

'DETROIT AUTO STRIKE SHUTS DOWN HUDSON PLANT

Urge Taxi Drivers to Split Tactics

Thomas and Panken in Move To Break Up Taxi Union

NEW YORK.—Leading lights of the Socialist Party, Mr. Norman Thomas, Judge Jacob Panken and Morris Feinstein, stepped into the limelight yesterday and promised to give their full support in the move now afoot to split the Taxi Drivers' Union and herd a section of the men into the American Federation of Labor.

Following an announcement in the Socialist newspaper, the New Leader, that a resolution had been worked up by leaders of the Bronx and Brooklyn locals of the union calling for the affiliation of these sections with the A. F. of L. and the driving out of Communists, the capitalist press took up the cry yesterday for a split in the union.

The resolution calling for the split is to be brought up, according to capitalist press reports, for a vote

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at two meetings at 4 a. m. today, organized by the Socialist leaders at Hunts Point Palace in the Bronx and the Amalgamated Temple in Brooklyn.

The prime movers and chief advocates of the split, the aim of which is to divide the Brooklyn and Bronx drivers from the militant Manhattan local, are none other than Norman Thomas, Judge Panken and Morris Feinstein, who, it is reported, will address the meetings.

Gilbert Calls for Unity
Joseph Gilbert, organizer of the Manhattan local, in commenting on this latest move of the Socialist leaders to divide the taxi workers, said that "the aim of Thomas and Panken is to break up the militant Taxi Drivers' Union and stampee a section of the men into the A. F.

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Protest Meeting in Wash'ton Tonight On Jim-Crowism

Called by United Front Group Organized by the L. S. N. R.

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, April 9.—Negro and white workers and all others interested in fighting discrimination against Negroes by the Federal Government are urged to attend a mass meeting and conference here on the question, particularly on the recent open Jim-Crowism of Negroes in government buildings, on Tuesday, April 10, at 8 p. m., in the Christian Church on 12th St., between S and T Sts.

The meeting is being held by the Provisional Committee to fight discrimination. Organized by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, the committee includes Howard Covington, Negro student of Howard University who was fired from his part-time job as a waiter in the House of Representatives restaurant because he served one of his race in this public eating place. Signers of the call for the meeting are Rev. Leon Collins, Rita Boston and Gertrude Thorp of the L. S. N. R., L. Williams, of the International Labor Defense, George Murphy, of the Afro-American, Baltimore News-papers; Dorothy Cook, of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; Harold Spencer, of the Communist Party; Peter Warner, of the Young Communist League, and Covington.

Building a united front to carry through immediate action against police brutality and all discrimination against Negroes, the committee has won rank and file support which forced the Socialist Party and Young Peoples' Socialist League leaders to cooperate.

Among the other organizations that responded to the call include the International Workers Order, one lodge of the Daughters of Moses, the Mount Nebo Baptist Church, the Negro Mechanics Association (organized Negro workers who were refused admittance into the American Federation of Labor) and the A. F. of L. rank and file committee.

Allison Miners Strike In New Mexico Against Company Lamp Charges

GALLUP, N. Mex., April 4 (By Mail).—Miners of the Allison mine went on strike here against charges of \$1.75 a month for lamps. The strike is practically 100 per cent effective. Only one scab is working in the mine.

Minneapolis C.W.A. Men Act to Insure Victory of Demonstration for Jobs

No Reason for Auto Workers to Strike?—Just Look at This!

NEW YORK.—Why auto workers strike and fight for higher wages and better working conditions can be clearly realized by looking at the difference between profits of the capitalist owners and wages of the workers. The General Motors report for the year 1933 reads:
"Sales in dollars rose 31 per cent."
"Net earnings rose 50,000 per cent."
"Average annual wages rose three-quarters of one per cent."

Phila. C. W. A. and Jobless Demand Cash Relief, Jobs

700 at Peoria Meeting Demand C. W. A. Continue

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 9.—Protesting the forced labor which the City Welfare Department has instituted for relief and "work relief" projects, and demanding union wages in no case less than the original C. W. A. wages, more than 1,000 workers, under the leadership of the Unemployment Councils and the C. W. A. Workers' Union, demonstrated at Raeburn Plaza here Saturday.

After John Parkes, Secretary of the Unemployment Councils, had outlined the entire hunger program of Roosevelt and the city administration, the workers greeted the demand for the immediate enactment of the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill.

The dollar-a-day cooie wages are being carried out of "work relief." A Negro worker, Hamilton, reported at the meeting that he had worked three days on his job last week, and had only been paid \$3.

Mass Meet in Peoria
PEORIA, Ill.—Seven hundred C. W. A. and unemployed workers jammed the mass meeting, held at the Ray Hotel here last week, demanding continuance and enlargement of C. W. A. and the enactment of the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill.

As the crowd of workers filled the hall and overflowed into the street, a second mass meeting was held for those workers who could not get into the hall.

The Workers' Bill H. R. 7598 and a Workers' Relief Ordinance were unanimously approved by the assembled workers, and a plan of action formulated.

Several hundred workers joined the Unemployment Councils, and steps are being taken to consolidate the movement and build branch locals of the Council in the neighborhoods.

ALGERIAN LEADERS FRAMED
PARIS.—Three revolutionary leaders in Algeria have been sentenced to one year in prison each, it was learned last week. The charge was inciting to pillaging, although the evidence showed that the charge is contrary to the actual fact.

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Communist Party Will Hold 6 Mass Meets for Arrested 32

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 9.—Large committees of former C.W.A. workers were elected at overflow meetings held by the United Relief Workers' Association in two halls here Monday to present the workers' demands before Governor Floyd B. Olson. Olson, the Farmer-Labor Governor, who, at the recent convention of the Farmer-Labor Party, said that "I am not a liberal, but what I want to be—a radical," has issued a statement to the press regarding the workers' demonstration here Friday that "the rioting" was led by Communists; we will not interfere; let the law take its course."

All 32 of the arrested workers expressed their confidence in the International Labor Defense, and will be defended by David Levinson of the I. L. D., with the help of local attorneys.

Communist Party Calls Mass Meets
The Communist Party is issuing 25,000 statements calling for six mass meetings in the city, where some of the members of the committee who have been released on bail will speak. At these meetings, Communist Party members will present the program of the Communist Party.

As the trial of the 32 arrested workers opened Monday, the City Hall was an armed camp. Workers and professional workers who came in dozens to appear as witnesses for the defense were searched by the police before being allowed into the Court House. More than 100 workers will be called as witnesses for the defense.

Meanwhile, the Fifth District Farmer-Labor Association, in a meeting yesterday, demanded that

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Hodson "Helpless" As Pickets, C.W.A. Men Demand Jobs

Picket Lines Will Continue, Leaders Say

NEW YORK.—While laid-off C. W. A. workers continued to picket the offices of Commissioner of Welfare William Hodson, at 50 Lafayette St., Hodson told a delegation of five workers, elected by the Greater New York United Front Conference on C. W. A. and Unemployment, that he was "helpless."

Hodson, smooth, ingratiating, always soft-spoken, expressed his "sympathy" with the unemployed and fired C. W. A. workers, but when the workers' delegates demanded that he translate this "sympathy" into actions in granting the workers' demands, he categorically refused, variously portioning the blame onto the Board of Estimate, the city administration, the state, and Washington.

"How can I do what you ask me," Hodson pleaded with the delegates, "when I am constantly besieged with delegations" attempting to evade the main issues that the delegates

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Soviet "Trud" to Have Page in May First Issue of "Daily"

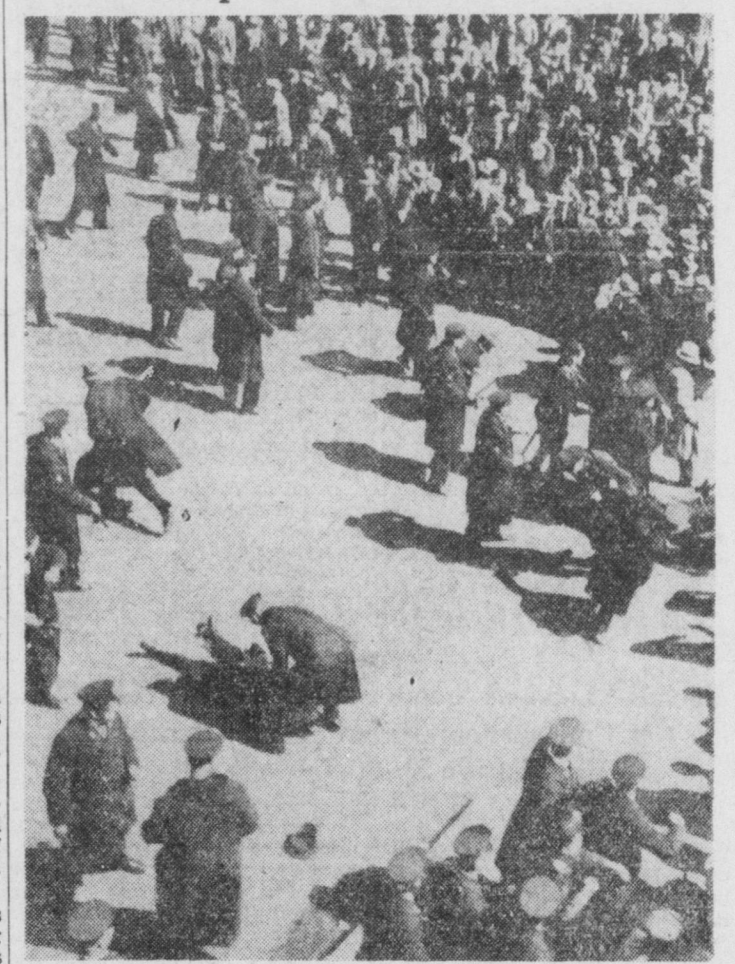
NEW YORK.—"Trud," the official organ of the Soviet Trade Unions, which have a membership of millions of Soviet workers, will have a special page in the May Day issue of the Daily Worker.

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When Minneapolis Workers Won Relief Demands



One of the high moments in the demonstration in Minneapolis last Friday, when thousands went to City Hall to enforce demands for relief and against C.W.A. lay-offs. Police used tear gas in effort to break up demonstration.

"Heil Roosevelt!" Is Cry At Nazi Meet in Queens

Workers Give Out 5000 Leaflets in Counter-Demonstration

NEW YORK.—With 250 Nazi storm troopers wearing Silver Shirt uniforms on guard, the Nazis of New York concentrated all their forces in a mass anti-Jewish meeting in Ridgewood Grove, Queens, Sunday night.

The Nazis mustered 6,000, who filled the hall, and three or four thousand more who could not get in. Hundreds of police were on hand to protect the Nazis, and the silver-shirted storm troopers inside, armed with rubber blackjacks, ejected anyone they disapproved of. Cries of "Heil Roosevelt!" were mingled with cries of "Heil Hitler!" as speakers denounced all Jews and declared that Hitler's and Roosevelt's policies were exactly the same.

When a resolution calling for a counter-boycott to the anti-Nazi boycott was presented, and one voice in the hall cried "No," the storm troopers pounced on him and threw him out.

Five thousand leaflets exposing the Hitler terror were distributed at the meeting and outside the hall by workers called by the Ridgewood Anti-Fascist Committee, the Communist Party and the Committee to Aid Victims of German Fascism. The workers had attended a mass meeting in Queens Labor Lyceum earlier, where speakers attacked the Nazis.

