

If the Kulak—and God—Depend Upon the Withered Spinsters and Pot-Bellied Priests Who Prayed Yesterday Against Bolshevism, Then They Are Depending on Darn Little. The 7,000,000 Jobless and Their Families Failed to Pray on an Empty Stomach; Also the Workers Suffering Wage Cuts and Speed-Up.

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## 25,000 WORKERS AT NEW YORK SOVIET DEFENSE MEET

### The Springfield 'Convention' Proved Our Estimate Correct

The seating of Frank Farrington, the \$25,000 stoolpigeon of the Peabody Coal Company, by the Springfield "convention" Thursday, and the vote of 225 to 145 on this question stripped this assemblage of what little working class camouflage it had.

Seldom has a Communist analysis of a situation and the role to be played by all factors and forces involved been so completely vindicated in so short a time as by the actions of that stoolpigeon gathering euphemistically termed "the Springfield convention of the United Mine Workers of America" by its supporters.

Our Party and the Trade Union Unity League told workers in general and miners in particular that this "convention" was organized, bought and paid for by coal operators. The convention itself furnished the complete proof of this.

The miners of Illinois boycotted this social-fascist meeting. From the great coal producing state of Pennsylvania there were exactly two "delegates"—Brophy and Haggood—representing no one but themselves.

The miners answered the conspiracy of stoolpigeons, gunmen, coal operators and Musteites by staying away as they were advised to do by the National Miners' Union and the Trade Union Unity League.

The carefully planned and widely advertised "insurgent convention" has been proved to be exactly what we said it would be. It was organized to fool miners into once more placing themselves in the hands of their class enemies and their agents of varying hues.

The role of the Musteites—Howat, Brophy, Haggood, etc.—the "left wing" of social-fascism has been made clear to thousands of workers who hitherto have been confused as to their place in the rapidly shifting battlefront of the class struggle.

Workers have seen them helping to organize a convention of stoolpigeons, of adopting publicly the same program as Lewis and his fellow social-fascists—"worker-management cooperation"—which is the program for surrender by workers to wage cuts, speed-up and permanent mass unemployment.

Thousands of miners in every coal field know that John Brophy demanded of the handful of honest workers who were in the Springfield meet that they prevent "this convention being stamped as a red convention."

Brophy, Howat, Haggood, Germer, Watt are too "intelligent" to associate with the "Reds"—Communists.

But they can sit in the same convention with the foul Farrington and denounce the "reds"—Communists, who together with thousands of militant miners have challenged and are challenging the coal barons, the capitalists in other industries, and their brutal government, on a hundred picket lines and in hundreds of unemployment demonstrations.

This is their role—to distract attention from the betrayals of other agents of the bosses by joining the capitalist class chorus of black-guarding the Communist Party and thereby justifying all atrocities perpetrated upon Communists and workers who fight for the Communist program.

"Fight the Communists—cooperation with the capitalists"—that is the Muste program.

It is the same in the textile industry. A Federated Press dispatch of March 11 quotes Vice-President Gorman of the United Textile Workers—dominated by Muste—as stating that he had "sharply criticized the management of the Riverside and Dan River mill and had offered U.T.W. cooperation in stabilizing labor costs and removing inefficiency in accordance with the labor-management cooperation plan worked out on the Baltimore and Ohio R. R."

The National Miners' Union now has the immediate task of delivering more smashing blows to the wage cutting, speed-up and starvation drive of the coal operators in Illinois. The exposure of the self-appointed saviors of the miners in cooperation with the coal barons who gathered in Springfield has shown still more clearly that the program of the N.M.U. alone gives the basis for successful struggle.

The N.M.U. must now proceed with all possible speed to the formation of Rank and File Committees of Action—to unite the unorganized and unemployed miners, the rank and file members of the UMWA and the N.M.U.—in one solid front against the coal barons and their agents.

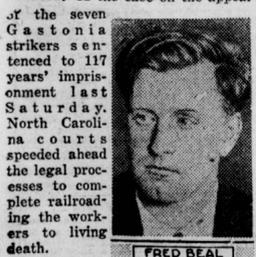
The developments of the class struggle in the coal fields have shown the correctness of the line of our Party. Now we must see that our forces are organized to take a leading part in the new mass struggles that are arising.

Strengthen the Communist Party in the coal fields for the great tasks ahead.

### COURTS RUSHING GASTON 7 TO JAIL

### Paris Commune Meets, Others Protesting

Judge Barnhill completed his statement of the case on the appeal of the seven Gastonia strikers sentenced to 117 years' imprisonment last Saturday.



In the meanwhile, however, three International Labor Defense lawyers are preparing argument and a brief to submit to the State Supreme Court, which will hear argument April 15 or 22. A postponement is practically out of the question, J. Frank Flowers, I.L.D. attorney declared, although the defense is asking for more time to prepare the argument.

Another 10 Years.

Meanwhile, Fred Beale goes to trial in Michigan, March 20, on his criminal syndicalism case, where he faces a further 10 years' imprisonment. He is now out on \$10,000 bail in the Pontiac case.

The transcript of the Gastonia record was ready today, and it will

be taken to Raleigh, the state Capital, by Flowers, for docketing and for printing of the record as soon as the appeal bond is posted by the I.L.D. (\$500).

Everywhere throughout the United States, where meetings are being held, protest against the Gastonia case is swelling, in union with the demand that all the workers arrested March 6 be freed.

Paris Commune meetings on Tuesday, March 18, and next Sunday, are passing resolutions on behalf of these workers, demanding their release and collecting funds for their legal defense. On April 6 to 13th mass protest meetings demanding freedom of seven Gastonia prisoners will be held all over the country.

### BREADLINES GROW.

A record bread line of 6,000 jobless men formed Thursday before the Bowery Y.M.C.A.

### Cuban Workers' March 6 Shook the Fascist Rule

Cuban reports show that on March 6, despite the terror against the workers used by the fascist government of Machado, thousands of workers demonstrated in many Cuban cities under leadership of the illegal Communist Party, against unemployment. In several places collisions occurred with the police forces and many were arrested.

In the past week the Cuban "government" (a mere device masking the rule of Yankee imperialism) "suspended" the principal national trade union organization, the "Confederación Nacional Obrera de Cuba," and also the "Federación

### PLEDGE FIGHT ON CAPITALIST WAR PREPARATIONS

Tremendous Cheers Greet Foster and Minor

### Whalen Is Nervous Call for Smashing of Capitalist War Threat

Over 25,000 workers met Sunday at the Bronx Coliseum, 177th St. and Bronx River at the call of the Friends of the Soviet Union to demand a stop to the orgy of lies from the imperialist-religious posters, backing the war plans against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

Tremendous cheering lasting over seven minutes greeted the presentation of William Z. Foster and Robert Minor, members of the committee representing 110,000 workers at the New York March 6 mass unemployment demonstration.

The entrance to the coliseum was like an armed camp. Whalen's cossacks massed on the outside, and the plainclothes clubbers gathered on the inside. There were 50 mounted gunmen around the building; 200 blackjack swingers on the inside, and about 200 uniformed sluggers scattered here and there. Sleek, oily Whalen was there in person, well surrounded by his personal guards.

Joseph Brodsky, attorney for the International Labor Defense in the class-vengeance case against the unemployed leaders, was chairman of the meeting.

Walter Burk, the first speaker, (Continued on Page Two)

### HAITI FREEDOM MOVE DEFEATED

### Hoover Commission Puts Over Trick

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, March 16.—Before the whitewashing commission named by Hoover visited Haiti, the masses of the people were on the point of revolt. What was their chief complaint? It was that the so-called "Council of State" who are the creatures of "President" Borno, as Borno is the creature of American imperialism, was going to "elect" the next president.

The bourgeois led "opposition" was very much opposed to such an election. But what has the Commission of Hoover done? The Commission has persuaded the "opposition" that it will be all right for the Council of State to elect the next president on April 14—with the "opposition" selecting the candidate, a broker named Roy. He will be dictator. The workers and peasants will still starve. The "solution" solves nothing.

The trick was neat. When the proposal was made, Borno was tipped off to "object." That made the "opposition" frantically in favor of it. So the Commission could play at being "strong" and insistent, and Borno's "objection" was "overcome." And the marines will be withdrawn "gradually"—which means never. Moral: A bourgeois "opposition" to imperialism always is unreliable.

### TORNADO HITS OPEN-SHOP CITY.

A Tornado swept through Los Angeles Saturday and damaged 150 houses in the suburbs—Hawthorne, Lennox and the working-class section of Los Angeles. Two persons were injured.

Obrera de la Habana"—the trade union center of the city of Havana—that is to say, the government "suspended" the revolutionary unions of the capital city and the whole country.

Recently a wave of strikes broke out in Cuba, where the crisis, even as bad as it was previously, is rapidly developing. There is a general strike of hat makers, strikes in many cigar factories and textile mills. Under revolutionary leadership, many of these strikes have been won by the workers. Just now the bricklayers and other building (Continued on Page Three)

### Workers Hit Brutality of Boss Police

Capitalist newspapers all over the country are being flooded with letters from workers protesting against police brutality as the answer of the capitalists to the mass unemployed demonstrations on March 6th. Very few of these letters ever see the light of day in the capitalist sheets. Many workers have sent copies of their letters to the Daily Worker. Below we print extracts from some of these (due to lack of space), and will continue to do so as long as we receive others:

Replying to a vicious editorial in the N. Y. Daily News (the sheet owned by the McCormick interests, exploiters of thousands of American workers, and vicious enemies of the Soviet Union), a worker writes them: "Daily News, "Editor: "I was born in New York and was a constant reader of your paper. Your editorial in today's issue (March 14) is an insult to the in-

### LIBERATOR ASKS WORKERS' HELP

Must Have \$1,000 in Ten Days Time

After appearing regularly for 12 weeks as a weekly newspaper, actively leading the struggles of the Negro masses and waging the fight of the working class as a whole, the Liberator, official organ of the American Negro Labor Congress, is forced to issue an urgent appeal for funds.

