



79 WORKER ORGANIZATIONS IN DETROIT PLAN MAY 1st

Whalen Threatens Raids

We call attention of all labor organizations to the provocative announcements by Whalen in yesterday's newspapers, in which, under the thin disguise of an "authority who refused to be quoted," he declares that in cooperation with State and Federal authorities he is preparing a 1930 version of Palmer's "Red raids."

Making all allowances for the irresistible itch for publicity of Whalen, and his irresponsible babblings, we feel it our duty to call the attention of all labor organizations to these threats, and advise that all necessary steps be taken by all organizations to protect themselves from any such assaults that may materialize.

London Conference Fakery

A great game of face-saving is now going on. It is the concerted effort of the capitalist world to hide the miserable collapse of the London Naval Conference in all of its ostensible objectives. With a brazen reliance upon the short memory of its "public," the capitalist press puts forward the official claims of "reductions" brought about by the London "agreement."

In the background, however, in lowered voices and in the most serious journals, the bourgeoisie face quite frankly the real results that came out of London—a naval building program unprecedented in history, sharpened imperialist antagonisms, a new stage in preparation for world war which brings the issue sharply and immediately before the whole world.

"Moral disaster" is the term used by the capitalist correspondent, Frank H. Simonds, in describing the collapse in London. Significantly, Mr. Simonds sees the greatest disaster to capitalism in the unmasking of the real nature of the social-fascists typified by MacDonald and the "Labor" government. He says:

"All over Europe, too, British socialism has played into the hands of Moscow, for the Communists have been put in the position of assailing a Socialist Government which has adopted the capitalist program of armament. . . . Socialism, which is moderate radicalism, has lost prestige to Communism, which is revolutionary. MacDonald has failed to the great profit of Stalin."

It would be too much to expect the most acute bourgeois critic of the London Conference to understand why it brought war nearer, why it increased armaments; they can only see the "blunders and ineptitudes" of individual "statesmen." But the actual results they cannot evade. In the words of Simonds:

"For Europe, what has happened is that a conference called in the name of peace and reduction has produced chaos without reduction, and a Socialist Government has proved, if not more Royalist than the King, at least as little ready to champion real disarmament as the "die-hards" themselves. . . . Thus the real tragedy of MacDonald lies . . . in the circumstance that the character of the failure has brought discredit to himself and to his party, to Liberalism and Socialism the world over."

A "tragedy" for the capitalist class, this exposure of the true nature of the "Socialist" party of MacDonald, the party of social-fascism but for the working class a real gain, a great step forward, toward throwing off once and for all of these "leaders" who adopt the armament program of capitalism, who are more Royalist than the King who are more faithful to capitalism than the capitalists themselves.

Let it never be forgotten that "our own" social-fascists in the United States, headed by the Reverend Norman Thomas, differ from MacDonald only in the fact that they have not yet had the opportunity to fully mature. But "our own" capitalist class finds its uses even now for Thomas and his ilk, and prepares for greater use of them in the days to come.

Let the lessons of the London Naval Conference expose also the true nature of the social-fascists in the United States. Against the capitalist class and its government, against the fascist and social-fascist lackeys of the A. F. of L. and the Socialist Party, the workers must sharpen the struggle, for the defeat of "our own" government when war breaks out, for the transformation of imperialist war into civil war, for the establishment of a revolutionary workers' government in the United States.

Help the Yorkshire Strikers!

Over 100,000 textile workers in the woolen mills of Yorkshire are on strike against the wage-cuts and rationalization of the British bosses and their "Labor" government of MacDonald & Co.

This strike, breaking out with elemental force over all the efforts of the government, the employers, and the trade union misleaders, is under the leadership of the revolutionary Minority Movement.

It is thus one of the most important events in the world development of the working class struggle. It marks the first big break in the forces of the social-fascists, in their organizational hold upon the masses of British trade unionists. It is a great contribution to the world struggle of the workers, against rationalization, speed-up, and wage cuts. It brings new mass recruitment to the international forces of class struggle.

Hail the fighting Yorkshire textile workers! All help to our fighting brothers across the sea!

Let us welcome these new fighters with a movement of international solidarity! Let every shop circulate a collection list for donations to an international solidarity fund! Let all such funds collected be sent to the National Textile Workers' Union, 96 Fifth Ave., New York City, to be transmitted to the National Minority Movement in England.

On With the Daily Worker Campaign

All organizations have now had ample opportunity to study carefully the plans for the Daily Worker campaign. Now every committee, every union, every fraternal organization, and especially every unit of the Party, must move into action.

The Daily Worker can only live if it grows. It can only grow if it constantly gets a stream of new readers and of contributions to meet its deficit (a deficit which will only be liquidated when our circulation reaches 60,000). In the present period of intense struggle, above all, all energies must be concentrated upon building and stabilizing the Daily Worker as our most important weapon of struggle.

Tomorrow we print in full a letter from the Cleveland Campaign Committee. It shows how they are going about their job. Let us hear from Philadelphia, and all the other districts of the country. And let the orders and donations of money begin to pour into the office of the Daily Worker.

Now is the time for action! Upon your response, workers in the shops, mines and factories, upon your activity, members of the Daily Worker Committees, depends the answer to the question: Shall we have a Daily Worker?

WOOL STRIKE IN ENGLAND SHUTS 70 P.C. OF MILLS

National Textile Union Greeted Struggle and Calls for Support

Rebels Hold Mill Meets National Minority Able to Defeat Sell-Out

The latest news from Yorkshire, England, where 100,000 wool textile workers struck Monday against wage cuts proposed by the bosses and backed up by the "labor" government, indicates a long and decisive struggle. The mills are over 70 per cent tied up, and the National Minority Movement, by a campaign of mass meetings throughout the district, has rallied the workers, against the wishes of the reactionary trade union officials.

The woolen industry in Great Britain is admittedly one of the worst sweated trades in the country. (Continued on Page Three)

PROTEST APR. 22 AGAINST JAILING

Workers Organizations Sending Delegations

The delegation of the unemployed elected by 110,000 workers on March 6 at Union Square and which was last week convicted by the bosses court will come up for sentence on Monday, April 21. On Tuesday afternoon, April 22 at 8 p. m. at Central Opera House a mass demonstration will take place to protest the conviction of the delegation of the unemployed and to demand their immediate and unconditional release. The meeting will demand the release of the Gastonia defendants, also of Powers and Carr.

All workers' organizations are urged to make arrangements for participation in the meeting. The mass protest that will develop against the sentencing of the delegation will be a warning to the capitalist class against any further attempts at repression against the workers on May Day.

INDIA WORKERS CLASH WITH COPS

Fight Back as Several Killed, Over 70 Hurt

Several persons were killed and over seventy wounded when a mass demonstration in Calcutta yesterday was attacked by police, troops and armored cars. The demonstrators, leaving Gandhi's counter-revolutionary propaganda passive resistance to the Mahatma, fought the police with stones, and police casualties were reported heavy. Four trams were burnt and five wrecked before the demonstration was dispersed with bloodshed.

Stevedores Strike on Lake Steamers

CHICAGO, April 15.—Stevedores on the Goodrich Line steamer Illinois went on strike today, demanding higher wages. The strikers walked out in Milwaukee.

PREPARE MAY 1 FIGHT

Eisman Calls from Reformatory

A representative of the Young Pioneers of America visited Harry Eisman in Hawthorne Reformatory where he is being kept for his activity among the workers children in the schools and his participation in the March 6 demonstration, under a rigidly enforced prison regime that keeps him in its iron clutches 24 hours a day. When told about the railroading of the March 6 Unemployed Delegation, Harry said: "I am not surprised about the

Katovis' Mother Calls Workers to Avenge Son

Urged Him to Stay With Her in Greece But He Answered He Had to Go Back to Struggle

The Communist press in America has received a letter from Greece by Argjiro Katovis, mother of Steve Katovis, the worker a Tammany policeman murdered for taking part in a solidarity demonstration held across the street from Millers Market, in the Bronx, in a strike by the Food Clerks Industrial Union. In denunciation of the killing of this militant worker, 40,000 workers demonstrated in Union Square and 25,000 paraded in his funeral procession. Katovis' mother says:

"Comrades:—Because I could not be present at the unjust death of my beloved son, Steve, who was so dastardly assassinated by the agents provocateurs of the American bourgeoisie, I deem it my duty to express my thanks, through the columns of the Empros (Communist Party paper in the Greek language), which my son so well loved, for all the honors that you have done to him. Two years ago my son, whom I had not seen for 17 years, came back to his native village, and, as I begged him to stay, he said tersely: 'Mother, I will go back to work for the emancipation of the working class.'"

