

Not Gastonia Cases But Dead Workers Is Slogan of Left Social Reformists

Before the blood of the murdered textile strikers has dried on the ground before the mill gates in Marion, North Carolina, the agents of the "left" social reformist group in the American Federation of Labor, are again on the job, planning new betrayals. The identical state militia that was sent in by the mill owner, Governor O. Max Gardner, to protect Sheriff Adkins, the butcher of defenseless workers, from reprisals by the relatives and fellow workers of the dead strikers, has been appealed to in behalf of William Ross, one of the Brookwood graduates and a special favorite of the dean of that institution of class betrayal, A. J. Muste, leading figure of the "left" social reformists. The militia has been asked to protect Ross' house. Ross is perfectly consistent in expecting the state militia to protect alike all the good and faithful servants of the mill owners, whether they are sheriffs and policemen or alleged labor leaders.

The associate of Ross, Francis J. Gorman, also an official of the United Textile Workers' Union, has tried to again place his organization at the head of the strike in order to again betray the mill slaves of Marion. In spite of the fact that the latest strike was called against the decisions of the labor fakers, Gorman proposed a compromise to the Marion Manufacturing Company.

These officials of the United Textile Workers' organization rushed into the situation, not to defend the interests of the workers, but because the workers had revolted against the treacherous agreement with the Marion mill owners that victimized the active workers through the black-list. These so-called labor leaders and the militia constitute reserve forces that, in this situation, supplement the forces of the sheriff and the mill thugs who on Wednesday last murdered in cold blood unarmed workers on the public highway.

After the massacre of the workers, the deputies who participated in the murderous attack on the strikers swore out warrants for a number of strikers, charging them with inciting to riot, rebellion against the state, and other high crimes and misdemeanors. There is a certain irony in the fact that Alfred Hoffman, another Brookwood graduate and Musteite, was included in the complaint. Hoffman hastened to proclaim his innocence of any such intent, in a statement that reveals in its true light one of the main planks in the platform:

"Heaven knows I had trouble enough down in Marion trying to prevent armed insurrection against Sheriff Adkins and his armed thugs. Leading a strike of 100 per cent Nordic native southerners is largely an exercise in sitting on the lid to prevent them from answering the violence of the mill owners and their sheriffs in kind."

This is nothing other than a confession of complicity in a murder plot—against the working class. According to Hoffman it is the task of the "left" reformists of the American Federation of Labor to sit on the lid and prevent the workers defending themselves against wholesale murder. His job is not to organize the workers for a militant struggle against wage cuts, the speed-up, lengthening of hours, the black-list, unemployment and all the other effects of capitalist rationalization, but to "sit on the lid" so the employers can continue to exploit and oppress the working class. He wants the workers helpless and defenseless before the armed thugs of the state power and the mill owners. This de-based group of "left" social reformists frown on self defense for the working class. They don't want Gastonia cases, Gastonia heroism, Gastonia defiance and Gastonia trials in which the hideous mask of capitalist democracy and justice is ripped asunder for all the workers to see—and despise. What these companions in flunkymy with the state militia, the police, the courts, the electrocutioners prefer, when they have to choose, is not Gastonia cases, but dead workers.

The antics of Ross, Gorman, Hoffman clearly reveal the real role of the "left" social reformists—a direct agency for aiding the capitalist class and its state power in a struggle against the workers, aiding in capitalist rationalization and trying to crush the increasing resistance of the working class.

The mill workers of Marion and workers everywhere should scorn the leadership of such elements as these Musteites, which can lead only to betrayal and death.

The textile workers of the South cannot have confidence in these agents of capitalism, but must repudiate them and rally behind the militant banners of the National Textile Workers' Union. The Southern Textile Workers' Conference that opens in Charlotte Saturday should receive the support of all workers in the slave pens of that part of the country. The reply to the capitalist murderers of the working class must be an immediate determined fight against capitalist rationalization and the increasing misery, suffering and poverty of the working class, and for the building up of a powerful union, the creation of workers' defense committees, the disarming of the fascist bands and the driving out from the labor movement of the social reformists of all stripes.

BEGIN CLEVELAND STEEL WORKERS WORKERS SCHOOL FOR GASTON 7

Many Classes, Great Response Rouse Calumet Region in I. L. D. Drive

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 8.—The Cleveland Workers School got away to a flying start with over 90 students attending six classes at the opening of the school Tuesday Oct. 8.

Classes on the Theory and Practice of Trade Union Work, the Program of the Communist International, and on Communist Organization are held every Tuesday night at the Workers School Headquarters, 2046 E. 4th St., 3rd floor. Classes on the Fundamentals of Communist Theory and Practice are given every Tuesday night in the following halls: 4309 Lorain Ave., 5607 St. Clair Ave., 13720 Kinsman Rd. The latter three classes are free. All classes will continue for twelve weeks every Tuesday night at 8 p. m. Every worker is welcome to attend one of the classes.

Classes have also been organized under the leadership of the Cleveland Workers School in several other towns in this and adjoining states. Classes on the Fundamentals of Communist Theory and Practice are held once a week in Akron, Youngstown, Toledo and in Wheeling, West Virginia. A similar class will shortly start in Canton, Ohio. Workers in these towns are advised to communicate with the local Communist Party organization or directly with the Workers School, 2046 E. 4th St., Cleveland, Ohio, if they are interested in attending one of the classes.

The Cleveland Workers School also conducts an open forum every Sunday night at 8 p. m. at the school headquarters. Dr. Waiz, member of the City Council, will

The steel workers of Gary and vicinity are being rallied in a powerful movement behind Fred Beal, Clarence Miller and the other tactic union organizers on trial in Gastonia. Not since the closing days of the Sacco-Vanzetti campaign has there been such a widespread agitation amongst and response from the workers of the Calumet industrial region.

Last week a chain of mass protest meetings under the auspices of the Calumet Defense of the International Labor Defense was organized. Starting with Gary and carrying through the string of industrial cities of Indiana Harbor, Whiting, Hammond and South Chicago, very successful meetings were held. In Whiting, biggest oil refining center in the world, seat of the mighty Standard Oil company, a public workers meeting was organized for the first time since the war. Leaflets were distributed at the huge oil refining plant and about 75 workers responded. A good collection was taken and members secured for the I. L. D.

The meetings in Indiana Harbor, Hammond, and South Chicago and Gary were all successful. Fifteen thousand leaflets were distributed in advertising the five meetings. speak at the meeting of Oct. 6. I. Amter, District Organizer of the Communist Party, will be the speaker at the Forum on Oct. 13. Comrade Amter will deal with the Gastonia strike and its aftermath. Admission is free and all workers are invited to attend.

STRIKE BROKEN BY A.F.L. CHIEFS AT LOOSE WILES

Spontaneous Walkout of 1,500 Betrayed; 200 Blacklisted

Many Joining T.U.U.L. Militants Proposed to Picket, Spread Strike

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 8.—With the Trade Union Unity League organizer, Roy Stevens, under arrest, the Bakery and Confectionery Union here forced the young workers on strike against the "manit" speed-up system at the Loose-Wiles biscuit company to go back to work without any gains from the spontaneous walk-out of 1,500 workers a week ago. Nothing is being done by this American Federation of Labor local about the 200 workers, leaders in the walkout, whom the company wouldn't accept. The union refused to allow strikers on the committee which negotiated with the boss.

The A. F. of L. bakers local stepped in when the successful noonday mass demonstrations at the factory gates under the leadership of the T. U. U. L. indicated that the strikers were mobilizing for a real struggle. Immediately the Central Labor Council, together with the bakers local, called a meeting in the Labor Temple.

Cheer T. U. U. L. Plan. Here, when the T. U. U. L. organizer raised the question of the formation of strike and picketing committees and spreading the strike to other Loose-Wiles plants, the strikers responded enthusiastically, but union officials had Stevens of the T. U. U. L. ejected and the next day ordered his arrest on the picket line. Police were instructed to arrest all T. U. U. L. organizers, it was reported. The judge called up the A. F. of L. officials and consulted with them before ordering Stevens held on \$200 bonds.

No A. F. of L. official ever appeared on the picket line. They passed the word around among the strikers that it was hopeless to struggle against such a big corporation, and that they must build their union "gradually." They said that they were "willing" to organize the workers into craft unions, as bakers, candy-makers, biscuit workers, etc. No plans for the strike, no demands, were made by the A. F. of L. except the proposition that if the workers insisted on picketing, they should do so in a manner not antagonizing to the police. Twenty workers from the National Biscuit Co., who came to the meeting at the Labor Temple to offer help to the strikers, were ignored by all except the T. U. U. L. who called on them to make a joint fight with the Loose-Wiles in order to better their own conditions.

Despite the treachery of the labor fakers, the T. U. U. L. is continuing organization work and is especially fighting against the discrimination policy. The 200 workers whom the bosses and the A. F. of L. kept out on the street are being organized into committees, together with workers from the shops, to fight for their re-employment.