The Liberator, whose importance in this period of tremendous and ever-growing mass unemployment and suffering, wage cuts, etc., of radicalization and readiness for struggle of the toiling masses, cannot be overemphasized, must have \$1,000 within the next 10 days in order to continue as a weekly organ in the important work of mobilizing the Negro workers and agricultural laborers for the struggle against capitalist rationalization and wage cuts, against unemployment and attendant misery, and against the scheme of the capitalist class to saddle onto the backs of the workers the effects of the recent stock market crash and the international crisis of capitalism, of which the stock market crash was a part.

The Liberator urgently appeals to all workers interested in supporting the struggles of the Negro masses against imperialist oppression, and the various forms of white ruling-class terrorism by which it is maintained, to at once come to the aid of the paper which constitutes today (Continued on Page Two)

### Anti-Fascist and Anti-Horthy Delegates Fite Attack on U.S. Jobless

Meetings of the National Council of the Anti-Fascist Federation Saturday in New York, and of the Anti-Horthy League national conference, yesterday, adopted strong resolutions demanding the release of all the striking and unemployed workers arrested at the March 6 demonstrations.

Each organization made extensive plans to carry on the struggle against European fascism, Mussolini and Horthy brand, and at the same time took a determined stand against the attempts of American business men to use fascist tactics on the jobless workers and militant unionists of America.

The Anti-Horthy League national conference had a large delegation, representing the chief industrial centers, where Hungarian workers toil. One speaker at their conference was the national secretary of the International Labor Defense.

### Editor "Rote Fahne" Given 15 Months Jail

LEIPZIG, Germany, March 16.—Richard Schulz, editor of the Rote Fahne, official organ of the Communist Party, Germany, was sentenced to fifteen months imprisonment in the fortress here for his working class activities. The capitalist vengeance against Schulz is based on several articles he wrote, namely, "The Bourgeois Constitution," and "Away with the Bourgeois Republic. Fight for Soviet Power."

### MUSTE, FISHWICK DIVIDE OFFICES IN FAKE "UNION"

Same Old Gang, Same Constitution, With Germer-Howat Face

### Arrest Thompson Try to Frame National Miner Leader

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Mar. 16.—The "re-organizing convention" of the United Mine Workers of America ended here yesterday, with complete evidence of a whole united front of all the agents of the coal operators who do not quite line up with those supporting Lewis, and his convention in Indianapolis. Alexander Howat was elected international president of the new company, with Adolph Germer as vice-president, and John Walker as secretary-treasurer. Fishwick (or some of his associates) undoubtedly is to remain as president of the Illinois district, which is the only territory where the new company union has any power, and that power consists of an agreement with the Peabody and other coal companies to sell out the miners, and collect dues through the check-off miners' wages.

Walker, who was elected unanimously, is president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, and part of the old Fishwick, Farrington gang. This time push Howat and Germer forward, as fake progressives, hoping to give the new "union" a little disguise, and make it easier for the (Continued on Page Three)

### MORE AND MORE ARE UNEMPLOYED

### Elizabeth Jobless Meet Despite Cops

ELIZABETH, N. J., March 16.—Although the police refused to permit a meeting of unemployed workers, stating that if one held the workers would find themselves in the jail or in the morgue, the workers of Elizabeth were not frightened and held a meeting yesterday.

Two hours before the meeting was scheduled, 200 police, motorcycle cops and plain clothes dicks, encircled the square. In spite of this, a thousand workers assembled, anxiously awaiting the speakers.

When the meeting began, it was brutally attacked by the police. The speakers were dragged off to jail. Thus Albert Cornilli and Joseph Morris were arrested, though the workers presented a vigorous protest and many declared that this ended their illusion about capitalist "democracy."

Admit Unemployed Increase. Hoover's lies about unemployment have just received another smashing blow by "facts" issued by the government Bureau of Agricultural Economics. In a statement published on March 15, the Bureau stated (Continued on Page Two)

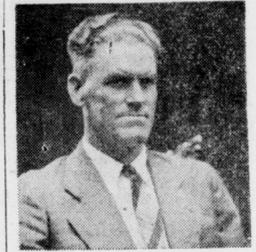
### Picket Grocery Store; Four Arrested; Keep Up Struggle at Miller

The Food Clerks' Industrial Union is leading a strike, which started Saturday, against the "Cut Rate Grocery Co.," 253 East 168th St. Good picket lines have been formed, and as usual, the police are on hand trying to drive the workers back to scab conditions. Four pickets were arrested, charged with disorderly conduct, and with bail set at \$500 each.

Picketing is still going on as militantly as ever at Millers Market where the police shot Katovis. All the housewives in the neighborhood support the strike, and if it were not for the United Hebrew Trades and business men financially aiding the boss, he would have been broke long ago. No one can tell how long they will stand the strain, and the union is determined to fight it out if it takes a hundred years.

UNEMPLOYED PARTY MEMBERS. Must come to the section head-

### Try to Frame Mine Leader



Freeman Thompson, national president of the National Miners Union. When he challenged the faker Howat to debate, Howat ignored him. When Thompson tried to enter the audience at the Howat-Fishwick-Peabody Coal Co. convention, a gang of thugs leaped on him, then had him arrested on the false charge of "carrying a gun."

### SEEK TO HIDE MEET FAILURE

### The Fake Three-Power Pact Doubtful

LONDON, Mar. 16.—Desperate efforts to administer pulmotor treatment to revive the dying "five-power naval conference" are being made in secret, as all the imperialists, particularly the Americans working under orders from Hoover to cook up some pretense of "success," search for a face-saving device that will serve to pass off on the world as an "accomplishment."

The French, with Tardieu, returned to London as firm as ever in denying the Italian demand for "parity" and now adding openly that the Italian demand is made only as a swapping point for the alternate demand of Italy for French colonial land in Africa, are the center of the funeral ceremony.

The French demand "security," by which it means hegemony on the continent as the leading imperialist power. Especially does France demand this in the plans for joint war upon the Soviet Union.

The Americans demand "parity" with Britain, by which American imperialism means an advantage in the coming war between the United States and England for American conquest of colonies and markets now held by Britain.

The British are content to demand "reductions," by which they mean to reduce both the French and American ambitions and naval strength, and "peaceful means of settling disputes," since England already has the colonies desired by the United States.

The Japanese demand a 7-10-10 ratio for "defense," by which they mean, taking into reckoning Japan's nearness to and America's distance from Asia, a military advantage in (Continued on Page Three)

### 700 BUS DRIVERS OUT IN ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 16.—Between 700 and 800 bus drivers on the "Green" lines (Peoples Motorbus Co.) are on strike here, with no effective attempt at strike breaking yet. They walked out after a meeting of 500 drivers and conductors, Friday. The mortormen have been getting 65 cents an hour, and the conductors 60 cents. Both demand 75 cents, recognition of the union, and reinstatement of men discharged for union activities.

### Member of Committee Elected By 110,000 Raps Whalen Lies

The Daily Worker has obtained interviews from all the members of the committee elected by the 110,000 workers at the March 6, mass unemployed demonstration. Statements have also been obtained from other workers arrested and beaten by the cops at the Work or Wages demonstration. The following is an interview with Joseph Lesten. (Name at first incorrectly spelled Lester). Others will follow in later issues: Joseph Lesten, one of the members of the committee elected by the 110,000 workers at Union Square

### NATION WIDE MOVEMENT TO SMASH BOSS REVENGE FOR MARCH 6 BATTLES

Mobilize Mass Protest Demonstration at Bronx Coliseum Wednesday, March 19

New Workers Center Opened in Charleston to Theme of Protest Against Jailing Leaders

With the trial before three Tammany judges, already determined to convict, set for next Monday in the case of the five arrested delegates of the 110,000 unemployed and striking demonstrators March 6 in Union Square, and with over a thousand arrests all over the country by police attacking unemployment demonstrations, the voice of the working class demanding their release and the end of prosecution against them grows higher.

### MASS PROTEST MEETING WED. TUUL Calls for Active Organization

The Metropolitan Area Trade Union Unity League yesterday issued a statement on the attempt to railroad to jail the committee elected by the 110,000 March 6 demonstrators, calling on all workers to attend the mass protest meeting in Bronx Coliseum on Wednesday, March 19, which is being arranged by the T.U.U.L. of Greater New York, the Communist Party, and the Councils of the Unemployed. The statement also calls on all workers to attend their union meetings, from Monday on, and all unemployed workers to be at the meetings called by the Councils of the Unemployed, to elect the Labor Jurors, who will render the workers' verdict on the boss class court that is thrusting their elected delegates into prison, perhaps for as long as eight years. Delegates must be elected to the City Conference on Unemployment, to meet in Manhattan Lyceum, March 27. There will be a National Unemployment Conference in New York March 29, and a National Convention in May.

Solid Fighting Unit. The statement points out that the (Continued on Page Two)

### NEWS BRIEFS

NICARAGUAN "REFORMS." MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Mar. 16.—Nicaragua is going to be "reformed" if it takes the life of every Nicaraguan worker and peasant. New proposals called "reforms" are given in the press. Among them are a seven-year term for the "president," elected by the U. S. marines, instead of the present four-year term; a nine-year term for higher judges, votes for women (if the marines count 'em!), longer terms also for senators and deputies, and one most blessed "reform" that exposes all the chicanery of Yankee rule—"abolition of jury trials."

### Ex-Spanish Dictator Dies in French Exile

PARIS, March 16.—Gen. Miguel Primo de Rivera, former fascist dictator died today. Rivera's dictatorship which was undermined by growing economic and political crisis in Spain, forced him to leave the country. Another dictator, Berenguer, has taken Rivera's place.