"And he went, never to be seen again by me. So much he loved, so much self-denial he had, for the struggle of the enslaved masses, that he even shed his blood. 'Accused by the assassins! Accused by the tyrants. Revenge upon the exploiters! ARGJIRO KATOVIS.'"

The Communist press in America has replied to the mother of Steve Katovis that hundreds of young workers are springing up to take the place made vacant by the fallen fighter and calls upon all working-class mothers, whose sons may at any time have their lives taken by brutal exploitation of the murderous agents of the capitalist class, to rally in masses to the struggle, to fight with 'l their own' ining power not only for the defense of our champions, their sons, but also for their release from capitalist dungeons, where so many are buried, and for the overthrow of the blood-stained capitalist system.

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CUBA STRIKE IS AID TO MAY FIRST

Marine Metal Workers Hit Open Shoppers

HAVANA, Cuba, April 15.—The first step towards the mass political strike which the Cuban workers are preparing for May 1 against the bloody Machado regime and American imperialist oppression was taken by the metal workers of the Havana Marine Company who struck yesterday in protest against the hiring of non-union workers. On March 26 over 200,000 Cuban workers had struck against unemployment and the bloody oppression of the Machado government, the puppet of American imperialism. The metal workers' strike in Havana marks the beginning of the new general strike of the Cuban workers which will assume tremendous proportions on May first, the day of international proletarian solidarity and struggle against capitalism.

Red Int'l of Labor Unions Greets Meet on Workers Education

Greetings from the Soviet Union have been received by the Working Class Education Conference, which will open with a banquet at Manhattan Lyceum, Friday, April 18, and will continue its sessions at the Workers' School on Saturday at 2 p. m. The greetings from the Red International of Labor Unions says: "Greetings to Conference Cultural Educational Workers' Organizations, U. S. A. We express confidence that result of conference will be consolidation of all cultural forces of the proletariat in permanent cultural league, working in close contact with the Trade Union Unity League."

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LEGAL LYNCHING OF POWERS, CARR STARTS MONDAY

Only Mass Protest of Workers Can Save Them From Death

Sedition Charge in Chi. Wave of Protests for N. Y. Committee

Tomorrow morning, in 57th St. Court, the felonious assault charge against Foster, Minor, Amter, Raymond and Lesten will again come up. Many workers will be there to watch this attempt to increase the jail term of the leaders of the unemployed.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 15.—M. H. Powers, Communist Party district organizer, and Joseph Carr, Young Communist League district organizer, face a trial Monday under an ancient Georgia law prescribing the death penalty for "incitement to insurrection." Their "offense" consists in calling a meeting of Negro and white workers March 9, in a hall.

Both were arrested by the police, then released and told the meeting could go on. When they returned to the meeting, they found the police had dispersed it with tear gas. They urged the workers to return to the hall, and were both arrested again. The grand jury indicted them on the above charge and also for "distributing insurrectionary papers," these being the Communist leaflets to the unemployed. The mill owners and their agents in Georgia do not even take the trouble to make a murder frame-up

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Six Millers Market Pickets Tried; Union Supports Convention

Six more pickets, arrested before Millers' Market, 161st St. and Union Ave., Bronx, where Steve Katovis was murdered, were tried in 161st St. Court yesterday. The judge and the district attorney were anxious to convict, but had to release three of them. They were fined \$3 each.

The Food Workers Industrial Union, leading this strike, calls on all its shops to participate energetically in the Food Workers' Convention Sunday, at which a new food workers' industrial union, taking in all in the industry, will be built.

Friends of Soviet Union Give Dance Saturday, April 19

A Soviet entertainment, concert and dance will be given Saturday evening, April 19, by the Friends of the Soviet Union at Central Plaza Hall, 111 Second Ave., near Sixth St. Among the features will be the Balalaika orchestra, which will play the songs of new Russia, as well as the Soviet dramatic artist, Leis, who will sing the latest Russian folk songs. Tickets are for sale at the Novy Mir, Ruskyy Golos, Workers' Bookshop, the New Masses, Sollins Restaurant, District Office of the Communist Party and office of the Friends of the Soviet Union, 799 Broadway.

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"FAKE TRIAL IS OVER, THE FIGHT GOES ON", SAYS AMTER FROM CELL

Thousands of Delegates in Last Mobilization Conferences; Detroit, April 27; N. Y., 24th

Mass Political Strike, Parades, Built Up by Campaign of Factory Gate Meetings

DETROIT, Mich., April 15.—Detroit workers prepare for a greater May 1 demonstration than even that in which 100,000 participated on March 6. A united front conference yesterday to make plans for the May Day mass political strike and demonstration was attended by 125 delegates representing 79 organizations. The meeting took place in Trade Union Center, 3782 Woodward. It enthusiastically endorsed the call of the Communist Party to strike May 1, and elected a broad committee to handle arrangements to meet every Friday to coordinate the campaign of preparation for the mass strike and demonstration.

1,000 METAL WORKERS STRIKE

Resist Worsening, Call for T.U.U.L. Aid

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 15.—One thousand metal workers walked out here Monday in a strike against a renewed attack on their standards of living. The strikers appealed to the Trade Union Unity League in Chicago for organizers and leadership. The T.U.U.L. responded immediately and Nels Kjar, district secretary in Chicago was sent to Indianapolis.

The wage campaign of the bosses to shift the burden of the economic crisis to the shoulders of the working class and to use the unemployed army as a means of attacking the wage standards of the employed workers, has reached into every part of the country. The metal workers strike indicates the increased resistance.

BAKERS 3 CLIQUE WANTS WAGE-CUT

Refuses to Carry Out Vote for May 1st

Open refusal to carry out the will of the membership of Local 3 Bakers, Amalgamated Food Workers, in regard to the terms of the May 1 agreement was voted by the union's executive board Monday night. A motion that the members be forced under penalty of fine to "reconsider" their previous action in regard to the agreements was passed, with provision for a special union meeting again next Saturday.

The fight centers on a clause in the agreement calling for the recognition of May First as the only workers' holiday, as well as on the wage standards. Under the mask of changing the classification of bakers, the officials are trying to put across a wage-cut. Class A bakers are to get Class B wages; Class B to get Class C wages, etc. At the past two union meetings, such strong rank-and-file opposition to the wage-cut showed itself that the officials were forced to retreat, although they maneuvered by not sending the bosses the terms for which the membership voted.

Freidlien, the Tammany Hall business agent, proposed to "cannvass the bosses first" but was

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ONLY THE 'DAILY' TELLS

Prints News Can't Get Elsewhere

Yesterday the Daily Worker, outside of a small item with garbled facts printed in an obscure bosses daily trade paper, was the only daily newspaper in New York that contained the news that 100,000 British wool workers went on strike, under the leadership of the Minority Movement against wage-cuts.

When the Prince of Wales sneezes, he sneezes on the front page of every capitalist sheet in the United States. When 100,000 British workers go out in a tremendous strike against wage-cuts, the American workers must learn this fact from the Daily Worker.

In the drive for 30,000 new readers for the Daily Worker by June 1st, the fact must be stressed that the Daily Worker despite the worldwide capitalist censorship to hide the growing crisis and the sharpening revolutionary struggles, prints news which can not be obtained elsewhere of strikes, uprisings, struggles and capitalist oppression. Recently 200 dead marines arrived at the Brooklyn Army Base Pier. This fact did not appear in the capitalist press. The Daily Worker was the first newspaper to expose the arrival of the dead marines.

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RAID AGRICULTURAL LEAGUE IN EL CENTRO ARREST 85 WORKERS

Organizer Horiuchi and Convention Delegates Who Were Arranging Meeting Jailed

Charge Insurrection; Fanciful Details; League Was Preparing Imperial Valley Strike

EL CENTRO, Calif., April 15.—Police raided the offices of the Agricultural Workers' Industrial League, of the Trade Union Unity League here today, arresting Organizer T. Horiuchi and 85 members of the league. The object of the raid is to stop the rapid organization of the league here and the strike of the canteloupe packers which was foreshadowed by the strike of 15,000 Mexican and Filipino lettuce packers in February.

