

Amnesty for All Class-War Prisoners!

Fight for Repeal of all Anti-Labor Legislation; Amnesty: Unconditional Release of all Jailed Workers

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THE reign of terror against the working class which had grown to such large proportions during the year 1930 is well known to the readers of the **LABOR DEFENDER**. Its extent was greater even than the Palmer raids of 1919-1920. No accurate statistics are available for that period but the closest estimates show that about 4,000 workers were brought to trial out of a much larger number of arrests. This past year the total number of trials exceeded 4,000 by election day.

The method of making the arrests is now different from that of 1919-20. At that time sensational raids were staged, dramatic "discoveries" of caches of literature, etc. Now the Department of Justice, the Department of (anti-) Labor and the various Police Departments visit workers' homes, their places of work, their club houses and arrest scores of workers, but one by one. Instead of a noisy "deportation ark" such as the Buford there are unadvertised deportation trains which slide silently into New York, San Francisco and other ports and distribute their victims onto practically every boat that leaves for foreign countries, there to be turned over to fascist hangmen and filthy prisons. Under the covering barrage of "Red Plots" and "dumping conspiracies" with which the Fish Committee fills the newspapers the deadly murderous hand of the capitalist class reaches out.

In his message to the Fall 1930 session of Congress, President Hoover urged the intensification of this terror against the militant labor movement. Speaking of foreign-born militant workers as "alien criminals" he said "I urge the strengthening of our deportation laws so as to more fully rid ourselves of these criminal aliens."

Against this the National Committee of the International Labor Defense calls upon all militant labor and sympathizers to join with it in a general **AMNESTY DRIVE** (to unconditionally free all political prisoners), to constitute the opening of the counter-offensive against the bosses on the defense front. The Drive:

1—To last from January 1 to June 1.

2—To obtain 1,000,000 signatures on General Amnesty petitions to include (a) Repeal of all Criminal Syndicalist, Criminal Anarchy, Insurrection, and anti-alien

laws; (b) Demand unconditional amnesty by State and Federal governments.

3—The petitions to be backed by militant demonstrations beginning with the week of January 9 and ending on a day towards the end of May when the demonstrations will be timed to take place simultaneously with the presentation by mass committees of the petitions to State and Federal legislatures. All demonstrations to be set month by month by the I.L.D. National Committee.

Such a counter-offensive, if it obtains the proper mass support, would tremendously strengthen the fight against the anti-labor terror of the bosses. Every intelligent worker, fully realizing the importance of the drive will wholeheartedly throw

himself or herself into the work of making the drive a success. Those who want to help carry on the day to day work of the drive should immediately communicate with any office of the International Labor Defense throughout the country or write to the **LABOR DEFENDER**.

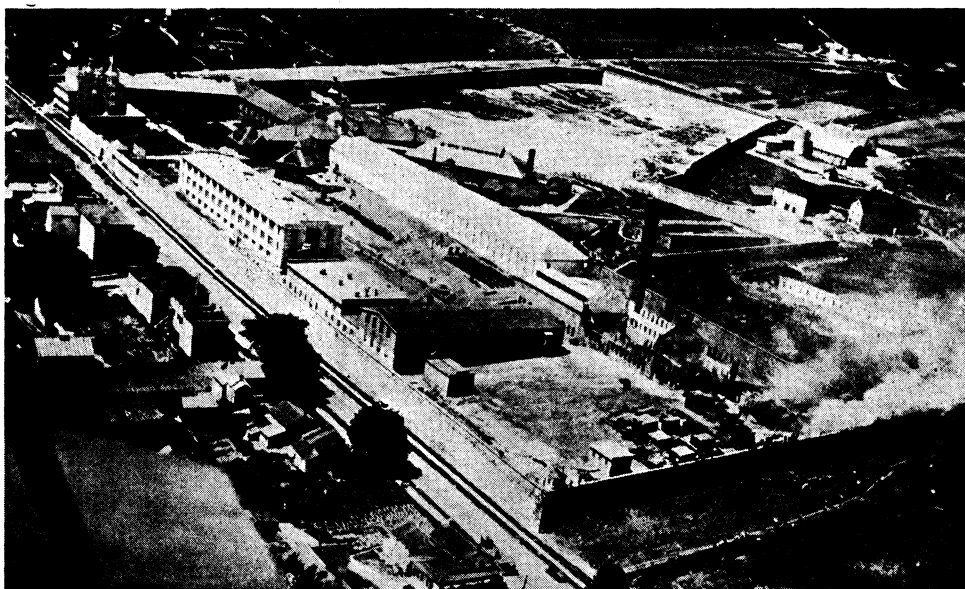
This drive for "Amnesty!" will be directed from the various headquarters of the International Labor Defense as follows:

Every worker on the fighting line!

Demand general and unconditional amnesty for all political prisoners!

Fight for the repeal of all anti-labor legislation!

A million signatures backed by the organized power of the masses!



It is in prisons such as these that scores of class-war prisoners are confined.

The Amnesty drive will be conducted from the national headquarters of the I.L.D., 80 E. 11th St., New York, and from the following district offices:

Buffalo, 36 W. Huron St., Room 5;
New York district, 799 Broadway.

Newark, N. J., 93 Mercer St.

New Haven, Conn., 222 Lafayette St.

Boston, 113 Dudley St., Room 6.

Philadelphia, 39 North 10th St.; Wilkes-Barre, 109 S. Washington St.; Pittsburgh, 611 Penn Ave., Room 517.

Cleveland, 1426 W. 3rd St.; Struthers, O., 44 Park St.; Canton, 409 - 15th St.,

N. E.; Youngstown, 1929 Hillman St.; Cincinnati, 230 W. 8th St.; Wheeling, W. Va., 65 - 16th St.

Chicago, 23 So. Lincoln St.; Grand Rapids, 756 So. Division St.; Detroit, 1343 E. Ferry Ave.; Milwaukee, 302 W. Water St.; Kansas City, Mo., 104 E. 8th St.; St. Louis, Mo., 1243 N. Garrison Ave.

Minneapolis, 244 Third Ave., South; Denver, 4205 W. 23rd St.

Los Angeles, 120 Winston St.; San Francisco, 966 Market St.

Charlotte, N. C., 1002 Belmont Ave.; New Orleans, 308 Chartres St.

Seattle, 110 Cherry Street.