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## Do You Want the Daily Worker?

HELP RAISE \$25,000 TO KEEP THE DAILY WORKER GOING AND GROWING

THE big fleet of battle ships that lie at anchor in the Hudson river have just returned from war maneuvers in the Caribbean. These maneuvers speak plainer than words. The battle ships of the United States navy speaking for the imperialists of this country gave notice to the robber class of other countries that in South America this country will do the robbing. (The Daily Worker is needed to expose this.)

To the peoples of the South American countries, the Caribbean maneuvers were notice that American imperialism will punctuate its robbery of these peoples with all the force and violence necessary. (The Daily Worker is needed to expose this.)

And now this fleet of death and destruction has steamed up the Hudson River. And a dozen capitalist papers shriek at the top of their lungs: "War maneuvers prove that New York City can be destroyed!" Airplanes and blimps swept over the city to "show what might be done toward turning the greatest city in the nation into a heap of smoking wreckage if the planes were on a mission of destruction instead of instruction and demonstration."

Instruction and demonstration is preparation for destruction! Prepare for war! Capitalist papers in all cities, all imperialist agencies, its government, are on the job "convincing" the nation that the nation must be defended which means that American imperialists' profits must be safeguarded and enhanced all over the world. (The Daily Worker is needed to tell the workers what to do about this.)

Whalen, the dandy police commissioner of New York City, visited his Washington friends with the forged letters he acquired from friends who want to re-establish Czarism in the Soviet Union. Part of the big news of this event was that out of 24 arrests of foreign born "reds" in Chicago, 22 were found to be native American workers. Disappointing certainly, to those who want to sweep all foreign workers into the seas. (The Daily Worker fights to protect the foreign born workers, fights to win American workers for our movement.)

From the executive committee of the capitalist class of this country, White House, Washington, D. C., comes the information that it has been decided to investigate all Communist organizations. Again—preparing for war. This gentry knows we are fighting against imperialist wars, fighting for the Soviet Union, helping out our fatherland in its Five Year Plan, so as to make it invincible against these plunderers.

Is the Daily Worker needed? Must the working class be informed of all the schemes and tricks of the robber class to perpetuate its enslavement of the workers of this country and colonial countries?

Thousands of capitalist papers reaching millions of workers with their poison. Only one English daily paper that guards, defends, fights for the working class.

We ought to have a dozen Daily Workers in the dozen largest cities right now. Needing a dozen—let's not lose the one we have.

Every day you delay in helping to secure contributions four our \$25,000 fund increases the danger. New readers among all workers are needed by the tens of thousands. Do not neglect this task.

But immediate contributions are needed today, if the workers are to have a paper to read. Rush to your friends and friendly organizations. Keep the Daily Worker going—and growing.

## Labor Deb't, Woll, Priest in Whalen Forgery Fiasco

Easle's White Guard Connections Accused of First Trying to Peddle Fakes to Press

## BUILD LABOR UNITY IN N. Y.

Hold Conference May 17; Unions Take Part

New York a mass center of Labor Unity is the aim of the conference to be held at the district Trade Union Unity League headquarters at 13 W. 17th St. Saturday, May 17. William Kuperman, district Labor Unity agent announced today.

The conference, beginning at 2 o'clock, will include representatives from very union, league, shop committee, fraternal organization and workers' organization interested in building the weekly organ of the T. U. U. L. Quotas for various sections of New York will also be discussed and set.

"We expect to greatly exceed our quota in the New York district," Kuperman said, "and will surely get the Labor Unity delegate to the fifth R.L.L.U. congress in Moscow."

WAR ALLIANCES. A political agreement between Spain and Great Britain for the guarantee of the status quo in the Mediterranean is reported to be maturing. This is one more step in the British war maneuvers since the London Naval Conference.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—A choice collection of A. F. L., Catholic Church and bosses' propagandists was assembled at the hearing Friday at which Police Commissioner Grover Whalen was supposed to authenticate his loudly announced "documents." The fact that the Whalen releases carry indisputable internal proof that they are forgeries against the Soviet Union and Amtorg Trading Co. meant nothing to these.

The House committee on immigration had a copy of Whalen's photographs filed with them for days, but relied, so they said, on Whalen to prove that his "crime commission" stole them from the files of Amtorg. Whalen, as the whole world knows now, lost his nerve at the last minute and refused the testimony.

Easley, Walsh and Woll Assistant Secretary of Labor Husband was in the committee room with Whalen, as were the assistant police commissioner of New York and the chief of the bomb squad. Hovering in the outer room were Ralph Easley, secretary of the National Civic Federation, and the priest "Father" Edmund Walsh, both among the most active anti-Communist agitators in the United States. Walsh is the author of a lying anti-U. S. S. R. pamphlet his associates peddle at meetings where he speaks.

Easley denied at first that he was interested in the Whalen documents. (Continued on Page Three)

## MILITARISTS IN CHINA BATTLE; REVOLT GROWS

Communists Rule in South and South Central Areas

Maneuver With Japan Use Wall Street Bombing Planes

With the powerful tide of the revolution surging in the South in China, and militarists hurling their armed forces from the North, the Nanking government, headed by the bloody autocrat and war lord, Chiang Kai-shek, supported by American imperialism, is facing a very critical situation.

A cable despatch to the New York Times describes Communist "authority" in the South and South-Central provinces as "undisputed" and adds that the "Red bandits" are taking advantage of the militarist wars and are "extending their activities."

Even in the province of Kiangsu, the seat of Chiang Kai-shek's authority and where Nanking and Shanghai are situated, militant labor struggles and peasant uprisings are on the order of the day.

War Lords Battle. Meanwhile, the anti-Nanking military campaign launched by the coalition group of the northern militarists, the Kuomintang "right" (Continued on Page Three)

## JAIL GIRLS FOR TALK TO SAILORS

Arrest for Telling Not to Kill Workers

Five members of Grover Whalen's "Crime Prevention Bureau" rushed madly up to Eva Rezzie, age 21, of the Young Communist League, and a younger girl worker, who were at Coney Island explaining to a few sailors of the United States Navy the position of the Communist Party and urging them to think which side they would fight on in the class war.

A series of questions were fired at the girls, and the younger one arrested, "to protect her," said three detectives and a police woman. A crowd started to gather, and Eva turned to the sailors and said, "You young workers in the navy are the first ones called upon to sacrifice your lives to the bosses in a war, but when you go out with girls you are considered too low, and the girls are arrested."

"It's to Convince Her" When upon the arresting officers all yelled, "She's a Red," and carried the younger girl off to the police station. She is apparently held for the Children's Court. Comrade Rezzie insisted on coming along to see what happened to her and was herself given "5 or one day" for "disorderly conduct." She refused to pay the fine and served the time.

The arresting officers were accompanied by a social worker, one of Whalen's latest publicity stunts being to camouflage the frame-up system as something good for the framed. During the proceedings Rezzie heard the policeman go on record with a particularly brazen lie, then turn and explain to the social worker, "That's the only way we can convict them."

WORKER RESCUES MATE. ALBANY. — Otto Johnson, an electric light lineman, rescued a fellow lineman who was shocked into insensibility at the risk of his own life.

## PRISON FOR INDIANS

New Law Prohibits Organization

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—House Resolution 11429, drafted by the Indian Bureau in the Interior Department and endorsed by Secretary Wilbur, sets up a rigid censorship over the religious and political expression of the Indians, and over their self-defense against exploiters.

The House Indian Affairs Committee has reported this bill without a public hearing. As originally introduced, it provided jail sentences and heavy fines for persons soliciting money from the Indians for any purpose whatever, unless the consent of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs had first been secured.

## Where the Fight Is on in China



The map indicates part of North and Central China and the Lungehai Railway which is the scene of the present militarist war in China. The fight is centered around Suchow and Chengchow, the two most important strategic points along the Lungehai Railway, which is the east-west line running through the two cities. The major portion of South China, a large part of which is under the rule of the Soviets, is not shown in this map. But the city of Kiu-kiang where revolutionary forces are strong can be seen in the lower left-hand corner of this map.

