

The Vanguard of the Working Class of America and the Whole World Greets the Convention of the National Textile Workers Union—Already Baptized in the Fire of Class Struggle!

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## The Coal Strike Spreads

The strike of 400 coal miners in west Kentucky today gives the direct to the capitalist press claims that the strike begun in Illinois and led by the National Miners' Union is on the wane.

The strike is spreading. It is spreading in spite of all the efforts of the Lewis, Fishwick and Farrington and other agents of the coal barons. The strike is spreading in spite of the mobilization of hundreds of deputy sheriffs and the mass arrests of strike leaders. The strike is spreading in spite of the militia and their machine-gun posts on highways leading to the mines.

In the Bryley basin a thousand more workers joined the strike of French miners. The strike in France is spreading.

The shock troops of the struggle in Illinois need money, food and organizers. Organize aid for the miners' strike in the other industrial areas. Their struggle is the struggle of the whole working class. The miners must be financed and fed so they can continue to build their fighting union and spread the strike!

## The Task of the Convention of the National Textile Workers Convention—"Mobilize for Struggle!"

The Second Annual Convention of the National Textile Workers Union, beginning its two-day session Saturday, Dec. 21, in Paterson, N. J., is of first-class importance for the working class and our Party.

Conceived and born in the mass strikes of the textile workers in Passaic and New Bedford, the N.T.W.U. came to maturity as the organizer and leader of the heroic struggles of the Southern textile workers in and around Gastonia, N. C.

It won the loyalty of the workers and it was their devotion and courage which made it impossible for the textile barons and their government to murder the leaders of the N.T.W.U. in the electric chair after the defense of the union headquarters in Gastonia on the night of June 7 in which a chief of police was killed. They still face from 17 to 20 years in prison and their defense is the strength of the N.T.W.U. and other militant sections of the working class.

The N.T.W.U. at the time of its greatest danger was deserted by one of its leaders. The sharpening class struggle produced other defections among the leadership of the union but the rank and file never faltered. The N.T.W.U. was strong enough to repair all internal damage and goes into its second convention united, to discuss and adopt the necessary measures to prepare it for its task of organizing and leading the million workers in the industry.

The struggle against the opportunists will be a major point on the convention's order of business. That struggle is already victorious so far as individual right wing leaders are concerned, but it is necessary now to carry on a fight against opportunist deviations in the daily work and struggles of the union.

The convention meets just as the leadership of the American Federation of Labor, and especially the so-called Muste wing in the United Textile Workers, is planning new betrayals of the Southern workers. The Charlotte conference of the A. F. of L. to be held on Jan. 6 is evidence that the rising tide of the class struggle in the South has induced the capitalists to call in their social-reformist agents in an endeavor to check the developing mass struggles.

The convention of the N.T.W.U. confronts in the convention city itself a growing strike movement. In Illinois thousands of miners are striking under the leadership of the National Miners Union—affiliated, like the N.T.W.U., to the Trade Union Unity League, the American section of the Red International of Labor Unions. The slogan used in the N.T.W.U. convention preparations—"Mobilize for Struggle"—is clearly correct and embodies the perspective of our class and our Party for this period.

The attack of the A. F. of L. in the textile industry, especially in the South, is directed against the N.T.W.U. and the Communist Party. Especially has the holy anger of the social-fascists been aroused by the open challenge to Southern capitalism and its agents contained in the demand of our Party for full social, economic and political equality for Negroes—a demand endorsed and fought by the N.T.W.U.

For the first time in the South, Negro and white workers have been united on a class struggle program. For the whole working class this is an achievement of historical importance.

The N.T.W.U. convention will give another working class reply to Hoover's fascist council and its program of increased robbery and oppression. Based on demands as the abolition of the speed-up and stretch-out, a minimum wage of \$20 per week (itself proof of the low wage level in the entire industry), equal pay for men and women, abolition of child labor, the 7-hour day and the 5-day week, the union will be able to organize and lead big sections of the workers and lay the basis for a general strike in the industry.

The industry is in a crisis—nationally and internationally. In the United States more than 250,000 textile workers are unemployed—a minimum of 25 per cent of the total number of workers in the industry. The convention will have to deal with the struggle against unemployment as an immediate task—is now has to organize unemployed as well as employed workers.

The situation in the industry, an integral part of the deepening industrial crisis in the United States, the tremendous tasks that the union faces, makes it imperative that the convention elect a leadership that has been tested and trained in struggle. More rank and file workers should be elected to the National Council and a broad collective directing center established.

The N.T.W.U. convention meets in the first days of the recruiting campaign of our Party. The convention, and the hundreds of workers who will be attracted to it, must become a recruiting ground for our Party. More militant textile workers in our Party, more Communists in the National Textile Workers Union! This will be the best guarantee that the N.T.W.U. will be able to carry through its revolutionary role as the organizer and leader of the million textile workers in the United States.

## National Textile Convention Meets in Atmosphere of Class Struggle

### Great Mass Meet Tonight in Paterson Greets Gastonia Defendants; Sessions Open Tomorrow

### National Silk Strike and Increased Organization Activity in South Are Main Points

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 19.—The Second National Convention of the National Textile Workers' Union really opens tomorrow night, with a great mass rally of the workers of this vicinity, at 7:30 p. m., in the Union Hall, 205 Paterson St., Paterson, N. J.

William F. Dunne, of the Trade Union Unity League, in which the N. T. W. is a most militant section, will officially greet the seven Gastonia defendants, sentenced up to 20 years apiece by the textile barons' courts of North Carolina because strikers at Gastonia valiantly repulsed a murderous raid led by the chief of police on their tent colony in the Gastonia strike.

## DETROIT JOBLESS STORM CITY HALL

### Comm. of 75 Demand Unemployment Relief

(Special to the Daily Worker.) DETROIT, Dec. 19.—Police arrested George Powers and Lydia Barkan today when a committee of 75, representing the provisional committee of the Detroit Unemployed Council, organized by the Trade Union Unity League and the Auto Workers Union, broke into the city government conference on unemployment, held in the mayor's chambers at the city hall building.

A police squad from headquarters and the emergency tear-gas squad was called in and the members of the unemployed council were physically ejected from the hall.

Powers spoke from the steps of the city hall to over 2,000 workers. He was arrested and the workers jeered and booed the police.

Before the delegation from the unemployed council were ejected they presented their demands in spite of the refusal of the mayor and his conference to listen to them.

Twenty Negro workers were part of the delegation. The delegation was selected at a number of mass meetings of unemployed workers held earlier in the day.

he visit of the unemployed workers was a surprise to the mayor's conference. The capitalists' representatives present were bewildered and frightened by the presence of 75 workers in the mayor's chambers, without any police protection.

They refused to listen to the unemployed, telling them "they were studying the question."

The committee demanded that the unemployed workers be furnished with full wages during the period of unemployment.

In spite of the refusal of the conference to allow it to present its demands, Powers spoke for fully 10 minutes, outlining the demands of the employed council.

He was followed by Lydia Barkan a young woman worker. She demanded, in the name of the unemployed council, that the city furnish immediate relief, and that there be no evictions for non-payment of rent.

She also pointed out that the unemployed committee was protesting and demonstrating against the war threats on the Soviet Union, and for the support of the Haiti revolt against Wall Street domination. She talked about the imperialist war danger.

Government officials present said they could do nothing to relieve the unemployment situation. The committee continued to put forward its

demands and stated: "We are organizing all the unemployed in the city for a real struggle against unemployment."

A mass meeting was then held on the city hall steps. Over 2,000 workers participated.

They cheered Powers and the other members of the committee. They denounced the police and the government officials.

A representative of the mayor, following Hoover's hypocritical gesture in the Washington demonstration, ordered that the arrested workers be released.

American imperialism, but very costly indeed, because it would further rouse the fighting spirit of the oppressed Haitians, who are struggling for the liberation of their country.

Bloodthirstiness and hypocrisy are two inevitable characteristics of imperialism. We are getting more demonstrations of both from the imperialism of the United States.

Further light on the true opinions of the imperialists about the demonstrations is shed by an editorial note in the Washington Star which said:

"This ridiculous performance of the youngsters is not, however, to be dismissed altogether as insignificant. Small though the numbers of the Saturday delegation may be, it is known that there are rather long ranks of young Communists in the industrial centers and the larger areas of population in this country. There are schools of Communism, at which the boys and girls are being trained, taught the pernicious principles of this dangerous political cult, instructed in ways and means of harmful propaganda."

Let the workers have as keen a realization of the effectiveness of their protests and political demonstrations, as the capitalist imperialists show themselves to have. Every political demonstration of the workers is a blow against imperialism. Sufficient accumulation of such blows, and their proper organization, will undermine imperialism and prepare for its overthrow. The workers—and certainly the Communists—must not be flattered into self-satisfaction, however, by these "appreciations" from the enemy. So far there is only the meagrest beginning and the demonstrations were far too small and none too well organized. Before the class conscious workers and their leader, the Communist Party, can indulge in self-congratulations, there must be at least tens of thousands, and then hundreds of thousands, of workers participating in such demonstrations in support of the struggles of their brothers in Wall Street's colonies. The members of whole trade unions must be brought en masse into them and the consciousness of the whole working class must be aroused.