### NEGRO PRISONERS FLOGGED. WILMINGTON, Del., Mar. 16.

Warden Elmer J. Leach personally applied the last to three Negro prisoners, serving one and two-year sentences in the Newcastle County Workhouse. Negro prisoners in Delaware are especially signaled out for flogging.

of Deputies. A big unemployment demonstration is due in Argentina as in all Latin-America, on March 20, called by the Latin-American Trade Union Confederation.

### A REVOLUTION AT REDUCED RATES.

BOMBAY, India, Mar. 16.—The miserable pretense of an "independence movement" as run by Mahatma Gandhi is taking its course. Since the British imperialists have a stranglehold which forbids manufacture of salt by private people, Gandhi has picked out this complaint as the basis for a "peaceful revolution" and, with 79 others, is "marching to the sea" to make a handful of salt from sea water and get him self pinched. While millions of half-starved because of low wages, Gandhi don't want them to strike because he really fears the masses would throw off all bosses, native as well as British. So he promises to get them a revolution cheaply such futile methods as making a little salt and getting jailed, posing a "fighter" to sidetrack the masses from real fight for independence.

# CHURCHES NOT ONLY BOSSES' DOPESTERS, ARE EXPLOITERS TOO

## Robber-in-Chief Morgan Gives Big Funds to His Opium Peddlers

## "Holy Fathers" Have Big Swag Invested in Stocks and Bonds

"Church of Wall St. Shows \$1,482,340 Income Last Year. Trinity Reports \$15,000,000 Realty—Assets \$16,928,956."

With these headlines the Wall St. Journal introduces a story on the increasing capital owned by Trinity Church Corp., of New York. This Episcopal Church, of which Wm. T. Manning, now bishop of New York, was formerly rector, is the wealthiest single parish in America. But other organizations in this denomination and in other churches boast of investments, steadily increasing in amount rolling up into billions of dollars. The \$17,000,000 of Trinity parish is only a small fraction of the total.

So when Bishop Manning called upon all religious bodies to join in a day of prayer as a protest against Soviet policy, the Friends of the Soviet Union arranged for the same date a demonstration "against the capitalist preparations for war on

the Soviet Union under the guise of a religious campaign." The crusade of the churches against Soviet Russia, according to the friends of the workers' government, is a capitalist crusade against a socialist republic. The Pope and Bishop Manning, leading the crusade, not only represent two of the richest religious bodies in the world, but also represent properties interests—J. P. Morgan, Wall St. and organized capital, the critics say.

That American property holdings of the churches have vastly increased in recent years is revealed by the latest U. S. census figures on religious bodies. Church buildings are now valued at \$3,842,500,000 as compared with \$1,676,600,000 in 1914. These billions pay no taxes.

More than 50 denominations reported property valued at over \$1,000,000. Six leading church bodies reported immensely increased value of buildings, as follows:

Church	Value of Church Buildings 1926	1916
Roman Catholic	\$837,271,053	\$669,746,780
Methodist Episcopal	406,165,659	274,162,805
Presbyterian Church in U. S.	338,152,743	275,821,868
Protestant Episcopal	314,596,738	277,875,539
Northern Baptist	185,371,576	154,894,435
Congregational	164,212,552	82,036,769

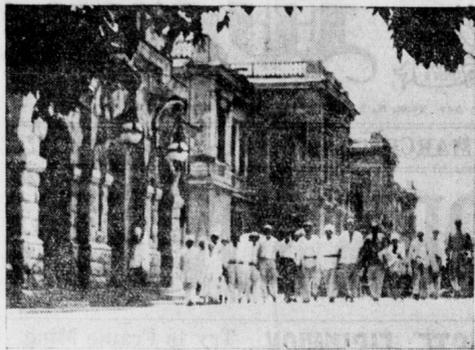
But church buildings tell only part of the story. Endowments of church organizations, excluding local churches, are estimated as totalling at least \$575,000,000 and probably much more. Most of the church missionary societies have large trust funds. The Protestant Episcopal Church missionary society reports over \$9,000,000; the Presbyterian Home of Foreign Boards, about \$8,000,000; the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society over \$7,000,000; and the Methodist Home and Foreign Boards, over \$6,000,000.

The church pension fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church, with J. P. Morgan as treasurer and chairman of its finance committee, now totals over \$25,500,000. It started in 1917 with less than a third of that amount. The fund is invested

in the leading railroad and industrial corporations in the United States—including the Sante Fe, Baltimore and Ohio, New York Central, Pennsylvania, American Telephone and Telegraph, American Radiator, General Motors, International Match Corporation, Standard Oil and U. S. Steel. Practically all have anti-union labor policies, and most of them have broken strikes with gunmen, spies and state and private police.

Other endowment funds of other church organizations now enlisted in the anti-Soviet campaign, are similarly invested in railroad bonds, telephone and telegraph bonds, municipal, state and government bonds. Investments of the churches also include notes secured by real estate, mortgages, and trust deeds.

## Not Religious Dope But Health Resorts



One of the former palaces of the Czarist exploiters in the Crimea, now a workers health resort in the Soviet Union. Palaces in the workers republic are turned over to more useful purposes for the workers than to house parasites.

# LAY BASIS FOR USSR DEFENSE ILGW FAKE STRIKE FLOPS IN BOSTON

## Friends Soviet Union Conference Held

The metropolitan conference of the Friends of the Soviet Union which took place Thursday night at Manhattan Lyceum laid the basis for a firm F.S.U. district in New York, based on the shops and factories, with unions and fraternal organizations affiliated to it. 185 workers organizations were represented, their delegates actively participating in laying down detailed plans for the building up of a strong district organization and establishing close bonds between the American workers and the workers of the U.S.S.R. It was decided upon a committee of 25 as the central body of the district. The conference is to be a permanent one, with regular meetings and delegates from all the workers organizations, its activity concentrated upon the defense and recognition of the Soviet Union.

Plans were made for active participation of the American workers in the building up of Socialism in the Soviet Union, through sending tractors and trucks, by unions and shops, adopting factories in the Soviet Union and supporting them in carrying out the Five Year Plan, by sending and replacing machinery and parts needed.

## Industrial Union Still Winning Victories

BOSTON, Mass., March 16.—The company union strike, which has the help of some of the bosses, is not only proved a fake but a fiasco. It was declared Thursday with several of the bosses giving the game away by telling the workers as they locked them out to strike until Monday but that they would be back then, and that piece work will prevail. Schlesinger and Dubinsky and the rest of the International Ladies Garment Workers gang as usual, have arranged the settlement ahead of time.

Only a part of the "right wing" shops have struck. Schlesinger's "strike" and lock-out prevails in only a few shops. His imported gangsters, carrying the American flag, attack the pickets of the Industrial Union, and the workers in the shops where it has already won union conditions. The defense has been splendid, and the strong arm squad is beaten. One professional thug stated in court that he came from Brooklyn.

## Ball At Rockland to Build Circulation For Labor Unity, Liberator

Wm. Z. Foster, general secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, and one of the committee of 110,000 in Union Square, pointed out to the committee that is arranging the Liberator-Labor Unity Ball to be held at Rockland Palace, Saturday, March 22, that over 1,000,000 workers participated in the unemployment demonstrations on March 6 in the U.S.A., and that they were workers of all nationalities and races.

In the South, Chattanooga, Tenn., Winston-Salem, etc., Negro and white workers fought side by side for the demands of the unemployed as issued by the T.U.U.L. Foster urged all workers to support the press of the T.U.U.L. and the American Negro Labor Congress, as a way to organize the masses of workers that answered the call of the T.U.U.L. and the Communist Party by militant street demonstrations in every city in this country. "Labor Unity and the Liberator are the voices of the militant working class in this country and must be given every support," Foster said.

An extensive and unusual program has been arranged at the ball to include Edith Segal and Allison Burrough in their famous "Black-White" dance, and Duke Ellington's orchestra for dancing.

## Communist Activities

Section One. All unemployed comrades report Monday morning, 7 a. m. at section headquarters, 27 E. 4th St. for special work.

Williamsburg Y.C.L. Open Forum. Tonight 7:30 p. m. at Grand St. Extension and Havemeyer St.

Williamsburg Y.C.L. All comrades report tonight, 6:30 p. m. at 68 Whipple St.

Unit Meetings Tonight. Unit 47, Section 2, 6:30 p. m. 22 Myrtle Ave. Unit 75, Section 2, 6:30 p. m. 1179 Broadway. Unit A, Section 4, 8 p. m. 325 Lenox Ave.

Dance Recital. Nadia Chilkovsky and ensemble of proletarian children, Sunday, March 23, at 3 p. m. at Civic Repertory Theatre.

Harlem Revel Solidarity Dance. Saturday, March 22, Rockland Palace, 15th St. and 8th Ave. Duke Ellington's Orchestra. Tickets \$1; in advance, 75 cents.

Harlem Grand Ball. Of Italian Workers Club, Saturday, March 22, 8:30 p. m. at Clairmont Hall, 62 E. 106th St. Concert, dance, Jazz. Admission 50 cents.

Eighth Annual Dance. Tendered by Followers of the Trail, Saturday, March 22, at the Carlton, 6 W. 111th St. Admission 75 cents.

"For All Kind of Insurance"

## Labor and Fraternal Organizations

Paris Comrade Mass Meeting. March 18, at Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave. 8 p. m. Speakers: Engdahl and others.

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## More and More Toilers Are Unemployed

(Continued from Page One) that unemployment became worse during the latter part of February and the beginning of March.

This doesn't look well for Hoover's predictions of a betterment in 60 to 90 days. In fact, each day following the optimistic sion by the chief imperialist executive has seen thousands upon thousands more workers thrown on the streets without work.

Why doesn't the Department of Labor publish its figures on unemployment during February? Undoubtedly the facts so overwhelmingly smash the Hoover-Davies lies that the imperialist bosses use the Bureau of Agricultural Economics as a means of crawling out of a very nasty situation. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics, while making the flat statement that unemployment is increasing, does not publish any figures, though it undoubtedly has these figures which are furnished by the Department of Labor.