The "manit" system goes on just the same and will soon mean the discharge of hundreds of workers. It is a re-organization of labor through the installation of new conveyor machinery, similar to the "belt" in Ford's or the "B" speed-up in meat packing, whereby one worker produces as much as three formerly did, at the cost of great strain, nervous exhaustion and dangerous accidents.

Of the 1,500 workers who struck, nearly 90 per cent were youth, from 16 to 25 years old, including 60 per cent young girls, mostly American and many high school graduates. Their pay averages from \$13 to \$23 weekly.

Build Up the United Front of the Working Class.

Worker Delegates to U.S.S.R. to See 5 Year Plan Working

Actual Visit to U. S. S. R. Will Refute Lies of Capitalist Press and Socialists

The workers and peasants of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, confident that the actual facts of their socialist reconstruction of the country they control will answer any amount of slander by imperialists and exploiters abroad, are inviting another group of workers from America to come and see, and to celebrate the 12th year. The invitation is extended through the Friends of the Soviet Union, and is as follows:

Gadsden, Alabama Goodyear Textile Workers Want 'Daily'

Workers Must Rush the Daily Worker to Mill Slaves of Rubber Trust

Alabama will be a base of the coming great struggle of the Southern mill workers, led by the National Textile Workers Union, against their exploiters, the mill barons.

Gadsden, in Etowah County, Alabama, is a mill town owned lock, stock and barrel by the Goodyear Rubber Company. Seeking "cheap labor," the Goodyear Company recently opened up a huge mill in Gadsden, in which 3,000 workers slave. So fierce was the speed-up at the Goodyear plant, and so miserable were the working conditions that the workers there, totally unorganized, most of them never having heard of a union, struck spontaneously. Unorganized, the Goodyear mill workers proved helpless against the unlimited resources of the Rubber Trust.

A former Gastonia textile worker brought with him to Gadsden some copies of the Daily Worker. And now demands are coming to us that the Daily Worker be sent to Gadsden every day, hundreds of Dailies.

"The Goodyear Rubber Company hired 3,000 of us Gadsden workers when said open shop company came here and opened up a big plant recently," a Gadsden textile worker writes.

"The workers couldn't stand the fierce speed-up gaff, so they soon went on strike.

"They didn't have any union, but they just had to strike anyway. The company was working us 12 and 14 hours a day.

"They tried to bring in scabs from other mill towns around here but couldn't.

"Then they got scabs from Philadelphia, from a strikebreaking agency, they say.

"Well, we were unorganized, and the papers around here were all for the boss.

"We didn't know about the National Union and the union paper, the Daily Workers, then.

"But we've heard about what they both did in Gastonia. So we want a union down here—and the union paper too."

"We want the union, and the union paper too."

"This is the keynote of the scores of letters reaching us from mill villages throughout North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Virginia, and further-off Texas too.

Militant workers will not disregard the southern mill workers appeals for the Daily Worker.

They must rush funds at once to the "Rush the Daily Worker to the Southern Mill Workers' Drive.

Every workingclass organization must adopt a mill village! They must see to it that a southern mill village receives its bundles of Dailies regularly.

\$2.50 a week from a workingclass organization means that a bundle of 25 daily workers will be sent to a southern mill village for a week.

\$5 means that a southern mill village can receive a bundle of 50 Daily Workers for a week.

\$10 will send 100 copies of the Daily Worker to a southern mill village daily for one week.

"We heard some National Textile Union organizers here after the U.T.W. sold us out the first time. They gave out Daily Workers, and we liked them. Can you keep sending the Daily Worker to Elizabeth-ton?"

This is from a rayon worker at the Gleanstoff mills. What shall we answer these workers?

To the Daily Worker, 26 Union Square, New York, N. Y.

The southern textile workers cannot go without the Daily Worker in their preparations for the great struggles they will soon go through. I am sending my contribution to help rush the Daily Worker to them.

Name Address City State Amount \$.....

FOR ORGANIZATIONS (Name of Organization) City and State wish to adopt a southern mill town or village, and see to it that the workers there are supplied with copies of the Daily Worker every day for weeks. We enclose \$..... Kindly send us the name of the mill village or city assigned to us, for we wish to communicate with the workers there.

FRUIT TRUCKERS STRIKE SPREADS; 4,000 OUT TODAY

Secret Deals, Embargo, Price Boosts Used Against Men

Out-of-Town Walkouts Solidarity Pledged by T. U. U. L.

The Pennsylvania and Erie railroads, the two lines hardest hit by the strike of 2,000 fruit and vegetable truckmen, yesterday threatened to place an embargo on all perishable foodstuffs unless the strikers returned to work this morning. With sympathy walkouts swelling the ranks of the strikers to 4,000, millions of dollars worth of produce rotting in freight terminals and shipping yards and other carloads arriving hourly to further clog the market, the strikers at a late hour last night were maintaining a struggle hold on the situation despite the veiled boasts of boss truckmen on Sunday that the class-collaborationist leaders of the strike would be bought off. The move of the railroad magnates was a last desperate move to break the strike.

In addition to the 2,000 truckers who went out on Saturday, twice (Continued on Page Two)

FIGHT GASTONIA FASCIST TERROR

I. L. D. Aided By Anti-Fascist Federation

"Fight the fascist terror in North Carolina and wherever it raises its head" is the keynote of an appeal released yesterday by the Anti-Fascist Federation.

Growing master-class terror in the United States, the appeal points out, is responsible for the murder of Ella May, active in the National Textile Workers' Union in Gastonia. This terror threatens to take the liberty of nine Gastonia strikers.

To defeat the boss lynch plans, the Federation "combines its efforts with the International Labor Defense to save the Gastonia prisoners."

"Recent developments in Gastonia, where armed fascist bands attacked the workers' meetings, shot and killed Ella May, where organizers of the National Textile Workers' Union have been kidnapped, dragged to the woods and flogged," call for "organization of anti-fascist shop committees in your shops and factories," the appeal states.

"Adopt resolutions at your meetings, unions, fraternal organizations, and clubs demanding the release of the Gastonia prisoners," the appeal adds.

San Francisco Gaston Demonstrators Win Release in Court

SAN FRANCISCO (By Mail).—John Little, Jim McCrary, A. Brown, J. Studevant, Arvid Owens, Jack Posin, William Serp, Joe Simpsons and George Babich, who were arrested during the Gastonia demonstration in Oakland, which ended with a parade to the City Hall, were arraigned before the Oakland Police Court. Realizing the determination of the I. L. D. to fight out the case and afraid of the splendid response of the workers, they were all dismissed without any charge. This is a real victory for the workers of Oakland, who fought for and secured the rights to use the streets for demonstrations. After the blow the Oakland Industrial Association received when 29 strikers of the Fisher Body plant, charged with the violation of the anti-picketing ordinance were found not guilty by the jury, the capitalists of Oakland found it better to yield.

With the pallor of prison on their faces, they said in answer to a reporter's question, "It feels good to be free." "But we won't feel right until Beal and our six other comrades are freed."

"Mill bosses, superintendents and the law—these are the ones out to kill and to lynch. These and some gangsters to help them," they said of the mill owners lynch agents.

"We'll go organizing."

Somebody asked them what they expected to do after the trial was over. "Why, we expect to go on organizing," both declared. "The United Textile Workers' Union" they said when that group was mentioned, "sold us out in 1920, and now they've repeated the job with the workers at Marion and at Elizabeth-ton. None of us has faith in these fakers now."

National Miners Union Moves to Organize the Iron Ranges

Unemployment, Speed-Up, Low Wages, Finger Printing Rouse Militancy of Mesaba

Plans for organizing the famous Mesaba Iron range into the National Miners Union are going forward, according to Pat Devine, writing in a recent issue of The Coal Miner.

The Coal Miner is changing its name with the next issue to something else (suggestions now being received) because the N. M. U. is enlarging to take in metal miners as well as those in the coal industry.

The article states that the Steel Trust spy system, long a barrier to

MORE PROSECUTION LIARS IN GASTONIA CASE ADMIT BEING BOUGHT BY COMPANY

Policeman Gilbert Boasts of Pay from Loray; Hord Admits Previously Killed Man, Boy

Southern Textile Workers Conference Starts With Big Mass Meeting Saturday

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 8.—It must be apparent today even to a conservative, fundamentalist jury of land owning farmers that the testimony in the Gastonia case produced by the mill bosses' prosecutors is a mass of contradictory perjury.

It must also be evident that nearly all of the state's witnesses are Loray hirelings. Mrs. Connie Neal, for instance, has openly boasted about being rewarded for her testimony. Grace Buffy has been promoted from the job of a low paid stenographer to one of a highly paid "secretary."

Policeman Gilbert, one of those who followed Aderholt in the raid on the strikers' tent colony in Gastonia June 7, and helped start the shooting which resulted in the death of Aderholt, for which the seven National Textile Workers' Union members are being tried for murder, yesterday naively told of his close connections with the Loray mill management as though they were something to boast of. Gilbert says he served as special deputy, paid by the Loray mill, for a year, then was promoted to the Gastonia city police force.