Leaflets Effective
That the leaflets they distributed were effective was demonstrated by the fact that no leaflets were to be seen on the ground afterward—all those who received them kept them and read them.

Nazis and workers clashed outside the hall several times, and three persons were arrested, among them Aaron Schlossberg and Abe Bloom. Both were charged with third degree assault, and released in \$500 bail provided by the International Labor Defense.

Schlossberg will come up for trial Wednesday, and Bloom on Friday, in the Fifth Magistrates' Court, Ridgewood, Queens. Workers are urged to pack the courtroom when they come up for trial.

71 Cuban Prisoners On Hunger Strike Issue Appeal to World Proletariat

(By Cable to Daily Worker)
HAVANA, Cuba, April 9.—Seventy-one prisoners at Principe prison went on a hunger strike here yesterday. The prisoners sang the Internationale.

An appeal which they issued, states, in part: "We demand the freedom of all workers, soldiers and sailors who are being held for political reasons, and declare before the whole world, especially the world proletariat, that we hold the government, Mendizeta, and the imperialist agent Caffery responsible for any consequences of our actions. Down with Yankee imperialism! Long live the agrarian anti-imperialist revolution!"

Motor Products Men Spurn Sell-Out Plan Of A. F. of L. Leaders

3,000 Hartford Aircraft Men Demand Pay Raise

400 Stamford Rubber Workers Vote for Strike, Demand Union Recognition

(Special to the Daily Worker)

HARTFORD, Conn., April 9.—With 2,000 workers from the Hart and Hegem Arrow Electric Co. strike still continuing 100 per cent solid, and other workers from factories threatening strike unless their demands are won, Hartford faces a strike movement throughout the city this week.

Four thousand workers at the Underwood plant threaten strike by Wednesday. Three thousand workers from the Pratt-Whitney Aircraft Co. are presenting their demands today for wage increases and better working conditions, and plan a

strike if no answer is given them within 24 hours. One thousand five hundred men at the Colt plant have voted today for a strike, and 800 workers at the Pratt-Cady Co. are ready for a general walkout.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

STAMFORD, Conn., April 9.—Four hundred workers of the Norwalk Rubber and Tire Company voted to strike this morning. The workers are demanding recognition of the Rubber Workers Industrial Union and an increase in wages. Mass picketing of the plant started this morning.

800 Tool, Die Makers Strike; 1,800 Out In Muskegon

COLLINS IS BOOED

Strike of 15,000 Looms This Thursday

BULLETIN

MUSKEGON, Mich., April 9.—Eighteen hundred workers of Campbell Wyant and Cannon Foundry, manufacturing motor blocks, struck Saturday for wage increases and other demands. Mass picketing started this morning, and picket, scale and press committees were elected by the strikers.

By A. B. MAGILL

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Mich., April 9.—Latest developments in Detroit strike situation are: 1. Meeting of striking members of the Motor Products A. F. of L. local yesterday unanimously rejected the sell-out settlement negotiated by the automobile Labor Board and A. F. of L. officials and booted William Collins, A. F. of L. national organizer. 2. Eight hundred tool and die makers at Detroit, Michigan, Stove Company struck this morning under the leadership of the Mechanics' Educational Society of America, demanding a 20 per cent wage increase and a 36-hour, five-day week. 3. With the rank and file pressing for action, the M. E. S. A. threatens to lay the basis for bringing in Roosevelt to send the Motor Products workers back.

Elect New Officers
Elections of new officers of the local took place at the meeting, and the A. F. of L. leaders, in an effort to consolidate their position, managed to secure the election of Lawrence Moyer as president in place of the militant worker, Joe Schuler. Moyer, who, a few days ago appeared to be fighting for the interests of the rank and file, has now shifted his position and become an A. F. of L. yesman.

The Auto Workers Union, together with Motor Products, M. E. S. A., and militants in the A. F. of L., are continuing their efforts to establish unity of workers of all unions as well as unorganized against the sell-out efforts of the A. F. of L. officialdom. The M. E. S. A. is holding a mass meeting in the Deutsches Haus tonight at which speakers from all unions are invited.

The Hudson plant was shut down all day Saturday and the men were sent home at 10:30 this morning because the Motor Products strike tied up production. The company at the same time is attempting to use the lay-off to smash union organization. The opportunity for a successful strike is unusually favorable at the Hudson plant, and militants are calling for united action

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New England Bosses Form Fascist Band

Threaten Leaders of Shoe and Leather Workers Union

BULLETIN

HAVERHILL, Mass., April 9.—Six thousand striking shoe workers voted today to ratify a new wage and working agreement which has been approved by the shoe manufacturers and the United Shoe and Leather Workers Union, according to capitalist press reports.

The agreement provides for a ten per cent increase in wages.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

HAVERHILL, Mass., April 9.—A Vigilance Committee, a band of fascist hoodlums formed by those "who have the country's and the city's best interest at heart," has been formed here for the purpose of crushing the militant six-week strike of shoe workers.

The city's most "respectable citizens," several hundred of them, met in City Hall yesterday and signed a pledge of allegiance to the Constitution of the United States, to Haverhill and to the Haverhill shoe bosses.

Veiled and open threats that "some of the union leaders would be taken to the city limits and told to keep moving," that they would be beaten and kicked out, were made by some of the "Vigilantes."

Dr. Henry Kapp, a physician, who was chairman at the secret vigilantes meeting, said that it was "part of the Soviet program of labor agitation in the U. S. It is time for us to do something to end Communist activities here."

Needless to say, the Vigilantes have the full support of the shoe bosses.

Wage Raise Cancelled by High Living Costs, A. F. L. Admits

By SEYMOUR WALDMAN

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, April 9.—"The workers' individual real wage today is no higher than it was a year ago," the American Federation of Labor's monthly survey of business for April announced today. Failure to raise wages in proportion to greatly increased corporation profits, claims the A. F. of L., is due to the fact that the employers "are less willing to cooperate in the President's program."

It is a widely known fact that the N. I. R. A., which is the President's program, forced the standard of living of the workers below the terribly low Hoover level.

"There is no justification for the large price increases which have been made in many products. Code mechanisms have been used for price profiteering. This is contrary to the purpose of the Recovery Act. Price control is one of the chief problems before us. It is of prime interest to labor that wage increases have been completely cancelled by rising costs of living. The individual worker's real wage today is no higher than it was a year ago, in spite of all efforts to raise it," declared the "Survey."

Though even the Hearst press has broadcast the news that N. R. A.

Administrator General Hugh S. Johnson used the N. I. R. A. to establish and legalize the company union, the A. F. of L. officials state that "the Administration program sought to establish balance in industry. It provided for organization of employers, balanced by organization of labor; for restoration of workers' buying power to put idle producing capacity to work." However, "notwithstanding the quick increases in dividend payments" and the fact that "stock holders' and directors' meetings are beginning to consider bonuses to officers," these stock holders' and directors' profits "are not being balanced by wage increases to workers to any large extent except where workers are organized in trade unions," admits the A. F. of L.

The A. F. of L. repeats its endorsement of the Roosevelt 10-and-10 scheme, (a 10 per cent increase in wages and a 10 per cent decrease in hours) a variation of the Teague Standard Oil share-the-work plan the net result of which would be a decrease in the wage of each worker. In reporting how "the only large industries to respond to this scheme were those where labor organizations were strong or strikes were feared," the A. F. of L. willy-nilly

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25,000 to March, Demand Release Of Farm Leader

Farmers Will Go to the State Capitol in Protest

LINCOLN, Nebraska, April 9.—More than 25,000 farmers will march to the State Capitol Building on April 16 to demand the release of Harry Lux, jailed farm leader of the Nebraska Holiday Association, Harold Arcadia, member of the Executive Committee of the Association, declared today.

Lux, known throughout the state as a militant leader of the oppressed farmers against the mortgage sharks, was arrested when he told a demonstration to stop the foreclosure sale of a small farmer's farm. He was fined \$100 and convicted of contempt of court. His appeal to the Supreme Court failed. He declared that he would rather go to jail than pay the fine.

"Foreclosures are still continuing, despite the fact that the Legislature has passed moratorium laws," MacDonald said. "Either we should have a moratorium that is a moratorium or know the reason why."

Preparations for the march on the State Capitol are now being made

LaGuardia Dodges Issue on the Use of Union Square May 1

LaGuardia, After Private Confab With Socialist Leaders, Shifts Responsibility To Committee of Three

NEW YORK.—Mayor LaGuardia yesterday dodged the issue of the United Front May Day Arrangements Committee's priority to Union Sq. on May First by "deputizing" a committee of three to "represent" him on the question of the right to Union Sq. on May Day of over 200,000 New York workers.

Having confessed at a previous meeting in Borough Hall on Friday that he had shifted the time for the use of Union Sq. to "after 5:30 and on," LaGuardia proceeded yesterday to evade the issue, and place the responsibility of allotting hours to John Haynes Holmes, Arthur Garfield Hays and Roger Baldwin of the American Civil Liberties Union, as a mere dispute between Communists and Socialists, instead of discrimination on the part of the city administration.

As the delegation from the United Front May Day Arrangements Committee waited for the Mayor to see them, they watched Judge Panken, Gerber and Vladick, Socialist leaders, leave the Mayor's office laughing as though they had had a good time in the inner sanctum. The original arrangements of LaGuardia on Friday were that the Socialists and the representatives of the United Front May Day Committee would meet with him simultaneously "if not together."

The tenor of the meeting in the Mayor's office was one of questioning the right of the 200,000 workers demonstrating against Fascism and War on May First to the use of Union Square. Arthur Garfield Hays thought it "perfectly absurd" to have only one public square open for May Day meetings. He asked, "Why not use Madison Square and set a precedent for a new place?" Mayor LaGuardia cynically suggested for the future that workers of New York demonstrate in Van Cortlandt Park, and he would place benches for their disposal.

George Siskind retorted that Union Square belongs to the revolutionary workers by its traditions. That is the place where the revolutionary workers have always held their May Day demonstrations. "Then Allen Taub, member of the delegation, pointed out that the Mayor admitted he had not lived up to his agreement and was discriminating against the Communists and sympathetic organizations, the Mayor evaded the issue by saying, 'That is so, but we must adjust it.' In a bullying attempt to scare the committee, the Mayor threatened that if the United Front May Day Arrangements Committee proceeded on the line of the original agreement with the police department of using Union Square in the early afternoon of May First, he would 'man Union Square,' plainly threatening to use an army of police against the revolutionary workers.

During the day, the police captain Joseph F. X. Day, of the 13th precinct, had informed the United Front Committee that the Veterans of Foreign War would not use Union Square in the morning as they "could not mobilize their men that early." This leaves the question of the use of Union Square on May Day between the Socialists and the United Front May Day Arrangements Committee.

The United Front Committee denounced the discrimination against the United Front May Day demonstration in favor of the Socialists despite their prior application, but decided they would meet with the committee of three appointed by the Mayor in still another attempt to defeat the attempts of the police and city administration to provoke a fight on May Day.

The United Front Committee was the first to file its plans with the police for the use of Union Square on May Day. The hours for the United Front May Day demonstration were shifted three times by the police and Department of Parks.

The members of the committee from the United Front May Day Arrangements which saw the Mayor yesterday were George Siskind, David Leeds, Carl Brody, chairman of the United Front May Day Arrangements Committee, Charlotte Todes, Steve Kingston, and Allen Taub.

