know how to convince workers to join our revolutionary organizations. It is this writer's opinion that not only the question of method of approach to the worker was the reason for failure to secure organ-

DISTRICT 9 CHALLENGES DISTRICT 8

Org Dept. District 8
1413 W. 18th St.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade:
In connection with the Party Recruiting Drive, the District Bureau of District 9 calls upon your District, District 8, to join in revolutionary competition on the following points:

1. We will build 5 new mine nuclei in the iron and copper mines and challenge your district to build the same number in the coal mines.
2. We will fulfill our quota of recruiting 100 iron and copper miners and challenge your district to recruit as many coal miners.
3. We will issue regularly the present 3 mine papers and issue a new mine paper and challenge your district to establish at least two mine papers in the coal fields by the end of this drive.
4. We will fulfill our quota of recruiting 40 railroad packing house workers quicker than your district will recruit your quota of 90 railroad and packing house workers.
5. We will recruit half as many members into the Party from the AFL building trades and railroad unions as your district will.

Considering that Chicago, the city alone, is 5 times as large as the three large cities in our districts (all three combined) we feel that it is a fair challenge and ask you to accept it.

Comradely,
ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT,
District 9.

SIMMS IS DEAD—BUT OUR FIGHT WILL CONTINUE!

By BURCK



For More Clarity in the Struggle Against Imperialist War

By JOHN WILLIAMSON

While the imperialists maneuver for privileged position in relation to each other, spurred on by the sharpening of the economic crisis in their respective countries, and simultaneously having one common cause, to try and destroy the Soviet Union through military intervention, they let loose a barrage of pacifist talk and bluster to cover up their feverish military, naval and air-building program.

The bourgeoisie is more alert and sensitive to their class role in regard to preparatory work before the actual outbreak of imperialist war in the USA than we, the Communist Party. The 11th Plenum of the Communist International stated:

"The agitation against the war danger is not carried on systematically, and in many cases only from campaign to campaign."

This is a correct characterization which is best exemplified in our attitude to August 1st as merely a mass demonstration, and our failure to make our struggle against the war danger a part of every other mass activity. However, when our Party recently called for a campaign of resolutions against the Stimson-Tokio Secret Pact against the Soviet Union and for special mass meetings on November 21st, the result was practically a failure. While tens of thousands of workers were mobilized for November 7th, and hundreds of thousands of workers for the struggle for unemployment relief and insurance and the Hunger March, we were not able to carry through successfully such a primitive and elementary phase of struggle against imperialist war as resolutions and mass meetings. What would we expect to do with more serious tasks placed before us?

Basis of Anti-War Work.

Can this failure be explained by organizational weaknesses—closeness to November 7th—to many campaigns, etc? Absolutely not. We must look deeper and more politically for the reason. There are five basic reasons, all of which represent an opportunist underestimation of the War Danger and incorrect Leninist attitude towards our Party's tasks.

- (1) The idea that we need do nothing until imperialist war breaks out, coupled with a fatalistic attitude.
- (2) The idea that revolution can only come through imperialist war—therefore why fight against it.
- (3) The idea prevalent among unemployed that war will end the crisis and give jobs to all—therefore why oppose it.
- (4) Not linking up the struggle against war with the other campaigns against the same bosses and bourgeois government, who are simultaneously preparing war and attacking the workers at home today.
- (5) Underestimation of pacifist activity of the bourgeoisie and their Socialist lackeys and no organizational struggle against it in the ranks of the workers' organizations.

On all these points, plus many more which will face the working class at the outbreak of imperialist war, there is the greatest need for ideological clarity, first in the ranks of the Party and also amongst workers.

While recognizing imperialist war as inherent in the very system of capitalism and inevitable under capitalism, this does not mean that the working class is not, or cannot be a positive factor both in the postponement of imperialist war and even in its prevention. The latter, however, can only be through the revolutionary struggle of the working class in destroying capitalism.

Mass Struggle of Workers Can Postpone War.

Everyone is acquainted with the fact that in England in 1921, the mass pressure of the British workers under the slogan of "Hands off Soviet Russia" stopped the war hand of Churchill. This point of view is stated very specifically in the 11th Plenum Resolution, as follows:

"It is beyond doubt, also, that the work of the C. I. in defense of the USSR has become one of the important factors in the preservation of peace, a factor which caused the postponement of the imperialist slaughter."

While recognizing the inevitability of imperialist war under capitalism, this by no means excuses the attitude of "do nothing now." It is our duty to carry on the most intensive mobilization of the working class to defeat the imperialist war before the outbreak of the war as well as after its outbreak.

In popularizing the very correct slogan of "Defeat the imperialist war against the Soviet Union," many workers and even Party members are confused as to the Party attitude towards "preventing war." This is confused with "postponement of the imperialist slaughter." While, as outlined above, we at all times must organize the workers today in the struggle against imperialist war—which can result in its postponement—we must understand clearly that the working class can only prevent war, in the absolute sense, by revolutionary mass struggle to overthrow capitalism or through the revolutionary transformation of the imperialist war into a class war against our own capitalist class. This is stated very clearly and categorically in the 6th Congress C. I. Resolution, as follows:

"War is inseparable from capitalism. From this it follows that the abolition of war is possible only through the abolition of capitalism, i.e., through the overthrow of the bourgeois class of exploiters, through the proletarian dictatorship, the building of Socialism and elimination of classes. All other theories and proposals however 'realistic' they may claim to be, are nothing but a deception calculated to perpetuate exploitation and war."