## Unity League Endorses Communist Convention

New York Council Instructs Groups and Unions to Aid, Send Delegates to May 25 Meet

The Council of the Trade Union Unity League, New York District Center of revolutionary trade unions in New York, endorses the call of Communist Party to State Convention.

The Executive Council at its meeting on Thursday, May 8, took this action officially and called on all revolutionary workers to support the election campaign of the Communist Party, the Party of the class struggle. It directs the various unions and minority groups under its jurisdiction to take up the question of the election campaign and elect delegates to the Communist Party State Convention. It also directs the T.U.U.L. executive committee to take up the following matters:

1. To form a Trade Union Campaign Committee of 25 who are to be chosen by the various unions and industrial groups.
2. To organize industrial campaign committees in the various industries.
3. That before May 20 the election campaign shall be discussed in the various shops and delegates elected to the State Nominating Convention.
4. That mass meetings be called by the unions and industrial groups before May 21 at which time the election campaign shall be discussed (Continued on Page Three)

## CHARGE JUDGE VAUSE GOT \$250,000 BRIBE

Surely not the last, but the latest full-sized graft scandal among New York officials is the official charge by the Federal District Attorney that the Sinking Fund Commission, with Mayor Walker as chairman, granted three pier leases which were arranged for by a bribe of \$250,000 to Judge W. Bernard Vause of the Kings County Court.

On this Sinking Fund Commission are Joseph V. McKee, Acting Mayor, and Charles W. Berry, Comptroller. The charge against the Tammany Sinking Fund Commission arose indirectly out of investigation into the Columbia Finance Company, "fake" investors \$400,000, and as a result of which Vause had to charge Judge Vause with using the United States mails to defraud.

Vause's method of collecting the \$250,000 was to have it made in several payments by the company to Joseph S. Boyle, a lawyer employed by him. This money was then turned over to a fake name which Vause admits was used by his brother.

BRAZILIAN GENERAL JAILED A Brazilian general, Honorio de Lemos, was sentenced Saturday to seven and a half years in prison for activity in the revolt in the state of Rio Grande do Sul in 1925 during September, when large forces of soldiers mutinied.

## SOCIALIST MAYOR TELLS JOBLESS OF CHEAP DYING

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (By Mail).—Mayor Hoan, of the socialist party, disgraced the Workers International Day of Struggle here on May 1 with a speech to 150 Amalgamated clothing workers gathered to hear him. He condemned the workers' struggle for real organization, lauded class collaboration and the co-operative movement as a substitute for struggle to improve their conditions.

"The advantage of co-operation was shown to me on a recent visit in Hamburg, Germany," Mayor Hoan said. "There the working-man can have a splendid funeral at a cost of \$22."

## CONFERENCE TO FIGHT TERROR

Shops, Unions, Sending Delegates May 18

Delegates representing hundreds of shops, and labor fraternal organizations are expected to attend the New York District Protest Conference of the International Labor Defense which will be held Sunday, May 18, at 10 a. m. at Irving Plaza Hall, Irving Place and 15th St.

"We must organize and fight against the campaign of terror and persecution against the working class," reads the call for the conference. "We must fight the brutal attack on the rights of workers to organize and struggle against wage cuts, speed-up, unemployment, imperialist war, lynching, race discrimination and the persecution of foreign born workers."

For Powers and Carr. The conference will mobilize and organize the New York workers to save M. H. Powers and Joe Carr from the electric chair in Atlanta, Ga., fight for the liberation of the Gastonia defendants and the unemployed delegation. It will also demand the release of those held under the sedition laws throughout the country and others who are facing deportation for their working class militancy.

Organizations electing delegates should notify the New York district office of the I. L. D., Room 422, 709 Broadway, N. Y. C.

Fight for the seven-hour day, five-day week.

## SIKH DEFECTION SHAKES BRITISH RULE IN INDIA

But Sikhs Scorn the Pacifism of Gandhi, Being Fighters

US Scab Herders Arm Boss Press Lies; Truth Only in Our "Daily"

Indian dispatches, more and more distorted by counter-revolutionary capitalist correspondents as the revolutionary movement grows, nevertheless reveal this growth in the news that Saturday the Sikh League, meeting at Amritsar, decided to support the revolutionary movement. While the dispatches idiotically try to make out that this is "support for Gandhi," the fact that it is not, is obvious from the circumstance known by everyone that the Sikhs are fighters and by no means can be imagined to be pacifists.

Their action means a new proof of the inability of British imperialism to rule India by provoking so-called "communal" fights between different religions; it means also that all Sikhs, who have been for England the backbone of the native armed forces of repression, are turning against Britain and will give their fighting qualities to the revolt.

The rottenness of the capitalist press dispatches is visible in their (Continued on Page Three.)

## MANHATTAN CAB MEN JOIN STRIKE

Police and Hall Owner Both With Bosses

The Brooklyn taxi strikers appeared in large numbers at the Royal Palace Hall at 135th St. and Broadway at 3:30 a. m. yesterday morning, prepared to open the hall, to which they were going to bring the man from the Motor Transport Company garage located on 134th St. It was found that the hall keeper had been intimidated by the police, who had prohibited the hall to be opened before 8 a. m. It was evident that this had been done at the instigation of the company officials, who are trying to do everything possible to prevent the spread of the strike.

The drivers adjourned to various restaurants in the neighborhood, in order to talk over the situation, but were not permitted to remain long, as the police entered these places, located in the neighborhood of 136th and 137th Sts., on Broadway, and ordered the men out and back to Brooklyn. Some who did not move fast enough were roughly handled.

Spreading Strike For from being discouraged, the men are more determined than ever to broaden the struggle and tie up the rest of the company's garages completely, as they have already tied up the four Brooklyn garages and the East Thirteenth Street, Manhattan, garage. There are three garages remaining, located at 134th St. near Broadway, 138th St. near Southern Boulevard, in the Bronx, and 204th St. and Ninth Ave., Manhattan. The men in these garages have already shown their willingness to come along as soon as they are approached by a committee of the strikers, and there is no doubt that before many more hours have passed these men will also have joined their brothers who are already out.

Within the last few days Michael (Continued on Page Two)

## SPEEDING THE BOSS WAR

Rush Army-Navy Maneuvers

The old game of "black" and "blue" which Wall street's forces of war have been playing so "innocently" and yet with such persistent frequency during and after the London naval "disarmament" conference will be repeated from May 26-28 in the Narragansett Bay-New London area by thirty naval vessels, about forty-five naval planes and army forces of the First Corps Area.

The immediate military aim of these maneuvers is to test the defenses of the eastern approach to the Long Island Sound and to train the army and naval forces for the approaching conflict between the capitalists of America and England for world markets.

## Jobless Leader Tells How He Disarmed Cop

Five Convicted for March 6, Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 11.—Five workers were convicted of "unlawful assembly and riot" out of 12 placed on trial in the socialist party city administration courts here. Their real crime was that they were active in the March 6 demonstration of thousands of striking and unemployed workers demanding work or wages.

The five convicted are Leo Fisher, section organizer of the Communist Party; Fred Bassett, secretary of the Council of the Unemployed; Sonia Mason, organizer of the Young Communist League; John Perlach and Max Kagan. Twenty-five others, similarly charged, will go to trial soon. Arrests on March 6 numbered 68.

International Labor Defense attorneys, Albert Goldman and G. Gulbanian handled the case. The defendants testified in their own cases. Leo Fisher was on the (Continued on Page Three)

## NEGRO WORKER HELD FOR CHAIR

Jailed Incommunicado, While Lynchers Plan

COVINGTON, Ky., May 11.—A young Negro worker, Anderson McPerkin, is rotting in jail here, waiting to be hanged for a crime he did not commit, and being occasionally third degree in an effort to make him confess.

McPerkin was arrested when he asked for food at the back door of a house in Crescent Springs, Ky., a town in which Negroes are not allowed to live, or even appear. McPerkin got off a freight train on which he was beating his way North after failing to find work in the South, where he had been visiting his sister. He did not know the danger he was running by entering the town.