The first strike was a spontaneous walk-out for more wages and against intolerable housing conditions and long hours. It was betrayed by a Mexican liberal organization, and the workers have been lining up in large numbers in the T. U. U. L., preparing for strike this spring.

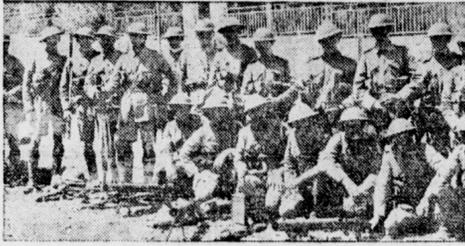
Convention Delegates. Many of those arrested were delegates to the first convention of the

Agricultural Workers' Industrial League, which was scheduled to be held in this town next Saturday.

The February strike was accompanied by widespread police terror, and accompanied by a general incitement to race war by the employers, during the course of which American Legionnaires with machine guns and rifles attacked Filipino agricultural workers all over the state, and precipitated fights in which one Filipino worker was killed in the Salinas Valley, far north of here, and Filipino clubs and rooming houses were bombed.

As after the first strike, when police and U. S. army officers cooked up a story about a plot to seize a U. S. armory near Monterey, and stage armed rebellion, so now similar stories are circulated about the league in the Imperial Valley. The arrested workers are being charged with insurrection.

'Labor' Government Arms British Imperialism



Snouden, "labor" chancellor of the exchequer, admitted in his budget speech yesterday that British imperialism was preparing—with the help of the slimy labor ministers—for the next imperialist war. Out of a budget of \$1,000,000,000 proposed by the labor government, about \$2,000,000,000 or more than one-half is to arm capitalism against the workers and colonial peoples—and against the Soviet Union. Photo shows British troops in Palestine.

HARPER, KELLEY TRIAL TOMORROW

Rank and File Protests Brotherhood's Charge

BULLETIN.
LOCUST GROVE, Ga., April 15.—The coroner's jury here, loyal to the lynching traditions of the white exploiters, has refused to fix any blame for the murder of Wilkins.

Sol Harper, organizer for the American Negro Labor Congress and Rose Kelley, come to trial tomorrow before Judge Ford in 151st court on charges of disorderly conduct because Harper rose last Friday in a public meeting called by the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters to speak on a resolution condemning the Wilkins lynching and proposing real action in protest instead of the hog wash of "sympathy" over a "mysterious" crime which the Randolph clique officials were pouring out. Kelley was jailed for defending Harper.

The charges were brought by General Secretary Treasurer Roy Lancaster for the brotherhood.

The Negro bourgeois press is divided. The Negro World carries the I.L.D. story of the lynching; the New York News carries the story; and the resolutions adopted at several mass meetings held by the A.N.L.C. and the I.L.D. The Age follows the capitalist line about a "mysterious murder," though the I.L.D. has proved amply that it was the white train crew that lynched Wilkins. The Associated Negro Press story follows the line of the I.L.D. The Amsterdam News advises the Brotherhood to drop the charges.

Wall Street Wants New Haiti Office Boy

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Borno, Wall Street flunky has been again assured full support of United States Marines to oppress the Haitian masses. Hoover's fake and jim crow commission having served its purpose in making a visit to Haiti and recommending certain gestures to the revolting Haitians, including promise of the appointment of Eugene Roy, native banker, is now in the discard.

Borno again assumes full role of oppressor for the National City Bank and other capitalist interests in Haiti. Workers in Port au Prince are not to be allowed to stand on the streets.

Borno has been ordered to issue a proclamation urging the election of a temporary President of Haiti. The Council which selects the president was appointed by Borno and if Roy is selected, the only change will be another office boy arrangement for American capitalists.

Socialist Fascists Drive on Negroes

WEIMAR, Germany, April 15.—Dr. Fricke, national socialist (fascist) minister of education, made a vicious attack upon Negro actors here today. He threatened to revoke the licenses of any employer who might allow Negro actors and dancers to appear in their theatres or places of entertainment. He openly attacked the Negro workers, with the excuse that he must preserve the national character of the German nation which he as a part of the ruling class helped to guide during the war of 1914 to 1919.

Try to Break Soviet-French Relations As War Step

Attempts to break diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and France are being made by reactionary circles the Pravda stated last Monday, according to an Associated Press dispatch. France, the Pravda is reported as saying, is the "headquarters of a new so-

Anglo-Soviet Trade Agreement

LONDON, April 15.—A trade agreement with the Soviet Union was announced in Parliament yesterday by Hugh Dalton, under secretary of foreign affairs. Mild criticism greeted the trade agreement from the conservatives. However, the "labor" ministers softened the criticism by providing that the agreement could easily be broken by a six-months' notice.

Pravda Exposes French War Plans

Pravda is quoted in an Associated Press dispatch from Moscow as saying that reactionary circles in France were doing their utmost to break diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and France.

"France is the headquarters of a new series of international intrigues and plans for war against the Soviet Union," Pravda says.

Pravda's comments follow the action of a French court in stealing property belonging to the Soviet Union oil syndicate and the Soviet trade mission in Paris.

Talk Further Enslavement of Egypt

LONDON, April 15.—Discussions were held today between imperialist supporters in the British "labor" government and Nahas Pasha on the question of a treaty binding the Egyptian masses more closely to the British masters.

The betrayal has been going on for a month, with great secrecy covering the discussions. Some difficulties are reported from the meetings as to the division of the spoils wrung from the Egyptian masses.

Tardieu Hits War Vets

PARIS, April 15.—Tardieu won a victory in the Chamber of Deputies today against the great mass of war veterans and their dependents by a refusal of the deputies by 319 to 260 to raise the pensions of the disabled soldiers.

In order to appease the victims of the imperialist war, a compromise motion is to be presented providing for a five per cent increase.

Bosses Would Abolish Union Square

Following closely Police Commissioner Whalen's careful insistence at the trial of the committee of the unemployed Friday that Union Sq. is only the space along the sidewalk of 17th St., and the rest of the square is "Union Park" on which no workers' meetings are allowed, Whalen's backers and bosses,

WILL BUILD NAVY SECOND TO NONE

Lie About Reductions; Increase Unlimited

The British and American imperialists have agreed to incorporate the "safeguarding" clause into the proposed naval treaty. A dispatch from Raymond Gram Swing to the New York Evening Post states:

"The New York Evening Post learns that the escape clause will be one which permits any signatory of the three oceanic powers which feels itself endangered to increase its navy without consultation."

The utter hypocrisy and outright dishonesty of the figures to "prove arms limitation" and "savings" being peddled by government spokesmen were exposed by an editorial statement of yesterday's Journal of Commerce, which writes for Wall Street and not mass consumption.

Admitting that a "new race of statisticians" is being developed which "is extremely adaptable and capable of using the statistics at its disposal to prove almost any point that needs to be demonstrated," the editorial continues:

"Abuse of the statistical method as it is being employed today has received its most recent illustration in connection with the naval conference. First the administration presented the public with estimates

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International Wireless News

ZOERGEBEL ARMS AGAINST WORKERS.

BERLIN, April 15.—Today's "Welt am Abend" reveals Zoergibel's secret plans, which are along the lines of those of the fascist police chief of Paris, Chiappe, to hold the workers' districts in check in the event of insurrection, and to establish a ring of police stations around the inner town, to dominate wide, radiating streets, permitting the use of armored cars.

The Prussian minister of the interior approved the plan January 6.

MOSCOW, April 15.—Pravda comments on the French Chinese intervention, declaring that the latter afforded China reaction a Pyrrhic victory, whilst violating China's sovereignty, affronting the League of Nations and breaking the Kellogg Pact.

Pravda declares that the Nanking government will demand imperialist planes and soldiers for Nanking when the situation becomes critical.

MAYAKOVSKI'S SUICIDE. MOSCOW, April 15.—The famous poet, Mayakovski, committed suicide here, aged forty. His most famous work was "A Hundred and Fifty Million." The well-known theatrical director, Meyerhold, staged many of Mayakovski's plays.

Vaudeville Theatres

PALACE. Gus Edwards and his Hollywood proteges; Irene Bordoni; Ben Blue, assisted by Floria Vestoff; Douglas Leavitt and Ruth Lockwood; the De Marcos, Antonio and Renee, and others, including Fritz and Jean Hubert.

81ST STREET. Peter Higgins; Harry A. White and Alice Manning; Gilbert and Wells; the Rodeo Boys and Lloyd and Brice. Feature photoplay: "The Cohens and Kellys in Scotland."

