

DRIVERS TAKE FIRST STEP IN FRISCO GENERAL STRIKE; WALKOUT IS VOTED BY MINNEAPOLIS TRUCKMEN

Food Lack Grows As Nazis Face New Crisis

Hunger, Tension Grow; Hitler Prepares New Mass Appeal

BERLIN, July 12.—Marked scarcity of foodstuffs continues in all working class districts and among the general population, as the effect of military preparations and Hitler's economic policies are making the most common necessities unavailable to the masses.

In the attempt to quiet rising mass discontent with the food situation, the government issued an order directed to the small shopkeepers against "unjustifiable price raising."

In this way the government hopes to conceal from the masses that its own policies are responsible for the growing mass hunger.

Meanwhile, tension is increasing as Hitler prepares to deliver his "justification" for the recent mass arrests and murders before the Reichstag. It is recognized that Hitler's speech will be an attempt to find a new way to divert attention from the situation at home, and doubts are openly expressed that he will succeed in view of the year-long suffering of the masses who no longer give Hitler's promises the same credence as before.

Indication that the terrorism within the Nazi dungeons as well as outside are unabated are confirmed by the report that Erich Muesahm, one of the leaders of the Bavarian Soviets and a noted writer, "hanged himself" in one of the concentration camps.

Whether this report is the actual truth, it is certain that Muesahm has been murdered by the Nazis.

LSNR Branch Votes Money for Herndon

More Funds Needed at Once for Defense

NEW YORK.—The Harriet Tubman Branch of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, voted the sum of two dollars to the Angelo Herndon Bail Fund at its meeting last Friday night at 425 East 6th St. Members of the branch contributed another \$1.60.

Fifteen thousand dollars in cash or liberty bonds must be raised immediately to bail Herndon. Unless bail is furnished soon, Herndon will be sent to the chain gang despite the fact that an appeal is pending against his chain gang sentence.

Fifteen thousand dollars must be raised at once to take the appeals for the Scottboro boys and Herndon to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Funds should be rushed to the national office of the International Labor Defense, Room 430, 80 East 11th St., New York City.

Certificates will be issued by the I.L.D. for the Special Bail Fund for Herndon, guaranteeing the return of this as soon as the bail is released.

Why?

Fascist murder rages throughout Germany. No word has been heard from Thaelmann, Torgler and many anti-fascist prisoners.

Why does not the newly elected National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party answer the letter sent to it by the Central Committee of the Communist Party offering to discuss united front actions for the liberation of Thaelmann and all anti-fascist prisoners?

Stagger Plan Adopted In Steel; Employment Declines in New York

40,000 Steel Workers to Go On "Share Work" Plan in East Chicago and Gary Plants

EAST CHICAGO, Ill.—Forty thousand steel workers in the East Chicago and Gary steel mills were put on a "share the work" plan Tuesday. The workers will all be put on the short week of about three days, while work is spread among the 40,000 workers on the payroll.

By HOWARD BOLDT

NEW YORK.—Factory employment for the state of New York as a whole fell 1.2 per cent, and payrolls were slashed 18 per cent in the period from May 15 to June 15, State Industrial Commissioner E. D. Andrews announced yesterday.



WILLI MUENZENBERG
German Communist leader and former Reichstag deputy, who will tour U. S. in campaign for Ernst Thaelmann, leader of the German Communist Party.

Noted Men to Tour Country For Thaelmann

N. Y. Youth to Mass At Nazi Consulate Tomorrow

NEW YORK.—With Hitler and Goering preparing to rush Ernst Thaelmann to the executioner's axe, through a prepared verdict by the bogus "People's Courts," which are scheduled to start their bloody operations Monday, July 16, the National Committee to Aid Victims of German Fascism, yesterday issued an urgent call for intensified protest actions to rescue Ernst Thaelmann and thousands of other anti-fascist fighters threatened with death by the Nazi murderers.

To speed the mobilization of forces to save Thaelmann, the Committee has arranged a national tour of Willi Muenzenberg, member of the Central Committee of the heroic Communist Party of Germany; Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld, Socialist and former Minister of Justice in the Prussian Cabinet, and Aneurin Bevan, member of the Welsh Miners Federation and British Labor Party member of Parliament.