Detroit Messenger Boys' Strike Ends

(Special to the Daily Worker)
DETROIT, April 9.—The Western Union messenger boys' strike, which started last Friday night, ended today with a partial victory for the messenger boys. They won recognition of the Independent Messenger Boys' Union, and the company agreed to meet with a workers' committee to discuss a wage scale. The company, however, refused to take back the leader of the strike, Ben Marcus.

The strikers would have won greater concessions had the ranks not been split by unauthorized action when two strikers, who went to the company Saturday night, arranged a settlement.

Even before the strike was called organization activities of the union compelled the company to raise wages 20 per cent for day boys and 10 per cent for night boys. The settlement is a victory over the company union, into which the company tried to drive the boys. The strikebreaking efforts of the Regional Labor Board also failed when the boys refused to head advice to go back to work pending settlement by the board.

Postal telegraph messenger boys are meeting tonight to vote on a "like action."

Browder and Ford to Report Convention At New Star Casino

NEW YORK.—On Sunday afternoon, April 15, the entire revolutionary movement of Harlem will respond to the call of the Communist Party, Harlem Section, to mobilize in a membership rally to hear the reports on the historic Eighth National Convention of the Communist Party, at the New Star Casino, 2:30 p.m.

Comrades Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Party, and James W. Ford, the most outstanding Negro and political leader of the Communist Party, will be the main speakers at the rally.

The Harlem Section Committee urges all mass and language organizations, trade unions, sport and youth clubs, the units of the Party and the Y. C. L. in Harlem to suspend all other activities from 2:30 to 6 p. m. on the afternoon of the 15th and to mobilize their entire memberships and sympathizers for this rally.

3 Cal. Communists Enter Campaign For City Council Los Angeles Suburb Workers' Organizations Back Candidates

SOUTH GATE, Cal., March 31.—With a united front of working class organizations behind them, three Communists have entered the election campaign for city council.

Nearly 200 workers filled the small campaign hall at 9605 California Ave. on Friday evening, March 30, for the campaign opening. The election will be held April 9.

Clyde Champion, Oscar D. Nash and Gerald Sherman are the three candidates. Besides the Communist Party, they are backed by the Relief Workers' Protective Union, Unemployed Co-operative Relief Association and the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League.

The South Gate candidates' platform is to lead the struggles of the unemployed, to fight for unemployment insurance, to demand federal relief for public construction and to fight the efforts of the L. A. Bureau of Power & Light to run its high tension wires through South Gate.

PALMER, Mich., April 9.—Out of the 440 votes cast for town supervisors at the elections last week, the workers and farmers United Front Ticket polled 78.

GALLUP CITY, N. M., April 9.—In the recent city elections here Communist candidates polled votes as follows:

Ed. Crotton, 95; Pete Sanchez, 106; George Lloyd, 101; John Tomac, 100; Lino Romero, 107; Oliver Leone, 104.

Minneapolis C.W.A. Workers Act To Insure Job Victory

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Governor Olson reopen the investigation, to be favorable to the demonstrators. They also recommended that Olson call an open meeting for men and women on C. W. A.

25,000 Demonstrated Friday
Latest information that has reached the Daily Worker shows that the demonstration on Friday reached as much as 20,000 to 25,000 workers. The workers prevented the fire department from turning streams of water on by posting large committees around the fire hydrants. Many of the firemen joined with the demonstrators by refusing to do police duty.

After the City Council had at first refused to meet the workers' demands, in a second meeting they were forced to accede to the workers, and elected a committee of five Councilmen to go to Washington to obtain federal authorization for the increased relief expenditures and the carrying out of the workers' demands.

Tremont Progressive Club First To Order Big May Day Demonstration

NEW YORK.—The first English Speaking Club to place an order for the May Day edition of the Daily Worker is the Tremont Progressive Club. The City Club Council, central body of the English-speaking clubs, announces that the Tremont Progressive will order more than any other club in the city of New York.

All English-speaking clubs are asked by the council to take up this challenge. "As part of the May 1st activity to be carried on by the clubs," the council states, "the organizations should order in large quantities the May Day issue of the Daily Worker. All orders are to be reported to the council. Special committees in each club should be set up for the distribution of the Daily Worker. Every member must become a Daily Worker booster. Clubs should make final preparations to take part in the City-wide Conference for a united May Day on April 14 and for the City Club May Day Conference on May 15 at the council headquarters 11 W. 18th St. on Sunday at 1 p. m. Every club must be represented. Every club must place an order for the Daily Worker."

to storm the offices through the fire escapes. Many of the young workers had been in line all night. The C.C.C. announced that 2,500 of the 3,000 who managed to register would be sent to the camps.

GUTTERS OF NEW YORK



Mrs. Roosevelt cites "Little Orphan Annie" to prove there is no oppression in U. S.—News Item.

S. P. Knives Rank and File Plea for May 1 United Front

Socialist Leaders Steam-roller Motion from Floor at Conference; Defeated in Attempt to Bar Parade by Socialist Workers

NEW YORK.—Rank and file opposition flared up last Thursday night at a May Day Conference held by the Socialist Party at the Rand School to the sabotage by the Socialist Party leadership of the proletarian united front against Fascism and War on May Day, and the further opposition of the Socialist leaders to a May Day parade or anything resembling militant action in connection with their proposed May Day meeting in Union Square.

The Socialist leadership succeeded in steam-rolling a motion for a real united front May Day demonstration, but were forced to put to the vote a youth motion for a parade on May Day, which was overwhelmingly accepted. The leadership excused its opposition to the parade on the grounds that in several of the unions there were new members who "did not know how to parade," adding the additional phony explanation that the Socialist Party was not so immersed in various activities as not to be able to prepare a well-organized parade. The sentiment of the youth delegates was most bitter against these tactics of the leadership and, finally, at their insistence Claessens, the chairman, was forced to put the motion for a parade to the vote. The leadership was more successful in knitting a motion to a yes and may vote. Although there were quite a number of yeses, he declared the motion defeated, refusing to ask for a show of hands.

AFL Admits Wage Rise Cancelled By High Living Costs

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admits the employer class character of its anti-strike policy.

"Delays in enforcing Section 7-A in the last six months have nullified workers' rights under the law and blocked the mechanism for collective bargaining," the A. F. of L. survey charges, in the teeth of the fact that even Donald Richberg, N. R. A. Chief Counsel, has intervened in this section as an open shop mechanism, and that the most powerful industrialists have openly rallied around it as the chief protection of their company unions.

Realizing that the rank and file auto workers are on the verge of regaining the ground lost through the recent Roosevelt A. F. of L. sell-out, the A. F. of L. asserts that the National Automobile Board, "to make the principle of free organization a reality" must "it promptly recognize union membership and set up collective bargaining. 2: Re-instate at once those workers who were laid off for joining the union."

No demand is made, however, for a general wage increase nor is a strike in the event of refusal even mentioned.

In discussing the C. W. A. under the head line, "Employment gains slowly," the Survey admits that "those eligible for relief will receive an allowance considerably below their C. W. A. wage; for the others no provision is made." Nevertheless no reference is made to the Minneapolis C. W. A. protest demonstration which forced the municipal officials to grant more relief, nor to the need for such collective effort to obtain more relief.

Board of Estimate To Announce Cuts in Pay of City Workers Today

ALBANY, N. Y., April 9.—The La Guardia "Economy" Bill, which last week was passed in the assembly, today faced a vote in the State Senate. The bill is expected to pass the Senate. The bill is expected to pass the Senate. The bill is expected to pass the Senate.

Call for Protests at Chi. Police Refusal to Grant May Day Permit

(Daily Worker Midwest Bu.)
CHICAGO, April 9.—Police have flatly refused a permit for the workers' May Day demonstration. The United Front May Day Committee has immediately issued a call for all organizations to send protests and delegations to the Mayor, Commissioner of Police Allman and to Aldermen in all wards.

The final May Day conference will be held here Sunday, April 15, at 10 a. m., at the Finnish Hall, 2409 North Halsted St.

Hudson Plant Is Closed by Auto Strike in Detroit

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of all workers to convert the lay-off into a strike.

McGrady Threatens
With the strike situation growing constantly more acute, the A. F. of L. leaders are exerting every effort to retain their influence over the workers and break the Motor Products strike. "These strikes have got to be settled," declared Assistant Secretary of Labor McGrady, who is the special emissary of General Johnson. "The men must get back to work and I'll stay in Detroit until this thing is cleared up," he threatened.

McGrady and the A. F. of L. leaders are paving the way for bringing in Roosevelt in the same way as he was brought in before to send men back on the President's promise of a "square deal."

Rejection by a mass meeting at Amity Temple yesterday of Motor Products A. F. of L. members (majority of workers in this plant are organized in A. F. of L.) of the terms of settlement negotiated by A. F. of L. leaders, Collins and Thompson, with the Automobile Labor Board, was a smashing blow at the sell-out plans. The settlement terms completely confirm the predictions made by the Auto Workers Union in a leaflet to strikers: "If the board will not agree, the board will try to send the men back pending arbitration of demand."

One of the chief points in the proposals is the creation of an arbitration committee of the Labor Board to take testimony from workers and work out a new wage scale. In place of the workers' demand for 75 cents an hour minimum for unskilled labor, the Labor Board attempts to divide workers by setting up two categories: one to get 45 cents an hour and the other 30 cents.

Collins Gets Cold Shoulder

No other demands were even considered.

When Collins tried to persuade the workers to accept these terms, he met such an unfriendly reception that he shouted, "Don't be so hostile. Nobody is trying to do you a gold brick. If you strike you'll have to go through this same set-up eventually to get what you want. It's better to be in the plant making a little money than to be out on the street broke."

Worker after worker arose to denounce the agreement. "You may be the head of the A. F. of L.," one said, "but we know what we want and we're the ones to decide when we go back."

A roar of approval swept the hall when another said: "Let's fight it out and stay out!"

On a motion to reject the settlement, not a single worker voted in the negative.

Leaders In "Protest" Gesture

At the same time the A. F. of L. leaders are attempting to stem the growing disillusion with the Washington settlement by sending a protest wire to Roosevelt, charging the Automobile Labor Board with failure to carry out the President's sentiment in creating it.

Rumors are also being spread of a split in the Labor Board, with Richard L. Byrd, A. F. of L. representative, supposedly fighting Wolman and Kelley, the other two members. This is for the purpose of giving the impression that Byrd is actually defending the workers' interests.

A. F. of L. strong-arm squads are continuing their activities against militant workers. One worker was arrested today for distributing A. W. U. leaflets. The following letter, addressed to A. F. of L., A. W. U. and M. E. S. A., was received here today from A. F. of L. rank and file in Kenosha, Wis.:

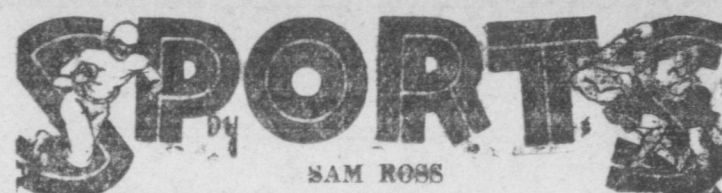
Kenosha Nash strikers earnestly warn you to guard against maneuvers of Auto Labor Board. Byrd labor representative on board, tried to trick us back to work. Men overwhelmingly rejected betrayal settlement. Nash strikers anxiously await strike action by Detroit men."

Workers Organizations To Fight Against Savage Sentence Given Hagopa

NEW YORK.—A Hagopa Defense Committee was organized last night, with representatives of many trade unions and workers clubs participating, including the Needle Trades Industrial Union, Marine Workers Industrial Union, etc.