ALSO—
"Although convinced that war is inevitable under the rule of the bourgeoisie the Communists, in the interests of the masses of workers—were a persistent fight against imperialist war and strive to prevent imperialist wars by proletarian revolution."

Our struggle against the war danger must come out of the clouds of generalities, into the present-day concrete life of the workers. We must connect the struggle against imperialist war with the

struggle for unemployment relief and insurance, against wage-cuts, and stagger plan, and against the new wave of political reaction and terror against the workers. If we can prove to the workers that the same bosses' government that starves him through denying him relief and insurance—who starve him through wage cuts and stagger systems—who beats him up when he protests and participates in strikes and mass meetings, also spends billions for increased army and navy, hundreds of thousands on fake disarmament conferences, then he will understand more clearly the correct class approach to the question of war.

Carry Struggle Against War Into the Factories. Especially important is it to penetrate into the factories—but not just with general leaflets. We must in addition, through our work INSIDE the factory, find out:

- (1) Composition and age of workers in shop.
- (2) Learn the use of the product for war purposes.
- (3) Find out whether any orders have come in to your shop in connection with war preparation.
- (4) Whether the company has any agreement with the War Dept. for orders, as soon as war breaks out.
- (5) The possibilities of transforming the factory for war production and if this was done during the last imperialist war.
- (6) What the profits of the company were during the years of the last war, compared with the wages.

On the basis of knowledge of the above facts, our agitation among the workers inside, as well as our leaflet distribution outside, will be more concrete and better received.

Against Hesitation and Fatalistic Tendencies—Combat War Danger Now!

The tendency to wait and underestimate the growing war preparations, particularly against the Soviet Union, must be rooted out of the Party and the Party intensify its activities manifold on this field today.

U.S. Capitalism Plays with the Dynamite of Inflation

By HARRY GANNES.

A NEW phase of the economic and financial crisis is being opened up in the United States by the latest moves of the Hoover government towards inflation and the ultimate collapse of the gold standard in the United States.

So desperate is this step that one leading capitalist economist, writing in the New York Evening Post, described it as playing with enough dynamite to blow the capitalist system to pieces. While the capitalists themselves tremble at the possibilities of their new move, the chief result will be to intensify the misery of the workers, bringing forward the necessity of greater struggles against capitalism and the new series of tortures it holds in store for them.

The Glass-Steagall Bill.

Very soon Congress, under the careful grooming of the leading Wall Street bankers, will pass the Glass-Steagall Bill providing for a huge inflation of the United States currency. This measure is but one of a whole series of futile attempts of American capitalism to stop the ever-increasing number of bank failures and the bankruptcy that threatens the railroads, insurance companies and other large capitalist corporations.

The first move was the establishment of the Finance Credit Corporation that was to save the banks. More bank failures followed this step. The next move was the creation of the Emergency Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

This measure, which was to be a cure-all, was followed by an increase in bank failures, a further intensification of the crisis in every industry, a drop in the stock and bond market and a worse phase in the governmental budgetary crisis.

Realizing all these measures were useless in stopping the deepening of the crisis—in fact, they brought about new, and sharper features of the crisis, involving the whole credit structure—Wall Street decided on definite inflationary measures.

These moves were brought about by the rapid withdrawal of gold reserves by France, Holland, and other European countries. The first step was the lowering of the discount rate on bankers' bills, but this was followed by a spurt of foreign gold withdrawals. American capitalists

decided to answer with inflation internally by reducing the gold coverage of the currency, by issuing \$2,500,000,000 in inflated money; by wholesale watering of government obligations; by huge loans to banks without any security—and by the general policy of reducing the value of money, forcing an increase in prices and in stock and bond valuations.

Squeeze Workers. By this means American capitalism hopes to squeeze billions out of the workers through making their reduced wages, and small savings now hoarded worth less and less; by expropriating large sums from the middle class, and by a general further drastic lowering of the standard of living of the workers.

At the same time, by lessening the gold coverage, American capitalism decided to establish a larger "free gold" reserve fund for the impending battle with French and other European capitalists for financial supremacy.

This is the purpose of the Glass-Steagall Bill which on the day of its announcement had drastic results. In Europe the gold exchange value of the dollar is dropping. The result will be that soon huge quantities of gold will flow out of the United States endangering the gold standard.

It is only natural in the face of this situation that the Hoover government with its entire press is endeavoring to hide the plain facts from the masses. The majority of the capitalist newspapers (and soon all will fall in line) declare there is no inflation planned. They declare that gold is being "freed" and that business will be stimulated.

Vandenberg Admits Inflation. When the Glass-Steagall measure was first announced, one of the close supporters of the Hoover government, Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, rashly admitted that inflation was the next step. He said:

"This bill means, in plain terms, more money. (That is, more money with less gold.) Its effect will be to bring the price of the dollar down and bring the commodity index up."