Muenzenberg, Rosenfeld and Bevan will speak before immense mass demonstrations and meetings in Detroit, July 19; Cleveland, July 21 and 22; Milwaukee, July 23; and Chicago, July 24 and 25; Alfred Wagenknecht, National Secretary of the Committee announced yesterday. From Chicago, Dr. Rosenfeld and Bevan will continue to tour the West, speaking at St. Louis, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The recent murder of Eric Muesahm and other political prisoners in the Hitler concentration camps was pointed to by Wagenknecht as emphasizing the danger to Thaelmann and 6,000 other anti-fascists slated to appear before the "People's Courts." The name of Muesahm was one of the outstanding names on the literature of the Committee for whom immediate release was demanded because of ill health. Wagenknecht declared, calling for a flood of protests against the murder of political prisoners and demands on the Nazi authorities for information on Thaelmann and for his safety and freedom.

Youth Demonstration In New York Tomorrow

NEW YORK.—Energetic support of the F-ee Thaelmann demonstra-

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Trolley, Electric, Roofers, Hod Carriers, Iron, and Other Union Men Ready to Strike; Warren, Republic Steel Men Vote Walkout

1,400 Steel Workers to Strike After Company Refuses Contract

By TOM KEENAN

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 12.—The national office of the Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union today endorsed the action of 1,200 Amalgamated Association members employed in the Warren, O., plant of the Republic Steel Corporation in voting for strike as an answer to the Republic's withdrawal from wage negotiations now under way here.

Statement of Industrial Union
The statement of S. M. W. I. U. officials, who are now laying preparations for the Union's national convention Aug. 3, 4, and 5, reads as follows:

"The action of the Warren steel workers in voting strike in answer to the attempts of Republic Steel Co. to crush their union again places strike in the steel industry immediately on the order of the day. A strike of the Warren workers now will have the support of every worker in the steel industry, organized and unorganized, and the S. M. W. I. U. stands ready to join hands in common struggle against the steel corporations with their brothers in Warren, Ohio. While the Warren action is a trifle tardy it is a well deserved rebuke to the officialdom of the A. A. for their failure to declare a strike on July 1st, as was the custom in years gone by."

Meanwhile, Mike Tighe, 76-year-old traitor to the steel workers, is considering his retirement from strike-breaking service at the end of his present term. The "Progressive" members of the A. A. have prepared a slate which will be presented for the Union's election July 15.

It is headed by George Williams, of Cannonsburg, a renegade from the Communist Party, for president, and includes Wm. Long, Weirton opportunist of the Committee of Ten, who will seek office as secretary-treasurer. These leaders joined with Tighe to sidetrack the steel strike last month.

The withdrawal of Republic Steel from A. A. negotiations leaves the A. F. of L. union practically bankrupt.

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Living Costs Continue To Rise for Workers New Survey Reveals

NEW YORK (F.P.).—Living costs for industrial wage earners rose 3 1/10 of 1% in June, according to the National Industrial Conference Board, employers' organization.

"Increases from May to June were shown in all the major items of the wage earners' budget except clothing," the report states.

Food prices in June, 1934, were 1/2 of 1% higher than in May, and 12.5% higher than in June, 1933. Rents were 6/10 of 1% higher than in May and 1.4% higher than in June, 1933. Though clothing prices fell off 6/10 of 1% from May to June, they were 25.5% higher than in June, 1933.

Browder and Ford Score Red-Baiting Efforts Of Congressional Investigation Committee

NEW YORK.—Relaxing its pretense at interest in Nazi propaganda, the Dickstein-McCormick Congressional Committee yesterday turned its attention to the Communist Party of America in an effort to validate the mouldy lie that the Party is a non-American movement.

It read into the record testimony given at a secret session by Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party of America and James W. Ford, Central Committee member.

Browder's testimony gave the lie to the pre-conceived purpose of the Dickstein committee, to show that the Communist Party of the United States is under the control of the

Today's Strike Summary

Picketing of Panama Pacific docks in New York and Philadelphia by the Marine Workers Industrial Union to prevent scab-loaded ships from returning to West Coast with passengers and cargo. Twelve hundred members of Amalgamated Association of Steel, Tin and Iron Workers of the Republic Steel plant at Warren, Ohio, vote to strike against the company's withdrawal from wage negotiations.

