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## ARMED FARMERS STORM ARKANSAS TOWN FOR FOOD

### To the Toilers of Cuba, Mexico and the United States! To the Workers and Poor Farmers of Latin America!

ON January 10, 1931, two years will have passed since one of the best militants of the revolutionary movement of Cuba, Mexico and Latin America—Antonio Mella—fell, assassinated in the City of Mexico by paid agents of Machado, the butcher of Cuba. The murder of Mella came from the criminal alliance of Machado with the ex-president of Mexico, Portes Gil, servant and accomplice at that time of Yankee imperialism, as is Ortiz Rubio today.

The murder of Mella, a devoted leader of the workers and poor peasants of Latin America, was a direct attack of Yankee imperialism and its Latin American dogs upon the toiling masses of all Latin America.

On this second anniversary of the death of Mella, the crisis of world capitalism has thrown the masses of Cuba, Mexico and United States into a sea of misery and starvation. The crisis translates itself into wage cuts, longer hours, terrible unemployment, redoubled speed-up, and growing fascist terror against the workers by the capitalists who try to prop up their crumbling regime. In Cuba, 500,000; in Mexico, 900,000; in United States, 10,000,000—workers are jobless and starving with their families.

In Cuba, Machado has murdered Alfredo Lopez, Estaban Brooks, Cuxart, Enrique Varona, Claudio Bouzon, Jose Wong, Noske Yaleb, Domingo. In Mexico, Guadalupe Rodriguez, Hipolito Landeros, and twenty workers and poor peasants assassinated en masse by the police dogs of Calles, Portes Gil and Ortiz Rubio, have fallen. The police of New York have shot down Gonzalo Gonzales and Steve Katovis.

These and many others have fallen, murdered. Capitalist persecutions, deportations are the order of the day. The prisons of Latin America and the United States are filled with victims of capitalist terror. All showing that the capitalist regime in its period of historic decadence is a regime of blood, based not only on exploitation of the toilers, but also on murder, torture and crime.

With the growing crisis, have grown not only the fierce battles between exploited and exploiter, between oppressed and oppressors, but also the antagonisms and rivalries between the robber imperialist powers, particularly between Yankee and British imperialism, fighting for domination of colonies and semi-colonies, for markets and raw material sources.

In the United States, the proletariat, led by the Communist Party, is entering into tremendous struggles against speed-ups, wage cuts, for social insurance and effective relief to the unemployed. In Mexico the suffering workers and the poor peasants (denied the land for which they fought by the policy of Ortiz Rubio) have begun the fight for bread and land with open class battles. In Cuba, the wage workers, literally starving to death under the lash of sugar and tobacco imperialism, and the poor peasants, robbed of their lands by imperialist and native land grabbers, stand on the eve of fierce clashes with native and foreign exploiters and oppressors. In all Latin America the same or even worse conditions prevail.

In Cuba, the false "nationalist" leaders, seeking to use the masses as tools, oppose Machado. But they themselves are representative of the Cuban capitalists, ready to serve Yankee imperialism—or equally ready to serve British imperialism. In Mexico, the opposition to the Lamont-Montes de Oca agreement, which in general opposes the policy of Ortiz Rubio, is equally an enemy of the workers and peasants of Mexico, is but a faction of the bourgeois and feudal classes, an opposition linked to British imperialism as Rubio is linked to Yankee imperialism.

The fight for state power of such factions, seen in the armed movements in Bolivia, Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, have likewise been linked with London or New York, reflecting the inter-imperialist rivalry for control of these countries.

In this situation, on the second anniversary of the death of Mella, the Communist Parties of Cuba, Mexico and United States, appeal to the workers and farmers for independent struggle, against all bourgeois factions, against all imperialisms, for their own class demands, for overthrow of the bourgeois imperialist regimes and for establishment of workers' and farmers' governments in Cuba and Mexico.

As shown by the Soviet Union, only such governments will free the toilers of city and country from foreign and native capitalists. Because the Workers' and Peasants' Government of Soviet Russia has crushed capitalism, collectivizing agriculture and building socialism in city and country, consolidating the Soviet Power and serving as an inspiration to the toiling masses of all the world, all imperialists and counter-revolutionists, including the rulers of Cuba, Mexico and United States, are conspiring to attack the Soviet Union.

The fight against the bourgeoisie in Cuba, Mexico and United States, the fight against British and Yankee imperialism, is the fight against imperialist war and for defense of the Soviet Union; in defending the Soviet Union, we shall defend the workers and poor peasantry of these countries.

The next months are months of war, of growing hunger and desperation. In the United States wage cuts increase, unemployment grows, the ruin and misery of poor farmers intensify. In Cuba and Mexico, the fascist ruling class, whether in power or in opposition, unloads the burden of crisis still more upon the backs of the enslaved toilers. In this vile work, the exploiting classes count on the aid of social-fascist labor leaders of the American Federation of Labor in the United States; on the miserable traitors of the CROM and CGT and so-called "autonomous" unions in Mexico; on the social-fascist leaders of the tobacco, street-car, railroad unions—and the Joint Committee, too—in Cuba.

Comrades! Workers of the United States! Workers and poor peasants of Latin America! Only the revolutionary action of the workers and poor peasants of all the American continent will stop the capitalist offensive! Let us commemorate the murder of Mella by a general mobilization of the masses against his assassins, the Yankee imperialists and their Latin-American dogs!

Let us organize against speed-ups, wage cuts, lay-offs! For social insurance and real aid to the unemployed at the expense of the bourgeoisie and its government!

Down with Yankee imperialism! Down with British imperialism! Down with their Latin American dogs Rubio, Machado, Uriburu, Ibanez, Gomez and the rest! Down with the social-fascist traitors to the labor movement!

Down with the bourgeois opposition factions. Tejada in Mexico, Mendietta and Menocal in Cuba! Down with the armed struggles of bourgeois factions! Up with the independent struggle of the toiling masses!

Down with imperialist war preparations! Let us fight for defense of the Soviet Union, the socialist fatherland of all the workers of the world! For a Workers' and Farmers' Government in Cuba and Mexico! For a Federation of Workers' and Farmers' Republics of Latin America! For the dictatorship of the proletariat in the United States!

For a glorious victory of the already powerful Soviets of workers and poor peasants in China! For the world proletarian revolution! For the triumph of Communism throughout the world! Workers of the world, unite!

Signed:

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Mexico,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of the United States. (Sections of the Communist International.)

### WILL MARCH IN BROOKLYN, BRONX, THUR.

#### To Be Demonstrations In Harlem and Other Boroughs

#### Chicago March, Jan. 12

#### Commissioner Refuses Permit; Jobless Defy

NEW YORK—Thursday will be a day of hunger marches and demonstrations against the starvation of the jobless in New York. Workers and unemployed of Brooklyn and Bronx will march on the borough halls, presenting demands for immediate relief.

The jobless of Harlem will mobilize at 128 St. and Lenox Ave., and march on the state employment agency. There will probably be demonstrations down town in Manhattan.

CHICAGO, Ill. Jan. 4.—Police Commissioner Acock, of Chicago, admitting there are 400,000 jobless here starving and desperate, states that he fears to grant a permit for a hunger march through the Loop to the city hall.

A delegation consisting of Wangerin, Hammersmark, Banks, and Frankfeld visited Acock and presented a demand for a permit to the Unemployed Councils of the Trade Union Unity League to hold a hunger march down Madison St. through the Loop district to the City Hall in order to present their demands and grievances to the City Council and to Mayor Thompson.

Acock's first remark was: "You will never receive a permit for a parade through the Loop. No good will come of a hunger march at the present time." Acock went on speaking and questioning. He stated that: "There are 400,000 unemployed in Chicago. We know that hunger and misery exist. Why, Mayor Thompson and myself are feeding six families from our own pockets."

March Anyway!

Acock told the committee that he wants to think the matter over some

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### 3,000 Jobless Demand City "Shelter" Give Real Feed

NEW YORK—A demonstration of between 2,000 and 3,000 jobless before the City Welfare Department's "lodging house" on the dock at 25th St. and Fourth Ave. threw a scare into the police and the charity racketeers. Robert Lealless, of the Downtown Council of the Unemployed opened the meeting as chairman at 1:15, and a police captain came over to break it up.

Hearing the determined shout of the thousands of jobless, "Let him speak," the cop contented himself by ordering the speaker over to a corner closer to the shelter. Ross, Gardner, William Faulke, Patrick O'Boyle (for the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League) and others spoke, putting up the de-

### "Stagger" Plan and Gradual Firing Steel Bosses' Weapon

By WM. Z. FOSTER.