In this way the capitalist government thinks it can hide the glaring fact that unemployment grows day by day, and that the future promises still more unemployment for the workers.

In its statement the Bureau also points out that the crisis in the basic industries is deepening and is carrying with it the sharpening agrarian crisis. They say:

"To this general picture (of decline in steel, auto production, etc.) should be added the fact that the prices of both agricultural and non-agricultural commodities have continued downward to date and that in the past they have corresponded closely with business activity."

## Liberator Asks Workers' Help

(Continued from Page One) the only voice of the working class, out of nearly 400 Negro newspapers, among the Negro masses.

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Help save the Liberator and enable it to push the campaign for the coming national convention of the American Negro Labor Congress to be held June 7 and 8 in St. Louis, Mo. Help organize the International Trade Union Conference for London this July by rushing funds at once to the Liberator and enabling it to continue publishing as a weekly collective organizer of the Negro masses! Don't delay! The need is urgent! For the Liberator to have to suspend publication at

## Lesten of Committee Hits Whalen's Lies

(Continued from Page One) ers, Whalen wanted to take us for a ride in his police car. "We don't want your friendship," said Minor; we want the workers given the right to present their own demands to the Mayor."

"In order to detract the workers from the main struggle of Work or Wages, and to belittle the Communist and Trade Union Unity League leadership of the mass unemployed demonstrations, the capitalist press manufactured a fairy tale about Foster and Minor having a wad of bills in their pockets and my buying coffee for them with 45 cents. The first time I knew anything about this tissue of lies is when I read it in the yellow journals where it was manufactured by the distorted brain of capitalist journalists. The fact is I did not have a dime in my pocket, having been unemployed for some time. Neither Foster nor Minor had the sums of money the capitalist papers mentioned. The entire story is pure capitalist propaganda to sling mud against the elected leaders of the mass unemployed movement. It is in line with Whalen's deliberate lying on a witness-stand, and is part of the capitalist slander against the unemployed workers demanding Work or Wages.

"Whalen, who said 'I thought I would crack my sides laughing when the cops began beating up the workers', is trying to make it appear that the committee elected by the 110,000 workers ran away when the march started. This Whalen does to make himself into a mock hero." We did nothing of the kind. We all went right to the center of the mass of workers in the middle stand when Foster was reporting. We were right with demonstration when the cops began beating up the workers. Minor was shoved around by several cops. One cop admitted he was standing right next to me when the committee reported to the workers and the march started. Another stool-pigeon said, 'I saw the committee all the time in the crowd. I am six feet tall so I could see them. He hadn't been wised-up by Whalen so he didn't say anything about running away.' We were right in the midst of the fight all the time, and when the cops, after beating up hundreds of workers, broke up the crowd, as the committee representing the 110,000 workers went right to City Hall and demanded to see the mayor. We were then arrested for wanting to present the demands of the hundreds of thousands of unemployed workers."

"This period would be nothing less than a disaster. Rush your donation today to the Liberator at its new address, 799 Broadway, New York City. Then get busy mobilizing other workers to come to the aid of the Liberator. Show your solidarity with the Negro masses. Help the Liberator!

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# PLEDGE FIGHT ON CAPITALIST WAR PREPARATIONS

## Call for Smashing of Capitalist War Threat

(Continued from Page One) national secretary of the Labor Sports Union, showed the imperialist face behind the religious screen in the anti-Soviet attacks.

Joseph Lewis, of the Freethinkers of America, pointed out that the churches who were trying to cause intervention have always supported the corrupt, exploiting elements through history.

Then James Ford, national Negro organizer of the Trade Union Unity League was introduced. There followed Norman Tallentire, for the Friends of the Soviet Union; Charles Smith, for the Association for the Advancement of Atheism; Hugo Gellert, anti-Horthy League; Count Keroli, anti-Horthy League; Max Levin, for the Icor.

When William Z. Foster was introduced, tremendous cheering greeted his appearance. Foster said that "religion is the opium for the people"; there is no place for religion in the Soviet Union. The role of the Russian church, as well as that of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish has been to sanction the oppressors against the laboring masses."

Foster was often interrupted by tremendous cheering and applause. "The bosses are trying to railroad us to jail for fighting for the demands of the unemployed workers. For every one of us that goes to jail, thousands will take our place to continue and broaden the fight against capitalism and its degrading institutions."

All the speeches were taken down verbatim by three stool-pigeon reporters that Whalen had planted in the hall in front of the speakers stand.

Outside, Whalen, in his usual hysterical manner had not only massed his police force but had stationed a fire-engine truck, though no parade or other outdoor demonstration had been planned. Whalen and his capitalist bosses seem ashiver.

Bishop William Montgomery Brown, who was to have been one of the speakers, could not come on account of ill health and sent his hearty greetings to the meeting.

Other speakers were Hickerson of the John Reed Club, who read a letter from Theodore Dreiser condemning the anti-Soviet war maneuvers.

A resolution was unanimously passed calling on all workers and friends of the Soviet Union "to rally to the defense of the first Workers and Peasants Republic and to pledge their whole-hearted support to the up-building of the peaceful new world of socialism in the Soviet Union by the workers and peasants in the U.S.S.R."

Spout Religious Lies. In dozens of religious opium vending dens, usually called churches, all over the country, small, unenthusiastic groups listened to windy, whiney preachers rant against the Soviet Union. Pope Pius XI, fearful that the masses would not be caught in the imperialist war-net against the Soviet Union, offered heavenly bribes of 300 days grace for the mulling of a few words of prayer against the Workers' Republic.

Building "A New System."

Edward L. Keen, vice president for Europe of the United Press, delivered a radio speech in London, broadcasted throughout the United States, in which he declared that the tales of persecution of religious adherents in the U. S. S. R. were a lot of hooey. Keen said the big fact in the Soviet Union is the tremendous efforts for the accomplishment of the Five-Year Plan.

"Russia is today at war," said

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## Workers Show Their Solidarity at the "Daily" Costume Ball

New York workers came en masse to The Daily Worker's Costume Ball at Rockland Palace last Saturday. The intense interest and applause given to Comrade Tallentire's speech on the role of The Daily Worker in the class struggle and the necessity of still firmer rooting it in the shops and factories, gave proof of the workers' solidarity with their only English paper in this country and their realization of its tremendous importance as one of their main weapons.

The Red Dancers' presentations earned generous applause. Keen, as much as all Europe was 16 years ago, a war not merely for atheism, but for an entirely new industrial, economic, social and cultural system, the most audacious political experiment ever attempted by mankind."

John Reed Club For U.S.S.R. Defense.

Theodore Dreiser, Waldo Frank, Floyd Dell, Jim Tully, Paul Green and Professor Franz Boas of Columbia University are among the 82 American writers, artists, educators and scientists who have joined a protest movement launched by the John Reed Club, 10 East 14th St., an organization of writers and artists, against the present anti-Soviet agitation.

"The John Reed Club desires to express its doubts as to the purely religious motives behind the 'holy crusade' of Pope Pius XI, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Manning, E. Rabbi Stephen Wise, and other ecclesiasts. The history of the last twelve years furnishes ample proof that important economic and political interests are the real driving force behind this campaign. "The war danger inhering in this situation cannot be overstressed. The last war was fought under the slogan of 'making the world safe for democracy.' Will the next war be fought under the fraudulent slogan of 'making the world safe for religion?'"

Smash White Guards. On Saturday, a group of white-guardists, in order to back the war-hated against the Soviet Union, under the guise of the attack of the religious dopesters, planned a demonstration in front of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, an exporting and importing organization for the Soviet Union. The small group of white-guardists was met by a number of American workers who sympathize with the Soviet Union. The attempted slander against the workers' republic was routed in a few minutes.

Tell the Advertiser—"I Saw Your Ad in The Daily Worker."

## SCENE FROM "ARSENAL"



The chief players from the Soviet film, "Arsenal," now playing at the Acme Theatre.

## Turgenev's "A Month in the Country" At the Guild Theatre

"A Month in the Country," by Ivan Turgenev opens at the Guild Theatre on Monday. This is the play's first production in this country and is the fifth production of the Theatre Guild this season. The play has been directed by Rouben Mamoulian and the settings executed by Raymond Sovey from the designs which M. S. Dobuzinsky made for the Moscow Art Theatre's Production.

The cast includes Alla Nazimova, making her first appearance with the Guild, Dudley Digges, Elliot Cabot, Henry Travers, Alexander Kirkland, Douglas Dumbrille and Eunice Stoddard.

## STORY OF DEVIL'S ISLAND AT PARADISE

Ronald Colman's "Condemned," the screen version of Blair Niles' sensational novel, "Condemned to Devil's Island," is the screen feature at Loew's Paradise this week. This picture of the life among the prisoners in the infamous French penal colony of Devil's Island off the coast of South America, has been authenticated in every way.

Dave Scholer acts as master of ceremonies at the Paradise in "Color Rhythm," the Capitol Theatre stage show, which supplements the screening of the feature.

## FINAL PERFORMANCES OF "PETER PAN" AT CIVIC

The matinee of James M. Barrie's "Peter Pan" at the Civic Repertory Theatre today marks the first of the last performances of this production in 14th St. this season. Three additional performances have been scheduled for the Saturday matinees of March 15, 22 and 29.

Miss Le Gallienne's decision to abandon this production has arisen from her desire to schedule the final production of the season, Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," at the Saturday matinees, after her return from a two-week engagement in Philadelphia.

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# WORRY AT INDO-CHINA REVOLT MAKES FRENCH FORGET MR. KOUTIEPOV

### Revolt of 20,000,000 Starving Colonials Is as Usual Charged to "Wicked Bolsheviks"

French Workers, However, Rally to Defense of Indo-Chinese Fight for Freedom

PARIS (By Inprecorr Press Service)—The attitude of the press from the extreme nationalist right to the social democracy has shown a touching unanimity in ascribing the events in Indo-China to the machinations of the wicked bolsheviks.

