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## An Important Bankruptcy

WORKERS, we know, are not in the habit of gambling in New York's stock market. But, notwithstanding that fact, the happenings in Wall Street are not without interest to workers. This is the ruling center of the capitalist world. Here first are reflected the economic developments that ultimately reach the workers in the form of wage cuts, mass lay-offs, and greater speed-up. Therefore, while all the workers' pennies are needed for food and clothing, it is well to keep an eye on happenings in Wall Street.

Yesterday in the midst of the most severe market decline in months the brokerage firm of Prince & Whitley, "one of the largest and best known houses in Wall Street," operating there for 51 years with branch houses in many cities, suspended business and acknowledged that it could not meet its obligation. Immediately following this announcement all shares listed on the exchange crashed to new low points for the year, most of them going lower even than in the crash of last October which heralded the present economic crisis. This big new crash comes after a slow, but steady decline on the stock market for several weeks.

The bankruptcy of Prince & Whitley and yesterday's crash on the market is merely the reflection of the failure of industry to revive this fall as expected. It reflects the decline in steel production, the decline in freight car loadings, the shutting down of factories, the going of hundreds of factories on a part time basis.

For the workers this sharp decline on the stock market must serve to finally expose all the fake promises about "returning prosperity" so glibly made by the Hoovers and Greens. It must serve as a warning to workers that, in order to recuperate their losses, the bosses more viciously than ever will attack the conditions of the workers. Wage cuts will be even more widespread and heavy. Unemployment will increase. Suffering, misery and starvation will increase.

The prospects for improvement are far off. Even the bankers put "prosperity" far in the future. The Journal of Commerce, speaking of the discussion at the recent bankers' convention, says:

"... full-fledged business improvement is not thought likely before the fall of 1931 or the beginning of 1932."

In the meantime, so far as the bosses are concerned, the workers can starve. But they will not starve! They will organize and fight! They will develop organized strike struggles against wage cuts and force the payment of unemployment insurance! And whether or not capitalism will return to prosperity will be determined by their ability to withstand punishment, because the bosses are due for some heavy body blows delivered with the full power of an outraged working class behind them. The first of these will be on November 4th when the masses "Vote Communist!"

## Someone Is A Liar!

PRESIDENT GREEN of the A. F. of L., in introducing President Hoover to the delegates of the Boston convention, lauded Wall Street's agent as follows:

"He (Hoover)," said Green, "has steadfastly maintained that prosperity of our country depended very largely upon the development of the consuming power of the masses of the people to a maximum capacity through the payment of the highest wages possible. . . . The great influence which he exercised . . . served to maintain wage standards and to prevent a general reduction of wages."

Now, President Green is not illiterate. Neither is he stupid. We assume that occasionally, at least, he reads the daily papers. We assume further that he understands what he reads. But, assuming all this, how is it possible to harmonize Green's statements with the actual facts of life?

Yesterday Labor Bureau, Inc., a group of commercial statisticians who specialize in supplying A. F. of L. unions with statistical material, gave out figures that hardly jibe with the statements of Green. According to their figures wage cuts for September took an "appalling spurt" over previous months. They tabulated 117 separate and distinct wage cuts for September. For August their figures showed 63. Wages, according to their declaration, have been slashed 10 per cent for the country as a whole—for all workers on the average—since August, 1929. The iron and steel industry has cut wages 14 per cent. The machinery industry 17 per cent. The transportation equipment industry 18 per cent.

Somebody is a liar! And, frankly speaking, we think it is President Green! In fact we know it is President Green, because the statements of Labor Bureau, Inc., correspond with the statements sent to the Daily Worker by the workers in the shops.

Furthermore Green knew he was lying when he made this speech. As we stated, Green is not illiterate; he reads and he understands what he reads. And we charge that he consciously and deliberately went before the convention of the American Federation of Labor with his lying statements about Hoover maintaining wage standards and preventing a general reduction of wages with the purpose of misleading workers into again supporting the old political parties of capitalism and of preventing strike struggles of workers against the wage slashes now becoming general and nation-wide.

Workers, harassed by wage cuts and unemployment, will rally against this lying, boot-licking, boss-serving policy of the A. F. of L. officialdom. They will rally around the militant unions of the Trade Union Unity League and fight against these misleaders and for their demands.

They will more and more turn to the Communist Party for leadership as against the strikebreaking scab-herding leadership of the A. F. of L. Thousands of A. F. of L. members, disgusted by the antics of Green, will "Vote Communist!" on November 4th. The Boston workers who demonstrate on Tuesday against these capitalist henchmen will speak for the fighting workers of the entire country.

## Order A Hundred Copies.

OUR aim is to circulate a million copies of a special election edition of the Daily Worker. This can be the most effective instrument in exposing the candidates of the three capitalist parties—Republican, democratic and "socialist"—and in rallying the masses behind the revolutionary, fighting program of the Communist Party and its candidates.

This special edition can be the means of rallying the workers and poor farmers, both Negro and white, for organized, continuous struggle for unemployment insurance, against wage cuts, against lynching, etc., even after the elections are over.

Our aim of a million copies can only be realized with the help of our readers. This number cannot be printed unless we have cash-in-advance orders that will insure their distribution in the shops, mills and mines and in working class neighborhoods.

We ask every reader to help. We ask every reader to order 100 copies of the paper for distribution among his shopmates. To your share! Send in 80 cents at once! Get your 100 copies! Help to pile up votes for the Communist candidates! Help to rally the workers to struggle for their demands!

## TO RAISE ELECTION ISSUE AT DANCE TONIGHT

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—George Siskind, John Soderberg, Verne Smith and Harriet Silverman will speak on the Election Campaign of the Communist Party at a dance arranged by the Waterfront Units 7 and 13 tonight, Oct. 11, at the East

Side Workers' Club, 196 East Broadway. Ryan Walker will draw cartoons depicting the true role of the socialist party. The admission charge is 25 cents. All workers are urged to give their best help to pack the hall as the money raised will go towards the campaign fund of the Communist Party, for the work along the waterfront to moblize seamen, longshoremen and dock workers to vote Communist.

## BOSS PARTIES ASK THE WORKERS TO VOTE FOR WAR; NAVY MADE READY

### Communist Party Shows War Preparations Linked Up With Wage-Cuts, Unemployment

### Vote Communist! Demand All War Funds Go to Jobless, as Unemployment Insurance

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—The boss parties want the workers to vote not only in support of the wage-cutting campaign, and against unemployment insurance, but for the rapid war preparations as well that the Hoover regime, with the backing of the democrats, aided by the "pacifist" screen of the socialists, is now pushing with all its efforts.

## MEET TODAY TO PLAN FINISH OF INJUNCTIONS

### Life and Death Fight for N. Y. Workers

NEW YORK.—At the call of the Trade Union Unity Council, delegates of every militant union local, delegates from shop committees, the shop delegates council of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union attending in a body, and many worker visitors will gather in Manhattan Lyceum at 7:30 to plan mass violation and an increased struggle everywhere against the injunction evil.

Injunctions are now issued in New York to employers' organizations in general. When a boss wants to put over something very bad on his workers, he joins the association and automatically gets an injunction against them. A. F. of L. and other company unions get injunctions against any shop strike where they have an agreement. They come into strikes called by militant workers, sign up the boss, put a card in the window and proceed to arrest pickets.

New York's "Paragraph 600" of the state code gives prison terms for violation of injunctions, without trial by jury. The prisoner, on his release, may be haled before the judge who granted the injunction and sent back to prison for "contempt of court."

Thousands have been arrested in the last few years' strikes in the needle, food and shoe industries in New York. The fight is on to the finish.

## JOBLESS AT TAMMANY AGENCY JOIN COUNCIL

NEW YORK.—A crowd of over 500 left the hopeless job line waiting before the Tammany "Free City Employment Agency" on Lafayette St. yesterday to listen to speakers of the Downtown Council of the Unemployed.

Two hundred went with the speakers at the end of the meeting to headquarters at 27 E. Fourth St. to sign up in the council.

The bosses are now spending the billion dollars for naval armaments, that resulted from the London naval conference.

Over 8,000,000 workers walk the streets looking for jobs and demanding bread. The capitalist government refuses to provide unemployment insurance, but can find billions for naval expenditures.

Under the guise of "economy," the navy is being made "efficient" for war purposes. The capitalist press, to aid the election campaign of the boss parties, hides this new war step. Their headlines blurt out lies about "cutting down of ships," and "economy in naval expenditure." The statement of Admiral Pratt, the new chief of naval operations, definitely proves this is one of the capitalist lies, such as the socialists spread among the workers, about "disarmament."

Admiral Pratt tells us that the ships which are being scrapped are "unfit for combat service." They are unfit for war!

The bosses are preparing for war. Hence they scrap the junk and build new, more deadly weapons. Pratt states that everything is being done "to make the fleet more efficient." He tells why ships are being scrapped. "Our destroyers are beginning to get old and shoddy," he admitted. With the war danger becoming greater every day, the bosses need new ships, not "old and shoddy" war machinery.

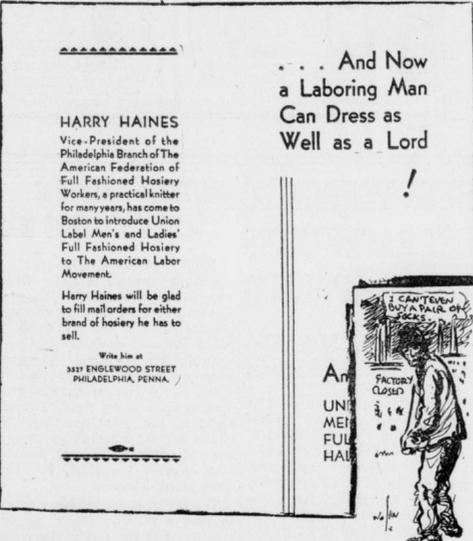
"We have left the Asiatic fleet, except for an eventual change of flagship, exactly as it was," Pratt informs the workers. In the field where the war danger is most intense, and where American imperialism can best attack the Soviet Union, the war strength of the navy has been bolstered up for a long time, and is not to be changed.

Every workers must fight against the war preparations. Demand the war funds go to the unemployed! Vote Communist!

## Shoe Workers Open Forum Held Tomorrow

NEW YORK.—Another Open Forum will be held Sunday at 10 a. m. at 112 Osborne St., Brownsville, Brooklyn, for the shoe and slipper workers of that section, under the auspices of the Independent Shoe and Slipper Workers' Union. It will discuss the present situation of the industry and take up future work.

## Proof of Another U.T.W. Leader's Sell-Out



This leaflet (the cartoon by Ryan Walker was not part of it) was laid on every table in the A. F. of L. convention. The Full Fashioned is one of the most Musette of the unions of the United Textile Workers. This is the outfit fighting the militant workers' organization, the National Textile Workers' Union, in the South.

## N. Y. Unemployed to Demand Immediate Relief October 20

### Unemployed Councils Call Upon All Workers to Demonstrate at City Hall in Support of Jobless Demands

## DOWNTOWN RED RALLIES TONIGHT

### Series to Wind Up in Big Demonstration

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—The Communist Party Campaign Headquarters of 27 E. Fourth St. announce that the speakers for the Red Rallies tonight are to appear at the Campaign Headquarters, 27 E. Fourth St., at 7 p. m. for last-minute instructions. Meetings will begin at 8 p. m. at Tenth St. and Second Ave., Roman, Brooks and Hahn to open meeting; Houston St. and Ave. C. Tarant and Appelbaum speakers; Tenth St. and Ave. B, Gannes speaker; Bleeker and McDougal Sts., Lee, Vigman, Bruno, speakers; Christopher and Bleeker Sts., Gordon, Eden, Jansen and Netzer speakers; Thompson and Bleeker Sts., McDonald and Syracuse speakers.

After the meetings the workers will march to the main rally, meeting at Tenth St. and Second Ave. The chief speakers at this meeting will be Gannes, Alexander Trachtenberg, candidate for Congress in the 14th Congressional District, and Wagenknecht.

Other meetings on Saturday night, with same schedule as the above, will be held at Monroe and Jefferson Sts., Sazar, candidate for Assemblyman in the 4th Assembly District.

And Now a Laboring Man Can Dress as Well as a Lord

HARRY HAINES  
Vice-President of the Philadelphia Branch of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers, a practical knitter for many years, has come to Boston to introduce Union Label Men's and Ladies' Full Fashioned Hosiery to the American Labor Movement.

Harry Haines will be glad to fill mail orders for either brand of hosiery he has to sell.