Alarmed by the fact that the defense was showing the close connections of prosecution witnesses with the Manville-Jencks company, the state's lawyers have evidently warned the rest of the witnesses not to admit such connections, rewards, and promotions. So this morning prosecution witnesses denied being stool pigeons and hirelings of Loray.

The defense this morning brought out the remarkable fact that the state's witnesses are only able to remember two or three sentences from the speeches of Beal, and all of them remember exactly the same alleged sentences: "Go to the mill and go into the mill and drag them out. Shoot and shoot to kill."

"These sentences have been repeated by every witness thus far, parrot-like, with new variations when some witness forgot his lines.

Today J. D. Cooper, step-father of Grace Duffy, told about going to the union lot to hear Beal speak. He denied that he was sent by the Manville-Jencks Co. as a stool pigeon. He quoted Beal as warning the Loray thugs that if they tried to break up the meetings, the strikers' guards would put them off the lot.

Cooper witnessed the attempt to break up the meeting on the afternoon of the raid. He said, "There was some scuffling and stones were thrown at Beal and Buch. Then there was a shot." Cooper said he was with Grace Duffy on the porch, but didn't hear the remarks she quoted yesterday in the attempt to prove conspiracy. He saw the officers arrive later, and admitted there was no trouble at that time. He saw the officers seize the guard, says he heard someone yell, "Turn him loose," heard shooting, which he said came from the front and

He admitted he could not identify any of the men on the union lot that night. He also testified that he knew for weeks before June 7 that the Loray mill thugs had been threatening to destroy the union headquarters and "clean out the union." It was brought out by the defense that the porch from which the shooting is so situated that only a few feet of the union grounds were in their line of vision. They could neither have seen what they described, nor heard what was said.

dam Hord, who had been a policeman for 35 years, could not identify any defendant. He told of taking shot out of a tree opposite the union lot. It will be shown by Defense witnesses that Hord fired his shot-gun. Hord said the shot in the tree were buckshot. This is his attempt to show that his own shot didn't kill Aderholt as the doctors testify that the chief of police was hit by No. 4 shot. As Hord himself admits he removed all the shot from the tree, where Aderholt fell, there is no way to show whether these "buckshot" were from Hord's gun or not.

Hord contradicted Sheriff Linsberger by saying that he took MacLaughlin, one of the strike defendants in this trial, from Gastonia to Shelby and obtained his confession. Linsberger said that he was the one who took MacLaughlin to Shelby, together with Carter, another of the seven on trial. This was when, by third degree methods, they forced the so-called "confessions" from the two strikers, that they had fired.

Hord admitted that they had no warrants on the night of June 7. He denied that he had been indicted a number of times for illegal (Continued on Page Three)

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NEEDLE WORKERS CONFERENCE TONIGHT AT IRVING PLAZA

To Discuss Gastonia Defense, Relief

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trades have been especially active during the Gastonia campaign in raising funds and protests, and have determined that even greater pressure must be brought to bear to save the workers from living death. Ben Gold, Ross Worthy, Louis Hyman, and other well known leaders will speak tonight at 7.

Contribute \$2,000.
The Relief Committee for the Prisoners in Lithuania has sent another contribution of \$500 to the International Labor Defense for Gastonia defense, raising their total to \$2,000. A branch of this organization in South Africa has sent approximately \$50 from their far-off land to help the Gastonia prisoners.

Milwaukee Active.
Juliet Stuart Poyntz, now on a national tour as an I. L. D. organizer, will speak in Milwaukee tomorrow night in Harmonic Hall, when a conference of workers' organizations will be held to increase the membership of the International Labor Defense, during the 50,000 membership drive, and for the aid of Gastonia.

English Workers Protesting.
The following facts appeared in English working-class newspapers on Gastonia: "The International Class War Prisoners Aid (British section) have written to the American section for a Gastonia textile strike to come to England in order to conduct a two months' campaign on behalf of the Gastonia prisoners. This will commence at the Trafalgar Square demonstration on Oct. 27."

"No meeting must go by without definite reference being made to the Gastonia case in order to mobilize the British workers in defence of their American comrades."

"The American ambassador must be flooded with resolutions of protest. Demonstrations against the Gastonia bosses have been held in Liverpool and Newcastle-on-Tyne. In Newcastle workers demonstrated outside the U. S. consulate. The Consul refused to see them. In Liverpool and Plymouth demonstrations to the American consulates raised much support."

Workers in Chicago are meeting tonight in Peoples Auditorium, 2457 W. Chicago Ave., when Juliet Stuart Poyntz will talk on Gastonia. A memorial meeting for Ella May will be held in Detroit Sunday, Oct. 13, 8 p. m. when Ben Wells, N. T. W. U. organizer will speak. The meeting will be held in Danceland Auditorium at Woodward Ave. near Forest.

Workers Calendar

ILLINOIS

Chicago Red Festival and Dance. A red festival and dance will be given by Section 4 of the Communist Party on October 12, 8 p. m., at District Headquarters, 2021 W. Division St., for the benefit of the District Workers School.

INDIANA

Gary Mass Meet for Gastonia. Gary workers will hold a mass meeting for Gastonia prisoners on Monday, October 12, in the afternoon at Turner Hall, Juliet Stuart Poyntz in the I. L. D. will speak.

MICHIGAN

Detroit Activities.

Detroit functionaries meeting of the Communist Party Friday, October 11, 7:30 p. m. General membership meeting Friday, November 1, 7:30 p. m. Welcome to Polish Party paper, "Wyzwolenie" (Liberation)—Yomans Hall, 604 Yomans Ave., Hamtramck. Concert for Gastonia by Aldo Chock, Lithuanian Hall, 25th and Verner Highway, October 13, 8 p. m.

Detroit Program For Gastonia.

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2 p. m.: Ella May Wiggins Memorial Meeting at Danceland Auditorium, Woodward Ave. near Forest. Speaker: Ben Wells, of Gastonia.

Saturday, Oct. 19, 8 p. m.: Concert and dance for Gastonia, given by Women's Branch I.L.D. at Kinder Theater, 438 Kenilworth.

Sunday, Oct. 20, 8 p. m.: Grand concert for Gastonia, given by the I.L.D. at Finnish Hall, 14th and McChesney.

Sunday, Oct. 20, 8 p. m.: Dance and entertainment for Gastonia, given by Northern Progressive Ladies' Society at Carpenter's Hall, 221 Alger.

Sunday, Oct. 27, 1 p. m.: City-wide joint I.L.D.-W.R. Conference for Relief and Defense at I.L.D. Hall, 2782 Woodward Ave.

Sunday, Oct. 27, 4 p. m.: Gastonia protest demonstration in Cadillac Square.

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 8 p. m.: Movie "A Trip to the Soviet Union" and "Gastonia" given by W.R. in Danceland Auditorium, Woodward near Forest.

OHIO

Miss Mary Wiggins Meet in Detroit.

Detroit workers will protest the murder of Ella May Wiggins at a mass meeting at Danceland Auditorium, Woodward near Forest, Sunday, Oct. 13, at 2 p. m. Principal speaker, Ben Wells, Gastonia textile organizer, beaten by mill boss mob.

PENNSYLVANIA

Phila. Y. C. L. Dance.

The third annual dance of the Y. C. L. will be held at the Progressive Library, 622 Grand Avenue on Saturday evening, October 12, Admission 25c.

Murze District 14 Headquarters.

The District Office of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League of District 14 (Antiochville) has been moved from 205 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to Room 308, Adams Building, 602 Linden St., Scranton, Pa.

THE WORKING WOMEN REPORT ON CONDITIONS

Tell of Speed-Up and Discrimination

Many industries were represented at the Women's Conference of the TUUL Convention in Cleveland. Not only were the needle trades and textiles represented, but there were also women from heavy and basic industries.

The Chicago plant of the Western Electric Company, said to be the largest single plant in the country, sent a delegate. She reported that there is a shop committee in the plant which issues a regular shop bulletin. This is so well liked by the workers that they eagerly buy it, and the bulletin pays for itself. The conditions for women and girls are very bad, even worse than for men.

The women work 50 hours a week, but often are forced to work overtime in order to earn a little more. The year paid piece work or 31 cents an hour. Men and boys receive 53 cents an hour. In order to be sure they can stand the terrible speed-up, a physical examination is given every girl and only the strongest is hired. Women over 30 are turned down. Of the 33,000 workers in the plant, 33,000 are women and young girls. There is also discrimination against Jewish workers, the company hoping to divide the workers on the race question.

Rationalization has resulted in laying off many of the workers. In 1928 there were nearly 64,000 workers, but in 1928 there were only 56,000. No where are even less.

When a worker has stood the job for a year, he is granted one week's vacation with pay by the boss. This is a result of the shop's bulletin, an effort to keep the workers quiet about the other conditions. There is no social insurance, no compensation for accidents, even. Each year a girl works, she is given a one cent raise per hour!

A miner's wife from Wheeling, W. Va., reported on the activity of women during the strike. She told particularly of the soup kitchens which fed the children of the strikers. Organization work among the miner's wives of Wheeling will be increased, she said, as she got inspiration from the Convention.