Minneapolis truck drivers vote for strike effective July 16 and possibility looms of sympathetic action by other truckers in St. Paul, Superior, Duluth, Fargo and other North Dakota cities.

Six thousand miners and smelter men at Butte, Montana, on strike, get support of local unions. Eighteen thousand textile workers ready to strike in the vicinity of Huntsville, Ala.

Two thousand rubber workers in Akron, Ohio reject fake settlement and turn meeting called by bosses into strike rally.

Ninety local unions in Hudson County, New Jersey, condemn Mayor Hague's persistent use of police terror against furniture and other strikers in Jersey City.

Strike actions were also reported to have been initiated or continued in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Kilgore, Texas; York, Pa.; and other widely scattered points.

Street car men of Ft. Worth, Texas continue out on strike called two days ago.

Twelve arrested by Philadelphia police, who attack picket line set by oil strikers at the Gulf Oil Co. refineries.

Minneapolis Drivers Vote To Walk Out on Monday

Demand for General Strike Strong; Duluth, Superior, Fargo and Moorhead Affected

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 12.—The truck drivers and helpers have voted to strike at midnight on Monday, July 16. The St. Paul truck drivers are to take a strike vote for joint action today. The workers resent the delay in the strike until Monday, which was brought about by the A. F. of L. officials, including Trotskyist leaders and Farm-Labor Party leaders.

The workers are favoring an immediate general strike in support of the fight of the truck drivers and helpers for union recognition and for their wage and hour demands. However, the officials of the Central Labor Union are desperately trying to postpone a general strike.

They succeeded in pushing through a resolution which pledges "moral support" to the drivers but did not call the general strike, and took no other action.

At the drivers and helpers meeting, last night the leaders, including the Trotskyist secretary of the union Myles Dunne, did not permit expression from the floor by the union members who wanted the strike to begin at once. They gave the excuse for delay that the "drivers are not ready for action."

Men Want Strike

This is untrue. The drivers and workers generally are enthusiastic for immediate strike. The delay enables the employers to prepare strikebreaking.

Already the authorities are talking of martial law and calling out of the national guard. Floyd Olson, Farm Labor organizer, called out the guard in the last strike, to protect scabs in the moving of trucks.

James P. Cannon, Trotskyist leader, is in town, working with the Trotskyites and A. F. of L. leaders to head off immediate action. This

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N. Y. Seamen Mass at Scab Vessel Today

Phila. Workers Held in Waterfront Picket Demonstration

NEW YORK.—Mass picketing of the Panama Pacific Steamship docks at 21st and West Sts. will be continued today at noon by the Marine Workers Industrial Union in support of the West Coast marine strikers.

All workers in the city, organized and unorganized, have been urged by the union to participate in the picket demonstration.

The demonstration is timed to commence when the S. S. Virginia arrives at Pier 60 from dry dock where she was taken following the unloading of scab cargo from the West Coast on Monday Morning.

It is reported that the ship will attempt to sail for the West Coast Saturday and the officers are attempting to hire scabs to sail her.

The Marine Workers Industrial Union is calling on the crew of the ship to strike in sympathy with the West Coast men and for increases in pay and union recognition.

Two seamen, Allen Paret and

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Land and Sea Transport At Virtual Standstill Thruout San Francisco and Neighboring Port

4,000 TEAMSTERS DROP REINS

Boiler-Makers, Welders Follow Suit as Sympathetic Strike Move Spreads

BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—Two thousand members of the Boiler-makers, Iron Ship Builders, Welders and Helpers Union this afternoon followed the lead of the Teamsters Union, going on strike in support of the West Coast marine workers.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—The first step toward a general strike was taken today in San Francisco, when 4,000 teamsters and truck drivers walked out in sympathy with the maritime workers, who have been striking since May 9.

Land and maritime shipping throughout the entire bay district was at a virtual standstill after the teamsters walked out today. At 8:30 A. M. the main arteries of traffic were silent. All heavy trucks were off the streets.

Teamsters and truck drivers have spread their strike to Oakland and other towns in the bay region.

Street railway workers, electrical workers, roofers, hod carriers, iron workers and other union men were preparing to join the walkout.