To work! Renewed energies must be thrown into the struggle for independence of the colonial peoples, as an integral part of the whole struggle of the working class against capitalism!

## U. T. W. Faker Slugging A Striker



Batty, leader of a small fake union in New Bedford which joined the United Textile Workers Union to help the boss during the strike of the Textile Mill Committees there. The strikers joined the National Textile Workers Union. Here you see Batty doing the bosses' strike breaking work.

## DEPRIEST AIDS "LABOR" REGIME HOOPER FIGHT SHOOTING NEGRO HAITI REVOLT AFRICAN WOMEN

### Negro Congressman Acts Against Negroes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—President Hoover's commission, which is to rivet tighter imperialist shackles on Haiti, was approved by the House of Representatives, with very few votes against.

One of the chief upholders of this measure against the Haitian workers and peasants was Oscar De Priest, Negro petty-bourgeois Congressman, from Chicago.

De Priest made a vicious attack on the Haitian masses. He praised the murder of thousands of Negro workers by the marines. His support of Wall Street rule was more rabid than the other Congressmen who talked for the Hoover measure.

Not only did De Priest thank Hoover for sending marines to crush the present revolt in Haiti, but he was grateful to United States imperialism for domination of the Negro masses in Haiti since 1915.

Praising imperialist rule of the Negro workers and peasants in Haiti, De Priest said:

"I appreciate also the great work that has been accomplished since we have occupied the country since the year 1915 along general improvements in every respect, and I am very glad to see the gentlemen on the minority side of the House so very solicitous about the condition of the black people of Haiti."

De Priest has been making a bluff of "self-determination" for the Negroes in the South, while at the same time he works with the imperialists to enslave the Negro masses of Haiti. His whole object has been to get special privileges for a few of the Negro petty-bourgeois at the expense of the vast number of Negro workers and farmers in the United States.

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

## National Textile Workers Union Convention Will Carry On Struggle Started in Gastonia



Two scenes from the Gastonia tent colony just before the Aderholt raid and the strikers' heroic defense. Above, photo of the Workers International Relief food tent in the strikers' colony. Below, photo of the new headquarters building of the N.T.W.U. built by the workers themselves. It was before this that the police led by Aderholt opened fire on the strikers' guards, and were met by determined resistance from the strikers. Aderholt was killed, and in retaliation, the mill owners' state has sentenced seven men to terms up to 20 years, with one more, Saylor, to be tried soon.

## KENTUCKY MINERS JOIN ILLINOIS STRIKE; OVER 400 OUT IN TWO COUNTIES

### New National Miners Union Leaflets Call to Spread Strike; Denounce Attack on Pickets

### Appeal to Railroad Workers and Truck Drivers to Stop Scab Coal; Worker Relief Helps

HARTFORD, Ky., Dec. 19.—The Illinois miners' strike spread to Kentucky today. Two hundred and fifty miners of the Duncan Coal Co. mines in Muhlenberg County, 150 from the Louisville Gas & Electric Co. mine in Ohio County, and an unknown number at Gibraltar, Ky., walked out on strike without waiting for the "sanction" of the International officers of the United Mine Workers of America, to which the Kentucky U. M. W. fakers referred the nearly unanimous strike vote of all Kentucky miners taken about a week ago.

The Kentucky delegates to the Tri-State Conference of the National Miners' Union, held in Zeigler, Illinois, Dec. 1, declared that the Kentucky miners would join and support the Illinois miners in their struggle. The tactics of the U. M. W. are clearly to postpone the Kentucky strike in hopes of smashing the Illinois strike first, and then betraying the Kentucky miners at their leisure.

Call On R. R. Workers.

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Dec. 19.—The Illinois district grievance committee of the National Miners' Union urges the spreading of the strike. In a meeting yesterday it made plans to defeat the terror being conducted against the pickets, and to call out yet more mines. Twenty-five thousand copies of a leaflet were issued a couple of days ago by the Illinois office of the union, 111 1-2 West Main St., West Frankfort, Ill., under the title, "Spread the Strike! Do Not Permit the Sheriffs, Militia, and Lewis-Fishwick Gangsters to Break the Strike! Organize and Carry On Mass Picketing! March From Mine To Mine! Organize Broad Rank and File Strike Committees, Which Must Lead the Strike!"

More Must Join. The leaflet is addressed to railroad men and truck drivers, as well as miners, and says: "The strike of the Illinois miners is spreading and gaining strength daily. The Indiana miners are joining the strike. The miners in other fields are preparing for struggle. In the first three days of the strike in Illinois, the Midland Section is out 100 per cent solid. In the Springfield territory the strike is gaining. In Franklin County the Coella Mine is shut down. Buckner is paralyzed. Hundreds of miners in other mines have walked out. In Saline County the Wasson Mine is

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## 30,000 PROTEST MURDER OF MINER

### Police Break Up Crowd 1,000 More French Out

(Wireless by Improcorr)

PARIS, France, Dec. 19.—A thousand miners of the Briey Basin have joined the strike of the miners of Pienzes, with the demand for a daily wage raise of five francs.

The Pienzes miners originally went out on December 16 because of an attempt of the bosses to discharge a miner for membership in the militant miners union, affiliated with the Red International of Labor Unions. The wage demands were made after the miners struck.

(Wireless by Improcorr)

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 19.—A tremendous protest demonstration of 30,000 workers was organized by the Sydney Trades Council, the dominating body of the New South Wales trade unions which is affiliated to the Red International of Labor Unions and the Pan-Pacific Union Secretariat, against the murder of the Rothbury miners by police. The Sydney police attacked the workers' demonstration with great brutality, 30 workers being taken to hospitals.

The miners at Rothbury, New South Wales, went on strike some time ago for improved conditions. The right-wing union officials sold the moult. The miners refused to go back, and picketed. The government sent police, who, on Saturday, fought a pitched battle with the strikers, killing one and wounding 40. The miners rallied, and in spite of heavy police reinforcements sent by the state government, picketed to the number of 8,000, and cut off all communications.

The indignation of the rank and file forced the miners' central committee to declare a strike of all mines in Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales, that is, a general strike for Australia. The railroad workers refused to haul scab coal, and this is the situation at present.

revolutionary trade unionists of strike struggles. Co-operation with social fascists was a crime, said Merker, because they always betrayed the workers.

## R. I. L. U. PLENUM REVIEWS ACTION

(Wireless by Improcorr)

MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—A the Plenum of the Executive Bureau of the Red International of Labor Unions, Merker, of Germany, spoke in review of the labor struggles, declaring that events since the last World Congress of the R.I.L.U. have proven the correctness of the tactic of independent leadership by

## NTW Delegates Say Workers Scorn Associated Scabbery

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 19.—Delegates assembling here for the national convention of the National Textile Workers' Union were interested today in the fairly plain announcement of the heads of the Associated Silk Workers, a reactionary group formerly having some membership in Paterson, that the Associated would scab in the coming strike of silk and dye workers.

Cornelius Post and Patrick Quinlan, fakers in the Associated, have announced in the local press that "conditions in the business do not warrant a walkout." N. T. W. delegates point out that "conditions in the business" mean at present wages as low as \$18 a week with a 15-hour day for dye house workers, in the most unhealthy of trades, and that they more than warrant a serious struggle under the militant leadership of the National Textile Workers' Union, for more wages, free medical attention and sick benefits.

The silk mill workers are suffering from a terrific speed-up, with doubling up of machines, new devices on the machines, fresh division of labor always to the workers' disadvantage, and the killing piece-work system.

The National Textile Workers' Union delegates feel that the well known history of the New Bedford, Gastonia, and other strikes in the last year, and the great organizational conferences held in Charlotte and other places, where representatives of tens of thousands of workers were present, abundantly give the lie to the Associated Silk Workers' published charges that the N. T. W. is "not a real union."

The N. T. W., the delegates point out, has given plenty of proof of activity in the workers' interests in the last year, the first year of its existence, whereas the Associated, the United Textile Workers, etc., have only a record of selling out and betraying the workers, as in Paterson, Marion and Elizabethton.

They are confident that the plan of the Associated that workers scab during this silk strike will be disregarded.

## American Workers Help Haitian Fight Against Imperialism!

The demonstrations carried through by the Communist Party against the murder of Haitian workers by the U. S. Marines, for the immediate and unconditional independence of Haiti and all the colonies, and for defense of the Soviet Union, were an essential and most important contribution to the world struggle against imperialism.

All those thousands of workers who participated in the demonstrations, and the hundreds of thousands who sympathized with them, will be glad to learn that these actions were immediately effective in strengthening the fighting front of the oppressed peoples. Our testimony to this effect comes from that bloodthirsty organ of U. S. imperialism, the Chicago Tribune. In its Dec. 18 issue, this paper carries a story from its special correspondent, William Lawson, from Port au Prince, Haiti, which contains the following paragraph:

"Martial law continues here and the hopes that it would be lifted in a day or two were dashed by reports of demonstrations by radicals in New York. These reports encouraged the agitators to new extremes, with the result that the martial law is being kept tighter. Efforts by the American levation officials to keep the reports of sympathetic outbursts in the United States quiet failed, and almost as soon as the news was received leaders of the opposition to the American occupation were carrying the word through the country."