The meeting of the National Executive Board of the Metal Workers' Industrial League, held in Pittsburgh on Dec. 26-27, brought forth facts of heavy unemployment in all metal centers. Particularly devastating is this in the steel centers. Production generally in the steel industry has dropped to 40 per cent of so-called normal, or 25 per cent of capacity. But this does not indicate the full extent of the unemployment, because the tremendous rationalization is enabling the production with ever diminishing forces.

In the steel industry the "stagger" plan is being widely applied. This spreads the misery of unemployment over the whole body of workers. In the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co plant the system is typical. They have what is called the double crew. That is, the full crew is present at all times in the mill but only 50 per cent works. While one-half works the other half "spells." But there is no pay for "spelling." Which means that for an eight hour day a worker gets four hours' pay. It is by the application of such a slow starvation system that the United States Steel Corporation lily pads this year paying even larger dividends than last year.

But while the steel companies work their stagger

plan, either by the double crew system or by working full crews two or three days a week, they at the same time develop a body of totally unemployed by following a policy of gradually firing and never hiring. They realize that the prospect is more than remote of the industry ever employing again the full forces of former times, and they slowly sough off the surplus into the army of completely unemployed. It is significant that in these discharge or final lay-off cases it is the older and the very young workers that suffer most. Apparently the bosses have it figured out that the most efficient workers are those who have had time to become acquainted with the work and to harden their muscles, but have not yet lost their speed.



Despite the lies of the publicity agents of the steel companies, every steel town in the country has a large and rapidly growing army of unemployed. In Pittsburgh a conservative estimate puts the number of jobless at 80,000. Other steel centers have similar masses entirely without work, not to speak of the great army of impoverished one-half or one-third

time workers. Characteristically, although the steel companies are this year paying even larger dividends than last year, (Continued on Page Three)

### WHITE AND NEGRO FARMERS UNITE TO SAVE THEMSELVES FROM HUNGER DEATH

#### Merchants and Red Cross Forced to Distribute Groceries by Armed Farmers

#### Starving Farmers Refuse To Be Pacified by Fine Phrases of Local Shyster Lawyer

#### Poor Farmers Followed Militant Policy of United Farmers League

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 4.—Exposing the lie of Hoover that the Red Cross was giving "adequate" relief to the farmers stricken by the drought, more than 500 farmers and their wives stormed the business section of the town of England, Arkansas, a town of about 2,000 population, demanding food for their starving families and threatening to take it if denied. While most of the farmers were white, Negro farmers also took part, showing that the unity of the poor, both black and white, is a fact and an aid in the struggle.

The mass action was successful. Crowding into the stores, they demanded food so threateningly that the frightened merchants held a conference, wired to the state Red Cross headquarters here at Little Rock, which authorized under this pressure the distribution of a stingy amount to each family of \$2.75 worth of groceries.

Most of the farmers came armed to demand food. Guns were bulging from their pockets.

While this was going on a local shyster lawyer, George E. Morris, called the demonstrating farmers to a meeting in the street, where he tried to "pacify" them with a speech. But he was constantly howled down with cries:

"Our children are crying for food and we are going to get it! We're not going to let our children starve! We want food and want it now!"

What little resources some farmers

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### NEW VICTORY IN NICARAGUA

#### Independence Army In Two More Battles

NEW YORK—Reports from Nicaragua show that two more U. S. Marines, serving as armed agents of American imperialism in oppressing the Nicaraguan masses, have been wounded by independence fighters, whom the imperialist press calls "bandits," while trying to take revenge for the victory of the Nicaraguan liberation army in wiping out a Marine detachment of ten last Wednesday.

As in the previous clash, the report shows that the supposedly wise Marine officers, led the patrol, this time of fifty Marines recruited to serve as murderers for imperialism, into an ambush.

The Nicaraguan troops trapped the imperialist forces by showing up at Ocotol, one of the principal towns in the province of Nueva Segovia, and when the imperialist forces called for reinforcements from Palacaguina, these were ambushed by some 150 Nicaraguan soldiers outside Ocotol, which was meanwhile cut off by cutting the telegraph lines.

The Marine officers admit as much as two casualties, but were so hard pressed getting out of the ambush they did not know if there were casualties on the side of Nicaraguans.

The day before, another command of Nicaraguan independence troops said to number 150, trapped a detachment of ten native "guards" offered by a Marine detachment at Cacao, in Northwest Changuitillo, and fought for over an hour before heavy reinforcements to the imperialist side forced them to retire. The Marines are silent on their own losses in this battle, but claim two Nicaraguans were killed.

The imperialist command estimates that there are 600 Nicaraguan troops in the field, saying that the increase is due to "the influence of Sandino propaganda and the lack of employment in the Northern provinces." It is estimated that the independence troops "endeavor to exact tribute from the large coffee growers."

CONSPIRATORS IN THE DOCK BY NOON, JAN. 11

NEW YORK—Hoover, Green, Walker and Thomas! The Trade Union Unity Council of New York is bringing these conspirators against the lives of the American workers to the Bar of Justice! They will have a hearing on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 1 p. m. at Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave.

Richard B. Moore, Negro worker, admits he is a little prejudiced against the gang, will prosecute.

Joseph R. Brodsky is attorney for the defense.

Witnesses will be Earl Browder, Robert Minor, Max Bedacht, M. J. Olgin, Israel Amter, Jack Stachel, Sam Nesin, workers from the breadlines, flop houses and evicted workers.

Alfred Wagenknecht, leading judge.

Admission to the trial is 50 cents and court opens at 12 noon!

### Ruhr Strike Spreads; Two Killed; Strike Situation in England Grows

#### WELSH MINERS STAND FIRM

#### Strike of 175,000 Continues

LONDON, Jan. 4.—In the South Wales coalfields the siren promises of the mine owners and their labor government tools failed utterly to end the walkout of 145,000 miners which began a week ago. The owners refused to modify their insistence on lower wages, and the miners with equal insistence refused to starve.

The traitor, A. J. Cook, secretary of the British Miners' Federation is laying the base for further betrayals of the miners and is hollering for the government to come in and "arbitrate" the strike.

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#### German Police Fire on Militant Strikers

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The strike of the Ruhr miners under revolutionary leadership has been extended in spite of the efforts of the Social-democratic labor leaders to betray the struggle. Sixty thousand miners are now out, 20,000 having come out yesterday.

On the promise of the Social-Democrats to break the strike if sufficient police are thrown around the mine pits, police yesterday opened fire on the strikers in the Recklinghausen, Bottrop and Gladbach districts, killing two miners and seriously wounding large numbers. The police are trying to prevent mass picketing and have prohibited open air meetings and demonstrations.

Today many pit meetings decided to join the strike and tomorrow will see the strike further extended.

Representatives of the mines management appealed to miners to continue work because the Welsh strike offers possibility of full time work and disposal of stocks.

The miners rejected this scab offer. Over a thousand pit delegates conferred in Bochum and decided to continue the strike despite reformist scabbing.

The meeting sent a solidarity telegram to the Welsh miners appealing that the latter trust only revolutionary committee leadership.

Sabotka, Secretary of the International Miners Committee, addressed the conference. Outside the hall

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#### ORGANIZE TO END STARVATION; DEMAND RELIEF!!

Every unemployed worker should be present in court to support fellow-worker MacDonald.

## Some Support for \$30,000 Campaign--- But Danger Still Threatens Daily

### ORGANIZE MASS SUPPORT FOR DAILY WORKER

From Philadelphia there comes a contribution of \$81.43, collected from various comrades and at two conferences. A Los Angeles comrade sends \$80 raised at a dinner given at his home for the \$30,000 Emergency Campaign Fund. Empress, Greek labor newspaper, sends a collection of \$18.

There is some activity, some consistent support of the Emergency Campaign, the successful conclusion of which is the only thing that can avert the danger of suspension of the Daily Worker.

BUT THERE IS STILL NOT ENOUGH SUPPORT. And the support that is coming in has not the ORGANIZED mass character which is necessary. Collections such as those spoken of above should not come irregularly from scattered districts. THEY MUST APPEAR EVERY DAY FROM EVERY SECTION OF THE COUNTRY UNTIL THE \$30,000 IS RAISED AND THE DAILY WORKER IS OUT OF DANGER FROM PAST OBLIGATIONS.