Labor Fakery Brushed Aside

The strikers walked rough-shod over the Frisco Labor Council's Strategy Committee which was set up by A. F. of L. leaders to smother the general strike movement.

Meanwhile Pres. Roosevelt's Mediation Board, which was trying to break the strike by arbitration, was making frantic efforts to stop the surging masses, who are bent on tying up all industry on the West Coast. The capitalist press admits that the general strike cannot be prevented unless the demands of the 10 marine unions are met.

Sympathetic general walkouts in other cities along the coast gained ground momentarily.

Unions in Portland, Ore., where four strikers were shot by police, prepared to vote on a city-wide strike.

Labor unions of San Pedro announced that if the Frisco workers walked out en masse they would also declare a general strike.

On the waterfront the troops still held forth in front of the warehouses, but no cargo moved. Pickets from the Teamsters' Union moved along the streets stopping non-union trucks.

Newspapers are raising the cry of fuel and food shortages. Capitalist papers have announced that there is only a three day supply of gasoline in the filling stations.

Rich Are Hoarding Food

The idle rich were buying and hoarding food; gasoline stations were stampeded by motorists rushing to fill up their tanks before the supply runs out; deliveries of meat, fruit, vegetables, liquor, flour and furniture from the warehouses was practically halted.

Thus the strike which is costing the capitalists a million dollars a day reached a new high stage.

The shipowners agreed to accept the proposal of the Roosevelt Board that the men return to work and then submit to arbitration. This is the old agreement which Joseph P. Ryan, head of the International Longshoremen's Association, signed and which was voted down by the strikers. It is clear that the rank and file of the unions will not submit to the arbitration strikebreaking scheme of the Roosevelt Board.

The truck drivers were in session to approve their strike when a message came that the shipowners had agreed to accept the strikebreaking terms of the Roosevelt Board. A message from the mediation board was ignored and the drivers approved of the walkout with shouting and handclapping.

The executive board of the Butchers' Union announced that it had voted to strike Saturday. Taxi drivers are considering their attitude toward the strike.

Biggest Custom Tailor Shop Strikes In N. Y.

NEW YORK.—Workers of Schanz Clothing Factory, 745 Fifth Ave., the largest custom tailoring shop in New York City, walked out on strike yesterday under the leadership of the Custom Tailoring Workers Union.

One hundred and twenty-five, all of the workers in the plant, are involved in the walkout.

The strikers are demanding that piece work, which means a wage cut,

be abolished. Picket lines have been set up and enthusiasm has mounted

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Rochester Workers Back Striking Truck Drivers

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (F. P.).—About 25,000 members of organized labor affiliated with the Rochester Central Trades & Labor Council are solidly behind the month-old strike of truck drivers striking against Sibley, Lindsay & Currier Co. The council has donated \$500 to the strike fund.

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Louisiana Relief Cut; Pitts. Jobless Win; Relief Strikes Spread

1,300 Relief Workers Strike Trumbull County Ohio Jobs

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio. — More than 1,300 relief workers throughout Trumbull County are on strike demanding guaranteed minimum wages of \$15 for a 30-hour week; doubling relief for the jobless; no discrimination; free medical aid; and electric, gas, and water to be paid by the relief administration. In Masury, 300 workers are out, 400 in Niles, 500 in Gerard, 75 in Churchill land 50 in Lordstown.

15,000 'Unemployables' Cut Off Relief in Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS, La. — At least 15,000 "unemployables," the sick, the blind and disabled, including about 1,200 mothers and 3,600 children, will be dropped from the relief rolls by the end of July, State Relief Director H. J. Early announced. After Aug. 1, the Federal Emergency Relief Administration will refuse to care further for the state's "unemployables," and will expect the state to care for other workers now on federal relief. Acting Relief Administrator Williams informed Governor Allen of Louisiana.

A united front has been made between the Warren Unemployment Council, the Warren Federal Relief Association, Trumbull Unemployed Workers Union of Niles, Gerard Unemployed Union, Masury Relief Workers Union, Masury Unemployed Citizens League, Churchill Unemployed Relief Association, and the Lordstown Improvement League. A county strike committee of 17 was elected, and a Trumbull County Unemployed Action Committee formed with three delegates from each organization.