When the woman in the house saw him at the door, she chased him down the street, a crowd assembled, word was passed around that he had (Continued on Page Three)

## NEW YORK UNITY COUNCIL BUILT

Prepare for Red Labor Unions World Meet

The Trade Union Unity Council of Greater New York, comprising delegates of all industrial unions, shop committees and T. U. U. L. groups in A. F. of L. unions held its first regular meeting Thursday night and definitely organized itself as a permanent, regularly functioning body, uniting the industrial workers of New York and vicinity and leading their struggles.

The most important business the council has before it, is its participation in the drive of the Trade Union Unity League for 60,000 new members. The national board of the T. U. U. L. has assigned it a quota of 10,000. But on the basis of definite quotas assigned to all unions, leagues and T.U.U.L. groups the council raised it to 13,600 and challenged the Chicago and Detroit districts of the T.U.U.L. together to reach the same figure on the membership as well as on 7,000 new readers of Labor Unity which New York set itself as a goal.

## TEXAS LYNCHERS BURN 3 BLOCKS OF NEGRO HOMES

Roast Man to Death, Drag Body by Auto and Hang It

Troops Quite Harmless Kept Away from Only Point Where Useful

SHERMAN, Texas, May 11.—Three blocks of houses of Negroes, many of them workers, in the "Jim Crow" section here were burned down by an organized gang of white lynchers who had roasted to death George Hughes, a Negro worker, dragged his body through the streets by a chain behind an automobile, and hanged it to a tree in the center of the Negro section of town, where it was again burned.

During the lynching many Negroes were assaulted with all manner of weapons, and their homes were ransacked and articles looted away.

Nice Safe Murdering The town was full of police, deputies, national guardsmen, Texas Rangers, etc., who made only a perfunctory and formal gesture of defending the Negro from the murderous gang. They had been instructed by Governor Moody to "prevent it if you can, but don't shoot anybody." Hughes was accused, on no evi- (Continued on Page Three)

## NEEDLE WORKERS BUILDING UNION

Cut Initiation, Dues, Announce Quotas

The drive for 6,000 new members, launched by the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union at a mass meeting in Cooper Union, is developing full speed.

Special committees have been organized to direct the drive in every street, every block, and every building. The mass of the membership in every street will be drawn actively into the membership campaign and will be assigned definite responsibilities. A definite quota of new members has been assigned for every street, and special street meetings have been arranged for the coming week at the office of the union, 131 West 28th St., right after work.

All needle trades workers of union shops, open shops and company union shops, of all branches of the industry, working on 35th St. and 36th St., are called to a street meeting tomorrow, right after work, at the office of the Industrial Union, 131 West 28th St.

Wednesday all working on 37th St., 38th St., 39th St. and 40th St. meet right after work at the same place.

On Thursday at 7:30 p. m. there will be a general meeting of the Shop Delegate Council, at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East Fourth St. (Continued on Page Two)

## PROTEST MEETING AT WATERFRONT

Crowd of All Races to Denounce Terror

The waterfront of New York on Saturday stressed with the demand for the release of M. H. Powers and Joe Carr, Communist organizers, who go on trial for their lives in Atlanta, Ga., on May 27, where they were arrested after addressing meetings of Negro and white workers and distributing Communist leaflets.

The demonstration held at South Ferry and Whitehall St. was arranged by the International Labor Defense and the Japanese Workers Alliance. Cooperating organizations included the American Negro Labor Congress, All-American Anti-Imperialist League and the Trade Union Unity League. In addition to demanding the liberation of Powers and Carr, those at the meeting adopted resolutions protesting against the death and life imprisonment sentences recently given to the leaders of the Communist Party of Japan. It likewise went on record demanding the release of all class war prisoners, including Foster, Minor, Amter and Raymond, also Harry Eisman and against the numerous deportations of Chinese (Continued on Page Two)



# 'LABOR' GOVERNMENT TORTURES REBELLING PALESTINE WORKERS

## Many Arrested for Activity Against British Imperialism

### Young Woman Communist Dies in Prison as a Result of Bad Treatment

JERUSALEM (I.P.S.)—A state of emergency was declared in Jerusalem in connection with the Mahomedan celebration, "Nebi Mussa," which has a definitely anti-imperialist character. Machine guns were posted at strategic points, armored cars rolled through the streets and military aeroplanes circled above the town. The police conducted a number of mass raids against Communists and many workers were arrested without warrant. A number of Arab workers from Nablus were arrested for distributing Communist leaflets. Arrests were also made against the left-wing nationalist elements (Hamdi Hussein group) and Ibrahim Seitar, the editor of the Merat esch Schark, and two other young nationalists were sentenced to imprisonment in summary process.

Comrade H. Milstein, a young Jewess, member of the Young Communist League, has died as the result of the callous neglect of the British prison authorities here. She was arrested a few months ago and charged with having conducted Communist propaganda. She fell seriously ill in prison and an appeal was made to the British authorities

for her release, as continued imprisonment would mean acute danger. The British authorities refused to release the sick girl and she died on April 15, aged 18 years. The British authorities were not even prepared to let her be carried in peace to the grave and a company of police attacked the funeral procession. Even the nearest relatives were driven away from the hearse with rifle butts. The sister of the dead girl was seriously injured with a blow on the skull and had to be taken to hospital. Another girl was also seriously injured and was taken to hospital. Fifteen arrests were made.

The Jewish worker, Miaskovitz, was arrested for distributing Communist leaflets amongst the Arab workers in Gaza. Whilst in the hands of the police he was tortured and maltreated. The police spy, Tannenbaum, who is also the leader of the "Zionist Defense League," took a prominent part in the maltreatment of Miaskovitz.

Three proletarian political prisoners are lying naked in their cells in the prison of Akko. The prison authorities have deprived them of their clothing and these workers refuse to wear prison clothes.

# Unity League Endorses Communist Convention

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and delegates elected to the State Nominating Convention.

5. Each shop and trade union shall finance its own delegates.

6. Meetings of unorganized and unemployed workers shall be called at which the question of the election campaign shall be taken up and delegates elected to the State Nominating Convention.

All Possible Aid.

The T.U.U.L. recognizes the role of the Communist Party in the struggle of the working class and will give all possible aid to bring forward the election program of the Communist Party and in getting the widest possible support for the candidates of the Communist Party.

The Trade Union Unity League calls upon all revolutionary workers to rally to the support of the Communist Party in the campaign to win the support of the trade unions and workers' organizations for their program.

The government parties: republic-

can and democratic, are carrying out the dictates of Wall Street in their campaign of oppressing the workers (speed-up, no relief for the unemployed, race discrimination, etc.). They are also carrying out a reign of terror against the working class (police brutality, injunctions, terrorizing the foreign born, etc.).

Socialists Appeal to Bosses.

The socialist party has stopped even pretending to be a working class party. It has become an open third capitalist party. The best symptom of this is the refusal of the socialist party to center its appeal to the workers and instead is attempting to get the support of the petty-bourgeois and certain capitalist interests.

The Trade Union Unity League will carry on a struggle to defeat all the enemies of the working class and will rally the widest section of the workers to support the program and candidates of the Communist Party—the only party of class struggle.

# BURN 3 BLOCKS OF NEGRO HOMES

## Kept Away from Only Point Where Useful

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dence and without a trial, of assaulting a white woman.

The gang of lynchers attacked the court house, where the authorities had sealed Hughes in a vault of concrete and steel. Not being able to open the vault, they burned down the court house to kill him.

Troops Removed From Scene

They then dynamited the vault open and took the body out for further indignities. A section of the gang got the idea that he might have been held in the jail. They attacked the jail, where troops were stationed, having been removed from the court house, evidently for the convenience of the lynchers. Attacked in the jail, the militia fired in the air, and officers assured the lynchers the man they wanted was at the court house.

A rumor that two lynchers were struck by soldiers' bullets was not confirmed.