In the light of this news from the capitalist press, we can judge as its true value the attempts of Hoover and the press to put the soft pedal on the demonstrations, to release the arrested comrades, and to promote their slogans against "cheap martyrdom" of the Communists. These gentlemen do not hesitate a moment to provide us with martyrs, as the 30-year sentences in Gastonia prove, or the 10-year sentences of young girls in California for the crime of displaying a red flag, or the 10-year sentences in Ohio and Pennsylvania for "seditious speeches." They are busy making martyrs by the hundreds. But in this particular case, the "martyrdom" would not be so "cheap" for

# MILITANTS OF ALL WORLD CABLE GREETINGS TO N.T.W. CONVENTION

### "Build Mighty Army," Says Red International; 900,000 Organized in Soviet Union Hail Textile Delegates

Greetings to the Second National Convention of the National Textile Workers Union, meeting in Paterson, Saturday and Sunday, have been received at the union's national office, 104 Fifth Ave., from the Executive Bureau of the Red International of Labor Unions, from the Textile Workers International Committee for Propaganda and Action, and from the central committee of the Textile Workers Union of the Soviet Union.

The R.I.L.U. radiogram says: "The R.I.L.U. Executive Bureau sends militant and heartfelt greetings to your convention and all textile workers. It greets the militant defense of the Gastonia strikers and expresses the conviction that your convention will prove a great factor in uniting into a mighty army the white and colored unorganized textile workers under the banner of implacable class struggle, struggle against imperialism, against the menace of new imperialist wars and all forms of class collaboration, against corrupt leaders, against capitalist rationalization and boss-class justice, against racial prejudices. These tasks confront all class unions everywhere, especially in the United States of America."

The radiogram of the Textile Workers International Committee for Propaganda and Action states: "We send revolutionary greetings of proletarian solidarity to the militant vanguard of the American textile workers. We hope the conven-

tion will serve to further crystallize the class line of the National Textile Workers Union, to rally the broad working masses around the slogans of irreconcilable struggle against the mill owners and their assistants for organizational reinforcement of the union's growing influence. We send our greetings on behalf of the revolutionary textile workers of all countries."

Over the signature of Voronova, secretary of the central committee of the Soviet Union Textile Workers Union, a radiogram says: "Fraternal greetings to the delegates to the convention of the Red National Textile Workers Union. We are firmly convinced that the American bourgeoisie will not scare you, neither with prisons nor electric chairs. The terror developed against the leaders and all active members of the N.T.W.U. proves its growth, and its danger to the class enemy, and your loyalty to the proletarian cause. Continue the merciless struggle against the American Federation of Labor, the worst traitor to the workers' interests. Follow undeviatingly the path of revolutionary methods in the trade union movement. Mobilize under your banner the millions strong army of American textile workers. Rally them closely around the N.T.W.U. and lead them to new struggles and victories. We greet you on behalf of 900,000 organized textile workers in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics."

## WORKERS CALENDAR

**ALL LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND PARTY U.S.A. ATTENTION!**

It has been generally understood that when any section of the Party or any sympathetic workers organization holds an affair of a public nature, it should be advertised in the Daily Worker in order to build mass circulation for our official organ.

In a recent issue of the national edition of the Daily Worker the Workers Calendar was advertised as a means of advertising such affairs. It is a recent issue of the national edition of the Daily Worker the Workers Calendar was advertised as a means of advertising such affairs. It is a recent issue of the national edition of the Daily Worker the Workers Calendar was advertised as a means of advertising such affairs.

### PENNSYLVANIA

**Philadelphia N. T. U. Banquet.** Banquet for Needle Trades Industrial Union Saturday evening, December 21 at Boston Hall, 791 Pine St.

**East Pittsburgh Y. C. L. Dance.** On Saturday, January 11, 8 p. m., the Young Communist League of East Pittsburgh will hold a dance at Workers Hall, Electric and North Ave. Admission is 50c. All sympathizers are urged to attend.

**Seranton I.L.D. Mass Meet for Beal.** International Labor Defense will hold a mass meeting for Fred Beal Friday, Dec. 27, at Silver Moon Hall, Play by Pioneers, songs by Y.C.L. members will feature.

### OHIO

**Cleveland F. S. U. Celebration.** The Cleveland Friends of the Soviet Union will end its drive for tractor and truck funds for the U.S.S.R. at a celebration at Moose Hall, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p. m. A film record of the "aid of the Soviets" flight will be shown.

**Cleveland Press Costume Ball.** New Year's Eve annual costume ball of the entire left wing press will be celebrated at the Public Hall of Cleveland, Ohio, Saturday, December 21, 1929. Music by fine union orchestra, solos by members of the orchestra. Valuable prizes will be given for the best costume.

**Cleveland Daily Worker Ball.** International Costume Ball on New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31, 8 p. m. till midnight at Public Auditorium, Lakeside entrance. Prizes. "Thursdays" Novelty Orchestra, Pioneers Daily Worker and Party Prizes. Tickets on sale at Daily Worker office, 2044 E. 12th St. and Freiheit office, 13427 Kinsman Road.

### ILLINOIS

**Chicago WIR School Concert.** December 22, 3 p. m., the Workers International Relief School Concert at the Peoples Auditorium, 2457 W. Chicago Ave. The Red Pioneers Orchestra of Jerry Zwickler, Fred Glazer and other artists will be featured.

**Chicago Pioneers Dance.** The Young Pioneers of District 3 are opening their Fourth Annual District Convention Friday, December 27, with a concert dance and graduation to be held at the Peoples Auditorium, 2457 W. Chicago Ave. Peppy program followed by a dance.

**Chicago Y. U. U. L. Ball.** The annual masquerade ball of the Trade Union Unity League will be held on Saturday evening, December 21 at the Ukrainian Workers Home, 2457 Chicago Ave.

**Chicago Workers Educational Circle Dance.** Saturday night, Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock dance and buffet at 909 South Pauline St. Accordion music by Campanone.

**Chicago Y.C.L. 10th Anniversary.** The Young Communist League of Chicago, together with the Workers School, will hold a joint celebration of the 10th anniversary of the International. The affair will be held at the Peoples Auditorium, 2457 W. Chicago Ave., Dec. 22, 8 p. m., at the Northwest Hall, North and Western.

**Chicago Nurses Relief Conference.** A city wide mass delegates conference to organize a huge miners relief drive will take place next Sunday morning, Dec. 22, at 10 o'clock at the Peoples Auditorium, 2457 West Chicago Avenue.

All secretaries and functionaries of Party and fraternal organizations who will not receive a conference call in time to have delegates elected are urged to attend this conference as unofficial delegates.

**Chicago Navy Mir Ball.** Navy Mir ball and masquerade arranged by the Chicago Branch of the Navy Mir, Wednesday, December 25, at the Ukrainian Workers Home, 2457 W. Chicago Avenue. Music by Klason, plays and dancing. Group masks and best marks will get prizes. Box tickets 50c in advance and 65c at the door. Entire income will go for the workers' paper, Navy Mir.

**Chicago Military Workers Dance.** Tea party and dance by Military and Dress Workers Industrial Union, Tuesday, December 24, at 8 p. m., at 1817 W. Roosevelt Road.

**Chicago Nurses 50th Dance.** Concert and dance, Sunday, Jan. 6, at 8 o'clock, at 1733 W. 12th St.

**Chicago "Daily" Birthday Party.** "Daily" January 1st Birthday Party, Saturday, January 11, Mirror Hall, 1135 W. Western Ave.

**Chicago W.I.R. Misc Relief Concert.** First W.I.R. concert for the benefit of the Miners Relief Fund will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21, 8 p. m., at the Peoples Auditorium, 2457 W. Chicago Ave. The Red Pioneers Orchestra of Jerry Zwickler, Fred Glazer and other artists will be featured. (32 children).

### NEW YORK STATE

**Buffalo Y. C. L. Dance.** An entertainment and dance under the auspices of the Young Communist League will be held Thursday eve, Dec. 19, at 1817 Grider St., Buffalo. The program, food music, refreshments. Tickets at the door 50c. In advance 40c. For the benefit of the Young Communist League.

**CONNECTICUT**

**New Haven Y.C.L. Inter-racial Dance.** The Young Communist League of the New Haven Unit No. 2 of the Young Communist League will hold its first inter-racial dance at the Masonic Hall, 76 Webster St. on Jan. 11. All workers invited to attend. All organizations are urged to keep this date open.

**MICHIGAN**

**DETROIT**

**Special Notice: Reserve the following Dates!**

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24—Ferry Avenue.

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31—Communist Party Concert and Dance, New Workers Home, 1242 E. Ferry Avenue.

## Provocations of U. S. and Japan in China Thwarted by USSR

**KHAMARAOVSK, Siberia, Dec. 18.**—Despite the war threat of Stimson which was designed to disrupt the peace negotiations between the Soviet Union and the Chinese government in Manchuria, and in spite of the attempted provocation of the Japanese with their "international train," negotiations for the final settlement of the Manchurian railway question are progressing rapidly.