The committee has launched a fight against the savage sentence of three years imposed on Hagopa by Judge Corrigan in General Sessions Court on March 28. Hagopa was framed on a charge of felonious assault by police who broke up a demonstration of needle trades workers at 7th Ave. and 29th St. on July 5, 1933. Corrigan openly declared his intention of making an example of Hagopa as a blow against workers and their organizations protesting the frame-up.

The committee announced that funds and 50,000 signatures must be obtained within the next week to enable the filing of an appeal against the sentence.



The Scene Changes

THE slapping Jimmy Foxx, last year's home run king, crashes the public eye quiet regularly these days—even more than that story-provoking Casey Stengel.

There's something of an art about getting this free publicity. All you've got to have is a name, then you begin acting some kind of part, then you pose like a champion—either as a shy, retreating, afraid-to-talk athlete, or a bombastic, know-it-all, I'm-the-greatest sort of individual. Anyway, you can't keep from pulling the belly laughs, in sympathetic forms, for the big shot, or you can't stop from identifying yourself with the modest athlete whose tradition is already established.

In particular, I refer to Babe Ruth, Jimmy Foxx and the Great Art Shires. There's a definite trend of psychology involved, which changes the attitude of champions to his public and vice versa. And in the least common denominator, the thing always has its cause in that well-known dollar bill—since athletes are considered products of a society that exploits their services.

THERE used to be a time when the athlete couldn't afford to be conceited. If he let the world know how good he was by blowing his mouth off, he was considered an unpopular champion. Talking doesn't go so big with the crowd. Neither does it go so big with the pocketbook. All he had to do was act. So the champ shows the fans how good he is by his performances only, and in conversations he says, "I'm not conceited or anything. But, between you and me, I don't have to kid myself, because I know what I can do and I'm better than that team," but all in the strictest confidence. And when he sees a sympathetic nod from his listener, he's usually led on to more bragado.

Now, I don't know who started it; but if a champion doesn't say right out loud with bellowing brawn how good he is, the public doesn't think he's any good. So the new act begins. All these guys are Barrymores in the making, if you only give them a chance.

I THINK the start was with the fighters. You remember, before each championship fight, a coach fighter tells the fans through the press, in toughened-up lingo, that he's gonna knock the other palooka out or his name ain't Kayo Something or Hammerlock Nothing, the guy who can count up to ten all day and bang his head up against the wall to condition himself for his fist connections. "If I can stand that, I can catch anything," they say.

Well, Jack Sharkey pulled this brave act a little too soon. The fans weren't prepared for it. He became the unpopular champion of the week. Dempsey was still the apple of the fans' eye, the guy who patricidies heads and fought for milk charity funds for the dainty sums running into hundreds of thousands of dollars. He wasn't conceited, Jack Dempsey wasn't. He was some great guy. That's what everybody said and thought.

Then came the Great Art Shires—the guy who climbed up to the American bandwagon and who began beating bass drums with sledgehammers so that he deafened the ears of the populace. He fought his way into stardom, cracking up umpires, managers, lyn and Bronx will not be tricked into voting for a resolution that would split our union and weaken our fight for union recognition and union conditions. All drivers should repudiate this attempt of the Socialist leaders to divide us on the basis of political opinions and affiliations."

Gilbert concluded by urging hackmen in the Bronx and Brooklyn to unite their ranks more closely with the hackmen in Manhattan and to build up a strong independent Taxi Drivers Union of Greater New York on the basis of democratically elected garage committees.

NEW YORK.—Am-Derentra, Soviet trading corporation, issued a statement yesterday to all those interested in visiting the Soviet ship, "Kim," saying in part: "Due to the great number of visitors desiring to see the 'Kim,' it is impossible to issue passes any longer. All those who planned to visit the ship are so advised."

DAILY WORKER A. A.

All those interested in the Daily Worker Athletic Association, which was mentioned in Monday's sport column, should write or phone the sports editor, Sam Ross, care of the Daily Worker. Phone is ALgonquin 4-7954.

Urge Hackmen To Spike S. P. Move

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of L. where the leaders will bind them to the Roosevelt-Green strike-breaking pact, which was effective in halting the auto strike."

"The hackmen must vote against such a scheme," said Gilbert, "to allow Thomas and Panken to herd a section of the drivers into the A. F. of L. the leaders of which fought against our strikes, would be a decided defeat for the drivers."

Gilbert pointed out how during the recent strike, leaders of the A. F. of L. had delegations of taxi drivers thrown from the local union meetings when they came to ask for support of the strike.

"They called our strike an outlaw strike," said Gilbert. "Now the Socialists want to induce the men to accept these open enemies of our struggles as leaders of the hackmen."

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Shop Paper Forced Use of Safety Device in Gary Mill

By a Steel Worker Correspondent

GARY, Ind. — Well, we have spotted another Ed. Well, only this new grafter's name is Andy Schlessinger, the foreman of the Pickle House in the merchant mills.

Workers you know we have succeeded in exposing Ed. Well of the 44-inch blooming mill but now we got to expose the rest of the grafters and their collectors, like those two Negro workers that used to work and collect the bosses' outside income. Here are their names: Alex Bush No. 5553 and Joe Jackson No. 5584. They have gone even house to house to collect bribes.

And here is something that needs special attention. As a result of the expose in our last issue of the Gary Steel Worker, shop paper in the wheel mill, the bosses cannot take the jobs of the other workers, but in other departments and mills, this vicious practice continues. In the Pickle House, where a worker was crippled by an inexperienced boss, a safety attachment has been installed as a result of the protest in the Gary Shop Bulletin. T. J. Griffin has the labor foreman, John Henderson, operating a bucket

crane. This enables them to get along without a regular crane operator. The result is that Henderson gets the cables all tangled up, endangering the lives of the workers.

Fellow workers, demand that regular men be employed. Fight against the bosses operating other men's jobs!

In the Open Hearth Department, the big shots threaten the workers not to pay for off heats in all open hearths. There is talk that the company may raise wages, but in return they will refuse to pay tonnage on the off heats, (heats of the incorrect analysis) until they are able to sell the heat to some other company which wants to use such type steel. In plain English this means the men won't get paid for off heats and will have no way of checking up when their heat is sold. It is a wage-cut on a grand scale.

Open Hearth men must fight against this proposal of the company, and fighting the company's proposal means to organize into the fighting Steel and Metal Workers' Industrial Union. Unless the workers do this they cannot fight back.

WORKER CORRESPONDENTS Help Us With the May Day Edition

Many of the readers of the "Daily Worker" have participated in May Day struggles in the United States. A good many of them undoubtedly took part in the historic 1919 May Day demonstrations. Still others remember the May Day struggles during the time that the Communist Party was underground.

Possibly there may be some readers of the "Daily Worker," still alive, who remember the historic days of 1886-1890 when the International Day of Workingclass Solidarity was born in this country.

Workers who took part in these historic demonstrations! Write us of what took place. Let us know how the shop workers were mobilized. Let us know about the spirit of those demonstrations. Let the new readers of the "Daily," who have come into the movement recently, hear from your own experiences what the militant traditions of May Day are!

Write us now! The last day for this material to be received is April 15. Help us make our May Day Supplement a glowing history of May Day struggles and achievements!



MASS MEET AGAINST LUNCH-SNATCHING

Here is an announcement of importance to parents of school children, especially in Brooklyn, N. Y.

"For a while, children in P. S. 19 were getting food tickets and some articles of clothing that they need badly. Lately the food tickets have been taken away from many children, and no clothing is given any more. A committee visited the principal but he said he could do nothing about it."

"A mass meeting is being called for Wednesday, April 11, at 284 S. 9th St., Broadway and Rodney St., at the Y. M. H. A., for the purpose of discussing this problem. The meeting is being called under the auspices of Women's Council 13, and Schule 3."

(Reported by Mrs. H.)

And Other School Matters
Here's hoping the meeting will be well attended and that an effective line of action will be worked out. We invite a report on what is decided and what action taken, and with what results, so we may announce this too.

We'd suggest that copies of the very valuable new pamphlet just issued by the International Press, "Schools and the Crisis," be brought to this meeting for discussion if there is time, and for sale. It will arm parents with many vital facts of use in their struggle for better education and better school conditions for their kids.

Our Educational Don Quixote
Mrs. Roosevelt, we might mention at this point, is as busy as usual—her latest gratification being a speech at the Citizens Conference (at Columbus), urging "educational reforms." Fancy architecture and marble halls, she declared, don't make a good school. What we need, she feels, is a plain school, so there may be money for teachers' salaries and books. She tucks at windmills for the sake of publicity. (And to make the masses think that something is really being done for them.)

She doesn't denounce the elaborate designs, complicated "architecture" and costly materials of the 1,184 new bombing planes and 102 new battleships, whose construction was authorized by her husband through the Vinson Bill, which dedicates \$750,000,000 to these armaments, while the administration ignores the shortening of school terms, the closing of schools, and the payless teachers.

The pamphlet, "Schools and the Crisis," gives for example such flimsy facts as that in 24 states nearly 2,000 schools—regardless of WHAT architecture—failed to open in the fall of 1933, and that "the building of schools has almost stopped."

Doesn't Like the Little RED Schoolhouse

At the same Columbus conference, Ex-Gov. Alfred E. Smith sent a written speech which gave a gorgeously comical excuse for opposing "long-term" Federal aid for the schools. He thinks the aid of schools should remain the duty of the states, because, if Federal aid were given, politics might flavor education! He said: "In Russia, Italy, in Germany, we have by our own days seen the school of a great people diverted

Revolt at the Fisher Body Local Meeting

McKinnon's Red Baiting Fails to Explain AFL Treachery

By a Worker Correspondent

CLEVELAND, Ohio. — The open meeting of the Fisher Body local of the American Federation of Labor showed the growing indignation of the auto workers against the sell-out which Mile, McKinnon, McWeeney, Green and President Roosevelt put over on them. There was a couple of moments at the meeting when it looked as though the chairs would fly any second. A developing opposition to the leaders of the A. F. of L. is becoming a real danger to the McKinnon-McWeeney clique.

The central point raised by the men was on the recognition of the union and the running of the union. The workers wanted to know how the settlement gave them recognition. And they forced from Mile, the president, the admission—that there wasn't real recognition until all the names of the union members were turned over to Detroit, and after they were certified they would have real recognition. Another wanted to know how they expected to get a 100 per cent organized shop, when the open shop was still allowed. Another proposed to reduce the dues.

The meeting rose to the hottest point when the vice-president of the local spoke and said: "This is our union. We've got to run our union our own way and put fellows in the leadership who will run it right. If the strike is delayed too long it would not be effective. The company would shut their doors and tell us to keep on striking—they prepared all the stock they need for such an emergency. We should do as the White Motor did. Then we would get recognition and an our 20 per cent increase and..."

McKinnon, all excited, jumped up and demanded: "What about White Motor. Who told you that they did? That has no place here. Who told you—" And from the floor voices demanded that McKinnon shut up, that the fellow be allowed to tell what happened at White Motor, that McKinnon didn't belong there anyway.

Then a line of demagoguery followed. President Mile—some fellow from the Press Dept., Brother Spizak! appealed to the "sanity" of the men. Brother Spizak praised the union, reminding the men that it was backed by the government! That it was supported by President Roosevelt and General Johnson. And when someone wanted to know why they weren't recognized, he said: "Why we just gotta be recognized. It's against the law not to recognize us."