The Koutieпов affair had lost its attraction, and the press eagerly seized on Indo-China as new material for the anti-communist anti-soviet campaign. The press is now full of stories about the "intrigues of the Comintern in the Far East." The idea that the revolt of Yen-Ber, Hunghoa and Hanoi came as the result of the objection of the Annamites to the oppressive regime of French imperialism is unpopular.

Only a little while ago the communist deputy Jacques Lorient dealt in a long and detailed speech with the situation in Indo-China. He exposed the semi-starvation of the peasantry under French rule, the regime of police repression and the growing dissatisfaction of the native population.

Yesterday's "Humanite" writes, "There is no doubt that the communist idea has developed rapidly in Indochina, and we are proud that thousands and thousands of workers and peasants there have realized that their only hope lies in communism, but we know very well that there is nothing artificial about the revolutionary movement in Indochina, that it has developed logically from the regime of feudalism and imperialist oppression and exploitation. The 20,000,000 workers and peasants in Indochina demand independence and we support this demand unreservedly and the French workers will not permit imperialism to drown the national-revolutionary movement in blood."

Yesterday evening the situation in Indochina was discussed at the mass meeting called to defend the Soviet Union. The workers at these meetings enthusiastically approved of the message of the Communist Party and themselves sent their revolutionary greetings to the workers and peasants of Indochina.

# MASS MOVEMENT GROWS TO BLOCK BOSSES REVENGE

### Drive On To Organize the Unemployed

(Continued from Page One) looking the fact that he did his best to run away from them.

**Protest at New Center.**  
CHARLESTON, N. C., Mar. 16.—The Charleston Workers' Center was opened here Friday with a crowd of 60 present at the beginning which grew continually as the meeting progressed. The workers turned this occasion into a protest movement against the arrest of the elected representatives of the unemployed demonstrations on March 6, and demanded release for all of them.

The descriptions of the demonstrations, and the police attacks on them were read from The Daily Worker by one of the speakers.

The meeting was opened by Fred Walsh, organizer of the Marine Workers' League and of the International Labor Defense; plans were made to speed up organization among the longshoremen.

To train new fighters in the class struggle a Workers' School is opened in the new center. From four to six, daily, beginning tomorrow, young workers between the ages of 10 and 18 will have classes. Older workers meet at the same time, Wednesdays and Sundays. Under the auspices of the I.L.D., to raise funds for the defense of workers' leaders arrested, there will be a package party, March 25, in the new center.

A workers' jury is being elected at union meetings and meetings of the unemployed that will sit in at every session of the court trying Foster, Amter, Minor, Raymond and Lesten. These meetings also adopt resolutions and rally mass support for them, demanding the release of all arrested as a result of the March 6 demonstrations. These meetings likewise elect delegates to the New York City conference on unemployment, which meets March 27, at the call of the Trade Union Unity League and the unemployed councils, three days after the fake trial of the committee begins in Special Sessions court. Everywhere delegates are being chosen for the national conference in New York on March 29.

Yonkers Council of the Unemployed and the T.U.U.L. building trades Council of the Unemployed met Saturday.

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# WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE—FROM THE SHOPS

# 15,000 WORKERS IN SEATTLE BATTLED POLICE ON MAR. 6

### Police, Bosses Challenged Workers and They Gave Their Answer, Says Worker

### Battled Police to Free Workers Who Had Been Arrested in Attack on March

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
SEATTLE, Wash.—The Seattle workers poured out into the streets to demonstrate on March 6 by the thousands; somewhere in the neighborhood of 15,000 were present. We held great meetings at the factory gates before the March 6 demonstration; some of the best were held at Ford's and General Electric. At the General Electric lots of young workers shut down their machines to come out to listen to the speakers.

On the days before the big demonstration the boss papers made vicious attacks on the Communists and the unemployed. The Seattle Intelligence had the headline "Machine Guns Ready for Reds." In spite of these things the workers began pouring in the Skid Road, the workers' quarters, towards noon, Thursday.

The mayor and police chief had challenged the workers and the workers were giving their answer. Led by the T.U.U.L. and Communists the workers responded in good shape for the march.

They had hardly gone half a block when the squadron of mounted police charged into them, clubbing left and right, followed by motorcycle police. The workers were forced to break ranks to keep from being ridden down.

One militant worker after another was arrested and carried to jail on the sidewalks of police motorcycles. The workers were battling to take the arrested workers away from the police by force, so whenever a worker was arrested a strong guard of police instantly surrounded him. We'll show even greater militancy next demonstration.

—SEATTLE WORKER.

# New Britain Workers Came Out 4,000 Strong

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
NEW BRITAIN, Conn.—We, the workers of New Britain are getting wise to these "free speech" and constitutional laws, as they call them.

They pass the laws themselves and tell us to obey, and they themselves do not obey them. We ask for a permit and they refuse when we want to demonstrate, so we have found out the laws are for the benefit of the bosses.

But we, the workers of New Britain, came out, 4,000 of us, and demonstrated against starvation. The bosses sent the police to arrest our speakers. Fellow workers, we must give all our strength to the Communist Party, which is the only one that fights for us whether we are employed or unemployed.—New Britain Workers.

As he entered the hall, Thompson was met by a gang of 50 organized thugs under the leadership of Joe Loda, a notorious Peabody henchman and U.M.W.A. board member from Springfield. Armed with guns and black jacks and hurling murder threats at Thompson, the thugs mauled the N.M.U. president, at the same time pretending to search him for weapons.

Loda's Frame-Up.  
Undaunted by the fact that none was found, Loda leaped to the platform, flourished a loaded revolver, and informed the "delegates" that the gun was found on Thompson. Loda then engineered Thompson's arrest.

A few moments before Thompson was assaulted, one of the hand-picked delegates had concluded a wordy attack on John L. Lewis, charging that his reign had been characterized by "packing of conventions, slugging of delegates and all opponents." Almost at the same moment, Lewis henchmen in Indianapolis were detailing facts dealing with "murder, intimidation, coercion, graft and corruption" on the part of the officials of District 12 and Sub-district 9, sponsors of the Springfield gathering.

The last hours of the convention were taken up with a listless discussion of the constitution adopted, which is almost a complete reproduction of the official U.M.W.A. constitution. Thirty-five jobs at annual salaries of \$5,000 each have already been provided for as a natural preliminary. Expense accounts are of course unlimited. These salaries will be paid for out of the check-off which they will try to force upon the miners, and through compulsory assessments.

Still Discriminate.  
No pretense has been made toward the elimination of discrimination against Negro miners except the formal clause in the constitution. The same dictatorial appointive powers which characterize the rule of John L. Lewis are to be vested in the president of the new outfit, according to the constitution adopted.

Thompson, for weeks before the opening of the convention, has been exposing the gang behind it in speeches to the Illinois miners. On the eve of the convention he challenged Alex Howat, leader of the discredited progressives to debate, but the Kansas U.M.W.A. official feared to meet the N.M.U. president.

The so-called "convention" formally adopted Walwer's appeal to Green for consolidating the two company unions under the direct control of the A.F.L. Green will speak tomorrow at the Lewis "convention" in Indianapolis.

# March 6 in Detroit—and Its Effect on One Jobless Worker

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
DETROIT, Mich.—Comrades, I am a Red. Was in the demonstration March 6 at Cadillac Square, and guess everyone knows by now how it went. I got satisfaction out of it to see so many people there. The bosses had their 1,800 brass-button baby catchers there with their Thompson subs.

Hope their day is coming and sooner the better. I have been out of work for five months. Am a metal worker by trade. Am 25

years old and have a wife and child. Six months ago I didn't know what a Communist was.

I put in application and passed examination for the police force, and can get on about the 20th of this month, so I was informed. But I hope I am stricken dead if I ever put on a police badge. I have other plans now—for the working men. I have got five men to join the Communist union (probably Trade Union Unity League.—Editor's note.)

—JOBLESS WORKER.

# Springfield, Ill., Workers Demonstrate 6,000 Strong

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Just a few lines on the Springfield demonstration held in front of the state capitol at 6 p. m., March 6. There were between 5 and 6 thousand there. There were over 200 state highway police, the militia was held in reserve, in the state arsenal across the street. All the day forces of city police

were held at the station till 9 p. m. There were 3 of us arrested, taken to the station, and they threatened to kill me 3 times. Tried to get the inmates to beat hell out of us but couldn't succeed.

I think we can hold some good meetings from now on and take in some new Party members.

—R. J.

# Workers Hit Boss Police Brutality

(Continued from Page One)  
telligence of the people (the editorial is of a perfect moron type—DW). According to your write-up, you have to be good-looking in order to have brains. Your slaves who printed your editorial may not be good-looking, so long as they help you to buy buildings with the sweat of their labor. Advertising pays and pays. I am through reading your filthy sheet.

"Disgusted."

# The Fight of the Greek Masses

ATHENS, Greece (By Inprecorr Press Service).—At the beginning of February the general meeting of the tobacco workers took place in the tobacco center Serres. The indignation of the tobacco workers at the dissolution of the unitary trade union federation was so great that extra forces of police were drafted into the neighborhood. The police, however, did not succeed in arresting the speakers.

A strike of the whole staff is threatened in the shoe works Kaktio, in Pireaus, on account of the dismissal of 45 workers.

In the Almyros district in Thessaly the police have organized a wild drive against peasants who have not paid their taxes. At the end of January 80 peasants fled into the mountains. Peasant committees and delegations demand that this police campaign should be discontinued.