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

## FINALLY FORCE MINOR'S RELEASE; OPERATED ON AT ONCE TO SAVE LIFE

### Communist Candidate and Editor of the Daily Issues Ringing Call to Fight on

### Revolutionary Competition to Build Big Mass Rally Oct. 21 to Carry on Jobless Struggle

NEW YORK.—Robert Minor, editor of the Daily Worker and Communist candidate for Congress issued the following statement to the International Labor Defense just before being taken from prison to the hospital for an operation which may save his life:

"Please give my greetings to the hundreds of thousands of workers who are with us in the fighting ranks of the working class in the battles for which we were incarcerated for close to seven months in the penitentiary.

"The greatest struggles are still ahead. The workers must close their ranks and steel their lines to fight against the misery of unemployment, wage cuts and imperialist war preparations, especially against the Soviet Union. While our imprisonment has brought on an aggravated crisis in my health, we will soon re-enter the fighting ranks of the working class to carry on to victory more determined than ever and prouder than ever of the American workers' advance guard of leadership—the Communist Party of America."

## ANSWER THREAT OF DEPORTATIONS; VOTE COMMUNIST

### Foreign Born Shoved on Seattle Train

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 10.—The attack against foreign-born workers, to which all the capitalist parties are pledged, is already falling heavily on the shoulders of large groups of workers. A deportation train leaves here Saturday, and will pick up groups of foreign-born workers on the way.

The Immigration Department has not issued the exact number of figures on the number of workers to be deported. The Communist Party, in its election drive, is calling on all workers to unite against the attack on the foreign-born workers, which is but the prelude to sharper attacks against the native American workers.

A statement issued by the Provisional National Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, which will soon issue a call for a National Convention, to fight against deportation and persecution of foreign-born workers, commenting on the Seattle "deportation train," states:

"As unemployment grows, as wage-cuts, evictions and persecutions increase, the ruling class tries to stem the tide by deportation of large numbers of foreign-born workers."

Answer the boss terror against the workers. Vote Communist!

## LUXURY FOR RICH; WORKERS STARVE

NEW YORK.—John North Willys, representative of Wall Street's government to Poland, and former president of the slave-driving Willys-Overland Co., has just spent \$60,000 for a carpet and \$300,000 for some Spanish tapestry. For these luxuries Mr. Willys spent enough to feed and clothe two hundred working-class families for an entire year.

These articles, we are told, were bought to dress up the Palm Beach residence, one of the three establishments which the Willyses find necessary to their kingly existence. In contrast, thousands of working-class families have been evicted from their two and three rooms, and far more are facing eviction in the next few months.

Workers who are struggling to keep their families alive on \$12 and \$15 a week, and the millions of unemployed who are wondering how they will get through the winter, will take note of how useless the ruling class is. Ford, flitting over Europe picking up antiques; Dawes, pattering around in caves and cafes in Spain; Firestone, Vanderbilt and the other millionaires, holding dinners to celebrate their annual exodus to Florida for the winter.

With grim determination, the masses must organize and fight to put an end to these conditions. Support the Party that leads this fight! Vote Communist!

Force Minor's Release. After delaying 24 hours, evidently hoping that Minor would die in the meantime and solve their problem, the judges of special sessions yesterday ordered the release of Robert Minor, member of the delegation of the March 6th unemployment demonstration here, given an indeterminate sentence of three years by these same judges because he was a leader of the jobless.

Minor was taken from the Welfare Island prison about 11:30 a. m. yesterday, and rushed by ambulance to Roosevelt hospital where he was operated on for appendicitis by Dr. William T. Healey, at 2 a. m., and at last accounts the operation was considered successful.

Red Rally Oct. 21. Meanwhile the workers and jobless of New York carry on active preparations for the Red Rally, Oct. 21, 7:30 p. m., in Madison Square Garden where the Communist election campaign and the struggles of the jobless on March 6 and later will go forward another step.

The rally will have as speakers the released members of the delegation, sentenced with Minor: William Z. Foster, candidate on the Communist ticket for governor, and Israel Amter, Communist candidate for Congress. A message from Minor will be read, if he is not able to be present. One member of the delegation, Harold Raymond, is still held in prison four months longer, being discriminated against because of frame-ups against him previous to his participation in the demonstration of the 110,000 in New York.

Revolutionary Competition. Workers in all shops are being organized not only to buy tickets to the Red Rally, but to march with banners from their working places to the Garden. Revolutionary Communist units, militant union locals, and shop committees to sell the greatest number of tickets, the winners in each class to have a spokesman on the platform.

PASSES IT ALONG: "Always take your paper along to the market. Give the Daily to the Negro peddlers." Fred Van Howe, Oak Lawn, Illinois. HELP! BUILD 60,000 CIRCULATION!

## How to Get Roof Over Your Head

Mayor Murphy of Detroit has fit up the heavens with this bit of sensational wisdom:

"No legal resident of Detroit will be left without food or a roof over his head this winter."

There is just this catch from the standpoint of the starving and homeless workers. To be a legal resident and not a vag you must first have means of support and a roof over your head.

Smash Murphy and the boss system. Register! Vote Communist!

One million copies of Special Election Campaign Editions. Pacific Coast, Oct. 27; Midwest, Oct. 30; Eastern, Nov. 1. Rush orders: \$8 a thousand, 80 cents 100, 1 cent a copy.

## Workers, Fight for Bread! Accept the Issue of "Capitalism or Communism!"

By HARRISON GEORGE

THE question is becoming clear. President Hoover, Secretary of Interior Wilbur, two spokesmen for the American boss class in speeches at Kings Mountain, South Carolina, and Madison, Wisconsin, have—in spite of verbiage and evasion—made the question, the issue before us, clear.

It is not "wet or dry." Neither is it "Republican or Democrat." Nor "high tariff or low tariff." Nor the "League of Nations or isolation." The issue which presents itself today to all who have eyes to see and brains to understand, is:

Capitalism or Communism? Against Communism, Herbert Hoover, President of the United States (that is to say the Manager for the whole Boss Class) at Kings Mountain last Tuesday

admitted the issue and tried, with all the arts of demagoguery and casuistry to conjure away the spectre of Communism.

For the spectre of Communism, which Marx said in 1848 was "haunting Europe," is today haunting the whole capitalist world.

Secretary Wilbur, more open in the admission, on Wednesday last told the American Country Life Conference at Madison, that:

"One of the great peoples of the earth is deliberately trying to work out large social and economic programs for the mastery of its vast terrain along new and untried lines. Our economic and political philosophies inevitably must wage a gigantic and fundamental struggle with theirs."

Wilbur, at least in the part of his

speech which the press reported, did not go to such lengths of sophistry and falsehood as did Hoover. Hoover tried to draw an analogy, to make a comparison between the sturdy mountaineers of Carolina who 150 years ago beat back the numerically superior forces of the British king, and the gang of brokers, bankers, profiteers and millionaire criminals, only 59 of whom are "the real rulers of America," according to Ex-Ambassador Gerard.

Hoover spoke of those mountaineers, fighting a just war of national liberation, fighting for the land they plowed, fighting for progress. True the Revolutionary War was led by those who held black slaves and white bond slaves. But in its day it was a step forward.

But what has that to do with Amer-

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**WORKERS! REGISTER NOW! TO VOTE COMMUNIST! For Unemployment Insurance Paid for Out of the War Funds and Administered by the Workers and Jobless! Vote Communist Against the Lynch Terror—Against the Injunctions.**



# Burk Bros. Leather Co. Divides Workers to Speed Them Up; Broke Union

## Wages Once Were \$40 a Week Are Now Averaging \$20 for Those Still Working

### Workers Must Organize to Fight Against Intolerable Conditions Now Existing

Philadelphia, Pa.

Daily Worker:— Since 1918 the Burk Bros. Leather Co. started to drive the workers worse than ever. Before 1918 there existed a union and shop committees. That time the bosses had to agree with the workers' demands. The workers had more say about the workers that were needed. When the workers saw that they needed more men they used to hire them themselves.

There were no stool-pigeons or spies that treated the bosses with booze, nor speed-up guys as there are now.

#### Company Breaks Union.

But the company succeeded in breaking the union, closing down their factory for a long time and telling the men there was no work. Later they opened and took in non-union workers. Since that time when the union was broken up the workers have lost hope and don't even think of organizing or joining the union.

#### Cut Wages.

The bosses have cut wages from an average of \$40 to the average of \$20 per week now.

At that time the workers started at 7 o'clock in the morning and worked until 4 to 5 o'clock at night. The workers are divided into categories of oppression and nationality. The workers are made to hate each other on account of different nationalities. They don't want to know that it has nothing to do with the work. That it makes it better for the boss when they don't agree with each other. That's why the bosses exploit the workers in every movement. And here are a few facts: The boss keeps the workers from one department two hours longer while the next department goes home two hours earlier, so that makes workers disagree against each other.

#### Bosses Divide Men.

Further, here is an illustration how the bosses know how to get rid of skilled workers and take unskilled laborers in their place. The boss hires a laborer and has taught for a short time by the skilled worker, then gives him less wages. This worker does about the same work the skilled worker did but works for lower wages. Then the skilled worker has nothing to do in the factory. This is only done on some floors. Here are more details: How the bosses know how to make double speed-up. They show the workers how they do it. On every holiday the bosses give the workers 2 to 3 days off. Then in two weeks around the workers get another couple days off again. What does that mean? That means that during the holidays the work is piled up and after the holidays the double speed-up begins for longer hours, more speed-up and less wages. This is in practice almost every month.

#### No Union.

There is no workers' union in our shop. But we have a minister union, so-called Pilsudski's Committee, which works hand in hand with the bosses. Even the bosses allowed this committee to tack the placards on the gate of the factory about an excursion for the purpose of Church. But does the boss allow the workers placards on the gates? No because that is used for the workers' purposes.

#### Many Jobless

We have in McKeesport between three and four thousand workers unemployed. Every mill in McKeesport isn't working steady. If you walk down the streets in McKeesport some hungry workers will ask you for a dime or nickel for a cup of coffee. Many workers sleep in the streets and several under the bridges, so no cop would see them. Workers of McKeesport, do not forget to vote Communist this coming election!

#### —A DOUBLE WORKER.

# MCKEESPORT TIN MEN MUST FIGHT SHORT TIME WORK

## Speedup and Then Lay Off Bosses Scheme

(By a Worker Correspondent)

MCKEESPORT, Pa.—We workers of the McKeesport Tin Plate Company worked every day during the hot summer days and six days a week, where before we had five days in a week.

Every Friday the boss would put a notice in the office: just one more week, workers, just one more week to work six days in a week, and that lasted all summer. Many workers were sick and all in from the heat, and the bosses would coax the workers to finish the turn. Some of the workers were so tired and sick that when they would go home their heads would be resting on their chests.

#### While the Bosses Brag

The bosses and their suckers would brag how good the tin mill was working all summer, and going to work steady in the winter, while the other mills in McKeesport were working half time.

#### The Reward

For slaving all the hot summer in the hot mill department the bosses put our reward on the office window.

This week, September 26, mills from 23 to 44 shall work during the week of September 29 to October 3, and mills from 1 to 22 shall be laid off that week, and the following week 1 to 22 shall work and the other mills shall be laid off that week.

Workers, this is the company's wage cut, but in a different way. Instead of cutting us they make us work half time, which is just as a wage cut of fifty per cent. They do it this way because it does not look so openly like a wage cut.

#### Join the M. W. I. L.

Workers of the McKeesport Tin Plate Company, wake up and get wise to yourselves. The only way we can fight for better working conditions and shorter hours, six hours a day and the five day week is by fighting for it under the leadership of the Metal Workers Industrial League.

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# MARINE WORKER UNION SECRETARY FACES YEAR

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 9.—Archibald Gibbs, Marine Workers Industrial Union secretary here, was arrested today and faces a year in the chain gang if convicted in a hostile court. The fact that he is regularly employed organizing marine workers only makes a capitalist judge more hostile.

The trial is set for tomorrow morning. The workers here demand a postponement to prepare defense. Gibbs was just released two weeks ago from a 90-day sentence given him as a result of a frame up by the Seamen's Church Institute.

#### MORE LAY-OFFS IN TOOL CO.

HOUSTON, Texas.—The Houghs Tool Co. laid off 450 men Monday, Sept. 22, and laid off 50 more today. This company is now working only six hours a day and a five day week. The workers are paid by the hour.



By RYAN WALKER.

The straw bosses in the Burk Leather Company factory try to divide the workers and speed them up, by playing one nationality against the others.

This is an old bosses' trick, and used to pit the workers against each other in working faster and not talking to each other.