Julius Rudy, who was appointed manager of the railway by the Soviet Union, is expected in Harbin soon, according to an Associated Press despatch.

## MILITARY PRISONER TRIES ESCAPE

A military prisoner seized a gun from one of his guards on Governor's Island and attempted to escape on a tug. He was recaptured after a tussle with several guards.

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

**Detroit Daily Worker Ball.** Big Daily Worker concert and ball on Christmas Eve, December 24 at the New Workers Home, 1342 East Ferry.

**Hamtramck Workers Home Election.** The annual election of the administration of the International Workers Home Association will be held on Saturday, December 21, at 1 p. m., at the Yemans Hall, 3014 Yemans Ave., Hamtramck. This meeting is very important, and it is urged that every member be present.

**Grand Rapids Children's Meet.** There will be a big mass meeting of all workers children December 21, 8 p. m., at 211 Monroe Room 209. Marion Senchey, one of the Pioneer delegates to the USSR will speak about "The Truth About Workers Children in Soviet Russia." Children free. Adults 10 cents.

**Marion Senchey will speak at a workers children mass meeting Sunday, December 22 at 3:30 p. m., at the Metropolitan Hall, corner Hackley and Ninth. His subject will be "The Truth About Workers Children in the Soviet Union." Children free. Adults 10 cents.**

**Detroit Workers Forum.** George Powers, secretary of the T.U.U.L. of Detroit will speak at the Detroit Workers Forum Sunday, December 22, at 8 p. m., at the Trade Union Unity Center, 3752 Woodward Ave., near Seiden.

**On Sunday, Dec. 29, Jack Stachel, district organizer of the Communist Party, will speak at the Forum on "Communism, Social Reformism and the Winning of the Masses."**

**Detroit Mass Meeting for Haitian Revolution.** A mass meeting in solidarity with the revolution in Haiti and against the rule of Wall Street imperialism will be held Sunday, December 22, at 8 p. m., at the Trade Union Center Hall, 3752 Woodward Ave. Negro and Spanish as well as English speakers.

**Detroit Mass Demonstration for U.S.S.R.** Mass demonstration for defense of U.S.S.R. Sunday, December 22, at 2 p. m., at a Jewish Workers Club, 9148 Oakland Ave., Detroit. Free admission.

**Jewish and English speakers. Audiences Communist Party, Young Communist League.**

**Hamtramck Y.C.L. Dance.** The Y.C.L. of Hamtramck is giving a concert and dance Saturday, Dec. 21, at 8 p. m., at the Yemans Hall. This affair will be held for the benefit of the district and striking miners. All unemployed young workers who have Unemployed Council registration cards will be admitted free. Fine program.

### WASHINGTON

**Dance in Seattle.** An entertainment and dance will be given by the Seattle Working Women's Council, December 27, at the Polish Hall, 18th and Madison, for the Daily Worker benefit. Program will include Lithuanian chorus, South Slavic Children's Orchestra, Pioneer Chorus, Caucasian dance and music, and Russian Pishki.

### WISCONSIN

**Milwaukee "Baloon Dance"**

A "Baloon Dance" arranged by the Young Communist League, Saturday, December 21, at 8 p. m., at the South Side Turner Hall, 473 National Ave., Milwaukee. Doors open at 3 p. m.

**Milwaukee I. L. D. Dance.** A New Year's eve dance has been arranged by the Milwaukee Local of the I. L. D. for Tuesday, December 24, at 8 p. m., at the St. Third and Vine Sts. A good program has been arranged for the evening with good music and refreshments. Get your tickets from the local office of the I. L. D. at 302 W. Water St., Room 22.

### CALIFORNIA

**San Francisco Workers Forum.** Every Sunday evening at Workers Center, 145 Turk St.

**War Preparations on the Pacific Coast.** Dick Ettlinger—"The Five Year Plan in the Soviet Union."

**Los Angeles T. U. U. L. Dance.** Trade Union Unity League New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, for benefit T.U.U.L. and Labor Unity at Co-operative Auditorium, 2704 Brooklyn Avenue.

### MASSACHUSETTS

**Boston Accorri Meeting.** Mass meeting arranged by the I. L. D. Sunday, December 22, 8 p. m., at Lincoln Hall (Ambassador Palace Building), cor. Warren Ave. and Berkeley St. to celebrate the release of Salvatore Accorri and demand the release of Harry J. Canter.

### MARYLAND

**Baltimore Third Inter-racial Dance.** The third inter-racial dance in Baltimore will take place on Friday, December 20th at the Elks Hall, Madison Ave. and 14th St. The dance is arranged by the local Communist Party and the Young Communist League. Music by the Hucker and his Southerners. Admission 25 cents.

**Baltimore Section Membership Meet.** A general section membership meeting of the Communist Party will be held on Sunday, December 22, 3 p. m. sharp, at our new headquarters, 514 N. Eutaw St. The meeting will be held at the request of the E. C. and will be addressed by a D. E. C. representative.

**The Party Recruiting Drive** will be taken up at this meeting. All members must attend.

**Cleveland Party Press Ball.** International Costume Ball, to be held in the Public Auditorium, Ball Room, on New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31st. Costumes from all nations will be represented. Also costumes of the Party press. Valuable prizes are to be given away. All the Party press will benefit from the ball.

## MILITANT DRESS PICKETS SMASH A SCAB GUNMAN

### Potash, Winogradski, Framed for Jury

When detectives of a private scab agency came to herd strikebreakers into the Baum Rose Dress Shop yesterday they found a militant picket line there, representing the interests of the 40 Needle Trades Industrial Union workers who are on strike at the place. The scabs were supplied by the International Ladies' Garment Workers.

One of the dicks pulled a gun and pointed it at the pickets, who had made a rush for the scabs. The pickets then turned on this gunman in utter defiance of his threat to kill them and smeared him. By the time they let him go he was helpless and fleeing to the police for protection. The police, seeing that the pickets meant business, and that a considerable force of sympathizers with the strikers were there, were not as anxious to be brutal as they usually are, and contented themselves in arresting three workers.

## Workers Relief Calls All to Help the Illinois Miners Win the Strike

Again the miners are in revolt, and again the thousands and hundreds of thousands of workers and sympathizers in every part of the country are being called on to aid the heroic struggle of the Illinois coal diggers.

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Rush funds and food at once to the Workers' Relief, 949 Broadway, Room 512, New York City.

## Cleaning Workers Go On Strike; Demand Back Wages Be Paid

The workers at the Rainbow Cleaning and Dyeing Plant in Mt. Vernon went on a strike yesterday demanding back wages. Some of these workers did not get pay for nearly five weeks. The Cleaners and Dyers Section of the United Cleaners and Laundry Workers Industrial League organized workers and declared the place on strike.

The strike will continue until the following demands are being realized:

1. Full payment of all the back wages.
2. No firing of help.
3. Equal division of work.
4. The wages must be paid regularly at 12 o'clock on every Tuesday.

The enthusiasm and the spirit of the workers is very high, reported R. Gozigian, organizer of the United Cleaners and Laundry Workers Industrial League.

## Banker Crooks Freed by Capitalist Court

The four bankers who were arrested because of their graft in the City Trust Co., and for robbing the savings of a number of workers, were let off easy by the capitalist judge, Arthur S. Tompkins of the Supreme Court. Two were given a \$250 fine and two were let off scot free—on suspended sentences.

All pleaded guilty to wrecking the bank and paying bribes to state bank examiners to overlook their robbery. Bankers always get gracious treatment in capitalist courts, while workers are sent to jail for long terms for strike activity and for distributing Communist leaflets.

## Chicago Workers! Chicago Workers! MASS MEETING To Rally Behind the Heroic Striking Coal Miners.

at PEOPLES AUDITORIUM, 2457 W. Chicago Ave. Sunday Afternoon, December 22, at 3 o'clock speakers: NELS KJAR, District Secretary, Trade Union Unity League SAM DON, Director Chicago Workers School and Three Striking Coal Miners from the Battlefront

Audience: WORKERS INTERNATIONAL RELIEF, Local Chicago

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## Child Labor Comm. Wants "Scientific" Child Exploitation

The National Child Labor Committee, a capitalist outfit, which works in close collaboration with the United States Department of Labor, is conducting a series of meetings at the Hotel Roosevelt, in New York.

Instead of attacking child labor, which in spite of capitalist rationalization continues to grow rapidly, the National Child Labor Committee seeks to make the employment of children more profitable and efficient to the capitalists.

"Many children and young people with working papers are doing work for less than half the wages the work demands. It is not uncommon for the Department of Labor to run across compensation cases where the wages of children are listed as \$5 and \$6," wails Frances Perkins, Industrial Commissioner of New York, at the child-labor meet.

The fake opposition to child labor by these petty-bourgeois reformers is based on the fact that "it is not profitable" to capitalism. They want more scientific exploitation.

The Communist Party, Young Communist League and the Young Pioneers are carrying on a working-class, revolutionary campaign against child labor for the complete abolition of child labor up to 14 years, and state maintenance for the children at present employed.

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## Organize Shop Nuclei. Enlist Your Shop Mate in the Drive for 5,000 New Members.