The delegate from the Wheeling Corrugated Steel shop reported that about half of the 2,000 workers are girls. They work 12 and 14 hours a day at 23 cents an hour. Even men get only 30 cents an hour. They are forced to work in the evening, straight through from noon to 8:30 without any rest. If they go to the wash room they are docked for the time.

The speed-up has been introduced, and on the testing machine where 8 girls used to work, only two out the production now. They are forced to work in terrific heat, and the bosses laugh at the idea of electric fans. Naturally the girls often faint, but they are not allowed to go home unless they cannot stand up at all. If you are late one minute, 15 minutes is taken off your time. Conditions are so bad that no visitors are allowed near the factory. The workers have a shop committee and are waking up to their conditions.

The waitress delegate told of the evils of the topping system. The worker saves 10 hours a day but get only \$7 in wages. Yet of the 50,000 waitresses and cooks, only 172 girls are in the union. This is due to the corrupt officials, as there were 6,000 organized six years ago. The cafeteria workers do not even get tips. Men scab on the girls, as the union has done nothing to build up solidarity. None of the 10,000 Negroes are in the union. Now the progressive groups are calling meetings and conferences to build organizations.

The delegate from the left wing office workers' union pointed out that even office work is becoming mechanical. The girls are gradually becoming aroused, and are joining the new union.

Scranton, Pa. This change of address takes effect immediately. Send all mail, parcels, express, etc. to Room 308, Adams Building, 602 Linden St., Scranton, Pa.

I. L. D. Moves in Wilkes-Barre. The District Office of the International Labor Defense of the Anthracite District has been moved from 205 South Main St., Wilkes-Barre, to Room 308, Adams Building, 602 Linden St., Scranton, Pa.

A youth mass meeting for Gastonia relief and defense will be held Oct. 11 at 85 James St., Max Harris, N. T. W. U. youth organizer, just back from Gastonia, will speak.

Pittsburgh Youth Conference For Gastonia. A conference of youth organizations for defense and relief of southern strikers will be held at 805 James St., Oct. 12. All youth organizations are urged to send delegates. Communicate with Joe Dallett, 895 James St.

Big Phila. Gastonia Meet. A large conference for Gastonia defense and relief is called for October 11 to be held at the Grand Fraternal Hall, 1828 Arch St. All delegates elected by organizations are urged to attend.

Philadelphia W.R. Benefit. W.R. benefit afternoon, Oct. 19, at Hedgerow Theatre, Rosa Valley, Pa. Play will be "Shanney," a comedy of the Russian civil war. Tickets can be bought at 39 N. 10th St., 1124 Spring Garden St., 317 S. 5th St., 2800 N. 33rd St., and 1400 North 43rd St.

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Juliet S. Poyntz in Milwaukee.

I. L. D. of Milwaukee will hear Juliet Stuart Poyntz on Gastonia at Harmonic Hall, First Ave. and Mineral St., Wednesday, October 9. All workers invited.

Working Women Hold Conference to Assist Gastonia Case Defense

A special conference of all working women's organizations of New York City and the outlying vicinity is called to add their combined energies in the struggle to free the seven textile leaders now facing trial. The conference is scheduled for Thursday evening, Oct. 24, to take place at Irving Plaza Hall, 15 St. and Irving Pl.

Through the initiative of six women's organizations, the call was sent out today by the Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Committee, from the New York headquarters at 799 Broadway. Each organization is urged to send two delegates.

BISCUIT WORKERS OUT ON STRIKE

80 Per Cent Girls in Fight on Speed-Up

The 1,500 workers of the Loose-Wiles Sunshine Biscuit Company of Kansas City, 80% of whom are young girls, went out on strike last week. They struck against the new scheme of rationalization of the bosses, the "manit" plan. They went out spontaneously in a 100% walk-out. The bosses answered their walk-out with the threat that the work would be done in the Long Island plant.

In immediate answer to this threat, the New York Local of the Food Workers Industrial League issued a leaflet to the workers of the Long Island plant. They called upon the New York workers to refuse to scab, but to stand solidly with their brothers and sisters in Kansas City. The leaflet points out that the workers here are faced with same conditions as those in the west—long hours, low wages, and the rationalization schemes making even more harsh the threat of unemployment. It shows that the Loose Wiles company is a national corporation, controlled by Wall Street, piling up profits from the miserable conditions of the workers.

"Kansas City and Long Island workers both wear the same prison-striped uniforms of wage-slavery," the leaflet says. "Long hours and low wages are their common lot, with unemployment as a continual menace. The new speed-up and percentage wages system brings not only reduction in pay, but means a reduction in workers, with more and more out of jobs."

"The answer of the workers must be the building up of shop committees to protect their interest."

The leaflet closes with slogans "Down With the Manit System." Refuse to fill scab orders! Spread the strike!

The workers received the leaflet eagerly and much heated discussion was carried on.

Women Workers Back Communist Party in Oct. 17 Gastonia Meet

New York working women will demonstrate in solidarity with the Gastonia strikers while pledging their support to the Party which consistently champions their interests—the Communist Party—at a mass meeting at Irving Plaza Hall, Irving Place and 15th St., at 8 p. m. Thursday, Oct. 17.

The necessity of supporting the Communist candidates—William W. Weinstein, for Mayor; Otto Hall, for comptroller; and Harry M. Wicks, for aldermanic president—will be explained by prominent Party leaders.

"Not only in Gastonia, but right here in New York, workers who struggle for better conditions are cruelly attacked and terrorized by the united forces of the bosses, the government, the capitalist political parties, and the reactionary labor fakery of all stripes," the Party declares in its appeal for mass support of the meeting.

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FRUIT TRUCKERS STRIKE SPREADS; 4,000 OUT TODAY

Solidarity Pledged by T. U. U. L.

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that many freight handlers and railroad workers were idle yesterday, while 700 more teamsters and chauffeurs, working at the Harlem Market, quit in sympathy with the members of Local 202 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Chauffeurs, and another group of 500 Newark men, affiliated with Local 308, were called out last night. The Jersey City and Hoboken markets were already tied up.

The strike spread to as far out of town as Newburgh, N. Y., where 500 truck drivers quit work in sympathy with the local truckmen last night. There were also rumors that the Longshoremen's Union may be called out, bringing about a really complete paralysis of the city's supply of fruit and vegetables.

Huge details of mounted, motorcycle and foot police have been patrolling the strike zones here and in other affected centers since the beginning of the strike, and although picketing has been going on before all of the struck markets, police provocation has so far failed to create an opportunity to break up the picket lines on the score of "preserving order."

West Street along the Hudson River and the streets on which the wholesale produce and commission merchants' houses are located, are piled high with cases and bags of fruit and produce. The only deliveries allowed by the strikers are those consigned to hospitals and homes for the aged and infirm. The only effort to move produce Sunday night was in Jersey City, where a number of boss truckmen unloaded some of the freight cars under the protection of a heavy police guard.

Mayor Walker and Acting Governor Lehman told the bosses yesterday that they stood ready to do everything possible to force the strikers back to work before their demands are met. Federal and state sell-out artists were expected to attend a meeting of the boss truckmen, owners and operators of the fruit trucks, and the fruit and produce trade association called for 6 o'clock last night.

The contractors are seeking a higher cartage rate before granting the demands of their workers, pretending that on their present margin of profit they "cannot afford" the union demand for an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime.

This stand, in conjunction with the threatened embargo, is seen as a clever ruse designed to alienate from the strikers the sympathy of other New York workers, as increased cartage rates would automatically hoist retail prices.

The tie-up has not yet made itself felt in the neighborhood stores, the supplies laid in on Saturday having sufficed for the week-end, but beginning with this morning

Window Cleaner Killed Workers Meet Tonight To Consider Walk-Out

Mike Iwaskiw, 38, a window cleaner, was killed when he fell yesterday afternoon from the fifth story of the building at 32 Union Square where he was working. Though still alive when picked up and rushed to the New York Hospital he died here shortly afterwards. He leaves a widow and three small children who are without means of support.

A Ukrainian, Iwaskiw was a member of Window Cleaners Protective Union, Local 8, for many years and was one of its most militant members, according to Harry Feinstein, union secretary. During the last window cleaners' strike two years ago he spent 20 days in jail for picketing.

To remedy conditions responsible for such accidents the Window Cleaners Protective Union may soon call a strike. A mass meeting of the organized and unorganized window cleaners of Greater New York and vicinity tonight at 7:30 at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St., will consider plans for the strike that may be called when the present agreement expires Oct. 15. In addition to proper safety devices, the union is demanding the 40-hour, five-day week, a ten percent increase in the minimum wage, adequate compensation insurance and equal division of work during slack periods.

Ukrainian Workers Give \$330 for Tractor Fund

At a meeting Friday night in the Manhattan Lyceum, the Ukrainian Workers Club raised \$330 for the truck and tractor campaign of the F. S. U., the members pledging themselves to purchase at least one tractor for presentation to the Soviet fliers upon their arrival in New York. The membership also voted to present the Land of the Soviets with a silk banner commemorating the Moscow to New York flight at the reception in Madison Square Garden on Oct. 19.