Fifteen lynchers were arrested,

# Negro Worker Held for Death, Legal or Not

## Many Negro Workers

The working class population in this county is about 90 per cent Negro, so the sheriff decided it was better to observe the forms of law, Kentucky prescribing the death penalty for rape. He rescued McPerkin, and sheriff and lynchers now cooperate in staging scenarios about machine guns at the county jail to prevent the lynching of McPerkin.

The Negro middle class as usual plays safe, and does nothing to aid this worker.

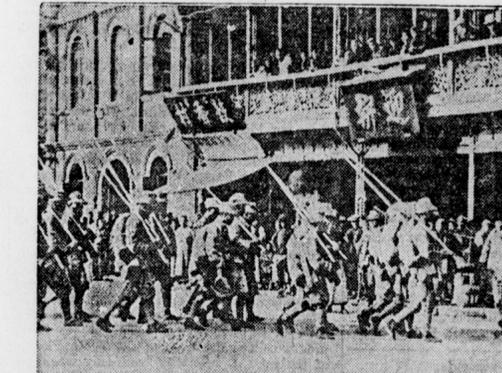
The International Labor Defense immediately investigated and found that the lynchers have a witness, on whom they rely to kill this worker. The witness is a woman who stated

but were immediately released on the ground that they belonged to the best families in the neighborhood.

Moody has issued a flamboyant denunciation of the murder and arson, but nothing is being done about it except the further gesture of declaring martial law.

Some kind of whitewash trial may be conducted after a while.

# Nanking Troops Going to the Front



The war between the Nanking militarists, headed by Chiang Kai-Shek and supported by American imperialism, and the Northern anti-Nanking Clique, under Yen Hsi-Shan and Feng Yu-Hsiang and backed by Japanese and British imperialism, which is now raging in China, is the third militarist war fought between the war lords within a period of little over two years.

# MILITARISTS IN CHINA BATTLE; REVOLT GROWS

## Use Wall Street Bombing Planes

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wingers" and "left-wingers," and all kinds of anti-Nanking "wild-cat" generals, has reached the stage of severe major battles in the last few days.

The most important battles are fought along the Lunghai Railway, China's only east-west railway. The battle front extends 170 miles from east to west, the fight raging with particular severity about such strategical points as Suchow, the junction of the Lunghai and the Peking-Pukow railway, and Chengchow, the junction of the Lunghai and the Peking Hankow railway.

Each Claim "Victory."

With each side reporting their own victory in order to cheer up their foreign and native supporters and both sides maintaining a close censorship, the results of the battles cannot yet be determined.

However, checking up the conflicting reports, it seems that the Nanking forces are losing.

Cornered in a desperate situation, Nanking is making "the utmost use of the airplanes furnished by the American imperialists. These airplanes, which played a decisive part in the last militarist war a little over four months ago, are now recklessly sent by Chiang Kai-shek to bombard cities in his enemy's territory. Forty-seven civilians are killed in Chengchow and many wounded as the result of these bombardments.

Maneuver With Japan.

Nanking is also trying to avert its inevitable downfall by making diplomatic maneuvers with Japan which, although unquestionably backing the anti-Nanking bloc against Chiang Kai-shek, of course, does not hesitate to have a finger in each pie.

Associated Press reports from Tokio say that "an important agreement had been concluded between the Nanking Government and the Japanese War Office whereby at least thirty Japanese army officers would be employed as instructors and organizers in the Nanking army."

The same dispatch says that "the instructors will proceed to China during June and July." In the meantime, armed with this agreement, Chiang Kai-shek will maneuver for more support from the American imperialists.

Concealed behind diplomatic intrigues, moves and counter-moves, the major political issues in the capitalist world always play a decisive role in the final line-up of the forces in wars in the colonial countries. The militarist war in China, in the last analysis, is but a reflection of the major contradictions between the American, Japanese and British imperialist powers, and the different reactionary social forces in China whose fate is closely linked up with these powers.

Fight for Work or Wages!

first that she was assaulted in the presence of her 14-year-old daughter. However, the daughter has never been produced, so her story now is she was raped in an office. All of which sounds sufficiently like a frame-up.

"He's Only a Nigger"

When the I.L.D. investigators appeared at the jail, they were not allowed to see McPerkin, and the sheriff jovially kidded them: "Say, what is it to you? He is only a Nigger. String is too good for him," etc. It was announced by the authorities that the grand jury would meet in a few days and indict him, after which he would be hanged.

However, the I.L.D. engaged an attorney, and called mass meetings to explain the situation to the workers here.

The grand jury failed to meet and indict him, but quietly, three weeks later it was announced that the state had appointed a lawyer for the Negro, and that the trial was indefinitely postponed.

And in the meantime he is in jail, incommunicado, and at the mercy of lynchers in and out of uniform.

Unbearable Conditions.

Working and living conditions in the anthracite field are worse than at any time since the world war. The mine workers get less in wages. Every miner knows that a whole series of wage cuts have been put across by the coal companies through various methods. Payment for dead work has practically been abolished. Payment per car loaded has been reduced in most instances by about 50 per cent. Tonnage rates have been decreased. Yardage prices have been cut, and, in many mines, the yardage basis has been abolished entirely. Consideration time is practically non-existent. Miners have to pay for their own tools and pay for air for the jack-hammers. Dockage for "dirty coal" increases constantly.

Wage Cuts and Speed Up.

In one year alone—1928—the anthracite mine workers' wages were reduced by \$16,298,000, as against 1927. The decrease in 1929 was still greater.

The speed-up system daily saps the life and energy of the mine workers. Coal production increases constantly at the expense of the life, limbs and health of the miners.

# British Strike-Breakers in India



British police troops—and some native police—trying to break strike of carters who had blocked streets with their carts. The upholders of imperialism "law and order" are busy trying to clear away the barricades. The imperialist "Labor" government says it will send 225,000 troops from England to shoot Indians who want to rule their own country. And a "troop of light horse" of Americans mostly from the General Motors assembly plant at Bombay incriminates American imperialism in this strike breaking.

# Strike Is Main Task of Anthracite Miners

## Program of National Miners Union Outlines Reasons for National Struggle September 1

The five-year agreement expires August 31. Our main task now is to prepare for a strike on September 1, as part of a national strike in the bituminous coal fields and the metal mining industry, by the setting up of rank and file committees of action in every mine and through the exposure of the Lewis machine of the United Mine Workers of America, by means of making known their numberless acts of betrayal of the interests of the miners, and constant struggle against these betrayals. Organize the miners for the coming strike and the building of the only militant union of the mine workers—the National Miners' Union, affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League.

Crisis in Mining Industry.

The entire mining industry, both coal and metal, is in a crisis in the United States and in every other country. The anthracite coal operators, like the mine owners throughout the country and throughout the world, are trying to make the mine workers bear the whole burden of this crisis. The U. M. W. of A., controlled by Lewis in the anthracite, is an agency of the coal operators and has no other function than to help the coal operators make bigger profits at the expense of the mine workers.

Farrington-Howat-Gormer-Peabody.

In the Illinois coal fields, the U. M. W. of A., controlled by the Peabody Coal Co., and headed by a clique of Peabody Coal Co. stool pigeons with a self-confessed, \$25,000 per year stool pigeon, Farrington, as their leader, numbering among others, Howat, Gormer, Fishwick, Walker, Hapgood, etc., carry on the same betrayals of the soft coal miners as Lewis does in the anthracite fields. The only difference is that the Illinois gang of the U. M. W. of A., because of the exposure of Farrington as a Peabody Coal agent, tries to fool the miners by making a pretense of opposition to Lewis and using a few "radical" phrases.

The so-called unions, headed by these agents of the coal operators, are nothing but company unions—instruments used by the operators to add to their bank rolls at the expense of the mine workers.

The only union that organizes and leads the mine workers in all sections of the industry is the National Miners' Union—based on pit and mine committees—and controlled by the rank and file.

The U. M. W. of A. Sell Out.

The five-year agreement signed by Lewis in 1926 was really a sell-out of the miners. It was a victory for the coal operators. During the life of this agreement the coal operators have made huge profits. The miners have been handed wage-cuts, have been speeded up, unemployment has increased, accidents have increased, hours have been lengthened, conditions have become worse generally and the U. M. W. of A. itself, led by Lewis, has passed completely into the control of the coal operators.