The foremen say: the men can talk anything, about the world series, about their clubs, and such things. But not about the fact that their wages are being cut, that the speed-up is great. "No union talk" the straw bosses say viciously. For "union talk" means organization and fight for decent conditions for the men.

The straw bosses want the men sucking around them, giving them booze, presents, and sometimes money. And when collections are taken up you got to give. He plays off the skilled and in this case the native born workers and curses the unskilled workers and threatens vengeance.

The workers, sweating blood every day, finding their slim payroll not enough to feed the wife and kids and take in a movie on Saturday, see through the vicious tricks of the straw bosses in trying to keep them divided, doped with all kind of junk, and begin to talk fight.

# Phila. Worcorrs Conference, Oct. 12

The second city to call a conference, Philadelphia worker correspondents will hold their first conference Sunday, October 11th, at 567 North 5th St., at 2 p. m.

The worker correspondents are to be especially mobilized for the workers press during the election campaign, in exposing daily the tricks schemes of the three capitalist parties, and showing the need for a fight for the Communist election program.

Reports will be made by a Daily Worker worker correspondence representative and a local worker correspondent.

All workers who wish to become worker correspondents of their press should not fail to attend this conference.

# Jacob Shoe Bosses Fear Militant Talk in Shop

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Daily Worker:—

Let me tell you something about the real "convict made goods." I am working in the Jacob and Son Shoe Co., located at Wythe and Penn Sts. here in Brooklyn. I have been working in this place for the last few years. The conditions of the workers in the lasting department are worse than bad. I have a family to support, but I am sure that if I keep on working in this lasting department of the Jacob and Son or any other department without an organization my family will be deprived of all necessities of life.

#### Bosses Fear Communists.

The bosses here, not contented with the manner in which the workers are exploited in the factory, are now introducing the methods imposed upon the workers when they lived as chattel slaves. The Communist Party is holding meetings in front of the factory every week. And I must admit here that all the honest workers have a lot of respect for the determination on the part of the Communist Party for the organization of us workers against the ever-growing bad conditions.

At the orders of Mr. A. D. Basch, the superintendent of the factory, the workers were ordered not to come near the Communist speakers, and when the workers in spite of the bosses' orders came near to the speakers' stands today when the meeting was held the superintendent had his dogs to drive the workers back to the factory.

#### Gag Any Militant Talk.

In plain words, we workers in the Jacob and Son shoe factory are not allowed to even listen to Communist speakers, not allowed to go out of the factory at lunch hours if the Communists happen to be around, not allowed to buy the Daily Worker, not allowed to talk about organization inside the shop, not allowed to make any remarks about the wage-cuts that we are continually getting, not allowed to go to the fire escape during the lunch hours and many other things. If this does not mean that we are actually prisoners at the order of the Jacob and Son Co. then what is it?

#### COLLECTORS WIN

NEW ORLEANS, La. — A quick strike by garbage collectors employed by the city forced Mayor Walmesley to return to full time pay schedule. In an effort to cut city expenses, the collectors were cut to three days a week with a similar cut in wages.

# MANY FORCED TO SEA SLAVING AT HUNGER WAGES

Joining the MWIU to Fight Misery

(By a Worker Correspondent) S. S. "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA." — Where is it going to end? I have been going to sea for years but never have conditions been so bad. In spite of the unsteady grub, lousy fo'c'sels, speed up and wage cuts, we have workers from land taking jobs at sea simply to keep from starving to death.

Hunger Wages On this ship for example, one fellow, a former mechanic in the Penn. R. R. with wife and four kids, takes a job for \$47.50 per month and is glad to get it. Another, formerly a gardener with good income, now driven to sea, is working as deck-hand at \$25.00 per month! (He told me he can not stand the work, and if he does not get ashore, he will buy a gun and hold up some rich bastard.)

In the black gang there is a man working as fireman at \$62.50 per month, who was formerly an engineer in a power plant. He has three children, a wife and an aged mother to support.

Men Joining M. W. I. U. I need not say that these men are getting very bitter, and are eagerly lining up with us in the Marine Workers Industrial Union. Six of this crew have already joined, because they know of the history of the M.W.I.U. in fighting for the interests of the longshoremen here and in New Orleans, etc.

On this ship they work us ten hours one day and fourteen-hours the next. And when we are tied up, it is eighteen hours some days. Well, the harder they beat us down, the quicker and stronger we will organize and beat back.

Our day is coming! More power to the M. W. I. U.!

—A. J.

Travels 20 Miles to Get \$2 A Week Job

(From The Southern Worker) (By a Worker Correspondent) A worker was promised a job at a dairy about twenty miles away in Catoosa County, Georgia. He rode out of Chattanooga on the dairy truck. When he arrived at the dairy the boss told him he would give him a job for two dollars a week and board, and furnish him two pair of overalls a week. He was to work seven days a week.

—A NEGRO WORKER.

Register Today!

# Big Wage Slash Hits Furniture Men of Ralston, Neb.

Ralston, Nebr.

The Daily Worker:—

I have been reading in your paper which I get from a friend, about wage cuts, which seem to have become a rule all over the country. Here in this little town there is a furniture factory where the workers have had this experience. Piece workers, skilled men who used to earn from sixty to seventy dollars a week have been cut to a point where they can earn only from about thirty-five to forty dollars a week, while hour workers have been cut fifteen per cent. As there is a fear among the workers that the plant may shut down for the winter, the cut was accepted without a protest. A case of take it or leave it and make the best of it.

—A WORKER.

# 84 KILLED ON THE EMPIRE STATE JOB

Speedup Takes Heavy Toll

(By a Worker Correspondent) BROOKLYN, N. Y. — I will tell you a great skyscraper like the Empire State Building will be done in a year's time. This applies to all skyscrapers.

All day there are men standing around this building by the hundreds begging for a day's work. It is very hard to get a job here. If you do get put on you have to do two days' work in one. To get on you have to know somebody or a politician, as ex-Governor Smith is interested in this building.

Great Speed-Up There is great speed-up on this job. From inside sources I give you the list of killed up to ten days ago. Eighty-four were killed. The bruised and those with cuts and other injuries are so lined up waiting for attention by the doctor that you would think that it was a line waiting to be paid off.

And this job is by ex-Governor Smith, one of the "friends of labor."

—BUILDING TRADES WORKER.

CUT FORCES 50 PER CENT HOUSTON, Texas. — The Texas Oil Company has cut their working force down in the Port Arthur Oil Refining plant. This company had a working force of 5,500 men this spring. They now have only 2,500 on the job.

MUSICIANS STRIKE ATLANTA, Ga. — Musicians employed in Atlanta theatres struck when they were refused long term contracts.

# SUITCASE FAKERS HELP BOSS PUT SHOP ON PAY CUT, PIECE WORK BASIS

## Company Union Officials and Metropolitan Suitcase Boss Best of Friends

### Workers Seeing Through the Role of the "Socialist" Fakers and Will Fight

NEW YORK.—The Metropolitan Suit Case Co., with full support of the union bureaucrats, is exploiting the workers to the limit.

Some months ago the relations between the firm and the union have become very friendly. The boss was invited to the executive board meeting. There the boss expressed interest in the workers of his shop because they are not so anxious to submit to his speed-up schemes. But he expressed full confidence in the executive board to assist him in his plans to lower the living standards of the workers.

The shop operated on the week work basis. After his visit the work in the shop slowed down and was finally closed for several weeks. At first the manager of the union, as a true agent of the boss, spread the story that the firm has intentions of moving the shop out of New York. Later he came out that if the workers would agree to go over to the piece work basis the boss would change his plans to move out of New York. The fear of losing the shop altogether weakened their resistance to the piece work basis.

At shop meetings the members of the executive board advised the workers to accept piece work.

Boss Wants More. A committee was appointed to see the boss and work out prices for piece work. The prices offered by the boss were so low that the workers would not accept. The workers walked the streets for another few weeks.

At last they came to an agreement and some workers were called in to work. But the boss was not satisfied with his victory over the workers and began to demand that the workers even though working piece work must punch their time cards.

The workers protested against this and refused to ring their cards. The boss threatened them not to give them their pay on pay day.

Union Decides for Boss. This question was taken up by the office of the union and decided in favor of the boss, giving the reason that the boss has signed an agreement with the union such a minor issue should not stop the good relations between the union and the firm.

Real Fight Necessary. This is the way the workers are "protected" by the agents of the bosses. But the workers in the shops are beginning to understand the role of these "socialist" and A. F. of L. union bureaucrats and will be forced more and more to fight for their own interests. We must organize into the Leather Workers Section of the Trade Union Unity League for a real fight against the bosses.

Nothing Done. But the superintendent has never done anything toward keeping his promises. After we saw that the company did not give a damn about it we put it up to the grand lodge of the Brotherhood, and we were told that it would annoy the people living around there, which is a very thin excuse to cover up the facts that it would be an added expense to the company. They would rather see the workers get killed than have to put up anything that might cost them a few dollars. And now another man has been killed by their neglect.

Must Have a Real Union. If the railroad workers could organize into a union that would see that all these rotten conditions be done away with, they would be much better off and perhaps they would live longer, for although a few of the deaths are caused by carelessness of the workers, most of them are caused by the neglect of the company to make conditions better. Organize into the Railroad Industrial Union, affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League, a union whose main policy is that the workers must come first and to hell with the company. Step into the office of the Trade Union Unity League, 39 North Tenth St., Philadelphia, and have a talk with the officials of the League. Have it explained to you, and then take it up with the rest of the workers.

—A RAILROAD WORKER.

\$10 SLAVERY FOR PHILA. WAITRESS

Conditions Must Be Fought

Philadelphia, Pa.

Daily Worker:— I work as a waitress in a restaurant in Philadelphia, and I wish to say that the conditions are simply rotten. We are forced to work nine hours a day, sometimes for ten hours, six days a week, all for the large sum of eight dollars a week.

The boss tells us that if we give good service we will make big wages in the tips that the customers will give us, while at the same time he knows that the workers who eat here are hardly making enough money to feed themselves. In fact most of them have to order small meals so that they will have enough money to pay for it, so where are they supposed to get the coin to give us tips, to make up for the wages that the boss is supposed to pay us?

More Slavery. Besides having to slave nine or ten hours a day for the measly 8 dollars, we are given the choice of becoming the bosses' mistress or being fired. In plainer words, we are told that if we do not make prostitutes out of ourselves for bosses, we might as well look for another job. Which is the reason that I lost my last job.

Must Fight This. The sooner the girls realize that by organizing into the Food Workers Industrial Union, affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League, the better it will be for them, for then the bosses will not be able to treat us the way they do, for they will then see that WE and not THEY are the bosses, and they will have

to treat us accordingly. So my advice to every waitress who reads this is: "Don't wait for someone else to start organizing the union for you." Just step into the office of the Trade Union Unity League, 39 North Tenth Street, Philadelphia, and you will see that you are not the only one who is ready to be organized!

—A WAITRESS.

# 300,000 WORKERS IN LEATHER INDUSTRIES HIT

## More Attention to Shops Necessary in Organizing the Leather Workers

By CHARLES BLANK (Worker Correspondent)

Over 300,000 workers in different branches of the leather industry are being exploited in different parts of the country. A very small percentage of the workers in the industry is organized and the bosses have a free hand to do it with the workers what they please.

In work shops filled with poisonous rotten air they have to work long hours under a killing speed-up system. Yellow dog contracts enslave the workers to their jobs. Workers are blacklisted and spied upon if found taking part in any union activity. Workers are in constant fear of losing their jobs and suffer from all kinds of abuse from their bosses and foremen.

Workers Embittered The workers in all branches of

the industry are embittered against the wage cuts and speed-up system, but they have to be organized under militant leadership. The Trade Union Unity League must give more attention to the leather industries.

The narrow and loose activities of the different groups in the leather industries must be replaced by activities planned jointly by all the organized groups.

Leading comrades in the different branches of the industry must come together and work out a plan of action for the different branches in the industry. The "Organize and Strike Fund" drive must embrace all branches of the industry. The situation in every branch of the industry must be studied carefully and contacts built up with workers in as many shops as possible.

Many Opportunities Lost In Newark, N. J. many good opportunities for real activities in the leather industries for the Trade Union Unity League were lost because of the lack of a directive center in the Trade Union Unity League for the industry. The same situation exists in Philadelphia, Chicago, and other centers of the leather industry.

Many leading comrades in the fancy leather goods group and from the shoe workers are making a joke of the amalgamation of all the groups in the branches in the leather industry one central organization and thereby spread out the activities to more shops and more centers.

groups limited to the particular craft and do nothing, and even hinder the spread of the activities on an industrial basis.