To see that these collections are made—and sent—regularly is the duty of every Party member and every class-conscious worker. The need

is great. This week the Daily Worker was published twice on loans or donations that came in at the last minute. To crush the Daily Worker is one of the objectives of the intensifying capitalist class attack on the workers. WE MUST NOT ALLOW THE DAILY WORKER TO BE CRUSHED. IT IS OUR FIGHTING ARM IN THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

While the Daily Worker, the working-class newspaper, tells of 10,000,000 unemployed, of starvation in the coal fields of Pennsylvania, of the false "friendship" and misleading tactics of the "socialists" and the Mustelists, AND ORGANIZES THE WORKERS FOR THE STRUGGLE, capitalist newspapers—both those frankly so and those that hide behind some bunk "labor" front, describe "hopeful" or "improving" conditions.

ONLY THE WORKERS' PAPER TELLS THE WORKERS' TRUTH. TURN TO PAGE 3 NOW. Use the Red Shock Troop Coupon which you will find there to send what you can immediately. Then go out among your shopmates and worker-friends, into your union and unit. ORGANIZE TO SAVE THE DAILY WORKER. Send all funds to the Daily Worker, 50 E. 13th St., New York.

# REVIVAL OF 'FURRIER' BRIBERY OF POLICE YARN IS CAMOUFLAGE

## Scheme of Woll, Schlesinger, Kauffman & Co. to Turn Attention Away From Real Graft

### Caused Also By Fear of Misleaders That the Needle Trades Workers Line Up With NTWIU

## DEPOSITORS TO DEMAND SAVINGS

### Send Committee of 5 to Albany

NEW YORK.—At a meeting at the His Building Sunday of the executive committee of 25 of the United Depositors Committee, representing more than 20,000 small depositors in the defunct Bank of the U. S., a group of 5 was elected to present the demands of the 400,000 small depositors to Governor Roosevelt in Albany. Those elected to go were Litman, Greenbaum, Yellin, Wallin and Cohen.

The demands that will be presented are: (1) Immediate return of the savings of small depositors in full; (2) floating of a state loan to repay the small depositors; (3) criminal proceedings against those responsible for the inside bank robbery of the Bank of the U. S.; (4) no evictions of depositors who cannot pay their rent.

It was decided to have local meetings of depositors in the public schools in all boroughs. Further announcements will be carried in the Daily Worker of the time and place of these meetings.

On Saturday, over 1,000 depositors met in Webster Hall to listen to a report of the committee on a meeting with Acting Mayor Corrigan. It was decided unanimously at this meeting to organize all the depositors for mass demonstrations to demand the return of the savings of small depositors.

At a meeting of 2,000 small depositors in Brooklyn, at 400 Stone Ave., it was unanimously decided to affiliate themselves with the United Depositors Committee and fight with them for the demands adopted by other small depositors.

At a meeting of depositors of the Harlem Branch of the closed Chelsea Bank, a committee of five was elected to call a mass meeting and organize a fight for the return of their deposits in full.

At the meeting it developed that many Negro fraternal organizations had lost their funds in the failure of the bank, and will be unable to meet demands for sick and death benefits.

It also became apparent that many of the Negro bourgeoisie had been tipped off and had withdrawn their money the day before the crash.

In order to hide the grafting amounting to \$3,000,000 which worked the Consolidated Indemnity and Insurance Co., one of the fake organizations formed by the Bank of the United States to fleece the workers, a whole series of deals are being attempted in the Federal Court. The leading figures in this company were Tammany henchmen. Foremost among them was none other than Al Smith, William F. Kenney and John F. Gilchrist—all millionaires, and part of three millions comes out of the Bank of the United States, and out of the pockets of the 400,000 small stockholders who are left holding the bag.

## JOBLESS IN BUENOS AIRES DEMAND BREAD

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 31.—Yesterday a large number of unemployed workers participated in a militant hunger march through Avellaneda, an industrial center of Buenos Aires province, demanding work and bread.

They massed in front of city hall where the police attacked the jobless workers. The hunger marchers militantly resisted the police, and it was only after many arrests were made that the demonstration was finally broken up.

One unemployed worker's wife, who took part in the hunger march, demanded bread for her starving children and herself, was arrested.

## TAKE A LIST TO WORK WITH YOU FOR JOBLESS INSURANCE!



## HARLEM U. C. TO STOP EVICTION U. S. BANK LIES

### This Morning at 2394 Seventh Avenue

NEW YORK.—The Harlem Council of Unemployed will stage a militant demonstration this morning at 2394 7th Ave., to prevent the eviction of Mrs. Florence Ramsey, a 46-year-old Negro worker, who is a widow and unemployed.

In a futile effort to deprive this Negro woman worker of the support of the Unemployed Council, the landlord, Joe Borish, visited headquarters of the Council Saturday to tell them that the woman's dead husband was a white man. He made it quite clear that in his estimation any Negro who violated the bosses' edict against inter-marriage of Negro and white workers had committed "an awful crime."

In the case of Mildred Reed whose furniture was returned to the apartment last week after she and her aged mother were evicted, and the tenants in the house organized against eviction, the landlord has raised all rents from \$30 to \$40 in an effort to get out the militants. The tenants will refuse to pay the raise and will meet any funny business with a rent strike.

## THIRD WEEK OF SHAKESPEARE REPERTOIRE

Fritz Leiber and his group of players begin their third week of Shakespeare repertoire this evening appearing in "Macbeth," at the Ambassador Theatre. Other plays of the week are: "Merchant of Venice," Tuesday night; "Hamlet," Wednesday matinee and Saturday night; "As You Like It," Wednesday night; "Richard III," Thursday night; "Julius Caesar," Friday night and "Macbeth," Saturday matinee.

The 8th Street playhouse is featuring this week a new film from the Continent, an all-German talkie titled "Der Tanz Geht Weiter," by Greta Garbo in "Romance," is the current bill at the 5th Avenue Playhouse. Lewis Stone plays an important role in this film, which will be shown the first part of the week. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the picture will be "Leading 68," with Conrad Veidt in the leading role.

The 75th performance of Edgar Wallace's "On the Spot," takes place at Edgar Wallace's Forrest Theatre tonight.

## VAUDEVILLE THEATRES PALACE

Eddie Cantor; Marion Harris; Burns and Allen; Ben Blue; Harlan Dixon and his twelve steppers; Lew Hearn; the Honey Troupe and Ashley Paige.

51ST STREET  
To Tuesday: Miss Carmel Myers; Leavitt and Lockwood; Roy Rogers; Rhythm Boys. On the screen, Wheeler and Woolsey, in "Hook, Line and Sinker." Wednesday to Friday: Ken Murray; and Milton Charleston; Foster, Fagan and Cox; Edgar Bergen; the Tonzaes. Screen: Elsie Ferguson in "Scarlet Pages."

58TH STREET  
Saturday to Tuesday. Screen: Hook, Line and Sinker. Vaudeville: Bert Walton, "Any Family," Helene Denison and company, Diana Chase, with Don Julian, others. Wednesday to Friday: Violet Carlson and company, Lander Brothers, Palm Beach Nights, Fields and Bell, others. Screen: Elsie Ferguson, in "Scarlet Pages."

## Labor and Fraternal

DUE TO LIMITED SPACE NOTICES CAN BE RUN FOR THREE DAYS ONLY, INCLUDING DATE OF EVENT.

An 8-Day Drive for the New York Workers Center. At the meeting of the John Reed Youth Club, Monday, Jan. 5th, 8 p. m. at Dr. Pollack's office, 655 Newark Ave., Jersey City, N. J. Lem Harris is an American worker just returned from a year and a half in the Soviet Union.

## 3,000 Jobless Demand 'Shelter' Give Real Feed!

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The committee to see the authorities at the shelter were several times barred.

Jeer At Jobless.

J. A. Mannix, superintendent of the lodging house, afterwards issued an insulting statement to the press, saying that he had 3,000 beds, that only part were occupied "because these fellows would have to take a bath if they came here." The beds were not occupied because Mannix won't let the freezing jobless into them.

Yesterday there was a slight improvement in the stew as a result of the demonstration. An attempt was made to sweeten the tempers of the jobless by putting a woman at the door as they came in to distribute candy and tell them to "Cheer up." Angered at this cheap insult, many of the jobless threw back the cheap candy.

Demonstrate Today.