**STEEL WORKERS STRIKE.** PITTSBURGH (By Mail).—Twenty-five chippers at the Union Casting Co. struck for better working conditions.

Not only has the bourgeoisie forged the weapons that bring death to itself; it has also enlisted into its ranks the workers, the masters working class—the proletarians—Karl Marx (Communist Manifesto).

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## SUGAR ROBBER TRUST GETS U. S. WAR SECRETS

### Cuba Co. Gets Inside Dope from Crowder

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The sugar robbers, with whom Hoover was working very closely through his friend, Edwin Shattuck, who got a \$75,000 bribe, were given U. S. war information by General Crowder. Crowder also is on the payroll of the Cuba Co., the largest sugar trust in Cuba.

Lakin, head of the Cuba Co., wrote about the inside war information he got from Gen. Crowder, to M. C. Bionda, a New York sugar broker. His letter said:

"General Crowder has learned the plans of the general staff provide that in case of war any attempt to keep a traffic lane open between the Philippines and the United States would be promptly abandoned."

"We plan to use this memorandum and this information when we do so to the best advantage—probably after the matter gets into the Senate."

"We are inclined to believe the Secretary of War would support Stimson (Secretary of State) because any limitation on reports from the Philippines would tend to create political disturbances in the Philippines and increase the work of the War Department."

"Senator Smoot (chairman of the Senate Finance Committee) realizes all these things, but is determined to fight and we should do our best to help him."

This document shows that the general staff of the U. S. army in its discussions of war maneuvers had developed differences in tactics over the question of the Philippines.

The war referred to is undoubtedly a war between the U. S. on the one side, and Great Britain and Japan on the other. Stimson, who is referred to in the letter, evidently taking the position that communication with the Philippines be kept up at all costs to stave off revolution.

This is especially interesting in view of the recent conversations with Stimson and the Japanese delegates to the armament conference in which the question of the Philippines arose. U. S. imperialism wants sufficient cruisers built to crush any revolutionary movement of the 10,000,000 Filipino workers and peasants in the event of war in the Orient.

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## Labor Defense to Hold Los Angeles Meeting

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Workers of Southern California won't sit quiet and let the authorities of the land of orange groves and jails railroad their fellows to brutal terms of imprisonment—and they are fighting back. The Southwestern district conference of the I.L.D. will be held in Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union headquarters, Room 206-07, at 656 South Los Angeles St., Sunday morning December 22, at 10 a. m.

A mass meeting at Music Arts Hall, on December 20, protesting the police terror, which has sentenced six workers, five of them women, to long prison terms for violating the "red flag law" at a summer camp is planned.

## SHOE STRIKERS OPEN KITCHENS

### Will Mobilize in Relief Tag Days Sat. and Sun.

Two more kitchens for shoe workers were opened yesterday in Williamsburg, 94 Havemeyer St., and one at 200 York St., Borough Hall section. There is also a kitchen in Ridgewood, at 26 Porter Ave. The kitchens give free sandwiches and coffee, and will provide food packages for strikers' families.

The Independent Shoe Workers Union and the Workers International Relief co-operate in running these food stations, and will do the same in the W.I.R. tag days, Saturday and Sunday.

Shoe workers' tag day stations where all workers will be able to get boxes for this tag day are 129 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn; 351 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn; 94 Havemeyer St., Brooklyn; 28 Porter Ave., Brooklyn; 200 York St., Brooklyn; 18 Wycoff Ave., Brooklyn; 77 Wycoff Ave., Brooklyn; 196 1/2 Lewis Ave., Brooklyn; 27 Boerum St., Brooklyn; 2370 Pacific St., Brooklyn; 91 Bleeker St., N. Y. C.; Union Headquarters, 16 West 21st St., N. Y. C.; 235 Park Ave., Brooklyn; 281 Powell St., Brooklyn.

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## 1000 CAL. TOILERS IN MEET FOR USSR AND FOR HAITI

(Special to the Daily Worker.) OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 18.—Nearly 1,000 workers took part in a mass demonstration at Oakland for the defense of the Soviet Union against the attacks of the imperialist powers and for the Haitian worker-peasant revolution. The workers then marched five blocks to the meeting hall, where a mass meeting was held. Twenty-one workers joined the Communist Party at the meeting.

## 21 Workers Join the Communist Party

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 18.—Submarine V-5, the largest undersea boat ever built for the U. S. Navy, was launched yesterday under the supervision of navy officials. A whole new fleet of submarines are under construction. Work is under way on five of the proposed 15 new 10,000-ton cruisers voted by Congress. While the capitalist papers are flooded with "disarmament" propaganda, the capitalists are building their navy for war purposes.

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# "Socialists" Aid Austrian Fascist War on Workers

Agree on Fascist Constitution; Laws Projected for Protecting Scabs, Suppressing Workers' Press and Disfranchising Workers; Tariffs to Raise Cost of Living; Unemployment Relief to be Cut

VIENNA (By Mail).—The "Neue Wiener Tagblatt" discusses the program of the winter and spring sessions of the Austrian parliament. The "favorable course" of the negotiations between the Prime Minister Schuber and the social democracy justified the hope that the parliament would adopt the new draft within a week or ten days. (It has since been adopted.—Editor.) Afterwards a number of alterations would be made in the financial program. These alterations are the concessions made by the social democrats at the expense of the tax payers in Vienna in order to assist other Austrian lands, and in particular Lower Austria.

They come the "Law for the Protection of the Right to Work," or in other words, the hard labor law against the right of the working class to organize and fight for better conditions, and the supplement to the Press Laws, which is intended to dispose of the last remnant of the freedom of the press as far as the revolutionary workers are concerned.

In autumn the parliament will deal with the new electoral law, which proposes the re-adoption of the single constituency seat and represents a wholesale disfranchisement of the workers.

According to the same newspaper the spring session will deal with questions of economic reconstruction whereby, in particular, commercial and political measures will be adopted. This means that after the working class has been settled with, fascism will reap its reward in the form of increasingly high customs barriers.

It is already announced that customs will be introduced or existing customs increased for the import of grain, potatoes, sugar, wine, fruit, vegetables and clothing.

The Austrian workers are therefore threatened with a swift rise in the cost of living in favor of the rich agrarians and the fascist bourgeoisie. The aim of the "Law for

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## Severe Crisis in Argentina Worsened By Close of Exchange

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 19.—The already severe economic crisis here has been intensified by the closing of the gold exchange office (caja de conversión).

The closing of the exchange is one of the many developments growing out of the severe depression in Argentina. There is a great deal of unemployment. The newspapers report many bankruptcies.

Irgoyen's government explains the closing order by saying "it is a measure to prevent further restriction of Argentine currency through the exportation of gold." Recent gold shipments restricted the circulating medium by nearly 2,000,000 pesos. This caused a crisis in the credit situation.

A despatch to a New York capitalist paper quotes foreign bankers as stating that American export trade to Argentina will be curtailed as a result of the conditions created by closing the exchange.

The poor families will be hit more drastically by the present crisis. Their conditions are already very bad. Reports recently published in The Daily Worker pointed out that in one district many farmers were actually starving.

The crisis in Argentina is part of the world crisis of capitalism. The struggle between British and U. S. imperialism for the Argentine markets is especially severe. President Irgoyen favors British imperialism and recently gave them an advantage over the United States capitalists in the question of textiles.

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## Polish "Socialists" Promise Full Support to Fascist Laws

WARSAW, Dec. 19.—A conference took place between the fascist Polish President Moscicki and the socialist representatives in the Sejm. The social-fascists promised Moscicki that they would work together with him in the new constitutional changes which impose more oppressive and fascist laws on the Polish workers.

The socialists promised their support and co-operation to any cabinet that might be chosen by the fascist Moscicki. Newspaper reports state that the conference between the socialists and the fascist leader "was of a friendly nature." The severe economic crisis and the growing radicalization of the Polish workers is driving the socialists into open fascist alliances.

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## Gastonia Strikers Defense Corps



Strikers' guard before their headquarters building at the tent colony in Gastonia. Here the workers fought for their lives against a brutal police raid a few days after this picture was taken. The Second National Convention of the National Textile Workers Union, which led the Gastonia strike, meets now, and will see that this struggle was not in vain.

## 400 Kentucky Miners Join Illinois Strike

(Continued from Page One) on strike. More mines will be on strike this week.

"This response to the strike call has struck terror in the hearts of the coal operators. The militia has been called out in the Midland Section to break the strike. But every miner walked out, refusing to work under the "protection" of machine guns and bayonets. In Franklin County the sheriff broke the picket line at Buckner and the next day the fakers of the U. M. W. A. with the sheriff, ejected the striking miners from the local meeting of the U. M. W. A. In Coalla the sheriff's forces smashed the picket line, firing into the crowd with machine guns, injuring many miners, including one man who was seriously injured. Three strikers were arrested.

"This shows very clearly the unity of all the forces of coal operators, the militia, the sheriffs, and the officialdom of the U. M. W. A. in a strike breaking role. The banning of the meeting in Woonsocket," he said, "is simply another effort of the textile bosses to destroy the growing unionization in the textile industry under the banner of the N. T. W. U. But they will be unable to halt our strides forward. Our convention Saturday and Sunday in Paterson will gather together more than 250 delegates from all parts of the land to go through with the program. Neither arrests or attempts at intimidation by the forces of the employers can halt this movement in the most exploited of all industries.