Ready to Fight The workers in the leather industry, as the workers in all industries, are ready to fight, and it is up to the T. U. U. L. to give them guidance and lead them in all their struggles. The time is ripe for real activity in the leather industry. All past errors must be utilized only for lessons how not to act in the future. And with revolutionary determination let us jump into activity in the leather industry and bring in the vast army of leather and leather products workers into the army of the fighting workers. Let us lay the basis for an Industrial Union of Leather Workers in the United States.

# AROUSE THE WORKERS IN THE SHOPS

## To Fight Against Wage Cuts! Vote for the Communist Party Candidates! Carry the Election Campaign of the Communists and the Demands of the Workers Into Every Shop!



# Hack Journalist in Pulpwood Publication Lies About John Reed

## Satevpost Scribe Makes Some Easy Cash; Says Mister Sisson Gave Him Lowdowns

By SENDER GARLIN.  
SANDWICHED in between "Romance" by Clarence Budington Kelland, and "Women Have No Sense of Humor" by Nunnally Johnson, in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post, is an article entitled, "A Soviet Saint—the Story of John Reed," by Julian Street.

Silent for ten years on the life and activities of this young American Bolshevik, Cyrus Curtis' publication, subsidized in the millions by the glossy advertisements of powerful open-shop corporations, now hires a third-rate bourgeois



JULIAN STREET

hack journalist to "play Reed down."

The article, which is served up as a "personal record" of John Reed, is actually a melange of truths, half-truths, falsehoods, inaccuracies, vague rumors and conjectures, most of them gotten second and third hand, and seasoned generously with personal bile.

Reed, in the hands of this man Street, is presented as a trifling dilettante, a perverse youth. "Lawlessness fascinated him. He was for the underdog even when it was a mad dog." Reed's burning zeal in the revolutionary movement this Philistine treats as something pathological. "Radicalism was running like a poison through his system, and was not to be thrown off."

Who is this Julian L. Street? What are his qualifications for evaluating John Reed, American revolutionist?

Street has written almost a score of books, most of which can be found on the bargain counters of the Liggett drug stores. They include such stirring volumes as "Ship-Bored," alleged to be a book of wit and humor; "The Most Interesting American" (Roosevelt); "Welcome to Our City," with illustrations by James Montgomery Flagg; and "Merely a Matter of Matrimony: A Short Story of Love and Society." On the latter volume it became necessary for the Saturday Evening Post author to seek the collaboration of another writer, Mr. Frank Finney.

Mr. Julian Street's latest achievement is, "Where Paris Dines—With Information About Restaurants of All Kinds, Costly and Cheap, Dignified and Gay, Known and Little Known, and How to Enjoy Them," by Julian Street, together with a discussion of French wines and a table of vintages.

Mr. Street's 10,000-word article, for which he was paid as much as a coal miner gets in ten years, is written with a purpose, it is pointed out. "A mist of tradition has already formed around Reed, and as times goes on it becomes increasingly difficult for those who did not know him to penetrate the mist and gain a picture of the man."

For much of my information concerning Reed's performances in Russia, I am indebted to Edgar Sisson, who was there at the time as a special representative of President Wilson, and who is now writing a book on the Bolshevik Revolution.

Isn't Mr. Street rather indiscreet in handing out this bit of information? For this is the very same

Sisson of the forged "Sisson Documents" of 1919, which aimed to popularize the impotent lie that the leaders of the Bolshevik Revolution were "in the pay" of the imperial German government.

And by a curious coincidence, it was John Reed, who in a pamphlet published that year exposed Sisson's documents—the first of the long series of anti-Soviet forgeries, the most recent example of which are the discredited "Whalen documents."

And it is to this man Sisson, whom Reed had exposed with his flaming pen, that Mr. Street goes "for information concerning Reed's performances in Russia."

WHERE in this article is the John Reed, who, at the height of his career as one of the highest-paid and most sought-for journalists in America, repudiated his class and threw himself into the struggles of the workers? The Streets, seeking to hide their own corruption, find it necessary to discredit such men as Reed.

Where is the John Reed who threw himself heart and soul into the struggle of the Paterson silk weavers in 1913; the Reed who "was off like a shot" to Russia the moment the news flashed over the cables that the Romanoffs were no more? Where is the magnificent revolutionary journalist of "The Ten Days That Shook the World," about which Lenin wrote: "With the greatest interest and with never slackening attention I read this book. Unreservedly do I recommend it to the workers of the world. Here is a book which I should like to see published in millions of copies and translated in all languages."

This book, significantly enough, Street simply fails even to mention. Where, in this stupid, lying article is the Reed who was one of the founders of the American Communist movement; who offered up his life to the Bolshevik Revolution? Who, laid low by typhus, the disease of the war-front, lies buried by the Kremlin wall in Moscow?

Street's cowardly article is a link in the ceaseless imperialist propaganda campaign against the Soviet Union. His method is well illustrated in the following bit of demagoguery:

"From sources friendly to the Bolsheviks I learned that Reed was received with honors (after his return to Soviet Russia from America where he came to stand trial for 'sedition'—S. G.). From sources unfriendly I gather that the masters of the Soviets, disappointed at his failure to kindle the revolution in his homeland, treated him with indifference, if not with contempt." Then, with unconscious irony, Street continues: "The truth matters little now." (Emphasis mine—S. G.) "If they treated him ill, it was not the first time that they had turned on a faithful servant of the cause; if, on the other hand, it is true that they placed him high in their councils, we are shown once more of what the ovSet Government is made."

MR. STREET, the author of "Our Next War," sponsored by the American Legion and published in 1915 by the American Defense Society, concludes on a frenzied patriotic note—a note that would delight the hearts of Hamilton Fish, Mr. Carl Bachman (coal operator from West Virginia) and their colleagues on the malodorous Fish Committee.

"To glorify Reed's service to the Soviets," Street goes on record as declaring, "is to glorify his disloyalty to the land which gave him his education and his opportunities, the land which—let grumblers say what they will—offers its citizens advantages greater than man has ever known before."

Maybe. Just ask any one of the 8,000,000 workers now walking the paved streets of this glorious land, jobless and hungry! Perhaps he'll agree.

# LABOR SPORTS

A big fellow walked into the Labor Sports Union office. He resembled a Dempsey, Schmelling, and a Sharkey put together. "I am thru with professional sports and I want to join the Labor Sports Union." He filled out an application card which read: "Vincent Babin, age 22, occupation—auto worker." While he was filling out the card somebody noticed his huge hand and fist and asked if he had ever taken up boxing. He replied:

"I was a sparring partner of Max Schmelling at Endicott, N. Y., when he trained for the Sharkey fight but I was fired. They told me I was too rough with Schmelling."

We refer our readers to the daily papers of N. Y. of this date and facts and pictures will prove out that Comrade Babin gave Schmelling some real proletarian punches and was fired from camp because he was too rough with the

world's champion! Ach, mein lieber!

Now, Comrade Babin is thru with professional sports and pledges his support to workers' sports.

The coming National Convention of the L. S. U. will launch a national campaign to bring workers sports to the workers of the factories and trade unions. The feature in sports in all trade union halls will be boxing. This will train the workers to defend themselves and will build strong, powerful Workers' Defense Corps recruits who will defend the workers from the attacks of the bosses and their government. All trade unions are asked to co-operate with the LSU in organizing trade union sport clubs and are asked to send delegates to the National Convention which will be held in Cleveland on November 7-8-9. Address Labor Sports, West 15th St., New York City.

# THE STORY OF JOHN REED — AN AMERICAN BOLSHEVIK

By JOSEPH PASS.

HIS name is becoming a legend in American life today. Wherever men gather—in the mining districts of Colorado, the mills of New Jersey in Mexico or Moscow, or at some gathering of intellectuals in New York—there is always a story about John Reed. Men never sigh or grow sentimental at the mention of his name. There is always laughter and courage. To the workers he is a revolutionary hero, a man who fought courageously on the red side of the barricades. To the tired intellectuals he is a symbol of their own lost youth, of a time when they too admired and dreamt courageous deeds and impetuous acts, before the period of middle age disillusionment set in.

In the three distinct fields, of labor, literature and the theatre, John Reed was a pioneer of the new age. But we remember him today primarily because he was one of the first American Bolsheviks.

When on November 8, 1917, Lenin at the head of the Presidium, first appeared before the All-Russian Congress of Soviets uttering the simple and beautiful words, "we shall now proceed to construct the Socialist order" Reed threw himself with a force and determination into the revolutionary movement in America and Russia which leaves no doubt in our minds as to the great sense of reality in the man.

Out of Oregon came a young boy to Harvard College. But his was a flame that Harvard failed to dim. He laughed at their ways and he was in love with life. There was a poet in the making, but a poet who was restless and discontented. No ivory tower for him!

As one of the editors of the "Harvard Monthly" there is the first expression of his revolutionary tendencies. A sonnet written in 1907, in his 19th year—curiously enough to the Russian people he titles the poem "Tschaikowsky," the first line reads:

"Awake! Ye people of the North, arise!"

and closes:

"O now Prometheus, spread your stolen fire

And break the chains of darkness and of wrong."

And again in a story written during the same period, we find the main spring of his life, revolution: "The crowd began to sing the revolutionary song, timidly at first, but with a growing confidence until the strange melody rang forth in all its desert wilderness—the song that Egypt had been trying to crush for many a moon. And mingled with it came a curious tramping sound, the noise of a city marching. . . . This was the emotional writing of a boy still in his teens.

Coming out of college in 1910 he literally threw himself into the life of New York. Let others think of careers. Not for him the careful planning of a "useful" life. He was out to probe the depths of America for himself. I doubt if at that period of his life Jack had anything at all resembling what we should call a philosophy of life. He lived and that was sufficient for the moment. Reckless, adventurous, care-free, spontaneous.

But the development of his life tells another story. As he grew and saw life on the picket line, in the trenches, at A. F. of L. conventions, and the November days in Russia there came forth

from this playboy, a revolutionist, an accomplished Bolshevik.

After college, his work as a special writer for the popular magazines soon attracted attention. It



John Reed.

was inevitably so. The great spirit of adventure that was in him drew the placid people on the front porch in their rocking chairs. And the gift of telling the things he saw and heard was his. Soon we find the bourgeois press bidding and paying high for the work of John Reed.

In Mexico, he got to Villa, the first American correspondent to reach this general who was for years a pain to U. S. imperialism. Villa took one look at Jack . . . and a new brigadier-general appeared—in this ragged army. General Reed dipping into his pockets for peanuts. He lived and fought with this army, and when his articles appeared in the "Metropolitan Magazine" the sensation they created can only be compared to the Stephen Crane war stories in the nineties.

The European war and the story repeated itself. In the trenches with the soldiers of a half dozen countries. Fifty or sixty times under arrest. Riding the rods to freedom. Again sensational war stories. This was Reed the adventurous journalist.

But at the same time another Reed was coming forth. In 1913, he saw the great strike in the silk mills of Paterson N. J. Life at a low ebb for tens of thousands of workers. The struggle for a small increase in wages, a few minutes a day less work. One battle in the war of the machine age for the mastery of the machines and life itself. In 1914, out of Mexico into Colorado, a miner's

war. Armies arrayed on both sides. Rows upon rows of tents with evicted miners and food pouring in from the rear, from workers in other sections of the country. Reinforcements in other ways than food too. Even in those days Reed did not remain "neutral." In his writing for the bourgeois press during this early period of his creative life his sympathies were far from "neutral."

His association with the "Masses" group dates from about 1913, almost the very beginning of that publication. I venture the opinion that Reed's great contribution to that group came after the "Masses" was suppressed and the "Liberator" appeared. It was from the "Masses" that he received his first lessons in revolutionary knowledge. To the "Liberator" he contributed his knowledge of Bolshevism and the Revolution. Nevertheless his great energy moved the "Masses" group even at the very beginning, with his stories, articles and personal contact.

So we find him at the age of 28 a popular war correspondent, writing with a vigor and passion never before equaled in the history of American journalism, receiving great sums of money for his work. Writing poetry for little magazines. Organizing theatre groups. Staging pageants for unions. Going to jail in labor wars. On the editorial staff of the "Masses." And living, living. Even at this time certain legends were gathering around his name. His bravery, his audacity, his vivaciousness attracted, as it always attracts large groups of people. (When only 26, an article about him appeared in a magazine, titled, "Legendary John Reed.")

But at the same time it was quite evident that John Reed could not remain the popular journalist in the capitalist press and be a revolutionist. As one of his friends on the "Masses" said, that at some point of his career Jack would have to choose. And that point came. And he chose.

America enters the war. To be a revolutionist is now a serious offense. America has seen the last of its pioneer days. Revolution now means action, responsibility. No longer fashionable to be a rebel. Long Island ladies in candle lit rooms have no more exhibits A.