The Downtown Council of the Unemployed will lead another demonstration today at 1 p. m. at 25th St. and First Ave., and will march with the crowd down to the Department of Public Welfare at 55 Lafayette St. to lay their demands before Taylor there.

There will also be another mass meeting before the City Employment Agency at Leonard and Lafayette St. today at 10 a. m., as usual. Rybiicki, director of the agency, admitted yesterday that he had 60,000 registered, for whom there are no jobs. The police are trying to prevent workers attending these mass meetings, but every one here Saturday was a success, as usual.

## GIVE ANSWER TO FISH COMMITTEE

### At Daily Worker Anniversary, Jan. 9th

NEW YORK.—The Fish Congressional Committee, aided by the fascist American Federation of Labor officialdom and the Catholic Church, organized under the name of the "Committee to Combat Communism," is arranging a meeting at Carnegie Hall on Friday, January 9. The speakers at this meeting will be Hamilton Fish, Matthew Woll, Ed A. Walsh, with attorney M. W. Littleton as chairman.

It is obvious that the purpose of this meeting is to gain support in advance for the report that the Fish Committee will submit to Congress with proposed legislation against the foreign-born workers, the revolutionary unions, the Communist Party and Communist press.

Fish believes that he will be able to create sufficient sentiment to enable him and the U. S. Congress to put through any legislation they please without opposition or resistance from the workers.

On Saturday, January 10, at St. Nicholas Rink, at the celebration of the Seventh Anniversary of the Daily Worker, the answer will be given to the Fish Committee and the "Committee to Combat Communism," by the thousands of revolutionary workers, supporters of the Communist Party and of the Daily Worker.

This will be a meeting of the greatest significance and every revolutionary worker must be present. Get your tickets in advance. Bring along every worker from your shop and neighborhood. Give the proper answer to the fascists, Fish, Woll, Walsh & Co.

## Vegetarian Cooperative House

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## LEAGUE TO HOLD PROTEST JAN. 9

### Meet to Fight Ban of "Young Worker"

NEW YORK.—The Young Communist League of the U. S. is holding a huge mass meeting at the Stuyvesant Casino on Friday, January 9th, at 8 p. m., protesting against the ban of the "Young Worker" from the mail.

The Young Worker, organ of the Young Communist League has been denied second class mailing rights. This is the third Communist paper to be barred by the Post Office Department. The other two were the "Vida Obrera," Communist Spanish paper, and the "Young Pioneer," organ of the Young Pioneers. The attack against the "Young Worker" is seen as part of the general attack against the revolutionary working-class. The bosses do not want the mouthpiece of the young workers to be heard in the factories, fields, mines, and schools. They plan to use this as a means of stopping its existence.

All young workers are urged to attend this meeting and protest against the barring of the voice of the revolutionary youth from the mail. The chief speakers will be Max Bedacht representing the Central Committee of the Communist Party, and Si Green, editor of the "Young Worker." There will also be other speakers.

## UNIT SIX MEET WEDNESDAY

NEW YORK.—The Bronx Unit 6 of the Young Communist League has changed their meeting nights from Monday to Wednesday. All league members of that unit are to report on Wednesday and not on Monday as formerly.

## Patronize the Concoops Food Stores

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Huddle Tonight. They were huddled around a fire which they had built to keep warm. The topic of their conversation was as follows. One of the workers who had been sent down by the fake city unemployment agency in New York told us that he had spent his last dime for carfare to come here and was about to be evicted from his home if he did not pay his rent. He had been to the fake mayor's emergency relief committee and told them about his case and of the fact that he had a sick wife, but all that he got was a promise of investigation.

700 Apply for Jobs

After standing around and freezing for two hours one of the doors were opened and one of the foremen started calling out the names of his friends and those that had in some way or other done him a favor. By that time the crowd had grown to about 700 men. The foreman went through the crowd picking out those that suited his fancy. Of the 700 workers that were in front of the place about 75 were lucky enough to be chosen to earn from \$2 to \$4 for from 9 to 12 hours of back-breaking work climbing stairs and lugging telephone books. While the foreman and his straw bosses or inspectors, as they call themselves, were going through the workers the latter were fighting among themselves, pushing and showing one another in their anxiety to get near enough to one of these well-fed bosses to beg him to hire him at any sum as "long as he could make a few dollars," but in spite of all the talk very few of them were hired, showing clearly the meaning of the extensive advertising of the bosses there for 200 men and at the same time sending for 50 men from the city employment agency and then hiring only 75 men.

CHICAGO HUNGER MARCH JAN. 12

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) more, and asked them to return. In the meantime, the unemployed councils are proceeding with all arrangements and mobilization for a tremendous Hunger March and Demonstration to the City Hall on Jan. 12, at 12 o'clock noon. Friday morning, an unemployed worker veteran located in one of the flop houses dropped over the T. U. U. L. and Unemployed Council headquarters and deposited the following letter: (he did not have the 2-cent postage to mail it). "Unemployed Council, 23 So. Lincoln St.: In regard to mobilizing on the breadline for hunger march on City Hall Jan. 12 you must reach all unemployed with leaflets at least one day before march and to get them all it would be best

Chevy 'Revival' Is New Speed Up for Auto Toilers

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

OAKLAND, Calif.—I am employed in the Fisher Body-Chevrolet plant in Oakland. There is supposed to be a "revival of industry" at this slave dump. Everything is going full blast. We have reached as high as 300 units a day in production. Everybody is as busy as hell. They are speeding us up to beat hell. Every day someone is either quitting or being fired because they cannot keep up with the speed.

Piece-Work Basis. The plant is mainly on a piece-work basis. In order to make anything like decent wages you have to dam near break your back. Polishers are working from 7:30 in the morning until 6:30 at night in order to make about \$5 a day. This is considered pretty good wages, too. At present we are working nights and Sundays, too. The bosses are pushing everything to load up the dealers with the new models. Then will come the crash. We'll all be laid off again. This is the way they have been working us all year, off again, on again.

Must Fight

We must have a real union here to fight the bosses. We must fight against the speed-up and piece-work system by which the bosses make us work like hell to make a few miserly dollars. We had a strike here a year and a half ago which was led by the Trade Union Unity League. "Bill" Spooner, local A. F. of L. leader, helped the bosses all he could in that strike. —Auto Worker.

to distribute the leaflets at the head-lines in the morning 'tween 5:30 and 8 a. m. because they are all out by that time."

Over 1,000 men sleep at Monroe and Loomis, and eat at 712 West Monroe St. Also more than 1,000 eat there so that make over 2,000 at one place. All are on line between 5:30 and 8 a. m. because they are all building. It is the same in Slow Death House No. 1. "I don't know about the other slow death houses. And at Monroe and Loomis, flop houses, about 15 are glad they get soup, the rest are all reds. At Wrigley's building, about 50 thank God for a soup. The rest all talk red same in county jail and Wacker Drive. All talking about bettering conditions and fighting bosses. Hoping for biggest hunger march ever held in Chicago. "But I think very few of the unemployed at bread-lines and flop houses will be at William Z. Foster's because we have to be in flop houses before 9 a. m. if we don't, the dick takes the card away from us and throws us out." Special leaflets to Negro workers and jobless are being issued to advertise the great mass meeting at which William Z. Foster will speak Friday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p. m. at Chicago Coliseum. Unemployed workers are admitted free, others pay 20 cents, towards a fund for organizing the jobless. Another special leaflet is being issued to the rank and file of the A. F. L., calling on them to attend the Foster meeting, and to resist the taxation schemes of the A. F. L. officials. The second United Front Conference of Chicago Workers Organizations will meet Sunday. Week of Struggle NEW YORK—This is the opening of a week of intensive struggle by the unemployed in many localities for immediate relief from the cities and state legislatures, and of demonstrations to help organize the jobless into councils of the unemployed, to collect signatures for the Workers

COPS CHASE VETS TRYING TO MAKE LIVING SELLING

Estimate 150,000 L. A. Jobless Workers

(By a Worker Correspondent.) LOS ANGELES, Calif.—I want to tell about conditions in Southern California and what is being done to "help" the masses of unemployed. The police terror here is great. There are several bread lines in the city, where the workers are made to listen to hours of bible prayer and then given a ticket for bread. There are at least a hundred and fifty thousand unemployed here of all races. The Salvation Army made believe that it was going to relieve unemployment by handing out charity in market bags that had the Army crest on its sides so that the workers could parade their misery before the bosses. The Salvation Army collected about two million dollars in cash besides the food they handed out, but this they kept for themselves. Another drive to "help" the unemployed was that of letting the War Veterans sell Christmas seals on the streets. The veterans earned about \$1.50 a day selling these. Not being able to get along on this starvation earning many of the vets started to sell holly. The florists here got wind of this and paid each cop on the beat to chase the vets off the street. The cops did their bit and many of us had to throw our holly away because we weren't allowed to sell it on the streets.