Abolish Contractor System.

The contractor system, established with the aid of the Lewis machine, is a curse. It divides the mine workers into contractors and laborers. It creates corruption and dissension. It means greater robbery of the mine workers and bigger profits for the mine owners. The contractor system is used to bribe a small section of the mine workers upon workers to join the celebration. The International Labor Defense is taking up their cases.

Huge Mergers.

In 1928, seven anthracite companies owned and controlled between 70 and 80 per cent of all hard coal mines. Since then more mergers have taken place. These mergers are closely connected with the big railroad companies and with the big Wall Street banking houses—the Morgan and Rockefeller interests. These huge combinations of capital have but one object—greater profits at the expense of the mine workers and their families.

Demand the release of Foster, Minor, Amter and Raymond, in prison for fighting for unemployment insurance.

Working and living conditions in the anthracite field are worse than at any time since the world war. The mine workers get less in wages. Every miner knows that a whole series of wage cuts have been put across by the coal companies through various methods. Payment for dead work has practically been abolished. Payment per car loaded has been reduced in most instances by about 50 per cent. Tonnage rates have been decreased. Yardage prices have been cut, and, in many mines, the yardage basis has been abolished entirely. Consideration time is practically non-existent. Miners have to pay for their own tools and pay for air for the jack-hammers. Dockage for "dirty coal" increases constantly.

Wage Cuts and Speed Up.

In one year alone—1928—the anthracite mine workers' wages were reduced by \$16,298,000, as against 1927. The decrease in 1929 was still greater.

The speed-up system daily saps the life and energy of the mine workers. Coal production increases constantly at the expense of the life, limbs and health of the miners.

# SIKH DEFECTION SHAKES BRITISH RULE IN INDIA

## Boss Press Lies; Truth Only in Our "Daily"

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treatment of the developing events. They conceal the fact that the textile city of Sholapur is still in the hands of the Indians, hiding this fact behind a slight mention of Sholapur in an obscure paragraph, saying that "it is reported" that the situation is "well in hand." If it were, there would be a victorious scream in the first lines.

Also it is likewise "incidentally" admitted that not only were the last Europeans evacuated from Sholapur Friday, but that still a second city had been evacuated, Talegaon, thirty miles from Poona, where there are large glass works.

The capitalists correspondents gloat over the supposed "necessity" of firing on the masses at Calcutta, and Delhi on Friday. Volunteer white guard troops have been recruited en bloc from the Americans in Bombay, mostly bosses of the General Motors assembly plant.

At Poona it is admitted that a flood of leaflets had thrown the city into an uproar, calling on the people to seize arms and overthrow the British. Likewise the threat of the warlike northern border peoples to "enter" Peshavar at the invitation of the Peshavar Congress Committee to raise a force for that object, also shows the weakening of British control. These tribesmen are hostile to the British and their chiefs, the Raji of Turangzai, does not appear to have stopped his recruiting as a result of the British sending forty airplanes to demonstrate over the Mohmand country.

This, like the action of the Sikhs, shows the failure of the British to play one religion against the others as in the past. The Moslem holiday of Bakrid was hoped by the British to provoke clashes between Moslems and Hindus which the British could use as an excuse to rebuild their false claim that they are in India merely to "keep the peace between contending groups."

New machinery in the mines, loading machines, under-cutting devices, conveyors, etc., has thrown thousands of miners out of work. There are now thousands of miners unemployed at all times. Part-time work has increased tremendously. Some collieries close down for two or three months. The majority of the mine workers get work only from one to three days a week.

The hours per day spent by the mine workers in the mines have increased despite the fact that thousands of miners are unemployed. Unpire Gorman of the conciliation board has ruled that it is a violation of the agreement for a miner to stay less than the full eight hours in the mine. It is evident that after the expiration of the agreement the coal operators intend to use this decision as a basis for lengthening the working hours and abolishing the eight-hour day.

I. L. D. Defends Six Arrested in Buffalo

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 11.—Six arrests have been made here recently. M. Melvin was arrested when speaking at an open-air meeting. C. Larson and William Herbert, a Negro worker, were taken into custody in front of the Donner Steel Co., where they were giving out leaflets.

L. Johnson and William Falke were arrested for giving out May Day leaflets, while Carl Larson was arrested for pasting stickers calling upon workers to join the celebration. The International Labor Defense is taking up their cases.

Detroit Workers Have Spring Carnival Sat.

DETROIT, May 11.—The Workers' International Relief and the International Labor Defense of Detroit have arranged a big spring carnival and outing to be held Saturday and Sunday, May 10-11, at the new Workers' Summer Camp near Farmington, about 23 miles from Detroit.

The program of this spring carnival and outing includes a snappy dance orchestra, a midnight show with an "Amkino" moving picture made in the Soviet Union, athletic events in charge of the Labor Sports Union, an open-air concert by the Finnish Band, a mass chorus of 500 voices, plenty of good things to eat, and sleeping accommodations for all.

# ALLEN TOWN MILLS LAYING OFF MORE AND MORE WORKERS

## 10 Percent Cut in Majestic Mill; Adelaide, With 2000 Workers, to Close Down

### Sheldon to Open With Wage Cut; "Join the National Textile Workers Union"

(By a Worker Correspondent)

ALLEN TOWN, Pa.—The Majestic Mill has just announced a 10 per cent cut effective on May 5. This is the third wage cut since Thanksgiving Day, and brings the average of the total cuts up to 30 per cent. The Adelaide Mill, largest in Allentown, employing over 2,000 workers has begun to lay off all hands and will shut down completely for a few weeks. The post & Sheldon Mill,

which has been shut down for the past three weeks has announced that it will resume work on May 5. The workers of this mill have stated to the N.T.W.U. organizer that the mill will reopen with a 10 per cent wage cut. This is in line with all other mills that have shut down for a few weeks and then resumed work. Workers, join the National Textile Workers Union.

—Allentown Mill Slave.

# Solidarity, Young and Old Workers!

(By a Worker Correspondent)

The bosses or big shots of the factories are making our poor fathers work like the dickens for about 40 or 50 cents an hour and they get the rest of the dough that was supposed to be our fathers'. They don't give a damn if our fathers die by the machine or whatever they are working at, just so that they get all the articles made and sell them for big profits. We slave, too.

One man, or, rather a comrade, was telling me yesterday that the boss of a factory he was working at came to collect for the commu-

nity chest and asked this comrade if he could give \$5 for it. He replied that he could not, but when he came to work the next morning the boss just told him to get his money and go. That's only one incident I know of, but there are hundreds and thousands of these things happening every day, and I think if we would help our fathers fight we would get better wages and better living conditions to stay in. So, don't forget, get out and fight, just like our fathers are doing, and help them win.

—YOUNG WORKER.

# Starvation for Spokane Workers

(By a Worker Correspondent)

SPOKANE, Wash.—Just a line to try to give you an idea of the conditions of the victims of capitalism here.

Hundreds have lived from what they could gather from the city dumps and are still living that way. The streets are crowded with the unemployed, some of them insane from hunger and worry.

The wobbles have their office

here, but are doing nothing. The Communists send a speaker here from Seattle once in a while, but that is not enough.

Something should be done to utilize or crystallize the revolutionary spirit of the workers and unemployed here at the present time. According to the Daily Worker Spokane is lagging far behind.

—JOBLESS WORKER.

# Labor Department, Woll and Priest Are Aiding Whalen

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When it was suggested to Easley that a certain ex-convict officer, a friend of Easley, had peddled documents around to newspapermen early in April the Civic Federation secretary denounced as a "damnable" suggestion that this fashionable Russian emigre had tried to sell them. The Russian had been reported as being a frequent visitor to the offices of Easley and Matthews at Civic Federation headquarters in New York. Woll is vice-president of the A. P. L. and acting president of the strike-breaking National Civic Federation.