So John Reed's play days are over. He denounces the war and remains with the "Masses" group, loyal to the interests of the workers of America and loyal to that inner sense in himself, the rebel. Word has just come from Russia that the czar is overthrown. There are rumors here that this is not the end, that a bourgeois republic is not what the Russian worker and peasant is building. Great exiled Russians are moving. Out of one corner of the earth Lenin, out of another Trotsky. From Siberian mines, hundreds of political men who have dreamed and worked for years for a proletarian state are meeting. The Bolshevik Party is aware of the moment.

And in New York, John Reed has taken ship, bound for Europe and Petrograd.

In Russia Miliukov is no more. Kerensky is in power trying to stem a revolutionary tide. The hungry army is slowly deserting. In the great cities, bread lines and anger. The peasants calling for land. The Bolsheviks have put themselves at the head of the great army of soldiers, workers and peasants

demanding "All power to the Soviets. Land to the Peasants. Factories to the Workers. Peace and Bread." The Bolsheviks with a sense of reality never before equaled in human history are hammering their program into the consciousness of the Russian people. A great mass movement is taking place and Reed watches this spectacle, this living pageant staged so often in his imagination, now a concrete fact.

September, October pass and now the great days of November 1917. He is no longer here as a reporter for the capitalist press. Those days are in the dim past. He is now living ten days shaking a world. He is now the accredited representative of the American workers' press and has entered to all revolutionary fronts and councils. Reed receives his initiation into Bolshevik ways. He soon returns to America to tell of the revolution and organize its defense.

Now his great period of revolutionary writing and organizing commences. Month after month the "Liberator" carries his stories of the uprising in Russia and explaining its functions and technique. He covers the I.W.W. trial in Chicago. He interviews Debs in Terre Haute. He plants the seed of the future Communist Party in America. His meetings with left wing labor leaders will be told by some future historian. Now they cannot be told. Sometimes his movements become obscure. He is trailed everywhere by monarchist spies, Department of Justice operatives. He is arrested and indicted during the last three years of his life more often than any other man in America. He is restless, but finds time to write his last and most important book, "Ten Days That Shook the World," a great epic of reality.

In Russia again, propagandizing the Red soldiers fighting the whites. His leaflets are distributed by the million. His writing is simple, beautiful one syllable words understood by all. He helps edit English papers for the English trenches. His words stir the German soldier. Back to America, he helps organize the first Communist Party here. He edits the "Communist" and other Bolshevik papers. Goes to the most forbidden places to speak. His courage has at last found a practical outlet. To Russia once more as a delegate to the first meeting of the Third International. All over Russia starving, dirty, hungry, doing work for the movement, working eighteen and twenty hours a day, getting thin beyond recognition, sleeping with the poorest in box cars, in barns, in sewer pipes, facing a white guard firing squad, in jail in Finland for weeks.

On October 17 1920, the American press carried this dispatch: Moscow—John Reed died here of typhus today.

Fourteen soldiers of the Red Army watch beside the young man out of the West. In the chamber where he lies it is quiet. But in the capital of Soviet Russia the work from which his hand fell when he died goes forward in a manner that would please him.

## Join the Young Pioneers

of America. Tear out the blank below and send it in to Young Pioneers, 48-50 East 13th Street, New York City.

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Age .....  
Address .....

# THE MARCH OF THE RED BEAR

A Story for the Working-Class Youth

By HARRY ALAN POTAMKIN.  
The Black Bear sat on his throne with a gold crown on his head and he thought he was everything and everybody. He sat straight up,



The little Red Bear said in a little, low voice: "That's what you think, but just wait until I grow up."

The Black Bear burst into a huge laugh: "Ho-Ho-Ho. Listen to the little bluish. You threaten me, do you, you pinch of pepper? If I wanted to, I could step on you and make an ink-spot of you in less than ten switches of a lion's tail."

"Oh, you think so, do you?" teased the little Red Bear. "Just you try it. Just you try it."

The Black Bear thrust out his gigantic leg, meaning to squash the little Red Bear with his mighty Black foot. But the little Red Bear was as elastic as a rubber ball, and he bounced out of the reach of the Black Bear's foot and giggled.

"You have called us, master," they all said in one false voice.

"I have called you!" answered the Black Bear, swelling up.

"We await your command!" "Get the Red Bear!"

The Henchmen crossed their eyes and nodded. "Preacher Polecat, Reverend Skunk, big words serve us well. Big words and promises. You must go at once and blind the stupid bears with the word of heaven."

The Skunk kissed the Black Bear's boots and left. "And you, Beaver, you know how to move backwards and to be content with tears. Keep the workers changing mud into places, and keep them from seeing behind their backs. While they weep they can do nothing more."

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# Revolutionary Writers and Artists Join in Working Class Fight

## John Reed Club, Formed in 1929, Active on Many Fronts; Center of Proletarian Culture

By A. B. MAGIL

Nine years after John Reed died in a cold room in Moscow, his life burnt up in the service of the first Workers' and Peasants' Republic, the John Reed Club, an organization of revolutionary writers and artists, was founded in the country of John Reed's birth, United States, and in the city where he had spent so much of his early life, New York.

The mighty socialist upbuilding of the Soviet Union and the growth of the revolutionary movement in this country stimulated and crystallized the tendencies that in October, 1929, gave birth to the John Reed Club. The club set for itself the aim of furthering revolutionary cultural activities among the American working class and of aiding the revolutionary movement in whatever way might be necessary. In the year since its inception it has fulfilled this twofold task. It has shown itself worthy to bear the name of that heroic revolutionist whose ashes lie under the Kremlin Wall.

In February and March, 1930, at the instigation of that saintly man, the Pope of Rome, a vast hue and cry went up concerning religious "persecution" in the Soviet Union. Behind the yelp of the clerical watch dogs was their master's voice—international finance-capital itching for an opportunity to lay hands on the first Workers' Republic and crush it together with the revolutionary movement in the capitalist countries.

The club issued an appeal to writers, artists, educators and scientists throughout the country, urging them to protest against the holy crusade. More than eighty joined this protest, including Theodore Dreiser, John Dos Passos, Lloyd Dell, Waldo Frank, Jim Tully, Professor Franz Boas and Boardman Robinson. In cooperation with the F.S.U., the club also arranged a big protest meeting in Central Opera House which adopted a militant resolution demanding hands off the Soviet Union.

The club has also undertaken to join with the L.L.D. in its struggles against the wave of legal terror that was sweeping worker after worker into jail for the crime of fighting for his class. In response to an appeal by the club, about 30 American writers, artists, educators and scientists, including H. L. Mencken, Sherwood Anderson, and many of the writers mentioned above, joined in a protest against these persecutions.

The club also sponsored the organization of an Emergency Committee for Southern Political Prisoners with Theodore Dreiser as chairman and John Dos Passos (who is a member of the club), as treasurer. This committee is collecting defense contributions and carrying on a publicity campaign. March 6 found the members of the John Reed Club out on Union Square; they were in the May Day and other Working class demonstrations as participants, not as spectators in the class struggle.

On the cultural field the John Reed Club has made many important contributions. It has organized art exhibits and symposiums at workers' clubs; it held a successful Red Art Night; and cooperated with the W.I.R. in organizing and directing art and music schools for workers' children. Three of its members, Emjo Basshe, Edith Segal and Paul Keller, have directed pageants at mass meetings and dem-

onstrations. The vivid caricatures and posters made by the artists of the club were a striking feature of the May Day demonstration in New York. One of the features of the Independent Exhibition held at the Grand Central Palace last March was a huge canvas, "An American Landscape," painted cooperatively by members of the John Reed Club, satirizing the brutal police attack on the Katovis protest demonstration at City Hall.

The John Reed Club is also sponsoring a number of pamphlets, to be part of the series of International Pamphlets now being issued. The first of these, the story of the life and death of Steve Katovis, the courageous Greek worker who was murdered by a Tammany cop last January, has been written by Joseph North and A. B. Magil and will appear shortly. The second a biography of John Reed by Joseph Pass, is now being written.

The future activities of the club will undoubtedly receive a great impetus as a result of the Second World Congress of the International Bureau of Revolutionary Literature which will be held at Kharkov, U.S.S.R., shortly before the celebration of the thirteenth anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. A delegation from the John Reed Club is sailing shortly, including Michael Gold, editor of the New Masses; William Gropper, staff cartoonist of the Freiheit and internationally famous revolutionary artist, and Harry Alan Potamkin, movie critic of the New Masses, and A. B. Magil.

Greater tasks await the John Reed Club, more intensive participation in the struggles of the workers. John Reed was a soldier of the Revolution. Working in his spirit, waving war against the capitalist system and capitalist culture, broadening its activities and strengthening its ties with the toiling masses, the John Reed Club will march forward with them to the conquest of power for the workers.

## Vote Communist!

## The Old and New

By P. M. CHAFFEE.  
In Russia church bells are melted down, poured into moulds—cast into ploughs soon to furrow the black, wheat, ground of the Steppes.

In an old church were the tattered garments of an epileptic saint were once the prime relics, men are singing and dumping grain. Like a golden flood the grain rolls in to cover the niches and altars forever. It has covered the aureole of holy Peter and is already well up into the second tier of saints.

Part of the bronze of iconized saint Nicholas, patron saint of the fishers, is now a shaft-bearing on a great ship whose prow bites clean, and swift as an arrow, through the menacing waves of the Baltic.

Another part is a whistle on a great steel comet that roars and lunges across the vast brooding Russian plains,—waking an old peasant woman who starts to cross herself and then laughs at her weakness.

"Lie still, old grandmother, lie still," rings out a young voice, "Russia is alive with the future; She is a mother, pregnant with great children!"

## "TEN DAYS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD"



Vote Communist!

By BURCK

# BOSS PARTIES FREE LYNCHERS; KILL STRIKER

## Marion Bosses Refuse to Punish Lynchers— Negro Striker Slain

### Grand Jury, With Names of Mob Leaders in Possession, Refuses to Indict

MARION, Ind., Oct. 10.—The bosses' grand jury "investigating" the double lynching of two Negro youths in front of the court house here on Aug. 7, was today dismissed without returning any indictment against members of the mob.

This action is a direct slap in the face of the Negro workers by the republican party, which, in alliance with the Ku Klux Klan, controls the state of Indiana. It is a direct challenge to the Negro voters to meet this out-and-out support of lynching by voting Communist in the coming elections, against the bosses' system of exploitation and lynch terror, against the bosses' political parties.

It must also bring to the front the question of the notorious co-operation given the bosses' grand jury by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which, declaring it was in possession of the names of the leaders of the lynching mob, refused to give out these names for publication. The association instead busied itself at its usual job of spreading illusions among the Negro masses of capitalist justice, of the possibility of abolishing lynching by other means than the mobilizing of the working class for struggle against the bosses and their vicious system. The leaders of the mob made no effort to

conceal their identity. They had so little fear of being punished for their deed that they had their photographs taken by the riddled bodies of their victims.

PROVIDENCE, Ky., Oct. 10.—Mine bosses and their agents yesterday murdered Sullivan Wolfe, Negro miner and a leader of the Negro miners now on strike in Webster County.

Wolfe was called to the front door of his home at 4 o'clock in the morning and shot down. One bullet entered his throat. He died instantly.

Wolfe had been on strike since the Negro and white miners went on strike in April. When the strike was betrayed by the United Mine Workers' Union, the Negro miners were among those who refused to go back under the old conditions. Wolfe was instrumental in holding them together, and had won the hatred of both the mine owners and their thugs and the officials of the United Mine Workers' Union who betrayed the strike. Negro and white strikers, thoroughly aroused over this outrage, threaten vengeance against the mine owners' thugs and the treacherous leaders of the U. M. W. The strikers are firmly convinced that the latter are connected with the outrage.

## WORKERS, FIGHT FOR YOUR BREAD!

### Accept Challenge of Capitalist Rule!

(Continued from page 1)  
ica today, an America whose social system is based on the wage slavery of 30,000,000 workers and the robbery of some millions of bankrupt poor farmers? All these and their families robbed and oppressed and exploited by a handful of multimillionaires?

Hypocrite and liar! The heritage of the heroes of Kings Mountain belongs to those 5,000 workers, the workers of Cleveland, Ohio, who on October 2, fought back barchanded against the horde of hiring police cossacks, who with blackjack, club and poison gas "protected" Hoover from the demand "Work or Bread" as he promised the Bankers a reduction in taxes?

Where are the sons and daughters of those backwoods men of 1780 whose long-barreled rifles spoke the language of revolutionary defiance to King George the Third? Some of them are still there in the Piedmont District of Carolina.