While the writer was selling the Christmas seals a big, pot-belly with spats came along and handed the Salvation Army lassie \$20. When asked to buy some seals and help the war vets, he answered: "To hell with them. Let them take care of themselves." It is about time that you World War vets woke up to realize that you cannot get anything from the American Legion and the government it represents. Join the Unemployed Councils if you are out of work.

Boss State Leaders at Melchett Funeral

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Giving further proof of the domination of the capitalist state machinery by finance capitalism and the big industrialists, the funeral yesterday of Lord Melchett, British industrialist, was attended, according to the capitalist press, by "high state figures from Great Britain and other nations, including the ambassadors from Poland, France, Austria and Greece." The Maharajah of Burdwan, one of the Indian princes attending the state round table conference on India was also in attendance.

Unemployment Insurance Bill

Mass hunger marches are taking place today in Cleveland, Ambridge, Pa., and Youngstown, Ohio, today. Yesterday was Red Sunday for collection of signatures to the Bill, in Philadelphia. The Sacramento jobless march on the state capitol, Wednesday. Thursday the Brooklyn and Bronx jobless march on their borough halls, to demand immediate relief. On Wednesday, also, a delegation from the jobless of various cities in Michigan marches into the state legislature at Lansing to demand the state take action for relief. On Friday, the Cleveland unemployed and workers' organizations are holding their second united front conference on the unemployment campaign. Other struggles are under way this week and the next.

Stockton, Cal., Red Builders News Club Increases Order; Smaller Cities Slow Action

A real live force in the distribution of the Daily Worker is the Red Builders News Club as indicated by this communication from the Stockton California club composed of Clarence Coffee, chairman; Paterson; Weber, Dean and Stener:

"Yesterday morning Comrade C. Coffee and Comrade Paterson got up at 3:30 o'clock and drove to Sacramento to get the Daily Worker, as our papers didn't arrive. So he went and got some from the Sacramento Local. Then this morning our Daily Workers arrived with the increase from 25 to 75 daily for which we thank you. "So Comrade C. Coffee and Comrade Paterson took 30 copies each out in the Perside District and then on the return of these comrades from selling the Daily Worker, having sold all the copies, a big cop took them over to the city jail for selling the Daily Worker." However, when we showed them the U. S. mail entry on it, they had to let the comrades loose. Comrades, this morning the increase in the Daily Worker was received and we sure do need them, so be sure and

keep sending 75 copies daily. In the very near future we will send for 100 copies and even more, soon after that. Thanking you in advance." RED BUILDER SELLS TO LONG ISLAND FARMERS. "Whoa! Whoa! gimme a Daily Worker." This is what you hear around the station at Inwood, L.I., when the truck farmers come in for their mail. The reason is that Dick Voss, member of the Red Builders News Club now has selected this station as his headquarters. He sold 29 Daily Workers in two hours. The rest of his bundle of 40 were sold on the trains. JOHN BARNES PASSES WHOLE OF DISTRICT 1. District one Boston has increased the circulation of the Daily Worker by 92 since the start of the campaign for 60,000 circulation. John Barnes lives in New York City and started selling 2-3 copies a day. Now sells 100. Barnes has far increased his own circulation more than the whole of District 1, Boston, in the same length of time.

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"STAGGER" PLAN AND GRADUAL FIRING STEEL BOSSES' WEAPON

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) skins. Conditions in all the steel towns, while not yet so desperate as in the adjoining mining regions, are fast reaching the breaking point. In many places the homeless workers are sleeping in city halls, jails, railroad stations, garbage incinerators, etc. Just outside of town in Pittsburgh there is a "jungles" in which many hundreds of workers lead a miserable and precarious existence. Everywhere the unemployed are treated as criminals. Vagrancy laws are used against them. In Wheeling the unemployed workers are given the alternative of accepting such jobs at such wages as may be offered them (if by any chance there are jobs) or else go on the chain gang. In these towns, as in the mining districts, the "crime wave" is rapidly mounting, the workers refusing to starve in the midst of plenty. Must Speed Up Organization. The situation is ripe for organization and struggle. The workers are militant and responsive to our efforts. They have no one else but us to look to for leadership. The bosses are fully aware of this and wherever we become active they at once counter us by their twin methods of terrorism and extension of "relief." In Pittsburgh our fight against evictions, although not poorly executed, has been so effective that one of the largest landlords in the city (he owns 1,100 houses) actually came in person to our Party office to urge that we give up our fight against evictions. He went out quicker than he came in. The Trade Union Unity League holds as its major industrial task the building of the union of metal workers. Upon this it concentrates its main forces. And one effective way to accomplish this vital goal will be to carry through militantly our unemployed campaign in the steel towns. Every steel center must have its hunger march, its mass collection of signatures, its delegation to Washington, its demonstration in the great national unemployed demonstration on Feb. 10 in the steel and coal towns can well develop into a great mass political strike. The steel workers are ready for us. Are we ready for them? If we are we can best show it by big unemployed struggles in the steel centers.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Capitalism in Britain Faces Black Future

Forecasts for the new year on the economic crisis throughout Europe and reviews of the past year, appearing in the capitalist press, show the depths of the economic upheaval throughout the world, which, in many countries, is reaching the stage of political and revolutionary crises. A London dispatch to the New York Times gives a black picture of the past, and a very gloomy one of the future perspectives. The cable starts out saying: "Great Britain has finished a year of frustration in politics and gloom in trade and industry." The number of unemployed in England is now over 2,400,000, the largest number ever recorded. The story goes on to say: "The prospect for 1931 is not much brighter at the year's beginning than the retrospect of the last twelve months. The breakers ahead seem from a little distance as angry as those just left behind."

Ruhr Strike Spreads; Two Workers Killed

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) police attacked a demonstration of strikers, arresting eight. A conference of the reformist miners union was also held today in Bochum. The proceedings were short and private. The reformists decided to break the revolutionary strike under any circumstances. An appeal issued by them to the miners ignore revolutionary strike slogans. Tomorrow, the strike struggle will be carried on on two fronts; the employers and their police and their reformist allies against the revolutionary miners. The strike was called following notices of discharge to the miners, effective as of Jan. 15. After that date, the notice said, the men would be re-employed only at reduced wages. Yesterday in an article inspired by the mine owners, the Berliner Boersen-Courier warned the government against throwing the mine owners into the anti-government front, asserting that Chancellor Brüning gave the mine owners assurances of "ample wage cuts."

British Workers Form Labor Defense Body to Fight Gov't Terror

LONDON.—The increasing terror under the MacDonald government and the terror raging in all capitalist countries against the workers, led the British workers to form a committee for Labor Defense. The comrades, A. Thomas, Helen Crawford, R. Dunstan, J. T. Murphy and E. Bennett, issued the following appeal: "At the present moment scores of British workers are in prison for fighting the battle of our class. There are three from the Daily Worker staff, 23 seamen of South Shields, serving long sentences, nine comrades of Fifeshire serving sentences for fighting against evictions, a number of other comrades are serving sentences for giving the working class messages to the soldiers. There is Comrade Swain, sentenced to 12 months hard labor on a frame-up of "incitement" to steal. There are the prisoners of Meerut, who, for 20 months, have been on "trial." "Shall we remain silent, for example, whilst the white terror of fascism cruelly tortures the revolutionary prisoners in Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Italy and America? Impossible! We must have an organization in this country giving undivided attention to this question of the prisoners of capitalism. We must have here a national section of the International Labor Defense..."

BURN WHEAT FOR COAL

NEZ PERCE, Idaho.—Workers in this town, only ten miles from big timber and in the midst of a wheat region, are burning wheat to get warm. Coal costs \$16.50 a ton and wood \$10 a cord, while wheat costs only \$9 a ton. Millions are begging for wheat to make bread and the farmer is forced to burn it for fuel. The Farm Board has millions of bushels of wheat stacked away in storehouses and whole families throughout the land are starving.