During the same period, the number of persons on relief rose from 394,673 in January to 438,409 in February. Since the abandonment of C. W. A., New Orleans showed another sharp rise in relief needs.

Hillside, N.J., Relief Workers on Strike For Full Cash Pay

Demand End of Present Commissary Relief System

HILLSIDE, N. J., July 12.—More than 100 relief workers here, under the leadership of the newly organized Relief Workers Association, struck the relief projects Wednesday, demanding the abolition of the commissary form of relief. Originally organized to smash the commissary system of relief, the workers in the Association instructed the executive committee to arrange a meeting with the relief officials. Getting no results, the committee met with Union County relief director Mitchell, who told the men that cash would be given but not in excess of the present commissary amounts for work relief. At a meeting at the Hungarian Workers Home on July 10, the executive reported, and advised the workers to take strike action on the basis of the following demands: (1) cash relief in place of the present commissary; (2) no reduction in relief; (3) a militant, lengthy discussion of the workers voted 66 for and 12 against strike action. Reporting at work the next morning, the union members induced other workers to join in the strike.

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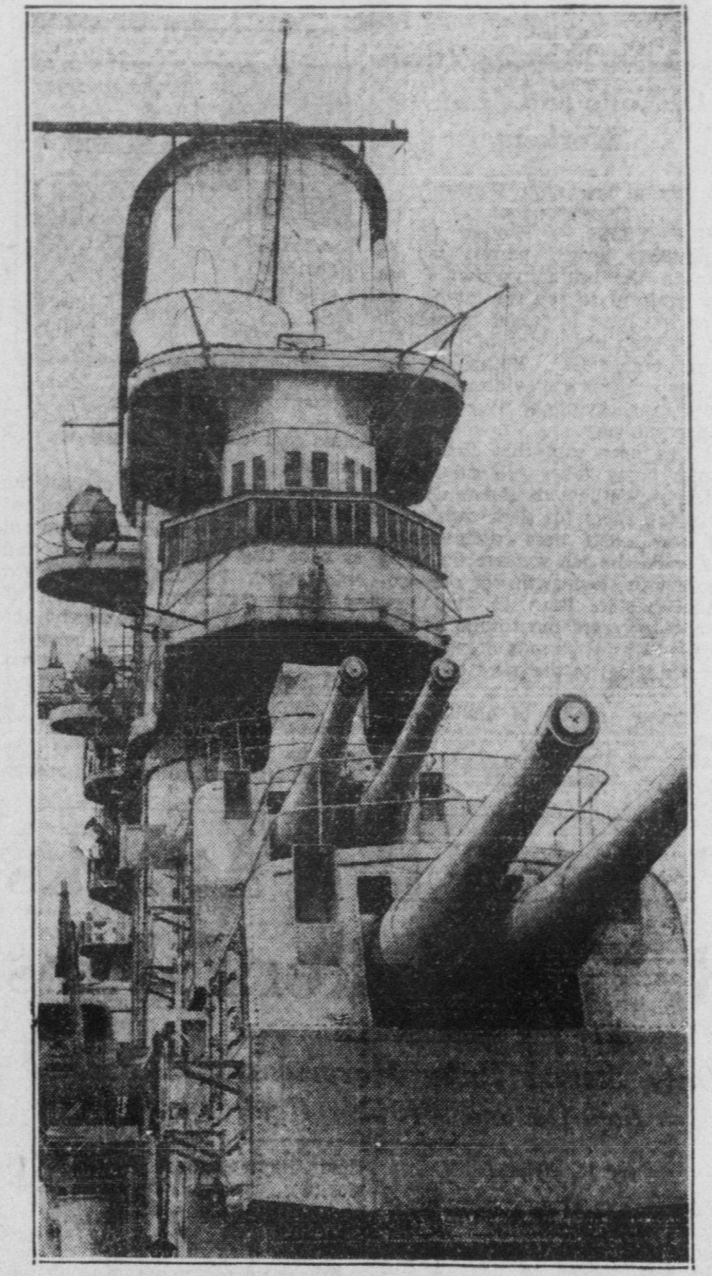
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DANCE and HAVE A GOOD TIME