# Police Brutality

Another letter reads:  
"The way the police treated the workless on March 6th on Union Square was outrageous."  
"The police clubbed the demonstrators, and followed them up with their blackjacks and nightsticks. These actions remind me of Czarist Russia."  
"Thinking of Whalen's actions reminds me of the barbarism of the Roman empire which has fallen."  
"Yours,  
"Lou Rosenkind."  
"Ex-100 Percenter."  
"Being an American citizen, born here in the U. S. A., I always respected the laws of the United States. But after what I saw on Union Square March 6, I was absolutely appalled and disgusted with the way our honorable protectors carried on with the jobless, people who only want better living conditions. I happened to be a curious bystander when this slaughter was going on . . . backed by the whole force of corrupted politicians with Whalen heading the list."  
"Yours, Ex-100 per cent Citizen."  
"Marine Slams Anti-Soviet Dopesters."  
The following are extracts from a letter written to the New York Herald-Tribune.  
"Religion—and how the whip of religious fear is held over the workers' head—this will never happen in Russia. The Russians fought for their freedom. The Russians in attaining their freedom went the Americans one point better—they eliminated class distinction. Why should they permit a class of non-workers, non-producers to be a drag on their country and secure a soft, easy living from the uneducated

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workers under the guise of religion?  
Almer J. Donner,  
U. S. Marine Engineer.  
P. S.: I suppose there will be a number of your readers who will cry "radical" when they read my letter, but they will be greatly mistaken, as I am a native of native parents, a war veteran covering the Spanish-American War, 1898, China Relief Expedition, 1900, Mexico, 1914, Europe 1917 (four wars)."

# MUSTE, FISHWICK DIVIDE OFFICES IN FAKE "UNION"

### Try to Frame National Miner Leader

(Continued from Page One)  
miners to be fooled. The loud noise about the "struggle between Howat and Fishwick" has now quieted down entirely. The only basis in fact that it ever had may have been due to the ambition of Howat and Brophy, his supporter, to take a little more of the lead than Fishwick and Walker thought necessary, certainly there is no conflict in principle, and the Howat forces quite cheerfully in the end, permitted Farrington to take a seat among them.

Assault Thompson.  
Friday, Freeman Thompson, president of the National Miners Union, was slugged by an official strong-arm gang as he entered the Knights of Columbus hall, where the "reorganization" convention was held. He was arrested on a trumped up charge of carrying concealed weapons, and is now free on bond.

The attack on Thompson coincided with the seating of Frank Farrington, \$25,000-a-year stool-pigeon of the Peabody Coal Company, and eloquently symbolized the real character of the convention. Farrington had been given five hours by the Fishwick-Howat forces in which to "defend" himself. The proposal to give the Peabody man the floor was made by Powers Hapgood, of Colorado, and one of the two delegates from Pennsylvania—the other being John Brophy. (There are 300,000 miners in the state.)

# Workers Explode "Prosperity" Myth



The worker correspondents of the Daily Worker are doing much to show up as a myth the "prosperity" bunk spread by Hoover, the capitalist press and all the servants of the tottering capitalist system.

# Cuban Workers March 6 Shock Fascism

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trades workers want to declare a strike.

The white terror, a chronic condition under the fascist rule of Yankee imperialist tools, was weakened by the onrush of the working masses. The December 14 and the January 10 demonstrations of the Cuban proletariat proved that the might of the working class made the imperialists unable to kill the movement by all its murders and deportations. The economic crisis, affecting the workers first of all, also hits a wide strata of the petty bourgeoisie.

Formerly, when a strike broke out, the leaders were jailed and murdered or deported as "reds." But today when the government tried to treat in this way the leaders of the hat workers' strike, a nation-wide general strike started after the lockout of the workers of one factory.

The "Confederacion Nacional Obrera de Cuba" came to the assistance of the hat workers, and this is the reason why the Confederation and the Havana Federation have been "suspended" by the authorities.

This "suspension" is an attempt to destroy the real labor unions of the workers' choice and to aid the imperialist fascist unions connected with the American Federation of Labor. This fascist "union" is called "Federacion Cubana del Trabajo." Naturally, receiving the assistance

# SEEK TO HIDE LONDON NAVAL MEET FAILURE

### The Fake Three-Power Pact Doubtful

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"defense" of Japan's imperialist gobbling of Manchuria, Shantung and other parts of China, against America's lust for the same loot.

From the beginning two months ago, when with a lot of drum thumping, it was opened as a "five-power" conference, the best that can now be seen by the pulmotor squad is a "three-power" pact, which they are talking of as if that was what they counted on in the first place, and even this "three-power" agreement is still very doubtful.

The only hope for such a "three-power" agreement, which puts France and Italy out of the picture, is one now based on an agreement by Japan to American proposals. But while the Americans pretend—they have to pretend—that Japan will certainly accept their ideas, the Japanese delegation raise their eyebrows at the reported assurance of the Americans, undoubtedly correct in thinking that the Americans are trying to make everyone believe that it is "not America's fault." But the Tokio government has not yet accepted.

Furthermore, even if Japan does accept, the result depends again on whether England would agree, since the Japan-American part of such a "three-power" agreement counts on England agreeing to a cruiser strength by such agreement, which would be less than the cruiser strength insisted on by France. So it comes back around the circle of France, and France is hard-boiled for its big navy program.

The net result, whether some fake "agreement" is found or not, will be a new armament race, hastened by the world capitalist crisis, and immediate sharpening of the war danger, especially against the Soviet Union, since all imperialists are filled with fear and hatred of the Soviet push forward toward socialism of Soviet economy.

of the fascist government, the workers will reject this fascist "union," and the revolutionary unions, by not only exposing its character in the concrete issues, but by continuing the struggle for the workers' interests under their own banner will re-establish the legality of the revolutionary unions by the power they have and will gain with the masses.

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# THE PEABODY COAL CO. HIRES MORE HELP

By BILL DUNNE.

THE Springfield "convention" under the nominal leadership of Howat, Brophy, Haggood, Germer, etc., but under the ACTUAL leadership of the Peabody Coal Company, was another step taken by the coal operators and their agents among the miners in the drive against the economic and social status of miners and their families.

The personnel of the leadership consisted of the Fishwick-Farrington forces and the Muste elements of the American Federation of Labor. There is no contradiction between this statement and the fact that Howat replaced Fishwick as chairman of the convention and that Farrington was not seated. On the contrary, the apparent differences among the leadership and the pushing forward of the "left" elements was the seal of this alliance and was placed upon it by the Peabody Coal Company.

**Fishwick and Farrington Too Well Known.**

It is no longer possible to fool miners with Fishwick and Farrington—the latter having had his \$25,000 connection with the Peabody Coal Company publicly exposed and the former having munched openly as their tool inside the United Mine Workers in Illinois. Both of them were active together with deputy sheriffs, troops, gunmen and the courts in breaking the strike of more than 10,000 miners last December and jailing leaders and active members of the National Miners' Union.

The main reason for the calling and holding of the convention was to create the impression among miners who in every field are showing by actual deeds their will to fight for the program of the NMU and to resist in the most determined manner the increasing attack of the coal barons and their government, that Fishwick and Farrington no longer wielded any influence in union circles; to create the impression that a new leadership had arisen which had dealt properly with these scoundrels.

**Dressed Up By the Coal Barons.**

The coal operators simply dressed Howat, Brophy, Haggood and Company in the togs of saviors and allowed them to strut the convention platform as spokesmen of the rank and file.

The convention marked the advent of the Muste crew—the "left wing" of social-fascism—into the coal fields in organized form. Their selection by the Peabody Coal Company and its associates for the role of leadership as against their former minority status is conclusive evidence of the rapid development of decisive struggles in the mine fields and of the growing influence of the National Miners Union.

**Adopt Lewis Constitution.**

Still more significant is a section of Article XIV adopted by the "rank and file convention." This section, lifted bodily from the old United Mine Workers constitution, excludes members of the Communist Party from membership in the Peabody-Howat Brophy "union." The deliberate insult to all militant workers in this section, made by mentioning the I. W. W., the One Big Union, and the Working Class Union in the same paragraph with the National Chamber of Commerce and the Ku Klux Klan, originated under the Lewis-Fishwick-Farrington regime, is maintained in the Springfield document.

The inclusion of the phrase in this section, "for any dual organization not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor" is clear proof that the leaders of the Springfield convention contemplate no break with the chief instrument of social-fascism in the United States.

As in the old constitution Section 7 provides an initiation fee of \$10—always too high but criminal now when more than fifty percent of all miners are unemployed and there is hardly a miner that can get work for more than three days per week.

A hypocritical gesture was made on the question of officers, wages, quite obviously in an attempt to capitalize the devastating criticism made by Communists of the huge salaries of A. F. of L. officials generally and United Mine Workers officials particularly. The Springfield constitution fixes the wage of the president at \$6000 per year, that of the secretary-treasurer at a similar figure while the poor vice-president is to receive a mere pittance of \$5000. In addition these officials are to receive all expense when away from their place of residence.

This last phrase is designed to enable the officials to have their "residence" at some other place than the official headquarters and thereby to continue to legalize the practice of drawing expenses for all the time they are at headquarters.

**Some Gang!**

Among others, the convention call was signed by Howat, John H. Walker, Oral Daugherty, John Brophy, Adolph Germer, Harry Fishwick, Walter Nesbit, Joseph Loda and Gus Fritz. This choice list includes everything from "left wing" social-fascists to a gunman of the Peabody Coal Company. Specifically:

Howat and Brophy deserted the rank and file of the miners at the height of the struggle in 1927-28 against the operators and the Lewis machine, led at that time by the "Save the Union Committee," when 100,000 Ohio and Pennsylvania miners were in heroic struggle for months against the offensive of the steel trust controlled coal companies. Howat crawled back to the Lewis machine.

John H. Walker, president of the Illinois state federation of labor, is one of the worst enemies of the working class. He was proved to have received a large sum from the Insull public utility interests in the scandal attending the election of their senatorial candidate Frank I. Smith. Walker is one of the official "red-baiters" of the A. F. of L. and has actively supported John L. Lewis for the last seven years.