Boris L. Brazol is a friend of Easley, connected through him with Woll, is an ex-convict official whose hands are already stained with a murderous forgery. As part of his campaign to hit the black-headed attacks on the Jews he released, several years ago, the set of forgeries known as "the protocols of the Wise Men of Zion."

"Its' other case like the Hearst forgeries on Mexico," was the verdict of scolding press correspondents who waited for Whalen to make good.

"We ought to give the Amtorg a chance to reply, if the documents are taken up by this committee," Dickstein, a member of the committee, suggested. "And we should

# Jobless Leader Tells Court He Disarmed Cop

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stand for an hour and made a sharp indictment of the capitalist system, pointing how they used the courts, police and prosecutors to suppress the workers and the unemployed. He said, "The fact that 25,000 workers responded to the call of the Communist Party in Milwaukee is living testimony to the fact that there is mass unemployment and a deep growing crisis in capitalism, however, much the official flunkies in the White House try to deny it."

Bassett showed himself to be a real symbol of a militant class fighter. He admitted he took away a policeman's club and told the workers "when we got out for work or wages, this is what we get" (pointing to the club). He stated he saw a 1-year-old worked knocked down by a policeman and hit the policeman back, giving "him some of his own medicine."

The chief of police and his lieutenants to the number of 75, including many stool pigeons, testified for the state.

submit these papers to the Department of Justice to look over."

"That is not the attitude of the committee," was the firm reply of Chairman Johnson. "We shall see what can be done about deporting alien Communists."

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# THE FIFTH R. I. L. U. CONGRESS APPROACHES

By A. LOZOVSKY.

(General Secretary Red International of Labor Unions.)

This is the second installment of an article on problems and tasks of the R.I.L.U. which must be discussed at the coming world congress. In the first installment, Losovsky told of the Fourth Congress as a historic turning point of revolutionary trade union movement, from which an upsurge started. He criticized some right wing deviations, and pointed to the great importance given union organization by the Bolshevik Party even during czarist times. It ends with a discussion of the movement in Latin America and Pacific coast countries.

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The Fifth Red International of Labor Unions Congress will take place in conditions of the developing forward surge of the labor movement. With regard to the upsurge, the Trotskyites and Right Opportunists have, as is well known, their special stand. They are of the opinion that the upsurge has been "invented" in Moscow, especially for the purpose of spiting Brandler, Trotsky and Co.

No one issue of the opposition papers in France of the "Verite," "La Lutte des Classes," "La Revolution Proletarienne," or the "Opposition Bulletin" issued by Trotsky; no issue of the Lovestone paper in the U.S.A. or the organ of the Rights in Sweden and the papers of the German Rights and so-called "Lefts," which should not attack precisely the basic line of the Comintern regarding the upsurge which has now started, although this upsurge is today an indisputable fact, and it is rather difficult to argue against facts. A characteristic peculiarity of the present stage in the development of the international labor movement consists in the upsurge being evidenced everywhere, though not alike in all countries.

There are two examples which emphasize the correctness of the line taken by the Comintern and R.I.L.U. in connection with this question. In telegrams received from Australia, we see that the miners have set up two self-defense corps. These self-defense corps are called in the bourgeois press "the Red Army." One of the corps consists, according to the papers, of 400 persons, and the other of 350. However, also another figure is named—2,000 members of the self-defense corps. Some of the bourgeois papers speak of two armies, numbering 8,000 and 6,000 persons. Hence, without the aid of the Communist Party, the workers themselves in Australia—in New South Wales—are organizing, under the leadership of some of the ex-soldiers, former soldiers in the imperialist war, self-defense corps. And for what purpose? In order to struggle against the "Labor" Government. Facts of a partisan war in such a far-off country like Australia, bear witness to a great deal.

### The Correct Line.

Here is another fact, already from another angle, speaking of the correctness of our policy in Germany. The Opportunist Evert sent a declaration to the Central Committee of the German Communist Party in which he completely recognizes his mistakes and incorrect policy; both in connection with the question on the general line of the Party. On the trade union question, with regard to his stand toward the factory committee elections, concerning the question of the upward surge, etc. What does this mean? It means that the upsurge has been recognized by the most backward elements. At one time the bourgeois and social-democratic press, having heard of the capitulation of Bukharin, Rykov and Tomsky, wrote that the latter were "compelled" to capitulate by means of threats, in view of the fact that there is "terror" reigning in the U.S.S.R., that there is a dictatorship here. But what forces the opportunists to capitulate in Germany? Why, over there there is the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie! It is clear they capitulate because facts go against them. The meaningless and slanderous explanations of the Right Opportunists to the effect that our Rights and our conciliators capitulated "because of fear," tell nothing. But, on the other hand, the fact of capitulation of the conciliators in Germany prove clearly and vividly that the correct line of the Communist International compels those who do not desire to break with the revolutionary labor movement, at least today to come out frankly and honestly admitting their mistakes. I believe that this fact, taken from altogether a different view, also bears witness to the upsurge and relentless class struggle.

### Agenda of the Fifth Congress.

The Fifth R.I.L.U. Congress, as I said above, is confronted with the task of, on the one hand, summing up the past battles, and on the other, to point out forms and methods for the future struggle.

The agenda of the Fifth R.I.L.U. Congress is not very extensive: (1) Report of Executive Bureau and Tasks of the International Workers' Trade Union Committee, the R.I.L.U. Youth Secretariat, and the International Trade Union Committee of Negro Workers (2) Struggle against danger of new imperialist wars. (3) Role of the Trade Unions in the Socialist Construction of the U.S.S.R. (4) Tasks of the Trade Unions in the Colonial and Semi-Colonial Countries. (5) Problem of Cadres in the Revolutionary Labor Movement. (6) Elections.

It seems as if the agenda is "short." In actual fact, however, it embraces a vast number of questions, it embraces all political and organizational problems of the world revolutionary trade union movement; the results of the work carried out by our trade union organizations from the point of view of self-

criticism; results of the development of the labor movement; our victories and defeats from the point of view of taking the lead in the economic battles; forms and methods of winning over the majority of the working class; experience in solving the problems of the united front from below at the enterprises; the question regarding the organization and activities of the factory committees, revolutionary trade union delegates; the problem of the mass political strike, of organizing Red trade unions, the work of the revolutionary oppositions, methods and forms of organization.

We will have to pay particular attention to the different manifestations of the Right deviation and conciliation in practice which have been evidenced within our ranks, inasmuch as the Right deviation and conciliation in theory and practice, during the course of these last two years, were sharply resisted by us. Then follows our work in the colonial countries, the question of activities of the U.S.S.R. trade unions in the field of the Socialist reconstruction of the U.S.S.R. national economy, forms and methods of organizing the unemployed, work in countries with an illegal trade union movement, combination of the illegal, legal and semi-legal forms and methods of struggle, the problem of cadres—in a word, the joining up of all political and organizational problems confronting the world trade union movement—such are the questions embraced by the agenda of the Fifth R.I.L.U. Congress.

### Disputable Questions.

There are a number of disputable questions which, of course, should be decided by the Fifth R.I.L.U. Congress:

1. Is it necessary to preserve in such countries like Germany, England, Poland, etc. the slogan: "Workers, line up in the reformist trade unions?"
  2. Now is it necessary to organize trade union oppositions in such countries like Germany, England, Austria; are the present organizational forms of the trade union opposition sufficient in conditions of the ever-increasing class struggles and the provocative actions of the social-fascists?
  3. How should the unorganized be organized in those countries where there are no revolutionary trade unions; should the unorganized workers be called upon to line up in the reformist trade unions, should they be joined up with the trade union oppositions, and if so, on what basis?
  4. Has the question of setting up new trade unions in such countries like, for example—Germany, become ripe? If so, how should this be accomplished?
  5. What is social-fascism, and to what degree have the reformist trade unions been fascized?
  6. Should the slogan be used of "winning over the reformist trade unions," or should this slogan be dialectically taken off and instead another slogan issued: "to win over the members of the reformist trade unions," which means, of course, to continue to work inside the reformist trade unions.
- I have only enumerated those basic questions which will be subject to preliminary detailed analysis by us.
- However, the principal thing in preparing for the Fifth Congress is to lead these preparations out of the premises of the central organs, to make these preparations widespread among the masses, to make it the common knowledge of the workers that the Fifth Congress is approaching, and that the questions on the agenda of the Congress be really widely discussed at the workers mass meetings.