Aids Gastonia Strikers

The Fellowship of Reconciliation, at their conference in Haverford College, near Philadelphia, discussed the reign of terror at Gastonia, and after an appeal by Jeanette Pearl, contributed \$30 to the defense fund of the Gastonia prisoners.

A steadily growing movement among intellectuals and liberals is now operating in behalf of the Gastonia prisoners.

housewives may have difficulty in getting greens and fruits.

Nearly all drivers employed in other branches of trucking have been conceded the demands for which the fruit men are striking, it was pointed out by rank and file members of the union, and it is inevitable that these workers obtain terms already granted to their fellows.

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce, in offering the use of Bronx Terminal Market to the shippers, was met by the threat of the workers

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TO ORGANIZE AUTO UNION IN BIGGEST SHOPS

Organize; Convention Scheduled Feb. 1

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ated. Already large shop locals have been organized in the Ford and Chrysler-Dodge plants.

Plans have been made to organize a strong Murray Body shop local this week as well as locals in Hudson's Briggs, Fisher Body and other such shops where we have many members of the union working.

The Provisional Committee is affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League and is working under the general guidance and with the cooperation of the T. U. U. L. in building a strong provisional organization that will culminate in the convention scheduled to take place here, February 1 and 2.

Organize Unemployed. The Provisional Committee took up the question of growing unemployment in the auto industry and the general worsening of conditions. It is drawing up plans to organize the unemployed into a general auto workers unemployment council.

The Auto Workers News, the union mouth-piece, is being transformed from a monthly to a weekly paper. Corps are being organized to sell the weekly at the factory gates daily.

Shop gate meetings are being held mornings and noons and meet with great solidarity and militancy on the part of the workers despite police attempts to break them up.

The call for the National Convention is being sent into all sections of the country where the auto industry is located and the Provisional Committee, with Philip Frankfeld as chairman of the organization and Philip Raymond as organization secretary, is getting down to the task of working for a big delegation of auto workers to the February 1 Convention.

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British Trade Union Officials Try Vainly to Break Strike of London Busmen

MILITANTS STRIVE TO BROADEN WALKOUT OF 500 WHO STRUGGLE AGAINST MATES' VICTIMIZATION

Union Officials Denounce Strike as Work of National Minority Movement

Men Persist in Struggle Despite Orders by Officials to Return to Work

LONDON, Oct. 8.—Five hundred London busmen are striking despite orders of the trade union officials to return to work. The strike commenced Saturday in the London suburb of Barking, owing to the discharge of two conductors who refused to use the time-recorder because the latter was dangerously placed.

The union executive issued a public telegram denouncing the strike as the work of the National Minority Movement (Left Wing) and ordering the workers to return to work. Militants are striving to extend the strike.

GASTON WITNESS CONFESSES BRIBE

Ford Admits Killings Previous to Raid

(Continued from Page One) arrests. He did admit to "helping to kill one man."

"Did he die?" asked Attorney Jimison of the defense.

"He shore did," Ford answered with pride.

This killing, Ford said, took place in South Carolina, where he was not an officer, and he had no warrant for the man's arrest. Ford also killed a boy a few years ago, but was acquitted.

The courtroom went into an uproar when Hurd admitted that he was indicted in Cleveland County for disorderly conduct, when he rode his horse into a church.

"But I have stopped drinking," said Ford, in extenuation.

Ford contradicted the other witnesses when he said he had given Ferguson, another of Aderholt's followers in the attack on the tent colony a rifle when they got out of the auto there.

H. C. Jackson, another of the policemen who accompanied Aderholt, admitted, under cross-examination, that he did not make any arrests in the afternoon when the Lora thugs tried to break up a meeting by throwing eggs and stones at Beal, attacking Clarence Miller, one of the workers on trial and firing a shot. He denied using brutality in breaking up picket lines just before the police went down to attack the union headquarters to disarm the guards in preparation for the murderous assault of the Manville Jencks Committee of 100.

Attorney Jimison brought out clearly that Jackson, like other witnesses, found it convenient to forget everything said at the strike meeting except what the prosecution alleges Beal said, and which they think will incriminate him. When Jimison made sarcastic remarks about Jackson's poor memory, and convenient forgetfulness, Jackson invented a story about writing down Beal's alleged statements in a little red book. However, he "had forgotten to bring this book to court."

There will be a mass meeting next Saturday at the old City Auditorium in Charlotte, as part of the program of the Southern Textile Workers' Conference. The speakers will be George Maurer, of the International Labor Defense; James Reide, president of the National Textile Workers' Union; Hugo Oehler, southern organizer of the N. T. W. U.; Tetherow, an dthe released defendants in the Gastonia case; Russell Knight, Delmar Hampton, K. O. Byers, and Sophie Melvin.

The Southern Textile Workers' Conference starts Saturday, Oct. 12, in Charlotte, and is assured large delegations from N. M. U. locals' mill committees and organization group sail over the textile belt, and some delegates from locals of the United Textile Workers' Union, locals which do not agree with the sell-out policy of the U. T. W. officials.

On the 13th, there will be in Charlotte the Southern Convention of the Trade Union Educational League with representatives not only from textile mills, but from all the other industries of the South, to lay broad basis for organization work.

The results of these two conferences will be the stimulation of active resistance, on a wide front, against the speed-up, the low wages, and the bad conditions of Southern factory work.

CAN'T FIND EDITORIALS.

The Weekly People, organ of a counter-revolutionary sect known as the socialist labor party, states that the Daily Worker, reduced to four pages, has ceased publishing editorials. Being an imitator of the American capitalist press, both in content and make-up, the ignorant editors have been transferred to the left-hand side of the first page, where major political questions are analyzed each day.

Mukden Reported in Split With Nanking Over C. E. R. Policy

SHANGHAI, Oct. 8.—Although Nanking reports state that Chang Fak-wei is "trapped" with his "Ironsides" army in the mountains of Hunan, the report of a new mutiny of 1,500 Nanking troops sent to Ichang against Chang, does not bear out Nanking's story of the collapse of Chang's revolt. At Ichang foreigners prepared to evacuate. In Kwangtung and Kwangsi the conflicting nature of reports indicates anything but solidarity for Nanking, while still another American destroyer has been sent to Canton in view of expected battles.

In the North, it is persistently reported that Wellington Koo, who negotiated the 1924 treaty between Peking and the Soviet Union on the Chinese Eastern Railway and who, since the fall of Peking has been a refugee in Europe with a price on his head, has been called to administer the Mukden "government" to negotiate a settlement with the Soviet Union independently of Nanking. While Nanking hotly denies that Mukden has broken with it, the fact remains that Wellington Koo is actually in Mukden without Mukden taking any action against him as Nanking policy would dictate.

erful weapon in the hand of the bosses and is used against the militant miners who are victimized at every turn.

To understand the extreme importance of this industry on the Mesaba Range, one need only know that three-fourths of the total iron ore production in the country is mined there.

As a basic industry the bosses are using every means to keep the workers employed in it away from organization. To further this the company in many sections refuse houses to foreign born workers, and try to use the native workers against them. In the struggle of the working class for the Defense of the Soviet Union and Against Imperialist War, the organization of the metal miners plays an important role.

Enemies of Labor. In Minnesota and Upper Michigan, whilst not going any organization work, the A. F. L. betrays the miners through the Farmer Labor Party. Every move for struggle is met by pessimism and sabotage. A. F. L. leaders like Mr. McEwen, editor of the Labor World, Duluth, uses his paper openly as an instrument for the steel trust against the miners. Chauncey Peterson of Duluth, Farmer Labor legislator and A. F. L. stalwart, was recently exposed as a stool pigeon in the pay of the steel trust. This rat has been an obstacle in the way of organization for some time.

The I. W. W. in the metal mining fields has degenerated into one of the worst obstacles in the organization drive. Every move for organization is opposed by them unless directed towards the stagnant I. W. W. Existing as it does on its past fighting record, the I. W. W. is quickly breaking up for want of a concrete organizational program.

Standing out as the only force able and willing to organize the metal miners is the National Miners Union. This militant union has led heroic struggles in the coal fields

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SOCIALISTS IN BIG SWINDLE OF MUNICIPAL BANK

Workers to Dig Into Socialist Graft

(Wireless to Improcorr.)

BERLIN, Oct. 7.—Concerning the million mark swindle of the Berlin municipal bank by the brothers Sklarek, the Communist organ, "Rote Fahne" publishes disclosures proving that socialists introduced the Sklareks into business and facilitated their swindles.

The "Rote Fahne" proves that the Municipal Clothing Utilization company, deliberately permitted the Sklarek firm to deliver shoddy in the year 1921, whereby the company went bankrupt with a deficit of 15,000,000 marks.

Kieburg then was promoted to the post of director of the All-Berlin Clothing undertaking, where Kieburg and the Sklareks continued the game, with the result that this second company went bankrupt, with 1,300,000 marks deficit. This second company was deliberately bankrupted in order to permit the Sklareks to buy the business cheaply.

