

DISTRICT 8, WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY, ISSUES STATEMENT ON PENDING ANTI-INJUNCTION BILL

The Workers (Communist) Party of Illinois thru its district office has issued the following statement on the anti-injunction bill now before the state legislature. It calls attention to the necessity for the support of this bill by every worker and workers' organizations. The statement is accompanied by a resolution which will be introduced in all unions and other working class organizations by the members of the Workers (Communist) Party.

The statement is as follows:

**TO ALL LABOR UNIONS AND
WORKING CLASS ORGANIZATIONS
IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.**

Dear Sirs and Brothers:—

The Illinois state legislature has now before it the anti-injunction bill which passed the committee by a vote of 17 to 13 and now goes to the whole house for final action.

Although passed by the committee, it is freely predicted by supporters of the manufacturing interests in Illinois that the bill will be defeated, as it has been in the past. This is true, unless the forces of militant labor compel the passage of the anti-injunction bill.

What Injunction Means

Working men, organized and unorganized understand what the injunction means when employed against the workers on strike, on the picket line, etc.

We, laboring men, know that the injunction has only been a weapon of the boss to be used against the workers. When workers have been on strike and the boss has failed to make them come to terms, then the boss brings out this reserves—the capitalist courts, with their injunction either preventing the strike, attempting to limit the scope of the strike on the matter of picketing, and so on. Or, if the occasion demands, as the miners, building trades workers, stockyard laborers and others only too well know, the boss calls for further resources from his capitalist government and then out come the militia, soldiers, thugs and gunmen.

The anti-injunction bill presumably recognizes the right of the union to use to the fullest extent the powers of the organization against the manufacturing and capitalist interests.

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SHIPPING BOARD STARTS STEAMER LINE BETWEEN SOVIET RUSSIA AND U. S.

(Special to The Daily Worker)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—Inauguration of a new shipping service between San Francisco and Soviet Russia has been announced by the U. S. shipping board.

The shipping board vessels will operate between San Francisco and Vladivostok, carrying general merchandise and passengers. Service will start immediately.

UTICA STRIKERS STAND FIRMLY AGAINST CUT

Company Tries to Get Speed-Up Contract

(Special to The Daily Worker)
UTICA, N. Y., March 1.—(By Mail)—The strikers of the Utica Steam and Mohawk Valley mills held a meeting Saturday morning at the Labor Temple.

The strike committee reported that last Thursday, the mill officials called the committee to the office for a conference which lasted about two hours.

The mill company officials, J. A. McGrago and his three superintendents, told the committee that if the workers would work more machines, so that the mill owners "wouldn't lose money," then the company might settle.

The loomfixers refused to confer alone. They said that they would not

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states plainly that it has no faith in the passage of any laws by capitalist legislatures, whether anti-injunction bills, eight-hour day for women in industry, etc. Yet it demands the passage of this bill if it can in any way serve the interests of the workers, and if it, at the same time, serves to point out to the workers that capitalism will uphold no law which in any way interferes with the profit-sucking process of the capitalists.

The Illinois Manufacturers Association, the Associated Employers of Illinois and similar capitalist organizations are laughing at the present puny efforts of labor to put over this anti-injunction bill. They fear nothing so long as the organized labor movement and the unorganized workers do not protest strongly, or indicate an ability to use stronger measures to enforce their will and to pass this law. That is another reason why the capitalist interest in Illinois are again trying to put over the state constabulary bill and are fighting the eight-hour day for women in industry.

Workers Must Fight

The working class and its organizations must fight for everything they get. This, you, fellow workers, recognize in the very fact that you organize labor unions to maintain your standard of living and to better your conditions. You know that you must struggle at all times with the boss. When the bosses' attempts against you fail, he calls upon his government. You must not yield—either to the boss or to his capitalist government. Whether or not anti-injunction laws are passed by the legislature, are incorporated on the capitalist law books, you must enforce: **NO INJUNCTIONS AGAINST THE WORKERS!** That means that you must give due warning to the ruling class in Illinois that you will brook no action infringing

the organizations, the unions of the working class. That means, law or no law, mass violation of any injunction issued by the capitalist courts.

Labor's power is tremendous when asserted. The demonstration against the Landis scab agreement in Chicago some years ago when hundreds of thousands of workers paraded on the streets of Chicago against this infamous scab award, is a sign of the ability of labor to act politically against the ruling class.

An Elemental Struggle

The Workers (Communist) Party of Illinois declares that the struggle against the use of the injunction against labor is an elemental struggle of every working class organization, labor union co-operative or political party, for the very rights of existence.

Below is a copy of a resolution which has been sent to every labor union and every working class organization in the state of Illinois. It calls upon the labor movement to unite its forces to pass the anti-injunction bill. Take this resolution up in your union. Have it passed. Send it in to the state legislature and demand that the anti-injunction bill be passed.

Unite for struggle against capitalism! Down with injunctions! Strengthen your unions! Hail to the solidarity of the workers!

Workers (Communist) Party
Illinois Dist. No. 8
MARTIN ABERN, organizer.

The Resolution.

WHEREAS, there is now before the Illinois state legislature a bill which would provide: (1) that no injunction shall be issued to interfere with the right of working people to organize in trade or labor unions or associations. (2) that no injunction shall be issued to limit the constitutional provisions

for free speech and free press; (3) that in all cases involving labor disputes, when an injunction is applied for, the particular property about to be irreparably damaged must be described in detail, no mere general statement being amissable; (4) that in disputes over working condition: no injunction shall be issued to prevent working people from persuading others to join them;

WHEREAS, for 35 years or more the injunction has been an undisguised weapon in the hands of the employing class to break down the organized resistance of the workers, and labor militants who refused to obey the arbitrary dictates of the injunction judges have been jailed for "contempt of court," without any pretense of trial by jury;

WHEREAS, "anti-injunction" measures similar to the one summarized above have been introduced in Illinois legislatures off and on during the past 20 years and have been regularly defeated, thru the activities of the Associated Employers of Illinois, the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, etc., indicating that altho the judiciary committee of the state house of representatives has recommended the passage of the present bill, by a vote of 17 to 13, it will not be passed without the most energetic and determined support on the part of the labor movement;

WHEREAS, altho the workers have learned by bitter experience not to put their trust in laws or capitalist "justice," the defeat of the present bill will be a victory for the reactionaries and a decided blow at the labor movement.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this body hereby goes on record as favoring the immediate passage of the "anti-injunction" bill and pledges itself to throw the full weight of its influence behind it.

WHEREAS, mass violation by the union membership of injunctions has proved itself the only effective method

of fighting these tyrannical measures, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that we serve notice on the employers and their courts that in the event of the defeat of the bill now before the legislature at Springfield, or if the provisions of the bill are ignored after its passage, we pledge ourselves to continue the violation of injunctions and to organize the whole labor movement for resistance to them.

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