But they are living in worse quarters than Hoover's dog, eating sparingly of such so-called "food" as leaves them the quick prey of hellagra, raising tobacco for the tobacco trust which robs them. And when they can no longer live in the hills, working at the looms of textile mills at the man-killing "stretch-out" for such starvation wages as \$5 a week!

Their "Spiritual Heritage". Where are the sons and daughters of the Revolutionary War? Read the Daily Worker of only yesterday. On the front page it tells: "Three little children dead of starvation" at Los Angeles. On page 3, a miner from the town of Warrior, Alabama, tells how a miner's family was found starving—"one little boy about six years old was the smallest and the first to die."

Suicides among the millions of jollies every day in every city. Thousands living on the garbage dumps. Men and women in broad day, here in the middle of Manhattan, the richest city of the richest nation on earth, mutely quarrelling over scraps of slop thrown in the gutters by the rich!

This is what Hoover, spokesman of capitalism, calls "the nation's spiritual heritage." And he "warns" against "another system"—the Soviet system, Communism—which he says means the "abandonment" of this "heritage", and "the destruction of our Constitution."

Rubbish! The U. S. Constitution, insofar as it grants the exploited masses anything, is already destroyed! Where is the Bill of Rights for the working class? The leaders of the jobless workers of March 6th are not yet out of prison!

Where is the Right of Assembly, of the Press, of Free Speech? They exist only where the workers, fighting in masses, fighting against the armed Hessians of today, by wounds and bloody sacrifice wrench these "rights" from the ruling capitalist class!

"To Keep and Bear Arms". The mountaineers of Kings Mountain won their battle for national freedom because they were armed. But what has become of the provision in the Bill of Rights that—"The



## COMMUNISTS ARE ACTIVE IN BRAZIL

### Fighting Proceeds on Many Fronts

NEW YORK.—With a strict censorship clamped down by the Luis Prestes regime in Brazil, accurate accounts of the gigantic civil war now taking place in that country are scarce. One thing is certain, namely, that the economic crisis has set in motion great masses of workers and peasants have been armed by the "rebel" petty-bourgeois leaders; that battles are going on in many important states and cities. The latest report from Montevideo states that Pernambuco, one of the most important states, has fallen into the hands of the insurgents. Fighting is now proceeding in many parts.

Communist activity is reported in the state of Minas Geraes and Rio Grande do Sul, with the revolutionary working class Party calling on the workers and peasants to take the lead in the struggle, and not permit themselves to be used by the bourgeois imperialist tools. The New York Times cable from Sao Paulo, Brazil, Friday, states:

"The consulates report all Americans safe, although a power plant owned by the Electric Bond and Share Company at Bahia is said to have been partly destroyed by rioters, in an outbreak which had little connection with the Minas Geraes-Rio Grande do Sul movement. The trouble in Bahia is believed to have been incited by a small Communist group."

When the capitalist correspondent states that "it had connection with the Minas Geraes-Rio Grande do Sul movement," he meant that the attack by revolutionary workers against a Yankee corporation was what the petty-bourgeois tools of Wall Street did not want. The "liberal" insurgents want to lead the mass uprising into safe channels, not hurtful to American imperialism.

right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed upon?" Today only the enemies of the workers are allowed to keep or bear arms, the strike-breaking police, the fascist Legionnaires, the gangsters and the scab-herding militia.

The Constitution, the "nation's heritage", the "democracy", the "ideas and ideals" of which Hoover spoke at King's Mountain, are but lies and illusions for the exploited masses of this country. They are the property of those 59 "real rulers of America."

These masses will accept the issue raised by Hoover as to whether they will remain slaves under capitalism, or gird themselves for struggle for freedom and bread, for Communism. And soon or late, but surely, the masses will fight as the heroes of Kings Mountain fought, but for a higher destiny, for Communism!

## ILL. BOSSES TO MEET TO FIGHT JOBLESS RELIEF

### Chicago Jobless Will Demonstrate October

(By Special Wire)  
CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 9.—Counting the growing movement of the unemployed in Chicago and Illinois industrial centers, a conference of leading employers, together with the Illinois Federation of Labor fakers, and church and charities organizations, has been called for Monday, October 13, at the luxurious La Salle Hotel, by Governor Emmerson.

Among the representative big business interest invited to the conference "to discuss the unemployment situation" as Emmerson states in his invitations are the Chicago and Illinois Bankers Association, and their respective Chambers of Commerce, the Manufacturers Association of Chicago and the Employers Association Industrial Relations Committee.

At a time when thousands of jobless workers are sleeping beneath bridges, searching desperately in slop cans for food, with evictions increasing daily, and disease spreading among the workers, the bosses are marshalling their forces, including their agents in the American Federation of Labor to fight real relief. Instead "studies" and vague promises are to be freely given and never kept.

The Chicago Unemployed Council wired Emmerson that the jobless demanded a hearing at this boss conference Monday. To back up their demands the Councils are organizing a big demonstration before Hotel La Salle where the boss conference will be held, and demand real relief. The unemployed workers will tell the big boss bankers and their government and their labor agents that they will not stand for the flophouses, bread lines and condemned prison for lodgings and food, that evictions cease immediately that the unemployed receive free rent, light, gas, water and street car fare and twenty-five dollars a week to live on.

The demonst rally will be held Monday, October 13, at 3 p. m. before Hotel La Salle, where a mass delegation will be elected to present the demands of the jobless.

## Sacramento Gyp Employment Shark

(By a Worker Correspondent)

SACRAMENTO, Cal.—The Enterprise Employment Office at 1016 Second St., shipped a Walter Scott to Tudor Uba County to work for A. L. Saunders drying prunes. He was charged \$2 transportation and \$2 office fee. When he reported for work he was told that they could not use him for 7 days.

When the 7 days were up he was delayed again. Then he started to leave and Saunders kept his baggage and forced him to pay \$7 for board, so he was out \$13 for board fee and transportation both ways.

Saunders and the Enterprise Employment office are the worst outfit of their kind in Sacramento.

—J. K. S.

WHAT NEXT? "Please send me the Daily Worker for six months. Conditions are very bad here. Farmers are discontented and becoming revolutionary. The biggest question is what will happen next." E. G. Gipson, Krem, North Dakota.

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## GUGGENHEIM, U. S. AMBASSADOR BOLSTERS UP BLOODY CUBA RULE

### Dictator Machado Puts on Mussolini Show to Threaten Revolutionary Workers

Dictator Machado of Cuba put on a regular Mussolini stunt Wednesday, blurring out his defiance of the reports of revolutionary discontent. He called all his political supporters together to listen to a speech, which contained his challenge to the "Nationalists." The governors of six provinces were present, as well as the mayors of 126 of the 132 Cuban municipalities. Everything was staged for a dramatic gesture—and behind the scenes lurked the Wall Street ambassador, Guggenheim, who just returned from Washington with specific instructions as to what to do, handed him by Hoover and Stimson.

Machado declared he would go through with the Nov. 1st elections, despite any opposition. The elections are all geared to go Machado's way. This is the biggest bone of contention of the nationalists, who want a big share in betraying the masses in the interest of the National City Bank of New York, the leading imperialist interest in Cuba.

Wall Street, however, finds Machado through his past and present performances quite able to handle its interests. Machado, before he became president, was a tool of one of the American Telegraph and Telephone subsidiaries, and received heavy graft for handing them big concessions. As president, he emptied them from taxation.

In a regular swashbuckling speech, Machado declared his intention of sticking to power, no matter what the masses wanted. As proof of his "popularity" he pointed to the collection of mayors and governors—all of them Machado hand-picked men—who shouted themselves hoarse to every one of Machado's pronouncements. He even went through the "crowd," shook hands, slapped backs, and put on a hilarious mood. But the New York Times report of the occasion tells us that it was all a put up job as there were guards armed to the teeth every few feet. Besides, says, the Times:

"In a sense it was a hand-picked crowd, because the nucleus of it was made up of political leaders from all parts of the republic, and every one who entered the palace had to pass by watchful guards who were posted every few feet."

Machado's backslapping, and Guggenheim's benign smiles will not alleviate the deep-going economic crisis one jot. The Cuban farm laborers are virtually starving by the thousands. The Cuban sugar industry is in the worst crisis in its history. But American imperialism bolsters up Machado's regime against the attacks of the workers and peasants.

The "Nationalist" leaders, representing a section of the Cuban bourgeoisie who are suffering as a result of the crisis, as well as interests in the U. S. opposed to those favored by Machado, fear as much as Machado does an armed uprising of the workers and peasants. That is why Machado is so boastful about not fearing any armed uprising against his regime led by the so-called nationalists. That is why the

## 150,000 to Go Out On Berlin Metal Strike

(Cable By Inprecoc.)

BERLIN, Oct. 10.—The arbitration court, considering the proposed wage-cut for 150,000 metal workers, adjourned today till Saturday with a view of wearing down the workers' enthusiasm. The central strike committee meets tomorrow to complete last preparations for strike the moment the bosses attempt wage cuts.

The Reich's bank rate was raised from four to five per cent today to counter the dwindling of the gold supply and foreign currency resources. The Reich's bank has lost about 60,000,000 marks in gold, as the result of the withdrawal of French credits and capital flight abroad since the elections.

The government program was sharply attacked today by Schiele, leader of the agrarians, who demanded that Curtius and Wirth leave the cabinet. Simultaneously, the Association of German Industries declared that the program is only the first step towards more rigorous measures. The double attack is only meant as a blind for the workers.

At the trial of the Young Communists in Leipzig, being tried for a framed-up murder charge, the prosecution is bringing in all sorts of mental defectives as "witnesses" against the Young Communists.

functionaries in the Nationalist ranks have informed the big shots that if they do not lead a "revolt," the uprising will go ahead without them.

Vote Communist!

## YES, "NEED IS GREAT" IN SEATTLE THIS YEAR

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 10.—While the newspapers usually magnify all hopes and signs of business recovery and minimize all evidences of the industrial depression the annual drive of the Community Chest this year for \$741,000, admits some unpleasant facts.

"Be Glad You Can Give For the Need is Greater" is the slogan and figures are quoted to show how much greater the need is than usual. Agencies that claim to help families in their homes have had from 20 to 40 per cent more calls the last few months than during the same period a year ago. More than 25 per cent of their applications have been due to unemployment, as compared with 10 or 15 per cent in the Times:

The City-Federal Free Employment Bureau reports 20 per cent more calls for jobs and 20 per cent fewer jobs than in September, 1929. The board showed the following: coal solicitors, 50 cents a ton; farm hand, \$20 to \$25 and board; saw wood for meals, no room or wages. The manager estimated that there were between 15,000 and 18,000 unemployed in Seattle and beginning November 1 this number would be largely increased by the seasonal workers from the apple orchards and construction work.

Lumber mills and camps are still very largely shut down or running on short time. 349 mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association are operating 47 1/2 per cent of capacity as compared with an average of 63 per cent from

## War Preparations Now Far Advanced, U. S. Army Officers Admit

NEW YORK.—War maneuvers are now going on in Aberdeen, Maryland, utilizing the most advanced machinery developed by the War Department. The army officers who have been present at many of these demonstrations declared to capitalist newspaper correspondents that "the army gave a demonstration more advanced and more finished than it has since the war. Devices which have been in the process of development for years were displayed."

Airplanes, tanks, 16 and 14-inch guns, cargo-carriers and every other type of war craft was brought into action, in preparation for the next war which the American bosses are rushing.

The admission of the army officers that the war machinery is in better shape than at any time since the war, plus the fact that the navy is being made "efficient" for war purposes, shows the lengths to which the imperialists have already gone towards actual war.

January 1 to June 1. Wage cuts are common. A skilled worker in one of the largest wash dress factories here who formerly made better than the \$13.20 per week prescribed by the minimum wage law, now since piece work rates have been "adjusted" can't average \$2 per day.

While this section of the country is noted for its mild climate, one does not have to be weather prophet or the son of one to predict that the coming winter will be the severest yet for thousands of people.

# Judge Salomon, Who Railroaded Unemployed Delegation, Is Involved in Graft Collection

This is the 17th article in the series of Tammany Exposures.

By ALLAN JOHNSON.

Undoubtedly there exists a relation between the more obvious kind of red-baiting and the most vicious sort of corruption. Study the career of any notorious red-baiter, be he a Creel of a Daugherty or a Lusk or even a Park Ave. Fish, and you will find that sooner or later he will be caught in the most barefaced kind of robbery or exploitation or both.