WEDNESDAY, Thursday and Friday—Fanny Brice; Bob Ripa; William Ebs; Petty and Lester Reel. Photoplay—"Lilies of the Field," starring Corinne Griffith and Ralph Forbes.

HIPPODROME. "Herb" Williams; Jones and Wilton; Roy Rogers; La Belle Pola; Jack and Billye Cavanaugh; 6 Mari-nelli Girls. On the screen—"Murder Will Out," with Jack Mulhall, Lila Lee and Noah Beery, and Molly Picon will sing.

THUGS IN SHIFRIN CASE FAKE STORY

(Continued from Page One) hooted down. Nevertheless, this canvassing has been gone thru, and both bosses and officials are bringing every form of terrorism to bear on the workers.

Bakers from both Local 3 and from Local 500, A. F. of L., are called to a special mass meeting Thursday afternoon at 96 Clinton St. by the Bakers' Section, Trade Union Unity League, to complete preparations for the food workers' shop delegate convention Sunday in Manhattan Lyceum, to which Bakers' Local 3 is sending a special delegation as well as shop representatives.

Writers' Local 1, where no membership meetings have been allowed for months, yesterday received instructions from its boss-ruler "International" that members two months in arrears in dues will be expelled unless given special "dispensation" from the executive board, which is an appointed group, made up mostly of gangsters. These new orders express the officials' fear of the T.U.U.L., which is issuing weekly bulletins urging the workers to oust the company union misleaders and to join the industrial union.

Bakers Local 3 Clique Sabotaging May First

(Continued from Page One) The wind up of the membership drive of the United Council of Working Class Women will take place at the annual ball, Saturday evening, April 19, at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St., with the presentation of a Red Banner to the council which drew in the most new members during the drive.

Banner Branch of Womens Council, Ap.19

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NEGRO WORKER KILLS HIMSELF

Edgar Lewis, 23 year old Negro worker of Brooklyn, ill and worried about his miserable condition, killed himself today at 216 Putnam Ave. by jumping from the fourth floor to the streets.

Y. C. L. DANCE SATURDAY

A dance will be held Saturday, April 19, at the Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave., under the auspices of the Young Communist League. This affair is part of the mobilization of the working youth for May 1st. Special entertainment is being prepared. Part of the proceeds of this affair will be used to buying helping the Young Worker become a weekly by May 1st.

Communist Activities

Workers School Banquet. To open Working Class Education Conference Friday, April 19, 7 p. m. Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St. Program: John Reed Club; admission 25c.

Y. C. L. District Dance

Saturday, April 19, New Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Avenue, John C. Smith Band. Admission 50c. Tickets at all League headquarters and 26 Union Square.

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Drug Clerks to Meet Thursday, April 17th

A meeting of the drug clerks will take place Thursday, April 17, at 8:30 p. m., at 125 W. 45th St., Room 600.

On Saturday, April 26, the second annual affair of the drug clerks will be held.

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A STARVING NEGRO WOMAN WORKER WHO IS READY TO FIGHT

Same Slavery in Cleveland As She Had in Hell-Hole Town in Mississippi

Tells Jobless Women Workers Not to Starve But Join Unemployed Councils and Fight

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—In this little town by the name of Louisville, Miss., they don't want a Negro from the North to live. What kind of a world is this for the working people? The club and pistol were made for the working class. If we all were capitalists it would not be "club and pistol." What they do is to give us poor colored people, some of us, \$3.50 worth of groceries for five of us in the family to last a week. It's just enough to keep us alive, and we are in rags. The community fund says you don't have to go in rags, we will give you some and then what do they do? They give us a card to go and get some clothes and then they want us to pay for them, such clothes, all patched up and stinky.

The community fund don't know what they should do, well, I'll tell them: they better get us some food so we don't have to starve, and do that to every hungry worker, and clothes too.

They get millions of dollars every year out of us—people's wages—and then, when they should give it back, they say they do not have any. If they have those millions of dollars every year they get from us, then they must have it and send; we want relief from this hunger, we want clothes, why don't the government take care of us while there isn't any work, so that we don't have to freeze and starve and walk all the time because we do not even have money for street care fare?

Every working woman should join the Unemployed Council if she is not working. I certainly will be ready to fight because I am hungry and so are my children.

—NEGRO WOMAN WORKER.

This Worker Is for Action

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DETROIT, Mich.—The ways, of the powers that be in this 100 per cent scab town, the auto city, are strange to behold. The irony of it would be comical to any man with a sense of humor and a full meal under his belt.

Can you picture, in your wildest dreams, a city of countless thousands out of work, hundreds and thousands walking the streets, begging for work—then our honorable mayor or some one laid down the decree that all vagrants must be cleared from the city into the workhouse.

I started my letter to relieve my feelings. To keep on stirring it up would be beyond human endurance. The last two weeks I have wished a thousand times I was marching in a column of fours with cold steel in the shape of a Springfield rifle in my hands and an open season on all cops and their political masters. How I wish, how I dream for that day.

Perhaps I am ignorant in my contentions, but I do believe that is the only way we will ever throw off the yoke of slavery. I am not allied with any organization, a green country boy from the Red Hills of Georgia, but I claim to have common sense and know when I am getting the head off the stick. If your organization has a hall here I am joining right off.

—DETROIT SLAVE.

Ed. Note.—Above worker and all other Detroit workers who wish to join the Communist Party are advised that its Detroit headquarters are at 1967 Grand River Ave., Detroit.

What TUUL Means to a Tennessee Worker

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—As I have been reading the Daily Worker, I have learned that it is the only workers' paper that has ever been in the South and its workers are learning that the Trade Union Unity League is the only union for us workers. We workers must fight for the Trade Union Unity League and the National Textile Workers Union till we win over the capitalist system.

As the workers in our shops are speeded up and worked to death, through long hours and starvation wages, we must unite with the Trade Union Unity League and struggle for better conditions.

—CHATTANOOGA SLAVE.

Cheat East Chicago Steel Slaves on Weight

(By a Worker Correspondent)

EAST CHICAGO, Ind.—The Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., like any other tin mill concern, gets from the worker the ton of 2,240 lbs, but in selling tin plates they sell a ton of 2,000 lbs. The 240 lbs. day in and day out, every week, every year, is claimed by the company for the use of machinery.

Fellow-workers, I ask you how many times the workers have been fired for broken tools or any other piece of machinery, for the machine paid for by the sweat of your brow? Why do not the Y. S. and Tube buy good, heavy, chilled roll, so we can make a turn? Instead, they buy cheap, soft roll. We know the reason: soft roll do not break easy; they get dirty. But the management see that we clean it, for they do not care if we make a good day's wage or not.

Now, fellow-workers, if we tease a mule, she will kick! Are we below the mule standard? Let us show we are not by joining the Metal Workers Industrial League, section of the Trade Union Unity League, the fighting union which prepares the workers for future struggles.

—TIN WORKER.

A.C.W. Means Speed-up, Starvation

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Recently a pocket maker of the International Tailoring Co. appeared before the board, claiming that he is not able to make a living on the very low price the firm is paying by piece-work. He, therefore, asked for the privilege of working an additional hour overtime.

The said operator who cannot speed the work as fast as the rest of the pocket makers in the shop of the above-mentioned company has to do side work as an insurance agent in order to support his family.

The workers who are giving their sweat in blood to the bosses in order to make them rich are not able to manage to earn enough for bread.

The facts of the present rotten conditions in the shops of the Amalgamated were sharply brought out at the last joint executive meeting, held a few weeks ago in Webster Hall.

Rationalization, speed-up, long hours, piece-work, etc., are the consequences of the present misery of the workers, who are getting disabled before their time.

In order to remedy the present slavery the tailors and the workers in general must fight for a five-day and forty hours work week and not overtime.

Under the present company unions the workers cannot achieve better conditions and an equal division of work unless they join the T. U. U. L. industrial unions, in order to fight the bosses and the bureaucratic leaders, who are collaborating with the bosses against the workers.

—CLOTHING WORKER.

Wool Strike Shuts 70% of British Mills

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try, and in their efforts to preserve high profits, the bosses with the help of the "labor" government are attempting to drive the workers down to absolute starvation.

The heads of the union and the MacDonald government cooperated in an attempt to make the workers take a wage cut, but the militants won the strike vote.