Oral Dougherty, former sub-district president of sub-district 4, Ohio, during the height of the Ohio strike in 1928, tried to break the strike by attempting to have the men accept a \$6.00 wage scale from the coal operators.

Fishwick and Nesbit, president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Illinois district of the U.M.W.A., are associates of Frank Farrington and like him agents of the Peabody Coal Company. Gus Fritz is a slimy faker who can be bought for the price of a pint of moonshine with a part payment down.

Joseph Loda is a Peabody Coal Company man.

Adolph Germer is a pre-war secretary of the Illinois district, a member of the socialist party whose main working class activity for years has been selling correspondence law courses in La Salle College. He is the individual who called the police to kick out the left wing at the S. P. convention in Chicago, 1919.

The convention call signed by this crew does not contain one single word about the terrible conditions of the miners and their families. This seems unbelievable but it is true. One would think that a few words of this basic subject would have crept in by accident. But it is not accidental that nothing of the sort is there.

**Who Wrote the Call?**

The explanation is that this convention call was written under instructions of coal operators. It contains much criticism of Lewis and his administration but even this is not nearly as sharp as has been made in the past. The only subject dealt with is the condition of the union as a result of Lewis' misleadership. Not one word is said that would direct the attention of miners to the vicious attacks of the coal barons and their government. There is not a word about unemployment. There is not a word about preparation for strikes.

On the contrary, it contains the following paragraph:

"Every part of District No. 12 (Illinois) was functioning smoothly in spite of the most difficult circumstances. Its legal department collected over four million dollars in compensation annually for deaths and injuries. The district treasurer over \$350,000 per year in death benefits. Work in the district was increasing. The contract, while not all it should be, gave the highest wage and the best working conditions in the central competitive field.

This picture of the Peabody paradise is a dab of outright lies designed to convince miners, half of whom are starving, that there is no need for struggle because in some other districts all miners and their families are starving.

**Brophy's Line.**

Statements made by Brophy during his speech in Springfield show conclusively the actual character of the leadership in spite of its loud criticism of Lewis. For instance:

"My policy is to be conservative and make a wage scale based on freight rates, etc. . . . If you set up an organization fair and square, and conservative we will go down the line with you men. We are conservative. If it is spread that this is a red convention, and I am asking you not to put this stamp on this organization that it is a bunch of reds we will not be able to make contracts with our operators. We must pick out men nationally known who are conservative to lead this union." (Emphasis mine.)

The most powerful microscope would fail to disclose the slightest difference between the policy outlined by Brophy and the policy of Lewis. It is a policy of, by and for coal operators.

Haggood's contribution to the discussion was "I don't believe in wage reductions but failure to keep up organization makes it necessary to accept them."

**Make Up of Convention.**

The composition of the convention was interesting—to say the least. The official figures credit Illinois with 283 delegates, Kansas 37, Iowa 13, Indiana 5, Oklahoma 14, Ohio 26, Pennsylvania 2, Wyoming 3—a total of 351. (The two from Pennsylvania were Brophy and Haggood.) Doubtless there was a considerable number of militant rank and file miners among the delegates who still hoped against hope for unity and fighting leadership as a result of the convention.

But most of the delegates were handpicked by the Fishwick machine and evidence of the use of this time and tried method of building up conventions came out during the proceedings—due to the fact that the continued criticism of Lewis as the base of their fakery compelled the new Peabody Coal Company leadership to give some opportunity to the rank and file to voice their suspicions. One delegate from Harrisburg, for instance, charged Fishwick with packing the convention. Another delegate supported him and adduced proof:

"Take Local 758. . . . The names of delegates for this union were read when the union has not been in existence for years. You said this was a rank and file convention. Let's elect our own credentials committee and investigate these unions."

Howat was elected chairman of the convention. Walter Nesbit, for more than fifteen years secretary of the Illinois district of the U.M.W.A., serving in all administrations including the Farrington-Peabody-Fishwick regime, was elected secretary of the convention.

**The Peabody Link.**

The organic link between the convention and the Peabody Coal Company thus was not weakened by the failure of Fishwick to be elected chairman.

What did the convention do?

It provided for a delegation to the next convention of the A. F. of L.

It continued negotiations with Lewis.

It appealed to the United States Senate to investigate the coal mining industry and the U.M.W.A. The wire was addressed to Senator Wheeler of Montana. Not to be outdone, the Lewis convention praised Senators Norris of Nebraska and Walsh of Montana for "sponsoring anti-injunction legislation"—none of which has been made into law, however, and which, if it was, would make no difference, since strikes are smashed by fascist methods and not by injunctions.

The exposure of the purposes of the Springfield convention by the Communist Party, the Trade Union Unity League and the National Miners Union spoiled the plans of Peabody's Musteite henchmen, exposed them before thousands of miners and prevented them from effectively carrying out their program of betrayal.

**Our Mistakes.**

But it must be noted also that the mistakes made by the former national leadership of the N.M.U., and by the Illinois district of the N. M. U.—mistakes made by almost all the members of the Communist fraction—alone made possible the holding of such a convention. Had the policy of our Party and the Trade

## Marching Forward to Socialism—Despite Capitalist 'Prayers'!



## Unemployment in the U. S. S. R. and in Capitalist Countries

(By the International Committee of Revolutionary Metal Workers.)

THE "socialist" and capitalist press talk a lot about the "dreadful" unemployment in the Soviet Union. The press in the capitalist countries even strives to show that the unemployment in the Soviet Union is worse than in the capitalist countries.

The facts, however, show that the opposite is true. While in the capitalist countries, in connection with the present industrial crisis and rationalization, unemployment is steadily growing and affecting the broadest sections of the working class, in the Soviet Union unemployment during the past year diminished. (Also it must be remembered that the unemployed in the Soviet Union receive substantial relief, both from the government and from their trade unions, in which nearly every worker is organized. For example, the unemployed pay no rent while out of work, they receive medical attention free just as when employed and many other benefits besides cash compensation, all of which gives them security and relief from the hell of anxiety such as an unemployed worker has in the United States.—Editor.)

This diminishing number of the unemployed in the Soviet Union with the growth of socialized industry applies also to the metal workers. While on July 1, 1929, the unemployment registers of the Metal Workers' Union in the Soviet Union contained 94,300 names, on September 1, the number of unemployed metal workers was 90,000, and on October 1, 89,700.

However, the fundamental difference between unemployment in the U.S.S.R. and in the capitalist countries is not sufficiently indicated by these figures. It is necessary to make a deeper examination of the causes and character of unemployment in the U.S.S.R. and in the capitalist countries to realize the

Union Unity League been carried out some six months ago the Illinois strike would have had a still greater mass character, the N. M. U. would have been far stronger and the systematic exposure, especially of Howat and Watt, would have swept away all illusions among the miners.

The failure to organize and bring forward Rank and File Committees of Action as the principal instruments of struggle, the failure even to elect rank and file strike committees, the failure to understand the revolutionary significance of the united front of rank and file workers, unorganized workers, unemployed workers, rank and file members of the U. M. W. A. with the N. M. U.—on the part of many comrades seriously handicapped our work.

These mistakes have been corrected and the miners are responding as their response to the appeal to stay away from the Peabody convention showed.

**Our Tasks.**

It is necessary now to center the fire of the N. M. U. and the T. U. U. L. on the Howat-Brophy-Haggood attempt to create a "left" front for the Fishwick and Farringtons—and the A. F. of L. There must be no let-up in this drive until they are defeated completely.

This is now done as a central part of the organization of N. M. U. district conferences and in the preparation for mass convention of the union set for Pittsburgh, June 1.

The whole perspective is for widening and sharpening struggles in the mine fields. The strategy of the "left wing" social fascists in their Springfield convention was to halt these growing struggles.

In this they were defeated by our Party and its mass support among the miners.

entire significance of the difference between unemployment in the first socialist country and in the countries of capitalism.

In the capitalist countries unemployment has a so-called "structural" character. It is due to the very existence of the capitalist system of production, for the existence of a constant reserve army of unemployed represents an inalienable feature of capitalism. This army has been growing particularly of late years despite the simultaneous increase of capitalist production, since this development of production has been achieved on the basis of extensive concentration and vigorous rationalization as a result of which large masses of workers have been thrown out into the streets.

In the capitalist countries the overwhelming mass of the unemployed consists of 100 per cent proletarians. A considerable section of them is composed of skilled and highly skilled workers who are being replaced as a result of the development of machine production by the cheaper labor power of the unskilled workers, women and children.

In the Soviet Union the existence of unemployment is due primarily to agrarian overpopulation. Parallel with the development of industry we see a constant growth of the number of workers employed in production. The rationalization taking place in the U.S.S.R. differs from capitalist rationalization precisely in that, while introducing technical improvements, a more efficient organization of labor, it does not affect the workers and does not lead to a reduction of employment in industry as a whole. Thus, the socialist rationalization carried on in the U.S.S.R. does not constitute a factor making for an increase of unemployment.

Among the unemployed in the U.S.S.R. there are no highly skilled and practically no skilled workers. On the contrary, the Soviet industries are suffering from a considerable shortage of skilled workers. The overwhelming majority of the unemployed in the Soviet Union consists of recent arrivals from the village, unskilled workers, boys and girls offering their labor for the first time, seasonal workers, etc.

Further, while in the capitalist countries one frequently meets with unemployed workers who have been without work for one, two and even three years, the unemployment period of industrial workers in the U.S.S.R. is far shorter and usually does not exceed six months.

As has been already stated above, during the last year unemployment in the U.S.S.R. has been definitely on the decline. This has been due both to the adoption of the seven-hour day and primarily to the continuous working week in consequence of which employment in factories introducing this system has increased by about 20 per cent.

The consequences of the agrarian overpopulation in the U.S.S.R. are now being largely eliminated by the policy of agricultural collectivization and the creation of giant state farms. The collectivization of agriculture undoubtedly leads to a growth of production while the state farms also employ tens and hundreds of thousands of new workers.