This socialist, Kieburg, also committed forgeries of large bills of exchange, but socialist authorities hushed the matter up. Many other socialists are involved, and the social democrats are moving heaven and earth to stop the "Rote Fahne" exposures, having prohibited the pasting of "Rote Fahne" posters on billboards.

The Communist Party, plus other workers' organizations, have formed a proletarian committee for investigation into the Sklarek scandal in order to find answers to the following questions:

Who brought the Sklareks into business? What politicians and officials were constant guests of the Sklareks at races, hunting parties and banquets? Where are the stolen millions?

(Wireless to Improcorr.)

BERLIN, Oct. 8.—The disclosures in the Communist paper "Rote Fahne" concerning the Sklarek swindle is causing a panic among the socialists. The paper today publishes a report of the persons who received "presents" from the Sklarek brothers, among whom is Berlin's mayor Herr Boess, at present in New York City, and a number of other prominent socialists.

Liebert, a prominent socialist and director of the big Berlin municipal undertaking, is now suspended following the disclosures in the "Rote Fahne" accusing Liebert of gigantic swindles with the Sklareks.

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DELEGATES TO VISIT U. S. S. R.

Group of Workers to Observe 5 Year Plan

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proletarian fatherland; while the various capitalist governments in their congresses speak about peace, their secret diplomacy is to make a common conspiracy to bring about war against the Soviet Union.

You're Invited. The Soviet Union, the country which freed itself from capitalism, the land of the workers and peasants, calls upon you, working men and women, to come and see for yourself what is going on in Soviet Russia. Soviet Russia has nothing to hide. The workers and peasants want to show the workers of the world their success in building socialism in every field. Workers from France, England, Germany, the world over, will come and celebrate, together with the Russian workers and peasants, the Twelfth Year of successful proletarian revolution.

"The fact that the workers and peasants are inviting workers of the world to come and see their achievements is a slap in the face of the bourgeois and socialist lies about Soviet Russia.

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IN THE SHOPS

Rottenest Food to Punish Deserters Jailed in Army

(By an Ex-Soldier Correspondent)

This is the conclusion of a letter from a former military prisoner, who tells of the brutality at the Governor's Island detention barracks.

I worked the coal pile in winter. We shoveled coal in canvas bags which was put on a motor truck and delivered by us into the boiler rooms of the officers' homes.

General prisoners can't get a cent of pay for their hard labor. In civil life, for the same work, we'd get about \$5 a day. The food served us was very poor in quality. We were fed about twice a day on slum (stew). We were not tired of it so often. When we'd get scrambled eggs for breakfast we'd only get a tablespoonful of it.

Often we'd get a change in menu from stew to hash. When they served dessert at a meal it usually was something that did not cost much, such as stewed prunes.

I'll never forget one day for supper we had hash. At about 2 a. m., at the same time, all of us were stricken with ptomaine poisoning caused by the hash we had eaten.

Once, while I was there an officer

from the inspector-general's department inspected the prison. He was also to inspect the dining room at dinner time. Because of that, we had steak for dinner.

I was told once, that general prisoners according to army regulations, are to get a food allowance, even more than men in the service because of their hard labor.

The officers, who were stationed at the prison, I believe made plenty of money out of the food they deprived us of.

The poor food ruined our health, decaying our teeth. Nearly all the prisoners confined there and at all army posts are in for desertion or absence without leave. Many desert because of the inhuman conditions in the service.

The army law book is filled with laws, to bind us to blind obedience. For the least offence one is put in the guardhouse and tried. Many also desert because they see they have small chance to learn a trade, about one chance in several hundreds.

Next to poverty due to unemployment, low wages, a desire to learn a trade is the second major reason why men join the army.

EX-SOLDIER.

CANNERY SLAVES WELCOME T.U.U.L.

Oakland Workers Have Enough of Slavery

(By a Worker Correspondent)

OAKLAND, Cal. (By Mail).—Seven truck drivers were fired recently for sympathizing with the strikers in August and this created a bitter feeling against the company.

Workers' shop committee issued a bulletin, which was welcomed by the workers. All took the bulletin eagerly and openly flaunted it in the face of the bosses. The forelady ran out of the cannery trying to claw the distributors of these bulletins, but the workers only laughed at her and cheered the distributors.

Two T. U. U. L. members came to speak at the cannery gates recently during noon hour. The enthusiastic workers rushed out to hear them, but the boss got ahead and locked the gates, commanding the women to return to their work. The speakers were arrested an dheld incommunicado without any charges against them till next morning, when they were released. The women throughout the plant were indignant and showed it in their remarks.

One woman worker rushed out crying: "Let's see what it is about; let's protest against this." Others grabbed the leaflets through the windows and fence. General commotion existed for an hour. The boss fired the worker who shouted. He narrowly missed a walkout in his plant.

The A. F. of L. labor rakers did not see the need to organize this industry and the T. U. U. L. is openly welcomed here.—Anne Alden.

Build Up the United Front of the Working Class From the Bottom Up—at the Enterprises!

all industries, automobiles, textile, metal, coal, needle trades, farmers, co-operatives, etc., to select one or two delegates to participate in this Twelfth Anniversary Celebration. The only expense for each delegate will be steamer from New York to the Russian border and return, which will amount to \$200. Our aim is to acquaint the workers with the facts. Workers who are not yet convinced about the Soviet Union should go and see with their own eyes. Shops and factories where the workers are interested in sending delegates should write to us at 175 Fifth Ave., Room 512, New York City.

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Demagoguery and Fascism

There are a number of factors which differentiate fascism from other forms of bourgeois dictatorship. As distinct from a purely military dictatorship (which in recent times, it is true, tries to strengthen its position—and with a fair success—by creating fascist support for itself), all forms of fascism are based upon broad mass organization whose activities are contrasted with the failure of bourgeois parliamentarism and which (otherwise the masses could not be won for fascism) use a certain "anti-capitalist" phraseology, and refrain from appearing openly as representatives of capital.

Fascism is differentiated from the terror exercised against the working class by a parliamentary democracy (a terror which in its outward manifestations may be just as brutal as fascist terror), in that it justifies its terrorist actions, not from the formal standpoint of the "will of the majority," but by the particular weight of the interests it represents.

To bourgeois democracy it opposes the "organic membership of society" by the cooperation of various group organizations—fascism does not deny class contradictions; it merely maintains that they can be overcome within the framework of "common interests." In this way it seeks to organize the anger of the masses at the paralytic of parliamentarism in a manner which involves no danger to the rule of finance capital, and, when bourgeois democracy fails, tries to still the anger for the maintenance of bourgeois class rule in other forms.

For the working class movement, the particular danger of fascism lies in its use of demagoguery as well as terror, lies in the fact that it awakens among the workers the illusion that the dictatorship, which it is anxious to establish, or has succeeded in establishing, is not the rule of their class enemy, but the result of their own work.

In this sense, of course, fascism is the general tendency of the development of bourgeois democracy in the period of capitalist decline. The growth of internal and external contradictions necessarily leads to an intensification of the white terror against the proletariat, and also makes the parliamentary democratic form of bourgeois class rule and less useful for finance capital.

On the other hand, the increasing difficulties and working class revolt, which is drawing more workers into the struggle, necessitates the creation of bases of support within the working class, support which is won by the corruption of the labor aristocracy. The smaller this aristocracy becomes, because of growing difficulties, the closer, by way of compensation, grows its connection with finance capital.

For this limited group to fulfill its role of binding the greatest possible number of workers to the policy of finance capital, it must convince them that the tendencies in the development of imperialism—increasing monopolization and trustification, state capitalism, the enrollment of members of the labor aristocracy in the executive organs of bourgeois class rule—are means of overcoming "the bad side of capitalism." This is but a paraphrase of the fascist ideal of the "organic state," of "structural democracy."

The organizational concentration of the national economy by means of state capitalism in the interests of finance capital, appears as the "supercession of private capital," and the use of degenerate working class elements to suppress their class comrades as the "participation of the working class in the management of industry."

These basic elements of fascist ideology will, in the conditions of the Third Period, develop to a greater or lesser degree all over the imperialist world.

Socialist Construction in USSR

By J. L.

The decree of the 27th of August concerning the introduction of the uninterrupted working week is, one may confidently say, of world historical importance. It represents an alteration of the economic methods taken over from the bourgeoisie, it represents an improvement which must be adopted in every country where the proletariat is victorious. With the application of the uninterrupted working week, it will be possible to increase the production of all mechanical and similar productive units by a fourth and even by a third.

The emancipation of the proletariat from the yoke of capitalism, the abolition of exploitation and of anarchy, the abandonment of the traditions and prejudices of the bourgeois order will make it possible for the proletariat to offer toiling humanity a considerably higher standard of life with the same amount of effort. In consequence of its socialist systemization of the economic leadership of the country, and the useful application of tremendous resources which were formerly wasted unproductively by the bourgeoisie and the rich landowners, the Soviet Union has already achieved a quicker tempo of development.