N.T.W. Rallies Support. The executive board of the National Textile Workers' Union of the United States has issued an appeal to all workers, calling upon

LEGAL LYNCHING OF POWERS, CARL STARTS MONDAY

Wave of Protests for N. Y. Committee

(Continued from Page One) against these workers. They plan to electrocute them simply for organizing Negro and white workers together in the Communist Party.

The International Labor Defense, handling their case in court, warns all workers that only the mass protest on a world scale of the working class will save their lives.

Philadelphia Demonstration. The campaign of protest continues against the imprisonment of the New York delegation of the unemployed, in jail now waiting sentence Monday.

On Friday the workers of Philadelphia will meet in a mass protest demonstration at the City Hall for release of all leaders of unemployed. Ray Peltz and Thomas Holmes, who were convicted April 4 for distributing Communist leaflets to the unemployed, are held in jail, without bail, waiting sentence April 29.

Cleveland Protest. Five hundred workers at a mass meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, adopted a resolution condemning the rail-roading of the New York delegates of the 110,000 and demanding the release of Guynn, Johnson, Gannett and Yoki, convicted under the criminal syndicalism law. Gannett was released on \$10,000 property bond Saturday. The others are out on bail.

Washington Resolution. A resolution demanding the release of the unemployment committee and of Harry Eisman, 15-year-old Young Pioneer sentenced to six years' imprisonment for taking part in the March 6 demonstration in New York, has been adopted by the International Labor Defense branch in Washington, D. C.

The Metal Workers Industrial League, through Andrew Overgard, its national secretary, has sent to Mayor Walker and the press a strong resolution demanding the release of the unemployed and Harry Eisman. It states:

"Your bluecoats and your underworld characters controlling Tammany Hall protect parades of royal fascists and princes, but when workers dare to demand their right to live Mr. Whalen and his cossacks answer with clubs and jailing. . ."

Jailed in Chicago. CHICAGO, Ill., April 15.—Sixteen leaders of the workers' struggle in this city, organizers for the May 1 strike and demonstration and for the July 4 national convention on unemployment, are held in jail under charges of conspiracy to overthrow the U. S. government, under \$1,000 bail. They are to come up for first hearing today. All were arrested during raids Saturday on the Communist Party headquarters and the offices of the Young Pioneers of America. Two Young Communist workers are held. The Jewish Workers Club was raided today, without arrests.

The case of the yellow socialist Forward against S. Milgram for writing an article in the Morning Freiheit, exposing the socialists, has been dismissed in court. The charges of the socialists were so clumsy that even the capitalist court could not go through with the case.

Workers arrested here for distributing Communist literature were tried yesterday. Twenty were dismissed, eight were fined \$1 each and one was fined \$11.

Jail 16 in Angeles. LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 15.—The 17 March 6 demonstrators railroaded through a prejudiced court here and convicted Saturday on a variety of charges came up for sentence yesterday. Twelve of them were given 6 months and \$500 fine each; 2 got 60 days, 2 got 30 days, and one was let go. The case is being appealed by the International Labor Defense and bail pending appeal has been raised to \$1,000 for 12, and \$500 each for the other four.

Edward Wing, a Chinese, is being held here and is in danger of secret deportation to China, and death at the hands of the Chiang government for his activities in organizing workers in U. S.

Jailed For Protesting Frame-Up. BOSTON, Mass., April 15.—Trial date is set for April 15 for Steven Palo, Jackson Wales, Fan Ozer, Joseph Siguerdo, Col Weinstein, and Milton Carter, arrested April 5 for speaking at a demonstration on Boston Common against the murder frame-up of Leonard Daugherty. After the meeting, Marie Page was arrested for refusing to conceal the placards used in the meeting. Mildred Young and Joseph Baronia were arrested at the meeting and charged with "attempting to rescue a prisoner." They are charged with struggling with the policemen arresting Weinstein. These three are also to be tried April 15.

Jail Unemployed Leader. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 15.—The I.L.D. is attempting to secure the release of Tony Lamort, a member of the council of the unemployed, arrested at the City Mission and sentenced to 90 days because the police found on him a Communist leaflet calling a mass meeting.

RIVALRIES OF U.S. BRITISH TAKE SHARP TURN IN LATIN AMERICA

Article Shows Growth of U. S. Power Trust in Latin America

One Company Controls \$20,000,000 Worth of Utilities Properties

One of the most important centers of gravity of Anglo-American antagonism lies in Latin America. The struggle between the two imperialist powers for the exploitation of Argentina and Brazil is particularly acute. The British Trade Mission, headed by Lord d'Abernon, to Latin America last summer, which was the British answer to Hoover's trip to Latin America, represented a desperate attempt of British imperialism to consolidate its position and also to strengthen its economic grasp as much as it could in that part of the world. The mission achieved considerable success, but British imperialism was thereby more sharply defined. Many open and veiled clashes between the two big imperialist powers which of course are also seriously reflected in their generally strained relationship occupy an important place in the arena of international politics almost continuously.

In view of this situation, an article on "U. S. Capital for South American Utilities," recently published by the New York Evening Post, deserves considerable attention. According to the article, the Inter-Continents Power Co., which is controlled by the Westinghouse Electric International Co., the American Equities Co., etc., controls approximately \$20,000,000 worth of properties and operates in 100 towns and cities with a population of more than 860,000. The territory covered by Inter-Continents Power is rich in natural resources and offers probably the greatest possibilities of development of any land in the temperate zone. Thus, the control of power in this area is simply the first step, and the guarantee for further exploitation of the workers and natural resources in the South American countries. The net earnings of this company in 1929 exceeded \$1,000,000.

The Inter-Continents Co. is only one of the large American capitalist concerns engaged in exploiting the Latin American workers, but a more mention of this one instance is sufficient to show the economic dominance of the American imperialists in Latin America, which, of course, is closely accompanied by political control. However, the intensified exploitation of Latin America by American imperialism will, on the one hand, sharpen further its already too strained conflicts with British imperialism, and, on the other hand, it will inevitably be met by the stubborn resistance and growing revolt of the rising Latin American proletariat and peasantry. The world revolution is the only solution to these irreconcilable contradictions.

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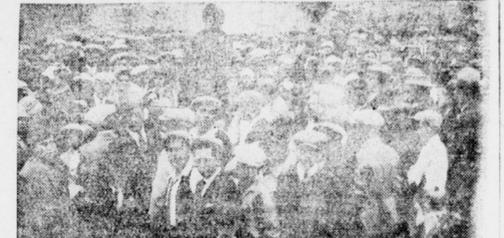
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Remember New Bedford! Demonstrate on May First!



Today is the second anniversary of the famous strike of 30,000 New Bedford textile workers, who fought militantly under the leadership of the Textile Mill Committee which later formed into the fighting National Textile Workers Union. Photo shows a mass demonstration of New Bedford strikers in April, 1928. The Trade Union Unity League and the Communist Party, recalling to the New Bedford workers the great 1928 strike, are rallying them for a great demonstration on May Day, along with the workers throughout the U.S.A.

WILL BUILD NAVY SECOND TO NONE YEN WILL PAY IMPERIALISTS

Lie About Reductions; Increase Unlimited Seizes Customs From Chiang Kai-Shek

(Continued from Page One) of prospective savings in tonnage and money based upon a comparison of the three-power treaty with the demands made at the last Geneva disarmament conference. The result is impressive until the question of legitimacy of the comparison is raised. Why should we, for instance, measure the achievements of 1930 in terms of the impossible demands that were the basis of the conference of 1927, which never had the slightest chance of being accepted? While trying to assimilate this information, moreover, the public is treated to still other estimates of proposed naval reductions based upon quite different methods of computation. For these the secretary of state is sponsor. Other estimates of a private nature produce still other results, and all seem to depend upon what the individual statistician desires to prove or disprove.

In reality, the result of the naval conference in this respect was not reduction, but an increase in the size and calibre of the American navy. In the words of Senator Capper of Kansas, the imperialists see "peace, parity and profit coming out of the London conference." While the first two "P's," peace and parity, are for the consumption of the masses in preparation for the coming war, the other "P" approximates the truth for the capitalists.

Navies second to none and war for the profits of the American imperialist robbers is aimed at.

RED UNIONISTS WIN. BERLIN (IPS).—Twelve lists of the revolutionary trade union opposition were put forward in the 15 coal pits in the Gleivitz district. The total results show a splendid victory for the revolutionary trade union opposition. Opposition 15,349, reformists 8,037, Christians 5,638, fascists 2,144, Polish list 941 votes.