McKinnon was allowed the floor at the end of the meeting and threw out a real red-baiting and demagogic bunch of poison. He gave his usual spiel of what a wonderful record he has in the labor movement. He said that he is always back them up. That he is 100 per cent for Roosevelt—that if Roosevelt should call him to shoulder arms to go for war today—he would gladly do it.

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Oust Matthew Smith, Urges Detroit Worker

Leads Men to Verge of Strike, Then Betrays Movement; Works Hand in Hand with NRA

By an Auto Worker Correspondent

DETROIT, Mich.—Millions of the Mechanics' Educational Society of America must begin the movement to oust Matthew Smith without delay. By his telegram to Roosevelt he defeated the militant production workers in their intended strike. His is a sham radicalism that leads men to a strike or to the verge of a strike and then betrays that strike movement into a movement for arbitration.

Encouraged by the words and actions of Matthew Smith, the government set up a Mediation Board but managed to leave Smith on the mat. This Mediation Board by its first ruling against union activities during working hours wipes out the Shop Steward system, further strengthening the open shop! The shop representation scheme deprives the M.E.S.A. of a voice. The government thus forces the M.E.S.A. to resort to militancy—or perish. If the way of militancy is to be the choice, the M.E.S.A. must, first of all, ditch Matthew Smith, the compromiser.

Labor victories cannot be won "in the more liberal atmosphere of Washington." Journeys to "liberal atmosphere" cost the M.E.S.A. rank and file a lot of money. Victories must be won at the scene of the conflict, by mass action and mass picketing.

Martell, Exposed As Spy Agency Aid, Yells, "Stop Thief"

By an Auto Worker Correspondent

DETROIT, Mich.—Sunday, March 25, the Bellmen and Hotel Porters' Association of the A. F. of L. called an organizational meeting at which Mr. Martell, who is president of the American Federation of Labor in Detroit, was the principal speaker. Martell started by saying that he has no "quarrel" with his "revolutionary friends." In fact, he said, he thinks he will be for "revolution" if it comes!

"Industrial unionism is not practical, especially not in the hotel industry," he said. Workers must organize into "their" trade unions, and then they will receive "consideration" from employers! Roosevelt received high praise for his "labor" policy. However, he felt the need to attack the Auto Workers' Union and Communists. The A. F. of L. was the only organization that protested the wage-cut, it is the "only" organization that organizes workers for "collective bargaining" he went on. "Where were the Communists and their Auto Workers Union? Why didn't they organize auto workers? Instead they are attacking A. F. of L. leaders from top to bottom as betrayers. They are paid by manufacturers to attack the A. F. of L. he said.

Who are Martell's "revolutionary friends"? It is very clear! The S. P. speaker who indulged for half an hour in abstract phrase mongering about industrial unionism, did not antagonize Mr. Martell. No danger is coming from that sect. In fact, they are very helpful, because they too, attack Communists.

Mr. Thomas is one of his friends.

Martell is not afraid of that "revolution." But Mr. Martell and his gang are very much afraid of the rank and file opposition groups which are growing daily in all A. F. of L. locals.

Workers at this meeting were mostly from the Book-Cadillac Hotel. It was a small meeting of about 60 or 70 workers, men and women, who were highly disgusted with all the proceedings. Martell, who attacks "dictatorships" did not allow the Bellmen and Porters' Local president to preside at this meeting, but appointed an A. F. of L. lawyer to preside.

To organize all workers, it is necessary that dues be as low as possible. If this is Communism, then Mr. Martell is in contradiction when he says that Communists want to destroy the A. F. of L. With his accusation that Communists are paid by manufacturers he cannot convince anybody. Workers know too much about racketeering in the A. F. of L. to take this accusation to cover his own connection with spy agencies and other enemies of the working class.

They called a mass meeting of Bessemer department employees, and only four workers showed up. A few days later the capitalist press which always boosts the A. A. and knocks the S. M. W. I. U. carried an announcement that 100 Bessemer department workers "on their own initiative" had applied for membership in a Bessemer department lodge of the A. A. and the lodge had been formed.

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Letters from Our Readers

TO THE HAMMER AND SICKLE BARBER Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sir: Your sincerity is explicit—keep up the good work. Sorry to say as yet we have not accomplished a true proletarian barber to found your admirable insignia in our town. We are not Communist members but our talk, speech are daily related, intended for barbers in various wards in our city.

We are hoping to accomplish a suitable "spot" for agitation paraphernalia and we will succeed. Our endeavors are as well as your endeavors worthy of the workers' recognition.

We wish to thank you for the amiable attitude you have taken regarding the hammer and sickle insignia on your windows and although we are not barbers, we hope your reward may be an ever increasing measure of good luck and an abundance of health, every lasting happiness, providing your intentions are directed in the cause of the revolutionary movement. C. R. C. K.



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Jobs Decline At Republic Steel Plant

Stagger Plan Used by Company for Great Discrimination

By a Steel Worker Correspondent

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio. — The open hearth department of Republic Steel was cut down from 13 furnaces in operation to 6 recently. Quite a few new workers have been hired, and the work is so much "staggered" that many are getting only one day a week—and quite often, in the case of the new men, the one day that they work falls on Sunday.

Every day hundred of workers come out for work and are sent back home. Some are forced to report twice and even three times a day. If they don't come out, and the boss notices that they're not there, he calls their check number to work that turn, and then lays them off for a week or so for not being there.

The bricklaying department is subject to call by telephone at any time of the day or night, sometimes being called out for only a few hours and told to go home at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning, when no street cars or busses are running.

This system makes it possible for great discrimination, with some men working steady and others getting only a day or so a month.

The men are demanding equal division of work and the S. M. W. I. U. local demands "Weekly Working Schedules" and also "guarantee of at least one half day's pay when called to work."

The bar mill has been working so unsteadily that employees in that department of 20 years standing have made as low as \$20 for the last two years. One worker figured \$12 for 1932 and \$13 for 1933. The electric weld mill was completely idle for weeks. All departments operate with practically skeleton crews, with one man doing the work that 2, 3 and 4 men used to do.

A leaflet issued by the Steel Metal Workers' Industrial Union local to the Open Hearth department on the filthy No. 8 toilet forced the company to clean up the toilet a bit and give the men lights in the toilet at night. The S. M. W. I. U. is issuing another leaflet to this department demanding that the company fix the broken water pipes so the men can get drinking water without going all the way out to the gate for it. This way they sometimes get sick working in the heat without water, and sometimes get sick going outside in the cold when overheated in order to get water from the pump-house by the gate. The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers signed up about 300 workers, but the men have become disgusted with the "do-nothing" policy of the A. A. and only 10 or 15 attended meetings of the lodge.

They called a mass meeting of Bessemer department employees, and only four workers showed up. A few days later the capitalist press which always boosts the A. A. and knocks the S. M. W. I. U. carried an announcement that 100 Bessemer department workers "on their own initiative" had applied for membership in a Bessemer department lodge of the A. A. and the lodge had been formed.

The S. M. W. I. U.'s united front program for united actions of A. A. S. M. W. I. U. and unorganized workers setting up joint committees in each and all departments has awakened considerable response among the Republic workers. Such a united fighting

CHANGE THE WORLD!

By SENDER GARLIN
(Batting for Michael Gold)

TOM CASSIDY, special staff correspondent, sent by the New York Daily News to cover the Eighth Convention of the Communist Party, woke up in his hotel room in Cleveland shortly after 2 P.M. the other day. I imagine he had a hang-over. He rubbed his bleary eyes, drew the shades to keep the bright rays of the sun from flooding his room (Southern exposure), donned his dressing gown and rang for the bell-hop. He ordered orange juice and black coffee, and while he waited for his breakfast, he took the cover off his portable typewriter and pounded out a story for his paper.

Words came rapidly to him as he nimbly typed the following dispatch to the New York Daily News:

By TOM CASSIDY

(Special Correspondent of The News)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 3.—Instructions to the faithful for their work back home during the ensuing year were begun by Earl Browder, Red Dictator of the 27,000 Communist Party members in the United States, at a secret session of the Eighth Annual Communist Convention here today.

Such instructions, coupled with exhortations and reports of multitudinous committees, will occupy a major portion of the remaining sessions of the 350 delegates in the closely-guarded Prospect Meeting House, where they now gather.

Some will be given "boring from within" assignments in the various industries and unions, others will draw bids for mass action in the agrarian belts, and still others will enter prisons to spread the gospels of Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Browder.

"Don't hesitate," Robert Minor, New York leader and perennial Gotham candidate for office, harangued. "Don't forget the 19-year old colored boy who just got himself sentenced to twenty months" in a chain-gang for us so that he can spread the word of the proletarian revolution."

Seven commissions, political, organization, school, literature, colored race-work, agrarian and credentials, were appointed today to handle the work of the convention which began with a mass meeting in the Municipal Auditorium last night and will conclude in the tiny private Prospect House next Sunday.

They Thought Tom Was In Good Form

Well, that's that, said Cassidy as he drew the paper from his typewriter, buzzed for the Western Union boy and gulped down the orange juice which had been brought up by the bell-hop while he was composing his story for his paper.

On the copy desk of the Daily News in New York, the boys thought Tom had sent in a sprightly story. They fixed up the punctuation, broke in a half-column picture of Bob Minor (taken in the police lineup on March 6, 1961, following Minor's arrest for leading an unemployed demonstration), and put a two-column headline on the story. The headline read:

REDS GET SECRET ORDERS FOR YEAR'S WORK IN U. S.

When the paper came out, no less than 1,480,000 readers of The News saw this vicious, stupid "report" on the Eighth Convention of the Communist Party—a convention which heard reports on hunger, strikes and militant organization, from the lips of rank and file delegates from mills, mines and factories; from Negro share-croppers in the South who came to the Convention at the risk of their lives if their identity became known to the Southern landlords.

Otherwise, the Story Is Accurate!

CASSIDY, the News reporter, makes a point of the fact that the Party convention was held in "secret." By that he means nothing more nor less than that credentials were required for entrance into the convention hall. But his purpose is something different: it is to create the impression that there was something sinister about this earnest meeting of some 500 worker delegates from every part of the United States.

He talks about "Earl Browder, the Red Dictator" in order to create a picture of the General Secretary of the Communist Party which would resemble the vicious fantasies of Communist leaders painted by the poison-pen artists of "Liberty" who do Red Napoleon series at three cents a word.

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Majority of Plays In Chicago Festival Written by Workers

CHICAGO.—At the National Theatre Festival, to be held here on April 13, 14 and 15, when fifteen of the country's best workers' theatres will meet in competition, the great majority of the plays presented will be the products of workers' pens. A recent playwrighting contest held by the League of Workers Theatres brought to light the fact that hundreds of plays are being written by workers throughout the country for production by their own theatre groups. These plays deal with the workers' own experiences in mines, sweatshops and breadlines, and are invariably filled with the will and determination to struggle.

Pamphlet Shows Role of Rockefeller in Decay of Educational System

There's an intimate connection between the collapse of capitalist "education"—expressed so brutally in the payless pay-day for teachers and in widespread distress among pupils—and the Morgan-Rockefeller interests which whip into line Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Education, Rex David proves in "Schools and the Crisis," No. 39 of International Pamphlets, just off the press.

"The destruction of our educational system is being planned, organized and carried out by the very men into whose hands the advancement of education was entrusted," David states. The pamphlet (price 10 cents) can be obtained at workers' bookshops or from International Pamphlets, 799 Broadway, New York.

SCHOOL NEWS TOMORROW!