Within the last ten days there have been strikes in the Amoskeag Mill at Manchester, N. H., in Westerley, R. I., in Bradford, Mass., where 330 dyehouse workers were on strike for three weeks, only to be sold out by Gorman, vice-presi-

dent of the U. T. W., and Anna Weinstock, one of the Federal scab agents who has been busy helping the U. T. W. sell out the workers in Elizabethton, Tenn., and in New England. In New Bedford victorious department strikes in a number of mills have been led by the N. T. W. U. during the past 12 days. In Philadelphia the workers in three hosiery mills are out on strike today.

The workers in the whole silk industry are in movement and the response of the unorganized workers to the convention call of the N. T. W. U. proves this. Yesterday a number of delegates from the Blumenthal Silk Mills in Bridgeport, Conn., were elected to represent the thousands of unorganized silk workers of Bridgeport at the convention. The Paterson silk and dye workers have elected 35 delegates representing organized and unorganized workers. From Homestead, N. C., and Scranton, Pa., delegates will come from workers who have just been in the midst of important strike struggles.

"We want a united front of all miners in the struggle against the operators and the treacherous officialdom of both factions of the U. M. W. A., against both Lewis and Fishwick; for the establishment of a real union in the mines; against discrimination against Negro miners, and for equal rights of all miners. "Railroad men! Truck drivers! Refuse to transport coal! Support the miners' strike! The struggle of the miners is the struggle of the working class."

W. I. R. Sends Relief. The Workers International Relief is on the job in the Illinois coal strike. The first \$400 for the relief of the striking miners has already been sent to the strike area and more will be despatched as quickly as contributions from workers and sympathizers throughout the country are received. The W. I. R. national office stated today.

Marcel Scherer left today for the Illinois fields to take charge of relief activities for the W. I. R. Relief stations are now being established in the most important sections of the strike area and under Scherer's direction distribution of food, clothing and other necessities will be coordinated.

"Though we have sent all our available funds for the relief of the striking Illinois miners," Ludwig Landy, executive secretary of the W. I. R. declared, "it is only the proverbial drop in the bucket. Thousands of dollars are needed at once to keep these striking workers, their wives and children alive and fighting. The workers of this country who look to the Illinois strike as blazing a way in the struggles of the entire working class must not let the miners be starved into submission. New York City has arranged Tak Days for this Saturday and Sunday. In every city similar Tak Days must be arranged. Organizations are asked to hold affairs for miners relief and every individual worker must send all he can in money and food immediately to the Workers International Relief, 942 Broadway, room 512."

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## NEW GERMAN LAW A BLOW AT WORKERS

Like Black Reaction Before 1848

BERLIN (By Mail).—The Reichstag in which the representatives of the various governments sit, intensifying Severing's new draft of the Law for the Protection of the Republic to such an extent in its session recently, that the draft now represents an unparalleled terror law against the Communist Party.

Not only abuse directed against the flag of the Reich and of the federal states, against both living and dead Reichs-Presidents and Ministers, but also against the subordinate social democratic officials of the state will be punished in the future very severely.

There is a heavy punishment for any one who is a member of "any secret organization or of any organization hostile to the state." Under this paragraph any member of the Communist Party can be put in gaol for years. The Reichstag also decided that any meeting "calculated to disturb the peace" might be dissolved summarily by the police.

At the same time the Reichstag decided to abolish those paragraphs which prevented the return of the Ex-Kaiser to Germany and provided for the punishment of high fascist state officials for violation of the law and their subsequent dismissal from the service of the state.

The "Rote Fahne" declares that the new law thrusts the politico-legal situation of the working masses back into the period of black reaction prior to the March revolution of 1848:

"Bourgeois democracy commits suicide with this law. The coalition government led by the social democracy has no other answer to the growth of the Communist Party and its struggle against capitalism, than a bloody bourgeois class justice. We appeal in the last hour to the working masses to organize a powerful protest against Severing's terror law which is to be hurried through the Reichstag. The Communist press is at stake. The legality of the Communist Party is at stake. The freedom of thousands of workers is at stake!"

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## Finnish "Socialists" Aid New Gag Laws to Suppress the Workers

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Dec. 19.—The demonstration of the workers who a month ago went on a general strike to protest the mistreatment of the thousands of political prisoners held by the white guard government, has given a fright to the capitalists, who fear that their war plans against the Soviet Union may be upset.

The government is, therefore, proposing new laws to be passed by parliament to give it more repressive powers, to restrict the press and forbid meetings. The cabinet threatens to resign if such arbitrary powers are not granted. In other words the movement is for further fascistization of the state.

The "socialists" after some clanking the air for the purpose of fooling the workers, will undoubtedly vote for the fascist development and thus assure the passage of the proposed laws.

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# WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE --- FROM THE SHOPS

Write to the Daily Worker, 26 Union Square, New York. About Conditions in Your Shop. Workers! This Is Your Paper!

## Dugan Bros. Baker Workers Slave 70 to 75 Hours A Week

(By a Worker Correspondent)

In the big bakery plant of Dugan Bros., in Queens Village, a company which has several huge plants in the metropolitan area, they are not only slave-driving the men, but are also making young boys, many under 17, work anywhere from 14, 15 to 18 hours a day for wages of \$18 a week. These boys go to continuation school.

Dugan Bros. gets these boys right off the boats as they bring the boys from Europe. There is no union in Dugan's.

The pay is from \$22 to \$24 a week for the men bakers. The workers work a 70 to 75-hour week. Sometimes they start work at 10 p. m. and work till noon the following day. They are not allowed to go home till the foremen tell them they can do so.

The foremen drive the men like absolute slaves and the speed-up is terrible.

Bakers working in the Dugan Bros. plants, you've got to organize into a fighting union if you want to work an 8-hour day, get living wages and not be speeded up like dumb brutes.

Get in touch with Bakers Union, No. 3, of the Amalgamated Food Workers Union, Labor Lyceum, 949 Willoughby Ave., near Myrtle, Room 12. The office is open from 8 a. m. till 7 p. m.

—DUGAN BAKER.

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## NMU Has Come to Stay, Fight Miners Battles

(By a Worker Correspondent)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (By Mail).—A mass meeting was called by the National Miners Union here to mobilize for the general strike.

The same day the U. M. W. A. locals called special meetings to try and draw the crowd away from our meeting and make it a flop.

What happened? Instead of an empty hall for the mass meeting, the hall was packed with all persons standing. All the tricks that the crooks employ weren't enough to fool the miners. The miners here realize that the N. M. U. is their union and not the corrupt U. M. W. A.

When the speakers came into town there were four thugs steady at their heels and following them wherever they went. Their intentions were to beat them up, but being like all other lackeys of the bosses, they hadn't the nerve, because there were two speakers together.

When the speakers were through and asked if there were any questions, a few planted stool pigeons asked some silly questions, such as who are "We"—the speakers used that word in their talks when mentioning anything about the miners.

The stool pigeons also had the gall to say the miners don't work here on the machines, and when this was said the miners were ready to knock hell out of them. These stool-pigeons and thugs came to bust the

meeting, but after seeing the spirit of the miners, they laid down.

A bunch of thugs outside the hall didn't have the nerve to attack our speakers as they left the hall.

All this shows that around the Midland track the bosses and fakers fear the National Miners Union and will try their hardest to wipe out the N. M. U., something which is impossible as the N. M. U. has come to stay and fight the miners' battles, as they are doing now in the big Illinois strike.—K.

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## Must Form a Shop Committee in Each Department Store

(By a Worker Correspondent)

\$12 for a fifty-one hour week, exclusive of lunch hours, is actually the average sum paid to the Five and Ten-Cent store salesgirls in New York City. The beginning wage in the Woolworth and McCrory stores is about \$11; the regular maximum approximately \$15. One salesgirl employed by Woolworth for eleven years, now gets the unusual sum of \$18. Ordinarily the girls do not work for the company long enough to make more than \$12 or \$13.

The wage scale in these chains is not determined by the company but by the manager of each store. Naturally it is to his interest to submit a statement showing great profits. Thus his workers suffer.

Salesgirls are hired to work from nine a. m. to six p. m. weekly with no lunch hour pay, and from nine a. m. to ten p. m. on Saturday. Actually they work about thirty minutes overtime each day in straightening stock and closing accounts—this mind you without pay. Vacations are sometimes granted after a year, also without pay.

Salesgirls in the Five-and-Ten-Cent stores talk about their working conditions—but not to the manager. Fear of losing the job prevents them.

We must form shop committees in each department store; that's how we salesgirls will finally form a big union to better our wages and conditions.—S. F.

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# PARTY RECRUITING DRIVE

## Detroit Membership Meeting Pledges Intensification of Party Work

Three hundred members attended the special membership meeting in Detroit called to discuss and act on the Recruiting Campaign on Tuesday, December 10.

The membership meeting, the largest in years, and perhaps the largest meeting in the history of Detroit, listened to the report of Comrade Stachel, the district organizer, which was followed by a spirited and serious discussion of the recruiting campaign in which 10 comrades participated.