In the elections of the pit councils in the Ruhr district the revolutionary trade union opposition has won majorities so far at 100 of the most important pits. The results of the Krupp-Rheinhausen pit yesterday were as follows: opposition 2-157, reformists 1,285, Christians 1-485, yellow fascist list 510 votes.

SOIL SCIENTISTS OF WORLD MEET IN LENINGRAD. LENINGRAD, April 15.—More than 170 foreign scientists have thus far signified their intention to attend the Second International Congress of the Society of Soil Scientists, whose sessions open July 20 in Leningrad. The first congress was held in Washington in 1928, and was attended by a notable Soviet delegation.

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Amter Appeals From Cell for Fight

(Continued from Page One) ence was held Friday at Grand Rapids, Mich., with 50 delegates from workers' organizations. Yesterday in Flint, Mich., another was held.

Amter Speaks From Jail. While active preparations for the May 1 political strike and mass demonstration are conducted by their comrades outside, the elected representatives of the unemployed now held in Tombs prison, New York, continue their agitation and leadership.

The delegation is composed of William Z. Foster, Robert Minor, Israel Amter, Harold Raymond, and Joseph Leston. Monday Minor broke through the barriers with a ringing appeal for mobilization for May 1, and for building the Trade Union Unity League and the Councils of the Unemployed.

Yesterday Amter issued a statement, scoring the cheap cowardice of the capitalist class, shown by Whalen and the three Tammany judges in the trial court, who feared to let any evidence of police brutality appear, who tried even to prevent the defendants from introducing testimony knocking out the police slander that they fled from the demonstration, and who denied every semblance even of a trial as the capitalist law provides.

Amter states further: "Bosses Don't Mean Relief. All fake schemes of the bosses to relieve the unemployment situation have failed and will fail. The bosses have no intention of helping the millions of unemployed. They are putting the whole burden of the economic crisis on the shoulders of the workers, giving them unemployment, wage reductions, longer hours and more terrific speed-up. In this they are helped by the fascist A.F.L. leaders and the social-fascist socialist party.

"Full mobilization for May Day must be the answer of the workers! Workers in the shops must organize to strike on May Day. Form shop committees of workers in the shops and factories, men, women and young workers, white and Negro workers, go out as an organized body and march to the demonstration. The unions of the Trade Union Unity League and the rank and file of the A. F. of L. unions must get ready to strike on May Day. The Unemployed Councils must bring all the unemployed to the demonstration May Day.

Organize and Fight. The bosses have no solution for the economic crisis—except war. The workers must continue the fight for the 7-hour day, 5-day week, against speed-up and wage reductions, for work or wages and unemployment insurance, against imperialist war preparations and for defense of the Soviet Union. We must mobilize 1,000 delegates for the April 24 May Day conference. The fight goes on!"

The April 24 conference will be held in Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St., at 7:30 p. m.

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MAY FIRST, 1890 AND MAY FIRST 1930

Prepare Political Strike

By A. PETERSON.

THE enemies and misleaders of American labor are time and again coming out to state that May First is an "entirely foreign affair." This is a lie. So is the claim that a conservative leadership built the American labor movement and reds are wrecking it.

Under the pressure of the rank and file of the American workers the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions at their Chicago convention on October, 1884, adopted a resolution to set May First, 1886, as the day for the struggle for the eight-hour day. The officials of the Knights of Labor did their utmost to break this eight-hour movement, but the spontaneous strikes, sympathy strikes and boycotts that took place from 1886 on, developed the fighting spirit of the American workers to such a stage that in 1890 finds American labor determined to mobilize their forces for May Day demonstrations for the eight-hour day, for international solidarity and for a declaration to the world that while fighting for the eight-hour day, they will not lose sight of their ultimate aim: the abolition of wage slavery.

May First, 1890.

Said the spokesmen of the A. F. of L. in 1890 among others:

"May Day is to be the red letter day of American workmen. In hundreds of cities and towns in the United States, labor unions composed of carpenters, stone masons, painters and workmen in other trades, will turn out in force to show their employers the strength of their organizations, and to encourage one another in the belief that we are invincible. The demonstration this May Day may be called the skirmish which will open the general engagement."

On the old pages of the daily papers of May 2, 1890, we can read the reports of the brilliant mobilization of American labor. The most striking demonstration took place in Chicago and New York.

The New York Tribune of 1890 declares:

"The mobilization for the First of May demonstration in Union Square is going on feverishly. The meetings at Clariton and Webster Halls mobilized seventy labor unions to turn out in force. Painters Local No. 8 brought in a resolution requesting the mayor to hoist the red flag on the City Hall building, stating that the red flag speaks for humanity as a whole and is therefore surely worth such a place as the national American flag."

"The employers in New York made a request for a strong police force and about 300 policemen were mobilized for May Day."

We read in the New York papers on May 2 about this demonstration in Union Square and it becomes clear to us that on May First, 1890 Union Square became the Red Square for the American workers.

"It was a day to which millions were looking forth with eager hope. In spite of the heavy rain that poured this Thursday (May 1, 1890) New York labor marched in thousands under the red flag which is red with the blood of our martyrs." (The N. Y. Standard.)

In Union Square May First, 1890, McGuire, at that time general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters of America, one of the spokesmen of the A. F. of L. and a radical, brought before the workers assembled in Union Square resolutions which were unanimously adopted by the workers. The language of this resolution can be well understood from the following extracts:

"Resolved: That we unite our voices with the proletariat of all countries . . ."

"Resolved: That while struggling for the eight-hour day we will not lose sight of the ultimate aim, the abolition of wage slavery."

On May Day, 1890, the A. F. of L. spokesmen brought forward before the American workers the fact established by the Communist Manifesto, that every class struggle is a political struggle.

May First, 1930.

Of course long since these historic struggles of the American workers the A. F. of L., under the leadership of the Gompers, the Greens and Wolls, has repudiated every vestige of working class principles. These A. F. of L. bureaucrats are today the fascist agents of the exploiters of labor, the most dangerous enemies of the working class.

The militant unionists of 1890 upheld the international red flag of the working class on May Day. The Greens and Wolls of today are the chief red baiters, the police agents of the bosses and their government which is dishing out mass unemployment, hunger, wage cuts and speed-up to the millions of toilers. Oscar Ryan of the N. Y. Central Trades and Labor Council shouts hurrah at the police beatings of the jobless workers and lines up with the Whalens and fascist veterans organizations to deprive the workers to their right to the streets this May Day. These bosses' agents are the main instigators of an imperialist attack against the Soviet Union where the workers rule.

Union Square is the traditional mobilization ground of the militant New York working class. The capitalist government of New York has already taken steps to prevent a workers demonstration in Union Square by turning it over to the fascist organizations. The renegade Gitlow does his nasty bit for the capitalist government and the fascist by calling on the workers to give up the struggle for the right to the streets in general and Union Square in particular this May Day.

Communists are not putchists and "adventurers, we do not expect an armed struggle for power on the part of the working class this May Day. But this should not prevent every single worker and workers organizations from carrying on the most intense struggle for the right to the streets and Union Square and against the fascist demonstration planned for May Day.

But this struggle is only secondary to the struggle for the organization of the mass political strike in the shops. A mass political strike for Work or Wages' Unemployment Insurance, for seven-hour day, five-day week, against wage cuts and speed-up, against imperialist war danger and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

SAVE POWERS AND CARR!

By Fred Ellis



THE PRE-CONVENTION DISCUSSION

Report on the Theses, Delivered to Plenum of Central Committee by Comrade Browder, April 3rd, 1930.

II. ECONOMIC CRISIS AND THE THIRD PERIOD.

The third point that we want to examine somewhat is the question of the relation between the economic crisis and the third period of the general post-war crisis of capitalism. This is dealt with at great length in the first draft and in the process of shortening our thesis much of this will have to be left out because it is in the nature of discussion. But leaving this out does not mean that we want to lessen the importance of this question because this is a key question to the proper analysis of the present situation and perspectives of future development.