## The "Young Worker" and Our Immediate Tasks

By SAM REED.

OUR League has recently demonstrated that it is capable of doing Communist work, and of building the organization. On March 6, on May 1, as well as in other campaigns in recent months the League has played a leading role. The establishment of the Weekly Young Worker must be considered as an outstanding achievement of our League.

However, the gap between our organizational strength and our influence is as yet too wide. The Young Communist League is not yet rooted in the factories and shops. It is not even known yet among the broad masses of young workers. As one of the best means to further extend our influence and our organizational strength, is to build up the Young Worker as the paper of the masses of youth in industry. When the young workers read our paper they will learn more about the class struggle of the role of the youth in that struggle, and the part played by our League in leading the young workers in the fight against the bosses. Hence, by building up of the circulation and influence of the Young Worker, we are laying the ground for the building up of our Young Communist League as a mass youth organization.

The drive to establish the Weekly Young Worker which has started on March 1, has revealed some very serious weaknesses in our work, weaknesses which we must overcome if we are to complete the drive successfully, and maintain the Young Worker as a weekly. What are the shortcomings in our work so far?

First of all there seems to be a general underestimation of the political importance of the Young Worker as a medium of reaching the American proletarian youth. Our membership does not yet understand that as a means of crystallizing the present growing discontent (due to the effects of the economic crisis, unemployment, speed-up, etc.) among the young workers must be made into a mass organ, as the spokesman, propagandist and organizer of the youth.

The second shortcoming noticeable is the resistance on the part of a considerable number of our members to do the every day "little" work of going around soliciting subs, ads, collecting funds, etc. For many of our League members this most elementary, but important work is "not political enough." This tendency is a remnant of the old (from the days of Zam, etc.). Here we find a whole lot of phrasemongering, of speech making, but failure to produce results. (I am referring to such districts like Detroit and Cleveland.)

The last outstanding weakness of ours in this drive is the lack of an apparatus. This is true of every district and every unit. The National Executive Committee is largely responsible for the failure to build up a functioning apparatus for the widest sale and distribu-

## 50,000 NEW MEMBERS!

By Bill Gropper



## Lessons of the Trial of 17 in Los Angeles

By EVA SHAFRAN.

THAT the capitalist class is alarmed over the militancy of the working class throughout the entire country, can be seen by the confusion displayed by the capitalists and their servants of all shades, at the present moment.

In one place the boss class suppresses the workers with an iron hand. In another it is "lenient." With one hand capitalism puts working class leaders in jail, refuses to let them out on bail; with the other, though good servants of capitalism, it "thinks" that this is not the "right tactics," and so on down the line.

Capitalism in Southern California decided to rule with an iron hand. Not one meeting of the Communist Party, of the Trade Union Unity League, of the International Labor Defense passes without the "Red Squad" interference, or breaking it up.

As a result of this, the workers of Los Angeles and the surrounding cities are organizing workers' self-defense organizations to protect their meetings and demonstrations as well as the movement generally.

Capitalism in Southern California hopes, through the increased police terror, to stifle the revolutionary movement here. But we see entirely another thing taking place: the Communist Party, the T.U.U.L., the Unemployed Council, is growing daily, and the revolutionary mood of the workers is increasing tremendously.

### March 6th Fighters.

All this was especially reflected in the trial of the 17 workers and leaders of the Unemployment Demonstration on March 6, that opened on April 3, and lasted till April 14.

As a result of the great demonstration that we had here in Los Angeles, on March 6th, when tens of thousands of workers came out to the City Hall at the call of the Communist Party and T.U.U.L. for unemployment relief and the general struggle against capitalism, 17 workers were arrested, severely beaten up, and tried by a capitalist court for "meeting without a permit," "unlawful assemblage" (which meeting of the workers is lawful in the eyes of the boss class?) "obstructing traffic," "resisting arrest," and other "charges" of the same nature.

Two out of these 17 arrested, Comrades Sklar and Waldron, decided to be their own attorneys. They were so, throughout the trial.

A jury was "chosen," and our two comrades in questioning the jury, right from the first day of the trial made it very clear that the whole procedure of "picking" a jury is ridiculous, for everyone of these men and women had their minds fixed even before they came to court; that this was the only reason for calling them to be jurors. Through questions, the comrades brought out clearly that the "impartial" jurors are very partial when it comes to the question of private property, and the protection of private property by the government at the expense of the toiling masses; and finally, that the jurors were against the right of the workers for self-defense at a time when they are attacked by the police and armed thugs.

Further our two comrades, and the I.L.D. attorney for the remaining 15, brought out clearly the brutality that the police displayed

in their attack on the demonstrators. By an apparatus we mean a plan of organization in every unit and in every district, by which means the Young Worker will be spread among the youth in the factories, in youth organizations, on the streets and wherever young workers are found.

As a part of carrying out the Plan of Action (issued by the N.E.C.) as a part of our work in making the necessary turn towards mass activity we must mobilize the entire League to maintain the Young Worker as a weekly. Concrete every day work must be carried out by every member. A real functioning machinery must be established, whereby each unit will sell the Young Worker at factory gates, at meetings, demonstration, etc. Shock troops should be formed in every unit as a means of getting best results, and as a medium of mobilization of the membership for action. The drive for the weekly is still on. Every district can and must intensify its work in the drive. Only by a real conscious effort on the part of the entire League will our Young Worker become the newspaper of the militant youth. Over the top in the drive by June First

in the March 6 demonstration, and stated openly in court, that "the workers will not stand for this, but will fight this terror by still more, and still stronger organizational means." (Spector, as witness.)

### Bewildered Judge.

The judge all through the trial was bewildered. A few times he stated that "this is an outstanding, an unusual trial." At one time he would let the comrades go on as their own lawyers, asking questions, etc., another time he would cut them short, not allowing a word. Only one thing he didn't fail to do all through the trial was—prejudicing the jury against the defendants, and ridiculing everything the "defendants" said.

Of course this was stupidity and not necessary. The jury does not need to be prejudiced. It was enough to say the defendants are Bolsheviks, Communists, atheists, and the prosecuting attorney could have gotten "a first degree guilty verdict" on them. But "everybody has to do his share," you know, so the judge did his.

The most interesting day of the trial was Saturday.

Friday evening the prosecuting attorney made his "rebuttal." He said "the defendants are Bolsheviks, Com-munists, and any other name you want to call them," and demanded in the name of patriotism, allegiance to our flag, the jury should convict them. He even found it necessary to state: "If you will not convict them, you will show that you too, are against our government!"

What else did a jury of old fogies, businessmen, and retired businessmen, many of whom make a living out of sitting on the jury—what else could a jury of this kind (or any capitalist jury, for that matter) have said, if not "guilty"?

### Right in Their Teeth.

But when the comrades Sklar and Waldron got on the stand Saturday morning they told capitalism right into its teeth what it means for workers, and what workers can get from capitalist justice and rule.

"Not fifteen defendants are on trial here, but the working class, the Communist Party, its leader, those are on trial, and those will give us the verdict and answer you," said Comrade Waldron.

"The only thing you give to the workers is misery, starvation and jail; the working class at the present time is revolting against you and will revolt still more," he continued. "If you put us in jail now, you can't break our movement, hundreds, thousands, of others will take our place and carry on our struggle till this system will be abolished and the dictatorship of the proletariat, as in the Soviet Union now, will be established."

"Your system, the capitalist system is doomed," said Comrade Sklar. "We will still see your downfall and the rising of a workers and farmers state in the United States."

Thus spoke our comrades, fearlessly, courageously, in a capitalist court, right into the teeth of capitalism.

Unemployment—the causes of it, imperialist wars, the building of Socialism in the Soviet Union, the right of workers for self-defense and the right to organize and strike, all these questions were discussed and our position made clear at the March 6 trial in Los Angeles.