The regular weekly feature, "What's Doing in the Workers' Schools of the U. S.?" will appear on this page tomorrow.

Stage and Screen

Hepburn Film "Spitfire" At the Center Theatre

"Spitfire," in which Katherine Hepburn and Ralph Bellamy are featured, is now showing at the Center Theatre. The Palace is featuring "Good Dance," this week. Frederick March and Sylvia Sydney play the leading roles. The stage show is headed by the Keller Sisters and Lynch.

The Trans-Lux program includes a Blind Orchestral, "Please" with Vernon Dent and Mary Kornman; "Winter Thriller," a sports reel; a Walt Disney Silly Symphony and the new news.

Frank Buck's new film "Wild Cargo" remains for a second week at the Radio City Music Hall. Frank Buck appears in person with the showing of the film. "You're Telling Me" with W. C. Fields, Larry Grady and Joan Marsh is now showing at the Paramount Theatre. S. L. (Rory) Rothafel and his gang is the stage hit here.

Rory Theatre is now showing "The Constant Nymph" directed by Basil Dean from Margaret Kennedy's story. Brian Aherne, Victoria Hopper and Lyn Harding head the cast.

Chicago Opera Company To Present "Tosca" Wednesday

The Chicago Opera Company, now housed at the Broadway Opera House, is inaugurating a new policy. Performances will only be given from Wednesday to Sunday inclusive. Monday and Tuesday the company will present operas on the road. Operas "Tosca" week are: "Tosca" and "L'Elisir d'Amore" on Wednesday evening; "Lulu" on Thursday night; "Cavalleria" and "Pagliacci" on Friday evening; "Tosca" and "L'Elisir d'Amore" on Saturday matinee; "Rigoletto" on Saturday night and "La Gioconda" on Sunday evening.

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70,000 Silk Workers Fight For Bread and Unity

SEVENTY THOUSAND SILK WORKERS STRIKE FOR BREAD AND UNITY. By John J. Ballam. 63 pages. Workers' Library Publishers, 50 E. 13th St., N. Y. Price 10 cents.

Reviewed by CARL REEVE.

ON Aug. 31, 1933, in Paterson, New Jersey, the walk-out of the silk workers began, a strike which quickly involved 70,000 strikers, along a far-flung front which included sections of New England, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania silk centers.

This 63-page pamphlet records the history, causes and lessons of the great three months' struggle of the silk workers. It was written by one of the active organizers in the strike, John J. Ballam, national silk organizer of the National Textile Workers' Union.

The silk workers, writes Ballam, "were striking not only against the coolie wages of the cotton code and the proposed silk code (18 a week) but also against the speed-up system and the starvation wages forced upon them by the bosses during four years of crisis. After all the ballyhoo about the NRA and the Blue Eagle, after the constant rise in the cost of living; after all the promises of the 'New Deal,' they were faced with the stark reality—silk workers wages were being forced down under the NRA codes to the level of the lowest paid section of the textile industry."

One of the outstanding features

Convention Honors Memory of Those Who Fell in Struggle

The Communist Party of the U. S. A. assembled in its Eighth National Convention, and facing growing economic battles, facing tremendous revolutionary struggle against fascism and imperialism, pay tribute to those comrades of our Party who have given their lives to our class, whether in open battle or assassinated by enemy class thugs and police, or who perished because of sacrifice of health to Party duty.

We honor the memory of our fallen comrades at this Party Convention. Since our Seventh Party Convention, fallen fighters, to whose sacrifices our Party in no small measure owes its growing strength.

Louis J. Engdahl, national secretary I.L.D., died while on tour for Scottsboro case.

Rose Pastor Stokes, charter member C.P.U.S.A., Clara Cabin, needle worker Dr. L. Mesick, old C.P. member Morris Langer, killed furrier leader Fanny Roth, millinery worker Comrade Weisenberg, killed in strike in Chicago.

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National Labor Board, the A. F. of L. leaders, the socialist party leaders such as Panken, the Lovestonites, Keller and Rubinstein, drove the strikers back to work.

The A. F. of L., working with Wagner and the National Labor Board, split up the ranks of the strikers, section by section and craft by craft, confused and demoralized the ranks, and smashed the strike. The strike in Paterson, following the sell out of the dye strikers there, was ended on the basis of a strikebreaking agreement which outlawed future strikes, and gave in on the wage demands and demands against the speedup.

In this great silk strike the National Textile Workers' Union and the Communist Party played an influential and in some sections a leading role. In Easton, Pa., in the dye strike in Paterson, in some Alentown mills, either agreements granting substantial concessions were won or the strikers beat an orderly retreat, returning to work in a body, in many cases with their elected shop committees.

WHAT were some of the mistakes and lessons of this strike? Comrade Ballam correctly lists as the foremost mistake the failure of the NTWU and our Party to work inside the ranks of the A. F. of L. locals; the failure to build an effective opposition against the sell out of the ranks of the United Textile Workers' Union. Secondly, the hesitation of the NTWU and the Party in Paterson at the beginning in taking the initiative in the struggle, waiting until the A. F. of L. union (the Associated Silk) called the strike, a hesitation which at first amounted to a feeling that the silk workers were not ready for such a struggle.

The watchful waiting tendency also affected the fight against the NRA in the beginning, instead of at once opening up an exposure of the Blue Eagle, and Roosevelt's whole program. Also the united front policies were not carried through with sufficient persistence and energy, and were not concretized into organizational forms. Thus, the NTWU and the Party succeeded in taking the initiative in the dye strike, leading the dye strikers until almost the end, in sections as Easton and Alentown. But in the center of the silk strike, the UTW (Associated Silk) in Paterson, the A. F. of L. leaders were not seriously challenged inside of the A. F. of L. locals.

It seems to this writer that two more serious shortcomings of the strike must be mentioned: 1) Whereas there were gains made by the Party (some 70 new members in Paterson) there was insufficient Party recruiting based on a more systematic bringing forward of the role of the Party. Throughout the strike, for example, the Daily Worker was poorly distributed, with only several hundred copies a day going over to these 70,000 silk strikers. 2) Our lack of preparation, and later, some of our amateurish methods of organization, our organizational weaknesses were felt by many of the workers who for this reason, feeling that our union was organizationally weak inclined toward the A. F. of L., although being under the influence of, and following, our program.

The next task of the Party and the NTWU in the textile industry are summed up in the concluding chapter, particularly in the resolution of the Paterson opposition on the unity of all silk workers for the formation of one united silk workers' union.

WHAT'S ON

OPEN MEETING OF Unit 37, Section 15 at 3230 Bainbridge Ave., Bronx, 8 p.m. H. Ehrlich will speak on "Present War Development."

VOLUNTEER ENTERTAINERS wanted immediately for Red Builders Aid, April 21, Communist City Office, Daily Worker, 35 E. 12th St.

L. S. LECTURE on "Sport and the Working Class," at 1418 Boston Rd., 8:30 p.m. Audiences: L. W. O. Youth Br. Y.S.

Tuesday

"The Hunger March on the 31st." "Sure."

"I'll see you. Got another cigarette? I ain't smoked for so long that first one was just like a taste. An' it sure tasted good."

IT IS ten a.m. I am again at Swift's. A sign says, "visitor's entrance." I enter. A white clad elevator man bows politely, and I step into the cage, cursing his sham servility. Four floors up, it is hard to say. There is the group of visitors about to begin the tour.

I am surprised at the number of workers among the visitors. We are a large group. At least half of us are workers. The other half are of the middle class. The latter oh and ah at the stink and the blood and the killing speed of the men we watch at work. The workers see what I see, and some of them voice their thoughts aloud.

There are three boys boys in their late teens or early twenties, who are stained with the dirt which can come only from long sojourning in a boxcar. Their faces become hard, particularly when they observe the speed of the girls wrapping Premium bacon, and they curse the speedup.

"Man, oh man! Look at those kids work."

"Fifty packages a minute," says the guide. It is not hard to believe. The Swift Co. workers barely glance at us. The work comes steadily on the conveyor and a false motion means a tip up.

One lady informs us that her husband handles the products of this company in his store. Her smirking face sickens me, and I turn to watch the sticking of the hogs. We watch the hog killing and dressing, see the wrapping of bacon (untouched by the human hand . . . the girls use tweezers, ladies and gentlemen), visit the cafeteria and the smoking room, look at the other building. It is late, and it leaves the procession. I hear one of the boys say, "I'd like to see this without that god-damned guide. I'd like to look around for myself." Someday he will have the chance, for someday it will be ours, all of it.

'Homes' of Migratory Workers in California

By JOHN L. SPIVAK

FRESNO, Cal.—I had always thought that the shacks in which Negro and white share croppers live in the deep South were the last word in squalor, misery and degradation. I shall never think that again, for I have seen the "homes" in which migratory workers live in California.

It is simply incredible that human beings live in these filthy, disease-generating shacks while slaving in the fields for a few cents a day. I can understand why Communist organizers are making headway among them. "You have nothing to lose but your chains" is more than merely a slogan here. They literally have nothing else to lose—not even their lives. And they feel it if they do not know it, and once they get a little power into their hands, as when they are organized in a strike, it goes to their heads.

All the misery of their lives, all those years of back-breaking toil, of hunger and sickness—it is hard to keep your head when you feel that you have a union, that you've got strength and the man who has crushed you is helpless in your combined strength. That is why the greatest difficulty Communist organizers have with them is to keep them from acts of violence—especially the Mexicans. Once these organized Mexican migratory workers feel their strength, their whole tendency is to battle forward with bitter opposition to any kind of compromise which their leaders might suggest.

I visited seven migratory workers' camps in the San Joaquin Valley and they vary slightly, chiefly in the number of "homes." So dreadful are they that the white worker, the recent addition to the migratory class since the depression, avoids them whenever possible. If the white worker can possibly scrape up enough money for a tent for himself and his family before he takes to the road, he does so and thus avoids the "homes" farmers built to house them.

TALKED with workers who started out like that, but they have been on the road now for two years. Their tents are worn out. Some are gone and they never earned enough to buy new ones. They were driven into camp life and it is only a matter of time before all migratory workers who still have a semblance of self respect and desire of cleanliness, will be lost with the rest of the hundreds of thousands who wander the California Valley—unless through organization they can change them.

The "home" is an outhouse. That is the only word to describe it. It is from six to eight times the size of the common outhouse, built of plain boards. Sometimes there is a wooden floor and it is as often as not a bare dirt floor. The boards are dried by years of semitropical sun. Inside, it is sometimes divided in two by a wooden partition extending across part of the room. Over this partition is a lone electric light and in every camp I've been this bulb was thickly covered with dust. It is rarely used, for the farmer charges the worker 25 cents a week for the light and workers do not earn enough to be able to afford the 25 cents expenditure. So they live in darkness when the day's work is done.

When a migratory worker comes upon the scene where he is to work harvesting the crop, the outhouse is bare. Nothing is supplied, not even a wood burning stove, so the worker can cook his meals. The family that wants to eat anything hot must carry its own stove. If it can pick one up somewhere. Nothing is supplied by the farmer except the bare boards. Whatever "furnishings" you find in these outhouses is the worker's own. He carries it with him in his rattling cart wherever he goes—to the cotton fields, the pea fields, the grape fields—the whole long weary round of trudging from farm to farm for a few days or a few weeks' work to keep from starving.

Perhaps these workers once had furnishings, but more often they picked them up in junk yards, got them from charities or bought them for a few pennies. And invariably the furnishings consist of a few incredibly filthy blankets, a few boxes for chairs and a table, or a box for a table.