OVER 500 FARMERS STORM ARK. TOWN

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) might have had went up in smoke with the bankruptcy of the local bank recently. The local Red Cross agent, compelled to distribute the little food allowed, had the gall to say that he "recognized some among the farmers as imposters," but no such lie can cover up the fact that the mass of farmers and their families are literally starving. Even the lawyer who tried to keep them from forcibly confiscating the food from the stores admitted that they were "too hungry to listen to speeches." But all he advocates is that merchants move their goods to other towns or "mount machine guns on their stores." Moving goods to other towns, however, is futile, as Charles L. Thompson of the Pulaski County Red Cross and agent of the State Drought Relief Committee, says he "fears similar trouble in other sections of Arkansas." The demonstration was notable as the first instance in which masses of poor farmers have followed the policies of the United Farmers' League, whose headquarters are at New York Mills, Minnesota. Both Negro and white farmers united for action and used the power of mass action to compel the granting of their demands. The demonstration also exposes the cynical hypocrisy of Hoover's administration, in restricting "farm relief" to loans to rich farmers to buy seed and feed for animals, and posing as a "dangerous precedent" the giving of "food to human beings." Local capitalists are panic stricken at the prospect that the farmers will return when the miserable bit of food given them Saturday is exhausted.

COMING EVENTS IN JOBLESS CAMPAIGN

DETROIT—Delegation to state legislature, Jan. 7. Foster mass meeting, Danceland Auditorium, Jan. 11. CLEVELAND—Second United Front Conference, Jan. 9, South Slav Hall, 5607 St. Clair Ave. PITTSBURGH—Hunger march January 10th. United Front Conference, January 4. Russian Hall, 1345 Fifth Ave., 2 p. m., followed same day by Foster mass meeting at Carnegie Hall, Federal and E. Ohio Sts. SACRAMENTO—Hunger march on state capitol, Jan. 7. Delegations from all over state meet at 11 a. m. on Second and K Sts. CHICAGO.—Ratification mass meeting Foster speaker, Jan. 9 at Chicago Coliseum, 14th St. and Wash., 7:30 p. m. Second United Front Conference, Jan. 11. Hunger march on city hall, Jan. 12. NEW YORK—Hunger marches on Brooklyn and Bronx Boro Halls, Jan. 8. Hunger march on New York City Hall, Jan. 19. Mass trial of Hoover, Green and Walker, Jan. 11. Second meeting N. Y. Campaign Committee, Jan. 12. Two hundred open-air meetings, Jan. 13, 14, 15. Indoor meetings Bronx, Harlem, Downtown, Williamsburg, Boro Hall, Brownsville, to elect delegates to Washington. House to house canvass for signatures to Unemployment Bill, Jan. 16. PHILADELPHIA—Foster mass meeting at Broadway Arena, Jan. 14. BOSTON—Hunger march, Jan. 3, on City Hall, Foster mass meeting at Ambassador Palace, Jan. 15. NEWARK, N. J.—Hunger march Jan. 16. Second United Front Conference, Jan. 18 at 2 p. m., in Slovak Hall, 52 West St. STAMFORD, Conn.—United Front Unemployment Conference, Jan. 26. RALEIGH, S. C.—One hundred delegates from all over state make demands on state legislature, Jan. 6. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—State Unemployment Conference and hunger march on state capitol, Feb. 1 and 2. WHEELING, W. Va.—United Front Conference, Feb. 1, at 2 p. m., at Masonic Temple, 1407 Market St. LOS ANGELES—Second United Front Conference, Jan. 15. SOUTH BEND, Ind.—United Front Conference, Jan. 18, 2 p. m., at Workers Home, 1216 West Colfax St. The Campaign Committees in many towns have not sent in the announcement of their meetings and hunger marches. They should do so at the earliest possible date.

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Communist Votes Torn Up in Jersey Town; Hague Calls Off Strike After Graft "Fee"

(This is the sixth in a series of articles on A. F. of L. and political corruption in New Jersey.)

By ALLEN JOHNSON.

Hague could never have obtained his stranglehold on the democratic machine in New Jersey without the active support of the capitalists who control the state. They secretly chafe however at the enormous price he exacts for helping to prevent the workers in "his" province from rebelling at their slavery. But Hague's influence, buttressed by that of the church and the press, is being rapidly undermined by the prolonged crisis which has sent at least one breadwinner in every Jersey family into the ranks of the jobless.

This growing revolt on the part of the Jersey workers, of course, it not directed only, or even largely, at Hague, for the workers realize well that Hague is merely the instrument of his employers. The reaction on the part of the bosses has taken two aspects. One is the placing of big capitalists themselves, like Morrow, or their direct representatives, like Edge, in high government positions. Jailed for Selling "Daily." The other side of this reaction has been a growing terrorism against all those who try to organize the workers and lead them in a militant fight against their exploiters. Thus it is a common occurrence for a member of the Communist Party to be jailed for no other "offense" than selling the Daily Worker. The most recent excuse offered when a worker was ar-

rested for selling the "Daily" was that he was "crying his wares too loudly." In many cases, workers have been held in \$10,000 bail for distributing a leaflet announcing an indoor meeting of the unemployed. During the last election these attacks on Communists became increasingly common, for the capitalists were beginning to learn that the only real threat to their continued exploitation came from the Communist Party, comprising the vanguard of the working class. Despite constitutional guarantees, Communist candidates in many communities were not permitted on the ballot. When they were, many votes that were cast for them, were not counted. In the town of Keansy, for example, the following incident occurred: A watcher in a polling place, noticing the counter throw an occasional ballot away, asked him the reason. The counter replied: "Oh, they're no good." To satisfy his curiosity the watcher later took one of the discarded ballots from the waste basket and examined it. He went over it and said: "Jim, this ballot looks okay to me. What's wrong with it?" The answer, short and sharp, was "I told you those ballots were no damn good. They're Communist votes."

Edge and Hague Ballot-Box Stuffers. Long practice in the removal of "undesirable" votes has made the counters in the polling places efficient at their job. When the present Ambassador Edge was running in the

primaries against Colgate for the republican nomination for governor, Hague, Edge's democrat partner, called Edge on the telephone and told him that Colgate was running far ahead of him in Hudson County and would probably capture the primaries if the ballot boxes weren't stuffed. Edge, then in Newark, rushed to Hague's office in Jersey City and called in Billy Verdun, republican boss of the county, for a consultation. The verdict, of course, was that new ballot boxes be constructed immediately.

This was done by the six men who are listed on the Jersey City payroll all the year round as "ballot box repairers," and Edge, Hague and Verdun then stuffed so many ballots into the boxes that Colgate lost the state by a few thousand votes. It is Edge's ability as a ballot box stuffer, it is said, that has evoked the sincere admiration of President Hoover. In any event, it is true that Edge is a frequent visitor at the White House.

the more direct, if more secret, payments, that Hague gets from the really important exploiters. Hague Prevents Strike. When Peck and Hill, a New York furniture house, moved to Jersey City, the Jersey Teamsters' Union decided to call its members who were moving the company's furniture on strike because Peck and Hill was an open shop firm using non-union teamsters. When Peck and Hill learned of the impending strike they forthwith sent a representative to see Mayor Hague. Hague was closeted with the man for an hour. When the conference was over, Hague immediately called Ted Brande, czar of the A. F. of L. unions in New Jersey, and told him that there was to be no strike called on Peck and Hill. Brande assented, for wasn't Hague an honorary member of the Teamsters' Union—and hadn't he promised Brande a share of the "fee" that Peck and Hill gladly paid to prevent the strike?

This close relationship between Hague and Brande is a touching sight. When they both go to Palm Beach it is in Hague's private car. When Brande wants one of the militant workers in the unions he controls shot at, it is Hague who sees that the police suddenly become blind. And when Hague wants some choice liquor to warm the hearts of a few fellow-thieves, it comes straight and fast from Brande's Jersey City speakeasy, one of the largest in a state of many large speakeasies, a goodly number of them owned by A. F. of L. labor "leaders."

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# CHICAGO RAILROAD WORKERS LICK FAKERS

(By a Worker Correspondent)

On December 24 the Chicago and North Western Railroad Company closed its Chicago shops for the second time in three months, throwing over three thousand workers into the "unger army." The announcement issued by the management states the shops will reopen on January 5, but these workers have learned to take such statements "with a grain of salt," having experienced bitter disillusionment in this respect many times since the crisis began.

The three thousand workers affected by the closing of the shops had only been back at work since November 3rd. They were employed three days per week at a wage barely sufficient to keep them from actually starving to death.