There are two tendencies that are wrong in this respect. There is a tendency to see the U. S. as something different—separate from the general world crisis of post-war capitalism. This is the conception of two crises existing and developing independently of one another and only incidentally affecting one another, an economic crisis and the general post-war crisis. We must say that there is only one crisis and there cannot be such a thing as two separate crises of this capitalist system. There is one crisis but many factors enter into the development of this crisis. There was a crisis before the downward development of economic life—of production and all other features of economic life. There is an agrarian crisis which has certain special features of its own, and there is the economic crisis, but these are all merely special aspects of the development of the general crisis of capitalism. The economic crisis has special peculiarities. It has the characteristics of the classical crisis of the capitalist cycle of production, but it is taking place within the post-war period of capitalism—a different environment—a different background. It is taking place at a time when it becomes a stage in the development of the general crisis of the whole capitalist system—the post-war crisis of capitalism. It is a cyclical crisis taking place in a period of the decline of capitalism—the decay of capitalism—the dying of the capitalist system. This general crisis of the period of capitalist decay includes within itself the economic crisis; the economic crisis becomes a part of it, and the general period determines the character and depth of the economic crisis. This we have tried to make clear—this interweaving of all elements of the economic crisis. We tried to make this clear in the first draft of the thesis and in the final draft reduced it very much for the purpose of simplification, and not of reducing emphasis upon the importance of this point.

III. UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE CRISIS.

The factor of unemployment in the crisis is one that we must also analyze a little further. We must emphasize two aspects of unemployment in our analysis of the economic situation. (1) The aspect of unemployment as a factor in the radicalization of the workers. In this respect, it is hard to over-emphasize the importance of the factor of unemployment. The issue of unemployment becomes a sort of lever whereby we can set into motion the entire working class, not only unemployed but employed as well. Unemployment becomes the starting point of the development of this present period, not only of the movement of the unemployed workers but also of the radicalization of those remaining in the shops who are working under pressure of tremendous unemployment outside of the shops. (2) Second, unemployment as a factor which itself is deepening the economic crisis—a factor for

the further narrowing of the inner market of capitalism, forcing the further regression of production, etc. The unemployment, resulting from the economic crisis, at the same time intensifies the inner processes going on within capitalism which prepared the crisis in the first place; one of the outstanding features demonstrating the inevitable development of deep crisis in the U. S. even before it showed itself in any downward movement of production—development on mass scale of permanent employment as a result of rationalization, speed-up. To this permanent unemployment has been added the unemployment resulting from the cyclical crisis as a factor which intensifies and hastens rationalization and speed-up and thus further increases structural, permanent unemployment.

The so-called temporary unemployment resulting from the economic crisis becomes an intensifying factor in the permanent crisis. Many of the comrades from the districts will be able to give very interesting figures to concretize this fact. Comrade Stachel told us how in some towns in Michigan annual production increased to 90 per cent of what it was last year, the increase in working forces has been less than half as much. While in most industries this will not be so extreme, yet the phenomena is general. Increase in production in this period does not result in equivalent increase in employment.

IV. SOCIALISM VS. CAPITALISM.

The development of the general crisis has been very deeply and profoundly effected by the construction of socialism in the Soviet Union. We have given a great deal of attention to this in the thesis. Now, I only want in one word to emphasize this point. It is necessary to point out that something new in principle has been introduced in the past year in the Soviet Union, in the large scale developments in collectivization of agriculture, and the turn in policy of CP of SU, the change from the policy of limitation of kulaks, to the policy of liquidation of kulaks as a class. This is necessary to emphasize because of the fact that there has been some confusion on this point, and that there have been deliberate and studied attempts of our enemies to intensify this confusion. An attempt has been made to create the impression that after this turn in policy there is now a "new-turn" back to the old policy. This is of course not true. There has been no "new turn" away from the policy of liquidation of kulaks, consolidation of agriculture on a collective basis, extension of socialism into agriculture. There has been in the carrying thru of this policy a development of certain distortion of policy, opportunism and leftist. The correction of these errors, these distortions, that has been featured in the news of the past few weeks is by no means a change in the line, by no means a retreat in the development of the line. It is rather elimination of one of the dangers to the carrying through of the line. This correction of errors has already been made successfully. We can already see that the CPSU has dealt with the problem effectively. We must very carefully eliminate any tendency in our ranks to reflect this capitalist propaganda, the propaganda of the renegades that this correction of errors has been a new turn, or, as the Trotskyites put it, a zigzag in the policy of the CPSU.

(To Be Continued.)

Strategic Railways in Serbia

The Yugoslavian military dictatorship is working feverishly to complete a number of strategic railway lines: the Adria line, Belgrade-Bosnia-Montenegro, and the Old-Serbia Macedonia Bitolj line. The first line has been rapidly extended to the Bosnian frontier. The "Yugoslavian Lloyd" (governmental organ) stresses the economic and "national" importance of these lines. These lines are of great political importance not only with regard to outside danger, but in order better to hold the non-Serbian districts in check.

WHAT MUST BE DONE?

Written in Tombs Prison

By I. AMTER.

FROM capitalist reports in the newspapers, it is clear that, with slight fluctuations upward and downward, there is no basic improvement in the economic crisis. On the contrary, the new crash in Japan brings another imperialist country into the orbit of the sharp crisis. This will intensify and deepen the crisis internationally.

Unable to export to the United States the large quantities of silk which were used on the American market—as a result of the American crisis—Japan cannot buy in the United States. On the other hand, the shutting down of Japanese industry precipitates a situation for the workers of Japan which spells more intense struggle. Already a big strike has broken out in Tokio which will be the beginning of a bitter period of fight.

Deeper Effects of World Crisis.

Let American bankers and exchange brokers say that this means nothing to America. This is nonsense—it shows a deeper effect of the world crisis emanating from the United States. The railroad companies do not speak any longer of the billions to be spent in improvements. The steel industry has suffered a new decline. Automobiles have not picked up; the building industry shows a further reduction. The "sixty days" of Hoover continue to be days in the future. No improvement can be expected.

Should, however, with the stock exchange as a barometer, industry expand somewhat, the subsequent crash will be so much sharper. "Cheap money," "cheap credit" is the slogan for promoting industry and commerce: But bankers and economists admit that not cheapness of money or credit will help, but the probability of return on investments—profits—determines. And for this there is no outlook—for there is no market for the overproducing industries.

The ending of the "disarmament" conference in the failure that the Communists predicted, the hasty "agreement" by the three powers—the United States, Great Britain and Japan—contingent upon an arrangement between France and Italy and upon the further contingency of England having a navy equal to both of them—means that "preparedness" will cost not "only" \$1,750,000,000 or \$2,500,000,000 as originally faced by the three powers that have "agreed," but far more. It means that the armament race has intensified with all energy which soon will provoke another imperialist war.

Struggle For Markets.

Markets for industry—markets to "restore" international imperialist industry—that is the immediate struggle! This cannot be staved off—on the contrary, the struggle will grow sharper every day.

The only way out of this conflict—overproduction with no market—international struggle for markets and protection by the United States in particular of its tremendous investments abroad and finally procurement of raw materials for industry and especially for war—oil, copper, rubber, etc.—the only way out is imperialist war.

Can it be avoided? The only alternative is a war of the imperialist powers against the Soviet Union. This is being organized with all energy and speed. It is not an accident that mobilization against the Soviet Union took place during the "disarmament" conference. The attacks by the Pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the priests, rabbis and bishops in the United States, the "day of prayer," the open attacks on the ambassador of the Soviet Union in Paris, attacks in the U. S. Congress and by bankers, are all part of the preparations for war on the Soviet Union. The wonderful success of the Five Year Plan with the "knocking at the door of the United States by Soviet industry" as Congressman Sirovich said a few days ago, has aroused American manufacturers and bankers, who know that the day of reckoning is nearing—the supremacy of imperialism with its anarchy of production and distribution is being challenged by Sovietism!

Unemployment—vicious attacks on the workers—imperialist war—armed attack on the Soviet Union—these things face the workers as immediate problems.

What Must Be Done?

Organization—mobilization for struggle—that is our task. The slashing of the conditions of the workers in the shops as a result of the fearful permanent unemployment, the speed-up, the driving mechanization of industry, demand immediate action.

"The cooperation of the socialists with the police" at the funeral of Mazzola, the workers shot by the police in New York, shows the role of the socialist party. Cooperation with the police, whose task, as tools of the capitalist government, is to crush the rising tide of the workers, is the historical role of the socialist party the world over, until, as in Germany and England, they are the police commanders themselves. This shows clearly the social-fascist character of the socialist party that they cannot explain away—a role they willingly assume. Fascists using somewhat of a labor language, with actions that are those of the capitalist police!