The War Set-Up in Washington

By SEYMOUR WALDMAN



A NEW AIRPLANE CARRIER—Just another bit of concrete evidence to prove the insistent contention of the New Deal administration that it has no interest in war and that its policies are not in the least affected by the prospect of a possible new world conflagration.

and that may, if the worst comes to the worst, finally do what the Navy has ever done for the United States of America.

sociation of the U. S.) and financial-industrial forces (such as the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S.) are spraying the people with fascist propaganda, the main purpose of which is to militarize the broad masses of workers and farmers against mass opposition to war and against mass movement towards a Soviet America. This fascist prop-

A GREAT deal is being written in the liberal, conservative and reactionary press about the similarity between today and the pre-world war era. Writers and speakers point to the mounting armaments, the "disarmament" chatter, war horrors, trade rivalries, the same nonsensical drive about "aggressive" and "defensive" weapons, about the pressing necessity for investigating munitions and armament manufacturers, and so on, and so forth. In other words, the superficial likenesses between 1934 and 1914.

aganda shouts for a larger army and navy and supplementary "citizen" forces which, while performing strike-breaking functions, will be prepared not only for what is described as "invasion" in high sounding declarations of war but also for what Assistant Secretary of War Harry H. Woodring publicly calls "economic chaos, or social revolution," and what Major General Douglas MacArthur, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, terms "unrest." In other words, in addition to propagandizing the workers and farmers for non-questioning service in imperialist war, the government of the American bankers, landlords, industrialists and big farmers, are attempting to recruit storm troopers and regular soldiers to prepare for revolutionary crisis and if necessary to crush mass working class revolt. They realize that for the first time in history American capitalism is confronted with mass revolt, mass power.

Hat Strike Ends With Workers Getting Gain In Prices On Work

NEW YORK.—Two thousand striking hatters, members of the United Hatters' Union, were returning to work yesterday following a meeting Wednesday at which the workers decided to accept a 25 cent a dozen increase in prices for finishers and a 10-cent increase for trimmers.

A.F.L. Joins Jersey City Strike Move

Wood Carvers Support Industrial Union Strikers

NEW YORK.—Uniting with the Furniture Workers Industrial Union in their fight for the right to strike and picket in Jersey City, the International Wood Carvers and Moulders Association, an A. F. of L. affiliate, contributed \$100 to the United front fighting fund.

On the Strike Front

1,000 Los Angeles Garment Workers Prepare for Strike

LOS ANGELES, July 12.—One thousand workers in the women's silk and wool dress industry are preparing for strike.

4-Day Furniture Strike Is Won In Baltimore

By a Worker Correspondent
BALTIMORE, July 12.—The four-day strike of the furniture workers of the Majestic shop here ended in victory today, with the demands for wage increases and no discrimination against workers for union activity granted.

Continue Cigar Strike

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 12.—Not a single scab tried to enter the Royalist Cigar company plant today, where 300 workers are on strike. So far the bosses have failed to come to any agreement with the strike committee and the representatives of the Tobacco Workers Industrial Union. Militant mass picketing continues.

12 Arrested After Police Attack Phila. Oil Strikers

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 12.—Twelve men were arrested today following police attack upon the picketers at the strike of 1,000 oil workers at the Gulf Refinery plant.

TUUL Head to Talk On Union Struggles

Members of the trade unions of New York will have the opportunity to hear Jack Stachel, acting secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, who will speak on the lessons of the great strike battles of the working class in the past few months.

81.5 P. C. of Mich. Copper Mining Area Now on Fed. Relief

HOUGHTON, Mich.—Widespread unemployment in the copper mining region here has resulted in 81.5 per cent of the population of 5,075 in Keweenaw County on relief, a recent survey by the F. E. R. A. shows. In Ontonagon County, the percentage is 67, and Houghton County 54.7.

Mass Picketing Still Goes On at Burroughs Strike

Communist Party Urges Effective United Front Actions

DETROIT, Mich., July 11.—Mass picketing continued this morning at the Burroughs Adding Machine Co. strike, with the picket lines as large as they were during the special mobilization Monday morning.