The law works with almost scientific precision. Hoover is caught handing over \$40,000,000,000 oil fields to the Teapot Dome pirates and two or three days later he openly attacks Bolshevism and tries to distort its aims.

Hillquit, America's leading "socialist," is exposed as the legal defender of a labor racketeer who had shot a man in an attempt to collect some graft, and soon after hurls a blast of poisonous wind at Soviet Russia. The Daily Worker catches Andrew Mellon dipping his hands into the United States treasury as if it were his own private little safe deposit vault, and soon after, Lowman, Mellon's man Friday, leads the demand of the manganese interest for a trade embargo against the only workers' republic. Jimmy Walker becomes involved in some of the juiciest Tammany graft in years and soon issues a manifesto which declares that "Bolshevism will destroy thecity" if everyone caught

grafting isn't fired immediately. Kind to Animals, But Hates Communists.

The cause and effect relationship in the psychology of the red-baiter could be illustrated by thousands of such examples. One of the most recent cases, and one which New Yorkers won't forget soon, centers about Judge Max Salomon, a fat, greasy little nitwit who is reputedly kind to dumb animals, including policemen, and takes keen delight in handing down barbarous sentences to all workers who appear before him in Special Sessions, commonly known as the "Slaughter House," where the Constitution is legally broken every day by denying defendants a jury trial—not that a jury trial makes any special difference when a militant worker is the defendant.

Before this great exponent of capitalist justice, there appeared Foster, Minor, Amter, Lesten and Raymond on charges of "unlawful assembly." Of course capitalist definitions of "unlawful assembly" vary with the character of those who assemble. When a group of Garveyite gangsters assemble to attack Communist meetings in Harlem, that is considered a lawful, if not actually praiseworthy assembly. And when drunken and lecherous American Legionnaires run riot through a city, destroying restaurants, traffic lights and female virginity with equal abandon, as is occurring in Boston at this very

moment, why, that isn't unlawful assembly, that's our boys on a spree, our own vicious little war mongers and red-baiters on a spree.

To come back to Mr. Judge Salomon, who is so kind to dogs, his friends say. When the representatives of 110,000 unemployed in Union Square were brought before him he rubbed his thick hands together in high glee. His porcine features almost got tied up in a knot, so broad was his grin. Here was the chance he had been seeking for so long. He would show these workers who ruled America. He would send these "foreigners" back where they came from, even if he had to buy transportation himself for Foster, who was born in Massachusetts, and Minor, who was born in Texas, and Amter, who was born in Colorado, and Lesten and Raymond, who also hailed from the wild and woolly West.

The trial which followed was one of the most farcical in the long history of capitalist judicial farces. Not a shred of evidence was permitted to be offered by the defense. Salomon, as well as his two colleagues, grew apoplectic whenever a defense witness so much as implied that Whalen's uniformed and plainclothes gunmen acted like so many wild beasts, rather than men, and clubbed half-starved men and women so vigorously that one could not help but think that Otto Kahn had offered a two-dollar bonus for every worker's skull that was cracked open.

venom—unusual even for a capitalist judge—on the part of Judge Salomon, who, if Minor dies, and he may because of improper treatment in prison, will enter the already large group of judicial murderers.

As might have been expected, Judge Salomon's hatred for Communists has been aggravated by the realization of his own corruption.

For Judge Salomon is one of the directors of the Cayuga Real Estate Corp., ostensibly dealing in real estate, but actually engaged in one of the most lucrative of occupations—collecting some of the huge graft that the "59" permit Tammany to take for its "trouble" in governing the city.

Guards Tammany Boodle.

The hard-working Judge Salomon not only guards the city against the wicked Communists who propose immediate unemployment insurance, an end to inhuman speeding up of factory workers, living wages for all workers, the establishing of a workers' and farmers' government and other such "outrageous" demands, but he also guards some of the boodle that is ultimately distributed to the chiefs of Tammany Hall.

We suggest that Judge Salomon is taking his duties as a double-ended watch dog too seriously, especially inasmuch as the 30,000 workers who signed the Communist petitions to put our candidates on the ballot are very, very likely to resent his cowardly persecution of them and their class-leaders.

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## PRE-PLENUM DISCUSSION

Young Communist League, U.S.A.

### Are We to Win the Proletarian Children?

By BEN HARPER

Four million five hundred thousand German workers voted for the revolutionary program of the Communist Party! Four thousand workers' children in the Communist Children's Movement in Germany. What a contrast! These figures show clearly the crisis that exists in the Communist Children's Movement, not only in Germany, but in every country in the world outside of the Soviet Union.

In this article, an attempt will be made to acquaint the Party and the League with the causes for this crisis in the children's movement in the U.S.A., and to place before the entire movement the tasks which are facing it in the building of a mass Communist Children's movement.

July, 1930, marked the seventh year of existence of a Revolutionary Children's Movement in the United States. What has been the sum total of all these years of work in the building of this movement? Speaking in terms of numbers we have never succeeded in having more than three thousand children in the Young Pioneers at once and at present it is doubtful if there is even one thousand children in the organization. At a recent meeting of the Presidium of the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International, the serious crisis that exists in almost every country of the world among our children's organizations was thoroughly discussed. It is on the basis of a very clear and sharp resolution, that this meeting issued, that all the Leagues and Parties of the Y.C.L. and the C.I. must work in the correction of all the previous errors that were made so that a real mass organization of fighting children can be built in America.

This crisis in our children's work exists at a time when the children are suffering most. At present with the terrific unemployment and wage cutting going on, the children are the ones to feel the hunger, lack of clothing, etc. most. Thousands are forced to go to school without food, improperly clothed, exposed to sickness and misery. Child labor exists in the most intensive and varied form. Over four million children working in the mills, fields, factories and streets, as was "suddenly" discovered by the A. F. of L. recently when they found out that there were children ten years of age working in the Colorado beet fields. The millions of children of the Negro workers that are so terribly exploited, segregated and lynched are suffering terrible misery and want. In the face of these conditions and the growing radicalization of the workers generally, we find that our revolutionary children's movement travels backward while that of the bourgeoisie grows from day to day. With the increasing use of the social-democrats by the bourgeoisie, to fool the workers, it is to be expected that there will be a strengthening of the social democratic children's organizations. This is best proven by the great strength of the children's social democratic organizations throughout Europe, where in many countries they are much stronger than the bourgeois organizations. Taking the Boy Scouts of America as an example of the great attention paid by the American capitalists to

the winning of the masses of children, we find the following: By the end of the year 1929, there were over 600,000 children organized, with a recorded increase of gain of 22 thousand between 1928 and 1929. This organization which is run with the direct contributions of the biggest millionaires of this country and has the best program for the inculcation of militarism and patriotism in the mind of the workers' child is only one of many capitalist organizations which are succeeding. This only goes to show how much more the bosses realize the importance of preventing the worker's child from developing into anything but a wage slave under capitalism.

We must seriously consider what the reasons for our failure to build our revolutionary children's organization were if we are to really correct our mistakes. In general one can list them under two large headings. 1. A serious misunderstanding which existed on the part of the Y.C.L. as to the character and forms of work to be developed in our children's groups. 2. The absolutely inadequate guidance and attention given by the Y.C.L. and the Party in the developing and building of our children's movement.

What was the mistake of the Y.C.L. in its conception as to the needs and forms of work of our children's organization? Our Pioneer organization was not at all attractive for workers' children. We did not conduct work in the most varied forms to suit the interest of all children, we were not an organization that could make workers' children want to join it. Instead our children's organization was built on almost the same basis as the Party and the League. We mechanically carried over the forms of the Party and the League group work, which inevitably led to the transformation of our children's organization into that of a Children's Communist Party. Our incorrect conception of the needs of children and our attempt to follow the shop nuclei prevented the Pioneer organization from becoming anything else but a narrow sectarian organization, completely isolated from the masses of children and making it impossible for the broad masses to understand and want to join us.

In recognition of these errors, steps are being taken to introduce activities into our present children's groups and to build new groups in a manner that will supply the children with forms of work that they demand and desire. We should use the most varied forms and methods of activities for the children and utilize every opportunity for organizing the masses of children, i.e., establish sports, music, nature study, photography, etc., circles in our groups of children and in this manner make it possible to get and hold on to masses of children. Our task in the building of a Communist Children's Movement is to not only get the children but to make these broad masses of proletarian children understand their class situation and recognize the necessity for the class struggle, thus training them in the spirit of Communism on the basis of the participation of the children in the class struggle of the proletariat.

(To Be Continued.)

## Communist and Farmer Talk It Over

By HARRISON GEORGE.

A crisis, chronic and incurable, is gripping agriculture wherever capitalism rules. The United States, supposedly the most "advanced," is no exception. Forty per cent of all United States farmers are renters paying about \$1,000,000,000 to landlords each year. Another \$1,000,000,000 is taken by bankers for interest on mortgages; taxes, now over two and a half times bigger than in 1913, takes still more billions and ruins countless farmers. It was upon this background that the capitalist government established the Farm Board, about which a Communist and a poor farmer are talking.

Farmer: What you said last week about Soviet farms is interesting, but Secretary Hyde says that the Soviet tried to knock our wheat prices down, selling short at Chicago.

Communist: Yes, he said so, but he lied. One knew he was lying when he said it. Firstly, wheat was falling for months before the Soviet sold some 7,000,000 bushels in September, from \$1.25 to around 85 cents to be exact. Why didn't Hyde tell what caused that? That's because there's a surplus. And there's a surplus because over 8,000,000 workers and their families in this country alone are jobless and starving — about 100,000,000 people in the principal countries going hungry.

Secondly, anybody can see that the Soviet sale in September had no bearing on the price. Everybody but Hyde said so and he had reason to lie about it. Chicago is the world wheat trading center and the Soviet sold there but is delivering in Europe, and even Legge admits that Europe can use all Soviet wheat exports.

Farmer: But why did Hyde lie about it?  
Communist: For four distinct reasons. First, all the capitalist countries are putting out propaganda preparing for war on the Soviet Union because they want to smash successful socialist industry the workers and farmers are building there, because its success makes the workers in capitalist countries want to do the same.

Second, to save the Republican party ticket in the elections by making the farmers believe that their troubles are due to the Bolsheviks in Soviet Russia and not to capitalism right here.

Third, to give an alibi for the Farm Board "relief" schemes, which were never meant to help the poor farmers anyhow.

Fourth, to conceal the real "dumping" by the Farm Board itself of the 60,000,000 bushels it bought last year at \$1.25 — from the speculators as is supposed to be "holding."

Farmer: How's that? Has the Farm Board

been selling that wheat?

Communist: Sure. It began selling as soon as the price began to fall to save money for itself and let the farmers take most of the loss. Although it wants the Soviet to be barred from selling, it sold all right. It sold through brokers by the millions of bushels long before the Soviet did, and kept its own deals secret.

For example, the wheat it bought at \$1.25 it sold, let's say, at \$1.10. It lost money surely, but not so much as if it had waited till wheat went down to 85 cents. After it had sold a lot, the Department of Agriculture issued that statement about "all farm products would be lower in price the next several years"—and that hit wheat prices an awful lick. Then there was some kick when the rumor went around that the Farm Board was selling, so the Board concealed the whole trick by saying that it was buying and would have "the same number of bushels, that is 60,000,000, as before." But there is the difference in what it cost and that difference was unloaded on the farmers. Now it's trying to keep this skullduggery dark, and say "The Soviet is to blame!"

Farmer: That's right. I remember hearing the Board was selling and buying again, but I hadn't figured it out. But how do you mean that the Farm Board was never intended to help us poor farmers? It had \$500,000,000 to help.

Communist: Correct, and some of it is loaned out, but did you or any other poor farmer get it? Is the Soviet to blame for the fall in cotton prices? It has bought cotton but not sold any. Yet the Farm Board has been "helping" the cotton "cooperatives."

These "cooperatives" are a swindle. In practically every case you farmers form a "cooperative," it gets into the hands of bankers through a supposed "subsidiary" selling organization. All you do is agree to furnish your crops to the gang who really controls both the cooperative and the "selling organization."

Your "cooperative" can't do business without money, and since you haven't any, you must borrow it. Now the Farm Board rule is that it loans no money except to those who have already got into the hands of the banks. Do you see? The whole thing is to build up a trust in marketing, controlled by the bankers, with you farmers just brought in to furnish the crop. It helps the rich farmers, yes, but not the poor ones, and they are the majority.

Farmer: Well, that's the way they've worked out. But don't Communists believe in cooperation?