Under the infamous Hoover "stagger system" instituted by the North Western bosses, laborers have been paid \$9.12 per week, mechanics' helpers \$13.20-\$13.68 and mechanics \$19.20 for the "three days" work.

Many cases of distress have come to the notice of foremen and company officials, but nothing has been done to remedy conditions. The company has devised a fake charity plan by which workers are mulcted of one-half of one per cent of their monthly wages ostensibly for the relief of needy cases, but so far no account has been made of expenditures, although the plan was announced on November 3rd, the date at which the shops resumed operations on an "emergency" schedule.

In several instances "snooping squads," composed of bosses and wives of company officials, have invaded the homes of destitute workers, peered into personal affairs, enquired as to why the families had not put away something for a rainy day, why cheaper quarters were not obtained, etc., etc., but an investigation by the shop nucleus of the Communist Party has revealed that in none of these cases was substantial relief furnished.

The mechanics and helpers employed by the North Western railroad are organized into the various shop crafts of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor. The fakers who head the System Federation here, as well as the International officials, have gone along with the company in its every attempt to crush the workers.

The business agents of the unions have actually assisted in putting over the "stagger system" and in carrying through the plans of the bosses for a more intensive speed-up program. They have openly endorsed the take relief drive with the full knowledge that no worker has any say in the directing of the campaign and spending of money collected from the workers' pay envelopes. This condition is fast bringing about a revolt in the ranks of the union membership which threatens the control of the fakers.

Early in December two important local unions held elections and in both these the reactionaries, stool pigeons and fakers were swept from office. The machinists handed a terrific lamboasting to the Lukas gang of stool-pigeons when Otto Lukas, who controlled the lodge for seven years, went down to defeat in the contest for financial secretary.

His cronies suffered like treatment in the race for other important offices. Only one Lukas lickspittle, Sid Bloom, candidate for shop steward, survived the onslaught. The latter, elected with the assistance of company bosses and business agents, has an unsavory record and at the last district convention failed to take the floor in behalf of progressive measures, contenting himself with an "aye" vote on a resolution submitted by district reactionaries depriving the rank and file of the right to elect their own district financial secretary. Bloom can be depended upon to take the side of the bosses in all grievance cases.

The machinists' helpers in their elections defeated every reactionary who dared to announce his candidacy for important office. Carter, who has consistently sided with the Lukas gang, led the reactionary stool-pigeon group of candidates down to defeat in one of the most sensational elections ever held in this lodge. Carter is noted for his letter-writing ability and spy activities.

In one of his numerous epistles to the "Grand Lodge of the I. A. of M., Carter charged that Reds "boring from within" were in control of the local. The executive council instructed Carter to produce the evidence and the Reds would be ousted from the organization. When the matter came before the local the membership extended its officers a unanimous vote of confidence. Later Carter and his cohorts addressed a communication to local management of the company naming those who, in his opinion, should be fired because they were Reds.

The bosses then began a siege of terrorism against those named by this stool-pigeon. Carter's defeat and the trouncing handed his whole ticket is the apparent answer of the workers belonging to the machinists' helpers lodge.

The workers are evidently greater interested in the program of the Communist Party than ever before. The Daily Worker which is being sold at the shops daily is eagerly awaited by the shopmen and many of them have their pennies ready for the comrades as they pass in through the gates each morning.

The neighborhood close to the shops where the workers make their homes is being canvassed nightly and Red Sundays have been made a permanent feature. Many subscriptions have been obtained and hundreds have signed the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill. These contacts will be utilized in the building of Unemployed Councils and the National Railroad Industrial League.

The following program of immediate demands has been formulated and put forth by the shop nucleus of the Communist Party:

1. The immediate institution of the six-hour day, five-day week, with pay for eight hours work.
2. Where a worker is employed only three days per week the company shall pay the difference between that and what would have been earned under the five days per week schedule.
3. Rank and file workers' administration of all relief funds and the setting, aside of the \$25,000,000 increase in profits in 1929 for the relief of those workers who are not now employed, or who have been employed on a three days per week schedule. In no instance shall workers be required to contribute to charity funds. The company must be compelled to sacrifice all profits during the remainder of the crisis which was brought about by the capitalist owners of industry, these profits to go into the relief fund.
4. No worker's family must be permitted to face eviction from his home for inability to pay rent, nor shall heat, light and gas be denied his family. These necessities must be paid for by the company out of its enormous profits coined during the past several years.
5. The speed-up system which has been greatly intensified since the crisis began and especially since the institution of the Hoover "stagger system" on this railroad must be completely abolished at once.

The Communist shop nucleus in its statement concerning the above demands has this to say: "There is nothing unreasonable about these demands which were adopted after a careful survey of the situation. The suffering among our fellow workers has become so terrible that immediate steps must be taken if they and their families are to save off starvation. The usual program for the bosses, naturally, is based upon the theory that the full burden of the collapse of capitalist economy must be borne by the workers. This attempt to bring misery, suffering and privation into the homes of those who have slaved to create profits for the North Western Railroad stockholders must be hit and hit hard. Our wives and babies must not be permitted to suffer because of the want of proper food and clothing. We must fight for bread for our loved ones, for milk for the kiddies and against the efforts of the bosses to crush us into docile submission."

"FALL IN!"



**Socialist Cities**  
By G. T. GRINKO  
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MORE and more frequently, and with ever greater emphasis, the workers and the various social organizations and individuals engaged in the work of housing construction demand that plans be prepared for the reconstruction of the existing cities and especially for the building of new city settlements in connection with the industrial enterprises and plants which are now under construction. Many such large cities as Moscow, Kharkov, and Kiev, have already prepared the first drafts of plans for the total reconstruction of these cities. We are on the eve of great scientific works and great social movements linked up with the determination of the character and type of socialist cities.

In the leading capitalist countries a great deal has been done during the last decade in the field of city planning in accordance with the demands of modern technique and rational organization. International socialism frequently discussed this subject during the period preceding the imperialist war. But city planning in the capitalist world cannot shake off its capitalist character. However high its level, from the point of view of material and technical resources however perfect the isolated experiment of garden suburbs may be, they still are merely serving the interests of the upper bourgeois layer of society. Under capitalist conditions it cannot be otherwise. The problem of the rational organization of the cities from the point of view of the proletariat, can be successfully solved only in a society whose organization is entirely subordinated to the interests of the widest masses of toilers. A really rational organized city must be a socialist city. And there is no doubt that in the near future the scale of housing construction in the U.S.S.R., which is continually growing, will bring closer the practical solution of one of the most complex and fascinating problems of the creation of a socialist city. Here the construction of the genuine cities of the future is really being worked out.



**Fight Against Police Supervision of Foreign Born Workers**

THE establishment by the New York Police Department of a "Buro to check up on alien criminals" should not be considered as an independent move on the part of the police. It is not true that the establishment of this buro was brought into effect in order to "rid themselves of criminals."

"I urge he strengthening of our deportation laws so as to more fully rid ourselves of criminal aliens."

That was the demand of the capitalists through President Herbert Hoover upon opening the session of the Congress of the U. S. A., at the same time when the police gassed 500 delegates that represented 300,000 organized workers that protested against all discriminatory bills pending in Congress.

This command of Hoover's was picked up by the newly appointed secretary of the department of Labor, Doak, who specified more clearly the intentions of the capitalists toward the foreign born. According to Doak, a functioning apparatus shall be set up in order to check up on "alien gangsters." The New York Police responded very promptly to the demand of the spokesman of the capitalist government, and established this "apparatus" which is parading under the name of "the Buro to check up on alien criminals."

While formally the duty of this buro is to deal with criminals, in fact it is an utter discrimination against the foreign born. The actual task of this buro is to threaten the foreign born, persecute them and deport any one who takes an active part in any working class movement. The connection between the Federal Immigration Commissioners and this buro clearly shows what their duty will be. More than that, it also shows that this buro, which claims to be under the direct supervision of the New York Police Department, is also a unit of the federal authorities that tend to discriminate against the foreign born.

This buro cannot, and will not, curb gangsterism, that in most cases has close connection with the police and other forces of capitalism, and work hand in hand against workers in strikes, etc.

The National Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born brands this buro as an institution that is sponsored by various anti-alien bills. The gentlemen in Congress are not very certain that they will succeed in passing these bills, due to the movement aroused to counteract them, and therefore are trying to put forth some propositions that are incorporated in these bills into practice even before the bills will be taken up.