The growth of the feeling of social responsibility amongst the toilers and the real successes which have already been obtained, now make it possible to take a new step and introduce the uninterrupted working week into the factories and offices. The gradual introduction of the uninterrupted working week into all state and other bureaus in the Soviet Union would in any case be the inevitable result of the uninterrupted productive activity of industry. All institutions serve in some way or another industry or the persons occupied in industry, and the working methods of these institutions must correspond to those prevailing in industry. The introduction of the uninterrupted week in all factories and offices thus becomes a part of the program of the Communist International for all countries under a proletarian dictatorship.

We must be prepared, however, to repel all attempts of the bourgeoisie to worsen the situation of "their" workers and at the same time to appeal hypocritically and dishonestly to our example.

We are introducing the uninterrupted working week into the factories, but every worker will enjoy just as many free days in the year as previously. He will not work more hours yearly than before. This principle has been clearly laid down in the decree. All that will be changed will be the distribution of the free days over the year. Broadly, however, the capitalists would cling to the word "uninterrupted" and be inclined to rob the workers of all or a part of their free days by appealing to the example of "the Bolsheviks." We want our machines to work uninterruptedly, whereby we shall employ more workers and guarantee to each worker the full right of the free time previously enjoyed by him. In the Soviet Union the "uninterrupted" principle is an instrument for improving the general situation of the toilers and in particular for reducing unemployment. The capitalists, however, would force each worker to work uninterruptedly in order to employ a still smaller number of workers for the same machines. For the capitalists the "uninterrupted" principle would be a means for worsening the situation of the workers, a means for increasing the industrial reserve army.

The introduction of the uninterrupted working week in a great country like the Soviet Union must inevitably attract attention in the capitalist countries. Apart from all else, this measure means a considerable increase in the speed of economic development and thus an increase in the competitive capacity of the Soviet Union in the world economic system. Such factors will not be ignored by the capitalists. Therefore we can reckon confidently with a campaign of lies abroad concerning the uninterrupted working week. It will be declared that the uninterrupted working week robs the workers of their free time. At the same time, however, the capitalists, "in order to meet the competition of the Soviet Union" will, in fact, themselves make efforts to organize such a robbery of the workers' free time. The Communists of all countries must therefore be prepared to expose their enemies ideologically and to resist all attempts to worsen the situation of the proletariat by a capitalist offensive under "similar" slogans. In this connection the question of the uninterrupted working week is of special practical importance for the sections of the Comintern in all countries, even before the victory of the proletarian revolution, and not only in the Soviet Union. The Communist Parties abroad must fully inform themselves in order to be prepared to enlighten the proletariat concerning this question. The uninterrupted working week in the Soviet Union must be recognized by the workers of all countries as that which it really is: the expression of the social-progressive superiority of the socialist system over the capitalist system and as a powerful instrument for the continued improvement of the standard of life of the toilers.

UTW Official: "If You Would Let Me Organize Them, Sir, You Would Not Have This Trouble."

By Fred Ellis



Role of the Labor Government in England

By LEON PLOTT.

The sharpening of the class struggle of the exploited workers in the capitalist countries, the growing offensive of the oppressed colonial masses against world imperialism, the inability of capitalism to solve its basic inner and outer contradictions, leads the entire capitalist system to its inevitable downfall. It would be impossible for capitalism to maintain its power, if it would not succeed to exert its influences on large sections of the working class. The enemy of the working class is not only the bourgeoisie but also the agents of the bourgeoisie who operate in the ranks of the working class and thereby temporarily succeed to save capitalism from its destruction. The last imperialist war shattered capitalism to its foundation and created an acute revolutionary situation in a number of countries, where capitalism could no longer maintain its rule, the destruction of the capitalist state was averted only thru the treachery of the social patriots of the Second International. The British government came into power not with the purpose to fight capitalism and improve the conditions of the working class, on the contrary, it came to perpetuate the capitalist system and further exploit the British working class and the oppressed colonial people. All which was impossible for the British conservative government to carry through, the former Prime Minister Baldwin stated, is now being accomplished by the labor government. "In foreign affairs the socialist government has undoubtedly achieved a measure of success very large because there has been no break in continuity with the declared policy of its predecessors, the conservative government."

WHAT BROUGHT THE LABOR PARTY INTO POWER?

The coming of the Labor Party into power does not mean that the British working class became more conservative, or that it forgot the lessons of the general strike. On the contrary it shows the radicalization and the leftward drift of the British working class. The Labor Party would have never succeeded to get such a large vote if the masses would not be dissatisfied with the capitalist parties and the rule of the conservative government. The British working masses still nourished illusions, that through the labor government they will be able to carry on their fight against British capitalism, to repel the employers' class legislation of the conservative government, to give back the seven-hour day to the coal miners and to raise the standards of living of the working class. The desire to throw out the conservative government and an attempt for the last time to test the Labor Party. It is not only the social imperialist of the Labor Party leadership that we must see, but the masses of the British workers, who in their determination to struggle against British capitalism were ready to vote for the Labor Party and put it into power. The national and international policies of the Labor Party for the few months it was in power will definitely prove before the British working class that the Labor Party as the Communists have analyzed it to be only a third party of capitalism and the working class has nothing from it to expect and on the contrary must fight it.

THE LABOR GOVERNMENT—THE AGENT OF CAPITALIST RATIONALIZATION.

Since the war the British industry was in a continuous crisis, it still did not reach the pre-war level of production it was continually loosing on the world markets and systematically squeezed out by the more modern and superior methods of production of American imperialism. In the markets of Canada, Latin America, and Asia. The only way British industry could be improved and strengthen its competitive abilities on the world market is through a complete technical reorganization of its methods of production, all of which is done by lengthening hours, cutting wages, and increasing of the amount of production at the great expense of the British working class. It was not a mere coincidence that the lock-out of the 500,000 cotton workers took place under the labor government. The cotton manufacturers knew well that only with the help of the labor government will they be able to carry through their wage cut, impose upon the workers arbitrary decisions, make them operate more looms and cut the labor force.

While not even the meager promises made by the Labor Party during the elections are being carried through we see the labor government considering a plan for the merger of enterprises, particularly in the coal mining industry, which would only increase the number of unemployed miners and consolidate the fighting position of the mine owners.

Instead of increasing the unemployment dole, the labor government is considering granting subsidies to those industries where the small rate of profit does not attract the investment of new capital. Instead of increasing wages, shortening the working day, the labor government is forcing upon the workers arbitration and wage cuts. However, the most important function of the labor government will be to help the employers to introduce American methods of production, the speed-up system and other forms of capitalist rationalization. From all this the British working class has nothing to gain. Unemployment can only be increased and the standards of living lowered. The economic policy of the labor government was best expressed by Ben Tillett, the chairman of the Belfast Congress of British Trade Unions:

The congress has no competitors in the field of experience, and this experience is at the disposal of the nation, to rehabilitate our economic life, to reestablish our lost markets, to open new channels of commerce and modernize our methods of production and distribution." (Our emphasis.)

Naturally the policy to stimulate the process of capitalist rationalization is connected with the task of supporting the economic expansion of British imperialism, the prohibition of all strikes which would embarrass the labor government and forcing upon the workers arbitration. In other words the British labor government becoming an integral part of the British imperialism will do everything to sacrifice the interests of the workers for the sake of the national bourgeoisie.

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THE LABOR GOVERNMENT—THE SAVIOR OF THE EMPIRE.

"If this government (meaning the conservative government L.P.) would be in power for another ten years, then we would have to lose India as part of the British empire." So declared Tom Shaw, the minister of war of the present labor government. According to that statement it means that the tasks of the labor government is to preserve the empire of the British empire. The colonial policy of the labor government certainly bears this out. The recent Anglo Egyptian treaty concluded by the foreign minister, Mr. Henderson, with Mahmud Pasha, the fascist dictator of Egypt, which was hailed by the Second International as a victory over British imperialism, shows how through the empty pacifist phrases the British empire is being preserved. Though the treaty formally recognizes the independence of Egypt yet the explanatory notes accompanying the treaty provide for the retention of British troops in the territory of the Suez Canal, the British Egyptian army is to be organized and trained only by British officers. The military dictatorship of George Loyde is to be replaced by a special military mission, which means the same thing. British police is to be retained in Egypt for a period of five years and British officers are to control the Egyptian police force for the same period. The mixed courts are to be retained and the reversal of the decisions of these courts can only be done upon unanimous agreements of all powers concerned. The treaty also provides that the territory of the Sudan region is to be under the joint control of Britain and Egypt and is to send there only one battalion of Egyptian soldiers. The London Times stated that this treaty British imperialism proposed yet ten years ago and that Chamberlain himself wanted to conclude such treaty only for ten years while Henderson made it for 25 years. In reality the oppressed Egyptian peasants gained nothing from this treaty, the labor government only succeeded to bribe the Egyptian nationalists and thereby perpetuate the British imperialist rule in Egypt.