The membership meeting, 3 weeks previous, having discussed the decisions of the Tenth Plenum of the ECCI and the October Plenum of the CC, limited itself mainly to the discussion of the campaigns of the Party and the practical methods of carrying on the work.

In the report on the unemployment campaign, the building of the Auto Workers' Union and the Trade Union Unity League, the Struggle Against Imperialist War, and the Defense of the Soviet Union, were stressed as the means through which we will mobilize the masses for struggle, and recruit the most militant workers into the Party.

Most of the discussion centered on the methods to be used in conducting the Recruiting Campaign, and the steps that must be taken to improve the Party organization, the functioning of the units in order not only to increase the membership of the Party in the drive but to retain the new members that will be secured.

Discussion also developed on the new dues paying system that is being instituted by the Central Committee beginning the first of the year. The opinion was almost unanimous that this is a necessary step in order to stabilize the financial situation in the Party and assure the life and improvement of the "Daily Worker," the central organ of the Party.

Taking up the challenge of the Cleveland District, the membership meeting unanimously decided to answer the challenge by raising the quota for Detroit set by the National Organization Department as follows:

1. To secure 500 new members instead of 400, the quota set for Detroit and Cleveland.
2. To increase the number of readers of the Daily Worker by 1,000, instead of 400, the quota set for Detroit and Cleveland.
3. To build 15 additional factory nuclei instead of 10, the quota set for Detroit and Cleveland.
4. To publish 10 factory shop papers instead of the quota set for Detroit, 3 additional shop papers.
5. To secure 75 Negro workers for the Party in the 500 to be recruited.

### Pledge of Every Member.

Every member present individually pledged to carry out the following tasks:

1. Secure at least one new member for the Party.
2. Secure at least one sub for the "Daily Worker."
3. Be responsible for the distribution every day for 2 copies of the "Daily Worker."
4. Sell a minimum of the following literature:
  - (a) 10 pamphlets of "Why Every Militant Worker Should Join the Party."
  - (b) Sell at least 2 copies of the TUUL Program.
  - (c) Sell at least 3 other pamphlets.
  - (d) Every Party member is to contribute 50 cents to a literature fund for which he will receive 50 cents worth of pamphlets. Every time he sells one, he brings the money to the nucleus literature agent, who replaces the pamphlet sold, or gives him another pamphlet, if the one sold has become old and is no longer in circulation.
5. Attend at least one of the classes of the Party School to start the first of the year.
6. Bring at least 5 workers to the Lenin Memorial Meeting.
7. Bring at least two workers to the Sunday Forum.
8. Help publish and distribute the shop papers.

### TUUL and Union.

1. Join a union, if not yet a member—and become an active member. 2. Bring at least 10 workers into the union. 3. Sell two copies of "Labor Unity" every week. 4. Distribute the "Auto Workers News."

### Negro Work.

1. Sell at least one copy of every issue of the Negro Champion. 2. Help build the ANLC, and recruit Negro workers into the Party.

### Women's Work.

1. Help distribute the "Working Women." 2. Help in winning the working women to the Party and TUUL.

### Young Communist League and the Young Pioneers.

1. Help distribute the "Young Worker" and the "Young Pioneer." 2. Help build the YCL and the Young Pioneers.

### General Organizational Tasks.

1. Attend every meeting of the nucleus—beginning with the first of the year, all nuclei will meet once every week. 2. Pay dues regularly—after the first of the year, all members will pay their dues weekly at the rate of 2 per cent of their weekly wage. Unemployed comrades must get exempt stamps to keep in good standing. 3. Attend the fraction meetings of your trade union, and the other mass organizations of which you are a member. 4. Take seriously every post to which you are elected, and perform the functions to the best of your ability.

# A CONVENTION OF CLASS STRUGGLE By Fred Ellis



## A Convention of Labor Traitors

By JOSEPH BORUCHOWITZ.

The Twelfth Convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers, which has just been held in Cleveland, proved to be a continuation of the treacherous policy of the right wing garment trades misleaders that started many years ago. This convention is nothing but an assembly of company union agents in whom the workers lost confidence a long time ago, and who then began, and have even more so since, relied on the bosses in their fight with the workers.

Even in 1916-18, the leaders of the I.L.G.W. came to the bosses for support against the progressive opposition and got it.

Gradually the line of demarcation between workers and union misleaders grew wider, and the leaders, hating and fearing the members, relied more and more on the bosses to keep themselves in control. When in 1922-23 the workers accepted the ideological principles of the Trade Union Educational League this alliance of the fakery with the bosses took open and distinct forms.

In 1925 the clique lost a round with the Joint Action Committee because of the support given the committee by the membership.

### Left Wing Victory.

During the 1926 cloak strike, the left wing movement presented itself as a menace to both the employers and the right wing officials and the alliance between them was further cemented by their fear. It included now the state officials, and when the left wing waged war on the governor's commission report, the triple alliance saw that this new movement menaced the whole class collaboration scheme of the A.F.L. A united front of all reactionary forces was created to try and break the cloak and fur strike. The workers won, by courage and great efforts, a partial victory.

Then the "holy" trinity of bosses, misleaders and state, fought to eliminate the left wing leaders and part of the more class conscious members by terrorism and force. In 1928, after the Boston convention of the International, the class conscious workers became convinced the officers had completely gone over to the bosses and there organized the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, in 1929. This is a union based on the class struggle, and the needle workers were convinced that through such an organization only could they conduct a struggle against the employers for the improvement of their conditions. Thousands joined its ranks.

The first struggle for the organization of the needle workers was undertaken by the

world, struggle against it is part of the whole struggle against imperialist war and for the defense of the working class fatherland—the Soviet Union.

Build the revolutionary united front of the workers and colonial peoples against the social-democratic betrayals and for the defeat of Austrian fascism!

Wall Street government, the backer of Hungarian fascism in the person of Horthy, likewise finances the fascist drive in Austria. To fight Austrian fascism we must organize our class in the United States for struggle against Wall Street government and Hoover's fascist coalition.

Build the united front against fascism in the shops and factories! Build militant unions!

Industrial Union in the dress trade. In this strike, thousands of workers were organized, and came into control of several hundred shops. This warned the alliance of right wing union bureaucrats, bosses and state, which recognized in the N.T.W.I.U. a new and more threatening menace to their company union plans.

One of their answers was a fake strike and a lockout, carried through in the cloak trade in July, of this year, under the slogan of "stabilization." Some time later a similar maneuver was carried through in the pleating, hemstitching and embroidery trade, and now they are planning a "stabilization" lock-out in the dress trade.

The objective of the bosses, the capitalist state authorities and their lackeys, the trade union bureaucrats (the former leaders and present traitors to the workers), is clear.

It is to company-unionize the needle trades, to fight the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, and thus secure for the bosses the possibility of permanently installing the speed-up system, piece work, reduction of wages, etc. In this they are in line with the policy of the capitalist class leaders everywhere, who try to stave off the inevitable breakdown of the system resulting from the relatively narrower market, international competition, growing army of unemployed, etc., and to put through rationalization schemes and place the burdens on the workers. This "stabilization" propaganda to mislead the workers goes on in all branches of the needle industry, and particularly in the cloak trade.

### Unemployment.

Inside manufacturing jobs are closing down daily, or are being re-organized on a smaller scale. Here are a few illustrations:

Wilkins and Adler, one of the most important firms in the trade, has closed down its cloak department. Friedman Bros., shut down its factory altogether. The aristocratic firm of A. Beller demands reorganization and reductions. Grossman, president of the Industrial Council, sends orders to the members of the association to observe the agreement, and has his own work made in contracting shops which have open shop standards, and where workers slave under most miserable conditions for starvation wages. According to latest information, Grossman is having even his duplicates made up at piece-work rates.

### Trick Each Other.

The contractors' organization raises a kick every now and then, but ends by always following in line with the leaders of the contractors who get bribes from the jobbers in the form of better paid garments, etc. Jeweller, the manager of the contractors' association and his friends are bluffing the other contractors just as Schlesinger and Dubinsky bluff the workers.

When the contractors begin to revolt, a conference is trumped up for them, or they get a hearing before the Elger Commission, with a decision that their demands are justified, and everything will be straightened out, but they must depend on the good will of the jobbers.

Brooklyn and Bensonhurst and other suburban districts are working on section work with a maximum wage of \$35, as is the case of the C. and C. shop, which operates 26 machines and works exclusively for the jobber,

# SOUTHERN COTTON MILLS AND LABOR

By MYRA PAGE.

(Continued)

The village school system offers practically no opportunity to adults for participation in its activities. No village has any responsible relationship to the school system. As a non-taxpaying and unincorporated community, it has no power to elect the school board which directs local school affairs. Such a board is selected by the company and composed largely of its officials, or, if it is a county-owned school, the county administration appoints the board. In the Parker District near Greenville, S. C., a change from this older system was inaugurated a few years ago, so that the school board of this mill district is now elected by the village populations. At first the mill owners opposed this change, but they agreed as soon as they understood that mill officials would still compose the school board.