Hundreds of workers that filled the court room daily, got their first lesson in Communism and capitalist justice during this trial. Thousands of other workers got much of this information through the capitalist newspapers that came out the net day with big head lines on the "menace of Communism," how the Communists want to destroy the United States, and how the prosecuting attorney and the judge defended "our" country. Many workers, as a result of this, joined the Unemployment Council right in the court room, and many joined the Party since.

Twelve out of the seventeen were sentenced to six months jail and \$500 fine; two to sixty days; two to thirty days and one was acquitted. The bail was immediately raised to \$1,000 and the comrades went to jail till the money can be raised. The case was appealed to a higher court.

But this in no way crippled our movement as the capitalists thought it would. On the contrary; with still more fire did our comrades throw themselves into the work of the Party and the movement generally; still more workers are flocking into our ranks, and still more

## A YEAR OF STRUGGLE

By JOHN STEUBEN.

A YEAR has passed since the Fifth National Convention of the Young Communist League. Events of world importance took place in the country as well as in our Party and League. Life has been the best judge and has fully brought out the correctness of the line and decisions of our convention.

If a year ago we declared at the convention that the "prosperity myth" is disappearing, now, a year later, the country finds itself in a serious economic crisis which is continually deepening and has a tremendous effect on the conditions of the American working class.

The toiling youth have made gigantic steps forward this year in becoming more and more a decisive factor in the class struggle. A year ago, our convention pointed out that:

"The proportion of young workers in heavy industry is increasing and the general orientation of the young workers is directed more and more to heavy industry. New industries established on a rationalized basis, employ a majority of young workers. Thus the weight of the young workers in industry is greatly increased, leading to an increasing participation of the young workers in these industries."

This process has been further accentuated by the present economic crisis which brought about an absolute worsening of the conditions of the young workers. Simultaneously with it, we see a tremendous increase of resistance on their part. It is only necessary to recall the strike wave in the textile industry throughout the South, the Illinois coal strike, the participation of 200,000 young workers on March 6th, the participation of thousands of young workers on May 1st. It becomes obvious that a militant spirit and readiness for struggle prevails throughout the ranks of the American young workers.

This year also brought about a complete change in the life, work and outlook of our Young Communist League. Whereas at the Sixth Convention of our Party, the renegade Lovestone laid the basis to depart from the Comintern, by rejecting the Comintern line and decisions, the League Convention fully endorsed and pledged itself to become one of the best interpreters of the Comintern line.

This firmness and decisiveness on the part of our convention played an important role immediately after the convention, when the hopeless opportunists and permanent factionalists of the Rubinstein type raised their stupid factional heads again. These elements soon exposed themselves to be a part of the renegade Lovestone group, they were isolated, discredited and expelled from our ranks.

This year was indeed a year of struggle, a stubborn fight to break with our past (the Lovestone-Zam regime) which marked "one of the darkest pages in the history of the American League." We not only squeezed the pus out of our ranks by lancing the organized right wing, but consistently struggled against all concrete manifestations of the Right Danger which remains the main danger. We have made a beginning, although belated, in the struggle against the "left" danger, which is the chief hindrance towards our struggle against the right danger and concrete Bolshevik mass work.

### Complete Unity.

The complete consolidation and unanimity of our ranks from top to bottom on the line of the Young Communist International has helped us to make tremendous steps forward in the direction of a beginning of mass youth work. We have penetrated into the South for the first time in the history of our League. The League actively participated in the strike of a Weekly Young Worker is a tremendous political achievement of the entire League. The taking in of eleven hundred new members in the last membership drive, the beginning of the issuing of shop papers in important industries, the active participation of the League on March 6th and May 1st, as well as the be-

ginning of the carrying out in practice of the Plan of Action, show that slowly but surely our League is making the beginning in mass activity.

Despite all the positive achievements, our League is still in a very serious condition, mainly due to the disproportion between the growing process of radicalization of the young workers and the slowness of the League in adopting itself and its methods of work, suitable to the present period.

The roots for this slowness lie in the serious underestimation and the failure to see the readiness of the young workers for struggle. The League is not enough politically alert, thus failing to grasp things quickly, lack of appreciation of the excellent possibilities we have at present to build our League. There are some of the concrete tendencies of a definite Right nature which must be strenuously combated.

### Revolutionary Phrases.

In addition to this open opportunism, we also have in our ranks strong manifestations of a "Left" nature. We have comrades who speak about the third period, about the radicalization of the young workers, and shout wonderful revolutionary phrases, but in deeds are not doing the most elementary things which the movement demands from an average League member. The Y. C. I. and the National Committee have pointed out again and again, that it is these "heroes" of pseudo-revolutionary phrase mongering that are the chief obstacle in our struggle against the Right danger.

The main prerequisite for making the turn towards mass work is complete ideological clarity, to be fully aware of all the elements that stand in our way in making this turn. That is why it is so necessary to struggle on two fronts, against open opportunism and against opportunism covered with "left" phrases. This struggle on two fronts is nothing new in our ranks. In fact, the entire history of the Comintern is a history of systematic and persistent struggle against open and covert opportunism. While we struggle on two fronts, we must always know when and where to direct our main blows, based on the objective situation in the country, the exact status of the class struggle, the co-relation of forces, etc. It is wrong to create a mechanical division between these varied forces of opportunism, they do not run parallel. In the long run, all shades of opportunism run into the same channels. However, it is very essential to carefully distinguish open opportunism covered with "left" phrases, since the methods in struggling against both deviations are different.

The struggle against opportunism, however, will remain so much talk if it is not accompanied with daily activity among the young workers.

The carrying out in practice of the National Plan of Action is, therefore, the most important political and organizational task of our League today. The Plan of Action should not be looked upon as a mere carrying out of quotas. The realization of these quotas must come about as a result of developing and leading the struggles of the young workers.

Indeed the present, as well as the future, is very bright for the Young Communist League, providing we will increase the tempo of our work, providing the factories and the mass youth organizations will become the central sphere of our activity, providing we will learn how to approach, bring in, and keep young workers in our ranks. We passed the stage when "show work" was considered an accomplishment. What we want is permanent results in the form of building youth sections in trade unions, organizing genuine shop nuclei, to maintain our Young Worker as a weekly, to develop mass anti-militarist activity, to increase our membership, to broaden our League, to enter new territories.

Let us arm ourselves ideologically and organizationally and prepare for the coming battles of the American working class youth.

## Our Red Sundays

By EDMUND GRANT.

THE practical everyday activity of the Communist Party should be directed towards the winning of the leading role and the establishment of its influence among the working masses.

Communist Red Sundays should give us the opportunity of widening the scope of our activity in penetrating into the masses of workers that our Party membership is unable to come in contact with in the various factories and shops.

Red Sundays should be the medium of approach in carrying forward Communist agitation and propaganda to the workers. However, what is the procedure of our work during Red Sundays. How do we go about them and, what are our results?

### Experiences of Red Sunday.

Let us examine the Red Sundays in Section One, District 2, which we had lately.

1. Our membership was not organized for Red Sunday activity. This was proven by the number of comrades who showed up. A small fraction of Section One membership turned up during the three consecutive Red Sundays. Further, practically the same comrades reported for duty Sunday after Sunday.

2. The Red Sunday activity was not carried through in an organized manner.

(a) Comrades were sent out at random to streets and localities which were picked without consideration as to whether they were residential or business districts.

(b) The significance of language districts were ignored. For instance, Italian comrades were given to canvass a locality consisting of entirely American, Slovak, Greek, and Jewish residents. Those who could have done well their own nationals were sent to localities where they could not put forth the message of our Party as well as they would have done were they sent to the correct place.

(c) The result was that very little was accomplished. It happened so all down the line.

3. Localities reported useless on the first Red Sunday because of either having no workers residing there or, composed of the boss

determental becomes our struggle.

The propaganda and agitation done for our Party by the two comrades acting as their own attorneys were tremendous, and it should serve as a lesson to us, and a point for discussion and decision—whether this should not become a general practice in our movement in cases of arrests and trials.

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