Communist: Sure we do. But with whom? The difference lies in who finances the co-

### "WHAT PRICE JUSTICE?"



—BY BURCK

**Red Sparks**  
By JORGE

### Teaching Scar-Face Al

In Chicago we have one of the most innocent looking D. O.'s of the lot. His pleasant smile lights up the whole Northwest side and along with Sam Hammersmark he makes up a cheery pair one would expect to find on the mural paintings of the nearest cathedral.

But he isn't interested at all in the Daily Worker. Whether it sinks or swims or lives or dies is a matter in which he manifests not the slightest interest. In fact it would be hard to find in Chicago anyone in the District Office of the Communist Party who really IS interested in the Daily Worker.

The D. O. is SUPPOSED to be, both interested and responsible. But his responsibility is to see that the Agit-Prop which is SUPPOSED to supervise, among other things, the distribution of the Daily, really does it.

But here is where we strike a knot, as the Agit-Prop is extremely devoted to what is known as "hoch Politik" and finds it necessary to spend all his time keeping the D. O. on his theoretical trolley. In short he must do all the heavy thinking for everybody in the district and has no time for such trivial matters as seeing that the official organ of the Party is properly distributed and—sometimes—paid for.

So there is another "chenovnik" appointed, who is CALLED the Daily Worker Agent. You will notice that the system is beginning to look like Al Capone's "cabinet," in which there is a Secretary for Beer, a Minister of War (without portfolio but with machine guns), and so on.

But the way they do things in Chicago does not provide that the Daily Worker Agent has anything much to do with the Daily Worker. Such a supposition would be a grievous error. True, he is understood to get a bundle of special editions now and then, payment for which was recently made in a \$23 rubber check that bounced right back when our Business Manager laid it on the cashier's window ledge.

But the main distribution of the Daily Worker in Chicago has long ago, some time between the time John Pepper went to Mexico and the disappearance of the movie magnate Bill Kruse, fallen into the hands of racketeers.

Thus we find that neither the D. O., nor the very proper Agit-Prop, nor the Agent of the Daily Worker has anything at all to do with distributing the regular bundle of 725 Daily Workers sent each week day into Chicago (850 copies on Saturdays).

All this is "turned over" to somebody who is down on the books as "Freiheit-Burba," way out on Roosevelt Road. Whether "Burba" is connected with the Capone gang or the Moran gang we don't know. But what we do know is that he takes too much "freiheit" with the Daily Worker.

Before our astonished eyes the Business Office lays down the account of "Freiheit-Burba" beginning with an old unpaid balance back in February of \$426.48. Papers are billed to Chicago at \$1.60 per hundred, and while in other places at the same cost the sales price of \$3.00 per hundred pays for distribution—all bets are off on such a thing in Chicago.

Of the 725 Dailies sent, for which our Business Office sends a bill of \$11.60, and which should sell for \$21.75, leaving a comfortable difference of \$10.15 a day, the Daily Worker has received not one damned cent since the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Thus the balance of \$426.48 of last February has flourished like a green bay tree, until on August 31, it had attained the magnificent proportion of \$2,589.65! And not a cent in payment all this time!

Our Business Manager, being a curious cuss, has inquired occasionally of "Freiheit-Burba" only to get the reply that it costs more than \$21.75 to distribute \$21.75 worth of Daily Worker, and a hint we should send him a check for the difference!

Perhaps it's the stockyards, but there's something smelly about this. Maybe the Workers and Peasants inspection could find out.

Maybe the D. O., the Agit-Prop, the rubber check Daily Worker Agent, the Control Commission and the Gay-Pay-off could send us a thesis on the theory of diminishing returns, the bottomless crisis in the Business Office and a negotiable reliance on spontaneity of the masses that would suffice to pay the printer. But we would much rather receive some money we could bite on.

### Medium Rare

Now that Hoover has told us that the best thing we have is "the nation's spiritual heritage," how will you have it, boiled, fried or on the half-shell with apple sauce?

The struggle against the reactionary, fascist and social fascist leaders, the amalgamation of the Sick and Death Benefit Societies in an organization based on the class struggle for sick, accident, death, old age, and unemployment insurance, and struggle against registration, fingerprinting and deportation of the foreign born workers, to break down the shap division between the different nationalities, but preserving in some form the language autonomy of the different groups amalgamated in one international organization opening the way to the American workers, these are the next steps to be taken.

The most advanced organizations, which are already based on the class struggle, which are already under workers' leadership, shall point the way to the others, by amalgamating first.

All workers, members of those organizations, in which the agents of capitalism are the leaders fight to relieve the capitalists from the burden of state social insurance, will follow the example. They will understand, that unity lends strength, in face of the crisis, for the struggle for social insurance and also such economic advantages which the organizations separately could not achieve, like sanatoria, rest rooms, medical centers, etc. But the workers shall not forget that the real solution of their problems is given only with the setting up their own government, the workers and farmers government. The workers of the Soviet Union through their victorious revolution achieved with their liberation from capitalist class rule full social insurance, embodied in the Code of Labor Laws.

Amalgamate your organizations on a class struggle basis! Fight for the Unemployed Insurance Bill proposed by the Communist Party and for real accident, sick, old age and death insurance! Support the Communist Party leading this struggle! Vote Communist on November 4th!

## Bread or Pageants in Mass. State

By HARRY J. CANTER.  
(Communist Candidate for Governor.)

IN the days of the Roman Empire when the people in their misery appealed for bread, they were given circuses, displays, contests, and the like. Today this situation is being paralleled in Massachusetts. When the workers here demand work or wages, when they call for relief from unemployment and exploitation, they are told to be satisfied with pageants.

The tercentenary celebrations provide a convenient means for distracting the attention of the workers from their problems. Instead of workers' insurance or some other measure of relief, they are regaled with parades, carnivals, fireworks, band concerts, official welcomes to ocean liners and foreign potentates, greetings to conventions of the American Legion, A. F. of L., Knights of Columbus and other patriotic and semi-patriotic organizations. This round of festivities is designed to make the wage-slave forget his slavery and the unemployed their starvation.

Massachusetts, which only 240 years ago executed twenty persons for "witchcraft," one by the barbarous method of "pressing" to death, and which only three years ago murdered Sacco and Vanzetti, is now "celebrating" these achievements and priding itself on its civic "progress."

Yet all is not well with the old Bay State. For years there have arisen complaints that New England, once the industrial center of the country, has been losing ground. Shift of population, change from water to electric power, opening up of new industries, have all resulted in many factories leaving this section. In recent years the textile industry has lost one-third of its spindles. Instead of 65 per cent of the nation's shoes being produced here, as formerly, now only 35 per cent are made in New England. Only in metal machinery has there been an increase.

The economic crisis which set in after the Wall St. crash raised havoc with New England's already declining industries. The chief industry, textiles, already in a crisis, and always sensitive to economic depression, went from bad to worse. In many cases the factories did not curtail production, they simply closed up shop. The shoe industry fared little better.

The mill cities in New England are full of starving workers. In Lawrence and Lowell, New Bedford and Fall River, Manchester and Nashua, men walk the streets wondering where their next meal is coming from. They are ready to follow anyone who offers a solution to their misery.

Unemployment is so serious that the capitalist politicians had to take note of it in the recent primary elections. Never before had such "interest" been displayed in the lot of the poor working man. Jim Curley, tercentenary mayor of Boston and aspiring governor, came out with a complete social demagogic program. Every politician paid deference to the unemployed, and even William M. Butler, friend of Cal Coolidge and candidate for U. S. senator, maintained that the main issue in the election was "prosperity" and not prohibition. On this issue Mr. Butler, the textile mill owner, won the republican nomination from Mr. Draper, the manufacturer of textile machinery.

operation. In the Soviet Union the working class government finances the collective farms. It could be done here, but only after we make a revolution.

Next time I'll tell you something you can do right now. But don't forget to Vote Communist this election.

Butler has a vicious anti-labor record, yet is being supported by leaders of the A. F. of L., including Batty and Binns of New Bedford, who betrayed the strike of the textile workers in 1928. It was proved that Butler, as president of the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers' Association, sent spies hired from the Sherman Detective Agency into the mills to establish a blacklist and crush the unions. The record of Marcus A. Coolidge, his democratic opponent, also a big manufacturer, is almost as unsavory. After a strike in his factory at Fitchburg in 1922 Mr. Coolidge removed his plant to New York State.

Neither Mr. Butler's sudden favor of a national 48-hour law, nor the democrats' interest in social reform can fool the workers into believing that these millionaire bosses care one whit for their interests. The workers in larger numbers turn from these two old parties, and from the third party of the bosses, the socialist party, to the only working class party, the Communist Party.

Interest in the Unemployment Insurance Bill, introduced by the Party, is keen. At the open air meetings arranged by the Party the response of the workers is good. The bosses and their police are doing their utmost to prevent the Party from getting the Bill before the workers. They have invoked a law passed last year which necessitates getting the consent in writing of the property owners of the buildings abutting the street where the meeting is to be held. In some cases this property is owned by a bank or church, but even in the case of petty shopkeepers it has been impossible to get such consent. Meanwhile capitalist politicians with a pull in City Hall are granted unlimited rights to the streets.

A Young Communist League meeting in South Boston on International Youth Day was invaded by a gang of toughs organized by William Foley, district attorney, who tried to break up the meeting. Jackson Wales has been twice arrested for speaking at open air meetings. The Party is planning a fight on those street corners where this law is being invoked, and the units will be mobilized on this issue.

The Election Campaign in Massachusetts this year provides a splendid opportunity to rally the workers for social insurance, for the struggle against wage cuts and speed-up, for the revolutionary demands of the Party. Never before were the workers so ready to listen and respond. We must carry our message right into the shops and factories; we must form "Vote Communist" clubs for support of our campaign, we must develop new means and methods to dramatize our campaign and bring home to every worker our revolutionary slogans. Every member of the Party active in the election campaign!

### Workers! Join the Party of Your Class!

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New York City.

I, the undersigned, want to join the Communist Party. Send me more information.

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City .....

Occupation .....

Age .....

Mail this to the Central Office, Communist Party, 43 East 125th St., New York, N. Y.

## Amalgamation of Workers' Sick Benefit Organizations

IN the United States, a tremendous number of foreign born workers are organized in mutual aid societies. If we take only 10 language groups (Polish, Yugoslavian, Hungarian, Italian, Czechoslovakian, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Jewish, German and Russian) we find that closely two million workers are organized in different sick and death benefit societies.

In the Elks and similar organizations alongside with the petty bourgeoisie great numbers of native workers are organized.

There is no other country where the Insurance companies would expand on a scale like in the United States, drawing hundreds of millions of dollars yearly from the pockets of the workers and investing these fabulous amounts mainly in industrial undertakings, exploiting the same workers.

The explanation for this state of affairs lies in the fact that in the United States there is no social insurance. At the same time, there is no other country in the world where social insurance is so much needed. There is the greatest number of workers unemployed (at present over 8 million) a large number of them permanently thrown out of industry. But there is no unemployment insurance. As a result of capitalist rationalization, terrific speed-up, the "human machinery" breaks down sooner and more often, than in the other capitalist countries. But there is no state insurance for sickness. About a quarter million workers are victims of industrial accidents yearly and in the average 22,000 of them die as a result of the accidents. But even in those states, where there is workmen's compensation law, it is very far from being satisfactory, not only because of the low compensation, but also for the reason that the workers in great numbers of cases are cheated and do not receive anything. There is no federal old age insurance. The New York Old Age Pension Law favored by Roosevelt, the fascist leaders of the A. F. of L. and the socialist party gives "pension" to the workers after they die. It is a promise of "You'll get pie in the sky when you die." Are there many workers living up to the age of 70 years and over under the strains of a murderous speed-up system, to get this miserable pension? Very few. In the Soviet Union the pension is due to the workers at the age of 50 if they are unable to work.

The workers in the U. S. started to build the mutual aid societies because there was no state social insurance and the labor movement of that time (the S.L.P., the S.P., the A. F. of L., etc.) did not wage a struggle to get social insurance. The first (and only) party to fight for social insurance, to lead the masses for unemployment insurance (\$25 minimum a week), for sickness, accidents and old age insurance, is the Communist Party.

By organizing these mutual aid societies, the workers have taken on their own shoulders the burden, which should be carried by their exploiters and by their state.

But even these organizations are heading towards a crisis. The curbing of immigration, the Americanization of the children of the foreign born workers at the time when the sharp national division closing the way to the Americanization of these organizations, favored so much by the reactionaries, is still upheld, the plundering activities of the reactionary, fascist and social fascist leaders of many of these organizations, the growing economic crisis, growing number of unemployed, growing number of sicknesses, accidents, deaths caused by rationalization, speed-up, the attacks of the state insurance authorities on the workers' sick benefit organizations, these are the chief causes of the approaching crisis in these societies.