Each local school has, or attempts to have, a Parent-Teacher Association. This organization is supposed to interest parents in the educational policies and functioning of the school which their children attend, but in practice the P. T. A. limits itself to the task of raising funds for a school piano or new curtains. Except for the teachers, who feel an obligation to attend, the only members are wives of the two pastors, and of one or two company foremen or higher officials. Mill employees do not belong or attend. When a P. T. A. is having a sale or social, donations are solicited from house to house, and then mill workers are called on to contribute a pound of tea or sugar, but this is usually their sole connection with the P. T. A. Its meetings are often held in the afternoon when those at work in the mill cannot attend, even if they wished to do so, and mill villagers generally feel the class distinctions drawn between themselves and mill officials and their wives, and do not wish to mingle with them. "They doan want us to jine," one woman stated; "That's fer bosses' wives, that ain't fer us." Another said, "I aint got the money to dress fit to go nowhere. They'd look at me funny." "They (the officials) can build a bridge on my nose but not walk across it," another mill worker said proudly, when discussing why she stayed away. Others related experiences which they considered proved that they were not wanted in the P. T. A. "Two of us went and when the teacher called the roll, she forgot to mention our names, so we knew we warnt wanted, 'n we never went back."

Some village schools offer one or two evening classes in textile subjects, and opportuni-

ties to learn to read and write, and many mill workers seize eagerly upon this chance to become literate.

Reading matter available to mill villagers is both scant in quantity and poor in quality. There are no libraries on the hills, and mill workers cannot afford to buy food and clothing. Also most families find subscription to a daily newspaper beyond their reach, but often one paper is passed around among two or three families. These local sheets are typical small town and rural affairs, featuring local "society" news, crime and divorce cases, boasts for democratic politicians, religious notes, praises of southern textile owners and what they have done for workers and the community in general, and editorials setting forth the southern, middle class, Anglo-Saxon version of the universe. Their opposition to unionism is universal, and in times of organization efforts and strikes, they openly align themselves with management and heap abuse upon the disloyal workmen!

A few village districts, as that surrounding Greenville, S. C., receive visits each week from a library-on-wheels which is sent out from the neighboring city. But the books offered consist only of popular fiction and children's stories. There are no economic and sociological books at all, or books dealing with labor and political topics. Sometimes there are a few books on mechanical and popular science topics, because of calls for these from the villagers. Among the men, western and detective stories are popular, while stories of "love and adventure" are much read by both men and women.

Another agency of company propaganda, in addition to those of church, school and press, is that of company welfare work. Quite a number of mill corporations do not feel it necessary to add this extra feature, but often the mills employ one or more social workers to organize clubs for young people and "look out for the welfare" of employees.

In some cases there is an elaborate program developed, with community center, gymnasium and swimming pool. The purpose of these clubs is to make employees more satisfied and loyal workmen, and thus cut down on the high rates of labor turnover and lessen their interest in forming unions. Often a company-subsidized Y. M. C. A. takes charge of such activities. In no case do the clubs function in any truly democratic fashion, but everything is planned and "put over" by the paid social workers who are in charge.

Participation of villagers in these company recreational efforts varies considerably from village to village, but in the places where we were, less than a fifth of them took any part. About two-thirds expressed unfavorable opinions of welfare work, while others commented favorably on specific activities, such as medical care, home economic courses, and recreational activities for the youth. Mill villagers are proud and independent, and resent any form of obvious paternalism, especially of the type which clearly aims to "improve" them. Also they feel that the company has some ulterior purposes to serve, that "they doan spend money for nothin'," and that the money spent on welfare work could be much better used in paying higher wages.

Autocratic paternalism, in all of its varied phases, is designed to further one end. Ownership of village and control of church, school and reading matter are means which the owners use for holding workers in material and mental subjection to the mill system of low wages and long hours. Back of the system of paternalism lies economic exploitation.

(To Be Continued)

## Five-Year Plan Gains in Soviet Union

MOSCOW. (By Mail)—According to the figures of the Supreme Economic Council of the Soviet Union industrial production in October, the first month of the second year of the Five Year Plan, totalled 24 per cent more than in October last year. Heavy industry increased its production by 28.4 per cent. The production of light industry increased by 21 per cent, including textiles 45 per cent, leather 49 per cent, rubber production 40 per cent, chemical industry 33 per cent, etc.

## Miners Strike in Austria

VIENNA (By Mail)—The strike of the miners in the Salgotaryan mining district has now lasted for six weeks. Not a single mine is at work in the district. The emergency work is being carried on. Strike-breakers imported from outside have been driven off by the strikers. The authorities are proceeding rigorously against the strikers and daily arrests take place, strike committees are dissolved, their members flung into prison, strike meetings broken up. The authorities have forbidden the miners of the various pits to get in touch with each other.

The social democrats are doing their best to throttle the strike in the usual fashion of "placing themselves at the head of the movement." Up to the present the miners, wise through long experience, have rejected the efforts of the social fascists. The government supports the social fascists by offering to negotiate with the miners, but as it will only agree to negotiate with the social democrats, there have been no negotiations.

## Strikes Grow in France

PARIS. (By Mail)—The strike wave which has been spreading over France since last year and which, according to the information given by Comrade Monmousseau to the tenth plenary session of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, embraced a thousand strikes with 500,000 participants, is extending.

Apart from the strikes of the miners in Champagnac, the foundry works in St. Nazaire, the transport workers in Lyons, the tailors in Paris, the bakers in Montpellier, there have been numerous smaller strikes. In the iron-ore basin of Briey a conference took place at which 57 delegates of the miners of the district were present. The conference adopted a number of demands, including a wage increase of 5 francs per day, and the abolition of the piece work system.

## Social-Fascism in Austria and the Struggle Against It

By BILL DUNNE.

THE steady development toward fascism in Austria has as its purpose the welding of a new link between the fascist blocs of Hungary, Jugo-Slavia, Italy and South Germany-Bavaria.

Many national and imperialist antagonisms place obstacles in the way of actual alliances but there is not the slightest doubt that fascism, backed by the imperialist powers and the native capitalist class, clearly understands its role as the executor of the working class and enemy of the social revolution.

### Other considerations are secondary.

Austrian social-democracy has laid the basis for fascism. Its role is obviously social-fascist and it remains now, according to latest dispatches, only for the "Austro-Marxists" to make one more concession to Schober—the murder of the Vienna proletariat, to abandon their request for a "peoples referendum" on the proposed changes in the constitution which delegates parliament to the background and establishes a fascist dictatorship.

The Inprecor for November 29, under a Vienna date-line says:

"The only question which has not yet been settled in the social-democratic demand for a peoples referendum. On this point the government remains firm in its refusal. The adoption of Schober's fascist constitutional proposal will thus be voted by the social democrats without any concessions. The parliamentary settlement of the constitutional changes is expected to take place within the next few days. Today the leaders of the district Heimwehr, Pfrimmer and Pabst, were in parliament where they had consultations with the christian social members."

Under the guise of "preserving the peace of the state" the social-democrats have resorted to fascism in the streets, in the factories and in the countryside. The social-democratic Schutzbund, composed of an overwhelming majority of workers, has had its morale systematically sapped. Its leaders have sought

in every way to prevent the revolutionary spirit of the masses developing to the point where fascism could and would have been smashed in the factories and its base in the cities destroyed.

As the social-democratic leaders retreated, fascism advanced. Today the social-democrats conspire to prevent a mass revolt against the fascist proposal of the government which means utmost misery heaped upon the already low paid and oppressed Austrian workers.

The Communist Party of Austria has continually warned the workers. It has led them in struggles and fully conscious of the fascist danger, is organizing the masses for resistance.

Recently there was held in Vienna, under the leadership of the Communist Party, a conference of revolutionary shop stewards. This program calls for a revolutionary united front against factory fascism, against capitalist rationalization, against the increased cost of living, against the "wholesale dismissals of revolutionary workers from the factories." Special demands are raised for young workers, for working women and the working peasantry. (This is an exploited section of the population to which the Austro-Marxists have never paid the slightest attention with the result that fascism has been handed a fertile field for organization.)

The spirit of the masses is shown by the growing number of fights which took place between workers and fascists as at Bruck on Mur, in the Alpine Montane works and in the streets.

We can expect civil war in Austria. Under the leadership of the Communist Party of Austria the workers will fight. It is necessary to begin at once the widest preparations to support their struggle against the fascist dictatorship. Social-democracy has handed the Austrian masses over to fascism. This must be made known to every worker and the international working class organized to smash this social treason.

### Soviets as against fascist councils!

A workers government as against the Schober regime of Austrian capitalism and imperialist reaction.

The events in Austria constitute another threat against the Soviet Union and must be considered as an important part of the imperialist war preparations. The fascist regimes of Poland, Rumania, Jugo-Slavia and Hungary are imperialist weapons against the Soviet Union. To this arsenal Austria is to be added. Czechoslovakia likewise is being prepared for fascism as the attacks on the Communist Party and the mass organization of the workers show.

With their fascist kindred in Bavaria aiding them, the Austrian fascists and social democrats know that a corridor will have been established opening the way from the English Channel to the Black Sea—for invasion of the Soviet Union.

The defeat of fascism in Austria will be a victory for the working class of the whole

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