Brooklyn Women to Parade Against War and Fascism

NEW YORK.—The Women's Committee Against War and Fascism will hold an anti-war parade in support of the Women's Congress in Paris, tonight at 7 p.m., starting at Varet and Graham Aves. and winding up at the Grand St. Extension, Brooklyn.

DISTRICT 9 CHANGES ADDRESS

MINNEAPOLIS, July 12.—The office of the Communist Party of District 9 today announced that it has moved its offices from 425 Keota Building to 213 DeSoto Building, 703 Third Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Utility Workers Plan New England Meeting

PELHAM, N. H. (F.P.).—The New England Council of Public Utility Workers will hold its first convention in Pelham on Aug. 3 to 5, according to action voted by the council at a recent meeting. Approximately 60 delegates, representing 3,500 members of affiliated locals of light, power and gas employees in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut are expected to attend.

CIGAR WORKERS STRIKE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 12.—Workers of the Royalist Cigar Company under the leadership of the Tobacco Workers Industrial Union,

One Year NRA Increased Mass Suffering, Belying Roosevelt

By Labor Research Association
NEW YORK.—The end of the N. R. A. and N. I. R. A.'s first year, June 16, 1934, was marked by misleading statements from President Roosevelt and his crew of "professional optimists."

The situation is summed up by A. W. Zelonek, economist of the Fairchild Publications, who wrote (Daily News Record, June 5) of the N. R. A.'s "increased cost to the consumer, greater in most cases than the increased wage. We find that while a minority of the population, mostly in the lower income group, found their income enlarged through the raising of the minimum wage scale, the majority continued with the same income in the face of a higher cost of living. We find that labor has given back more than received in the form of increased costs, and this in turn has tended to restrict demand, causing curtailment. In fact, a large portion of our population received practically no aid."

Unemployment More Acute
Conservative American Federation of Labor figures, which all ways understate the situation by several millions, assert that "employment in industry is not yet back to the September, 1933, level, since 10,267,000 were out of work in May, compared to 10,108,000 last September" (New York Times, June 27). "Need is greater among the millions unemployed than it was this time last year," the statement concludes.

In New York City, the biggest retail market in the country, retail sales, excluding liquor sales, for the first two weeks of June, 1934, were 0.1 per cent lower than the corresponding period a year ago. Since prices have increased upward of 28 per cent during the year under consider-

tion, these figures show a drastic decline in physical volume of sales. (See Economic Notes, July, 1934). Thus the workers' purchasing power under N. R. A. has declined.

Both Roosevelt and Johnson harped on labor's share in the N. R. A. Roosevelt called "collective bargaining and the right of workers to choose their own representatives were established." Yet workers who took literally the language of Section 7a and acted upon it have been confronted with terror, company unions, compulsory arbitration, and a host of other anti-labor devices. General Johnson, however, asserts that "in these days the country is burdened by labor misunderstanding by employers and workers of what the industrial act and N. R. A. codes offer to them."

General Johnson, as well as the other capitalists, know that the employing class has not misunderstood the N. R. A., but on the contrary has taken every advantage of it. This is recognized by C. F. Hugel, New York Times columnist, who lists as the N. R. A.'s major "faults": "to yield everything to industry and little or nothing to labor... (and) to leave the consumer pretty well out in the cold."

NRA Bows to the Transport Bosses

NEW YORK.—The Interborough Rapid Transit Company officials turned down an order of the Regional Labor Board to appear at a hearing yesterday on charges brought by the Transport Workers Union that the company had fired two workers without good reason.

The union is demanding that Leon Cashman, who worked for the company for six years, and John Murphy, employed by the company for eight years, both of whom were fired, be reinstated.

Mass Trial Tonight In Brooklyn on the Scottsboro Frame-ups

BROOKLYN.—The Brownsville Section of the International Labor Defense is holding a mass trial tonight on the Scottsboro case at the Ralph Ave. Zion Church (250 Ralph Ave., Brooklyn), in which leading figures will take part.

Maintenance Way Local Endorses Insurance Bill

By a Worker Correspondent
NEW YORK.—The Brotherhood of Maintenance Way Employees Lodge 1077 of the Railroad Brotherhood endorsed the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill and elected two Trade Union Conference on the Workers Bill, to be held Saturday, July 28, at 1 p.m., at Irving Plaza.