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Taxi Men! Defeat All the Attempts to Break Unity!

THE New York taxi drivers, members of the Taxi Drivers Union, must now be as vigilant as hawks against the new menace that faces them in the form of the enemies in their own ranks—disrupters and splitters who are now planning to break up the firm unity of the drivers that was welded in the recent two strikes.

These disrupters, wolves in sheep's clothing, all of them, the Messrs. Samuel Smith, Amicus Most and Herman Goldstein, leaders of the Bronx and Brooklyn locals of the Union have now augmented their group with three no less worthy gentlemen: the Reverend Norman Thomas, Judge Jacob Panken of the Socialist Party, and Morris Feinstein, secretary of the United Hebrew Trades.

The aim of this group is quite clear. It was announced first in the April 7 issue of the Socialist Party newspaper, the New Leader, and later in the capitalist press on April 9: "To build a union free from Communist elements," a union "that will take its place in the ranks of the American Federation of Labor."

So here we have the leaders of the Socialist Party joining the whole tribe of employers, reactionaries, thugs in the hysterical "Red-baiting" cry of "Drive out the Communists!"

Here we have the Socialist leaders, pretending to be the friends of the taxi drivers, trying to stab the taxi drivers in the back by breaking their hard-won unity through the cheap method of a reactionary "red scare." Unity is precious to the taxi drivers. Unity is the mightiest weapon that the drivers have against the taxi owners. Unity, rank and file unity, is what can really bring victory to the drivers.

He who makes the first move to split the taxi drivers' ranks is by that very move an enemy and a menace to the struggles of the taxi drivers. The Socialist leaders are splitters, they are giving aid and comfort to the employers by their splitting tactics.

AND what is their open purpose in splitting the ranks of the Taxi Drivers Union? They answer in smooth, deceptive phrases—"to build a union that will take its place in the ranks of the American labor movement as part of the American Federation of Labor."

This smooth talk is filled with deadly danger to the fight of the taxi drivers. What are the Socialist leaders trying to do? They are trying to hog-tie the fighting taxi drivers to the crushing, paralyzing, corrupt, bureaucratic machine of the upper A. F. of L. clique, the Greens, the Wolls, etc. There is no more willing bunch of strikebreakers than this very same clique of \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year A. F. of L. "labor leaders."

Green and his henchmen are now trying to stab the auto strike in the back. Green and his upper A. F. of L. henchmen have trapped and betrayed thousands of workers into going back to work, filling them with rotten, false promises, and then breaking their unity by the special trick of long, secret, "negotiations" with the bosses.

Green and his henchmen, into whose tender hands the Socialist leaders now want to deliver the taxi strikers, spurned the taxi drivers when they struck, denouncing their courageous fight for decent standards of living as "an outlaw strike."

This upper A. F. of L. clique of strike-breakers kicked out the delegation of hackmen that came to see them asking for support for their strike.

And now the Socialist leaders want to let these high-paid professional strike-breakers, these trade union racketeers, get their treacherous grip on the taxi drivers union!

THEY want a "union free of Communists." How happy this makes the bosses! It is just the Communists, devoted, loyal, and militant fighters for the day to day interests of the workers the employers hate and fear most of all. And it is the very hatred of the bosses for the Communists that confirms the Communists as the best leaders of the taximen.

Who was it who gave the best and finest support to the taxi drivers strike? What paper was it that alone gave the truth about the taxi strike and the struggles of the hackmen for decent wages? Who was it who alone tore off the mask of lies and slanders the New York capitalist press? Was it Green, was it Thomas or Panken?

Every taxi man who courageously braved all the lies and brutality of the capitalist press and New York police knows the answer. It was the Communist Party, the Daily Worker that stood side by side with the taxi men in working class solidarity. It was the Communists, whom Thomas and Panken are so eager to "drive out," that stood with the hackmen on the lines of daily struggle against the employers. It was the Communists who fought in the front ranks with the hackmen. The Communist Party clasped hands with the taxi men in true solidarity.

Now they want to split off the Bronx and Brooklyn locals from the Manhattan. Is it not clear as day that this will weaken the fight of the taxi men? That it will play into the hands of the enemies of the taxi men?

To break up the present rank and file leadership, and to accept the A. F. of L. leadership means to lead the taxi men into the hands of the Greens, etc., who will try to put over on the taxi men what they are trying on the auto workers of Detroit—a strike-breaking N. R. A. hearing. I mean to substitute class collaboration with the bosses instead of struggle against the bosses.

To accept Judge Panken would be to accept as a leader one who by his tricky maneuvering got the men in the first taxi strike to go back with nothing more than a handful of empty, vague promises that were never carried out, such as the promise on the 5-cent tax.

The taxi drivers have blazed the way in New York for the fight against the company union. The A. F. of L. proposition of the Socialist leaders would

lead the men back into the no-strike, no-struggle, company union trap of the A. F. of L. bureaucracy. Today meetings will be held at Hunts Point Palace, Bronx, and Amalgamated Temple, Brooklyn, to vote on the resolution to affiliate with the A. F. of L.

Vote against the splitting resolution! Demand that the Taxi Drivers Union fight as one united independent union, built on the basis of democratically elected garage committees! Defeat all attempts to break the taxi drivers ranks! Taxi men, keep your union in your own hands!

Bronx and Brooklyn men! Stick with your brothers in the Manhattan local. United you will win!

An Urgent Communist Task

ONLY two or three days ago, delegates gathered in Cleveland at the Eighth National Convention of the Communist Party echoed through the hall their determination to boost the Daily Worker's circulation to 75,000 by the end of 1934.

Their action followed closely upon the remarkable final speech of Comrade Earl Browder, general secretary of the Party, who declared that only the strengthening and spreading of the Daily Worker would enable the Communist Party to thoroughly carry out the tasks which it had set for itself at this historic convention.

Such determination is an accurate and glowing tribute to the calibre of the delegates who came together to shape the Party's policy during the next period. It is a genuine expression of the love and devotion which Communists have for their paper, as well as a true indication that they realize the incalculable power that the Daily Worker wields in bringing ever new recruits into the class-conscious ranks of the militant workers in the United States.

This feeling of determination, of vigor and growing strength, should be crystallized without delay in the carrying out of specific campaigns and tasks in which the Daily Worker is intimately involved.

Such a venture faces us now, in the special May Day edition.

Comrades! The half-million copies of the special May Day edition should reach every proletarian corner of America. No area can be allowed to remain barren. Delegates who return to their districts from the historic Eighth National Convention of the Communist Party, with the stirring words of Comrade Browder fresh in their minds, should immediately do all in their power to increase their May Day orders for the Daily Worker!

Delegates! Get your district to double the Tenth Anniversary edition orders! See that ample preparations are made in your district to spread every single copy where it will best fulfill its important function! Get every organization in your district, no matter how small, to take part in this mass distribution. Get every single workers club, every branch of mass and fraternal organizations, every unit of the Party and the Young Communist League, to send its greeting to the May Day edition without delay! Very little time remains in which to make sure that these things are done.

Forward toward the spreading of a half-million copies of the May Day Daily Worker.

This is among the very first and most immediate of the tasks which today face every worker who has the honor of calling himself a Communist!

An Example of How to Fight Against Negro Oppression

THE victory of the tenants of 425 East 6th St. in forcing the powerful Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank to back down on its attempt to evict Cyril Briggs and enforce racial segregation in its 6th St. Tenement house is a model for workers everywhere in the struggle against jim-crowism.

The promptness with which these worker-tenants and thousands of workers throughout the city mobilized their forces to repel this jim-crow attack on the Negro masses and the growing unity of Negro and white workers is one of the most inspiring chapters even in this period of rising revolutionary struggles by the tormented toiling population against their oppressors.

The white workers, defending Comrade Briggs and the right of the Negro workers to secure decent living conditions, struck a blow not only against segregation but against the defeatist theory of the Negro reformist leaders that the white workers cannot be won over to the defense of the Negro masses against the attacks of jim-crow capitalism.

The example afforded by the worker-tenants of 425 East 6th St. of militant working class unity and successful struggle against segregation and jim-crowism stands out in sharp contrast to the traitorous program of servile submission to segregation enunciated by Dr. Du Bois, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in the April "Crisis." Dr. Du Bois abjectly declares that the Negro masses must adjust themselves to "more or less active segregation and acquiescence in it." How significant that the policies of the reformist agents of capitalism always fit in so neatly with the increased offensive of the capitalist class! Du Bois' arguments coincide not only with the demands of American capitalism for intensified exploitation and persecution of the Negro masses, but with the needs of the upper strata of Negro landlords and business men. This is clearly expressed in Du Bois' arguments for a jim-crow Negro economy and in the statement by the Pittsburgh Courier, unofficial organ of the N. A. A. O. P., that "we must make segregation pay."

Comrade Briggs, refusing to submit to segregation, and the white workers rallying to his defense and waging a successful struggle against the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, demonstrated the effectiveness of mass pressure on the institutions of capitalism and the correctness of the Communist program for relentless struggle of white and Negro workers against all forms of oppression and persecution of the Negro masses; of the possibility of rallying the white workers to revolutionary defense of the oppressed Negro masses.

The Communists who led this struggle to a victorious conclusion would be derelict in their duties to the Negro masses and the working-class, however, if they now rested upon their laurels. The victory must be utilized to broaden out the mass fight against segregation and other forms of Negro oppression. The proposal of the House Committee to form a provisional committee against segregation should be carried through immediately with the support of all working-class organizations in the city. Every effort should be made to popularize the victory and at the same time to clarify new sections of the white workers on the necessity of fighting for the rights of the Negro masses. The enthusiastic response of the workers throughout the city in defense of Comrade Briggs should be utilized to build the broadest possible united front of workers and all elements opposed to segregation, jim-crowism, lynch terror and other attacks on the Negro people.

Baltimore Seamen, Industrial Workers Pledge Fight on War

500 at Mass Meeting; Students to Strike Next Friday

BALTIMORE, April 9.—Two anti-war committees were organized aboard ships in Baltimore harbor, a one-hour strike against war and fascism at Johns Hopkins University, Friday, April 13, was pledged, two anti-war and anti-fascist mass meetings of seamen and steel and chemical workers were held, and a city-wide Youth Conference against war and fascism planned for April 29, as part of the April 6 activity of the Baltimore Youth Provisional Committee Against War and Fascism, and its affiliated organizations.

One hundred students representing several colleges, meeting in conference at Johns Hopkins university, at the call of the youth committee of the anti-war League, and the National Student League, voted to lead Friday's student anti-war strike.

Seamen delegates to the April 29 city youth conference against war and fascism were elected at a mass meeting of young seamen at the South Broadway seamen's recreation hall.

A delegation of seamen and members of the Young Communist League went from the mass meeting to an open air mass meeting in Curtis Bay, where more than 500 workers, mostly from the steel and chemical industries, voiced their determination to carry on a struggle against war and fascism in this Baltimore suburb which is a center of war preparations. At the Boston Iron and Metal Co. and the Union Shipyard, scrap iron is being shipped, or manufactured into shrapnel. At the Davison Chemical plant, chemicals for explosives and poison gases are manufactured. At the Center Chemical plant, sulphur is manufactured.

The workers greeted the anti-war speakers with enthusiasm, and when a drunk objected to Benjamin, a young Negro speaker, the audience voted to eject him, and responded warmly to the speaker's appeal for Negro and white unity.

Many signed up to support the League Against War and Fascism.