In China the labor government is continuing the same imperialist policy of its predecessor. Henderson successfully concluded the negotiations begun by Chamberlain and made a treaty with the Nanking government whereby Chinese officers are to be trained in England and a British military mission was sent to China to reorganize the Chinese navy. When Henderson was the chairman of the Second International, the Brussels Congress passed a resolution on the colonial question in which it declared that China is mature enough to be an independent country and all extra-territorial rights are to be abolished. However, when the Chinese government called upon the labor government to abolish its extra-territorial right in China their demand was categorically rejected. The same was the action concerning abolition of the mixed courts in China.

The imperialist role of the labor government was best demonstrated by its action of suppressing in a monstrous bath of blood the revolt of the Arabian masses in Palestine. Was there any difference between the labor government and the conservatives in its slaughter of the Arabian peasants by the use of bombs and machine guns by British troops and the Zionist fascist agents of British imperialism in Palestine? Have the Arabian masses to expect something better from the labor government than what they got from the imperialist government of Lloyd George? At the present congress of the British Labor Party the colonial imperialist policy of the labor government was made very clear by its foreign minister, Henderson. "We have no intention of reconsidering the British tenure of the Palestine mandate. There is no question of altering our position in regard to the mandate or in the policy laid down in the Balfour declaration in 1917."

The colonial policy of the labor government in India was yet demonstrated in 1924, when the Labor Party came first into power. Today the reformists of British Trade Unions are cooperating with the British bourgeoisie and the British Indian government in breaking the strike of the Bombay textile workers, in railroad the strike leaders in the famous Meerut trial. The promises of Independence to India was completely forgotten and will never be granted. The British labor government appointed one of its members, Ben Wedgwood, as the colonial secretary for India who yet on March 8th declared that the Indian nationalists are going too far, that their demands will never be granted by the British parliament. This is the colonial policy of the labor government, this is the social imperialist role of the Second International.

THE GOVERNMENT OF IMPERIALIST WARS.

The labor government came into power on a platform of "peace." Peace in industry and in international relations. The disarmament negotiations between MacDonald and Hoover do lessen the war danger. Imperialist war preparations does not exclude pacifist talk of disarmament. On the contrary under the cloak of pacifism and meaningless disarmament conferences the imperialist powers best carry on their war preparations. The contradictions between the imperialist powers are so great that they could not be solved by peaceful disarmament conferences. This fact was definitely established by the Tenth Plenum of the Communist International:

"No negotiations or even temporary agreements between the MacDonald government and the U. S. A. will avert the inevitable armed conflict between the United States and Great Britain, but will in fact mark a stage in the preparation of that conflict in the same way as the attempts of the imperialist powers to reach an agreement on the eve of the world war of 1912-23 marked a stage in the preparations for that war."

In reality nobody is disarming. President Hoover declared that the 15 cruiser program is not to be violated. America is not only to build 15 new cruisers but in addition to that program it will add 30,000 ton

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THE RED MAID (Continued)

WITH the passing of years, many stories came to be told about his condemnation. It was said that the Jews had brought about his death. But here, the facts speak plainly to us. Rome alone had powers of life and death in Judea. The Roman State, a great aristocratic institution, guardian of established order, like our 'democracies' of the present day, and like them, grandiloquent tolerance towards harmless dreamers; but it was always merciless towards trouble-makers of the Established Order—which, viewed from within, is systematic thievery had viewed from without, systematic robbery with violence. The Jews could hate Jesus, and denounce him, but it was the established rule that put him to death.

When this man Jesus was fastened to the cross, when darkness came over him, and before his transfixed eyes he saw the wavering of the crowds whom he had wished to save—the crowds that had never understood him and knew not what they did—he must have thought that his work would die with him; nor was he wrong.

When all was over, darkness as of long night descended upon this defeated man. His name, too, seemed dead as no one remembered it. Had he a few disciples, who outlived him? Perhaps so. It has been said, but nothing is more doubtful. At all events, these personal disciples of his attracted little attention and were left undisturbed by the authorities—which speaks well for their prudence, and ill for their dignity.

Years passed—five, ten, twenty. . . The children grew to manhood, young men were old men. And behold! in Asia, men went about preaching a new religion; and this was the watch-word given to the listening crowds: The Messiah has come. The watch-word was in this form: Christ is arisen. The preachers were Jews but not Jews of Palestine; they came from the Jewish colonies in the Greek world and were attracted and influenced by pagan culture.

THE religion which thus sprang into being had for its pivot a new God: the Christ, of whom there had been no question hitherto, and appropriated a vast new domain—the world beyond the tomb. It was the religion of death. Mankind, these reformers said, had been condemned to hard labor, to the pangs of childbirth, for the sins of the first man. But lo! the Son of God himself had come down to redeem mankind by his sacrifice; henceforth, a counter-destiny of light was instituted for believers—and for them only—after death, and gave them eternal life.

This operation of redemption took place in regions beyond the stars. Christ the Saviour was a kind of celestial angelic meteor; in reality he was not even the Son of God, but an aspect of the one and only God, a flaming light that was part and parcel of supreme Glory.

This principle of light which—so the new pastors said—gave rise in Heaven and the regions above to the sublime annealing of death, simply and purely by transforming death into immortal life, now had nothing in common with the poor prophet who had fondered, long ere this, in Jerusalem; and with good reason no one, least of all the apostles, thought to associate them. It was indeed declared that Christ's redeeming sacrifice had come through his suffering and even through his 'crucifixion.' But this suffering was wholly celestial and mystical, adapted from the Psalms and from Greek mythology. The apostles only knew their God through the ecstasy of revelation and the sudden grace flashed down upon them. This God was to them not a theological entity. It is true that he was also called Jesus. But Jesus means Saviour. And further, was the Galilean prophet called Jesus? We have been told so, but only at a much later date, for no one spoke of him in his own day.

THE first generation of Christians lived and died, the founders of Christianity—Paul, Barnabas, Peter and the rest—also died, and still no human trait, no definite historic outline, had been assigned to the Messiah of Christians.

Long after, twenty years after the death of Paul (who remains to our belief, and until further information is forthcoming, the man who evolved Christianity from A to Z, drawing upon sources which we can trace and identify more and more precisely, and which are borrowed from local cults) the believers, now growing in numbers, and having now left behind their first mystic enthusiasm, asked for further information concerning this God who was said to have suffered and died. What were his sufferings? Where had this all happened and how? When, and under what conditions, had God come down among men? "We see him with the eyes of Faith," they said, "but give us details!"

For these reasons and for others, the fathers of the Church had to comply and portray Christ in human guise. It was then, and then only, that they identified him with someone who had lived on earth. They chose one whose personality had dimmed and faded in the distance of years—half a century had now passed since the Galilean had been crucified by the Roman procurator—and they said: This was He.

If he had never existed, they would have invented him now, for it was necessary that Christ should have bodily incarnation. And if the man who had existed had not been called Jesus, that name henceforth would have been assigned to him.

(To be Continued)

more on naval craft. Great Britain is to continue to build the seven cruisers under construction and the three authorized. Great Britain and the United States are to continue with their building program till 1935 and scrap some of the obsolete naval craft which are of no value in modern warfare. This is the disarmament that will take place between Hoover and MacDonald. Facts, however, show that these two imperialist powers will continue to arm according to their original plan, but in order to deceive the British working class whom the Labor Party promised peace and the American working class, the imperialists are reacting to this peace gesture. However, behind the present disarmament negotiations are underlying basic factors of imperialist antagonisms. American imperialism is determined to wrest from Great Britain the position as the mistress of the seas, which it held for last century. The slogans advanced by American imperialism of "Freedom of the Seas," belong to same category as the "Monroe Doctrine" and the "open door policy" will be utilized as a weapon in the hands of American imperialism to mobilize popular support in the struggle against its strongest imperialist rival. The U. S. demand for naval parity with Great Britain, means to bring down the superior British navy to the level of the naval strength of the United States. Parity in naval power cannot be established by peaceful means, the demand of U. S. imperialism for equality in naval power, means that Great Britain is to give up its economic and political position as a leading imperialist power and further become subordinated to the United States. This struggle for the redivision of the world markets, sources of raw material and spheres of investment cannot be imposed upon Great Britain voluntarily, it can only be brought about as a result of armed conflict. The United States and Great Britain can come only to a temporary understanding on the basis of intensifying the struggle against the Soviet Union and consolidating the imperialist front against the U.S.S.R. In view of the situation the danger of war against the Soviet Union is today more threatened than ever before. The British labor government is playing the role of the agent of world imperialism to mobilize support among the working class in the war attack on the Soviet Union. The task of the International proletariat is to be on guard and expose the social imperialist role of the labor government. The workers of Great Britain now see the role of the labor government and will have to fight under the leadership of the British Communist Party to establish a revolutionary workers government in England.

CORRECTION

The article on "Sharp Mass Struggles in South Show Need for Intensive Party Building" by Comrade Bill Dunne, was published without containing a correction which substituted for paragraph four of the second column of the article the following:

"The young workers, being less hardened down by social and religious prejudices make up by far a big reservoir of revolutionary material. They must be energetically recruited into the Y. C. L. and into the Party. This must not lead, however, to the abandonment or lessening of work among the adults; otherwise the Party will not be able to become a real mass Party, leader of the economic and political struggles of all workers in the South."