This move to discriminate the foreign born will be fought by the entire working class in this country. At the local and state conferences for the Protection of the Foreign Born, which will take place in January and February, this question will be discussed thoroughly, and on the basis of discussion, one of the demands shall be to abolish police supervision and all such departments or institutions which discriminate the foreign born workers.

The National Committee calls upon all organizations to prepare for local and state conferences.

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**Commemorate Mella Day**

TWO years have passed (January 10, 1931) since Julio Antonio Mella was assassinated in the City of Mexico. He was killed by the tools of Gerardo Machado, the dictator of Cuba, working in criminal alliance with the police of the Porfirio Gil-Morrow government. Both of these governments are the direct agents of Yankee imperialism.

The second anniversary of the death of Mella, and its commemoration as a demonstration against imperialism, has tremendous significance not only because of what Mella represents, but also because of the situation in Cuba and in the whole of South and Central America. For we now find there a frightful terror. There are uprisings and coup d'etats of various factions of the ruling class. There is an increase of the rivalry among the great imperialist powers, especially between the United States and Britain. There is also an upsurge of revolutionary movements of the exploited and oppressed workers and peasants against the feudal and imperialist regimes. All this is the result of the economic and political crisis.

The second anniversary of the barbarous assassination of Julio Mella should be a symbol of commemoration also for all those others who have fallen in the struggle against imperialism such as the victims of the Cuban terror—Lopez, Varona, Cuxart and Wong. We remember those assassinated by fascism in Mexico, Guadalupe Rodriguez and Landeros; and also Hilario Montenegro killed by the agents of the Venezuelan tyrant Juan Vicente Gomez in Curacao, as well as those who fell in the banana strike in Colombia.

All over Latin America, and especially in the Caribbean region, the most bloody methods of repression are employed by imperialism and its agents against the revolutionary movement. The trade union movement, the Communist Parties, sections of the Anti-Imperialist League, as well as all organizations of a genuine anti-imperialist character have been outlawed. Murders, deportations, imprisonments and every form of repression and torture are being used against workers and peasants.

January 10 will bring a huge mobilization of the oppressed peoples of Latin America against American imperialism and its agents. It will bring a movement of solidarity with the workers and anti-imperialist students of Cuba who are at this very moment struggling against the terror of Machado.

**Fighting Functionaries—the Need of the Hour**

By I. AMTER.

THE masses, since the expulsion of the rotten elements from our midst, have felt a new pulsating life, a quicker response to the demands of the sharpening class struggle on the part of the Communist Party. They see the Party fighting on all fields that touch the life of the worker, his wife and family. They see the Party becoming the real leader of the masses in the struggle against the capitalists, and the capitalist government.

This they note also in the investigation of the Fish Committee, which explicitly explains that it is not investigating "socialism, radicalism, pacifism," but only Communism. Correct! But there is nothing to investigate; the Communist Party declares openly, as it did in the statement read before the Fish Committee by Comrade Foster that it fights for the interests of the unemployed, the part-time worker, the worker who still has a job but has to accept wage cuts, the Negro, foreign-born, young and woman worker, the working class child. It fights against the coming imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

What limits the work of the Party, however, is the crying need of fighting Communist functionaries. Yes, the Party has made or is rapidly making the turn. What hampers it is particularly the lack of functionaries to lead the Party membership along the line of new methods and as a united body to lead the working class into the militant struggle. Functionaries—functionaries—everywhere the demand—and the Party itself must supply them.

The districts are developing whatever forces they can—but this is far from sufficient. The Central Committee last year provided a National Training School, at which about 30 comrades were

**Red Sparks**  
By JORGE

**A Comedy in Crooks**

Despite the command of Rev. Joseph P. McComas, of Old St. Paul's church, "in a recent sermon, that we all 'have child-like simplicity of faith,' we, brothers and sisters, are suspicious.

We might, perhaps, have had a little—just a teeny weeny bit—of faith in Mr. Broderick's soliloquy for the small depositors of the Bank of U. S., had we not learned that a Mr. Warder, his predecessor in the office of State Supt. of Banks, was convicted of bribery for preventing an examination of the bankrupt City Trust Bank last year.

In reading about Mr. Warder in Friday's N. Y. Post, we ran across the following: "Immediately rumors of wholesale forgeries and thefts in the City Trust began to make the rounds. To these, the Banking Superintendent maintained an inscrutable silence."

Well, boys and girls, we are sure that the silence of Mr. Warder was no more inscrutable than that of Mr. Broderick is.

But we look further, and, bless us! If we don't find that the same identical Attorney Max Steuer, who is posing as the heroic defender of the small depositors of the Bank of U. S., is the attorney for Mr. Warder! Ponder over that a while!

But there are more crooks than is dreamt of in thy philosophy, Horatio. Tammany is busy as all get-out "investigating" itself.

District Atty. Crain starts a "secret committee" to "drive out racketeers" (which we exposed a while back). But now behold, one Mr. Riegel of something called the Consumer Guild, seems to have arranged with none other than Max Zaritsky, crooked leader of the Cap and Millinery Workers of the A. F. of L., to prove, and quite conclusively, that Crain had arranged with Police Commissioner Mulrooney, to just "make a showing" about fighting racketeers.

Somebody called Seabury, who seems to be a republican, starts to lift a few lids on Tammany by way of an Appellate Court inquiry of Tammany judges (No, Junior, the Appellate Division has nothing to do with selling apples!).

Well and good, Seabury can't miss fire on the judges. But up pops the devil, no, Mr. Crain, demanding that he be allowed to "help." Huh, help strangle the inquiry! Then suddenly the Corporation Counsel finds out the inquiry is "un-constitutional" and Jimmy Walker, you know him, backs him up. Seabury denounces Walker for "blocking the inquiry," and Governor Roosevelt becomes addicted to speculative philosophy on city government and says it's all the fault of the electorate! Nice, ain't it?

Then, right in the middle of Seabury's inquiry, his main actor, a lawyer named Kresel, after tearing the sky loose about graft in the police department and courts, has the spot-light turned on him as the attorney for the busted Bank of U. S. who was also one of its directors and help shape its policies, which seem at least open to question.

Then, in this inquiry into magistrates' courts, a whole slew of cops are involved in grafting on "vice" and working frame-ups. Not a few of them are facing evidence of bribery and extortion. These are felonies. But—the cops are sacred because they are needed by capitalism to curb workers.

So, instead of being yanked up with arrest and indictment for felony, they get a phoney "trial" by the Police Department itself! Isn't that most lovely arrangement you could imagine?

If the Cop Department finds the cop innocent, he is O. K., and if "guilty," he is no more than "humbled" by becoming an unofficial bootlegger instead of one officially on the force. Lovely? No end!

Altogether, what a comedy in crooks! And while capitalism lasts, please don't expect us to have "child-like simplicity of faith."

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**We Keep Right At It**

We have received the following, which speaks for itself:

"Red Sparks:—It was with a sense of relief that I recently read your article in the Daily Worker that criticized some of our comrades for their snobbishness. The article was timely and very much in order. I am not so sure, however, that your advice, though well directed, has as yet brought about the desired results.

"Many complaints have reached me relative to the clamminess of certain groups of workers, and especially of those in the needle trades. Many of the members of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union and their friends, who, when they return from a trip to sea, very naturally seek recreation and relaxation, and properly they turn to the affairs under auspices of the Party, the T. U. L., or the various revolutionary unions and councils.

"Our members often bring their friends with them. As friends they are all potential members. They have invariably been struck with the cold reception that is given them.

"In part, they are brought to these affairs with the idea of assuring them that revolutionists in this country are comradely human beings, with a common problem and purpose, whose greatest desire is to see the movement grow in strength to its ultimate success. They are turned away almost with contempt, are made to feel isolated, are given the idea that a strict sense of formality exists in our ranks. And the result is expressed in justifiable resentment at their treatment, and a rejection of those people who represent the industrial organizations based on proletarian lines.

"We of the Party must learn to understand and appreciate the value of our social affairs as a means for winning over new friends and sympathizers. Intelligent revolutionists cannot be made through the medium of a bazaar or dance, but the bazaar and dance can be used as a very practical method of approach. In this period of crisis innumerable workers are groping for a way out of their misery. Our organizational structure is not yet developed to the point where we can reach all, and when those who do understand the line, willfully do not make the most of our present facilities for further organization, their neglect is next to criminal in its nature.

"So, comrade, even though you may have to write ten articles, awaken these comrades to a sense of duty and obligation to themselves and all others concerned. — Comradely, Joseph Ledes."