Organize League in Huntington, Cal. HUNTINGTON, Calif. — More than 100 delegates, members of all political parties, including the Socialist Party, which has carried on an active fight against the League Against War and Fascism, met here on March 30 and organized a Huntington branch of the League.

500 Meet in Los Angeles LOS ANGELES, April 6.—Nearly 500 workers attended an anti-war outdoor meeting staged by one of the downtown units of the Young Communist League on the occasion of the 17th anniversary of America's entrance into the last world slaughter.

Speakers pointed to the relationship of war and fascism, showing the fascist mobilization now going on and calling for organization to combat it.

Speakers were Carl Wendell, rank and file member of the A. F. of L.; Dorothy Zadow, representing the youth section of the American League Against War and Fascism; Sam Jones, representing the Relief Workers' Protective Union; Sarah Richards, representing the Y. O. L. Harry Buchanan, representing the International Labor Defense; Tom Patterson, representing the Communist Party, and Elliot Hull, representing the United Front Conference Against Hunger.

Training School Problem of Raising Party Political Level

Must Be Systematic Training of New Forces

By a Group of Training School Students

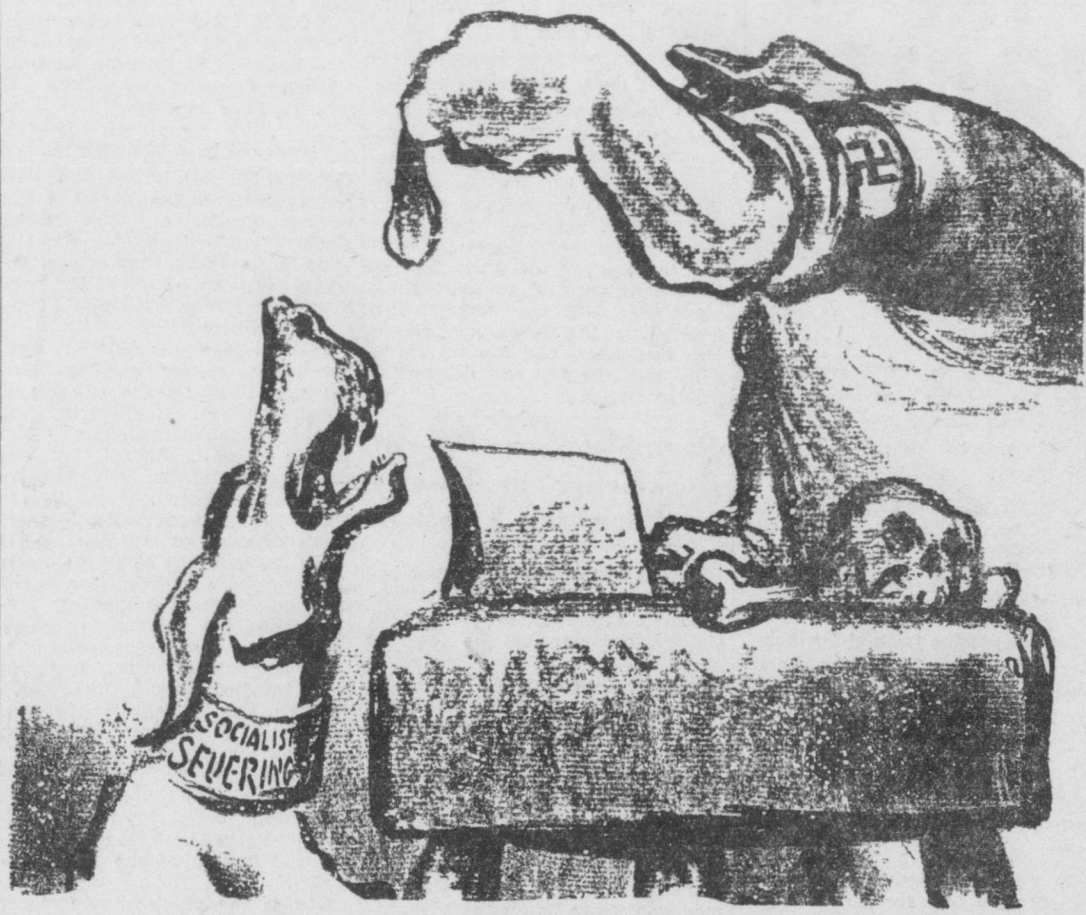
THE Open Letter of our Party, adopted at the Extraordinary Party Conference, calls sharply for the attention of the entire Party to the necessity of "the wide development of new cadres of workers; the establishment of really collective working bodies by the drawing in of new capable working class elements." In order to make firm contacts with the American industrial workers, so that we can keep pace with the general revolutionary advance, with the increased radicalization of the working class.

The growing mass struggles against the capitalist offensive, of which the recent strike was during the New Deal is only a small rehearsal, demands of our Party capable leadership. The organization of the National Training School by our Central Committee is a step forward toward the training of cadres and forces from the basic industries, in order to give the correct and necessary leadership to the mass class battles that face us.

But this alone is not sufficient. Every Party member must become a leader among the masses. In preparing the Party membership for leadership, it necessitates the organization of National, District and Section Training Schools and a systematic development of study circles. In the struggle for winning the majority of the working class for leadership of the masses, our membership must be armed with Bolshevik theory, to have the necessary weapons to carry on a sharp struggle against the Social-Fascists, renegades and other distorters of the teachings of Marx and Lenin. It is not enough to say, "Without revolutionary theory, there can be no revolutionary practice." We must make every member politically conscious of this and make it possible for them to acquire this theory. The low political level of our Party membership, in face of the present favorable objective situation, makes it evident to all that a real turn to raise the political level of the Party must be made.

"SEVERING, GERMAN SOCIALIST LEADER, GIVEN PENSION BY HITLER"—News Item, N. Y. Times, April 5.

By Burek



Illinois Miners' Local to Send Soviet Airmen Delegate to Visit Soviet Union

NEW YORK.—Laraine Pruitt, a miner from the Southern Illinois field, was elected by his fellow workers as a delegate to the Soviet Union at a recent meeting. He is a member of the Progressive Miners Union, Local 46, and has been an active trade unionist for years. The Southern Illinois miners are anxious to get a first-hand report of conditions in the Soviet Union, as they have heard and read so many false reports of that country. Pruitt will investigate wages, hours, and working conditions among Soviet miners while on the trip.

Local 46 raised \$50 toward his expenses on the way to the Soviet border. The Chicago branch of the Friends of the Soviet Union is arranging a mass send-off for Pruitt on April 13, at which money will be raised toward expenses. The F. S. U. appeals for additional contributions to defray expenses of this and other delegates, all of whom must pay the steamship fare. While

within the Soviet borders, the Soviet Trade Unions will pay all expenses. The National Office of the Friends of the Soviet Union expects to send about ten delegates, from the metal, chemical, transport and textile industries. There will be a send-off for the delegates at the Manhattan Lyceum on April 13, at 6:30 p. m., with speakers, dancing and refreshments. Admission is free and New York workers are urged to attend and give the delegates their greetings to the Soviet workers.

There is a keen socialist competition going on in Paterson, N. J., among the textile workers there for the collection of funds for their delegates. Three candidates have been elected, and three committees formed to carry on the campaign. That committee which wins this competition will elect the delegate. In New York, a delegate will be sent from the Metal Workers Industrial Union, who held a meeting on April 6, at Manhattan Lyceum to collect funds.

Former French Premier's Son Appeals for Aid to Thaelmann

PARIS.—A stirring call in defense of Ernst Thaelmann, leader of the German Communist Party, has been written by Jean Painleve, well-known biologist, and son of Paul Painleve, former premier of France, Painleve writes:

"The lowest of the revolting things staged by the Nazis is the vain attempt to drag Thaelmann, flashing symbol of human honor and freedom, into the mud."

"It is necessary that the message of the millions who all over the world are fighting irreconcilably against the insanity of dying capitalism penetrate through his prison walls."

"This is no time to withhold sacrifices. On these sacrifices the future depends. Thaelmann, leader and beacon of the vanguard of the working class, shows the way to victory."

"Signed, Jean Painleve."

Communists in Austria Given Long Terms

4 Workers Convicted for Fighting Beside Republican Guard

VIENNA.—The first of the Austrian Communists to go on trial for participation in the February uprising were sentenced last week.

F. Bettini, chief defendant, was given two years at hard labor. Rudolf Schneiderle, a dairy worker, and two other workers were given 15 months each.

A laborer, named Chmelicek was given eight months at hard labor for standing as a sentry in front of an inn for five hours.

Chicago Armenian Workers Attacked By Nationalists

Anti-Soviet Tashnags Clash with Armenians in Boston

CHICAGO, April 9.—Demonstrating against the Armenian National Club, reactionary counter-revolutionary organization, who were meeting at the West End Woman's Club this afternoon, 200 Armenian workers were attacked by this group, emerging from the building to start the fight.

Ten men were seriously injured and rushed to the hospital during the clash.

BOSTON, April 9.—Members of Tashnag, reactionary Armenian anti-Soviet organization, clashed with Holy Trinity Church members at Steiner Hall this afternoon.

The Tashnags stormed the meeting, seeking to defend themselves from the charge of responsibility for the murder of Archbishop Touran. Several scores men and women were injured and ten were arrested.

45 Workers' Leaders Arrested in Latvia

RIGA, Latvia.—Forty-five Communist leaders were arrested in a concerted drive throughout Latvia last week. Among them were several trained in the International Lenin School at Moscow for political propaganda in Latvia.

120 Killed in Anti-War Uprising in Bolivia

TACNA, Peru, April 9. — News brought out of Bolivia by travelers reveal that the anti-government and anti-war movement in Bolivia has taken on serious proportions. One hundred twenty persons were killed in a revolt of military cadets at La Paz last Thursday. Fighting also took place at Siles. The travelers report also that the leaders of the La Paz uprising were summarily executed the same day.

of one of the best air detachments of the Red Army in the Far East. Pilot Molokov is also a worker, a member of the Communist Party, an airman since 1919 and one of the best pilots on the trans-Siberian air line.

Practical Work Must Be Enriched By Theory

these shortcomings, but they need the HELP OF ALL OF US. Through Socialist Competition we were able:

(1) To bring these shortcomings to light and thus help to overcome them.
(2) To raise the production of the whole school; by helping the weaker comrades, and more developed comrades advanced still further.
(3) To understand Socialist Competition as a powerful weapon to aid us in our practical work.

(4) To study individually and to develop and clarify ideas collectively.

(5) THE POWER AND EFFECTIVENESS OF COLLECTIVE WORK.

We learned that Socialist Competition does not mean that one comrade could see how far ahead he or she can get of another comrade, or one group to get ahead of the other, but he had as our task the strengthening of the Party.

To do this, we had to be self-critical, examine ourselves individually and collectively, in the light of our work in the school, effort, discipline, activity, etc., in order to put in our best efforts, and to help the other comrades by our experiences and to learn from them; thus we all go ahead.

The task of all of us, after the conclusion of the N. T. S. is to continue further the study of Marxism-Leninism, by spreading the knowledge gained by us amongst the workers, through the organization of Workers Schools, study circles, neighborhood classes, trade-union schools, amongst the unemployed; to develop local cadres in our Districts to carry out the line of our Party.

It is our responsibility in the every-day struggle to carry into practice the application of revolutionary theories acquired in the N. T. S. Every Party member must become politically conscious of our need to support the efforts of our Central Committee to establish and continue the regular systematic training of trained organizers and professional revolutionaries.