The conviction of the Unemployed Delegation—"the greatest victory of the year," as District Attorney Crain said—which the Communists foresaw—indicates what the workers may and must expect. Treachery of the fascist leadership of the A. F. of L., treachery of the socialist party—no, their open working as agents of the bosses—leave the path open for militant action to be organized by the Communist Party.

Mass Political Strike.

May First will be another test of what the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League can do. The mass political strike of workers in the shops, organized through shop committees linking up with the Trade Union Unity League, through the shop locals of the unions affiliated with the T.U.U.L., A.F.L. or unorganized workers—men, women and young workers, Negro and white workers—this strike must be organized for May Day.

Unemployment—vicious attacks on the workers—imperialist war preparations—armed attacks on the Soviet Union—the struggle against these, which are one problem, must be organized.

May Day must be our answer. The conference to organize May Day—in New York on

April 24 at Manhattan Lyceum—must present mass legislation from the shops—from every shop committee, every shop local of the Trade Union Unity League—every militant local of the A. F. of L., from the militant minority groups of locals of the A. F. of L., from every working class organization, from the unemployed councils.

A mass answer to the attacks of the bosses and their government against the working class as a whole! A mass answer to the fascist A. F. of L. leadership, to the social-fascist socialist party to the open fascist American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars who are the smokescreen of the police!

This must be done! This can be done! The Communist Party and Trade Union Unity League have a mighty task—not merely for May Day, but for the organization and mobilization of the workers for continued struggle.

Every auxiliary must be utilized for the struggle. The Daily Worker must become the mass paper of the workers; the workers must be made familiar with the literature of the Communist Party and Trade Union Unity League. They must be enrolled in the fighting industrial unions and industrial leagues of the T.U.U.L. The best fighters—especially young workers, Negro and women workers—must be brought into the Communist Party.

Struggle Against Right Wing.

The Party and T.U.U.L. must continue its fight—an open merciless struggle against opportunism in theory and practice. No concealment of errors and of persistent right deviations. Removals of chronic right wingers from position, especially those who cannot and will not accept and carry out the line! This is imperative. Can this task be fulfilled? It can and will be done, if the Party fearlessly goes forward, drawing fresh new proletarians into leadership in the units, sections and districts of the Party, in the industrial unions and leagues in the bridge organizations!

It can and will be done, if every member throws his energy into the work—for May Day—for the continued struggle after May Day—for the struggle of the working class against all its class enemies!

International Issue — New Lenin War Volume

INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS have just issued, as their fourth title of the series, volume XVIII of the *Collected Works of V. I. Lenin*, "The Imperialist War." In this book are contained all of Lenin's writings from the beginning of the World War to the end of 1915. The war danger makes Lenin's writings on the war most opportune at this time.

Just prior to the outbreak of the war, Lenin, who had been for many years an exile in Switzerland, moved to Galicia in order to be nearer Russia and in closer contact with the Russian Revolutionary movement.

The outbreak of the war found Lenin in the little Galician village of Peronino, nearby the Russian border. Immediately upon the declaration of hostilities between Austria and the Czar's government, Lenin, as a Russian subject, was suspected of espionage. His house was searched and his manuscript on the agrarian question taken away from him when the gendarmes who conducted the search mistook statistical tables for a secret code. A few days later, he was summoned to the district seat, arrested and interned. In the next two weeks his comrades toiled to effect his release. He was finally given permission to proceed to neutral territory from which he could keep in touch with the International Socialist movement. He immediately prepared for return to Switzerland, the country of his long exile.

Thesis on War.

In the time since his confinement his extraordinarily active mind had not rested. He arrived in Berne with the outline of his thesis on the causes of the war already prepared. He came from prison in Galicia on September 5, 1914. On the sixth and seventh he presented the thesis to a group of Bolsheviks living in Berne. It was adopted in full and carried to Russia by F. Sornolov, one of the five Bolshevik deputies to the Duma. There, but with some modifications, it was adopted.

In this book Lenin not only analyzes the causes of the war, but also discusses at length its historic place. "The bourgeois . . ." he said, "try to assure us that this is the same old time honored national war. But this is not true. . . We are now confronted with an imperialist war, and it is the task of the socialists to turn the 'national' war into a civil war." This, Lenin deemed the greatest necessity. He flayed the socialists who had deserted revolutionary internationalism for a nationalistic position. "The present war," he said, "shows what a tremendous opportunist wave has risen from the bottom of European socialism."

Fight Against Social-Chauvinism.

In Germany there had been from the first a good deal of internal opposition to the socialist vote to support the war. But, to preserve the party unity, this had not been allowed for a long time to come out. While Lenin praised those socialists who opposed war appropriations, he bitterly flayed the party policies. "To rehabilitate themselves," he said, "the European opportunists have resorted to the old threadbare argument about maintaining the organization 'intact.' The German socialists have abandoned their position in order to maintain the formal unity of the Party."

Beside Lenin's writings on the causes of the last war "The Imperialist War" contains numerous articles dealing with attempts to organize the international revolutionary forces of which Lenin had assumed leadership; and which resulted in the formation of the "Zimmerwald Left." There is also the complete text of the brochure "Socialism and War" by Lenin and Zinoviev, stating in a systematized form the Bolshevik position on imperialist war and a program for action by revolutionary minorities; and Lenin's own article "Karl Marx," originally written in 1914 for inclusion in the Russian Encyclopedia, but there mutilated by reason of the censorship. The entire essay, in which Lenin presented in a clear and forceful style the essence of Marxism, is in this book made available for the first time to English readers. Like the rest of the International series of Lenin's Collected Works, "The Imperialist War" is enriched by numerous biographical and explanatory notes, a chronology of events and other reader aid.

Help the Comrades Imprisoned in Meerut

An Appeal to All Workers for Solidarity!

IT is one year today since 32 revolutionary leaders, including three English comrades, were arrested and imprisoned by the British Government of India for their splendid work on behalf of the political and trade union organization of the Indian workers and of the movement of independence. For twelve long months now they have been detained in the notorious Meerut jail. They are being tried without a jury by a magistrate who is a shameless agent of his imperialist masters and the vindictiveness of whose judgment may easily be foreseen. Hundreds of "witnesses" have been called including police agents from London, but our comrades on trial were refused the right to call important witnesses from Europe.

The long drawn-out case against these working class leaders is an open attempt of the imperialist MacDonald Government to crush the Indian revolutionary working class and trade union movements. The imperialist MacDonald government has sent a so-called Labor Commission to "enquire into" labor conditions in India, in order to gain control of the labor movement in the interests of British imperialism, while our comrades are held in prison by brute force.

The Indian nationalist leaders who expressed lip-sympathy with the Meerut prisoners have dissolved the Defense Committee they had constituted, because of their fear of the workers' movement; and the defense of our comrades has been taken over by special committees organized by the trade unions. The Indian

workers have realized that the Meerut trial is a cardinal question in India today, because the sentencing of their comrades to long terms of imprisonment would deprive them of their bravest and best leaders and expose them to the machinations of the Indian reformists.

It is not the theatrical activity of Gandhi but the fate of the comrades imprisoned in Meerut that deserves the fullest attention of the workers of Europe. The National Meerut Defense Committee in London has organized a special campaign for the Meerut prisoners during the present week. The propaganda will be carried on mainly among working class organizations, in order to demonstrate to the enormous importance of the Meerut trial to the European workers, and to collect funds for the defense of the comrades on trial in India.

We appeal today to all workers and progressive elements in Europe to follow the example of the workers of Great Britain and to come to the help of the Meerut comrades. We appeal to them to contribute any sum however small to the defense fund and to organize special collections in every factory and workshop.

We fully realize the heavy sacrifices that are daily demanded of the workers in their struggle against the crushing burdens of capitalist exploitation. But the workers of Europe must understand that their own fate is intimately bound up with that of the colonial slaves, and they must regard the liberation of the peoples oppressed and exploited by imperialism as an integral part of their own struggle for social and economic freedom.

Upon the fate of the 32 revolutionary leaders now on trial in Meerut depends the immediate future of the Indian workers' struggle.

We call upon all workers and progressive intellectuals and all working class organizations in all European countries to send their contribution without delay to V. Chatterpadyaya, 24, Friedrichstrasse, Berlin, S. W. 48, Germany, to be forwarded to the Central Defense Committee in India.

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