Nothing can be plainer than this so far as its effect on the workers are concerned. Wage cuts continue which means less and less dollars. The price of the dollar is going down, and the commodity index up. This, in effect, is a triple wage

The Class War Prisoner in Court and Jail

By HARRY RAYMOND.

THE International Labor Defense, in developing a broad educational campaign on how workers should defend themselves in court and what to do when arrested and questioned, has just issued a 31 page pamphlet, the title of which is "Under Arrest!"

The pamphlet is the result of a year's research and compilation of material. All the terroristic and frame-up tactics that the capitalist police use against workers, the trumpery of court ceremony, the mazes of legal procedure used to confuse workers are exposed in plain simple language on the pages of this pamphlet so that any worker can understand.

Not only this, but more important still, "Under Arrest" tells the worker what to do when jailed in the class struggle, what to do when haled into a capitalist court.

In some states, Massachusetts, for instance, arrested workers can be represented in court by others, not lawyers. In all states a worker is given the right to defend himself in court. How to defend one's self, and at the same time bring out the class issue, is clearly stated in this pamphlet. It is especially important for workers to be familiar with these points at this period of mass arrests, when it is difficult for the International Labor Defense to furnish lawyers in all instances.

The role of the I. L. D. in arousing the widest mass protests as the chief effective method to wrest the class war prisoners from the clutches of the bosses, how to carry on the class struggle in the court room as well as on the picket line, how to make the court a workers' forum—these and many other important questions are answered in "Under Arrest."

Workers are advised not to be awed by the "dignity" and "sanctity" of the courts and are told to give no information to the arresting officer.

The pamphlet states firmly:

"Give no information, of any kind whatsoever, either about yourself or your fellow workers, or any organization which you belong to, or in which you are interested. If you are a foreign born worker, no information of any sort, of the date you landed, the name of the boat, etc. Give your name. That's all."

"Under Arrest" correctly informs workers while in jail to sign no statement, "confession," or any other paper, no matter how innocent it appears.

"Under Arrest" is the first volume of its kind issued in America. Its publication marks a big step forward toward the education of American workingmen and women in class defense and self defense. No worker can afford to miss reading this book.

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cut which will have devastating effects on the already low standard of living of the American workers.

So far as the results of inflation are concerned, many of the bourgeois economists themselves, worried by the prospects, even before the Glass-Steagall bill was proposed, admitted that inflation was the real object of all of the Hoover finance measures. For example, one of the leading spokesmen of Washington, Benjamin Baker, editor of the Times-controlled "Annalist" on Jan. 15, 1932, said:

"Specifically, the relief measures proposed at Washington, together with what appears to be the beginning of a new easy money campaign by the Reserve Bank, together, in addition, with an evident tendency in the middle west toward straight-out greenbackism, represent a lunge toward general inflation which contains the germs of almost illimitable mischief. . . ."

"The present trend on this, as it is represented by information from Washington and elsewhere, points to the launching of an inclusive and downright inflationary movement" as seems to this writer of very threatening character. . . . It does not need to be explained to the Reserve Board that such a demand, if it coincided with a serious overloading of the Reserve Banks, might easily take us off the gold standard."

Such expressions, however, are now not frequent in the capitalist press as the whole bourgeois press is behind the Hoover campaign of inflation.

"Economic Ruin."

The effects of this admitted inflationary move, with the danger to the gold standard, were stated by another bourgeois economist, L. M. Graves, vice president of the Brookmore Economic Service, Inc. (N. Y. Evening Post, January 9, 1932), writing under the title of "Economic Ruin Held Certain if U. S. Drops Gold."

"The effect of any serious breakdown of the gold standard or resort to fiat money in the United States," he wrote, "would be economic ruin."

He went on to point out some dire prospects for world capitalism growing out of the latest financial debacle.

"If the United States should follow Europe off the gold standard," he continued, "by the adoption of some cheaper standard (precisely what the Glass-Steagall bill provides for) or irredeemable paper (fiat money), it would mean the end of Western industrial civilization."

While the Hoover government tries to make the workers believe the spurt in stock gambling, the orgy of speculation which will follow, the world clash of imperialist money masters, will result in a return to "prosperity," even the bourgeois economists deny this. Graves says:

"An inflation of the currency, contrary to popular impression, does not stimulate industrial activity. It does not promote exports of goods produced from imported materials. It does not relieve unemployment, but tends, if the inflation is severe, to aggravate it."

Thus, we have the admission that all the present features of the crisis, with their drastic effects on the working class, will be aggravated and intensified by the latest moves of the Hoover government.

With a treasury deficit of over \$4,000,000,000 the Hoover government is now attempting to squeeze this sum out of the workers through inflation and through new and crushing taxation.

The whole process of inflation goes along with the war moves of American capitalism. The desperate struggle through every means of attack against the workers, internally through wage cuts, unemployment, cutting of relief, inflation, and externally in the attack against the Chinese Soviets and preparation for war against the Soviet Union is capitalism's attempt to float the self out of the crisis in a sea of workers' blood.