We thus see that the socialist system of economy in the Soviet Union constitutes an effective factor in overcoming unemployment. This also shows to us the entire difference between unemployment in the U.S.S.R. and unemployment in the capitalist countries.

By following the example of the Soviet proletariat which overthrew its bourgeoisie and is now building its own economic system, the workers of the entire world will deal a powerful blow also at unemployment which so gravely affects the conditions of the workers in all the capitalist countries.

## "FROM PRINCE TO BOLSHEVIK"

By I. AMDUR (Moscow).

THE youth of bourgeois countries, and particularly working class youth receive a considerable portion of their "worldly" education in the form of a senseless (to the reader), but extremely harmful (also to the reader) "literature" bearing on all manner of daring, of exciting and thrilling escapades, hair-raising duels with death, etc., etc.

Tales of adventure portraying the meteoric rise of the inevitable poor boy to "Ship's Captain," "Banker," "President," or some other worldly position implying wealth, honor and glory, serve as a useful appetizer to the lad's love of adventure, judiciously tempered, however, with the usual fatherly counsel of "honesty, the best policy," of loyalty to the boss and such-like stultifying and subtle class propaganda that typifies this category of literature.

The fact that in real life the poor boy remains a poor boy is, naturally, nowhere stressed, but this little fact hardly stays the pen of the highly imaginative author who is paid by the amount of fantasy he succeeds in getting into each line. This, solely, being all that is required by the mind-moulders of the ruling class (read capitalists) for shaping the ideology of the "young idea" (working class youth).

The following is a tale slightly differing in context to those of capitalist manufacture in that, firstly, it represents the evolution of the son of a mid-Asian Emir to membership in the Russian Young Communist League—"Blue blooded scion to Red Revolutionary" (I present this title as a gift to the aforesaid imaginative authors), and secondly, it happens to be a true story. And thus, once upon a time . . .

The University of Uzbekistan (in Central Asia) has recently disclosed the fact that it includes among its student body the son of an ex-Emir. Prince Shakhmurad Alim, as he was known before the Revolution, is the second son of Alim Khan, former Emir of Old Bokhara, one of the richest and most powerful principalities in Middle Asia. Shakhmurad was ten years old when the last stronghold of the Emir fell into the hands of the Red Army (1920). The Emir fled to Afghanistan not forgetting to take along a goodly portion of the family jewels which had been accumulated for generations, and worth, from all accounts, a fabulous sum.

The family of 3 wives, three boys and four girls, was left behind to fend for itself. However, they were treated with every kindness by the new rulers, a fact which greatly impressed young Shakhmurad who had been thoroughly scared by court stories of Bolshevik "horrors." Later, the family was given the choice between remaining in Bokhara or

joining the Emir. The 3 wives, a boy and two of the girls availed themselves of this offer and left for Afghanistan. The two elder girls had since married and elected to remain in Soviet Bokhara. Shakhmurad and his brother asked to be permitted to enter the Moscow University.

Shakhmurad had his wish. He attended various technical schools in Moscow and when the first University in Uzbekistan was opened he returned to enter it as a student.

It must have been somewhat strange to Shakhmurad when he entered its portals as it is housed in a former palace of the Emir and where he himself had lived for some years as a child. Now, its gorgeous halls and corridors echo to the gay laughter of some 300 of the finest Uzbekistan youth, boys and girls from worker and peasant families. Shakhmurad is a keen worker and participates in all campaigns and social activities carried on by the students. Especially is he impressed and most enthusiastic at the unbelievable cultural and educational work trojanly carried on despite all manner of obstacles—religious traditions, superstitions, etc. He has joined the Komsomols in order, as he says, "to place myself directly under the control and guidance, and to be at the service of that organization which is leading the youth to a better, a finer future."

In reply to questions concerning the rumor that his father is actively plotting to return, Shakhmurad stated it as his sincere belief that the old order is dead and never again can be restored. He quoted an open letter sent by his brother and himself and published in the central press in which he propounds his political views as being pro-Bolshevik. In this letter Shakhmurad and his brother denounce the Emir and disown him, adding that they could meet hereafter only as advocates of opposed social systems and, consequently, as enemies.

The October Revolution, asserts Shakhmurad, is the greatest, most progressive event in history, and he sees the emancipation of the toiling masses possible only through similar upheavals throughout the world.

He speaks with feeling on the terrible conditions of women during his father's reign—illiterate, ignorant, superstitious to an incredible degree, faces always veiled, and married off while yet mere children. While today, the "chadra" has been discarded and girls attend the new schools, erected during the last few years, showing an aptitude and zest for learning which would have startled the old feudal aristocracy of the Emir's court brought up to look upon women as two-legged cattle.

Shakhmurad's ambition is to become a teacher and go out among the youth of the country to instill in them the knowledge he has gained. Especially is he interested in technics and is already instructing classes.

## One-Eighth of Youngstown Demonstrated on March 6

By BERTHA K. MARSHALL

WE suppose that from the fact that at our March 6 demonstration in Youngstown, we had a "mere" 20,000 workers, Lovestone will claim that he was "correct," that our Communist Party is "dwindling before our eyes" and that its activities hardly create a ripple in this "unshakable" capitalist structure known as the United States of America.

We had here in Youngstown a "mere" 20,000 workers, employed and unemployed. This is about one-eighth of the total population of the city. For the first time in the city's history have such large masses turned out to hear our message and to demonstrate by their eager applause, that they had found in the Communist Party their true leadership.

Our demonstration on the Public Square was scheduled for 4:30 P. M. However, very early in the afternoon, thousands of workers had already gathered. By the time we got there to open the meeting, many thousands more were there to greet us and as the demonstration progressed, workers kept swelling the crowd from every direction until there was not an inch of space empty on the whole square.

Unfortunately, we had only one speaker's stand. However, whether they heard us or not, the workers stood solidly to the last to demonstrate their solidarity with the revolutionary proletariat of the world.

Youngstown has long been considered the second largest steel center in the United States, with many independent companies within the city and in the surrounding towns. Within this center the two main groups were the Youngstown Sheet and Tube, the largest of the group, and the Republic Iron & Steel holding second place.

Recently the Republic Iron & Steel have consolidated with a great many small companies all over the country and have raised themselves to third place in the steel industry.

**More Mergers.**

Now the Youngstown Sheet & Tube is merging with the Bethlehem Steel. This will make this newly formed organization a very close competitor of the United States Steel Corporation.

In the Youngstown plant as in others there will be a tearing out of old machinery and new electrically powered and controlled machinery will be installed. This, of course, will result in additional thousands of permanently unemployed.

The Amalgamated Association of Iron & Steel & Tin Workers, an A. F. of L. union, have for many years maintained a closed shop among the select few of the workers in one section of the industry, namely heaters and rollers. While all workers in the industry were theoretically included, under the reactionary leadership of Mike Tighe and others of his ilk who helped to break the steel strike of 1919, they have consistently refused to organize anyone but the privileged few.

Now these misleaders are becoming alarmed due to these mergers and the consequent radicalization of the workers, which has shown itself in the mass movements toward the Metal Workers League of the Trade Union Unity League, and the Communist Party.

Youngstown is also not without its religious dopsters. One of these attempted to hold a meeting on the Square before we got there, and until we arrived spouted forth his doctrine of "Pie in the Sky." However, when we

arrived with our banners the workers joined us en masse. This was a demonstration within a demonstration which should not be passed unmentioned.

Naturally, we did not hesitate to point out what role religion plays in keeping the working class down, nor to show what role the churches were playing in the present international struggle against the only Workers' state, the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics! Nor did we forget to point out the fact that these churches, richly endowed by the interests of these capitalists; that it was the role of the churches to distract the thoughts of the workers from the vital problems facing them and their families by promising them a better life in heaven.

Great interest and enthusiasm was shown when the speakers pointed out the marvelous achievements of the Russian workers. One of our speakers very ably pointed out that we were not up with the fear of various "boogie boys." First it is the "boogie man," then god, then the policeman, then the boss and so ad infinitum, until we pass the stage when we can distinguish the boogie boy from the fact.

Under certain conditions these may be realities. Policemen's clubs, gangsters' black jacks and soldiers' bayonets are painful realities when the workers are disorganized. However, all of these are only boogie boys when the working class is united under revolutionary leadership and acts in a body.

**Workers Leaning Their Power.**

One of the boogie boys that the workers were discarding was the fact that a handful of policemen could break up a demonstration of thousands of workers. Another was the idea that they would get "pie in the sky" if they starved on earth. They are fast coming to the point when they will realize that the boogie boy that a handful of plutocrats are the destined keepers of this world's wealth is the biggest of them all.

Our Party members led a march to the hall and were followed by literally thousands of workers. All who could possibly get in crowded into the hall, leaving a large number on the sidewalk outside. These waited for sometime but were finally dispersed by the police. The workers who came into the hall stayed on for many hours listening to the various speeches and pledging themselves to bend every effort in aiding us to carry on the work. Many joined the Party and the Young Workers League.

The speakers were Joseph Greene, John Marshall, Bertha Marshall, Marie Robins (a colored woman worker), Lloyd Dight (a young colored boy, member of the Young Workers League), and Joseph Gottlieb. Mike Mauvrikus, a pioneer made a short talk and gave the Pioneer pledge which was received with great applause.

The Party in Youngstown, as elsewhere, is growing by leaps and bounds. On two or three different occasions recently we have recruited as many as 77 members in one night. This, I suppose, Lovestone will say is a form of dwindling. This, after there seemed to be fair promise of no Party in Youngstown due to the disruptive tactics of this "master theoretician" and soothsayer.

In the heart of every true Communist fighter there is a song of joy that at last we are thru with the renegades and disruptionists and are solidly united in the struggle of the working class of the United States of America.